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With great sadness we mourn the passing of our Debbie. Due to failing health she passed away on January 31st at Barrett Hospital in Dillon, MT.

She was born in Townsend, MT on October 5, 1950, the youngest of nine children.

She graduated from high school in Great Falls, MT and attended Western Montana

College in Dillon, MT for a short time.

She moved to Glenrock, WY where she gained employment with Pacific Power & Light. Her career spanned 30 plus years. After her retirement she returned to Townsend, MT and lived in her home there for 14 years. She spent the last month of her life in the care of Pioneer Care & Rehab in Dillon, MT.

During her life she enjoyed family, cooking, camping and fishing, following wrestling on TV, word searches and crossword puzzles. She was an enormous Elvis Presley fan and had an impressive collection of memorabilia.

She is survived by two brothers: Edward (Sharon) of Great Falls, MT, David (Linda) of Homer, AK, three sisters: Delores White of Townsend, MT, Lucinda Iverson of Waconia, MN, Kathleen Doege (Dan Engdahl) of Gillette, WY and several nieces and nephews. She was, and always will be, "Aunt Debbie".

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Patrick Finnegan, two brothers, Glenn and Richard and one sister, Anita.

A memorial is planned for a later date.

Her kindness, fairness and honesty will always be remembered by her family and friends close to her. She will be missed.

Chief of Police Joel Stewart and Natalie Paulbeck presentation at library

February 24, 2026 - Natalie Paulbeck and the Chief of Police Joel Stewart will be at the Dillon Public Library at 5:30 p.m.

They are doing a presentation in conjunction with a grant received from Montana Children's Trust Fund. The grant is allowing authority figures to present information that brings awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect to our community.

The public is welcome to attend and there will be a light snack provided.

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The meal will be served from 5:30-7pm, in the St. Rose Family Center. The prices are \$12/adult, \$5/child (12 & under), and \$40/family. The buffet includes baked and fried cod, baked beans, baked potato, coleslaw, fruit salad, dessert and beverages.

All proceeds will be donated to community youth and family ministries. The buffet is open to public and all are invited to attend.

City of Dillon Quorum Notice

February 18, 2025; 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Notice is Hereby Given that Council Members may attend the Tax Increment Financing Districts Presentation, potentially resulting in a quorum.

City Council Chambers in Dillon February 18, 2025

No City of Dillon Business Will Be Conducted During the Above Meetings and the Public is Welcome to Attend and/or Observe

Should You Have Any Questions, Please Contact City Hall by Calling (406) 683-4245

BHH meeting

The February meeting of the Beaver Head Hunters Genealogical Society will be the 17th at 2 pm in the LDS church (come to the doors on the south side). This is our "Love Your Ancestors" -everyone brings an artifact or picture of an ancestor and shares a story about that person. Everyone is welcome to come and join in.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

(Health & Welfare/Fire & Order)

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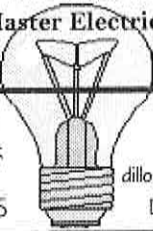
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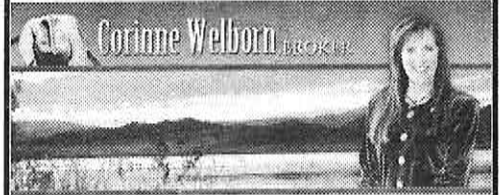
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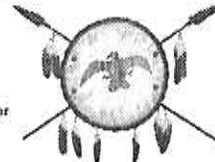
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"HOOP SHOOT" STATE COMPETITION**

On Saturday February 14, three girls and three boys, ages 8-13, were crowned Champions at the Montana Elks State "Hoop Shoot"® free throw contest, which took place at Park High School in Livingston, MT.

First, second and third place trophies were awarded to each boy and girl in three categories: ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. The contestants who participated at the Montana State Contest were crowned District Champions from the five districts in Montana.

The 30 state finalists journey began in the fall of 2025 where Montana Elks Lodges hosted a Lodge Contest. By winning their Lodge Contest, they advanced to their District Contests where they earned the title District Champion, allowing them to travel to Livingston, MT to compete at the State Contest.

The six state champions will represent Montana in the Regional Semi-Finals in Rapid City, SD on Saturday March 7, 2026. They will compete against the State Champions from North Dakota and South Dakota. The Regional Champions will advance to the National Finals in Chicago, IL, on April 18, 2026. The nation winners will have their names digitally inscribed at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

This program is totally sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A. It is endorsed by hundreds of school systems around the country. The Elks fund the program primarily through its National Foundation and the support of the local lodges and state associations. Travel and lodging expenses for the contestants and their parents are paid by the Elks.

The Elks "Hoop Shoot"®, began as a local program by Corvallis Oregon Elks in 1946, is in its 54th year of national competition. Over one million boys and girls are expected to participate this year.

"Hoop Shoot" Montana State Finals (Dillon Names Listed)

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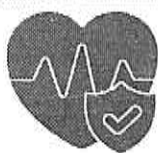
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Dillon Garden Club Workshop

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Monday, February 23, at 6:00 pm

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"How to Grow Petunias from Seed", presented by Dianna Wildhalm. Dianna holds a Botany Degree from MSU and resides in Butte. With over 20 years of experience in starting petunias from seeds and seven years working at the Petunia Factory Nursery in Butte, Dianna brings exceptional expertise to this workshop. She will also cover tips for proper care, purchasing healthy petunias from nurseries, and explore the vast variety of petunias available.

Following the workshop, our regular club business meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Both the workshop and meeting are open to the community; all are invited to attend.

LIMA SCHOOL BOARD NEEDS YOU

Lima District #12 has two (2), three (3) years terms that will be on the Annual Regular School District Election ballot, May 5, 2026. No one filed to run by the February 9th deadline for the two upcoming expiring in May, School Board positions

If you would like to run as a Write-In-Candidate or know of someone that would like to run, please contact Deb Harrison, Business Manager/District Clerk at (406) 276-3571 or (406) 550-1484 for the form and particulars. The deadline for write-in-candidates is March 2, 2026 (by 5 p.m.) VOTES ONLY COUNT FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES WHO FILE A DECLARATION OF INTENT.

If you would like to fill out a "Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy For Trustee Candidate", please contact Deb Harrison.

Elk on the Crow Reservation test negative for brucellosis

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, in conjunction with Crow Tribe Fish & Game, recently captured elk on the Crow Reservation south of Billings. Blood samples from all 99 captured elk tested negative for brucellosis.



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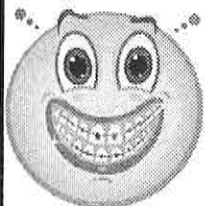
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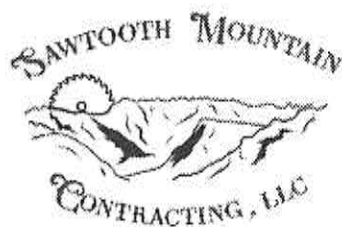
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Performances at the BCHS auditorium on February 26th at 7pm, and February 28th at 3pm and 7pm.
Admission is \$8 adults and \$5 under-18.
Free admission for BCHS staff and students

Attorney General Knudsen issues statement on nomination of Katie Lane as federal judge for the District of Montana

Attorney General Knudsen issued the following statement today regarding President Trump's nomination of Katie Lane to serve as judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana:

"It is an honor to congratulate Katie on her nomination to serve as the next federal judge in Montana. During her two years in my office as deputy solicitor general, Katie played an integral role in defending Montana's laws and challenging the Biden administration's unconstitutional mandates. President Trump could not have made a better pick as I am confident she will bring valuable experience and integrity to the bench and look forward to welcoming her back to the state."

Previously, Attorney General Knudsen appointed Lane as deputy solicitor general of Montana.

Lane served in that position from May 2021 to March 2023.

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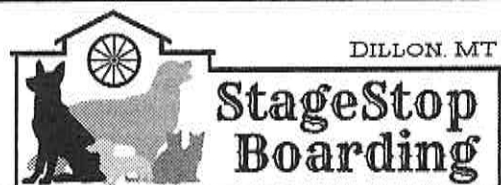


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8:00 A.M. City Council Chambers

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2. Discuss/Recommend Job Description for City Attorney
3. Discuss/Recommend Items to Bid
4. Discuss/Recommend Chair Lift for Second Story Access
5. Discuss/Recommend Changes to Title 6.04
Vicious Animals
6. Discuss/Recommend Changes to Title 2.04.060

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA - Available on the City Web site

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

7:00 P.M. City Council Chambers

Western WBB Falls to #6 Dakota State 81-59

The UMW women's basketball program (10-13, 8-11 FC) was clipped by #6 Dakota State (22-3, 17-2 FC) 81-59.

The Bulldogs led by as many as 15 in the opening frame, but the Trojans put together back-to-back 20-point quarters to help take the win.

UMW shot 33.8 percent (22-65) from the field, 18.8 percent (3-16) from three, and 75.0 percent (12-16) from the charity stripe. Western earned 45 rebounds, 12 assists, 10 steals, and four blocks. The Bulldogs registered 30 points in the paint, 15 points off turnovers, 11 second-chance points, and 23 bench points.

Bulldog Men's Basketball Hangs On for 88-80 Win Over Dakota State

The UMW men's basketball program (17-8, 12-7 FC) held off Dakota State (16-18, 11-8 FC) 88-80 Friday evening.

The Bulldogs led by as 22 in the first half, but the visitors kept it interesting, pulling back within six with under a minute remaining in the game.

UMW shot 55.8 percent (29-52) from the floor, 43.5 percent (10-23) from downtown, and 69.0 percent (20-29) from the line. The Bulldogs tallied 29 rebounds, 20 assists, nine steals, and three blocks.

They registered 32 points in the paint, 17 points off turnovers, 10 second-chance points, and 21 bench points.

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Bulldog WBB Rolls Over Bellevue on Senior Night

The UMW women's basketball program (11-13, 9-11 FC) handled Bellevue (9-16, 5-15 FC) 77-57 Saturday evening. Though the game was close after the first quarter, the Bulldogs outscored the Bruins 62-42 over the final three frames to seal the deal.

UMW shot 47.5 percent (29-61) from the field, 25.0 percent (6-24) from three, and 68.4 percent (13-19) from the foul line.

Western earned 40 rebounds, 16 assists, seven steals, and four blocks. The Bulldogs registered 40 points in the paint, 17 points off turnovers, 15 second-chance points, and 35 bench points.

LEADERBOARD - Bailee Sayler led all players with 25 points while Tayva Phillips (16), Isabella Lund (12), and Keke Davis (11) were also in double figures.

Davis and Kyle Pancost tied for the team-lead in rebounds with nine each. Lund dished out a game-high eight assists. Ava Bellach snagged a team-high two steals. Kyle Pancost swatted a game-best three blocks.

**Western MBB Battles for
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The UMW men's basketball program (18-8, 13-7 FC) pulled off a thrilling 73-72 "senior-night" victory over Bellevue (20-5, 15-5 FC) Saturday.

The Bulldogs fought tooth and nail against one of the league's top teams, leading by as many as 12 before holding on for the one-point win.

UMW shot 47.1 percent (24-51) from the floor, 52.4 percent (11-21) from downtown, and 77.8 percent (14-18) from the line.

The Bulldogs tallied 29 rebounds, 10 assists, six steals, and four blocks.

They registered 26 points in the paint, 10 points off turnovers, three second-chance points, and 35 bench points.

LEADERBOARD - Kyle Gruhler led the team with 23 points, followed by David Young with 15.

Billy Carlson pulled down a team-high six rebounds. Jacob Ankeny registered a team-best three assists and game-high two blocks.

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Dainian Martinez, Defensive Back 6-0, 180, Blackfoot, Idaho, Blackfoot HS Martinez joins the Bulldogs from Blackfoot High School. He earned first team all-conference recognition as both a defensive back and kick return specialist. He is the son of Jerry and Suzette Martinez and plans to major in psychology.

Jrney Mataafa, Linebacker 5-10, 205, Dillon, Mont., Beaverhead County HS Mataafa is a home-grown player from Dillon. He picked up all-state honors as a linebacker in 2025. He is the son of Junior and Sheynoa Mataafa and plans to major in business.

Riley McCullar, Free Safety 5-11, 185, Fernley, Nev., Fernley HS McCullar joins the Bulldogs after a standout high school career in Nevada. He is a two-time all-state honoree at defensive back and one-time all-state at wide receiver. He is the son of Jacob and Aja McCullar and plans to major in business administration.

Brody Munson, Wide Receiver 6-0, 180, Boise, Idaho, Mountain View HS Munson is a wide receiver who helped lead Mountain View High School to three state quarter final appearances. He received three first team all-conference honors and one second team all-state nod. He is the son of Josh and Nicole Munson and will major in business administration.

Cavan Rowe, Defensive End 6-0, 205, Spring Creek, Nev., Spring Creek HS Rowe joins the Bulldogs out of Spring Creek Nev. He led Spring Creek High School to a state championship. He received second team all-league honors. He is the son of Brigham and Tabitha Rowe and brother of current Bulldog Liam Rowe.

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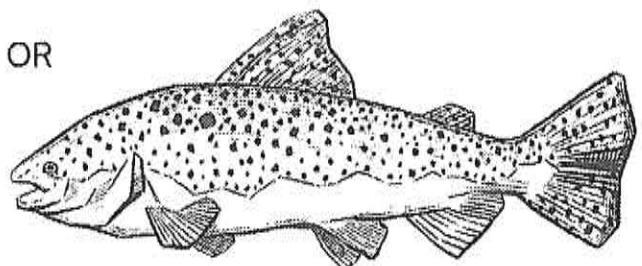
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PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION & RESUME TO:

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BEAVERHEAD COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE

2 S. PACIFIC ST #1, DILLON MT 59725

bhankinson@beaverheadcountymt.gov

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2026 BEAVERHEAD COUNTY REPUBLICAN ANNUAL

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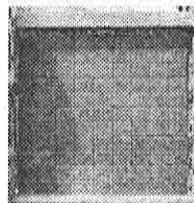
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Dillon Elementary Schools

External Vacancy Announcement

School District #10 anticipates having the following full-time,
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- 1.0 FTE Elementary School Counselor – Must have current,
unexpired Montana Educator License with an endorsement in
Counseling.

External Application Procedure

- 1) Letter of Interest
- 2) Completed District Application/Resume
- 3) 3 current Letters of Recommendation
- 4) Copy of Certification and Transcripts

All School District #10 classified staff members, who are appropriately certified and interested in
applying for any of the above, must complete the entire application packet. Current employment
with the district does not guarantee an interview.

External Application Deadline – Open Until Filled

Contact Mrs. Natalie English, District Secretary, at nenglish@dillonlem.k12.mt.us or at
(406) 683-4311, option #3 for application materials.

All application materials must be returned to Mrs. Natalie English at the District Office
before the aforementioned deadline! Incomplete applications will not be considered!

Dillon Elementary School District #10
C/O Randy Shipman, Superintendent
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Dillon, Montana 59725
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