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Montana Western Announces Annual Rodeo Banquet

The University of Montana Western Rodeo Team is excited to announce the 55th Annual Montana Western Rodeo Banquet, a much-anticipated fundraising event, taking place on Friday, March 28, 2025, in the Keltz Arena. Join us for an evening of celebration and support featuring dinner, a no-host bar, and silent and live auctions, all in honor of the UMW Rodeo Team.

The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with no-host cocktails provided by The Den, followed by a prime rib dinner at 5:30 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in silent and live auctions, as well as meet the Montana Western Rodeo Team. The night will conclude with a dance featuring live music by King Friday and Morgan Seymour.

Ticket Prices:

Single Ticket: $75
Reserved Table for 8 (Rows 1–4): $500
Reserved Table for 8 (Rows 5–8): $400

The rodeo banquet is the team's primary annual fundraiser, with proceeds playing a vital role in supporting the program. Funds raised help provide scholarships for student-athletes, cover travel expenses, ensure access to essential practice facilities, pay for hotel accommodations, and support the Montana Western College Rodeo in the fall.

"This banquet is more than just a fundraiser—it's an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the success and dedication of our student-athletes," said UMW Head Rodeo Coach JT Robbins. "We are incredibly grateful for the support we receive each year, and we're excited to connect with our supporters at this special event."

Tickets are available for purchase through the Montana Western Foundation Office by contacting Kelly Allen at 406-683-7306.

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RSVP by March 3rd, $45 per person, Table for 8 $360. Paid reservations can be made at Womack's Printing, 126 N. Montana Street, Dillon 406-683-8983 or 406-683-4903 or email dillonnews@womacksprinting.com

If you would like to donate to the auction please drop off items at Womack's Printing Place, 126 N. Montana St. or call Jim Valach, 406-660-2000, or Womack's 406-683-8983 or 406-683-4903. We would be more then happy to come by and pick up your donation. Proceeds benefit continued improvements and maintenance in the Jaycee Park.

Soroptimist Purses with a Purpose Celebrates Mardi Gras this year.

The Soroptimist of Dillon will be celebrating Mardi Gras on Thursday, March 6th at 5:30 pm. There will be dinner of Jambalaya prepared by chef Jeff Welborn, and Mardi Gras theme food, and silent as well as live auction. The proceeds benefit our Live Your Dream education and training awards as well as Soroptimist scholarships to the University of Montana Western.

It will have a new location this year - the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. $30 per person, with table price of $220 for 8 or 1/2 table at $110. Advanced tickets can by purchased at Womack's Printing, 126 N. Montana St. for the reservation.

We will have our usual Wine Pull - game of chance and also wanted you to know that Mask are Optional but clothes are Mandatory! For a fun night of food, and celebrating bring a friend or a date and come join us!

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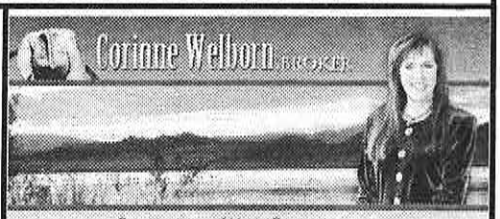

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The City of Dillon is embarking on an exciting journey to update our Growth Policy, a key document that shapes the future of our community. To ensure this vision reflects the needs, priorities, and aspirations of all residents, we need your input!

We invite you to participate in our Community Planning Survey. This survey is your chance to voice your ideas on Dillon's growth, infrastructure, housing, recreation, economic development, and more. Your feedback will directly influence decisions and initiatives that will guide our city for years to come.

Why Your Input Matters

- Shape the Future: Help define Dillon's long-term vision and goals.
- Reflect Our Community: Ensure diverse voices and perspectives are represented.
- Plan for Progress: Support sustainable growth and improved quality of life.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete, but its impact will last for generations.

Dillon Residents

(Deadline for submission: February 14, 2025). Just point your camera on your smartphone to the QR code and click the link that pops up.

New this year, we also have a survey specifically for our under 18 population, which can be found here.

Under 18 Dillon Residents

Together, we can create a growth policy that honors Dillon's heritage while planning for a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable future.

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Commerce Allocates Over $1.1 Million in Grant Funding to 5 Coal-Impacted Communities

Funding for community development and public safety projects

The Montana Department of Commerce announced today that more than $1.1 million in grant funding has been awarded to five Montana communities to support vital public safety and development projects in coal-impacted areas. The funding was allocated to these communities by the Montana Coal Board.

"Coal Board grants support coal-impacted governments by funding construction and reconstruction of designated highways, supporting county land planning and financially assisting public schools in coal-impacted areas," said Paul Green, Director of the Montana Department of Commerce. "At Commerce, we are proud to support the people who live in Montana's coal country. In the last five years, more than $15 million of Coal Board grant funding has been awarded to eight counties, seven school districts, seven cities or towns and one tribe."

The Montana Coal Board met in Billings recently to review project applications submitted by several Montana communities requesting financial support for each of the applications submitted.

The following communities and projects will receive Coal Board funding:

- Big Horn County will receive $37,500 for a growth policy update.
- Hardin Public Schools will receive $750,000 for a boiler replacement project.
- Musselshell County will receive $182,000 for the Wier Building revitalization project
- Rosebud County will receive $35,000 of for a Test and Training Site Feasibility Study.
- Treasure County will receive $100,000 for the Firehall Remodel and Roof Replacement Project.

The Montana Coal Board awards Coal Board Impact Grants to counties, communities, school districts, tribal governments or other governmental units to assist them in adequately providing governmental services or facilities that are needed as a direct consequence of an increase or decrease in coal development, or in the consumption of coal by a coal-using energy complex. The Coal Impact Area Report can be found here, along with a list and a map.

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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers
January 21st, 2025 9:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review/Recommend Nurses Quarterly Report
3. Update on Patrol Car Initiative
4. Public Comment on Items of Significant Public Interest Not on the Agenda and Within the Jurisdiction of the City.
5. Adjournment

Rotary Club of Dillon

Rotary Club of Dillon, meeting Wednesday, Jan. 22nd at 12 Noon at St. James Episcopal Church-Guild Hall:

Join us on January 22 at noon for our Rotary meeting featuring Marti Laknar, Education and Outreach Director at Bee Haven Gardens. Discover the essential role pollinators play in our ecosystems, how Bee Haven's programs nurture these vital species, and practical ways you can support local pollinator populations. You'll also hear about initiatives like Harvest of the Month, which introduces healthy, locally grown foods to our community. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how we can all help protect our environment while enriching our community. Also, the Rotary District President will be attending, so all Rotarians should plan to attend! Guests are welcomed!

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Opinion Editorial:

Ensuring the Vitality of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare Through Access to Medicaid

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare's Board of Directors would like to emphasize the immense value of the Medicaid Expansion that was passed into law in 2015 which provided additional coverage for previously uninsured Montanan's. We saw the impact of this locally in Dillon, as more people were able to access healthcare thanks to the expanded criteria to participate in this critical program. The continuation of this essential program is crucial for the long-term sustainability of our healthcare services and for the well-being of our patients.

Medicaid has been a beacon of hope, providing healthcare coverage for thousands of Montanans. Since its implementation, it has had a profound positive impact on our state's residents, particularly those in rural communities like Dillon. Yet, with recent discussions on potential sunsetting of Medicaid Expansion, we need to emphasize the critical importance of maintaining and supporting this program, specifically for our hospital in Dillon.

Moreover, Medicaid Expansion has been instrumental in preserving the sustainability of our hospital. By extending coverage to uninsured individuals in our community, we have been able to reduce the burden of uncompensated care and address cost challenges that would otherwise threaten our ability to provide adequate services. The stability provided by Medicaid Expansion has allowed us to invest in medical equipment, attract and retain talented healthcare professionals, and expand our range of services. These advancements benefit not only our patients but also the local economy, creating job opportunities and driving economic growth in Dillon.

Additionally, Medicaid Expansion is closely linked to preventative care and early intervention, two vital components of improving health outcomes. Through this program, individuals have access to primary care services, screenings, and other preventive measures that foster a healthier population in the long run. By focusing on prevention, we can reduce the burden of chronic diseases and prevent costly emergency room visits while promoting a culture of proactive health management in our community.

Keeping Medicaid Expansion is not just about backing a program; it is about supporting the people of Dillon and the surrounding areas. It is about ensuring that our fellow residents who are at most risk can access quality healthcare, maintain their health and well-being,

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and live up to their full potential. It is our responsibility as a healthcare facility and as members of the community to advocate for this vital program that has transformed lives and continues to do so.

In conclusion, the Medicaid Expansion program is a lifeline for rural hospitals such as Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. Its continuation is pivotal in providing equitable access to healthcare services, preserving financial stability, and promoting overall wellness in our community. Please join us and raise our collective voice together to support our local legislators in 2025 to appeal for the retention of Medicaid Expansion, safeguarding the health and future of our residents in Dillon and beyond.

Sincerely,
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
COMMISSIONERS ROOM – COURTHOUSE
DILLON, MT
AGENDA

9:00 A.M.	Pledge of Allegiance Update on County Projects *Public Comment* Commissioners Report *Public Comment*
10:00 A.M.	Discussion and Update: County Capital Improvements Plan *Public Comment*
11:00 A.M.	911 Committee Meeting *Public Comment*
12:00 P.M.	*RECESS for lunch*
1:30 P.M.	Legislative Update *Public Comment*
2:30 P.M.	Unfinished Business / Other Topics of Discussion *Public Comment* Public Comments Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda *Public Comment* Payment of Invoices *Public Comment* Action on Previous Meeting Minutes *Public Comment*
5:00 P.M.	ADJOURN

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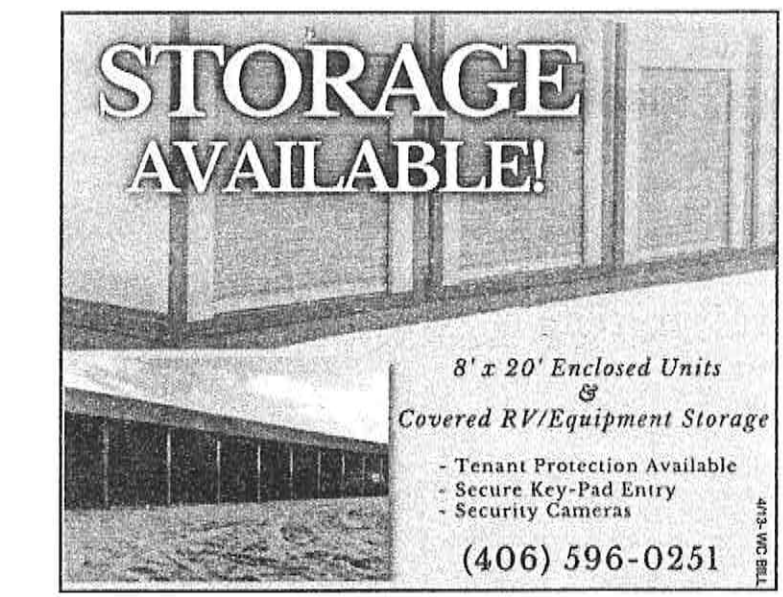

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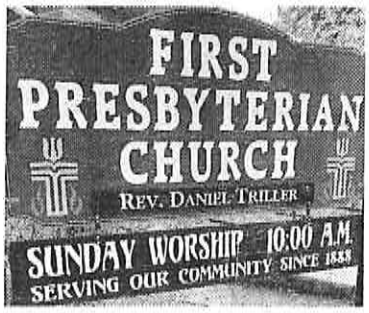

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Dillon Elementary School District #10

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

How much would this cost me?

Tax Increase Estimate	
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$48.03 per year	*Estimate for a home with a market value of $600,000*

Please visit the website below for additional tax estimates and information.

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.

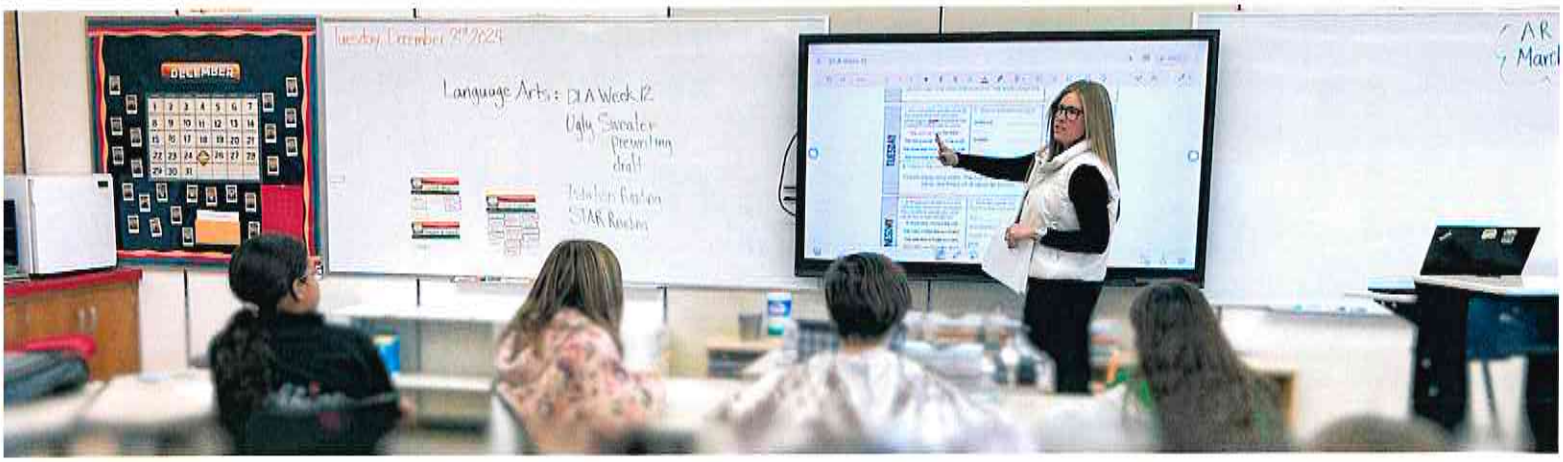
Improving Parent Communication Tools:
Effective parent communication technology is crucial for fostering a supportive school community focused on student success. These funds will enable timely updates and the purchase of tools that enhance collaboration between parents and educators, improving student 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

Monetary losses to school districts following a cyber incident ranged from $50,000 to $1 million according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

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

Current technology costs exceed the existing $50,000 technology levy by $275,000. A new technology levy would increase funding and allow general funds to be reallocated to support our students, teachers, staff, and community.

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