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Family and friends are invited to celebrate Mike's life and lay him to rest on January 30th at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Dillon at 10:30 a.m. followed by his burial at the Mountain View Cemetery and reception.

Montana CSI Holds Public Hearing on BCBSMT Cybersecurity Breach After Court Denies TRO

The Montana Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) held a public administrative hearing on January 22, 2026, regarding a cybersecurity breach involving Health Care Service Corporation, a mutual legal reserve company, doing business as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT).

Prior to the hearing, BCBSMT sought a temporary restraining order (TRO) from the Lewis and Clark County District Court to prevent the hearing from taking place. The court denied that request, and the hearing proceeded as scheduled.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive evidence and determine whether BCBSMT complied with Montana law requiring the timely reporting of cybersecurity incidents, as well as to examine the facts and circumstances surrounding the breach. The cybersecurity event, which BCBSMT reported to CSI in October 2025, may have impacted approximately 462,000 Montanans and involved sensitive consumer data, including personally identifiable and protected health information.

During the hearing, evidence and testimony addressed the timeline of events, BCBSMT's response to the breach, and its assertion that a third-party vendor, Conduent Business Services LLC, was responsible for the cybersecurity incident. CSI is reviewing whether BCBSMT fulfilled its statutory obligations regardless of third-party involvement. This includes evidence

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that BCBSMT was first received notification from Conduent Business Services in January 2025 about a potential data breach, but did not notify CSI until October 2025.

"It is troubling that it appears BCBSMT attempted to avoid regulatory oversight and accountability by seeking to block this hearing through the courts," said Communications Director Tyler Newcombe. "Our office is committed to protecting Montanans and ensuring a fair, transparent, and very serious process when sensitive personal and health data may have been placed at risk. That is exactly what this hearing was designed to do. Our office will consider all the evidence and then issue a final order in due course."

Montana law requires regulated entities to report cybersecurity breaches in a timely manner to protect consumers and ensure transparency. The hearing was conducted pursuant to that authority.

A Hearing Examiner will review the record and prepare a proposed decision for the Commissioner to consider. CSI will release additional information, including a detailed timeline of events, as it becomes available.

Friends of the Jaycee Park Gala

The Friends of the Jaycee Park annual Gala will be held Tuesday, March 17th, 2026. For tickets or to donate to the auction contact Womack's Printing Place, 126 N. Montana St. 406-683-4903 or email dillonnews@womackspringing.com or Jim Valach 406-660-2000.

The cost is \$45 per person, table of 8 for \$360. Advanced tickets only. Make reservations by March 6th.

The doors opening at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm at the Lewis and Clark room at the University of Montana Western.

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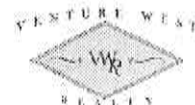
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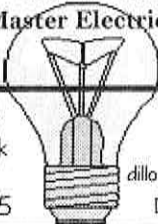
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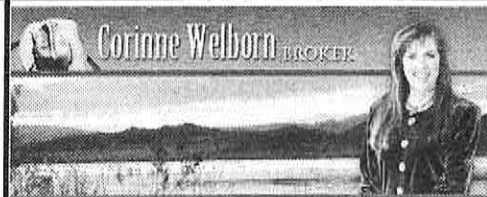
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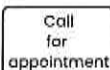
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| 1/27 Tue | Little Guy Wrestling Sign-up BW Foyer | 5-7:30 pm |
| 1/28 Wed | Code Red Drill | BCHS 8:40 am |
| 1/29 Thu | Boys & Girls Basketball @ Frenchtown | |
| | Doubleheader Away | B-3:00/4:30/7:30 pm
G-3:00/4:30/6:00 pm |
| 1/29 Thu | Wrestling vs Billings Central/Hardin Home | 4:00 pm |
| 1/29-1/31 | Thu-Sat Speech & Drama @ State overnight | |
| | Corvallis | Fri: 11:00 Sat: 8:00 am |
| 1/30-1/31 | Fri-Sat Wrestling @ Class A Duals | Butte |
| | Fri: 10:00 Sat: 9:00 am | |
| 1/31 Sat | Boys & Girls Basketball vs Hamilton | |
| | C-Squads in Green Gym | |
| | Home | B-1:30/12:00/3:00 pm
G-12:00/1:30/4:30 pm |

Beaverhead Senior Citizens Center *** UPDATE ***

The Year End Prime Rib Lunch has been rescheduled for WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026 - 11:30 a.m.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

(Don't forget to bring your Membership Form and your 2026 Dues!)

Chamber's Annual Awards Gala

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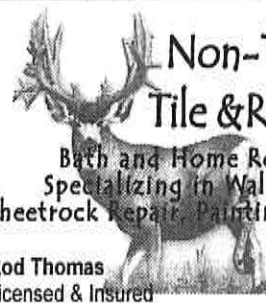
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Dillon Public Library upcoming events and programs

Excuse our mess! Installation of the new Wheelchair Lift is happening, beginning Monday - January 26, 2026. Library services and programs will still continue as usual. Thank you to the Community and Friends of the Library for making this Lift replacement happen!

January 28 - Chris La Tray at the Museum's Depot Theatre, doors open at 6 p.m. presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.: The Bookstore, Dillon Public Library, the Friends of the Library and the Beaverhead County Museum will have the Montana's Poet Laureate (2023-2024), Chris La Tray, as a special presenter on January 28th, 2026. This is part of One Book Montana: The state of Montana is coming together, to read the book "Becoming Little Shell: A Landless Indian's Journey Home" by Chris La Tray.

This memoir is La Tray's third book. The book is centered on the efforts of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana to become federally recognized in 2019. The tribe, made of Ojibwe, Métis, and Cree people in Montana, does not have a reservation and members live throughout the state. Chris La Tray was appointed as Montana Poet Laureate in 2023. One Book Montana, hosted by Humanities Montana, has purchased over 200 online copies, so listening through the Libby app is easy. Dillon Public Library has a number of copies available to check out and Debbie at The Bookstore has ordered copies for purchase.

Books & Babies - Every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. - January 28 theme is: "Shelfie Day"

January 28 - National Library Shelfie Day - stop by and get your shelf, and your favorite book photographed and be entered in a drawing

Blind Date Books - each purchase of a Blind Date book for \$3.00 gets an entry into the "21 and over" Blind Date Basket - drawing February 13, 2026

February - 3, 10, 17, 24 - Fly Tying class with Joe Aanes at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ongoing classes with a limit of 10 spots

Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness workshops continue in 2026. The first program was January 24 and we have numerous presenters coming up. Watch for the February schedule with more presentations. This is through a grant received through Montana Children's Trust Fund. Xuan Li of the University of Montana-Western, Debbie Sporich from the Bookstore, the Friends of the Library, and the Dillon Public Library will be offering programs, workshops and presenters concerning Child Abuse



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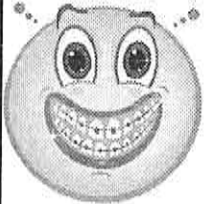
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The Public Hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on THURSDAY, February 5th, 2026, in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse located at 2 S Pacific St. in Dillon, Montana.

The County Commissioners will receive written and/or oral comments and, at this hearing, any member of the public will be given the opportunity to express his or her opinion regarding the referendum on the extension of the Beaverhead Ambulance Special District. Time limits may apply.

Comments may be provided orally or in writing at the hearing. Further, written comments may also be submitted before 5:00 p.m. on February 4th, 2026. Written comments should be hand delivered to the Commission Office in the Courthouse or mailed to: Beaverhead County Commissioners, 2 South Pacific Street, Ste. #4, Dillon, MT 59725. Email comments will also be accepted on the following addresses:

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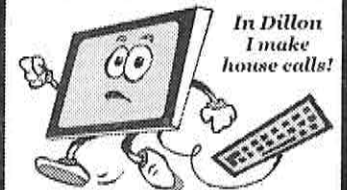
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FWP staff conducting aerial surveys and research captures across southwestern Montana

Wildlife biologists with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks are currently conducting aerial surveys of mule deer and will soon begin winter elk surveys across southwestern Montana. Research captures of elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goats and wolves are also ongoing or planned in the region.

These surveys are a long-standing and essential tool used to monitor herd health and inform wildlife management decisions.

FWP staff use fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, depending on survey objectives, terrain, and weather conditions. Flights often occur at low altitudes to allow observers to accurately count animals and assess herd composition. As a result, deer and elk may temporarily move or disperse when aircraft pass overhead. While these disturbances can be noticeable, decades of research and experience show that the surveys have minimal, short-term impacts on wildlife and do not affect long-term population health.

Aerial surveys have been conducted for many decades and play a critical role in collecting data used to evaluate population health, measure trends over time, and guide management actions. Information gathered during these surveys is used by biologists to understand the factors influencing mule deer and elk populations and to develop and adjust hunting regulations based on herd health and management objectives.

Research captures include darting or netting individual animals from a helicopter, then outfitting the animal with a GPS or radio collar. Wildlife movement data gathered from these collars provide a variety of insights, including habitat use, travel corridors, herd segmentation, mortality causes, and other factors that inform management objectives and transportation infrastructure.

Post-hunting-season mule deer surveys are conducted in long-term trend areas to collect data on buck composition and fawn recruitment. These surveys must be completed within a relatively small window of time before bucks shed their antlers, making winter conditions and timing especially important. Mule deer surveys are currently wrapping up across the region.

As winter progresses and elk begin to congregate on their winter ranges, biologists will transition to winter elk surveys. Using the same aircraft, biologists conduct minimum counts to estimate elk population size relative to management objectives. These surveys

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also provide important information on calf recruitment, which helps assess overall herd health and estimate future population trends. Winter elk surveys may occur anytime from late January through late March, depending on weather and snow conditions.

FWP appreciates the public's understanding and cooperation during these important monitoring efforts.

ZONING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 27th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

1. Call To Order
2. Review and Approval of November 18th, 2025 Minutes
3. Organization of Zoning Commission/Election of Officers
4. Director of Operations Report
5. Applications for Zoning Compliance Certificates for Review:

2025-049	Todd	304 N Walnut St	Duplex
2025-050	Todd	308 N Walnut St	Duplex
2025-051	Todd	312 N Walnut St	Duplex
2026-01	Jessop	18 Thomas Drive	Single Family
6. Update of CUP-003 Scheffel Garage and Set Public Hearing Date
7. Review/Discussion of Zoning Commission By-Laws
8. Review Example Zoning Application
9. Discuss/Approve Changes to Title 17.48 - Parking Due to HB 492
10. Discuss Changes to Title 17.60 - Residential Districts Due to HB 492
11. Public Comment on Items of Significant Public Interest Not on the Agenda and Within the Jurisdiction of the Zoning Commission.
12. Adjournment

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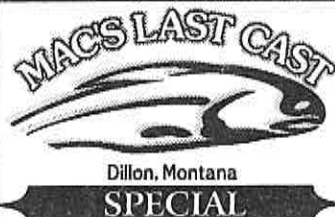
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- Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets and Mac & Cheese or Taco Salad Bar
- Wednesday: Chicken Filet Sandwich with Potatoes or Chef Salad Bar
- Thursday: Beef Stir Fry with Noodles or Cobb Salad Bar
- Friday: Vegetable Beef Stew with Cornbread or Asian Chicken Salad Bar

Monday through Friday this week, DMS Student Council will be selling chocolate bars for a school fundraiser. These XL chocolate bars are \$3 each. They will be individually wrapped and then delivered on Friday, February 13th right before Valentine's Day!

On Tuesday, January 27, DMS Girl's basketball has a home game against Butte Central. The 7th grade A team plays at 4:30 and the 8th grade A team plays at 5:30. Both games will be played in the Parkview Gym. The Student Section dress-up theme is Pajamas! Students, wear your comfiest PJs and cheer on the Cougars for their home game.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 27, 2026 4:45 P.M. Agenda

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1. Discuss/approve council subcommittee assignments
2. Public comment on items of significant public interest not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the city
3. Adjournment

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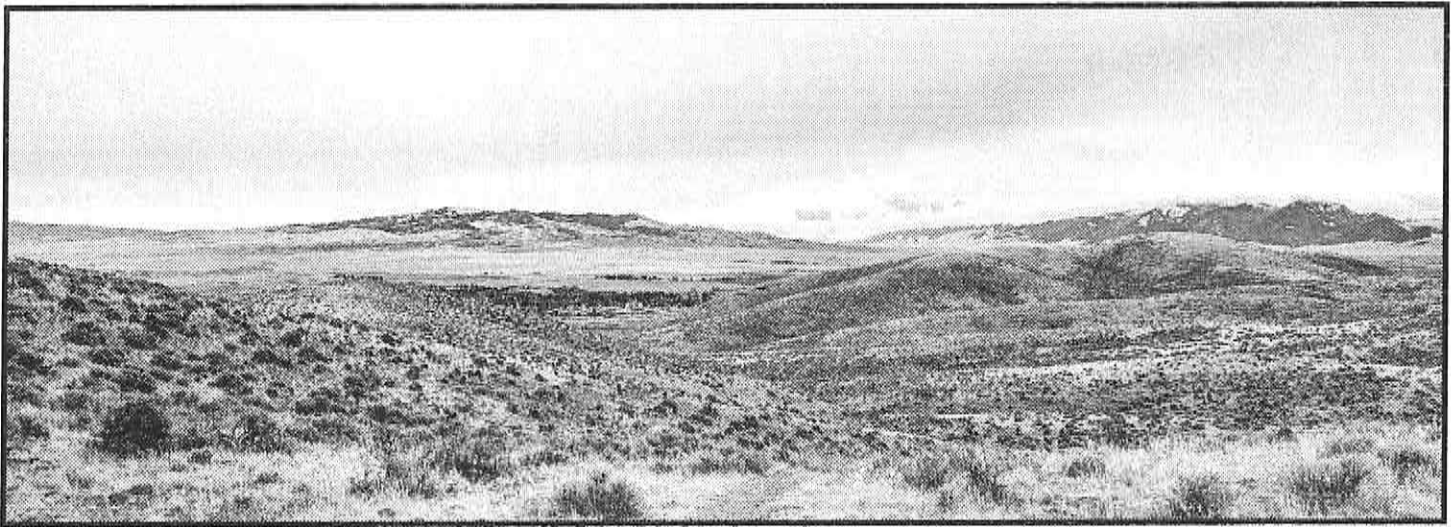

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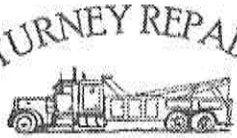
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The legal description of the site is: Section 33, Township 7S, Range 9W, in Beaverhead County, Montana.

Within 40 days of the receipt of a completed application, DEQ will make a preliminary determination whether the permit should be issued, issued with conditions, or denied. Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to receive notice of the preliminary determination, and the location where a copy of the application and DEQ's analysis of it can be reviewed, or to submit comments on the preliminary determination, must contact the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Bureau, Permitting Services Section Supervisor at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, telephone (406) 444-3490. Any comments on the preliminary determination must be submitted to the Department within the specified timeframe (within 15 or 30 days after the preliminary determination is issued).

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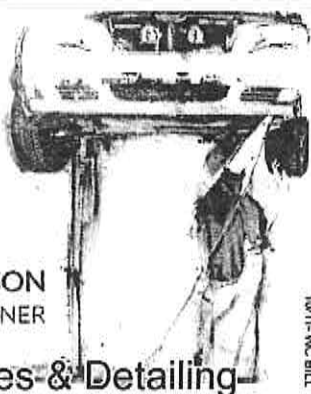
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