

# Dillon Tribune

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## News In Brief

### November 7 is election...

Voters will go to the polls to vote on building a new fire hall in Dillon and to elect a variety of county water and sewer district directors.

At stake is a new fire hall, a proposed joint project between the City of Dillon and Fire District 2. If passed in both districts, the measure would build a new fire hall in Dillon, a small hall in Grant and provide money for additional equipment for the county fire district. The measure asks for approval of an additional mill levy in both districts.

Polling places for the City of Dillon are Vigilante Electric (Ward 1); City Hall (Ward 2); Bicentennial Apartments (Ward 3) and State Bank (Ward 4). The polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Voters living in the county Fire District No. 2 will vote at the multi-purpose room of the courthouse.

Water and sewer directors will be elected at Jackson. The polling place is the Jackson School. It will be open from 12 noon until 8 p.m.

At Wisdom the water/sewer election will be at the community hall from 12 noon until 8 p.m.

At Dell directors for the water/sewer district will be elected from 12 noon until 8 p.m. at the community hall.

### Receives top IDC rating...

A local financial institution, Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan, has received an excellent ranking in financial performance, placing it in the top 15 percent of the nation's thrifts.

The ratings were issued by IDC Financial Publishing and are used as a guide to evaluating savings and loans and savings banks. The rating is based on 35 key operating ratios. It also received a top rating from Bauer Communications, Inc.

### Swap planned...

The Beaverhead Ski Patrol's annual Ski Swap is Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the old Dilmart building on Bannack Street in Dillon. Consignments will be received Friday, Nov. 10, from 7-9 p.m., with a 50 cent per item fee. Out of town consignments will be taken Saturday morning until 10 a.m.

## Inside This Week

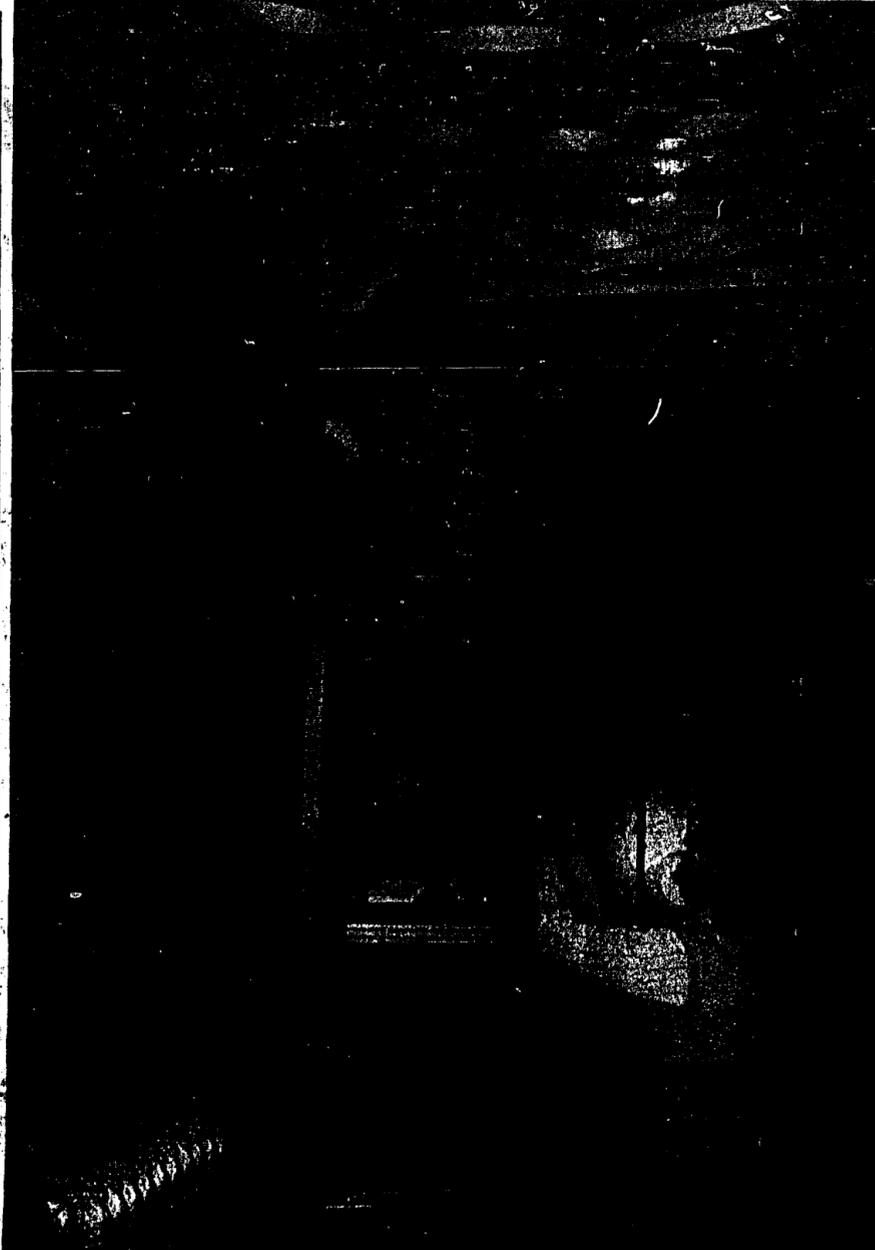
### Dillon's Weatherwatch

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### Getting ready...

Susie Reblsh and Lynn Buckley work hard Monday night getting ready for Saturday's Centennial Ball at the old Union Pacific Depot.

## Dillon's ball set to go

Preparations for Saturday's Centennial Ball in Dillon are nearly complete, according to Roger Pelletier. The ball, to celebrate Montana's 100th year and to raise funds for refurbishing the 80-year old Union Pacific depot, is planned for 8 p.m. Saturday.

The ball, which is open to the public, will be held in the old railroad station. Crews of volunteers have thoroughly cleaned the building, Pelletier said, and are in the process of decorating.

The evening will open with an old-fashioned address by B. F. White, Montana's last territorial governor in 1889, who was also a Dillon resident, followed by a reception. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. with music being provided by a swing band.

At midnight there will be a

box social, with dancing to continue until 2 a.m.

Buggy rides, being headed by Bob Miller, will be available to the State Bank parking lot and to the Elks Lodge, which is also celebrating its 60th anniversary with a dance and dinner. "People are encouraged to attend both," Pelletier said.

Although period costumes are welcome, and a contest for the best costumes is planned, they are certainly not necessary, Pelletier said.

"One thing that might be confusing people is the box social. It shouldn't. The social actually means bringing a decorated box, with a lunch for two. The boxes will be auctioned off and the successful bidder will sit down and eat the lunch with the woman that brought it. For

those without time to make one, they are available from several Dillon restaurants. The Healthy I will also be open until midnight for anyone who needs to get one at the last minute."

The social itself, is optional, Pelletier noted. "We encourage everybody to come, even if only for a little while. It's not necessary to stay all night."

Punch will also be available at the ball, Pelletier said.

Fourteen former Union Pacific employees, who actually worked at the depot, will be special guests at the reception.

A total of 400 tickets are available for the event. Tickets are \$5 each and are available from Pioneer Federal, State Bank, the Courthouse and the Chamber of Commerce.

### New river plan

The Montana Fish and Game Commission is considering a plan that will direct trout management on the Big Hole River for the next five years.

The commission, which will meet Nov. 9 in Helena, is contemplating a range of management issues on the river, including continuing the "slot limit" and artificial lures-only regulations between Divide and Melrose. Also being considered are maintaining the special regulations and fishing gear restrictions on the reach between Dickie Bridge and Divide for two more years, and preserving, protecting and improving the last native stream-dwelling grayling in the river by allowing a high harvest of brook trout above Dickie Bridge.

## County prepares for redistricting

The Beaverhead County Commissioners will meet before Judge Frank Davis at 10 a.m., Nov. 16, to consider how to comply with a writ of mandate the judge issued to redistrict the county.

The writ, issued Oct. 19, was not served on the commissioners until late last week, necessitating moving back the Oct. 30 date for the appearance.

Commission chairman Randy Tommerup said the delay, however, is not affecting the commission's plans to comply with the writ. "We have the census report and will probably go ahead with the redistrict, although we may ask the judge to wait until the 1990 census is complete."

The issue of redistricting, to allow more closely matched commissioner districts under the one man-one vote principle, came up "several years ago," Tommerup said. The issue "sort of dropped," although he felt the commissioners would have done it with the 1990 census.

The commissioners also got a "bombshell dropped on us," Monday, when Mutual of Omaha, an insurance company that was considering taking over the county employees' health insurance plan, declined. A total of 18 people on the plan, which is currently being handled by Great West Insurance, were deemed to be high medical risks and Mutual of Omaha told the commissioners they would not write the insurance.

Currently the county is paying about \$14,000 a month for insurance, and Great West has announced increases amounting to nearly \$5000 a month.

The commissioners will be talking with Great West on Nov. 15 to consider options, including reduced coverage or self-insuring part of the policy.

The commissioners, along with the comprehensive planning committee, will meet at 8 a.m. Monday to review proposals to the plan. The commissioners will hold hearings on the plan in about 90 days, Tommerup said.

## Rogers gets 20 years

Fifth District Judge Frank M. Davis sentenced Linda Rogers of Dillon to up to a 20-year prison term last Thursday on one count of issuing bad checks, a felony.

Rogers pled guilty Aug. 28 in District Court to writing 73 bad checks to 30 different businesses between May 23 and June 19 of this year. Two counts of forgery, also a felony, were dismissed at that time.

In sentencing Rogers, Davis agreed with County Attorney Tom Scott that a stiff sentence was appropriate. Rogers was sentenced to 20 years at the Women's Correctional Center in Warm Springs with 10 years suspended. Rogers, who is classified as a persistent felony offender, must make restitution for the checks, and will not be allowed an account at any banking institution. Davis also stipulated that Rogers stay away from establishments where alcoholic beverages are served and to submit to urinalysis testing.

Rogers was accused of writing bad checks totaling \$2,401.44 and forged another \$752 in

checks in Beaverhead County during the 28 day period. Although the forgery charges were dropped, restitution for the amount must be paid by Rogers. During the same period of time Rogers wrote bad checks in Madison County totaling \$671.87.

Rogers was first convicted of issuing bad checks in 1963. She received a suspended sentence that was revoked in 1965 when she was again convicted of issuing bad checks. Judge Davis sentenced Rogers to the Women's Correctional Center for violation of her probation. In 1986 Rogers was again returned to the Women's Correctional Center for issuing bad checks, this time in Silver Bow County.

Rogers' attorney Vince Kozakiewicz noted that alcohol has been a major problem in her life and asked that his client receive a probationary sentence.

Rogers has been transferred to Jefferson County where a warrant for her arrest has been issued for a bad check charge.

## 'Jail' for good cause

Scores of Dillon residents will face arrest Nov. 7-8.

But it's all for a good cause. The Western Montana College Associated Students group will be "arresting" Dillon civic leaders and residents... and each will be faced with one hour in the "slammer" as part of a fund-raising benefit for the March of Dimes fight against birth defects.

Bob Carroll, president of Associated Students, said the event is called "Stars Behind Bars. Anyone can request the incarceration of a spouse, friend, co-worker or other person, and share the amusing action built into the event."

Requests for "arrests" can be

phoned to the March of Dimes at 1-800-873-4332 or to Bob Carroll at 683-7612, along with a pledge in the amount of \$10 by the complainant.

A phony arrest warrant is prepared and an arresting officer picks up the accused for delivery to the mock jail, which will be located in the Student Union Building at Western Montana College. There, the judge will set "bail" and the prisoner is placed behind bars. The next hour the "inmate" will have to call friends and acquaintances to raise bail in the form of a pledge contribution to the March of Dimes.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 683-7612.

## Early snows close road

Early snows this past weekend have forced the closing of the Gravelly Range Road to trucks and cars, according to Mark Petroni, Beaverhead National Forest district ranger in Ennis.

"There were several parties caught by the heavy snow," he said. "It was a busy weekend for the search and rescue folks. A few hunting parties are going to have to leave their equipment - horse trailers and pickups - until the roads open next July

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"There isn't any off-road travel allowed in the area to protect the natural resources. That's real tempting to do when you're confronted with a drift blocking your way," Petroni said. "But, it's real hard on the land."

The closure affects the north-south Gravelly Range Road, Forest Road 290, from its junction with Road 347 in Eureka Basin, on the south, to its junction with Road 292, the Call Road, on the north.