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FFA District Results

A snowy Presidents Day trip to Deer Lodge for Southwest District FFA contests was another successful showing for BCHS FFA members as we kicked off National FFA Week!

9 FFA chapters from across Southwest Montana were in attendance at Monday's contests. Teams placing in the top half at districts qualify for competition at State FFA Convention in Bozeman April 1st-5th.

The Ag Mechanics team placed 1st overall and is headed to State FFA Convention. Team members were Will (1st individual), Asher (2nd individual), Clinton (4th individual), Savanna (5th individual), Ty (6th individual), Guy, Billy Bob, Cole, and Trey.

The Agronomy team placed 1st overall and qualified for State Convention. Team members were Faye (1st individual), Brekken (2nd individual), Porter (4th individual), Taylor (7th individual), Clancy (10th individual), and Sam.

The Farm Business Management team placed 2nd overall and is headed to State competition. Team members were Savanna (2nd individual), Taylor (7th individual), Sage, and Asher.

And finally, we are very excited to share that our very own Chapter Star Greenhand Leneva Miller placed first in the Greenhand competition, earning her the title of 2025 SW District Star Greenhand. Leneva will represent the Beaverhead FFA and the SW FFA district at State in April as she competes for the title of Montana FFA State Star Greenhand!

Thanks to Mr. Lombardi and the Deer Lodge FFA Chapter for hosting this year's event, and to our fearless bus driver Kirk Bergeson for getting us there and back safely!



ENGINE 18 UP COMING EVENTS

Saturday February 22, 2025

UM Western Basketball vs Carroll College! Come out support and your UM Western Bulldogs. It's Senior Day for men's and women's basketball starting at 2:00PM Engine 18 Foundation, UM Western Foundation and ASUMW will host a tailgate in the Keltz Arena from 12:00 to 2:00PM. We will be serving hotdogs, brats, chips and beverages.

Monday March 17, 2025

The 6th Annual Engine 18 March Madness Calcutta at the Beaverhead Golf Course. Registration is from 5:30-6:30 PM, auction starts at 7:00 PM. Food will be provided, must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Calcutta auction is licensed by the State of Montana. 15% of the proceeds benefit Engine 18.

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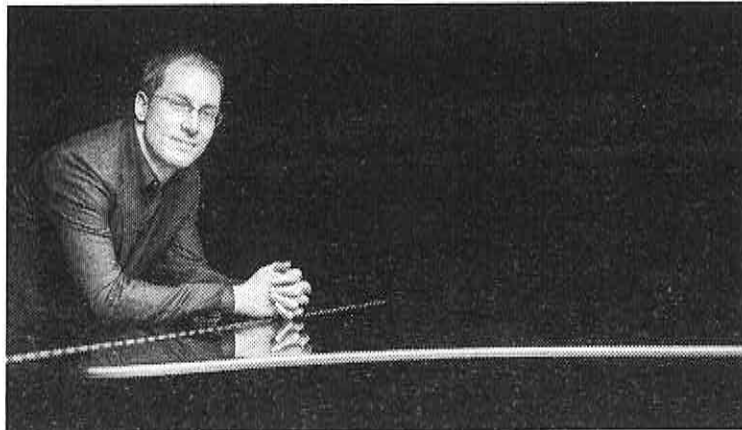
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Gilles Vonsattel's program will feature some of Beethoven's sonatas, balanced with some other familiar melodies.

Dillon Concert Association membership grants admission to all 2024-25 performances. Single event tickets will be sold at the door: adults \$20, college \$10, student/youth \$6. As a bonus, the Anaconda and Butte Community Concert Associations will grant admission to their concert upon showing your DCA membership card.

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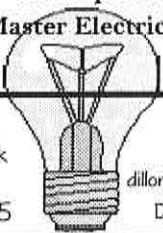
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Monday - Friday | 7:30 am - 4 pm**Planning Board Special Meeting**

Tuesday, February 25th, 2025 12:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Public Comment on items of significant public interest not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Planning Board.
4. Adjournment

American Legion Post 20 Dinner and Meeting March 5

American Legion Post 20 invites all veterans to dinner and to our General Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, at the Legion Hall. Social time starts at 5:30 pm, and at 6, dinner is Corned Beef & Cabbage, and lite cherry cheesecake. Dinner is \$12, soda \$1, and other drinks \$2. The General Meeting is after dinner for those who wish to attend. If questions, contact Commander Lois Volkening (406) 925-3774.

BCHS School Play

The BCHS school play this year is Oz, by Don Zolidis. The play, Oz, puts a modern spin on the classic story, The Wizard of Oz, and is a hilarious and heart-wrenching exploration of grief and perseverance on the road to acceptance.

Oz will be performed by the BCHS Drama Club and is directed by Ellie Currey.

Performances will be held in the BCHS auditorium at 7 pm on Thursday, February 27th, and on Saturday, March 1st at 3pm and 7pm.

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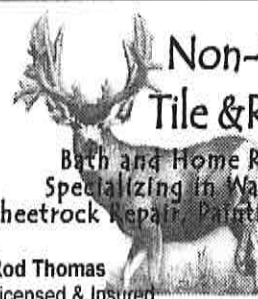
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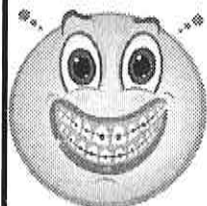
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February 20, 2025 5:30 p.m.
FBO Building - Airport

- Reorganization of Board
- Establish a quorum
- Action on the previous meeting minutes – January 22, 2025 meeting.
- FBO Transfer Papers Update (County Attorney, Sky Jones)
- Board Action- Approval of FBO Transfer
- Airport Manager Update
- Discussion- Hangar Walkthroughs/ Inspections for FAA and Fire Code
- Public Comment or New Business Not on Agenda
- Adjourn Meeting



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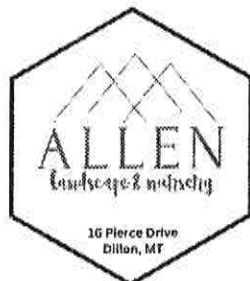
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Hayden Wright, RB

5-10, 195, East Helena, Mont., East Helena HS

Wright is a running back who joins the Bulldogs from East Helena High School in East Helena, Mont. Wright was a four-year member of the Vigilante football team and accumulated 800 rushing yards, 150 receiving yards, and 13 touchdowns last season. He earned All-State recognition last season as a running back and was a three-time all-conference selection as running back. Wright is the son of Kevin and Katie Wright and plans to major in business while at Montana Western.

Sawyer Teeney, QB

6-0, 185, Silverton, Ore., Silverton HS

Teeney is a quarterback who joins the Bulldogs from Silverton High School in Silverton, Oregon. A three-year varsity starter, he threw for 8,646 career yards and 96 career touchdowns. He was a two-time First Team All-League quarterback and two-time League Offensive Player of the Year. Teeney was also a two-time All-State selection. He is the son of Jill and Owen Von Flue and plans to major in Physical Education & Health K-12 while at Montana Western.

Carson Gulick, QB

6-3, 185, Whitefish, Mont., Whitefish High School

Gulick is a quarterback who joins the Bulldogs from Whitefish High School in Whitefish, Montana. He was an All-State football player on both sides of the ball, throwing for 3,100 career passing yards and 32 career passing touchdowns. He was a member of the track and basketball teams, earning Honorable Mention in basketball and All-State honors in track and field, where he placed fifth in the state in the 110m hurdles with a time of 15.67. He was also on his school's honor roll. He is the son of Patrick and Stephanie Gulick and plans to major in business while at Montana Western.

Cole Flugge, DL

6-2, 250, Helena, Mont., Helena High School

Flugge is a defensive lineman who joins the Bulldogs from Helena High School in Helena, Montana. He was a two-year varsity athlete for the Bengals, recording 27 solo tackles, 43 total tackles, 19 tackles for loss, five sacks, seven hurries, and one fumble recovery. He earned First Team All-Conference honors on defense, Second Team All-Conference on offense, Second Team All-State on defense, and Honorable Mention All-State on offense. He was also a three-time Academic All-State selection and was chosen for the Montana Shrine Game. He earned varsity letters in basketball and track and field, where he qualified for divisionals. He is the son of David and Korrie Flugge and plans to major in business while at Montana Western.

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 By Mike Lawson

Veteran News Updates:

- Many of us have friends who work for the government doing important things for our country and our Veterans. The firing of so many of them is upsetting for those who have families to support, house payments to make and the list goes on. I'm particularly concerned for our "boots on the ground" VA employees who do so much compassionate health care for our Veterans. Turning people's lives upside down by a couple billionaires, who have no worries about surviving, is hard to swallow for many of us. Hopefully common sense and compassion will come into play and these fired folks will get some kind of compensation or be rehired. My heart goes out to those who after all are American citizens who were serving their country in the work they were doing.
- Veterans can manage their health care from anywhere. To stay on top of your health care use the VA:Health and Benefits mobile app or My HealthVet. These tools can be used to 1) Schedule or check appointments. 2) Send Messages to your health care team. 3) Refill Prescriptions.
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Montana Western Bulldogs women's basketball team (7-18) is looking to rebound this week after recent losses to MSU-Northern and No. 25 University of Providence. Last Thursday, the team narrowly missed a comeback, falling 74-66 to the MSU-Northern Skylights. Isabella Lund led the Bulldogs with a career-high 20 points. On Saturday, the Bulldogs were defeated by the No. 25 University of Providence Argos, 66-58, with Payton Hagy leading the team with 16 points. Coming up this week the team will drive up to Butte, Mont. to take on the RV Montana Tech Orediggers on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m. in the HPER Complex. On Saturday Feb. 22, they will be back at home to take on RV Rocky Mountain College in the Straugh Gymnasium at 2 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Montana Western men's basketball team (15-11) enters this week riding a three-game winning streak. Last Thursday, they completed a season sweep of MSU-Northern with a decisive 77-62 victory. Kyle Gruhler led the Bulldogs with 21 points, shooting 8-of-14 from the field, including 3-of-8 from three-point range. On Saturday, the Bulldogs secured the regular-season series against the University of Providence with a thrilling 100-94 overtime win. Gruhler once again led the team, scoring 25 points and achieving a career-high of six three-pointers. Coming up this week the team will drive up to Butte, Mont. to take on the No. 15 Montana Tech Orediggers on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. in the HPER Complex. On Saturday Feb. 22, they will be back at home to take on Rocky Mountain College in the Straugh Gymnasium at 4 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

The Montana Western track and field team returned to indoor competition this past weekend at the Mountain State Games hosted by Idaho State University. Several Bulldogs delivered standout performances, setting new personal bests. The Bulldogs will conclude the indoor season Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Big Sky Tuner Meet in Bozeman, Mont. hosted by Montana State University in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

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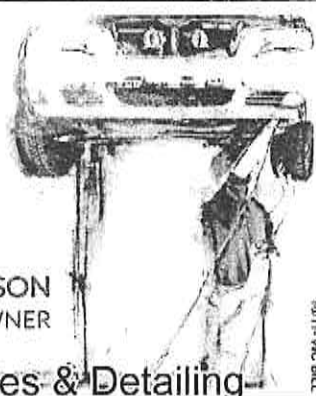
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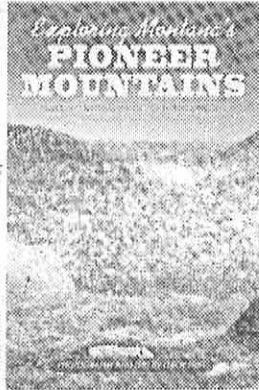
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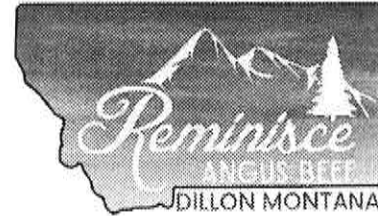
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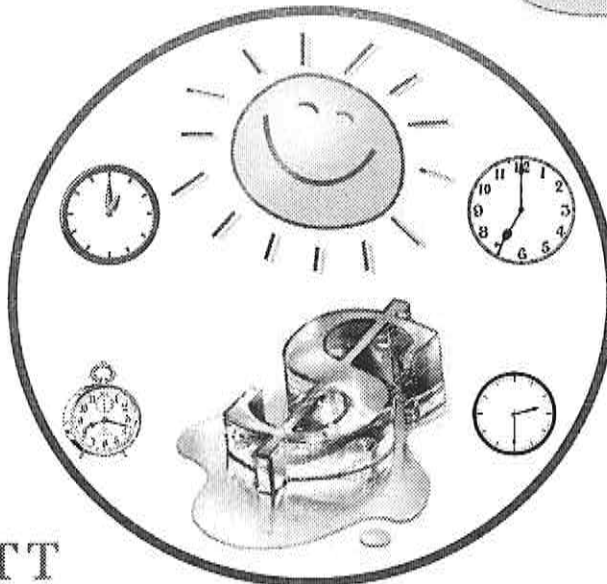


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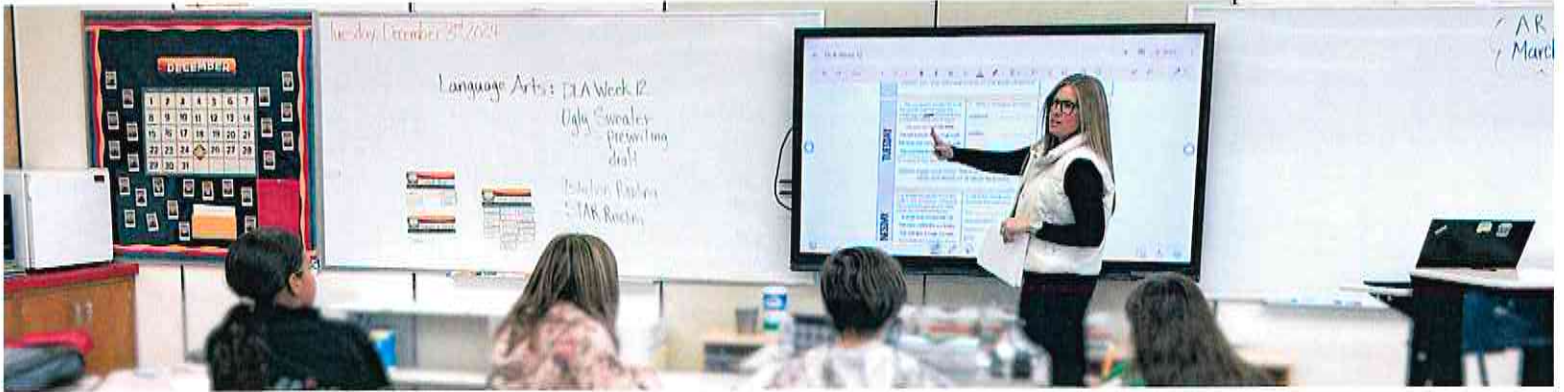
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Dillon Elementary School District #10

2025 Technology Levy



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

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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.

