



Park County Community Journal

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Week of August 25, 2024

9th Annual Steel Horse Stampede of Montana Motorcycle Rodeo & Poker Run

Motorcycle Rodeo

The two-day event starts at the Park County Fairgrounds arena on Saturday, Aug 31st at 2 pm with the fun-filled motorcycle rodeo. Spectators won't want to miss a roaring good time taking in the following events: Couples,



men's, and women's slow ride, keg roll, beer chug, barrel race, obstacle course, potato race, and weenie bite.

The rodeo participant sign-up is from 11 am to 1 pm. Participant entry fee is \$10 and then \$10 per event. No coolers or pets allowed.

All proceeds benefit local non-profit organizations throughout the year.

A dinner by the American Legion Auxiliary Park Post #23, located at 112 North B Street in Livingston follows at 6 pm. Live music is next (at the American Legion Post #23) featuring Davey Jones Locker rocking from 7 to 11 pm.

Poker Run

Sunday, Sept 1st is the date for the Poker Run, located at the American Legion Post #23. The day's event starts

with a hearty breakfast, served from 8 am to 11 am by the Sons of American Legion.

Poker participant sign-up begins at 10 am. Fee is \$15 per hand with a portion of the proceeds from entry fees going to local nonprofits and four cash prizes.

Poker Run begins at 11 am with stops including:

- The Bank Bar in Wilsall
- The Ringling Bar in Ringling
- The Mint Bar in Martinsdale
- The Oasis in Harlowtown
- The American Legion Post #19 in Big Timber
- Ends back at American Legion Post #23 in Livingston

The deadline to turn chips in is 6 pm. Awards to follow along with door prizes (must be present to win). They encourage



you to join them for a dinner at the Legion from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Don't miss this fun-filled weekend with lots of laughter, fellowship, good food and dancing!

The Warren McGee Statue Unveiled Has Been Delayed

By Patricia Grabow

Please spread the word. The unveiling of the Warren McGee statue will not take place on September 6, 2024, as originally planned. The foundry where the statue was to be finalized, burned down this summer. So it might be as late as next spring before the unveiling.

For those of you who do not know, a group of people, The Livingston Downtown Building Owners and Business Association, the Park County Community Foundation, the Livingston Depot Center, the City of Livingston have coordinated efforts to commission a statue of Warren McGee and created exhibit space for the statue. Everything has been paid for by Warren's friends at Montana Rail Link. Warren McGee and Dennis Washington, the owner of MRL, were the best of

friends so MRL did not hesitate when asked to fund a statue of Warren.

The sculpture, created by Mary Michaels who did the Sacajawea statue at Miles Park, is of Warren sitting on a bench where people will be able to sit next to him. The statue will be on the east side of the Northern Pacific Beanery near the light at the parking lot edge. Peering over Warren's shoulder will be a four-year-old child with a wagon. Both will be looking at the trains going by the Livingston Depot



Center. This may well be the first sculpture honoring a railroad conductor in the county and he deserves it. Warren often told the story about how he fell in love with trains; he was four years old. He had been tied to a clothes line by his mother and he escaped and took his wagon down to the Northern Pacific Beanery. There he saw his first train where the statue will be placed, and the rest is history. It was a life-long love story. Trains, his family and Livingston were Warren's life. We have so much

in Livingston that is attributable to Warren's efforts. For ten years, Warren and a handful of fellow railroad workers fought in the courts to stop the merger of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe. They knew that when the merger happened, that would be the end of the Livingston shops, and it was, but not before Warren sat at the Supreme Court while lawyers argued Livingston's case. They lost, but Livingston won. We were able to keep our beautiful Depot Center as a part of that merger settlement.

Then, when Warren retired from the railroad, he along with what (he called his miscreants) people doing community service, spent seventeen years creating Sacajawea and Miles Parks. If you go to the library, you can see the book of 400 plus trees that he begged, borrowed or found the funding for that he planted at

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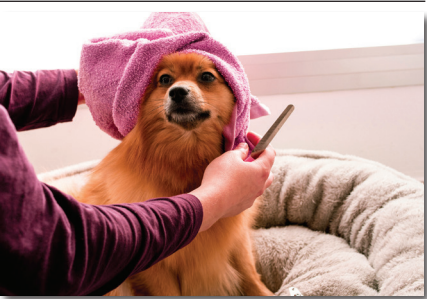
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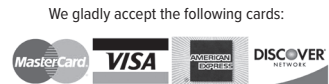
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Obituaries



John Van Houten

John Oliver Van Houten passed away at age 95 on August 12, 2024, in Livingston, Montana with family around him.

He was born in Indianapolis, IN, grew up in Iowa, and came west to Washington State University for a degree in chemistry. John was a wheat farmer in central Washington, then worked as a stockbroker, and eventually as a labor economist.

John had four children, three grandchildren, and is survived by his wife of 38 years, Alice de Costa. He loved hunting with his German Shorthair Pointers and was an excellent bicyclist who won many races.

Per his request, no service will be held. John's ashes will be scattered in his favorite places around the country. In his memory, donations may be made to Stafford Animal Shelter in



June 20, 1929 — August 12, 2024

Livingston or to Parkinsons Research.
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Unexpected Storm Creates Set Back

By Tony Crowder
Managing Editor



The City of Livingston began the seasonal municipal roadway resurfacing project on Monday, August 12th and experienced a setback when an unexpected storm washed an oil-based pollutant into the town's drainage system and nearby lagoon at Sacajawea Park.

This portion of the project, which included chip sealing 7th, 8th, 9th and Crawford Street, was scheduled in April and had begun earlier that day. I reached out to city manager Grant Gager for comment who stated that prior to the project commencing that day, no rain had been forecasted.

Crews had recently laid an adhesive used for binding chips (i.e., small rock) to the existing roadway when suddenly a brief, yet powerful rainstorm produced nearly one-half inch of water in roughly 20 minutes. The adhesive had not yet cured and was quickly carried into the town's drainage system by stormwater runoff.

Because the city's storm center used to treat water drainage prior to discharge into nearby reservoirs is confined to an area spanning from B street to 2nd Street, the water that had been contaminated was released into the lagoon in Sacajawea Park.

The issue was brought to Gager's attention via citizen email, spurring an immediate response. The Public Works Department first placed absorbent booms around the affected area and to prevent further spread, in the weir where the lagoon flows into Fleshman creek. Contaminated water was then removed using the city's sewer vacuum and a downstream monitoring protocol was implemented to ensure that pollution had been contained to the affected area.

In response to an inquiry made by a Livingston citizen on Tuesday, Gager assured that "most of the material appears to be contained west of the 7th Street pedestrian bridge" and that "our

downtown stream observations do not appear to indicate that material has left the discharge area."

Contaminated soil and foliage were removed as necessary.

Gager stated that the affected area had been largely decontaminated by Wednesday and to the satisfaction of Montana's Department of Environmental Quality, who conducted an inspection and is expected to provide further guidance on the matter.

Grant emphasized that though scheduling road treatment is a complicated process, many lessons had been learned to inform future operations.

Photos by Sheryl Hopkins



Celebration of Life Invite



We invite you to join us on
Saturday, August 31, 2024,
12 noon at St. Mary's School,
511 S. F Street, to help us
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Final Budget Public Hearing

Park County Commissioners will meet on Thursday, September 5th, 2024 at 9 am in the Commission Chambers in the City/County Complex at 414 E. Callender Street for the purpose of adopting Park County's final budget and fixing the tax levies for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. The final budget will be adjusted from the preliminary budget. Starting August 28th, the budget is open to inspection by any person and is available for public review during regular business hours in the Park County Accounting Office. Any taxpayer or resident may appear at the hearing in person or virtually and be heard for or



against on any part of the final budget. Written comments on the final budget may be submitted either in person or by mail to the Park County Commissioners, 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, MT 59047, until September 5, 2024, at 9 am.

For More Information

To view Certified Taxable Values for 2024 (once available), visit the Montana Department of Revenue page: <https://svc.mt.gov/dor/property>.

For Questions

Please call Erica Strickland, Finance Director, at 406-222-4135.

The City of Livingston

Public Works Department is reaching out to urge all city residents using city water to complete the Water Line Inventory Questionnaire before the October 16th deadline. Your participation is crucial for us to compile an accurate report of our water infrastructure.



The questionnaire is quick and easy to fill out online. Complete the questionnaire here: <https://www.LivingstonMontana.org/.../water-service-line...> Your response will make a significant difference! Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Warren McGee

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the park. He also took care of the Civic Center and the Band Shell. With his good friend, Tom Hallen, he cleared out the lagoon.

Warren also was one of the two most respected photographers of trains in the United States. Warren took over 60,000 pictures of trains in his lifetime, some of which are in books he published. There are around 40,000 pictures of trains in the state museum along with a traveling exhibit of Warren. He was the brightest person I have known. I watched him at ninety-six-years-old with macular degeneration in his eyes, in the basement of his house speaking into a CD noting every picture of trains he took. He not only could tell you the first and last name of everyone in the picture, but he could also tell you, from memory, the date and time the picture was taken and, of course, everything about the train.

Warren also was the major factor in the creation of Mayor's Landing and the golf driving range along the way. He and his fellow historians began the Park County Historical Society which resulted in the Yellowstone Gateway Museum. He proudly talks about getting the railroad car there and building the storage behind the museum for \$56,000 as well. Warren McGee is one of the first Bozeman Trail scholars who studied the subject for fifteen years before Susan Badger-Doyle took over with her book *Journeys to the Land of Gold*, a monograph on the subject. One of the things Warren was most proud of was the bringing of the birds to Sacajawea and Miles Park. He created nests where they would come back every year until they became used to having their young at the park. He would almost be moved to tears when he said that we had more wild birds at Sacajawea and Miles Parks than they had Hayden Valley in Yellowstone. Warren McGee was characteristic of our better selves and we cannot wait until his statue is unveiled.

County Board Openings

When county residents serve on County boards and commissions, they volunteer their service for the betterment of local communities and Park County. Citizens are encouraged to attend board and commission meetings, which are always open to the public.

Board and Commission meeting agendas are posted in the City/County Complex 48 business hours in advance.

Open Board Seats

The Solid Waste Board has one open board position for a three-year term, and is accepting applications.

The Planning Board has one open

board position to fill a vacancy and is accepting applications.

To apply:

- Complete the Park County Board Application form on the website: ParkCounty.org
- Please return applications to Carly Ahern in the County Commissioners office via email at cahern@parkcounty.org or mail to

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The Montana Departments of Commerce and Public Health & Human Services

Announce The Public Hearing For The Draft Fair Housing Equity Plan

Park County Dugout | By: Jeff Schlapp

The Montana Departments of Commerce and Public Health & Human Services announce the Public Hearing for the draft Fair Housing Equity Plan associated with the State's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

The Fair Housing Equity Plan was developed and published after extensive public input. The public is now encouraged to review the draft document and provide feedback.



State's analysis and proposed strategies for achieving equity in housing, including overcoming patterns of segregation and discrimination.

The Equity Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on September 30, 2024, for final review and approval. This is a requirement of HUD formula grant funding for housing and community development activities supported by the following programs: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Housing Trust Fund, and Emergency Solutions Grant.

The Department of Commerce invites the public to a virtual public hearing at 10 am on September 10, 2024, for more information and to provide oral comments.

The hearing will be held on Zoom, and presentation materials will be available on Commerce's website in advance.



Montana's Equity Plan seeks to inform the Consolidated Plan, which is currently under development. It assesses Montana's fair housing issues and their underlying causes and sets fair housing goals. The plan details the

Attendees will have an opportunity to respond to the State's analysis and goals. The State will consider any comments or views provided orally during the public hearing or in writing during the comment period.

All comments regarding the plan must be submitted to the address or email below by 5 pm on September 20, 2024.

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docconplan@mt.gov
Commerce will make reasonable**

accommodations for persons with disabilities or persons with limited English proficiency who wish to participate in this process and need an alternative accessible format of presentation materials or translation services. If you require accommodation, please contact Commerce at docconplan@mt.gov no later than 5 pm on September 3, 2024.

For more photos and great articles, check out the ParkCountyDugout.com.

Shields Valley Calendar & FFA Winners

- **August 27th**, Open house for the Junior High and High School 6:30 pm to 8 pm.
- **August 28th** Open house for the Elementary School in Wilsall at 5 pm to 6:30 pm.
- **August 31st** Football against West Yellowstone Junior High at 4 pm, Varsity at 7 pm in Wilsall.
- **August 31st** Volleyball against Whitehall JV 1 pm, Varsity at 2:30 pm in Clyde Park.
- **September 5th** Junior High Volleyball vs Gardiner in Wilsall 4:30 pm.
- Junior Varsity and Varsity Volleyball in Gardiner at 5 pm.
- **September 6th** Junior Varsity and Varsity Football at White Sulphur Springs at 4 pm.
- **September 6th** Junior High Volleyball at West Yellowstone 2 pm
- Junior Varsity and Varsity



- Volleyball at West Yellowstone 5 pm.
- **September 7th**, 90th Anniversary Celebration Wilsall Community Church, 3 pm, featuring activities and games for the kids, Hearing from former Pastors, Visiting with new and old friends. Fellowship dinner at 6 pm.
- **September 11th** Beyond Fit Academy will be doing a Weight in Wilsall at 6 pm. Sign up at either the Wilsall School office or contact DeeDee at 406-70-8718.

Congratulations to Shields Valley FFA on winning some National FFA awards. **Mackinze Hogenson** Gold award for National Proficiency Award for Agricultural Services.

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(Family Features) Getting kids up and out the door is a challenge all on its own, and on those busy school mornings when nothing seems to run smoothly, healthy breakfasts can go by the wayside. While it's widely recognized as the most important meal of the day, that doesn't always mean you have time to sit down and enjoy it.

Solving your morning rush with grab-and-go breakfasts you can make ahead of time accomplishes both goals at once: staying on schedule and fueling your kiddos (and yourself) for the day ahead. These delicious and nutritious recipes come from Healthy Family Project's 2024 Back to School Campaign, which is raising \$12,000 for the Foundation for Fresh Produce to support children's accessibility to fresh fruits and vegetables.

These Mixed Berry Whole-Wheat Muffins are a perfect solution when you need to hustle out the door. As a healthy, delicious treat kids can take with them to school or eat during the commute, they're quick and easy to make. Loaded with blueberries; a bona fide superfood that's high in fiber, low in calories and high in vitamin C, potassium and vitamin K. You may even need to make a double batch so you have plenty for breakfasts and after-school snacks.

With a simple graham cracker crust and creamy Greek yogurt filling, Mandarin Orange No-Bake Tarts offer another refreshing, kid-

friendly morning meal. They can help you start your day on the right foot whether you're short on time or able to eat a quick bite together as a family.

Discover more ways to manage school-day schedules with easy, nutritious recipes at healthyfamilyproject.com.



Mixed Berry Whole-Wheat Muffins

Recipes courtesy of Healthy Family Project

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 12

- 1 1/4 cups white whole-wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt

- 3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup chopped strawberries
- 1/2 cup blueberries

Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease muffin pan and set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In separate large bowl, mix egg, maple syrup, vanilla, yogurt and applesauce.

Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and stir until just combined. Do not overmix. Fold in strawberries and blueberries.

Pour batter into prepared muffin tin, filling cups about 3/4 full.

Bake 15 minutes, or until tops are golden brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Remove from oven and let cool in muffin tin 5 minutes before removing.

Mandarin Orange No-Bake Tarts

Prep time: 10 minutes

Freeze time: 1 hour

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted



- 1 cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup
- 4 mandarin oranges, peeled and segmented

In bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs with melted butter.

Press mixture into bottom of individual mini tart pans or mini muffin tin. Refrigerate crusts to set while preparing filling.

In bowl, combine Greek yogurt, vanilla and honey or maple syrup. Mix well.

Spoon yogurt mixture into chilled crusts.

Freeze tarts at least 1 hour. Top with mandarin segments.

A few last things about getting old...

You know you're into middle age when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.

You're getting old when you're sitting in a rocker and you can't get it started.

At my age, "getting a little action" refers to not needing a laxative.



You know you're getting old when you wake up with that morning-after feeling and you didn't do anything the night before.

The Doctor says to the patient, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that you are not a hypochondriac."

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Carla Williams

RECIPE CORNER

Mississippi Mud Cake Brownies



Ingredients:

For the Brownies:

- 1 cup melted butter (or 1 stick of butter and 1 stick of margarine)
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 4 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans, toasted
- 1 (10.5-ounce) bag miniature marshmallows
- For the Chocolate Frosting:
- 1 (16-ounce) package powdered sugar, sifted
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa

eggs, vanilla extract, and salt.

3. Stir in the flour and chopped pecans until well combined.
4. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, spreading it evenly.

Bake the Brownies:

- Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean.
- Remove from the oven and top the warm cake evenly with miniature marshmallows.
- Return to the oven and bake for an additional 5 minutes.

Prepare the Chocolate Frosting:

- While the brownies are baking, beat together the powdered sugar, milk, softened butter, and unsweetened cocoa with an electric mixer until smooth.

Finish and Serve:

- Drizzle the Chocolate Frosting over the warm cake.
- Let the brownies cool completely before cutting into squares.

Instructions:

Prepare the Brownie Batter:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 15 x 10-inch jellyroll pan.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the melted butter, sugar, cocoa, lightly beaten

Male DNA and Women's Creativity

by Joyce Johnson

My Russian-born neighbor and I combined have around a hundred and fifty years, plus change, of LIFE experience between us and are credible authorities, sez me. Forget degrees and school and IQs. She has self taught to express herself in five languages, largely by reading she said. I know two or three words in French and Russian, but I have more or less just mastered English. My Russian neighbor mastered English by reading all the mystery authors. She had to look up a lot of words to solve the mysteries. Modern communication is sadly full of brainless texts, fibs, street or political rap, and endless abbreviations, but my Ruskin friend and I still study dictionaries with pursuit of understanding, and enjoy selecting clever words to share our thoughts. We have in common having done a lot of world travel. We experience that "Laughter Capacity" is a good measure of intelligence too, and I add the Capacity To Care. My beloved Ron, has a big IQ. which I dismiss as a handicap, because he can be



dumb as a post, sometimes. But he revers nature, and even spiders, and his humor saves him. I married him basically because he made me laugh so much.

DNA Outside the Home – My Ruskie neighbor and I are survivors of the perplexing old trend of when women sorta slip out of the *"wife and mom-hood, cook and housekeeper mode"* into various creative projects, jobs, artwork, writing, innovative business building... in short, *outside the home*—Traditional Man of old, gets indignant, and a great image to illustrate I think, is like the mighty eagle who fluffs out his wings and feathers to look bigger and glares at us. Man is provider, conqueror, and uh, Boss.

Something about the good little housewife escaping the nest and getting into man's own world, pokes our beloved partners subconsciously I think. Sometimes harsh. It's DNA, as old as the earth. Many traditionally raised husbands and boyfriends display this mysterious discomfort or *fear of some sort of loss* perhaps. Concern for us perhaps, it's subtle and they cannot see it. That their angst is born of **Fear of loss**. Anger, in all of us, is born of fear, they say. You nod?

Ron will never read this, voluntarily. He is not drawn to fiction/or artistic stuff. He is a Fact Freak, or science enthusiast. We

need that too. He's interested in distant galaxies. I am interested in rocks to paint that I find outside. He was raised by a chauvinist, he confessed once. And he therefore rarely praises me unless it's over dinner. I think it's a common "guy issue." Praise empowers, but it's absence can stimulate development of our own self esteem by the way, hands on. This says it all: He once argued against my artistic bend, saying, "well, if you just want to sit around painting pictures all day..." eyes bugging out, jaw dropping I said "YES... I DO!" He said, "Oh." Though it's key to this issue that the only time art paid regularly was when I was a Delta Signs assistant painter.

Women were not encouraged to do art or accepted as equals in it, until the 1960s and the birth of feminist equality. That's pretty recent. In a nutshell, art has been a man's world thing for countless ages. But some women created anyway. The self portrait I chose to illustrate shows talent, and the heart and soul of the artist, and to



me, she's a tad miffed back in 1906. Which leads me to this other phenomenon that I relate to, and found backup online: Many authors have shared that their friends and kin don't read their work. Even famous ones. And it hurts. There are exceptions of course. But the reasons are many and in short; they have an addiction for specific genres like sci fi, biography, romance, solely non-fiction, and this—*not everybody likes to read*. Those learn or are entertained by other media. But to you dear readers I grin, and sniff... and send love. Thank you for "listening." This weeks challenge: I dare ya to praise 6 people per day this week. Or, make em laugh. It's easy and feels good in both hearts and nothing is lost, I promise. Have a fun and fulfilling week.

Open Audition Call at The Shane Center

On Tuesday, September 3rd at 7 pm, Director Russell Lewis will hold open auditions for a community theatre production of *Oliver!* at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts in Livingston.

The streets of Victorian England come to life as *Oliver*, a malnourished orphan in a workhouse, becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker. When *Oliver* is captured for a theft that he did not commit, the benevolent victim takes him in. Fearing the safety of his hideout, Fagin plots to bring him back, threatening *Oliver's* chances of discovering the true love of a family.

Roles are available for actors ages 10 and up. No prepared audition material is required. Rehearsals for this



production will take place weekday evenings from September 9 through October 17. *Oliver!* runs weekends from October 18 through November 10.

Oliver! Is generously sponsored by Sky Federal Credit Union, ASPEN, and Livingston Tourism Business Improvement District.

Check TheShaneCenter.org for more information about auditioning.

Bozeman Symphony Seeks Volunteers

The Bozeman Symphony is now recruiting volunteers to assist with various aspects of operations for the 2024-25 season.

The Symphony is looking for enthusiastic individuals to fill a variety of roles such as concert ushers and greeters, box office and concession support, and assisting at special events. Housing volunteers are also needed to open their homes to visiting musicians and provide them with a warm and welcoming stay.

"Our volunteers are the backbone of the Bozeman Symphony, and their



BOZEMAN SYMPHONY
Norman Huynh, Music Director

dedication allows us to continue delivering the exceptional performances that our community has come to love," said Amelia Murnane, Front of House Manager. "We are always looking for passionate individuals who share our commitment to music and the arts to join our team."

An orientation for new volunteers will be held in September. Those interested in becoming a part of this exciting team, please visit www.BozemanSymphony.org/volunteer or contact Murnane at 406-585-9774 for more information.

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Yellowstone Film Ranch

The history of Yellowstone Film Ranch and the dream behind it tells a true story of Montanans coming together for the growth and protection of our state. It started with Richard Gray, searching for a location to shoot a project called "Broken Ghost." He had watched an episode of "No Reservations," by Anthony Bourdain, which showcased the quaint western town of Livingston, Montana—so Gray headed to Montana.

After arriving, Gray was introduced to Carter Boehm, who has a rich, family history in film, was a former audio specialist at the White House, is a real estate connoisseur, and owns quite a bit of real estate within Livingston and the surrounding area. Boehm was picturing an active return to the film industry, so the two quickly saw eye-to-eye while shooting "Broken Ghost" together in Livingston. Gray and Boehm came together again to work on the unaffiliated sequel to Braveheart, "Robert the Bruce." Back in 2018, while

filming that, Gray and Boehm spent a lot of time at Chico Hot Springs in Pray. They soon became acquainted with Colin Davis, the then-owner of Chico.

Around the same time, the Montana film tax initiative was underway. This movement gave filmmakers in Montana tax incentives designed to draw more movies and TV shoots to the state in order to boost economy. Gray and Boehm worked closely with the Montana Film Commission as lobbyists to pass the MEDIA Act, offering a 20-to-35% tax credit to productions that use local crews and cast members.

After the MEDIA Act passed, Boehm and Gray decided if they were to build a western town set, it could also become a studio that other productions could use in the future. Davis suggested building the town right in Chico's backyard, which made great sense for productions—location and lodging!

Much of the credit for the Yellowstone Film Ranch's authentic aura goes to the

vision of these three partners, but they had lots of help, including production designer Lindsay Moran, and a host of Hollywood set designers. Although the back lot is built specifically for westerns, the idea is to have a variety of films to tell hundreds of Montana stories.

The film ranch was completed in June 2020, with a wave of westerns shot in 2021, including Gray's first western, "Murder at Emigrant Gulch," then Nicholas Cage's, "The Old Way," and many more that year.

The mission of the Yellowstone Film Ranch is to be the point of contact for Montana's burgeoning film industry. Combining full production services, a western town, location services, all the while maximizing the value of Montana's tax credit.

Yellowstone Film Ranch is a one-stop-shop Montana-film location with industry-leading tax credit services, an



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operational western town backlot, acres of open field available, medieval sets, a spacious production office, and a studio available for rent in the heart of downtown Livingston. Their production services include a local vendor and database that details everything the producers may need including: local crew members, lodging accommodations for talent and crew, transportation, catering, craftsmanship/art décor, production trailer rentals, equipment rentals, and portable restrooms.

For more information, call 406-224-7489, or visit www.YellowstoneFilmRanch.com.

Norman Maclean: A Life Of Letters and Rivers Reading With Author Rebecca McCarthy

Wheatgrass Books will host Rebecca McCarthy for a reading, book signing, and reception on September 5th, at 6 pm, located at 120 N. Main St. in Livingston.

Thanks to Rebecca McCarthy—writer and friend of teacher and author Norman Maclean, readers are afforded a profoundly intimate glimpse into the life of an enigmatic man who became most notable for his exquisitely rendered novella, *A River Runs Through It*.

Literary success arrived late for Maclean. In 1976, when he was in his 70s and an already retired professor of English literature, Maclean launched a second career as a published author via *A River Runs Through It* and *Other Stories*. The title story of the collection is set in early 20th-century Montana, and offers a fictionalized account of Maclean's formative years and his relationship with Paul, his "glittering, doomed younger brother, whom he loved but couldn't help and who was murdered." The collection has sold close to two million copies worldwide, and the title story gained additional acclaim after it was adapted into an Academy Award-winning feature film directed by Robert Redford.

Many admirers of the novella and film might be surprised to learn that Maclean, a deeply private man, was burdened with guilt over his brother's death that prevented him from writing the story for almost 40 years. But through McCarthy's expansive narrative that merges her own personal experiences with an in-depth biography of Maclean, she traces the tributary-like forces that congregated to shape the course of the storyteller's life.

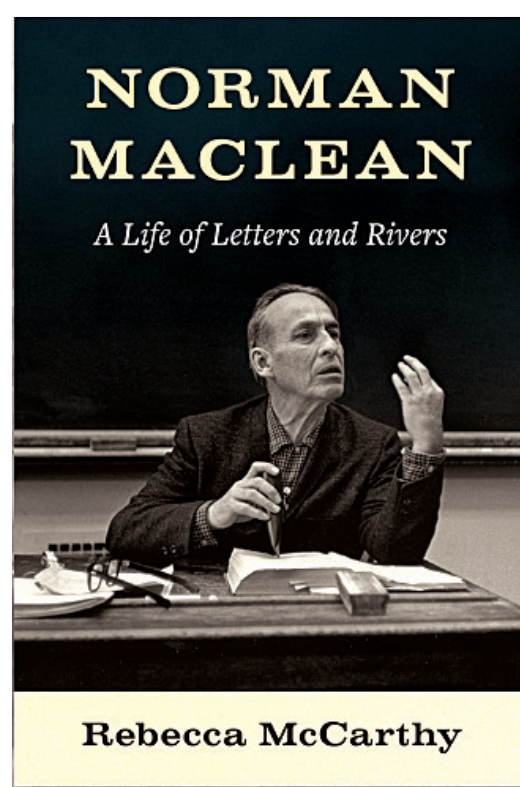
Born in Clarinda, Iowa, in 1902, Maclean and his family migrated to Montana in 1909. He was homeschooled by the guiding influences of his admired and deeply religious parents: his mother, Clara, was social and philanthropic; his literature-loving father, John, a devout minister, believed that man's chief end was to "glorify God and to enjoy Him forever," while also espousing the virtues instilled by fly fishing—"the art that is performed on a four-count rhythm between

ten and two o'clock." Thus, Maclean spent a lifetime as a literature lover and a "practicing" fisherman.

In 1928, when Maclean and his wife, Jessie, moved east so he could teach at the University of Chicago, Hyde Park would become his own family's permanent home. As a campus legend and "celebrated as a formidable English teacher," his academic career took him away from Montana, but his heart and soul remained rooted in those early, formative years. He remained passionate about Montana and spent many months every year at his family's rustic cottage on Seeley Lake. Later in life, he worked hard to save and preserve its natural wilds.

The first half of McCarthy's book details her personal quest to become a poet and how—through that passion—she met Maclean, an "older and lonely widower" in 1972. That summer, 16-year-old McCarthy traveled from her family's home in South Carolina to Seeley Lake, where her cherished brother, John, served with the US Forest Service.

While staying with John and his family, McCarthy dined with "Dr. Maclean," who expressed a sincere, personal interest in the young, aspiring poet, showing great respect in discussing writing and literature with her. Afterward, Maclean took McCarthy under his wing and even shared his work-in-progress, "USFS 1919." This story included in *A River Runs Through It* and



Other Stories; Maclean was working on the collection at this time, which details his experiences as a teenager in the early Forest Service. A bond was forged between these two writers, generations apart, as Maclean encouraged McCarthy in her work and mentored her, convincing her to attend the University of Chicago. Maclean would become a critic

for McCarthy's work, "gently suggesting changes, praising words and lines he liked, and teasing" about her shortcomings.

As they became friends, she was privy to the high standards of his work ethic. As a perfectionist, he expected much of himself, and of others as well. Maclean's love of and sensitivity toward language, literature, good writing, and poetry fostered his reverence for Shakespeare and the Romantics. He passed on this enthusiasm to students, who lined up to take his courses. It also contributed to the many enriching and loyal friendships Maclean made with influential notables in academia—those who, for decades, became trusted confidants and socially connected friends with him and his loving partner and wife, Jessie, who died of cancer in her 60s.

The witness McCarthy presents is supplemented by meticulous research, letters, and interviews that capture a well-rounded portrait of Maclean. She posits that in his Chicago life, Maclean "cultivated a persona for himself... a lone

wolf from the mountains of Montana, where men were men. This Norman Maclean was a plainspoken, truth-telling, profanity-spouting, chain-smoking tough guy, whose deadpan delivery could silence departmental meetings and whose stare could quiet a room of chattering students. Those who didn't know Norman well were afraid of him."

McCarthy, however, grew to understand him and his vulnerabilities very well. Maclean was an ordinary man who was a great home cook and liked to drink. Meditative, he suffered bouts of self-doubt and debilitating depression, and endured many physical infirmities. The persistence of lingering writer's block stifled his academic and literary output and even snuffed out his dedicated, decades-long efforts on two nonfiction books that were left unfinished, about Custer and Little Big Horn, and about the 1949 Mann Gulch, Montana, wildfire that became one of the deadliest firefighting disasters in American history. (That book, *Young Men and Fire*, was ultimately published posthumously.)

The latter sections of the book that celebrate the fruits of Maclean's writing labors—the arduous, circuitous route *A River Runs Through It* and *Other Stories* traveled to publication, its ripe reception, and how the title story was beautifully adapted into an award-winning film will be as rewarding "a happy ending" to readers as it was to Maclean himself. Tragedy and art shaped Maclean's profound life, and his writing ultimately kept him alive. McCarthy, in her thorough, deep-dive into this myth of a man and the influence he and his writing had on her life and the lives of others is equally exceptional in preserving his legacy.

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OP-ED FORUM
by Patricia Graybow

Law May Not Always be What You Think

Under what laws do we live?
Silly rabbit, you thought the laws of the land were things like the Montana Code Annotated, the United States Code, city ordinances, etc. Nope, we are back to cruder things than that.

First, the classic redefined golden rule from the 70s—he who has the gold makes the rules. So, if it benefits the wealthy, it happens. For example, public vision aside, Livingston must be increasingly made a suburb of Bozeman instead of a self-determining entity in its own right.

Second, the peasantry is not to question the order. If 1600 people create a Growth Policy, it is subordinate to legal maneuverings of the powerful.

Third, the order is to be enforced by lawsuit, which the powerful can afford, and you are to be intimidated, because even if you have standing, you cannot afford to pursue it.

Understand these, and you might better understand the Livingston City Commission meeting on August 6, 2024.

That Tuesday an item was added to the agenda titled Action Item C: An action arising from the 6th Judicial District Court approving Livingston West LLC major subdivision.

That ruling reversed the Livingston City Commission's hard-earned 3-2 vote last fall to turn down the Mountain View subdivision. Facing a court order, the commission felt that they had no choice but to vote to approve it.

There were many who felt there were avenues of appeal and recourse with merit but the threat of extended litigation is a weighty thing

Chairperson Karrie Kahle, spoke for other commissioners when she said, "I feel like the writ is the wrong remedy, and it is upsetting to see the court review an elected body's power in a way that the decision was written. We were elected for a reason. This subdivision regulation and approval was a process we followed. Not only does the commission take those decisions very seriously and put a lot of time and effort into doing those, we hold the public hearings. We get the comments from the public. We take that into consideration and make those decisions. We have experts on this body, some with PhD's in planning and transportation, which were not allowed to

be used, apparently, that were not take as expert opinions."

"I am heartbroken."

"We have lessons that we need to learn from this. I also think that we did our very best to take the information, analyze it, and follow the rules and regulations to come to the conclusion that we did, and I have a hard time following this order, but will because that is how the court has ordered us to move forward."

"It is hard for me to see someone else make the decision that is not here, with the public analyzing the information together with us. And that's it."

"I also know that we have to do what is best for our community, and that means looking at the entire picture of everything. It is not our job to play with the taxpayer's money, and we need to be respectful and responsible for all of that, so I know as we make these decisions, we are thinking of all of that, and that is part of the decision that we have to make tonight."

The backstory involves years of struggle.

Originally the people of Livingston did not want to lose Printing For Less (PFL) to Bozeman, so they generously put out a significant amount of money to persuade them to stay in the only place they would accept, which was near Interstate 90, Exit 330.

The rest of it however quickly brought out the aspect of government by lawsuit. I have written often about the generally accepted observation, especially during the tenure of the last city manager, that we have become in Livingston a micro-plutocracy, government by the rich, in much the same way as Jackson Hole.

It began in earnest early on. At the time, PFL, a good 2.4 miles from town, demanded to be annexed into the city. Under the threat of lawsuit and against the will of the Livingston City Commission at the time, the commission caved in and annexed the property. I know this since as I reminded people Tuesday night, I was not only a commissioner at the time, but the lone dissenting vote against the annexation. Had we stood our ground and done the right thing for the people of Livingston then, we might not be facing the further dominoes falling today. We were told then, just as the commission was told Tuesday night that we had no choice since we would face a difficult or unwinnable lawsuit by a company with

deep pockets.

Then after that we gave them a commercial zoning designation we should not have, instead of light industrial. Same argument, don't fight the big guys.

It wasn't just a battle over the zoning we were facing from those with money. The taxpaying public had begun to realize that these large corporations were trying to take us to the cleaners financially as well. Of the \$20M bond for a separated grade railroad crossing proposed way out near PFL, as pushed by the last city administration, instead of in town where it would have benefited the most people, only \$9M was for the underpass. You do the math for how much would have gone instead for other goodies to benefit those with the big bucks. Fortunately, the voters succeeded, at least to date, in turning that part down. But even the Mountain View subdivision will cost the taxpayers millions. This commission understands that sprawled subdivisions are expensive.

And the beneficiaries were not just strictly PFL, but alongside it Goldman Sachs, its \$25M investor. That giant in global finance has, as I have mentioned in past, a net worth of around \$168 billion and an assets under management of around \$1.64 trillion. But they got that big by demanding Return On Investment, even if it means trying to make Livingston West LLC benefit at the expense of the retired railroad worker on a fixed income with fifty cents in his pocket after he pays the bills, and at the detriment of the local economy.

This is a bad turn for Livingston and the area.

The fight to date has been honest. In my judgment, this is the best city commission and manager we have had in decades. As commission chair Kahle mentioned, we have people on our commission with exceptional skills relevant to issues like development and planning. If you attend commission meetings as I do, you can see it in action. In addition, Livingston citizens are truly on the same page especially when it comes to pride in our historic heritage, including the potential World Heritage status I've suggested as the beautiful rail entrance to the first national park in the world. We have come to realize that we have a small historical gem here which deserves to flourish instead of being cowed by

private special interests and corporate greed. We together have an exceptional Growth Policy 1600 of us created incorporating intelligent principles like "Smart Growth," where instead of haphazard sprawl, a city grows from the center out, as a real town instead.

That means that the reasonable use of the PFL property should have been that light industrial that I had advocated for. They could make a profit and still be a part of a community that defines government as of, by, and for the people—not of the wealthy, for the wealthy, and by threat of litigation.

If you think the commission's August 6th forced caving to the court ruling, was a one-off thing, then you did not attend the recent Livingston Gateway Overlay Zone hearing. The city, since we want it to welcome visitors, is looking to beautify entrances to the city, including the notorious Exit 330. PFL's Andrew Field, under public comment, before the Livingston Gateway Overlay Zone was even explained to the Livingston City Commission in a public meeting, threatened to sue the city should they have the audacity to not drop creating the beautiful Livingston Gateway Overlay Zone that evening.

Admittedly, we are only around 8500 people, and precious few of high net worth, but we still claim the right to the rule of law instead of plutocracy. There has to be a solution to the situation we face here, which has very far-reaching implications for our character, but I see no fix in sight yet.

People need to earn and eat, but what is the price of what so many call success? I heard indirectly of someone a few years ago dying of cancer. He said to a friend that people told him he was worth tens of millions of dollars—and there in his last days, absolutely none of it could help him. Now think on those still in their health, but willing to trade the defacement and gutting of a beautiful gateway city, just to get rich quick. Would that not be a bitter pill very worth avoiding.

A popular college poster back in the boom-boom 80s depicted a giant mound of high-tech possessions on desert sand with the sardonic caption, "He who has the most toys when he dies, wins."

Why is it that those who might need that most—hear it the least?



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Taxpayers,

On Friday, August 9th, Commissioner Tinsley and Commissioner Wells voted to put the \$600,000, ten-year, gravel tax levy, that failed to pass in June, back on the ballot this November for another try to get the answer they want. This will effectively cancel our June ballot votes and outcome.

This tax levy has been re-named "Road Materials" instead of "Gravel" as it had been on the June ballot.

The ink is barely dry on that

June ballot. Asking for a second vote on the same question so soon not only voids our votes; it is downright disrespectful of all those who took the trouble to vote in June. Quite a piece of slight-of-hand. I guess this is what they call the cancel culture. Voters have been cancelled by their commissioners.

These guys don't want to make the hard choices; the necessary cuts that are part of their job. Just give me more money and I'll be on my way. So easy—spending other people's money.

Dear Taxpayers,

County Auditor – What do they do, and why do I care?

According to the Mission statement of the Park County Auditors office; *"It serves the citizens of Park County by promoting accountability, fiscal integrity and transparency in county government. The Auditor's office monitors and reviews operations of the county to assure compliance with the state law and county policies; ensuring the*

proper use of public resources."

The last phrase is key: ***"ensuring the proper use of public resources."***

Every taxpayer wants to see their tax dollars used effectively; it's the County Auditor's job to monitor the county expenditures.

I am running as a write-in candidate for this office on November 5th and would appreciate your consideration.

Kent Hanawalt
phone/email

Please remember to thank Commissioner Story the next time you see him for respecting the vote result of no new gravel tax levy. He was the lone voice Friday against putting the levy back on the ballot and cancelling the people's June vote result of NO new taxes.

Not to be forgotten is the million-dollar rock crusher that was supposed to solve all our gravel problems that we still have nine years of payments to pay while it eats away our road budget before

an ounce of work is done.

Be ready for the gravel and road materials re-education program headed our way, before the re-vote, via the county's news bulletin and grocery store televisions compliments of the commissioners at our expense.

All good things to remember come November 5.

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The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Recognizes National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day

Park County Dugout | By: Jeff Schlapp

On August 21st, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recognizes National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day with extended DEA Museum hours from 6 am to 6 pm. The Faces of Fentanyl exhibit is one of the museum's featured exhibits and commemorates the lives lost to fentanyl. More than 5,000 faces are included in the exhibit at DEA Headquarters as a reminder of the lives lost and the work still left to be done to reverse the course of the fentanyl crisis. Education and prevention are critical components of the DEA's law enforcement

mission, and we proudly support the efforts of all the organizations working tirelessly to amplify and increase awareness of the highly addictive and dangerous drugs containing fentanyl—including the Alexander Neville Foundation, Blue Plaid Society, Facing Fentanyl, Voices for Awareness, and V.O.I.D., among others. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) predicts more than 107,543 people died last year from a drug poisoning or overdose, and according to a recent study by RAND Corporation, 42% of Americans know someone who has died from a drug-related death.

"The shift to synthetic drugs has resulted in the most dangerous and deadly drug crisis in United States history. The Faces of Fentanyl exhibit at DEA Headquarters stands as a solemn reminder of the toll this drug has taken on families all across this country, and it compels us to continue our fight against the cartels fueling this crisis," said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. "We hope you will join us on National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day by remembering and honoring the lives lost."

DEA seized more than 80 million fentanyl pills and 12,000 pounds of fentanyl powder in 2023. That equates to more than 381 million potentially deadly doses of fentanyl that DEA was able to keep out of our communities. In 2022, DEA seized 58.3 million fentanyl pills and more than 13,000 pounds of fentanyl powder. The public can track DEA fentanyl seizures at DEA.gov. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. It is inexpensive, widely available, highly addictive, and comes in a variety of colors, shapes, and forms including powder and pills. Drug traffickers are increasingly mixing fentanyl with other illicit drugs to drive addiction and create repeat business. Many victims of fentanyl poisoning were unaware they ingested fentanyl. Two milligrams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose. Nearly 70 percent of drug-related deaths last year involved a synthetic opioid, such as fentanyl. Information and free resources, including the One Pill Can Kill partner toolkit, are available at DEA.gov/onepill. For more information about the DEA's Faces of Fentanyl exhibit, including the address, security rules and procedures, and normal hours of operation, please visit www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness. In 2017, the Montana State Legislature



passed House Bill (HB) 333, the Help Save Lives from Overdose Act, with the stated purpose of saving "the lives of persons who have experienced an opioid-related drug overdose by providing the broadest possible access to life-saving opioid antagonist medication." The act directs DPHHS to increase the availability and distribution of naloxone (brand name Narcan) through a statewide standing order. Each year, the governor issues a new order essentially giving every Montanan a standing prescription for naloxone. Residents may receive free naloxone from the State of Montana via an authorized distributor. There are currently no authorized distributors in Park County; however, the Gallatin County Health Department informed me that they are when they have the drug available (they are allotted a specific amount – call (406) 582-3100 to inquire). Open Aid Alliance in Missoula will mail a box of your choice of intranasal (nasal spray) or intramuscular (injected with a needle into the muscle) Narcan to your home after you watch a very brief instructional video and pass a four-question test. The box comes packaged in a manila envelope with nothing on the outside to indicate the contents. You can order yours or get more information at OpenAidAlliance.org/savedlife.

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What are opioids?

Opioids are a class of drugs that include illegal drugs like heroin, synthetic fentanyl, and prescription medications used to treat pain such as oxycodone (Oxycontin®) and hydrocodone (Vicodin®).

What is naloxone?

Naloxone is a FDA approved medication that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and restores breathing. If naloxone is given to a person who is not experiencing an opioid overdose, it is harmless. Naloxone can save lives.

Dog Grooming Advice to Keep Pets Clean and Healthy

(Family Features) Regular grooming can keep your dog looking and smelling his or her best, but it's also important for maintaining health. If you choose to groom at home rather than opting for (often expensive) professional care, it's also an opportunity to examine your pet for potential concerns.

A proper grooming routine starts with the right tools. Consider these suggestions from The Humane Society of the United States:

- Dog-friendly nail clippers
- Rubber-bristled brush
- Dog-friendly toothbrush and toothpaste
- Dog-friendly shampoo and conditioner
- Cotton balls
- Blunt-ended shears or small clippers with guides
- Microfiber towel

Trimming Nails

When your dog's nails nearly touch the ground, it's time for a trim, typically every 3-4 weeks. Trimming the part of the nail that turns down helps prevent pain and damage to paws.

If your dog has white nails, avoid cutting the "quick," the pink part that's visible on white nails, which bleeds when cut. For dark nails, simply trim a bit at a time until evidence of the quick is visible.

Bathing and Brushing

Frequency for baths and brushing depends on your dog's coat type – be sure to research optimal grooming schedules based on his or her breed. In general, The Humane Society of the United States recommends these guidelines:

- Short, smooth or wiry coat: Brush once a week with a rubber-bristled brush.
- Long, silky or curly coat: Brush once a day with a rubber-bristled brush or wire slicker brush. Use a steel comb to prevent tangles or mats, if necessary.
- Double coat: Use an undercoat rake or de-shedding tool to gently de-shed once a week in addition to regular brushing routines.



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When it's bath time, use a shampoo formulated for dogs and a damp cloth or cotton ball to clean around the eyes and ears without pushing anything into the eyes or ears. Dry with a microfiber towel or hair dryer on a low setting.

Cutting Fur

Be careful and work slowly to avoid mistakes and keep your dog calm and comfortable. Brush, bathe and completely dry prior to cutting fur with blunt-ended shears or small clippers with guide combs. Specifically trim hair covering the eyes and private areas and between your pup's paw pads.

It may be helpful to watch a tutorial online to ensure success.

Brushing Teeth

You can prevent gum disease and plaque buildup by brushing your dog's teeth with a soft toothbrush and dog-friendly toothpaste. Make sure your pet is comfortable and start slow, staying on the outside surfaces of teeth and gently rubbing back and forth. Focus on the area where the tooth surface meets the gum.

Visit eLivingtoday.com to find more pet health advice.

Search Underway in Glacier National Park for a Missing Climber

WEST GLACIER, Mont. Search efforts are underway in Glacier National Park for Grant Marcuccio, a 32-year-old man from Whitefish, Montana who has been missing since Sunday evening. Marcuccio separated from his party while hiking from Heavens Peak to McPartland Peak. He was last seen heading toward McPartland. Marcuccio did not arrive to the rendezvous spot as planned. Rangers were alerted Sunday evening. Rangers are searching for a 32-year-old

Missing Person

Grant Robert Marcuccio

Physical Description

Age: 32
Height: 6'
Weight: 175 lbs
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Possibly wearing: Brown shorts
Brown and white checkered shirt

Additional Information

Planned to summit Heavens Peak and McPartland Peak, last seen heading to McPartland from Heavens Peak on 08/18/2024 around 12:00PM. If you have seen Grant, or have information regarding his whereabouts, please call the Glacier National Park tipline at: (406)-888-7077.

A headshot of a man with dark, wavy hair and a light beard, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a blue shirt.

Caucasian male with short brown hair, brown eyes, 6', about 175 pounds. He may be wearing brown shorts, and a brown and white

checkered shirt. Two Bear Air began flights over the Heavens Peak area on Monday. Rangers and search teams conducted a search of the area yesterday. Two Bear Air again flew over the area. A helicopter from the Forest Service will assist with bringing

search teams up to the area along with flying over the area to search for Marcuccio today. Anyone that may have information or was in the area and saw an individual that fits the description is encouraged to contact the park tip line at 406-888-7077.

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A photograph of a man sitting on a bench next to a large dog. The man is wearing a baseball cap and a jacket, and the dog is also wearing a cap.

Make Protecting Kids' Eye Health a Priority

(Family Features) Annual checkups are an important step in protecting your child's eye health and vision, but families tend to see the eye doctor less regularly than their primary care doctor, pediatrician or dentist.

This year, ZEISS Vision Care commissioned a study that found only 47% of parents reported taking their children to an optometrist annually, but 78% saw their primary care doctor each year and 71% made a trip to the dentist. The study also revealed 82% of parents with kids ages 18 and younger are concerned about their children experiencing digital eyestrain from using electronics.

Parents in the survey reported a variety of behaviors to protect their children's eyes, including screen time breaks and using glasses, including those with blue light and ultraviolet (UV) ray blocking features.

Learn how you can protect your child's eye health with these tips from the experts at ZEISS.

Don't wait for your child to complain about fuzzy vision. Kids' eye muscles are adaptable, making it possible for them to have functional vision

even when they need a high degree of refractive correction for nearsightedness or farsightedness. Often, kids don't realize better vision is even possible until they have a thorough exam.

Watch for signs of poor vision.

Although your child may not directly complain about having trouble seeing, you may notice symptoms that don't necessarily equate to vision. Headaches and burning causing itching and rubbing the eyes are symptoms that may be attributed to allergies or other causes. Dry eyes and tearing are also symptoms of vision strain. You might find your child squinting or holding objects close or farther away. Sometimes a lack of interest in reading or difficulty concentrating are also related to vision.

Look for kid-friendly corrective eyewear. The shape of the face, distance between the eyes and other proportions gradually change as children develop, which influences the position of eyeglass lenses. In addition, the pupil diameter increases in children and young people while it shrinks again in adults. This means lenses designed for adults aren't necessarily well-suited for children. Options like ZEISS Single Vision SmartLife

Young lenses are specially adapted to the anatomy and lifestyle of growing children. Individual, continuously changing parameters, such as the distance between the eyes, are integrated into the lens design. As a result, they provide up to 60% wider fields of clear view along with full, sunglass-level UV protection in thin, lightweight lenses that can be customized with blue light protection and scratch-resistant coatings that are aesthetically pleasing.

Protect eyes from potential risks.

Require kids to wear protective eyewear when participating in activities, like certain sports, that could harm their eyes. Sunglasses make it easier to see in bright sunlight, but they also protect the eyes from harmful UV rays.

Schedule annual exams. Checking in with your child's eye doctor each year is essential for protecting eye health and vision. If your child wears glasses, verifying his or her prescription is still appropriate is important. If not, it's still a



good idea to monitor for changes.

"As a mom and eye care professional, I understand firsthand the importance of taking care of your children's eye health now so they maintain healthy vision later in life," said Dr. Jennifer Wademan, OD. "Children have different eye care needs than adults and not only require annual comprehensive vision exams but also eye care products and solutions like the ZEISS SmartLife Young lenses designed specifically to address their anatomy and age-specific needs."

Find more resources to protect your child's eye health and vision at zeiss.com/smartlifeyoung.

Avoid this Nasty Preservative!

By Jill-Ann Ouellette

Sodium benzoate is a preservative found in fruit juices, fermented foods, sauces, and some pancake syrups. This food chemical has been linked to a variety of problems including damage to DNA, hormone disruption, and reduced fertility.

If combined with ascorbic acid, citric acid, or vitamin C; it can cause even more serious issues. Under conditions of elevated temperatures or exposure to sunlight, these factors combined can lead to the formation of benzene, a chemical associated with blood cancers. The same chemical process happens when ascorbic acid, citric acid, or vitamin C is combined with another preservative, potassium benzoate.

There are tens of thousands of processed foods that contain sodium benzoate and ascorbic acid, citric acid, or vitamin C. Soda, cakes, sauces and salad dressings are some of the types of foods most likely to contain these combinations.

So, for your health and safety, please read those food labels!

Is sodium benzoate regulated?

If sodium benzoate is known to harm people's health, why is it legal for use in food? Let me introduce you to the Food and Drug Administration's outdated Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) loophole.

Questionable additives, including sodium benzoate, continue to be allowed in food we eat because the rule's purpose was to allow ingredients to skip regulatory approval only if they're known to be safe. But it's allows manufacturers, not the FDA, to certify their own ingredients as safe. That's the fox guarding the hen house!

Since 2000, the majority of new food chemicals added to the food supply chain have exploited this GRAS loophole, and government agencies regulate chemicals one at a time. Potential harm caused by exposure to food chemicals does not come from exposure to just one ingredient. Instead, these toxic combinations must be taken

into account for regulation to be effective.

How can I avoid this harmful additive?

If you want to limit or avoid exposure to sodium benzoate, you can:

- Check food product labels and avoid those that combine sodium benzoate with ascorbic acid, citric acid, or vitamin C as ingredients. Food companies must list these chemicals on packaged-food ingredients labels.
- Look for organic packaged foods whenever that's possible and within your budget. These products must meet stronger standards that protect consumers from exposure to potentially harmful, artificial additives.
- Reduce consumption of "ultra-processed foods." Many contain these preservatives and other food



chemicals that could harm your health.

- Sodium benzoate and citric acids are also used together in cleansers and personal-care products, where citric acid is used as a pH adjuster and converted to a salt, which minimizes the formation of benzene.

Keep this nasty preservative and its harmful ingredient combinations off your diet and out of your home. To your health...



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Have a Heart for Caregivers

8 Expert Tips For Volunteers to Care For Themselves, Too

(Family Features) Survivors of heart attacks or strokes may have additional health and personal care needs, often relying on a family member or close friend to help. While caregivers take on a valuable role, they also pay unique physical and emotional tolls.

In fact, a growing body of scientific research shows people who serve as unpaid caregivers may not get the care they need to live longer, healthier lives, according to the American Heart Association, which is celebrating 100 years of lifesaving service.

Caregiving typically involves a range of duties from providing health care services, such as changing bandages and giving medications, to helping with personal needs like bathing, dressing and meal preparation. Administrative tasks like scheduling medical appointments, filing insurance claims and paying household bills may also be necessary.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 1 in 5 U.S. adults provides some form of regular care or assistance to a family member or friend with a health problem or disability; 58% are women and nearly one-third provide care for at least 20 hours per week.

"The typical caregiver likely has an ever-growing and changing to-do list and most of them probably do not add 'take care of myself' to that list," said American Heart Association

volunteer Lisa Kitko, Ph.D., R.N., FAHA, dean of the University of Rochester School of Nursing and vice president of the University of Rochester Medical Center. "While caregiving can be a very rewarding experience, it can also take a huge physical and mental toll on even the strongest person."

Prioritizing your own physical, mental and emotional health allows you to better help your loved one, Kitko said. Consider her tips for caregivers to care for themselves:

- Knowledge is power. Learn everything you can about your loved one's condition.
- Set boundaries. Say "no" when it's appropriate, don't dwell on what you can't change and recognize you're trying your best.
- Maintain a healthy diet, limit caffeine and get adequate rest.
- Stay current with your own medical and dental appointments. Inform your health care provider if you're experiencing any signs of depression.
- Find a support system. Share your feelings with someone who wants to listen or understands what you're feeling, like the American Heart Association's online Support Network, which includes a section just for caregivers.
- Nurture your spiritual life and



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focus on things you're grateful for each day.

- Make time for yourself and friends. Participate in activities you enjoy, including regular physical activity.
- Be prepared for possible medical emergencies. If you're caring for someone at risk for heart attack or stroke, recognize the warning signs and call 9-1-1 if he or she experience any. Learn Hands-Only CPR; research shows most out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in the home. Be ready to save a life by calling 9-1-1

and pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest.

"Take care of yourself so you can take care of others," are definitely words to live by for caregivers —everyone tells you that and it certainly makes sense, but it's hard," Kitko said. "There is a lot of stress associated with knowing someone is depending on you... that is why taking care of yourself really should be the first item on your caregiver checklist."

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Gardiner Bruins Football Preview:

Hopes are High as Players are Comfortable With New Head Coach Matt Lumley

Park County Dugout |
By: Jeff Schlapp

Last season, the Gardiner Bruins football team did something no Bruins team had done in five years—they won a game, no less, at homecoming. Then, their season and the final five games were canceled due to injuries and not having enough players to take the field safely.

In the offseason, the Bruins hired Matt Lumley as head coach, and in turn, Coach Lumley asked Mike LePage, Gardiner P.E. teacher and afterschool strength and condition coach, to help him guide his young team. Recently, Joel Tuning has agreed to share his knowledge from his college football playing days to form a formidable coaching staff.

What coach Lumley may lack in coaching experience (this is his first time coaching football), he makes up for in other ways. First and most importantly, he's not afraid to say he doesn't have all the answers. He's a patient teacher who believes in fundamentals and brings a fresh, optimistic, and supportive belief in the boys.



In June, coach Lumley brought in Super Bowl Champion Jason Buck, who runs American Huddle, a summer football camp, to teach the team and youngsters

hoping to be someday Bruins players fundamentals, skills drills, mental toughness, and team building. In 1992, Buck was a member of the Superbowl-winning Washington Redskins that won Super Bowl XXVI over the Buffalo Bills.

Coach Lumley told me they didn't even hold a scrimmage during the two-day camp—they worked on fundamentals repeatedly. That was evident on Monday when the team practiced its offense with Coach Lumley reminding his receivers to set their hands into a diamond pattern whenever possible to catch passes.



Photo: Jeff Schlapp

Monday was the third practice and the final day before MHSAA rules allow the boys to practice in pads. The boys looked like they were playing backyard football, with most players going shirtless in the 90-degree summer

heat. It was their second practice of the day, and the coaching staff ensured the players took constant water breaks.

Familiar faces caught passes from Franklin Lewis, one of four quarterbacks coach Lumley

hopes to develop. This season, the Bruins have 14 players ready to play. Badger Hoppe is helping the team while recovering from an injury, but

it's the most players to have shown interest in years.

Braden Tuning, the Bruins All-state track star, is back on the field manning the middle linebacker position. In 6-man football, two players are crucial to the success of a team: the quarterback and middle linebacker. Can you win without good ones—certainly. But Tuning can be a difference-maker for the Bruins this year. With his speed and height, he can cover running backs coming out of the backfield; he's strong enough to knock receivers off their routes, and his blazing speed will come in handy when he backpedals into coverage. I would think he may be on the kickoff and punt return teams to fill the return duties at times as well.

Colter Lumley is only a junior, but he's already been the toughest and surest tackler for the Bruins on the

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Park County 4H

Kira Jerke

**4H Council President
Beef Project Superintendent**

Kira has fulfilled many roles in her ten years with Park County 4H. As the Beef Project Superintendent, she is the frontline for any issues that arise in this program of workshops and activities. She is the problem solver.

Both her son and daughter have enjoyed their experiences in 4H.



When asked why volunteer with 4H, Kira shared, "It's rooted in my family. My great-great grandfather helped to found 4H at the state level, and the service continues through the family generations."

Kira says, "My favorite thing about being in this organization is witnessing kids learn from mistakes

and grow. It's very rewarding to see the personal successes—beyond the ribbons."



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“Enjoying the Journey”

by Lois Olmstead

Last issue it should have occurred to you that a Mother and Son vacation may have some defualties along the way. Defualties is a nicer word than problems don't you think? Whatever we call it, the first one came the first morning away. And it was caused by an apparent generational gap. The Mother suggested eating breakfast at the Cracker Barrel in Coeur d'Alene down the street from our motel. Well, little did I know that is for rocking-chair people. "I like the Cracker Barrel," I said. The Son caved, "Yes, let's go to the Cracker Barrel and get it out of your system... for the rest of this trip." We went. And it was. Smoke covered the mountains all through



Montana and Idaho, but when we saw the "Welcome to Washington" sign, the smoke finally cleared, and we could enjoy the scenery. Right here would be a good place to say, "Hallelujah for the Maps App on my phone." We might have questioned each other's directions, but the Maps App Lady was set and expected no challenges. If we turned into a rest area, she immediately let us know we deviated off her route—and told us in no uncertain terms to get back on course. We did. We wanted to see the ocean. I had entered our ocean destination, which was Waldport, Oregon into the Maps App. Lewis & Clark did quite well with Sacajawea guiding their route. However, I think we were faster. If you have been there, you know it is a great rest stop and shopping place. We had lunch there. We got in Ellie the Edge, started the engine. The Maps App lady said, "Turn left

and get back on Interstate 90." "Yes, maam," said the Son. He was driving. That was good since he listened, followed her directions for 50-60 miles. I was kinda daydreaming when my eye caught the blue highway sign ahead "East 82" I woke up quick. "Aren't we supposed to be going west?" I asked. "We are," said the Son. I was not convinced until we crossed the Columbia River and a sign said "The Dalles 79 miles." I decided not to let it bother me since it didn't seem to upset the Maps App lady. We got there around four and did some fun sightseeing around The Dalles. We crossed the bridge below the Dam and walked along the river. We ate supper at Denny's since it was next to our motel. I did not ask what age group was their specialty, hungry? Tired? The next morning, the Mother made a Route Change, which of course upset the Maps App lady, but we got her reset and she got over her fit. I decided we would not go straight to Waldport. Instead (an executive decision) I thought the Son must see Canon Beach and Haystack Rock, where I stayed many times

during speaking trips. So we drove through a spaghetti maze of highway underpasses and overpasses through Portland. Hats off to the Maps App lady. We made it. We decided to adopt her into our family. Otherwise, we might have fallen off one of those tall apparatus! So, it was on to Canon Beach! I laughed so hard when he (being from Yellowstone country) said, "Did you see all those people with great big cameras taking photo after photo of those seagulls?" I said I had seen them. He responded, "In my way of thinking, you see one seagull, you seen 'em all!" So Ross got his first look at the ocean—and it was "love at first sight" (my words, not his). We had a couple take our picture. It was a side trip well worth the extra miles. We drove Highway 101 along the ocean all the way to Waldport. We found our house. We made it... and still like each other! Oh, I forgot to tell you we went through a forest fire. We'll do that next week. This mom has to say what a blessing I believe God gave us to have this trip together. This week, read Psalm 104, an interesting ocean psalm.



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Pastor Melissa grew up in the Chicago area. She attended Augustana College in Rock Island, IL, and received a M.A. from Loyola University. She spent a few years working at a church and a non-profit organization before discerning a call to be a pastor and then moving to Minnesota to attend Luther Seminary. She first fell in love with Montana when she completed her pastoral internship in Billings. Pastor Melissa began serving at ALC in October 2021. She enjoys every opportunity to spend time exploring the mountains, cycling, and working on baking the perfect loaf of sourdough bread.

Pastor Melissa Johansen




The Best of Park County

The Park County Community Journal (PCCJ) is conducting its annual Best of Park County poll. Voting begins on Friday, August 9th at 9 am and will conclude on Monday, September 2nd at 5:30 pm. Ballots will be printed in the newspaper each week and can be submitted at the Main Print Shop,

located at 108 N. Main Street in Livingston. The shop will be accepting ballots during business hours from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. You can also mail your ballot to PCCJ at PO Box 1851, Livingston, MT 59047. PCCJ will be accepting ballots online beginning

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this year, which can be accessed by using the QR codes printed in each weekly edition of the newspaper up until the polls close. We ask that each person submit only one ballot and complete at least 50 percent of the form for it to be valid. Results will be published in the edition scheduled for release on Sunday, September 15th. PCCJ will present winners with award certificates in each category for the 2024 season.

Take a few moments to vote for your favorite folks and businesses in Park County to show your appreciation!

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| 1. Best New Business: | 18. Best Coffee: | 35. Best Convenience Store: |
| 2. Best Educator: | 19. Best Desserts: | 36. Best Thrift Store: |
| 3. Best Hiking Trail: | 20. Best Place to Watch Sports: | 37. Best Massage Therapist: |
| 4. Best Place to Walk the Dog: | 21. Best Bar/Tavern: | 38. Best Auto Repair: |
| 5. Best Camping: | 22. Best Happy Hour: | 39. Best Hairdresser: |
| 6. Best Place to Take/Send Tourists: | 23. Best Bartender/Bartendress: | 40. Best Salon: |
| 7. Best Fine Dining: | 24. Best Wine List: | 41. Best Dentist: |
| 8. Best Breakfast: | 25. Best Draft Beer List: | 42. Best Chiropractor: |
| 9. Best Lunch: | 26. Best Antique Shop: | 43. Best Veterinarian/Pet Care: |
| 10. Best Dinner: | 27. Best Fly Fishing Shop: | 44. Best Artist: |
| 11. Best Seafood: | 28. Best Retail Wine Selection: | 45. Best Gallery: |
| 12. Best Sandwich: | 29. Best Retail Beer Selection: | 46. Best Local Live Band: |
| 13. Best BBQ: | 30. Best Hardware Store: | 47. Best Live Music Venue: |
| 14. Best Burger: | 31. Best Car Dealer: | 48. Best Casino: |
| 15. Best Steak: | 32. Best Realtor: | 49. Best Museum/Exhibit: |
| 16. Best Pizza: | 33. Best Bank: | 50. Best Local Festival/Event: |
| 17. Best Chicken: | 34. Best Furnishings/Home Decor: | |

Crossword Puzzle Number 345

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- Across
- 1 State and trade
- 6 Slant
- 10 Conveyances never available in the rain!
- 14 Supermodel --- Evangelista
- 15 Admiral --- Zumwalt
- 16 Baking chamber
- 17 Standard of perfection
- 18 Heating fuel
- 19 Old King, with fiddlers
- 20 Pro bono TV ad
- 21 "That's not --- idea"
- 23 For a time
- 25 M*A*S*H clerk
- 27 Shipshape
- 28 Rap variety
- 30 Breckinridge or Hess
- 31 Now it all makes sense
- 32 Address starter
- 34 Door handles
- 38 Sparse fluid
- 39 Thresholds
- 41 Abbas's group
- 42 Information
- 45 "Beat it!"
- 46 Light gas?
- 47 Germinated barley
- 49 Importance
- 51 British royal court
- 54 Fry briefly over high heat
- 55 Reagan biographer Peggy ---
- 56 Grounded N Z bird
- 57 "The Blacklist" network
- 60 Where most people live
- 61 Silver-tongued
- 63 Subject to ebb and flow
- 65 Superman's alter ego
- 66 Turnpike charge
- 67 Fred's dancing sister
- 68 Relaxation
- 69 Sharpen
- 70 Expensive Beverly Hills driv
- Down
- 1 Saucily casual
- 2 Helps
- 3 With all sincerity
- 4 Nutritional guidance
- 5 Mixed greens
- 6 Those who break away
- 7 Entreated
- 8 "--- Believer" (Diamond/Monkees hit)
- 9 Zilch
- 10 Johnnie ---, O J Simpson's defender
- 11 Shun
- 12 The --- of the ball
- 13 Scoff
- 22 Evening routines for kids
- 24 Toil
- 26 Period of human life
- 27 Far-fetched Malibu spiel is garbled
- 28 "I Remember It Well" musical
- 29 Slippery --- eel
- 33 Careful attention
- 35 Having no fixed limit
- 36 Group of voters
- 37 Bravia TV maker
- 40 Dry stalks
- 43 Flow
- 44 "Lost Horizon" guru
- 46 After deducting expenses and taxes
- 48 Horse race measure of separation
- 50 Ax
- 51 Deceitful character
- 52 "Stick close to your desk and never go --- ..." ("HMS Pinafore", Gilbert and Sullivan)
- 53 Makes one
- 56 Furnace
- 58 Bundle
- 59 Egyptian queen, shortly
- 62 17th century trick-taking card game
- 64 Altar affirmation arms against a --- of troubles" ("Hamlet", Shakespeare)

Crossword Puzzle Number 344 Solutions

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12							
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16	B	R	A	I	D	17	A	S	S	T	18	O	M	A	N					
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- Aemil
- Aenas
- Ajax
- Alonso
- Angus
- Arde
- Bawdy
- Caius
- Casca
- Chiron
- Curan
- Edmund
- Ely
- Eros
- Hymen
- Iras
- Jamy
- Jessica
- John
- Juno
- Lear
- Lion
- Luce
- Maine
- Maria
- Moth
- Nym
- Owen
- Sextus
- Tubal
- Tyre
- Ursula
- Wall
- Wye
- Yorik

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Sudoku Puzzle Number 319 "Easy"

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Sudoku Puzzle Answers 318

1	3	5	8	4	7	9	2	6
7	4	9	1	6	2	5	3	8
6	8	2	9	3	5	7	1	4
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9	5	8	4	1	6	3	7	2
3	2	1	7	8	9	4	6	5
4	6	7	5	2	3	1	8	9

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Land Listing | 5+ Acres
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Jon Ellen Snyder | 406-223-8700



28 W Grannis

3 beds 2 baths | 2,112 sq ft
#390575 | \$875,000
Julie Kennedy | 406-223-7753



1065 US Highway 89 S

3 beds 2 baths | 1,756 sq ft
#392679 | \$1,100,000
Tom Gierhan | 406-220-0229



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4 beds 3 baths | 3,396 sq ft
#393111 | \$625,000
Jon Ellen Snyder | 406-223-8700



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331 S 7th Street

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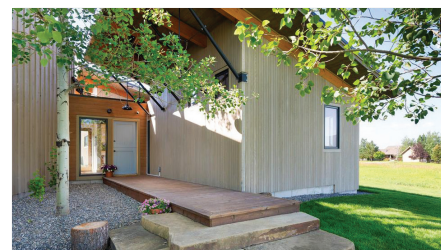
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in the beautiful Shields Valley. In addition to real estate, she is an active volunteer in the Park County 4-H program and the Secretary/Treasurer for the Park County Farm Bureau. Ranching and rodeo have been paramount in her life and have instilled a great admiration for the

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land and wonderful communities across our amazing state. She still team ropes as much as possible, although most of her rodeo time is now spent in the bleachers cheering for her daughter in rodeos across the Big Sky State.



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God Bless You All,
Larry Lovely & Family

Bruins Football

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field. With hands like glue, he offers skill at the slot or wideout position, and on defense, he'll be back in coverage, playing both sides of the ball.

Cayden Sharrow-Hoppe is another player who may play quarterback this season. With a rocket for an arm, his 6'3 height may give him an advantage in seeing open receivers. He plans on playing center for the Bruins as well. He's someone that coach Lumley can count on to be a leader.

Last season, Toby Willner suffered a broken collarbone early in the season when he was hit out of bounds by an opposing player and didn't get the opportunity to show how good he could be. Well, let me tell the Bruins fans that Willner is the real deal. And he told me that he loves playing football and is anxious for the season to start. Willner can flat-out run. It's easy to see him at tailback, quarterback, and the wideout position.

Joel Stermitz, Alex White, and Garret Klein will play multiple positions and see a lot of action on the field.

The head football coach for the Hornets of White Sulphur Spring was incredibly generous when he shared his playbook with coach Lumley and the Bruins. This allowed Lumley to see a receiver tree and other x's and o's that are run in 6-man football.

The Bruins are young, and they don't have any seniors, but they showed a lot of promising skill and great effort on Monday night. The

schedule makers didn't do the Bruins any favors, however, as they travel to Fromberg to start the season, a two-hour, 35-minute bus ride. On the bright side, the Falcons gave up an average of 50 points per game last season while losing eight games.

The Bruins play the Hornets, Lincoln, Hot Springs, and Reedpoint/Rapelje at home this year. Three of their opponents, Lincoln, West Yellowstone, and Hot Springs, made the playoffs last year, but two years ago, they played Lincoln strong for three quarters. They may surprise one of those playoff teams.

Coach Lumley told me he has a team capable of winning five games this year. I love his optimism and enthusiasm. A 6-2 season gets the Bruins into the playoffs. Depending on playoff tie-breakers, a 5-3 season may see the Bruins playing in the first week of November. Anything above one win and healthy players at the end of the season will be progress.

I'm betting on a win over Fromberg on the road to start the season, followed by a rough patch against White Sulphur Springs, Lincoln, and West Yellowstone. A three-game win streak against Alberton, Hot Springs, and Noxon would leave the final game of the year, at home against Reed Point/Rapelje, as the most meaningful game the Bruins will have played in a decade.

Whatever happens, the Bruins will be a fun team to watch.

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CASINO OPEN 8AM-MIDNIGHT EVERYDAY

