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## Belva Joyce McRoberts

*July 31, 1941 — January 2, 2025*



On January 2, 2025, 7 weeks after the passing of her husband (Belva) Joyce McRoberts, 83 passed away after years of suffering from Cancer and Dementia.

Joyce was born in Salmon, Idaho on July 31, 1941 to Denzel and Jean Stevens (Hutchinson). She was the 2nd of 6 siblings. It was early in life that Joyce became determined to make something of her life. Her childhood was not easy but also one she did not complain of. She knew making the life she wanted was up to her and blame was not part of her vocabulary. Determined she was and determined she did!

Joyce graduated in Idaho from Twin Falls High School. From there she graduated from Twin Falls Business College where she met and married Darrel in 1961. They had 3 children: Wally, Angie (Craig) and Doug. Joyce loved time with family. Her 3 children married and added 9 grandchildren to the family: Michele (Kenny), Auston (Samantha), Heather (Kenny), Tabitha (Glyn), Joshua (Lynnsi), Kyler (Brittney), Tyson (Keilee), Isaac (Bri) and Elle (Dominique). Her grandchildren then added 17 great grandchildren: Kayden, Carter, Blake, Ava, Lucas, Maddison, Harvey, Adriana, Ryan, Maci, Amelia, Callum, Baker, Kamdynn, Thomas, Oakley and Benjamin.

Darrel's career moved the family from Idaho to Illinois, Washington, Minnesota and back to Idaho in 1980. Throughout those years Joyce was very involved in the life of her family and had various jobs within the school districts of her kids and in accounting, bookkeeping and payroll. She was always involved in politics. Joyce was a State Senator for the State of Idaho for a greater part of the 90's. At the time of her service as a Senator she became the highest-ranking woman ever to serve in the Legislation when she was elected as the Majority Leader. After stepping down from the Majority Leader she served on the JFAC committee. Next, Joyce was appointed Director of Region V office of the Department of Health and Welfare. She served on the State Board of Education. Then she was appointed Idaho State Deputy Director of Health and Welfare. Then she served on the Board of Medicine. Amongst her peers she was thought of as someone who would get the job done, she listened and knew the system. She was firm and when she said, 'this is it, then you might as well bank on it because that's the way it was going to be!". She managed her family in the same fashion. We were told from an early age, if


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She was preceded in Death by her parents, Denzel and Jean, sibling's: Janice, Donna and Ed and her husband, Darrel.

She is survived by her children: Wally, Angie (Craig) and Doug, 9 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Her sister, Pat and Brother, Ron.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Renaissance Senior Care and Honey Bee Hospice in Dillon MT. where Joyce resided for the past 13 months of her life and where Angie lives. Their constant, love, support, knowledge, care and availability made this journey more manageable and even fun at times.

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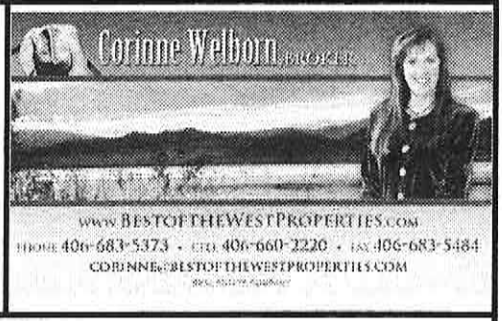
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## Worn Out Corral

*Bryce Angell*

The campfire was a welcome sight. We'd ridden most the day.
We led the horses to the corral, then tossed in bales of hay.
The corral had seen some better years. We thought it looked worn out. I'll bet the corral had stories you could ramble on about.
The fence posts were all juniper. They'd lasted many years.
But the poles were torn and broken from those wild and angry steers.
As cowboys do, we always brought a roll of baler twine.
The string served many purposes from rope to fishing line.
We tied the corral together and were proud of what we built.
One cowboy said, "It sure looks like my Grandma's patched up quilt."
We wolfed down spuds and gravy, climbed in bags and hit the light.
Then woke up to the sounds of hell! I'd say around midnight.
A half a dozen cowboys stumbled out with pistols drawn.
One cowboy stood there freezing, only whitey-tidies on.
The racket came from in the corral. 'Twas pandemonium!
The horses were so loud that it could crack your cranium!
We shined our lights out in the corral. A steer was in the midst.
He'd jumped the fence and scared the horses half out of their wits.
The half starved steer was 'bout the mangiest I'd ever seen.
His horns looked more like antlers and his face was full of mean.
My gelding stood there shivering and blowing shards of snot.
He must have been hoping that the steer would soon be caught.
The steer was chowing down the hay. He meant to cause no strife.
But for sure was not about to leave the best meal of his life.
We settled down the horses, then we tied each to a tree.
The time was nearly two o'clock or maybe even three.
The steer was gone by daylight. He had caused his share of grief.
I said, "If he comes back again I'm turning him to beef!"
Now the old corral was empty. It was tied and torn about.
Guess I'd never seen a corral that couldn't keep a critter out.

## Beaverhead County HS Activity List

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1/9 | Boys Basketball @ Park | Away 4:00/5:30/7:00 pm | |
| 1/9 | Girls Basketball vs Park | Home4:45/5:45/7:15 pm | |
| 1/9 | FFA Meeting | Vo-Ag | 6:00 pm |
| 1/10 | Wresting @ Frenchtown | Away | 5:00 pm |
| 1/10-1/11 | Speech & Drama @ Corvallis | Overnight | Away |
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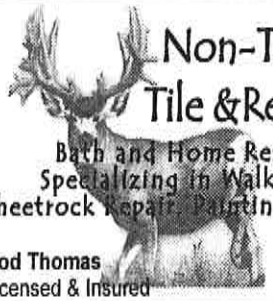


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On Saturday, January 4, three girls and three boys, ages 8-13, were crowned Champions at the Elks South District "Hoop Shoot"® free throw contest, which took place at Straugh Gymnasium on the Montana Western campus in Dillon, MT.

First and second 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 District Hoop Shoot Contest were crowned Champions at their local Lodge Contest Dillon #1554.

The three first place boys and girls in age categories 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 will advance to the Montana State Contest at Park County High School in Livingston, MT on February 8, 2025.

They will compete against the Districts Champions from the other four Montana districts. With continued success, the six Montana State Champions will advance to the Regional Contest in Rapid City, SD, on March 8; the National Finals in Chicago, IL, April 26.

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.

The Elks "Hoop Shoot"®, began as a local program by Corvallis Oregon Elks in 1946, is in its 53rd year of national competition. Over three million boys and girls are expected to participate this year. In the past, Montana has crowned several National Champions.

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| | | SCORE out of 25 | Hometown | Lodge |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Girls 10-11 | | | | |
| 3rd | Kate Feenstra | 12 | Dillon | Dillon #1554 |
| Girls 12-13 | | | | |
| 2nd | Brigid Mehrens | 14 (3/5) | Dillon | Dillon #1554 |
| Boys 10-11 | | | | |
| 3rd | Austin Blando | 16 | Dillon | Dillon #1554 |
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The winners will be announced at the Chamber's Annual Awards Gala, Friday, January 31st at 6 pm. RSVP is required and tables are available.

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## Bulldogs Men's Basketball Shuts Down Lights

The Montana Western men's basketball team (9-5) opened Frontier Conference play with a victory against the Montana State University Northern Lights (6-8) 58-42.

"Our guys competed and locked in on the defensive end for 40 minutes," Head Coach Pat Jensen said. "Really proud of their effort to get a conference road win."

Alan Kane and Kyle Gruhler each had 14 points to lead the Bulldogs in scoring.

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## UMW Alumni Thrive in Speridian Technologies' Program

The University of Montana Western continues to see its graduates excel in professional environments, including unique opportunities such as Speridian Technologies' New Wave Accelerator Program. Designed to prepare recent graduates for careers in technology and consulting, the program has become a launching pad for Montana Western alumni.

As a global business and technology solutions provider, Speridian Technologies and its 3,200+ business and technology experts help clients modernize their businesses through digital transformation. The New Wave program, founded in 2022, offers technology-focused career opportunities in southwest Montana through a six-month training program.

Designed to give participants an immersive experience in several technology and business-related disciplines, including Project Management, Business Analysis, and Account Management, participants learn these disciplines through assignment-based learning, job shadowing, client-facing projects, and certifications.

Recently, Wesley Korpi and Trinity Bushnell, both 2023 graduates of UMW, have successfully transitioned from the New Wave Program to full-time roles at Speridian. Their stories highlight the blend of academic preparation and experiential learning that Montana Western provides.



Originally from Dillon, Montana, Wesley Korpi graduated in December 2023 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a minor in Small Business Management. Growing up in Dillon, Wesley witnessed firsthand the community's strong support for the university. This, combined with UMW's small class sizes and block scheduling, ultimately drew him to attend.

During his time at UMW, Wesley's diverse business coursework played a significant role in preparing him for the Speridian New Wave program. These courses provided him with a well-rounded understanding of key business concepts and practical skills, including proficiency with Microsoft products, business operations, and strategic planning.

Unsure about his career direction after college, Wesley viewed the opportunity to join Speridian's New Wave program as an excellent starting point for his professional journey. During the program, Wesley described his experience as a trainee as incredible. The program provided him with hands-on training in multiple roles, including Business Analyst and Project Manager. He was able to further develop his business knowledge and professionalism while gaining the skills needed to excel in these roles.

"The program struck a perfect balance between being an enjoyable experience and providing a supportive environment for personal and professional growth," Wesley said.

Wesley now works as a Business Analyst in the Public Sector division at Speridian, using his skills to help clients improve their systems and processes.

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Trinity Bushnell, from Helena, Montana, graduated with honors from UMW in 2023, earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a minor in Small Business Management. Trinity's decision to attend UMW was influenced by the unique block scheduling system and the opportunity to compete on the rodeo team.

At UMW, Trinity developed both technical and soft skills through her advanced business courses and the collaborative environment fostered by experiential learning. She said this combination is what set UMW apart from other universities.

The New Wave program provided Trinity with hands-on experience and the chance to shadow professionals in various roles across the company, introducing her to career paths she hadn't previously considered. The program also offered extensive training in different software applications, with opportunities to earn multiple certifications. While the environment was competitive, Trinity emphasized the strong peer support and collaboration required to succeed, which made the experience both challenging and rewarding.

Trinity now works as a hybrid Business Analyst and Project Manager. Her role involves collaborating with clients, documenting system requirements, and ensuring that development teams meet project goals. She also plays a key role in managing project plans and resources to ensure team success.

The University of Montana Western is proud to celebrate Wesley and Trinity's professional achievements and deeply appreciates partnerships with organizations like Speridian, which provide valuable career opportunities for students.

Students interested in applying for the May 2025 New Wave program are encouraged to contact Program Director, Matt Allen: matthew.allen@speridian.com or 406-925-9834.

## Bulldog Women Roll Past Vikings

The Montana Western women's basketball team (5-7) claimed a decisive 77-48 victory over Alberta-Augustana (2-9) in a non-conference game.

"We started off a little slow but the girls responded and took control of the game," Head Coach Britt Cooper said.

After tying her career high set in last night's matchup, Keke Davis led the Bulldogs by scoring 15 points and grabbing nine rebounds while also contributing three steals.

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## Women's Basketball Drops Conference Opener

The Montana Western women's basketball team (5-8) dropped their Frontier Conference opener to the Montana State University Northern Skylights (10-4) 83-62.

Trinidie Nichols led the Bulldogs with 18 points, while Keke Davis chipped in with 10 points. Next - The Bulldogs will return home as they take on Carroll College on Thursday, January 9 in the Straugh Gymnasium for a 5 p.m. tip-off.

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# Dillon Elementary School District #10

# 2025 Technology Levy

Dillon Elementary School District #10



## Why is Dillon Elementary asking for a technology levy increase?

Dillon Elementary School District #10 is asking for voter approval of a $150,000 technology levy increase in the May 2025 election to help maintain and update critical educational technology. This additional funding will support the following:

- Protecting Student and Staff Data
- Purchasing Student Learning Software
- Improving Parent Communication Tools
- Maintaining and Replacing Instructional Devices

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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.

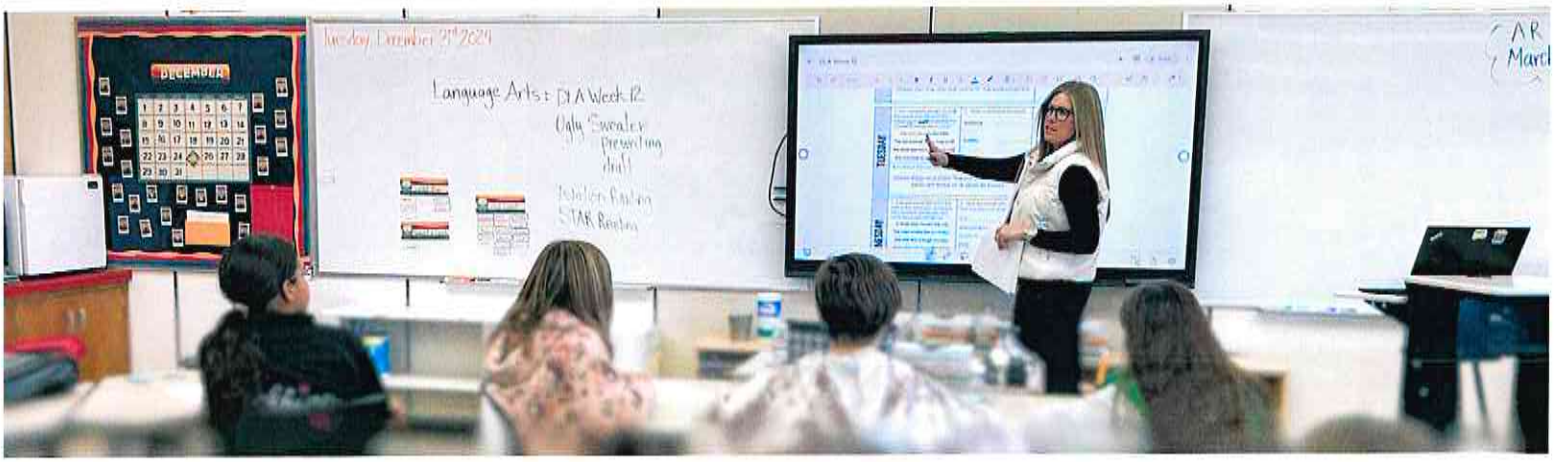
**Improving Parent Communication Tools:**
Effective parent communication technology is crucial for fostering a supportive school community focused on student success. These funds will enable timely updates and the purchase of tools that enhance collaboration between parents and educators, improving student 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.

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**Date:** Saturday, January 25th at 6:00 PM
**Tickets:** $100 per person

Please note: Each course will be served in small plate portions, thoughtfully paired with premium wines.

Please RSVP by Jan 11 to Kantor at kantorp@dillondenmt.com.

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