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Southwest MT Friends of NRA

The Southwest MT Friends of NRA have begun preparing for the annual banquet to be held Saturday, April 5th at the Keltz Arena. This year will mark a milestone – it's our 20th year! We are putting together this year's committees and are looking for volunteers. An organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, January 22nd – 6 p.m. at the Conference Room at the Sheriff's Annex – 2 So. Pacific St. in Dillon to discuss ideas and plan for the anniversary celebration! If you have any questions or would like to become involved, please contact Kathy Wise at 406-660-1699 or visit Joan Grogan at the 3-D Store.

Montana State Auditor James Brown, Sends Offer of Assistance to California Insurance Commissioner

James Brown, the Montana State Auditor and Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, sent a letter to California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara offering assistance as the California Department of Insurance deals with the aftermath of the devastating wildfires that have wiped out entire communities in the greater Los Angeles area.

In his letter to the California Insurance Commissioner, Brown said, "Having just been sworn in as Montana State Auditor and Commissioner of Securities and Insurance a week ago, I am still learning various aspects of my role. However, I know one important aspect of this role is to help my colleagues when I can and offer the assistance of my office to our fellow Americans when they may need it."

For inquiries, contact David Sanders, CSI Communications, at 406.444.3778 or dsanders@mt.gov.

Bricks at SW Montana Veterans Memorial

The S.W. Montana Veterans Memorial is accepting applications for Veterans bricks to be placed in the memorial by 30, May 2025. The bricks are \$100 each, the same price that they were in 2003. Orders will be placed on 1, April to ensure that the bricks are here and will be installed by Memorial Day. Orders application forms are available at www.beaverhead.com/veterans or by calling Harvey Lake at 406-683-4514 or Cell 406-596-4514

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Attorney General Knudsen, MTDOJ support legislation to protect children from online sex predators and hold perpetrators accountable

Attorney General Austin Knudsen and Montana Department of Justice investigators and prosecutors testified in House Judiciary Committee in support of House Bill 82, sponsored by Representative Kathy Love, which will protect children from sexual exploitation online and hold predators accountable by strengthening Montana law. House Bill 82 will:

- Make grooming a child for sexual offense a crime under the state's crimes against children statute;
- Clarify that perpetrators can be charged with crimes against children as a result of a proactive law enforcement operation;
- Allow for the prosecution of sex predators utilizing artificial intelligence to digitally alter images;

"As times change and technology evolves, we must ensure our state laws keep up and that we are protecting Montana children from dangerous predators online. At the Montana Department of Justice, we identified gaps in the law that leave kids vulnerable to predators on social media, gaming platforms, and messaging apps," Attorney General Knudsen said. In 2024, Congress passed the REPORT Act which set national standards for reporting child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and requires tech companies report text-based enticement of a child to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). HB 82 will allow investigators and prosecutors to act on the text-based tips they are receiving from NCMEC, identify victims and get them help, and hold predators accountable.

Child sex predators are increasingly using text-based and online enticement to target and groom children. Young Montanans spend hours on electronic devices each day, giving predators unprecedented access to potential victims. The introduction of AI content has also left children more vulnerable to predators as sophisticated technology and tactics can significantly alter an image or voice without the victims consent or knowledge. For information on how to stay safe online and to report child sexual exploitation visit <https://dojmt.gov/dci-home/crime-information-bureau/icac/>.



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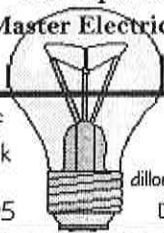
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Beaverhead County Courthouse Commissioners Room

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Friday January 17, 2025

Hunting and trapping for bobcats to close

By order of the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission, the hunting and trapping of bobcats will close in Region 3 on Thursday, Jan. 16, at midnight.

For more information, visit FWP's website at myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/speciesHuntingGuide to check the current quota status.

Montana Department of Commerce Allocates Planning Grants to 9 Montana Communities

The Montana Department of Commerce announced today that nine Montana towns, cities and counties will share nearly \$300,000 of grant funding to help plan significant community development projects. The funding is through Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Planning Grant Program.

The CDBG Planning Grant Program is designed to help communities plan by supporting the implementation of growth policies, capital improvement plans, subdivision and zoning regulations, downtown master plans, housing plans and preliminary architectural and engineering reports.

The following communities and districts will receive CDBG Planning Grant funding:

- The Town of Bridger will receive \$24,000 to complete a growth policy.
- The Town of Cascade will receive \$22,500 to complete a growth policy update.
- The Town of Fairview will receive \$40,000 to complete subdivision and zoning regulations update.
- The Town of Geraldine will receive \$40,000 to complete a preliminary architectural report.
- Golden Valley County will receive \$26,250 to complete a growth policy update.
- The Town of Jordan will receive \$30,000 to complete a growth policy update.
- Richland County will receive \$50,000 to complete a growth policy update and zoning study.
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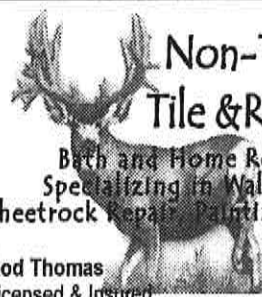
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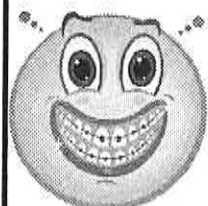
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Beaverhead County Courthouse - Commissioners' Room

- Call to Order
- Review and approve minutes of October 24, 2024, meeting Treasurer's Report
- Announcements
- Old Business
 - Report on EMT class
 - Report on Beaverhead EMS regarding process for receiving future tax revenues
- New Business
 - Next meeting will be April 17, 2025, at 10:00 in the Beaverhead County courthouse.

Public comment - Public comment on items of significant public interest not on the Agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Beaverhead Ambulance Services Special District Board.

Special Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, January 22nd 2025 11:00 a.m. and 1 p.m.
@ City Hall

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Interviews for Director position for Dillon Public Library

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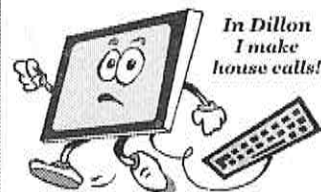
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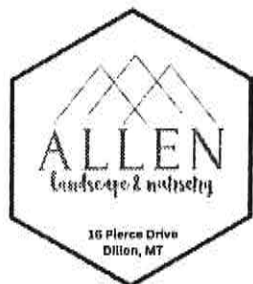
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BWSWMT is an organization with a philanthropic philosophy and mission of supporting "Active living is a way of life". BWSWMT is structured under an IRS agreement to follow a specific set of missions and a specific set of bylaws. Our two main goals are to support people who love to bicycle and walk and, to help boost the regional economy. Our staff of volunteer board members do not receive any benefits of any sort, except the joy of helping people lead an active life.

The camp on Overland Road began with a 'kick start' donation from the 2017 Festival of Trees. Building the camp came from personal donations, a grant from the Montana Department of Commerce, local businesses and a national corporation (who wish to remain anonymous). BWSWMT is now surviving on donations from local, national and worldwide visitors.

BWSWMT operates on one main restriction: Visitors at the camp are not charged for services and solicitation of funds or payment is not allowed. No person or business using the camp facilities may use the camp for gain, directly or indirectly for profit in either monetary or any ancillary form.

BWSWMT has been a source of boosting the local and regional economy over the last 7 years noting that camp visitors spend an average of 2 days at the camp and an additional 3 to 4 days bicycling and walking across BVHD County where stops are made such as in Lima, Dell, Bannock Park, Jackson, Wisdom, etc.

BWSWMT has been discovered! BWSWMT is known in 139 countries and listed as one of the top 10 bike/hiker camps in the world with the average of weekly hits at 5000-7000 ('Google Web').

In short, BWSWMT and the local community(s) has gained a reputation as quoted by one of our visiting travelers ... "Community where connections and sparks of generosity blooms and adventure unites us all in the journey of life." -Author Unknown

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

P.S. - Thank you to those who have supported us. We appreciate your donated funds, gear and dropped-off bikes to support 'those in need. Thanks to the BWSWMT Board and their never-ending support. Larry Volkening- Bike Walk Southwest Montana Board Chair (406-925-3775)

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Tendoy is also actively encouraging emerging or established area artists who may be interested in joining the Gallery to submit works for consideration by our Gallery Committee. If you are interested in receiving information on the policies of the Gallery please contact Tendoy Fine Art at 406-660-3007 ortendoyfineartgallery@gmail.com. The Gallery is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

STATES NEW BUSINESSES

Governor Greg Gianforte and Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen announced a record number of new businesses were created in Montana last year. At Granite Peak Athletics in East Helena, Sec. Jacobsen reported that Montanans registered more than 63,814 new businesses with her office in 2024

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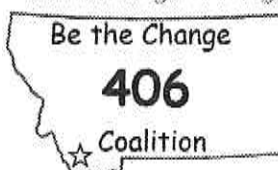
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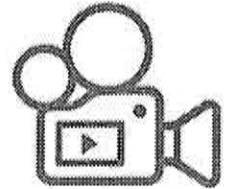
- Our Toys For Tot's Campaign made a big difference in 1,353 kids who received gifts this past Christmas. The data is about completed and ready to turn in to National Toys For Tots. Campaigns have to complete what they call an "After Action Report". It reports the number of gifts received, the number given out to the kids, the number of kids who received these gifts, money donations received, money spent on gifts and the list goes on. All of us are volunteers and have devoted hundreds of hours to make our Campaign successful for the kids. Our National Toys For Tots Foundation has very high accountability standards which makes this program have one of the highest Non-Profit Organization National Rating in the country. We are proud of what we have accomplished in our campaign here in SW Montana. But more importantly we are thankful to all of you in our communities who donated and helped accomplish the goal of giving 1,353 children, gifts under their Christmas Tree this past Christmas.

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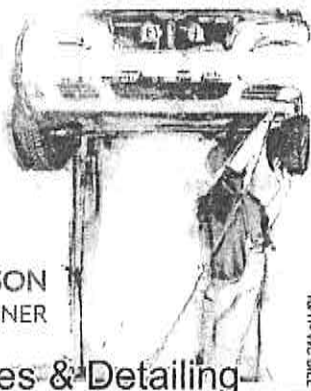
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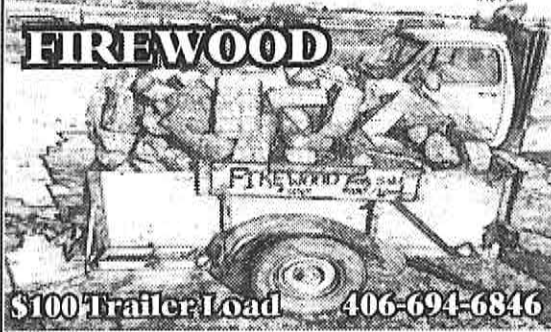
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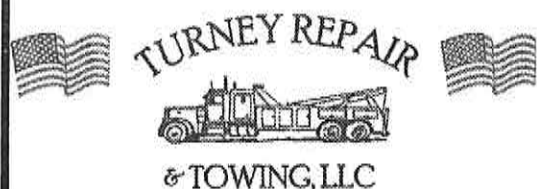
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- **Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2025
- **Location:** Old Depot Theatre, 125 S. Montana St.
- **Doors Open:** 6:00 PM
- **Program Starts:** 6:30 PM
- **Admission:** Free (Donations welcomed)
- **Extras:** Refreshments and a raffle



About the Presentation

"The Story of Camp Fortunate" will explore the historical significance of this notable site, offering insights into its role in the past and its impact on the present. Steve Morehouse, a knowledgeable historian, will guide attendees through the fascinating narratives and events that shaped Camp Fortunate.

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- Improving Parent Communication Tools
- Maintaining and Replacing Instructional Devices

How much would this cost me?

Tax Increase Estimate	
\$8.01 per year	Estimate for a home with a market value of \$100,000
\$24.02 per year	Estimate for a home with a market value of \$300,000
\$48.03 per year	Estimate for a home with a market value of \$600,000

Please visit the website below for additional tax estimates and information.

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:

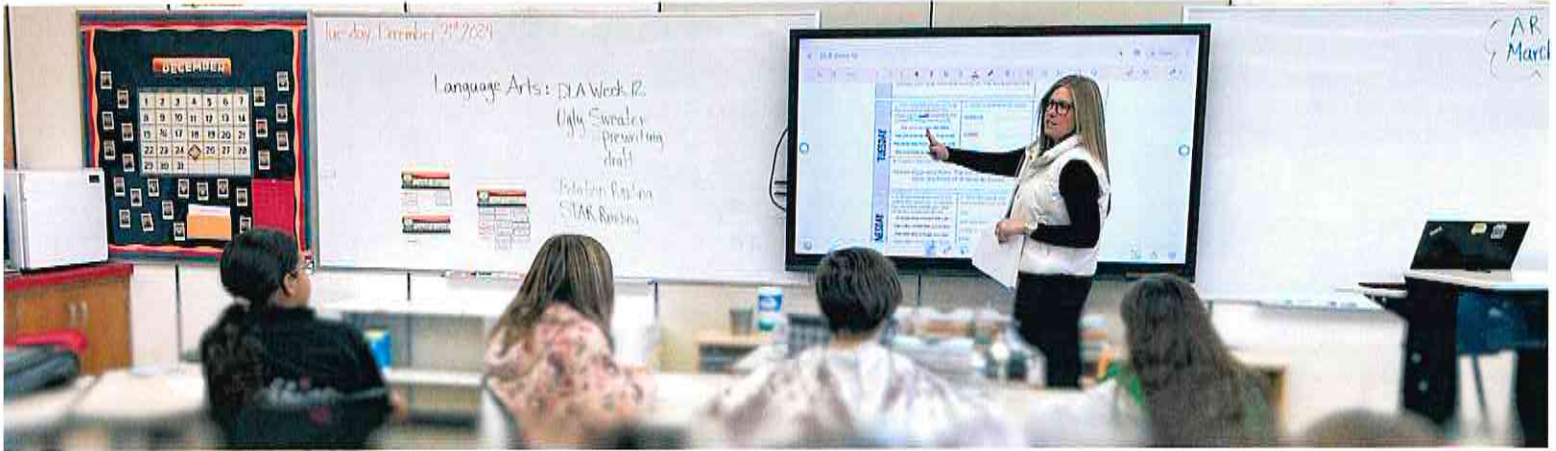
Maintaining and replacing instructional devices is crucial for keeping technology up to date and supporting effective teaching. Annual IT support contracts help our small school manage technical issues, maintain a productive learning environment, and allow educators to focus on student success. We also 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.



\$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.



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.



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.



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.



\$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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