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Cami Jo Welborn

Cami Jo Welborn left us unexpectedly from her home in Pahrump, Nevada on February 5, 2025 at the age of 47.

Cami was born on August 16, 1977 in Dillon, Montana to parents, Jerry and Sandra (Washburn) Welborn. Cami spent her formative years in Dillon, where she attended Beaverhead County Schools. She was active in many activities including 4-H, high school rodeo, and was a founding member of The Dillon Fiddler's. She attended North Idaho College where she earned a degree in mathematics followed by the University of Montana, where she achieved her bachelor's degree in mathematics and psychology.

Professionally, Cami achieved a distinguished career in insurance as a claim rep and, more recently, a fraud investigator. She enjoyed her work and was a beloved supervisor, colleague and mentor.

Known for her strong yet quick-witted personality, Cami was never short on jokes, pranks and other shenanigans. Cami could be counted on for the latest card games, word games and brain teasers at family gatherings. Beneath her tough exterior was a heart of gold, especially evident in her love of hosting parties honoring birthdays and other events for friends and family. She derived great joy from time spent with family and especially the annual family picnic.

Cami is well known for her commitment to her animals, which was second to none. We could all hope to be loved like she loved her dogs. They weren't just her companions, they were her kids, her confidants, and her purpose.

Those who survive with memories to cherish include her mom and dad, Jerry and Sandra Welborn of Buffalo, WY; her brother Travis of Dillon, MT; her sister Amie (Guy) Burgess of Sand Coulee, MT; her nieces Sarah, Megan and Timberly and her nephew Miles as well as numerous cherished aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cami's Celebration of Life will be held at Smith Chapel 304 34th Street West in Billings, Montana on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 2 PM with a reception to follow. Burial will take place at a later date in the Custer Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a charitable gift in Cami's name to Nye County Animal Shelter in Pahrump Nevada or the English Springer Rescue America <https://www.springerrescue.org/>



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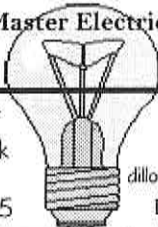
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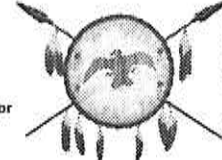
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Elk captured in Crazy Mountains negative for brucellosis

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks staff recently captured elk in the Crazy Mountains northwest of Big Timber as part of a multi-year targeted elk brucellosis surveillance project.

All blood samples collected from 52 captured elk tested negative for exposure to brucellosis.

The Montana Department of Livestock (DOL) administers a brucellosis surveillance program for livestock in an area of southwest Montana called the Designated Surveillance Area (DSA).

Live elk captures in and around the perimeter of the DSA inform decisions on boundary adjustments by DOL. The Crazy Mountains are located outside of the DSA. The recent test results from the Crazy Mountains provide support for keeping the current DSA boundary unchanged.

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Beaverhead County Resource Use Plan Update Schedule and Information

All meetings will be held in the Commissioners Room at the Beaverhead County Courthouse.

Meeting: February 18 at 4:00pm

Discussion Topics: Forage Allocation/ Livestock Grazing; Vegetation; Forest/Fire Management; Land Changes, Acquisitions, and Sales; Recreation and Tourism

Meeting: February 25 at 4:00pm

Discussion Topics: Wildlife; Special Designations; Wilderness Designations/ Roadless Areas; Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC'S)

Fish are Healthy in Upper Missouri River Basin

Fish health sampling, tagging and angler surveys to continue in 2025

Fish health sampling last year found that an overwhelming majority of trout from rivers in the upper Missouri River Basin are healthy.

Fish health sampling was part of the field work for joint studies between Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Montana State University that began in 2024. This work also includes fish tagging and creel clerk surveys. Angler participation has been key in these efforts and will continue to play a crucial role going forward.

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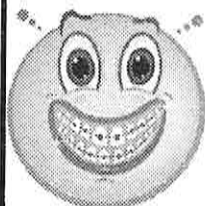
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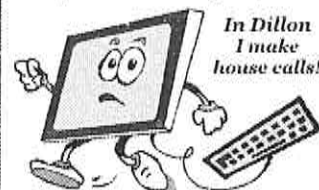
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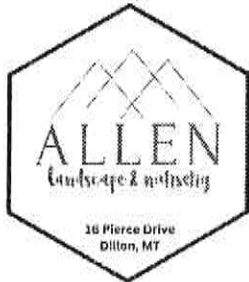
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Bulldogs Set Personal Bests at Mountain State Games

The Montana Western track and field team returned to indoor competition this weekend at the Mountain State Games hosted by Idaho State University.

Several Bulldogs delivered standout performances, setting new personal bests.

Wade Dahood got things started for the Bulldogs, setting a new personal record in the 60m hurdles with a time of 9.21, securing a spot in tomorrow's finals. He also recorded a personal best in the long jump with a mark of 5.86m.

Justene Santi ran her first 400m of the season with a strong performance, recording a personal-best time of 1:09.37.

Brody Henry took on a tough double, clocking 54.61 in the 400m before pushing through the 600m with a 1:27.62.

Making his season debut, Erick Piazzola sprinted to a 7.85 finish in the 60m.

Gracie Yakos clocked in with a new PR in the 200m with a time of 29.06.

Brody Henry ran the 400m in a time of 54.61 and then ran a 1:27.62 in the 600m.

Ellie Stutsman made her mark in the shot put, throwing a personal record of 9.12m.

In the shot put, Layne Cooney finished 21st with a throw of 13.34m, while Landon Darsow, Carson Bain, and Justin Maier each made their season debuts with throws of 10.78m, 10.38m, and 10.33m, respectively.

Destiny Vogl competed in the 5000m, finishing with a time of 21:43.85.

In the men's 5000m, Harrison Silverio led the Bulldogs with a time of 16:49.09, while Noah Rovente finished in 19:12.94 and Kreg Butler crossed the line in 19:44.16.

Women's Basketball Falls Short Against Skylights

The Montana Western women's basketball team (7-17) saw its comeback fall short against the Montana State University-Northern Skylights (12-13), falling 74-66 this evening.

Isabella Lund led Western in scoring with a career-high 20 points. Hagy finished with 17 points and four assists. Davis led the Bulldogs in rebounds with 11. Moy scored six points, pulled down nine rebounds, had four assists and three steals. The Skylights would outscore the Bulldogs 38-22 in the paint.

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Bulldogs Complete Season Sweep of MSU-Northern

The Montana Western men's basketball team (14-11) swept the regular-season series against Montana State University-Northern (8-17) with a 77-62 victory.

Kyle Gruhler led the Bulldogs with 21 points, shooting 8-of-14 from the field, including 3-of-8 from beyond the arc.

Adedo scored 16 points on 8-12 shooting and pulled down a game high eight rebounds.

Stepney finished with 12 points, three rounds and a game-high three steals.

Billy Carlson came off the bench providing six points, five rebounds and an assist.

Western would score 10 points off of eight Lights' turnovers.

The Bulldogs outscored the Northern 50-34 in the paint.

Bulldogs Battle No. 25 Providence but Fall Short

The Montana Western women's basketball team (7-18) fell to No. 25 University of Providence (17-7) 66-58.

Payton Hagy led the Bulldogs with 16 points.

Keke Davis finished with 13 points and six rebounds.

Moy recorded a team-high 10 rebounds.

Trinidie Nichols scored nine points and tallied four steals.

The Bulldogs shot 20-for-25 from the free-throw line.

Providence finished 22-for-30 from the charity stripe.

Bulldogs Outlast Providence in Overtime Thriller

The Montana Western men's basketball team (15-11) secured the regular-season series against the University of Providence (14-12) with a thrilling 100-94 overtime victory.

Kyle Gruhler led the Bulldogs with 25 points, including a career-high six three-pointers.

Gruhler opened the scoring for the Bulldogs with two three-pointers, while Abi Adedo contributed four points inside. Jacob Ankeny provided a spark off the bench with key interior scoring, but Providence's three-point shooting kept the game close at 23-23 midway through the half.

Jalyn Stepney and Gruhler each knocked down three-pointers, and Adedo continued his strong inside play to keep Western ahead. However, an 8-0 run by Providence gave the



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Kolter Merritt started the second half with a dunk to put Western back in front, but the game remained tightly contested. Providence responded with a 7-0 run to take a 59-51 lead, but the Bulldogs quickly answered with a 5-0 spurt to cut the deficit to three with ten minutes to play.

The Argos extended their lead to five but clutch three-point shooting from Gruhler kept the Bulldogs in the game. His late triple gave Western a one-point lead with a minute remaining, but Providence answered to tie it at 85-85. The Bulldogs had a chance to win in regulation, but a key defensive stop by Providence sent the game to overtime.

Western's defense opened overtime with a crucial stop, leading to a basket from Kevin Bethel on the other end. Ankeny then took control of the game on both ends, grabbing key rebounds and scoring six points to help seal the Bulldogs' victory.

Bethel added 15 points, seven assists, and four steals. Stepney scored 20 points, dished out five assists, and grabbed three rebounds. Adedo finished with 14 points and six rebounds. The Bulldogs outrebounded the Argos 37-29.

Western's 13 three-pointers were a season-high.

Bulldogs Track and Field

The Montana Western track and field team returned to competition for day two at the Mountain State Games, hosted by Idaho State University.

The Bulldogs saw more personal bests recorded on day two of the meet. Erick Piazzola made his 200m debut, finishing with a time of 25.27.

In the women's mile, Justene Santi led the Bulldogs with a personal-best time of 6:03.99, while Kylee Wyatt also set a personal best, finishing in 6:47.58.

Santi followed up her mile performance with another personal best in the 3000m, clocking in at 12:01.56, while Wyatt finished in 13:48.14.

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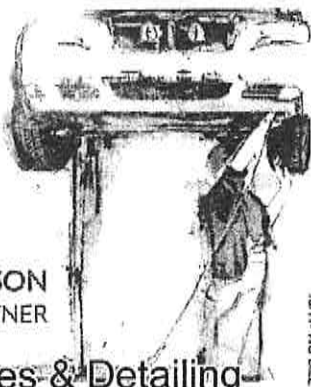
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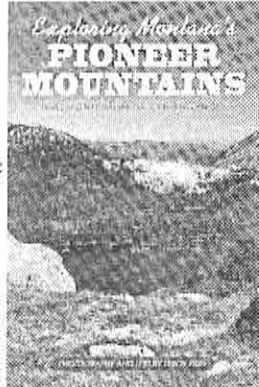
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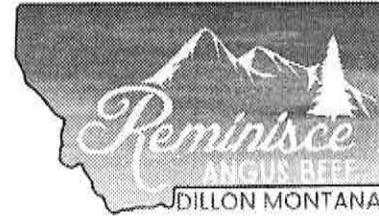
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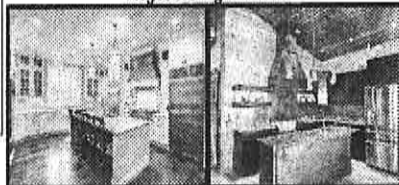
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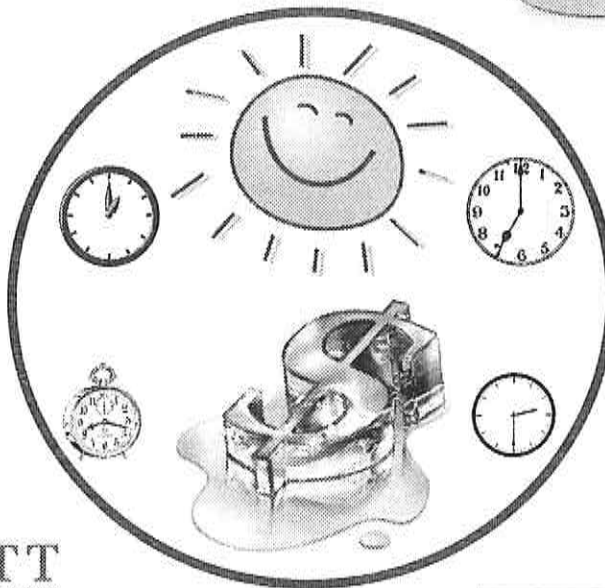


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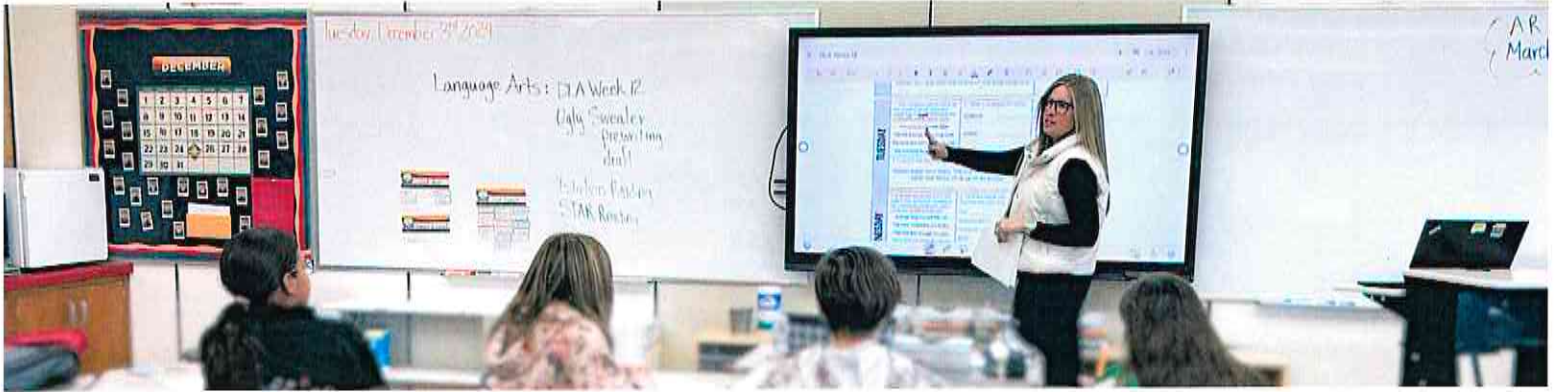
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2025 Technology Levy



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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.

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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

Dillon Elementary School District #10

2025 Technology Levy



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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.

