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Viewing on February 9, from 6 - 8 pm with a service on February 10, at 11:00 am.

A memorial has been established at Stockman Bank to provide a scholarship to a student-athlete graduating from BCHS.

Commit a Random Act of Kindness to support the Women's Resource Center

Aloha! On Sunday, February 16, The Old Hotel (TOH) in Twin Bridges will dedicate a portion of its proceeds to the Women's Resource Center (WRC) in honor of Random Acts of Kindness Week. Ten percent of all sales will go to WRC in support of its free, confidential services to women, men, and children in Beaverhead and Madison counties who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking. Enjoy a meal at TOH while spreading kindness! The restaurant will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., serving delicious menu options like made-to-order doughnuts, hearty Loco Moco, and fresh Poke Bowls.

TOH owners Paula and Bill Kinoshita embrace the Hawaiian tradition of Kokua (pronounced koo-koo-uhh), which means offering help without expecting anything in return. Their commitment to supporting the community aligns perfectly with the spirit of Random Acts of Kindness Week - a time to show generosity and compassion. It's Time for Kokua!

As a private, nonprofit organization, the WRC relies on both public and private funding to sustain its operations. Community awareness and support are critical to its mission. To learn more about the Women's Resource Center, visit www.wrcmt.org or call 1-406-683-6106.

Special Note: If you are in immediate danger, call 911. For confidential support, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673.

Montana men plead guilty to fish and wildlife violations

A poaching investigation that began with the killing of fish in the display pond of Giant Springs Fish Hatchery in Great Falls ended with two men being sentenced on multiple fish and wildlife charges in the 8th Judicial Court of Cascade County.

Richard Van Meter, 22, and Ty Robert Lewis, 21, were convicted of unlawful possession of a game animal, unlawful possession of a game fish, waste of a game animal, waste of a game fish, and hunting without a valid license. Lewis paid \$16,000 in fines and restitution, and Van Meter paid \$8,000 in fines and restitution. Both men will also lose their hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for 20 years.

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several large fish at the Giant Springs fish hatchery display pond had been speared with a sharp object. Some of the dead fish were left at the scene, while others that survived had to later be euthanized.

On Sept. 19, 2021, wardens received a report that someone had shot and abandoned a bull elk on a ranch near Cascade. The head and antlers had been removed, as well as the lower jaw. The body had been left to waste. During the course of the investigation wardens also determined that three bull elk and one black bear had also been taken illegally. Tips from the public led wardens to Van Meter and Lewis, who later confessed to the crimes. Van Meter then left the state but returned recently.

"This case took a few years, but thanks to the hard work of our game wardens, we are glad to finally wrap this case up," said FWP Region 4 Warden Captain Dave Holland. "The sentences imposed by the court reflect the value of the resources taken by these two individuals, and especially the importance that the community places on the Giant Springs Hatchery."

Holland also thanked the other agencies who cooperated in the case. "Game wardens from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife facilitated the return of Van Meter to Montana from California, and the hard work of the Cascade County Sheriff's Office along with the Cascade County Attorney's Office was critical to our success," he added.

Anyone with possible information about a fish and wildlife violation is encouraged to visit tipmont.mt.gov or contact their local game warden to provide information. You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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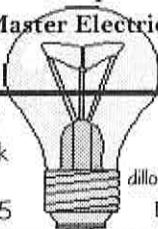
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Time	Cause	Proceeding	Attorney for Plaintiff	Attorney for Defendant
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Judge Berger is in Virginia City

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

9:00	#24-4217 & 4263, State vs Kirkpatrick	Pretrial conference	Sky Jones	Walter Hennessey
9:15	#23-4156, State vs Kamps	Sentencing	Coty Calvin	Walter Hennessey
9:30	#24-4240, State vs Huss	Pretrial conference	Coty Calvin	Walter Hennessey
9:45	#24-4251 & 4255, State vs J. Hill	Pretrial conference	Coty Calvin	Walter Hennessey
10:00	#21-4042, State vs Rembert	Status hearing	Coty Calvin	Addam Pincock
10:15	#24-4246, State vs Patterson	Pretrial conference	Sky Jones	Mariah Welch
10:30	#24-4235, State vs Hull	Pretrial conference	Coty Calvin	Suzanne Marshall Malloy
10:45	#23-4183, State vs L. Galloway	Pretrial conference	Coty Calvin	Charles McIntosh
11:00	#24-4220, State vs Wilks	Status hearing	Coty Calvin	Teal Mittelstadt
11:15	#24-4213, State vs Hollenback	Change of plea	Coty Calvin	Alyssa Aklestad
11:30	#24-4281, State vs Dykes	Initial appearance	Sky Jones	TBD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Judge Berger is in Boulder

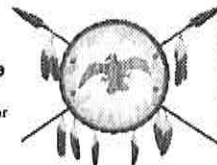
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

8:30	#24-4223, State vs R. Riley	Status/pre-trial conference (before Judge Cuffe)	Coty Calvin	Ben Darrow
8:30	#24-4224, State vs C. Riley	Status conference (before Judge Cuffe)	Sky Jones	Walter Hennessey
1:30	#24-885 & 886, In re youths	Hearing on extension of TLC (CLOSED)	Jim Reintsma	Peter Fisher Katie Green Helen McCarthy

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Study Commission

By: MJ

The Study Commission members are elected by the people. The criteria for the committee every ten (10) years is to research the procedure of local government functions, outline a plan with any effective changes for future or leave the local government function as it does today.

NOTE: State law under Local Government Title 7 Chapter 3 explains possible changes committee can make within the parameters of state laws. The committee will be working with the public via hearings, media...

Some of the forms of local government management are: Commission-Executive; Commission- Manager; Commission; Town Meeting; Charter; City County consolidation; Strong Mayor; Municipal Commission; Municipal Commission-Manager Government...

Currently Dillon has a Charter government. A Charter government gives the citizens more control over how the local government functions. If the city votes to not have "Charter" then the local government would be controlled by "State Statutes" only. **NOTE:** If the City has a Charter and State Statute does not identify how a specific issue will be done, then the city can move forward and follow the Charter.

One of the committee members commented that the downside with current form of government is the rolling of the dice on who the city gets as a mayor.

Question: Do you want to continue to elect your leaders? **Note:** In a 'Republic State' the power is held by the people through elected representatives.

The committee will be working directly with the public via hearings, media...

1. Committee members are: Bill Dwyer, George Johnston, Mark McKinley, Ed Mooney, Tim Stoker.

2. Group will be attending a training session for guidance.

Motions: At the meeting on Jan. 14, 2025 two (2) motions were made and approved; (1) to pay the secretary \$20.00 hour and (2) okay members to vote via zoom.

If you have comments on the functionality of the local government contact city and they will instruct you on who, when, where to comment.



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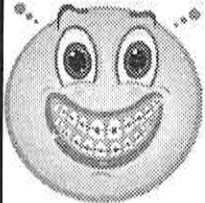
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Hands-on learning at Tech Day inspires future Orediggers

It's more than an eight-hour drive from Oroville, Washington to Butte, Montana, but Montana Tech mining engineering sophomore Kylie Acord says it was worth traveling to campus for Tech Day in Fall 2022 to get a taste of the hands-on learning experiences and campus life the University offers.

"It was really fun," Acord said. "I toured the Mining Engineering Department and the Electrical Engineering Department. I liked that instead of talking about their departments, they each had some sort of hands-on activity that related it to what they do. It helped me make my college decision. I was actually a part of the Montana Tech world for a little bit."

Tech Day is a one-of-a-kind, hands-on college visit experience for prospective students. Students are invited to the main University campus in historic Uptown Butte, Montana, for a day of interactive laboratory breakout sessions, campus tours, and a chance to explore academic areas of interest. Spring Tech Day 2025 will take place on Friday, March 7. Registration is now open.

The activities Acord experienced were exciting.

"For the Electrical Engineering session, we took little tiny robots and programmed them to follow a line on a table," Acord said. "For the Mining Engineering session, I set off a blasting cap in a little plastic box. I also used the VR (virtual reality) headset and simulated experiences with equipment."

Acord says Montana Tech has delivered a hands-on experience that was true to what she expected based on her Tech Day preview. In her first year, she was able to

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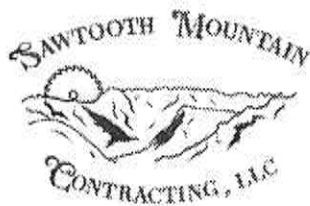
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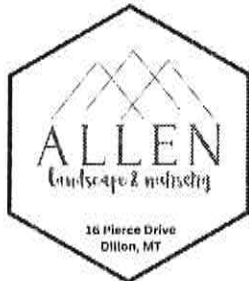
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"It was a wonderful class that was super hands-on," Acord said. "You get to see what it's actually like to be in a mine and figure out if you are okay with working underground. You learn how to operate a drill, fix equipment, safety protocols, blasting patterns, how to conduct an underground survey, and all sorts of other things."

Acord is an engaged member of campus. She is a member of the Intercollegiate Mining Competition, the Women in Mining student chapter, and the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration. In addition, she's the first female teaching assistant to assist Dr. Scott Rosenthal in courses taught in the UMEC. In that role, she introduces students to mining engineering in an interactive way, not so different from her own first experiences at Tech Day.

"I help the new students learn how to run the drills, fix the drills, address any problems that happen down there, and emphasize safety," Acord said.

Acord toured numerous colleges before choosing Montana Tech. Two years later, she's sure she picked the right place for her.

"Montana Tech has a really strong family sort of feeling," she said. "Everyone here is so welcoming and nice."

Students who attend Tech Day can choose to participate in a variety of breakout sessions to get a full day of hands-on activities. Sessions available March 7 include:

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- Monday: Chicken Alfredo or Chicken Salad Bar
- Tuesday: French Dip Slider or Taco Salad Bar
- Wednesday: Ham Sandwich or Chef Salad Bar
- Thursday: Chicken Fajitas or Cobb Salad Bar
- Friday: Local Beef Valentine Burgers or Asian Chicken Salad Bar

On Monday, February 10th, DMS Girls Basketball will be having a home game against Clancy teams. The 7th grade A team will be playing at 4:30 pm in the DMS gym and the 8th grade A team will be playing at 5:30 pm in the DMS Gym.

On Tuesday, February 11, DMS Girls basketball will be departing to Butte for their game against Butte East. The 7th grade team will be playing at 4:00/5:00 pm. The 8th grade teams will play at 4:00/5:00 pm in a different gym.

On Wednesday, February 12, students will be taking a Math Testlet for MAST testing. Good luck, students! Make your Math teachers proud!

On Thursday, February 13, Mid-Term grades are due. Students, make sure to turn in all missing work and keep up with homework so that your grades are up-to-date!

Did you know childhood experiences, both positive and negative, have a tremendous impact on lifelong health and opportunity? The Beaverhead ACEs Task Force works to prevent childhood trauma in southwest Montana. Join us as we work to build strong families in our community.

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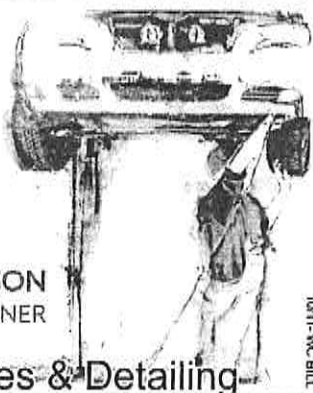
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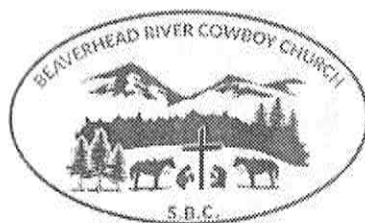
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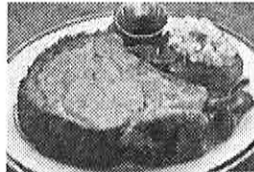
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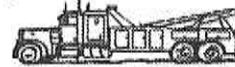
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Dillon Elementary School District #10

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	
\$8.01 per year	<i>Estimate for a home with a market value of \$100,000</i>
\$24.02 per year	<i>Estimate for a home with a market value of \$300,000</i>
\$48.03 per year	<i>Estimate for a home with a market value of \$600,000</i>

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:

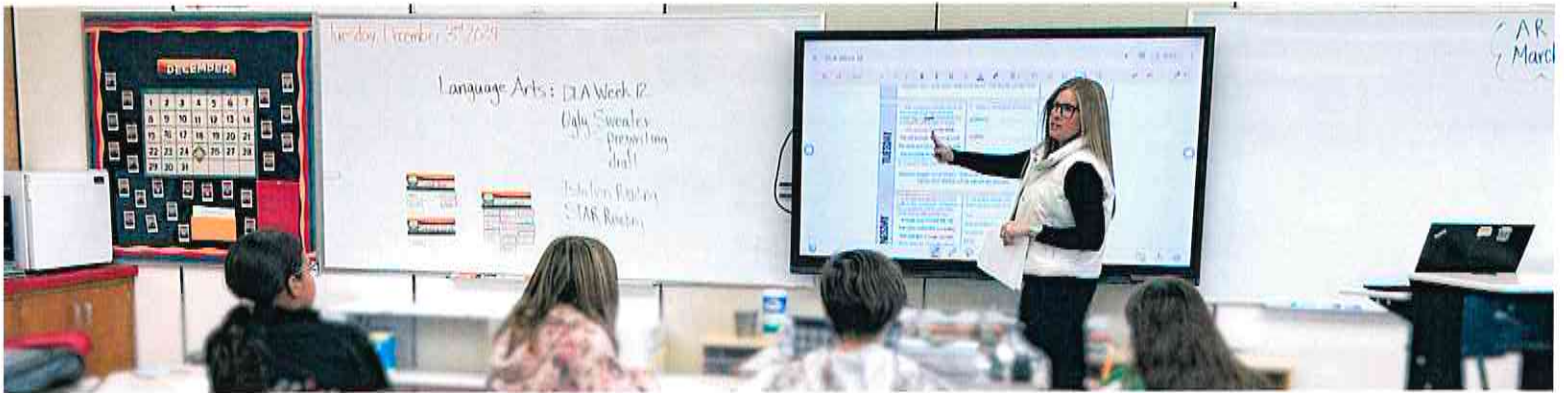
Maintaining and replacing instructional devices is crucial for keeping technology up to date and supporting effective teaching. Annual IT support contracts help our small school manage technical issues, maintain a productive learning environment, and allow educators to focus on student success. We also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

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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.

You're Invited to Elementary Technology Levy Information Meetings

Join us for one of three community meetings to provide information and answer questions about the upcoming levy. Each session will be simultaneously available both via in-person and virtually at the following dates and times, taking place in the Parkview Elementary Cafeteria. We encourage you to join us at one of the sessions to learn more about the 2025 elementary technology levy that will appear on the ballot this May!

Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30pm

Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 10th at 7:00pm