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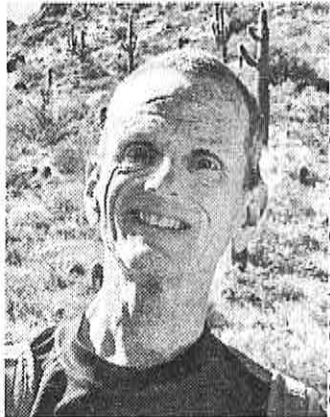
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Brian Patrick Swanson

Brian Patrick Swanson passed away on March 11th in Bozeman, MT from glioblastoma. He was 67.

He was born in Illinois to parents Bill and Ann Swanson in 1957. They later moved to Oregon where he graduated high school.



Brian always had an interest in agriculture and traveling. During college, he spent a year in New Zealand working for a sheep farmer while taking classes at the University of Canterbury. He then went to Papua New Guinea on a short-term mission trip before returning to the States. He completed his degree in Agricultural Economics at Montana State University while working at the Leachman Angus cattle ranch.

He often dreamed of moving to a farm.

Brian completed several short-term jobs after graduation, including building a family cabin for his parents across from Maverick Mountain and helping some friends move to Sitka, Alaska. He then spent several months hiking around Alaska before returning to Sitka to work for the maintenance department at the local college. There, he met his wife, Peggy, who had also moved from Montana. One year later, Brian and Peggy married, and shortly after moved to Bozeman.

Brian spent his career as a framing carpenter in the Gallatin Valley, where he also built a house for his family. He was a quiet man who spent most of his free time doing outdoor activities with his family or reading.

Brian loved family vacations. He organized family trips to the Oregon and Washington coasts, Hawaii, Alaska, and national parks throughout the western United States, in addition to international trips to the Bahamas, Canada, the Netherlands, Germany, and a memorable bicycle tour in France. Later in life, Brian and Peggy enjoyed visiting their children during their student exchange experiences in Germany, as well as taking vacations to Arizona, Costa Rica, and Mexico.

Brian relished the times when his children returned home for a visit and regularly took them into the mountains for hikes. He liked cooking for his family and often tried new recipes.

The most important thing to Brian was his faith. He was raised in church and sought out faith communities throughout his life. During college, he joined Intervarsity and attended Bozeman Evangelical Free Church. He and Peggy continued to attend Bozeman Evangelical Free Church (now Redeemer Church) when they returned to Montana. He spent a lot of time in prayer and in Scripture. Although he was reserved in conversation, those close to him knew how much he loved Jesus.

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A Memorial Service will be held at Redeemer Church in Bozeman on March 29th at 1:00 P.M.

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The Rotary Club of Dillon's Ice Melt clock stopped at exactly: Wednesday, March 12th at 4:48:50 AM!

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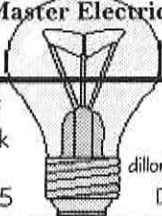
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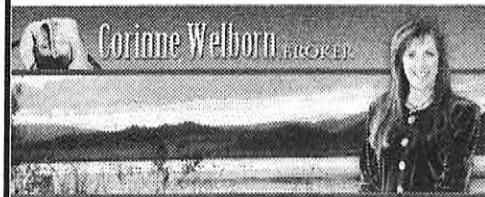
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Time	Cause	Proceeding	Attorney for Plaintiff	Attorney for Defendant
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MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

Judge Berger is in Virginia City

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

9:00	#23-4168, State vs Barick	Sentencing	Coty Calvin	Kevin Vainio
9:15	#24-4235, State vs Hull	Status hearing	Coty Calvin	Suzanne Marshall Malloy
9:30	#20-3962, State vs Evans	Initial appearance on revocation	Coty Calvin	Addam Pincock
9:45	#25-4294, State vs Vance	Initial appearance	Coty Calvin	Walter Hennessey
10:00	#25-4296, State vs Oelschlager	Initial appearance	Coty Calvin	Addam Pincock
10:15	#25-4291, State vs Rall	Initial appearance	Coty Calvin	Addam Pincock
10:30	#24-4250, State vs C. Hill	Outstanding motions	Scott Johnson	Jack Morris
11:30	#24-14757, In re Manley	Petition for reinstatement of driver's license	Jill Gannon-Nagle	Stephanie Kruer
1:00	#24-5262, In re adoption	Bench trial (CLOSED)	Marta Farmer	pro se

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

Judge Berger is in Boulder

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

1:30	#24-885 & 886, In re youths	Status hearing (CLOSED)	Jim Reintsma	Katie Green Helen McCarthy Peter Fischer
2:00	#25-14797, In re name change	Petition to change name (CLOSED)	pro se	

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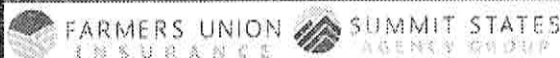
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The Bureau of Land Management's Dillon Field Office plans to conduct prescribed fire operations this spring in the South Tobacco Root Mountains near Sheridan and Virginia City, Montana. Burning operations will begin as early as late March and continue through mid-May, depending on weather and fuel conditions.

The prescribed burns will take place in the Granite Creek, California Creek, and Ramshorn Creek drainages, covering approximately 3,700 acres across multiple units. These treatments are designed to reduce hazardous fuels, improve rangeland health, and enhance wildlife habitat.

Planned burn units include:

- Ramshorn Units 1 & 2: 2,012 acres (T5S, R4W, Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 15)
- California #1: 610 acres (T5S, R4W, Sections 12, 13, 14, 23, 24)
- Granite #2: 1,142 acres (T5S, R3W, Sections 27, 28, 33, 34; T6S, R3W, Sections 3, 4)

Prescribed fire treatments are conducted under carefully managed conditions to ensure public safety and meet resource objectives. The BLM will coordinate closely with local fire agencies, landowners, and partners throughout the process. Ignition is expected to last multiple days per unit, with smoke potentially visible for several days following the burns.

Fire crews will monitor each burn area until it is declared out.

Learn more about the BLM's Fuels Management Program on the BLM website at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire/fuels-management>.

Beaverhead County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:00pm
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Montana Western Announces Leadership Change in Women's Basketball Program

Montana Western Athletics announced a leadership change in the women's basketball program today.

"I want to sincerely thank Coach Cooper for her hard work and dedication to the Bulldog women's basketball program over the past three years—first as an assistant and for the last two as head coach. She will always be a Bulldog and a National Champion, forever recognized for her contributions as part of the 2019 championship team. After a thorough evaluation of the program's current state and future direction, I have made the difficult decision that a change in leadership is necessary at this time. We appreciate Coach Cooper's commitment to our student-athletes and the program, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors."

A national search will begin immediately for the next head coach of Montana Western Women's basketball.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

March 24, 2025, 12:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Discuss/recommend acceptance and/or rejection of the special meeting of the city council that was held on March 14, 2025
- Public comment on items of significant public interest not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the city
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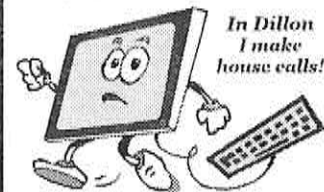
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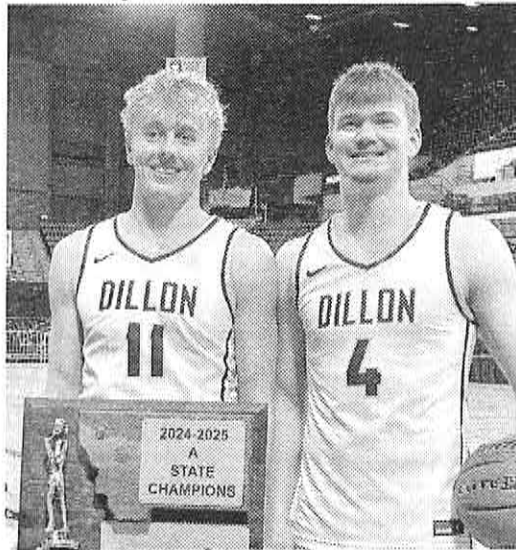
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Carter Curnow, Kyler Engellant named 2024-25 Montana MaxPreps High School Basketball Players of the Year

*Duo led Beaverhead County to its
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By Jordan Divens, National Basketball Editor



Each year since 2006, MaxPreps has recognized outstanding performers in high school basketball. The tradition continues to close out the 2024-25 season by naming the top player in each state. Selections are based on team success and individual excellence in addition to local

and state accolades.

Carter Curnow and Kyler Engellant of Beaverhead County (Dillon) are the 2024-25 Montana MaxPreps Players of the Year. The senior duo led the Beavers to a 23-1 record and their second consecutive Class A state championship.

For the season, Engellant averaged 19.7 points, 9.5 rebounds and 2.2 blocked shots per contest. Curnow averaged 15.6 points, 6.0 rebounds, 5.2 assists and 2.3 steals per outing.

In a 51-46 victory over Lockwood in the Class A state title game, Curnow pumped in a team-high 20 points to go along with five rebounds while Engellant contributed 17 points and 11 rebounds to anchor the paint.

Engellant, a 6-foot-6 forward, is committed to Montana Western. Curnow, a 6-4 guard and 1,000-point scorer, is signed to play football at Montana State.

Each state's MaxPreps Player of the Year will be considered for inclusion in the MaxPreps All-America Team, which is scheduled to be released April 8. Past selections include 2023-



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- 2022-23 – Fischer Brown, Fergus (Lewistown)
- 2023-24 – Reynolds Johnston, Loyola-Sacred Heart (Missoula)

Dillon Middle School News for the week of March 24-28

The lunch menu for the week is as follows:

- Monday: Chicken Parmesan with Salad or Chicken Salad Bar
- Tuesday: Sloppy Joes or Taco Salad Bar
- Wednesday: Pulled Pork or Chef Salad Bar
- Thursday: Fish Tacos or Cobb Salad Bar
- Friday: Turkey Sandwich or Asian Chicken Salad

Monday, March 24 is the start of Quarter 4! Quarter 3 grades will be sent out on Friday, March 28 during 8th period. Students, make sure to bring your report cards home and parents, make sure to check for them!

On Thursday, March 27, MASS Band Departs to Butte at 7:30 am. Have a great time, band students!

On Friday, March 28 there will be a 2:20 pm Assembly to kickoff the 2025 Cancer Campaign!

The Cancer Campaign is a fundraiser for people affected by cancer. The DMS students will have fun games and activities to raise money for people with cancer and their family as they undergo treatments. Students, make sure to participate as much as you can to support this worthy cause!

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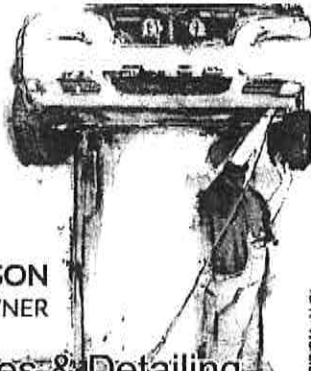
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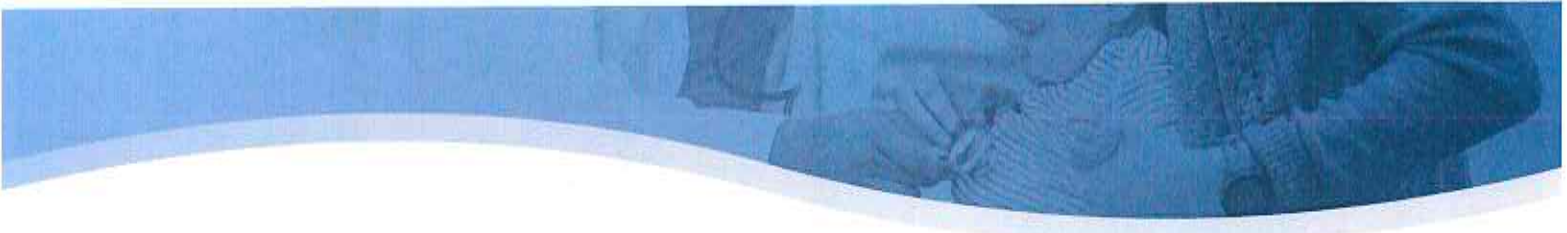
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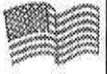
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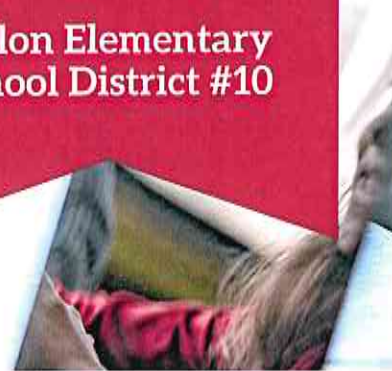
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Tax Increase Estimate	
\$8.01 per year	Estimate for a home with a market value of \$100,000
\$24.02 per year	Estimate for a home with a market value of \$300,000
\$48.03 per year	Estimate for a home with a market value of \$600,000

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

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 District Conference Room. 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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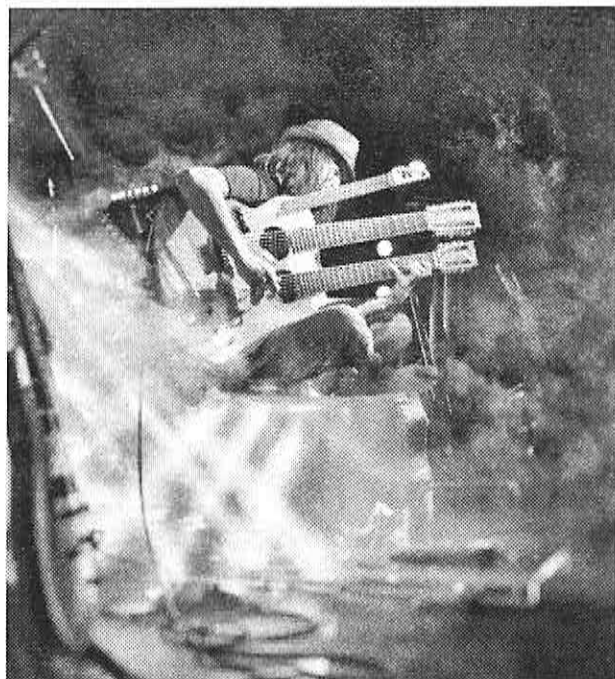
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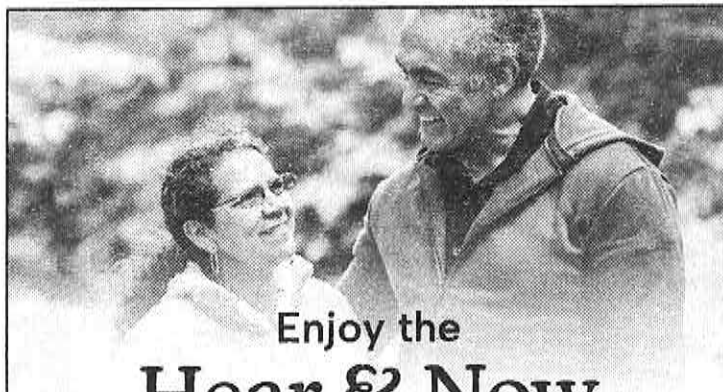
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