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Eileen Nelson 84, of Deer Lodge, passed away to be with our Lord on Friday, March 14, 2025.

She was born August 21, 1940 in Missoula, a daughter to the late Nels Eiden and Loretta Cyr Eiden.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Bill Eiden and daughters Nancy Holm and Shiela Hardin.

Eileen loved spending time in the mountains with her husband and family camping, fishing and hiking. She was always up for a new adventure. She was an avid rock hound, loved playing her piano, bowling, stock car races, reading a good book, studying scriptures and time with her friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 37 years David Nelson, daughters Teresa Amon and Catherine Leaver, with several grandchildren and great grandchildren along with several in-laws and friends.

Services are being held privately for family

Eileen, I love you with all of my heart forever!

David

Vibrant Lives Celtic Festival

Beltane is a Celtic festival marking the halfway point between the spring equinox and summer solstice.

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Anglers charged by grizzly bear in Centennial Valley

Two anglers were reportedly charged by a grizzly bear while they were fishing in Red Rock Creek on Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. The bear charged through thick brush, and one of the anglers shot at the bear in self-defense. Fortunately, the anglers were able to leave the area uninjured. It's unknown whether the bear was injured. Grizzly bear staff and game wardens searched the area Wednesday. No bears or carcasses were found. No further management action from FWP is planned.

Refuge staff with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have issued a temporary closure of a section of Red Rock Creek that will remain in effect through May 5.

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Bulldogs Claim Pair of Team Wins in Miles City

The Montana Western rodeo teams came out strong with both men and women winning the first rodeo title. Following Friday night's victory, the Bulldog men finished in third and the women claimed second in rodeo of the weekend.

Cole Trexler won the men's all-around buckle in the first rodeo with a win in both team roping and tie down roping.

Up Next

The Bulldogs will close out their spring season at the University of Montana Rodeo in Missoula. The event will serve as the region finals with teams vying for a trip to the College National Finals Rodeo.

Rotary Speaker

The Rotary Club of Dillon will hold their next meeting at the St. James Episcopal Church-Guild Hall on Wednesday, May 7th at 12 Noon.

Rotarian Dan Pence will host the meeting and will be the featured speaker, as he will present "Why all the summer smoke?" Covering topics that include the point that it isn't just global warming! Sounds fascinating, won't you join us! Guests are always welcome, and all Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

On the menu: Apple Chicken Salad on Focaccia (plus 3ea GF sandwiches) ,. Turkey with Provolone & Herb Mayo on Ciabatta, Variety of Chips, Garden Salad with Ranch & Italian Dressing, Dessert: Fresh Watermelon

Temporary Closures Lifted at Several FWP Sites

Several sites in southwestern Montana that were closed for repairs have reopened.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks maintenance staff have completed repairs at Ennis and Valley Garden fishing access sites, which are now open. Both Madison River sites were heavily damaged from ice jams and flooding earlier this year. Crews reconstructed the entrance roads, parking lots and other areas.

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I remember their stories I was told and have repeated them to my family & friends to bring a little humor into their day. One young man explained how sick he was the past few days, IN DETAIL, TMI. Another had a small story, that I helped drag out, and it got bigger and bigger until I was laughing and had tears running down my face before he got to the end. It reminds me of an old TV show called, "KIDS SAY THE DARNEDEST THINGS." Several times I was offered another route but always the answer 1 gave was "NO" I will keep bus #8. The reason was due to the Parents & Students I had come to know. Out of all the jobs I had as a Civilian or Military member I hold driving Bus #8 close to my heart. Thanks for this wonderful opportunity. REMEMBER study hard, because you're our next Leaders.

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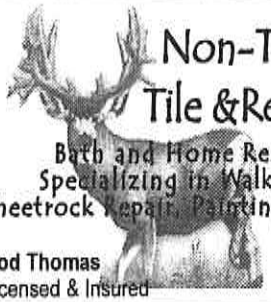
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Results of the District Music Festival

Thank you to Mrs. Van Slyke and Mrs. Raffety for all of the time an energy that went into planning. Thank you also to all of the students and staff that helped make sure that all the details were taken care of and that performers and adjudicators only had to worry about performing. BCHS has some very talented musicians!

More results will follow tomorrow.

Band department is proud to announce (one = superior, two = excellent, ones go on to state except symphonic band).

Instrumental results:

- Symphonic Band: One, one, one
  (on both adjudicator performance forms and sight reading)
- Jazz Band: Two
- Jazz Combo: One
- Brass Choir: One
- Woodwind Ensemble: One
- Percussion Ensemble: One
- Clarinet Trio: Two
- Saxophone Quartet: One
- Saxophone Ensemble: One

Superior Solos and Duets:

- Kaycee Pilon, Flute
- Sev Meier, Flute
- Rowdy Mattison, Clarinet
- Guy Holt, Bass Clarinet
- Alexy Navarrete, Alto Sax
- Izzy Regan, Tenor Sax
- Daria Adkins, Trumpet
- Kelly Webster, Trumpet
- Brady Aldrich, Trombone
- Aidan Ferguson, Trombone
- Hunter Wigen, Trombone
- Zach Maki, Trombone
- Tanner Reis, Tuba
- Evie Tolman, Marimba
- Emma Lovaas, Marimba
- MJ Hendrickson, Drum set
- Hunter Wigen, Piano
- Rowdy Mattison, Piano
- Stoker/Wigen Piano Duet
- Meier/Pilon Flute Duet

Excellent Solos and Duets:

- Amelia Maki, Flute
- Leah Kenealey, Flute
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Sign Up by Today–Bannack State Park Clean Up

Bannack's Cleanup Day is taking place on May 10th from 9 am to 3 pm. Volunteers are needed to sweep buildings, wash windows, pick up trash and branches, etc. Please RSVP by calling 406-834-3413 or emailing bannackstatepark@mt.gov by May 1st so we can get a head count.

Dillon Invite track meet - Volunteers Needed

We will be hosting the Dillon Invite track meet on Friday, May 2nd at 3:00 pm. I am looking for volunteer workers to help run the finish line and field events. If you or any students are interested, please send them my way. Food and drinks will be provided! Please let me know if you have interest in helping at the meet. Contact Brock Myllymaki 406-683-2361

Dawgfest 3 on 3, May 3-4, 2025

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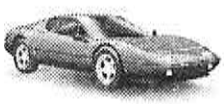

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2025 Montana Tourism Awards Presented at The Montana Department of Commerce Annual Conference

Award categories and winners:

Tourism Destination of the Year: Winner: Lewistown Chamber of Commerce, Charlie Russell Chew Choo Visitors come from all over the country to experience the Charlie Russell Chew Choo train.

Excellence in Heritage and Cultural Tourism: Winner: The Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings The Yellowstone Art Museum, Montana's largest contemporary art museum, is situated in downtown Billings. YAM contributes to Montana's historical and cultural heritage value as the museum collects and preserves art for public enjoyment.

Excellence in Tribal Tourism: Winner: All-American Indian Shootout Basketball Tournament, Billings This three-day sports and cultural event held annually in Billings at the MetraPark Arena is now in its 13th year. This event generates shoulder season visitation and overnight stays to Southeast Montana, grows sports tourism for the state, elevates tribal youth athletes from all corners of Montana through exciting exhibition games and traditional Native performances and provides a venue for vendors and Native American Made in Montana members to engage in public sales.

Marketing Campaign of the Year: The Marketing Campaign of the Year is awarded for an outstanding tourism-related marketing campaign executed within the past calendar year. **Winner:** Beaverhead Treasure Hunt, Dillon This campaign featured television ads, digital OTT and digital banners served to viewers in Salt Lake City, Spokane, Boise and Bismarck. Now entering its fifth year, this campaign is the largest marketing campaign for the Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce.

Tourism Ambassador of the Year: Winner: Charity Schreibeis, Glendive Charity was nominated by the Greater Glendive Community Foundation for her murals painted throughout Glendive. These imaginative murals depict scenes of Makoshika State Park, dinosaurs, paddlefish and more.

Tourism Rising Star: Recognizes and individual who has worked in the Montana tourism industry for at least two years and is excelling at their job, demonstrates a curiosity, passion and a vision for the growth of the industry. **Winner:** Rebecca Jones, Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce. Rebecca has been instrumental in brining individuals and businesses together to create a positive outlook for

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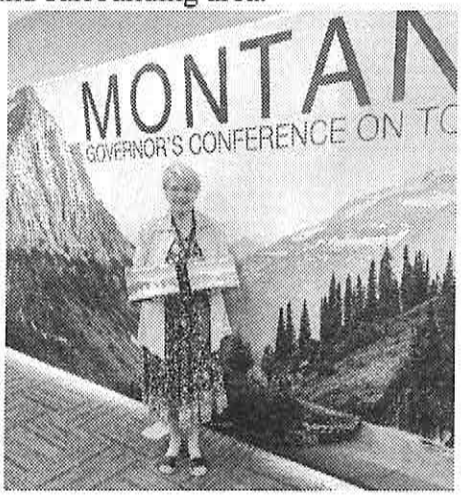

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Pictured: Rebecca Jones, Executive Director of the Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce. Rebecca is holding two plaques – one for our 2025 Tourism Rising Star Award and the other is for our 2025 Marketing Campaign of the Year Award.

Film Community of the Year: Winner: Missoula The Bitterroot Valley was the home of "Yellowstone" for five seasons, concluding in 2024. The community is known for hosting cast and crew, providing key locations such as the Missoula County Courthouse, Ruby's Cafe and facilitating studio space for "Yellowstone" and "1923."

Excellence in Cinema and Cultural Heritage: Winner: Tim Montana Tim Montana forges a new frontier for hard rock. Following a tumultuous childhood in a trailer off-the-grid, the singer, guitarist and entrepreneur left his home state of Montana at barely eighteen-years-old. Tim is telling a story that will resonate far beyond his home state, and you can hear it loud and clear in his music.

(You can get your tickets to see Tim Montana in Dillon in June at the Jaycee Kick Off Concert from the Dillon Jaycees web site.)

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Veteran's Corner Update #306

By Mike Lawson

Veteran News Updates:

- Our Veteran's organizations, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Marine Corps League, the Veteran's Of Foreign Wars, have all had their Officer Elections to start a new year. The next major event for them is their State Department Conventions which will be held in different locations around the state. Most of these conventions will take place in May and June. The American Legion Convention will be in Helena, the Disabled American Veteran's Convention will be in Great Falls, the Marine Corps League Convention will be at Fairmont Hot Springs near Anaconda, and the Veterans Of Foreign Wars will be in Havre. On the national level they take place in different locations on a rotating basis across the country. For any of you Veterans who belong to one of these Veteran organizations, you might consider attending one of these conventions.
- The list of Agent Orange related diseases may expand. The VA is considering (and may have added) whether bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinson's-like symptoms should automatically make a Vietnam veteran eligible for VA disability benefits and health care. About 1 million Vietnam veterans are enrolled in the VA health system. Based on one year's data, 5,484 of these veterans have been diagnosed with bladder cancer, 15,983 suffer from hypothyroidism and an estimated 1,833 have Parkinson's-like symptoms. Beginning in 1991 the VA began recognizing diseases associated with herbicide exposure, naming 15 diseases that not only affected the veteran but some of which also affected their children. Check with the VA or on line what these diseases are and if you or someone you know or love has any of these that are listed, please get checked and get help from the VA.
- Our DAV Vans in SW Mt have been very busy getting our Veterans to their medical appointments. It must be that time of year. These Veterans become to us, who are drivers, our friends. Many are not in the best of shape but are appreciative for getting a ride. Many wouldn't be able to get the medical attention they need to get better or even to survive without the DAV Van. Compassion and friendship go hand in hand and that's why we do it. Drivers are needed and some of you might consider it. Call me : Mike-406-560-3591

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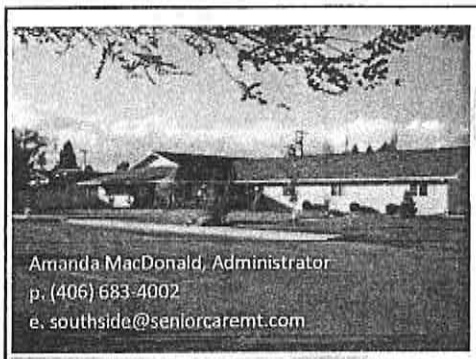

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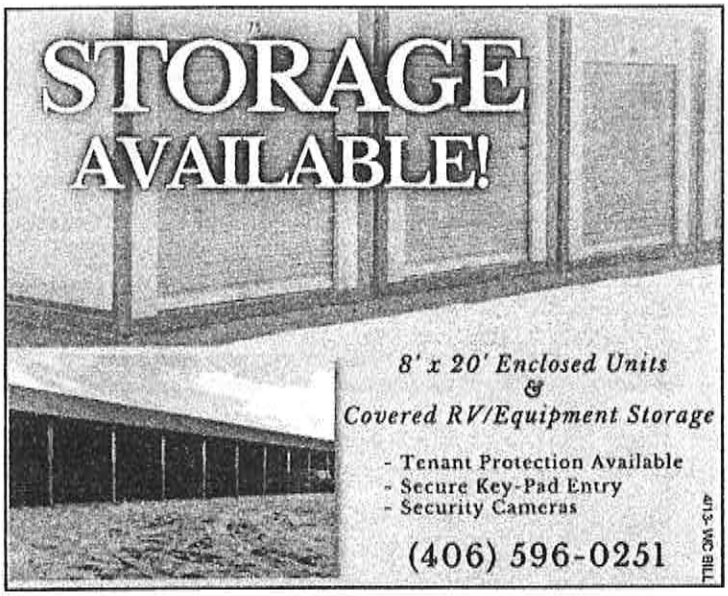

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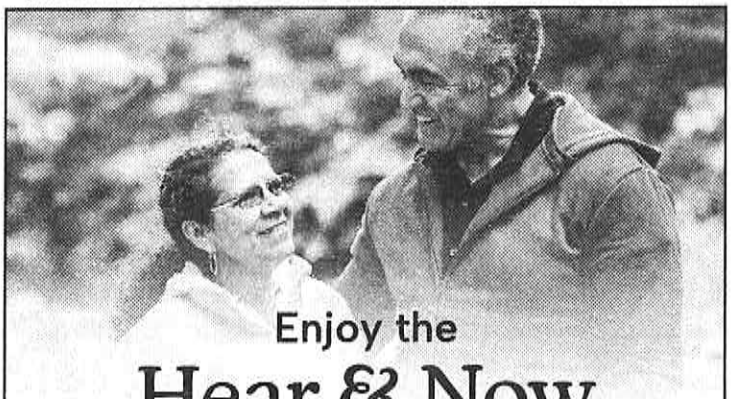

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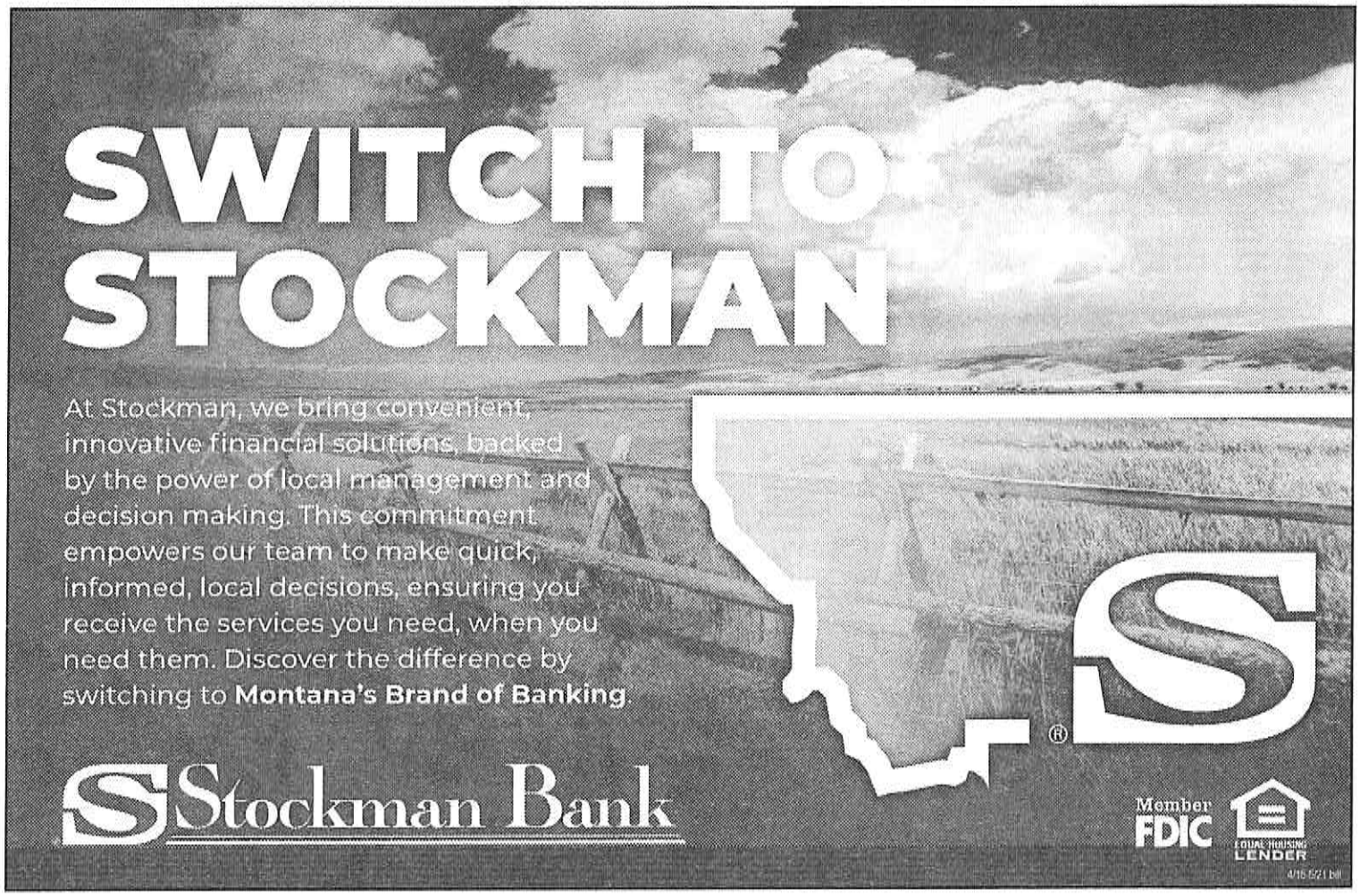

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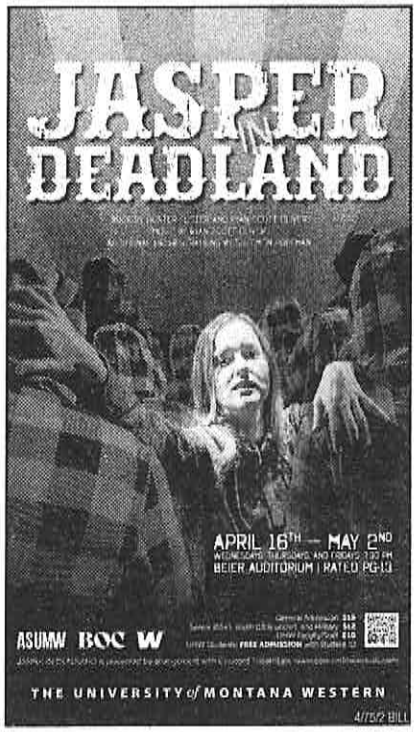

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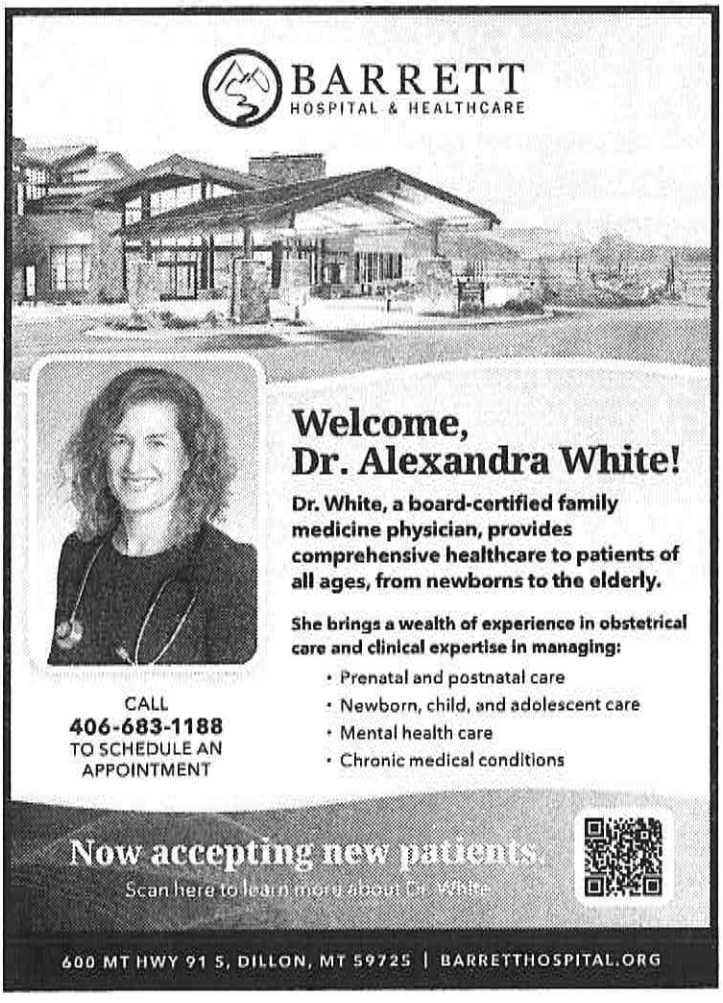

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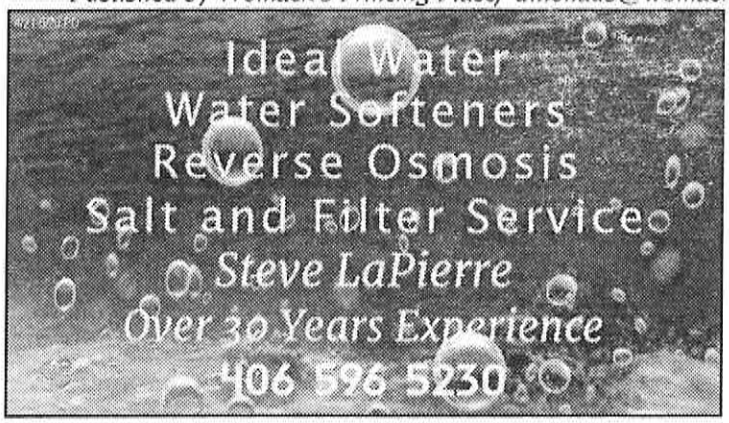

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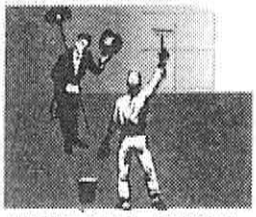

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Beaverhead County High School Technology Levy 2025

Budget VS Current Technology Levy

Current Technology Levy **$50,000**
Annual Technology Expense **$151,000**
(Expenses increase 3%-5% every year)

We are currently investing over **$100,000** to maintain the tools and resources that support student learning, teacher instruction, and essential programs. This gap is unsustainable. We are at risk of losing critical technology services. The levy is not just about funding equipment it's about preserving the innovative programs that make a difference in our students' education every day.

Estimated Tax Increase

Current Tech Levy	$50,000 Annually
Proposed Tech Levy	$175,000 Annually
New Total Tech Levy	**$225,000 Annually**

Your Estimated Cost:

If your home is worth $100,000
- $2.00 is your current annual tax
- $7.02 Estimated annual increase
- **$9.02 Estimated new annual total**
- *75 Cents Monthly estimate*

If your home is worth $200,000
- $4.01 is your current annual tax
- $14.04 Estimated annual increase
- **$18.05 Estimated new annual total**
- *$1.50 Monthly estimate*

If your home is worth $300,000
- $6.02 is your current annual tax
- $21.05 Estimated annual increase
- **$27.07 Estimated new annual total**
- *$2.26 Monthly estimate*

If your home is worth $600,000
- $12.04 is your current annual tax
- $42.11 Estimated annual increase
- **$54.15 Estimated new annual total**
- *$4.51 Monthly estimate*

Let's Bring it Home!

Just as in a household, technology in a business or school setting has the same limitations and needs as your mobile phone:

- **Annual Fees**
- **Cost Increases**
- **Constant Updates**
- **Maintenance and Repair**
- **After a few short years it is outdated and needs to be upgraded.**

Failure to adapt means leaving students at a disadvantage in an increasingly digital world. Today's students must have technology training and familiarity to ensure that their education remains relevant, secure, and future ready!

Beaverhead County High School Technology Levy 2025

BCHS Students need help keeping up with the ever- evolving Technological world. We are proposing a Technology Levy this year to keep our students up to date, safe, and ready for the workplace. We have not run a Technology Levy since 2007.

2007 VS 2024

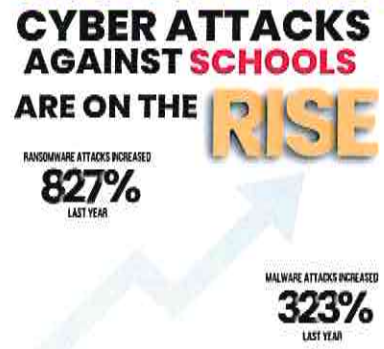
2007	2024
THERE WAS ONLY ONE CYBER ATTACK OF RECORD AND THAT WAS IN ESTONIA	THERE WERE OVER 480,000 CYBER ATTACKS IN THE U.S. ALONE
REQUIRED BENCHMARK AND STATE TESTING WAS COMPLETED ON PAPER	BENCHMARK AND STATE TESTING IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE
ALL CURRICULUM IS OFFERED IN PAPER AND BOOK FORMAT	CURRICULUM IS MOVING TO PARTIALLY OR FULLY ONLINE
TRADITIONAL LITERACY SKILLS WERE ESSENTIAL FOR FUTURE SUCCESS	DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

What is Included in the Technology Budget?

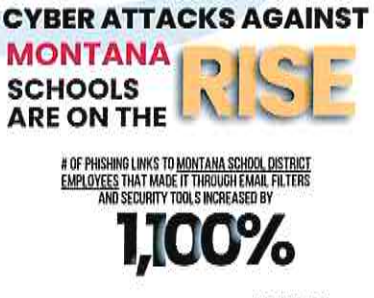
The Technology budget supports more than just Computer Hardware and Software.

- Fire Security
- Door Locks & Bells
- Surveillance Cameras
- Student Information System (PowerSchool)
- Cyber Security
- Disaster Communication

Keeping Our Students Safe



The education sector in the United States is consistently among the most targeted for cyberattacks and data theft. K-12 schools are a leading target for ransomware attacks.



Phishing: Cyber attack, primarily on email, appearing to be from a credible source aiming to trick the recipient into providing sensitive information; passwords, bank information, etc.

A Full 35% of our current annual levy is spent on keeping students and database safe.

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

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.

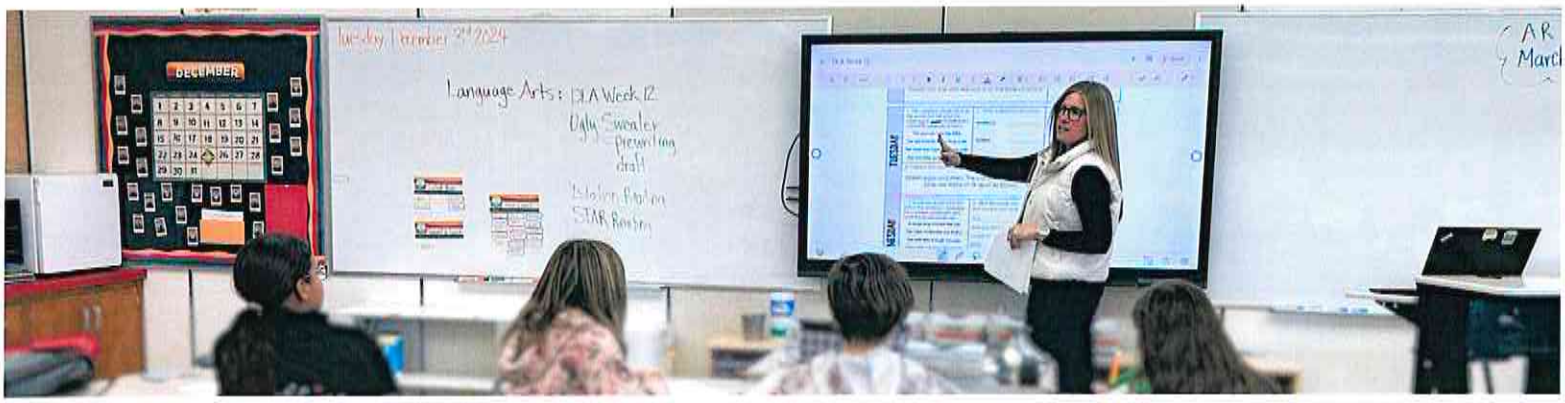
Improving Parent Communication Tools:
Effective parent communication technology is crucial for fostering a supportive school community focused on student success. These funds will enable timely updates and the purchase of tools that enhance collaboration between parents and educators, improving student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

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.

You're Invited to Elementary Technology Levy Information Meetings

Join us for one of three community meetings to provide information and answer questions about the upcoming levy. Each session will be simultaneously available both via in-person and virtually at the following dates and times, taking place in the District Conference Room. We encourage you to join us at one of the sessions to learn more about the 2025 elementary technology levy that will appear on the ballot this May!

Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30pm **Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00pm** **Thursday, April 10th at 7:00pm**