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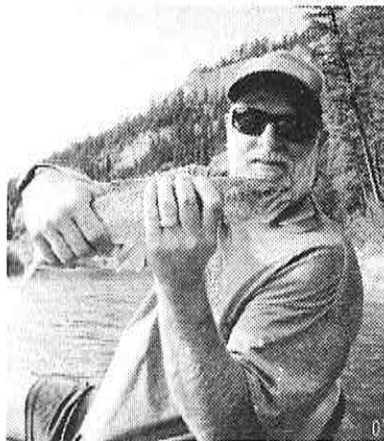
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Kevin Wilkerson

Our world was blessed with a kind and generous soul on March 2nd, 1968. December 22nd, 2024, that soul was tragically taken from us.



Kevin Wilkerson, beloved husband, father, son, brother and friend to many was born in Dillon, Montana to John and Maryellen Wilkerson bringing joy that only a firstborn child can.

His childhood was like a storybook tale, growing up on Parkview Court with a tight-knit pack of neighborhood kids whose friendships still hold

strong bonds to this day.

From an early age he loved to camp, hunt, fish, golf and ski, carrying most of those passions with him throughout his life. He loved sports as a young boy and followed his love of baseball from a Little League and Dillon Cubs pitcher into his college years.

Kevin joined the military, Coast Guard branch in 1990 and married his first wife Janet. They had 3 wonderful boys during their time together: Tristan, Trevor and Ty. In 2007 Kevin found his future in a Navy, gone Coast Guard girl, and a lifelong love, in Heather Hoferer. They were married on August 18th and in 2008 were blessed with a daughter Alyssa, his "Chica", to complete their loving family. After Kevin's retirement from the military, he settled his family outside of Laurel, MT, close to Heather's family homestead where they reside today.

Kevin was an exceptionally kind and generous person. Always the first to offer a helping hand, he was active in his local church, a volunteer fireman and an EMT. He loved to cook for community functions firehall meetings, group camping trips and backyard barbecues with his many friends and family.

Even as he enjoyed his life of service to others, his true love was his family. He was an incredible father, coaching his kids' sports teams, attending every 4-H event, camping, hunting and fishing, always putting his family and his love for Heather at the forefront of his life.

If you ever met Kevin, he was an immediate friend and a friend for life.

His kind heart touched the lives of everyone he met, leaving a legacy of love and compassion that will never be forgotten. Kevin is survived by his wife Heather, his children, Alyssa, Ty, Trevor and Tristan. His parents John and Maryellen, his sister's family Kirsten, Jeff, Tyler (Susan) and Parker (Madison) Love;

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Full services will be held in Joliet for Kevin following the release of his daughter Alyssa from the hospital but are unknown at this time.

First Presbyterian Church will host a gathering for family and friends on Saturday, Nov. 4th at 1 p.m. to honor Kevin and share in the memories of his life.

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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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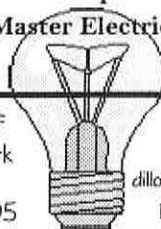
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Time	Cause	Proceeding	Attorney for Plaintiff	Attorney for Defendant
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MONDAY, December 30, 2024

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TUESDAY, December 31, 2024

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WEDNESDAY, January 1, 2025



THURSDAY, January 2, 2025

9:30	#23-4182, State vs Z. Galloway	Status conference (before Judge Bonilla)	Coty Calvin	Charles McIntosh
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FRIDAY, January 3, 2025

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Beaverhead County HS Activity List

12/23-1/1	No School - Christmas Break	
1/3-1/4	Wrestling @ Bozeman Invitational	Gallatin HS
	Fri: 11:00 am	Sat: 9:00 am
1/3	Girls Basketball @ East Helena	Away 4:15/5:45/7:15 pm
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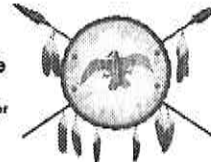
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Deadline for 2025 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp contest submissions is Jan. 31

Submissions for the 2025 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp contest are due by Jan. 31. This is the second year of the new Montana Migratory Bird Stamp program.

The winning artist will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and be featured on promotional materials throughout 2025. Last year, the first year of the contest, Florida artist John Nelson Harris won with his painting of a pintail. His painting was one of 70 submissions from artists around the country.

The 2025 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp will not be required to hunt migratory birds in Montana. To hunt migratory birds, hunters will need a current Montana migratory bird license and their federal duck stamp, the same as in years past.

Those who purchase a Montana migratory bird license will receive a free collectable sticker showing the winning artwork and information about Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Migratory Bird Wetland Program. The program helps landowners and other conservation partners develop and fund projects that protect, conserve, enhance or create high-quality wetland habitat.

The Wetlands Protection Advisory Council will select the winning art in early February. For more information on the contest, contact Greg Lemon at glemon@mt.gov.

Bulldog Women Drop Saturday Afternoon Matchup Against RV Loyola

The Montana Western women's basketball team (3-7) hung tight with RV Loyola (La.) throughout much of Saturday's matchup, but was ultimately outscored 27-18 in the final quarter on their way to falling 81-68 in the game.

How It Happened Montana Western jumped to an early lead, outscoring Loyola 23-18 in the first quarter as Payton Hagy led the way, hitting a pair of threes from beyond the arc.

However, a combination of turnovers and rebounding struggles allowed Loyola to turn the tide in the second quarter. Despite the low scoring quarter for the Bulldogs, UMW was able to maintain a 35-33 lead heading into the half break.

Loyola jumped out to an early lead in the third quarter, but Kenzi



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Pedersen and Maddy Moy joined forces to tie the game at 43 with four minutes left on the clock. Loyola responded by building their advantage to as much as seven points late in the quarter.

With less than a minute to go in the third, Ava Bellach knocked down a crucial three-pointer to close out the period, narrowing the gap and leaving Western trailing by just four points.

Bellach connected once more from the arc, flipping the lead back in favor of the Bulldogs at 55-54 within the first minute of the fourth quarter.

Despite the close contest, Loyola would go on a 6-0 scoring run that helped them regain the lead, setting the stage for a dominant fourth where they closed out the game by outscoring Western 27-18 to win 81-68.

Notables

- Montana Western closely matched Loyola in the matchup, shooting 40 percent from the field and connecting on 10-of-31 opportunities at the three-point line.
- The Bulldogs were outrebounded in the game as Loyola surpassed UMW's total 49-29
- Isabella Lund led the Bulldogs with 16 points, adding six assists, four steals, and four rebounds.
- Hagy scored 14 points, including three three-pointers, while grabbing a pair of rebounds and dishing out two assists.
- Pedersen contributed 13 points on 6-of-12 shooting, providing consistent offense in the paint.

Up Next: The Bulldogs will take the upcoming week off and will return to action on Dec. 29 in the Straugh Gymnasium against Keyano College (AB) at 2 p.m.

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Secretary Christi Jacobsen: Protecting the treasures that make Montana the Treasure State

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During the December meeting of the Land Board, Secretary Jacobsen's votes generated estimated revenue of more than \$7 million, with nearly \$6 million of the estimated revenue set to benefit Montana's K-12 schools.

During the meeting, Secretary Jacobsen made a motion for the Land Board to approve a historic oil and gas lease sale totaling more than \$5.4 million in Fallon, Richland, Roosevelt, and Toole counties. The Secretary's motion passed unanimously.

"This was another historic oil and gas lease sale that utilizes Montana's natural resources to benefit our schools," said Secretary Jacobsen. "In September, I proudly voted 'yes' for an oil and gas lease sale that raised \$2.85 million for Montana schools. This significant sale nearly doubles that amount and provides substantial funding for our schools. I want to thank the DNRC for ensuring that Montana's natural resources are used to maximize revenue potential on our state trust lands."

The Land Board also approved one of the largest public access acquisitions in northwest Montana through the Montana Great Outdoors Conservation Easement. Secretary Jacobsen previously proposed a "Montana solution" to ensure the protection of both surface and mineral rights while maintaining public access for Montanans.

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 2. Approval of Minutes from the December 17th, 2024 Meeting
 3. Review/Approve Findings of Fact Johnson Variance
 4. Public Comment on Items of Significant Public Interest Not on the Agenda and Within the Jurisdiction of the Board of Adjustments.
 5. Adjourn



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Dillon Middle School News

Dillon Middle School News for the week of December 30, 2024 - January 3, 2025

We are still on Winter break, but we resume school this week on Thursday, January 2nd.

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you had a wonderful winter break with lots of rest and relaxation.

The lunch menu for the week is as follows:

- Monday through Wednesday: NO SCHOOL - NO LUNCH
- Thursday: Spaghetti with Garlic Bread or Cobb Salad Bar
- Friday: Sloppy Joes or Asian Chicken Salad Bar

When we return, our principal, Mr. Rogers will be meeting with each grade level to review school and classroom expectations. This is also a great opportunity to check in with students and see how the school year is going so far as we finish Quarter 2 mid-January.

On Thursday, January 2, 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Begins at 3:45 pm. Also on Thursday, there will be a Parent Meeting for 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball in the DMS Gym at 5:30 pm.

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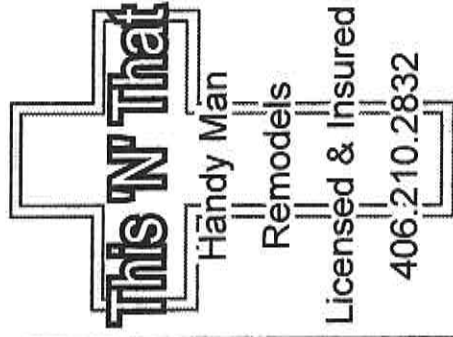


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Dillon Elementary School District #10

2025 Technology Levy



Dillon Elementary
School District #10



Why is Dillon Elementary asking for a technology levy increase?

Dillon Elementary School District #10 is asking for voter approval of a \$150,000 technology levy increase in the May 2025 election to help maintain and update critical educational technology. This additional funding will support the following:

- Protecting Student and Staff Data
- Purchasing Student Learning Software
- Improving Parent Communication Tools
- Maintaining and Replacing Instructional Devices

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The Dillon Elementary School District technology levy will provide sustainable funding to maintain a safe learning environment, ensure reliable access to educational resources, purchase parent communication tools and digital learning platforms as well as maintain and replace instructional devices.

Protecting Student and Staff Data and Privacy:

Annual threat response and cybersecurity subscriptions are vital in protecting student and staff data and maintaining a safe learning environment. In 2023, 22% of all data breaches involved the education sector, highlighting the significant risk and need for effective data protection measures.

Purchasing Student Learning Software:

Annual software fees for student assessment and learning tools are essential to the success of our students. The variety of educational resources provides personalized learning experiences, allowing students to progress, addressing their individual needs in an effective and enjoyable way. Additionally, it offers valuable data and insights to help us track progress, identify areas for improvement and tailor instruction to better support student achievement. Technology directly impacts our students' success.

Improving Parent Communication Tools:

Effective parent communication technology is crucial for fostering a supportive school community focused on student success. These funds will enable timely updates and the purchase of tools that enhance collaboration between parents and educators, improving student outcomes. Additionally, communication technology supports both administrative functions and the diverse needs of students.

Maintaining and Replacing Instructional Devices:

Maintaining and replacing instructional devices is crucial for keeping technology up to date and supporting effective teaching. Annual IT support contracts help our small school manage technical issues, maintain a productive learning environment, and allow educators to focus on student success. We also need repairs for devices used in state-mandated assessments.

Learn more at <https://www.dillonschools.org/page/2025-technology-levy> or scan the QR Code.



Dillon Elementary School District #10

2025 Technology Levy



By the Numbers



\$150,000

Technology Fund increase to protect student and staff data, purchase student learning software, improve parent communication tools and maintain and replace instructional devices.



10 year term for levy

If approved, the technology levy would remain in place until 2035.



14.7% less per-pupil

Dillon Elementary School District spends 14.7% less per-pupil than Montana's per-pupil average. SD #10 spent \$11,388 per pupil, in contrast to Montana's state average of \$13,346, as reported in the 2022-2023 school year.



\$50,000 - \$1 million

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23 years

Number of years since Dillon Elementary School District has requested technology funds, despite growing demand. Currently, the district has a \$50,000 annual technology levy.



141%

Increase in technology-related costs over the last 7 years ensuring students and the district can keep pace with technological advancements essential for modern education.



\$275,000 current shortfall

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