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## Bulldog Track and Field Wraps Up Action at Snake River Open

The Montana Westen Track and Field teams had a solid outing at the Snake River Open, hosted by Idaho State, Friday in Pocatello. Three Bulldogs earned personal records at the event.

"It was a good first meet back after break and just getting back in the swing of things with practice and work," head coach Taylor Grove said. "We had some people do really well. Tyler was able to make it to finals in the 60H and get fifth, and Wade also ran a PR in the 60H. Stan placed third in the triple jump and Luke was able to run a solid mile for his first race in a couple years. Kendalyn was able to get a PR in the shot. It will be great when we have more of our team up in Bozeman next week

Stanley Stremick leapt to the podium in the men's triple jump, finishing third with a mark of 12.64 (41-05.75) He also earned a ninth-place finish in the men's long jump with a 6.23m (20-05.25) mark.

Tyler Raine clocked a personal record of 8.65 in the men's 60H to take fifth in the finals after he ran an 8.76 in the prelims to snag the final qualifying spot. He also placed 16th in the men's 400m with a time of 54.52.

Wade Dahood ran a 9.05 personal best in the men's 60H prelims, placing ninth. Uzzaiah Kanewa finished 22nd in the men's 60m prelims with a 7.31. Jocelyn Seefried ran an 8.76 in the women's 60m prelims, placing 30th overall. She also posted a 30.62 in the women's 200m, finishing 34th. Luke Crossley clocked a 2:03.73 in the men's 800, finishing 16th. He also ran a 4:31.26 in the men's mile to take 23rd. Kendalyn Streck placed 18th in the women's shot put with a PR toss of 10.32m (33-10.25). Layne Cooney launched a 12.97m (42-06.75) in the men's shot put to take 14th while Tad Tacked earned a 10.07m (33-00.50) mark in the event, placing 20th. Michael Reistroffer ran a 10:32.11 in the men's 3000m for a 40th place finish.

The Bulldogs take to the track again Jan. 30 when they travel to Bozeman, Mont., to take part in the Montana Tech Winter Series #1.

## Bozeman Symphony Brings Hollywood to Life with Cinematic Legends Concert

Prepare for a thrilling journey through some of the most unforgettable moments in film history as the Bozeman Symphony presents Cinematic Legends: The Music of Hans Zimmer & Ennio Morricone over Valentine's weekend, February 13-15. This spectacular concert celebrates the iconic scores that have shaped modern cinema, featuring music from blockbusters such as The Lion King, Inception, The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, The Thing, and The Dark Knight Suite—all performed by a full symphony orchestra and choir.

German-born composer Hans Zimmer is celebrated for his


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Ennio Morricone, one of cinema's most revered composers, enjoyed a prolific career spanning more than 60 years. The legendary Italian composer wrote music for over 500 films and television productions, crafting timeless scores that continue to captivate audiences worldwide. His many accolades include an Academy Award for Lifetime Achievement and a competitive Oscar for his score to The Hateful Eight.

"Hans Zimmer and Ennio Moriccone have created timeless melodies and film scores that are beloved throughout multiple generations," said Music Director Norman Huynh. "To hear a full symphony orchestra play the music from The Lion King, The Dark Knight, Cinema Paradiso, and The Good, Bad, and Ugly will be a thrilling experience."

Performances will take place on Friday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 15, at 2:30 p.m. at the historic Willson Auditorium, 404 W. Main St., in downtown Bozeman. This special event is made possible through the generous support of sponsors Cal and Tricia DeSouza, Bob and Donna Ritchie, Bruce and Kimberlie Jodar, and Rick Sanders and Janice Hand.

Ticketsareonsalenowathttps://www.bozemansymphony.org/music-of-hans-zimmer-and-ennio-morricone or by calling the Symphony office at 406-585-9774. Adult tickets start at $30, with discounted student pricing available.

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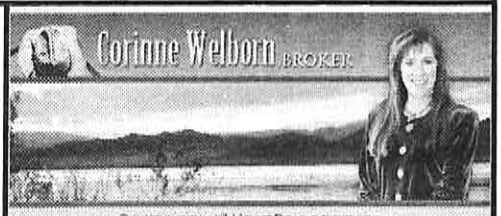
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## Iola "Olie" Else Chosen as MCHF 2026 Saddle of Honor Recipient

The University of Montana Western is proud to announce that Iola "Olie" Else has been selected as the 2026 Saddle of Honor Recipient by the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame (MCHF). Else will be honored on February 14, 2026, during the MCHF Induction Ceremony in Great Falls, Montana, where she will receive a bronze sculpture of Charlie Russell's saddle created by artist Jay Contway.



The Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame Saddle of Honor Award recognizes individuals whose lifetime contributions have had a lasting impact on Montana's western heritage, agriculture, education, and cowboy culture. Else was selected as the 2026 recipient in recognition of her role as Montana's Lady of Western Education and her decades-long commitment to mentoring students and advancing the Western way of life.

Iola "Olie" Else has been a defining figure at the University of Montana Western and in collegiate rodeo for more than three decades. Known for her trademark red jacket and cowbell, she served as the motivating force behind one of the most successful eras in UMW rodeo history. Under her leadership, the men's and women's rodeo teams earned six national championships, 22 regional titles, and 20 top-ten national finishes. She was named National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Coach of the Year in 2004 and again in 2018, becoming the only woman and the only individual to receive the honor twice.

Else's connection to Montana Western began as a student when she arrived from Tendoy, Idaho, in 1969. She was named Western Montana College Homecoming Queen in 1971 and Miss Rodeo Idaho in 1973 while competing in multiple rodeo events and holding leadership roles in student government and campus clubs. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1973 and later completed a master's degree at the University of Montana. Her professional rodeo career included work with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, timing at 20 Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals, and hosting the "Rodeo Roundup" radio show for more than two decades.

Beyond rodeo, Else played a key role in expanding Montana

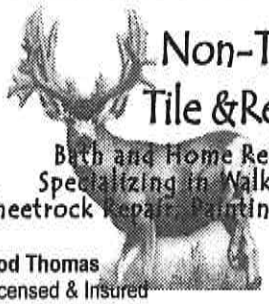
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Western's Equine and Natural Horsemanship programs, serving as department chair of Equine Studies and continuing to teach and recruit after retiring from coaching in 2018. Her commitment to agriculture and education extended into the community through her work as a 4-H leader, school board member, and faculty advisor for the UMW Young Farmers and Ranchers Club, which has earned multiple campus and community honors.

Else's impact has been recognized through numerous awards, including induction into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2019, the University of Montana Western Athletic Hall of Fame in 2024, and receipt of the Legacy Award from the Montana Farm Bureau. A lifelong mentor and advocate for students, Else has influenced generations of graduates through her dedication to education, agriculture, and the Western way of life.

The Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Western Heritage Gathering, honoring the 2026 class of inductees, will take place on February 14, 2026, at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls, Montana. For more information or to register, visit montanacowboyfame.org.

The University of Montana Western congratulates Else on this well-deserved honor and is proud to recognize her as a representative of the university.

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## Attorney General Knudsen issues statement on BLM's proposed bison grazing permit cancellation

Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen today issued the following statement regarding the Bureau of Land Management's proposed decision to cancel the American Prairie Reserve's bison grazing leases:

"I'm pleased to see this proposed decision from the Trump Administration's Bureau of Land Management today. Canceling the American Prairie Reserve's bison grazing permit will help to protect the livestock industry and ranching communities in Northeastern Montana from the elitists trying to push them out. For over four years I have been urging the BLM to cancel the permit, and our work finally paid off. This is a huge victory. As Attorney General and the state's chief legal officer, I will continue to do my part to support Montana farmers and ranchers."

Since 2021, Attorney General Knudsen has been asking the BLM to scrap the American Prairie Reserve's (APR) radical grazing change of use permit proposal, which could have fundamentally transformed northeastern Montana. When making the decision, the Biden administration shut out public input from local communities that were impacted. The decision also violated the Taylor Grazing Act, Federal Land Policy, and Management Act, Public Rangelands Improvement Act, which all aim to improve public range lands and uplift ranching communities. Attorney General Knudsen submitted formal comments, hosted a public listening session in Malta with more than 250 Montanans, and has been fighting the decision in court since 2022.

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January 24 - Saturday - 11 a.m. Heather Denny Program – How Schools and Communities can Support Families Experiencing Homelessness to Decrease the Risk of Abuse and Neglect. This is the first presentation of our 2026 workshops with Montana Children's Trust Fund Grant: Strengthening Families, Safeguarding Futures: A Community-Based Approach to Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect. Keep an eye out for the many future programs.

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Chris La Tray - January 28, 2026 - Wednesday- at the Museums Depot Theatre Doors open at 6 p.m., presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Presenter: Chris La Tray, Montana's 2023-2024 Poet Laureate His memoir "Becoming Little Shell" is part of the statewide read for "One Book Montana", sponsored by Humanities Montana. The Bookstore and Dillon Public Library have copies to purchase or checkout.

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## BLM seeks initial input for August 2026 sale of oil and gas leases in Montana and North Dakota

The Bureau of Land Management today opened a 30-day public scoping period to receive public input on 64 oil and gas parcels totaling 29,058 acres that may be included in an August 2026 lease sale in Montana and North Dakota. The comment period ends Feb. 19, 2026.

Leasing is the first step in the process to develop federal oil and gas resources. Before development operations can begin, an operator must submit an application for permit to drill detailing development plans. The BLM reviews applications for permits to drill, posts them for public review, conducts an environmental analysis and coordinates with state partners and stakeholders.

All parcels that are included in a federal oil and gas lease sale include appropriate stipulations to protect important natural resources. Information on current and upcoming BLM leases is available through the National Fluid Lease Sale System. BLM lease sales are held online through EnergyNet.

The parcels BLM is analyzing, as well as maps and instructions on how to comment, are available on the BLM's ePlanning website at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2041575/510.

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## UPOM Statement on BLM's Proposed Decision to Cancel APR grazing permits

In reaction to the Bureau of Land Management's proposed decision to cancel the American Prairie Reserve's bison grazing leases, Chuck Denowh, Policy Director for the United Property Owners of Montana, issued the following statement:

"For years the United Property Owners of Montana has been sounding the alarm of the dangers that free-roaming bison and the American Prairie Reserve pose to Montana's agriculture industry," said UPOM Policy Director, Chuck Denowh. "This is a historic win for Montana's ranching community—but it's also a fight we should have never had to have. APR's permit violated numerous federal acts aimed at protecting range land and grazing, it was issued as part of a process that ignored the input of those who would be impacted the most, and it disregarded the impacts to the long term sustainability and use of the range. We are proud to have led the charge against the issuance of this permit, thankful for our Montana officials who opposed this radical change of grazing use, and relieved at the prospect that the permit will be cancelled."

The United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM) is a non-profit group focused on protecting private property rights of Montana landowners, ranchers, and outfitters. To find out more, visit www.upom.org.

## Rotary Club of Dillon
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Rotary Club Luncheon will be Wednesday, January 21st at 12 Noon at St. James Episcopal Church – Guild Hall on Glendale Street in Dillon! Rotarian Carrie Lucon will be our hostess, but will not be in attendance, she has arranged a guest speaker to be Tim Jones, President of the Dillon Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. will be providing an update from the club's annual meeting held this past Wed 1/14/2026. Updates will be provided on the newly elected board and grant funding expected in 2026 to support shooting range improvements.

Our Menu includes:Pork Street Tacos with Corn Tortillas (GF), With Pineapple Avocado Salsa & Green Cabbage (GF), Mexican Corn Salad (GF-does contain mayo), Dessert: Mexican Wedding Cookies (GF choc chip cookies)

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Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 5 PM
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1. **Introduction of Guests:**
2. **Approval of consent agenda:**
   **Trustees (7):** Mark McGinley, Kristy Pozega, Lee Graves, Donna Jones, Morgan McLaren, April Bordelon, open seat
   a. **Director, Present:** Candi Whitworth
3. **Trustees Excused Absent:**
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Mark McGinley
5. **Association Report:**
6. **Old Business:**
   a. Christmas Event after action
7. **New Business:**
   a. Election of Officers
   b. **Committee Reports**
   Facility:
   Programs: Kristy, Morgan & Lee – list of upcoming programs
   Policy/By-Laws
8. **Director's Report:**
   a. Grant Application – National Historic Registry submitted
   b. Waylinding signage – museum grounds
9. **Other Business:**
   a. Accession/Deaccession
10. **Public Discussion:**
    **Public comment on items of significant public interest not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Beaverhead County Museum Board of Trustees.**
11. **Set date for the next meeting:**
12. **Adjournment:**

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125 N. Idaho St.
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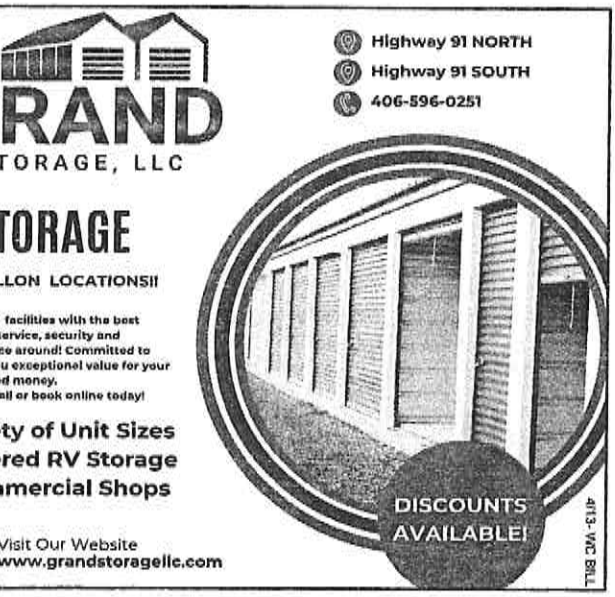
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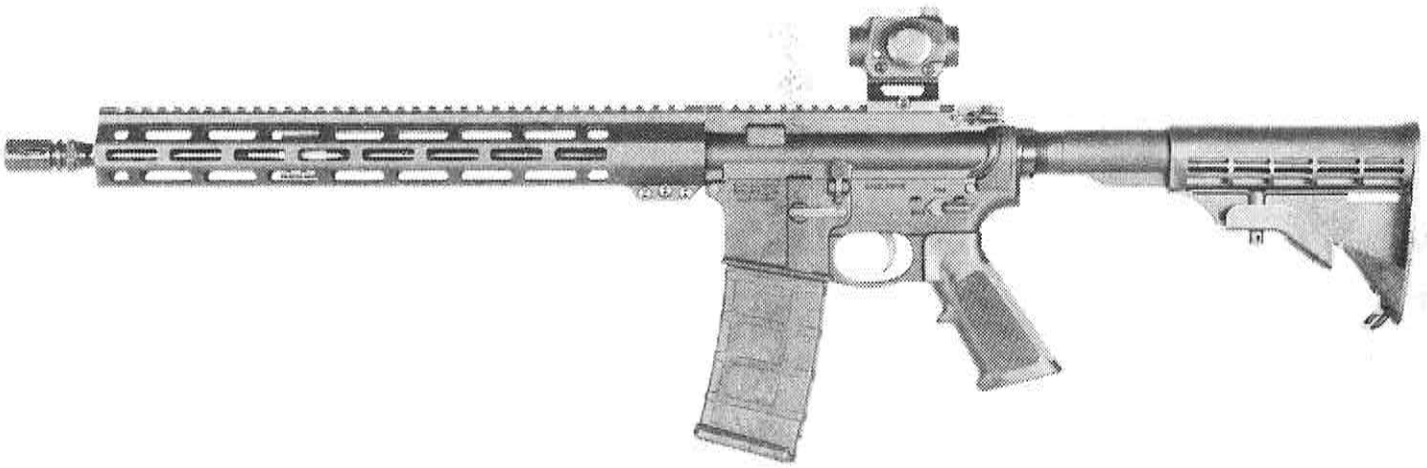
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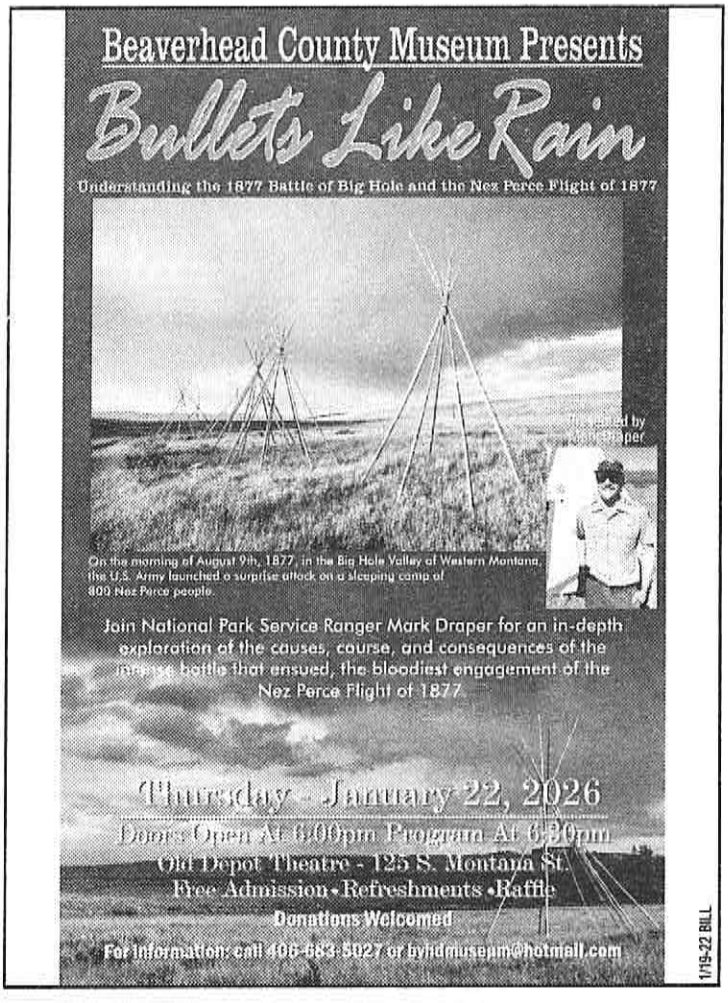
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**Vacancy Announcement:** Project Coordinator

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The successful Project Coordinator must be a self-motivated, organized person who is able to communicate effectively with diverse populations. Strong writing and computer skills are required including creating visual aids, Web content management, and advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office applications. The employee will be expected to apply for and administer grant projects. This requires reporting, fiscal management, and documentation of volunteer hours, meetings, and activities.

A bachelor's degree in a social services, public health, or related field (other degrees will be considered) and/or significant experience as program administrator or project manager preferred, along with relevant experience relating to our mission. This full-time position requires occasional weekend and evening hours, as well as travel within and outside Beaverhead County. Field, office, and remote work abilities will be necessary, thus allowing the employee to maintain a flexible schedule within the 40-hour work week obligation. Background check required. Full job description is attached to online job application.

Email snichols@dillonelem.k12.mt.us for application information.

Completed application, cover letter, resume, and references should be submitted to:

Simone Nichols, Federal Programs Director Dillon Elementary Schools
Email: snichols@dillonelem.k12.mt.us
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Review of applications will begin upon receipt until filled.

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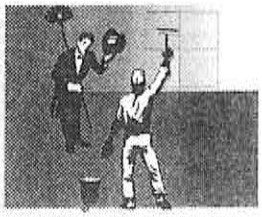
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