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## Bennett Owen



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Bennett Owen, a man whose Montana roots grounded him, whose journalistic pursuits and love for storytelling and adventure spanned the globe, and whose heartbeat most fiercely for the ones he held dearest. Bennett passed away on January 29, 2025, in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, at the age of 66.

Born in 1958 to his parents Claire and Leroy Owen, Bennett was a proud fourth-generation Dillon, Montana native. Growing up alongside his older and loving sister Donna, his formative summers spent on the Marchesseault ranches instilled in him a lifelong appreciation for hard work and family. He often recounted stories of those hay field days and life in Montana - oftentimes not without adding a pinch of excitement. And despite leaving Montana behind, he loved nothing more than to come back for the summers to stand in the hayfields to soak up all the stories his aunts and uncles would tell him, becoming a living archivist of Marchessault family lore.

A graduate of Oregon City High School in 1976, and Brigham Young University in 1980, with a degree in journalism, Bennett's career took off with an internship at CNN, leading to a position at the burgeoning CNN2 in Atlanta. As a news producer, he thrived in the dynamic world of broadcast journalism, forming lasting friendships and being part of laying the foundation of what would become one of the largest and most influential news organizations in the world.

In 1984, Bennett married Barbara Hildebrand, and soon after, both welcomed their son, Christopher Owen in 1985. Two and a half years later marked a pivotal shift as Bennett and his young family moved to Berlin where he started to work for Deutsche Welle. There, he anchored and produced news, standing witness to history as he covered the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989.

Still living in Berlin, in the year 2000, Bennett's path intertwined with that of Sabine Baerwolff and to their joy, their daughter Eva Catharina Owen was born in 2002. Always a "fun dad," a quality much appreciated and occasionally endured by both of his children, Bennett was perfectly primed to become a grandfather. He found new and profound joy in that role when his granddaughter Juna Marie Owen was born in 2022 to her parents Christopher Owen and Josephin Zopp.

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A journalistic assignment in Israel in 2007 marked a pivotal moment in Bennett's life, planting the seeds of a spiritual journey that led Bennett to the Catholic Church. His conviction deepened over the next two years, culminating in his baptism in 2009 surrounded by his loving family in Berlin.

Although he faced and bravely fought severe health challenges for the last decade of his life, Bennett remained remarkably witty and positive, extraordinarily resilient and tough. And despite all doctors telling him to quit exercising so hard, he stayed incredibly fit.

In his later years, he followed his heart to the Mediterranean, spending his summers in Berlin and winters in Spain and France, where he embraced the warmer climate, the richness of history and all culinary delights that both countries have to offer.

Bennett is survived by his loving children, Christopher and Eva Owen; his cherished granddaughter, Juna Owen; his caring sister, Donna Poulton, and brother-in-law, Jim Poulton; and his uncle's Robert (and wife Mary) and Jules (and wife Bonnie) Marchessault, and his aunt Louise Marchessault as well as numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claire and Leroy Owen; his uncle and namesake, Bennett Owen; his aunt, Estelle, and her husband, Wayne Blomquist; his uncle's James and Gordon (Tex) Marchessault; his cousins Brenda

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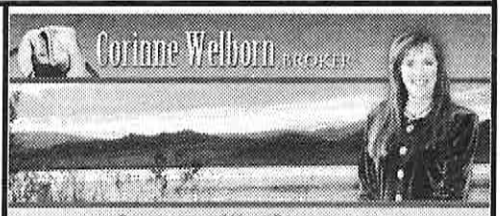
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Weber, Glen Owen, Vanessa Warner; and his brother-in-law, Bernd Hildebrand.

Bennett would start most of his stories with "I must have told you this story a million times." What we would give, to hear them even one more time. He will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.

Dillon, MT on March 8th, 2025, at 11:00 am. A reception for friends and family will follow immediately after at Sweetwater Coffee.

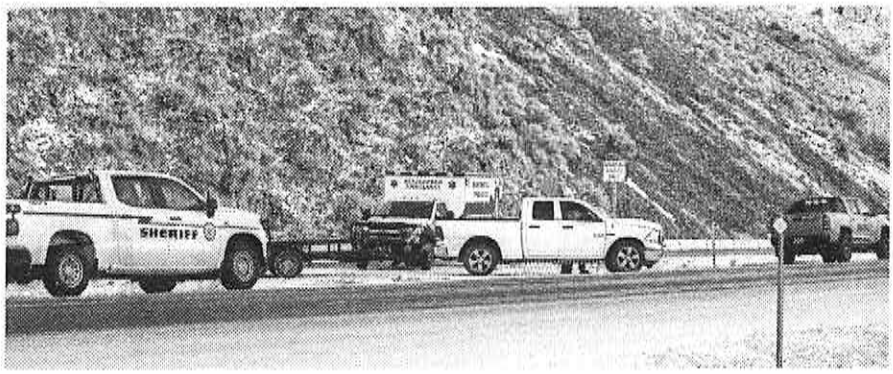
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to "Die Franziskaner" or "Doctors Without Borders."

## Light Snow and Icy Roads Lead to Single Vehicle Accident on I-15

Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News

Residents awoke Tuesday morning to a light dusting of snow covering icy roads, prompting caution while traveling. First responders were dispatched to a single vehicle accident on Interstate 15 near mile marker 50, involving a white Dodge Ram pickup truck pulling a trailer that lost control and slid off the road.

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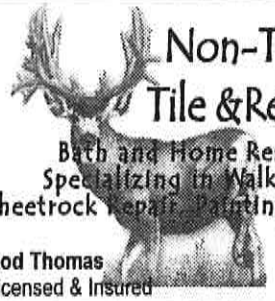


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| Jesse Van Hook<br>Sentencing | Probation Violation | Plea Hearing<br>Bond Posted<br>Suspended Sentence<br>Continued with Conditions |
| Carson Schmidt<br>Sentencing | Montana Code<br>45-5-508<br>Aggravated Sexual Intercourse Without Consent<br>45-5-503<br>Sexual Intercourse Without Consent<br>Assault on Child | Guilty Plea<br>Bond Released<br>30 Days County Jail<br>Two Four Year Deferred Sentences with Conditions<br>Victim Restitution<br>Fines No Fees Yes |

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## Keith Curtis Afton Results

Afton is a game of Russian roulette, which requires a combination of skill, luck & milliseconds separating positions! Overall, had a solid day of racing with a Stock King, a 1st, three 2nds, and a 4th. Ran out of daylight for Modified King so that will take place at Bear Lake race next weekend! On a side note, all the RMSHA racers are throwing down and the talent/ professionalism is at an all-time high!

The entire team at Polaris is on top of it and the factory built 9 Mod is wicked fun! I'm proud to be working with the best sponsors & people in the industry. My fans, family & friends keep me hyped up! My wife, Katie is always there to help, and helping me achieve next level results! Dale Stewart has been hard at it getting sleds ready at home, along with the new addition to our team, Kyler Stone.

Onward to Bear Lake in Geneva, Idaho next weekend

## Soroptimist Purses with a Purpose Celebrates Mardi Gras March 6th

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. The menu includes Jambalaya, rice, Cajun pork meatballs, Baken chicken with bourbon peach seasoning, baken chicken with salt and pepper, fruit salad, Caesar salad, (GLUTEN FREE CAESAR dressing and chips) honey mustard, Creole mustard dipping, (Chick'n dipping sauce GLUTEN FREE), Sugar cookies, mini cupcakes, King cakes, (GLUTEN FREE COOKIES).

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"President Trump's commitment to cracking down on illegal immigration and securing our nation's southern border is unmatched. On the contrary, over the last four years, Joe Biden's open border policies made every state a border state. Just recently, we saw firsthand in Montana the negative impact of Biden's policies as six Venezuelan gang members were arrested in Gallatin County," Attorney General Knudsen said.

The agreement was reached under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security "to enter into written agreements with a State or any political subdivision of a State so that qualified officers and employees can perform certain functions of an immigration officer."

The agreement will assist in the efforts to enforce immigration law, hold criminal illegal aliens accountable, and secure the southern border. For example, last week, ICE arrested six known members of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua in Gallatin County.

## 75th Anniversary Dinner for BVHD Co. Museum

Be sure to get your tickets for the Diamond Anniversary celebration of the Museum in its current location. The dinner will be held on March 19, 2025, at the Lewis and Clark room of UMW and will kick off a year of celebration. There will also be a silent auction of donated items.

Don't miss this celebration. Tickets are available at High Peaks Credit Union, The Museum, Womack's Printing and the NV salon. The ticket prices are $30 for an individual, $50 for two people, and $200 for a table of eight. So, gather your friends and come and see what has evolved in the last 75 years at the Museum.

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## This Week in Bulldog Athletics - Feb. 24-March 2

### *MEN'S BASKETBALL*

The Montana Western men's basketball team (16-12) closed their regular season conference play last week against Montana Tech, and Rock Mountain College. On Thursday they traveled up to Butte Mont. where they fell to No. 15 Montana Tech by a score of 80-61. Clarence Martin led the Bulldogs in scoring with 13 points. On Saturday they played their last home game of the season in the Straugh Gymnasium against Rocky Mountain. Jalyn Stepney led the Bulldogs to an 80-66 victory over the Battlin' Bears with 26 points, knocking down six three-pointers. With that win, the Bulldogs secured the fourth seed in the Frontier Conference Tournament and will face the fifth seed Rocky Mountain College on Sunday, March 2 at the Four Seasons Arena in Great Falls, Mont. at 5 p.m.

### *WOMEN'S BASKETBALL*

The Montana Western Bulldogs women's basketball team (7-20) closed regular season conference play last week unable to secure a win. On Thursday they traveled up to Butte, Mont. to take on the RV Montana Tech Orediggers, resulting in an 80-67 loss. The Bulldogs were led in scoring by Isabella Lund and Keke Davis, both scoring 16 points. On Saturday the Bulldogs played their last home game of the season in the Straugh Gymnasium against RV Rocky Mountain College. Despite their efforts the game ended in a close 84-81 loss. Trinidie Nichols led the Bulldogs with a career-high performance, knocking down seven three-pointers (7-10) and finishing with 34 points on 13-21 shooting from the field. The Bulldogs will now prepare for the Frontier Conference Tournament, set to take place at the Four Seasons Arena in Great Falls, Mont. on Sunday, March 2. They will face No. 19 Carroll College at 3 p.m.

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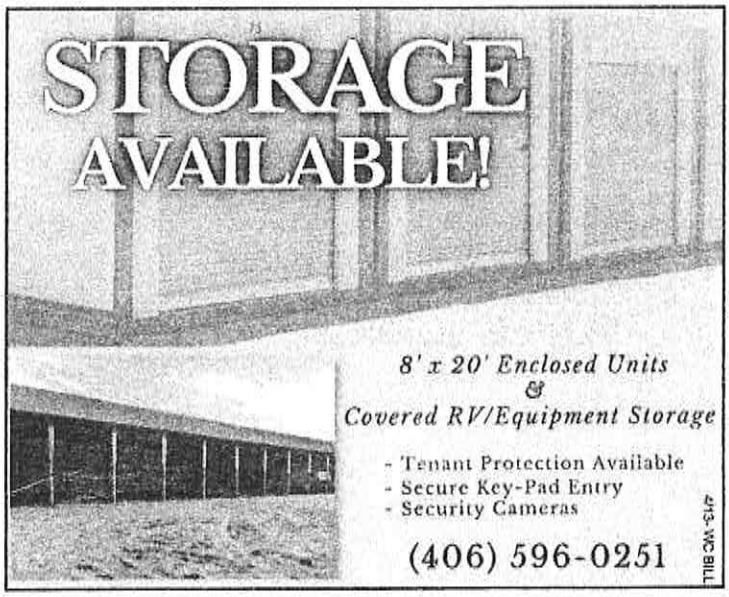


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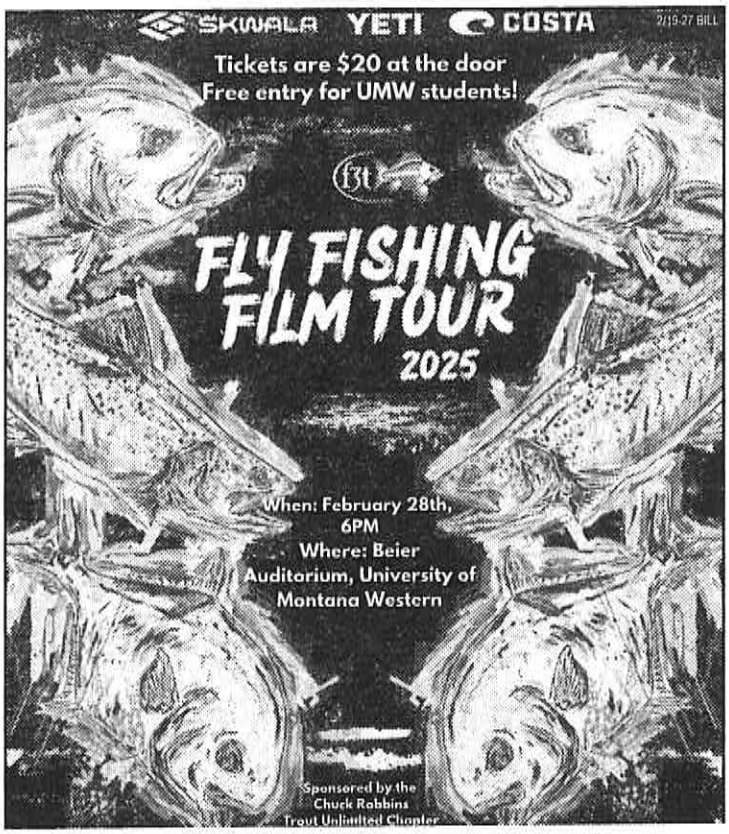
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# Dillon Elementary School District #10

# 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** | *Estimate for a home with a market value of $100,000* |
| **$24.02 per year** | *Estimate for a home with a market value of $300,000* |
| **$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

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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**



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**The Walk-In Clinic provides you with the care you need for a variety of minor illnesses and injuries such as:**

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- Urinary tract infections
- Minor cuts, burns, wounds
- Minor injuries *(fractures/sprains)*
- Rash or new skin conditions
- Ear/Eye Infections
- Mild abdominal pain
- Persistent diarrhea/vomiting
- Sports physicals only
- **Sinus Infections****
- **Fever****
- **New or increased shortness of breath****
- **Cough, cold, flu ****
- **Sore/strep throat ****

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- Severe Shortness of breath
- Severe cuts
- Severe burns
- Head injuries with a loss of consciousness
- Severe abdominal pain
- Unexplained high fever
- A baby younger than twelve months with breathing trouble or high fever
- Severe or unusual headache
- Convulsions or seizures
- Emergency childbirth
- Bleeding that does not stop
- Drug overdose
- Poisoning
- Life-threatening injuries
- Severe allergic reactions
- Suicidal thoughts