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## Christmas Day Community Dinner

The 41st annual free Community Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 25th on Christmas Day. Compassionate Neighbors, the sponsor, invites you to come to the Livingston Civic Center, at 229 River Dr., where they will be serving dinner from noon until 2 pm. A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, beverages and desert is planned.

Volunteers are needed for home delivery and driving home-bound individuals to the dinner, and for setup, preparation, serving and cleanup duties. Let's truly be neighbors helping neighbors and step forward to be part of this very special community event. If you are interested in volunteering, call 406-220-2278.



They especially need volunteers on Dec. 23rd for set up and decorating then again for breakdown starting after 2 pm on

Christmas Day. Warm meal deliveries to your home can be arranged up until Dec.

23rd contact number 406-220-2278. The hot-meal deliveries will occur between 11 am and 12 pm on Christmas Day. This is a fun volunteering experience for families or couples. The meal recipients enjoy seeing neighbors delivering meals.

If you prefer to make monetary donations—you can deposit directly at First Interstate Bank to the account titled, "Compassionate Neighbors-Christmas Dinner."

Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends, family, and the neighbors!

**Happy Holidays!**

## Montana's Chamber Musicians and NOON NOTES

by Joyce Johnson

"Noon Notes" is a friendly name for an awesome free program launched in 2014 by local nonprofit Montana Chamber Music, that combines education and entertainment from high quality chamber music, and performs it for middle school-students and Senior citizens! Just everybody is in on it: Schools, senior residential centers, MSU students, music professors, professionals, top amateurs hired to perform and teach, and gratefully, and with local financial supporters. Noon Notes are performed at the Bozeman Library from noon to 1 pm, monthly, with different instruments and ensembles spotlighted each session. What an innovative and fun deal! So successful, that Walter Wunsch, a classic music

enthusiast, generously funded sending it over the pass to us in Livingston, and especially also inviting Arrowhead School. He asked if I would write about my impressions of the performance last Tuesday at The Shane Center for the Arts. Walter would not have suggested I write about anything less than a treasure of some kind, so I tossed my plan to take a break from writing, to cover what I see as another group of local heroes. So here goes:

We landed in the lobby of The Shane in time to hear the wacky, wonderful sound of Saxophones warming up in the theater. I noticed a smiling man standing at the theater entrance like an usher. See the impromptu photo I took of three special people there a moment later. Then the big school bus pulled up outside and several

dozen bright-eyed, chattering middle school kids spilled into the lobby, and lined up briefly before being swallowed up by the theater to find seats. Another bus pulled up and the scene repeated. There were the expected 70 plus students, and their very attentive teachers, but this first Livingston performance had but few elders yet, so I felt privileged to be there. The students had studied from notes provided a few days before. MSU's Classical Saxophone Professor, Dr. Wonki Lee, stepped to stage front and began introducing the Sax players from the MSU Saxophone Study. Born in Japan,



From left, Matthew Rogers, Shane's Events Facilitator (& usher), Renee Westlake, Montana Chamber Music's Chairman of the Board, and Walter Wunsch, also a member of the Board.

the Professor started playing the Sax at 13, then his parents brought him to NY to study music, which sure panned out.

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OP-ED FORUM

by  
Ann Hallowell

County Planning: A Considered Realistic Plan Created by All to Benefit All—or Moral Exhibitionism?

Moral exhibitionism perfectly depicts the recent spate of public comments that have filled the last five commission meetings. I don't question people's emotional outpouring. We all have our moments. The knee-jerk reaction of our lame duck commissioner looking for legacy, who will not be affected by his pronouncements and freshly elected commissioners eager to please, but without sufficient background data, all climbing on board the latest non-controversy being pushed upon them.

The not-in-my-back-yard (NIMBY) folks and non-profits have been flooding the commission meetings for weeks protesting a new lodge that not only has not been built but the land hasn't been purchased yet.

Legal counsel has advised the commissioners not to discuss a would-be lodge in the event it becomes a reality, and they be sued. So, now the cry has changed their name from "Stop the Suce Creek project" to workshops on commercial and industrial land use.

The commissioners have already approved the creation of a new growth policy instructing the planning board to proceed. The NIMBYs apparently wish to jump ahead in line on the process and make new zoning regulations to stop the imaginary lodge before we even get input from all county residents—much less basic updated statistics to give realistic data for a comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Tinsley and Wells agreed to demands during their November 26th meeting to have a commission meeting December 17th at the fairgrounds at 9 am for a decision on whether or not there would be undefined workshops on growth (not for the growth policy?) and what that would entail. Commissioner Tinsley waxed poetic about how he was the only commissioner ever to mention zoning. His lame duck status is showing.

Yes, the commission "decision" meeting is unsurprisingly at 9 am when most folks are working and cannot participate. (We all have complained about this for years in vain.) Typical County behavior to have important meetings when people can't come in person and to pass regulations between Thanksgiving and Christmas when we are otherwise distracted by family and holiday.

Was the Dec 17th meeting posted on the new monthly County bulletin created from planning board outreach to better help citizens partake in important county meetings? No. Is the Dec 17th meeting posted on the new TVs the county placed in local grocery stores for just such important announcements? Not at this writing.

Scheduling important consequential meetings between Thanksgiving and Christmas is just politics and fools no one. It puts a stain on the commissioners' record of transparency and starts off an already stressful topic in a negative atmosphere. A recipe for contentious outcomes and hard feelings—so easily avoided.

It is a real shame the commission is even considering a decision on such a volatile and important subject as planning and growth, outside the growth policy structure already in process. And, before the new commission that would actually be handling such planning will even be seated.

If the county is considering having workshops and educational meetings on land use planning and county growth it must be part of the growth policy process. Otherwise, a state of total confusion about relevant importance of the meetings will reign. People can't take off work for random NIMBY group hysteria. That approach would be like calling wolf and people would become angry at the false narrative.

For the upcoming commission meeting to be productive, we need a process outline

and clarity of language. Do people want to be educated as they say? On what? Do people really want to discuss growth or is it really about single-use regulations for a particular area or group of people?

List topics people wish to discuss or be educated on. Supplying land-use definitions as per state statute would be helpful so we are all talking about the same thing. Currently commercial and industrial use is being bandied about. What do people mean by that: retail stores, hotels, pharmacy, a couple of gals giving haircuts in their home, farm stand, home business, solar farms?

Are people in favor of one-size-fits-all county plans and regulations or would they rather have smaller, more tailored districts that make their own plans? If so, what do they consider the geography of their district? Are they happy having people from other districts determining the rules of their district?

If you have any thoughts on what you hope for the future of your land and the county and what you wish to bring to the discussion, I strongly suggest you weigh in at this meeting because your land is on the menu.

The recent elections have given us state representatives who admit to knowing nothing about agriculture. This frightens me as it is a sure sign that our county population is turning away from the importance of our ag base in exchange for the current fad of recreational tourism. This at the same time Bozeman is complaining of their trail systems being overwhelmed and over used.

Let's examine that for a minute. Just about every survey I have ever seen in this county has scenic views and wildlife as one of the top 3 reasons people live here. Agriculture is more than a scenic view for the rest of us. It is families working hard to produce locally grown beef and grains as their forefathers have done. A dedication to the health of their lands through good stewardship. Yet, year after year, our ranchers are threatened by endless new regulation proposals that waste their time and put their work and livelihoods in jeopardy just to satisfy the whims of retirees on pensions who go to commission meetings and dream-up ways to regulate others.

The bottom line is if you make regulations that put ag out of business not only will you lose locally grown food—but that precious view you say is important to your life will be lost as well. Our ranchers and farmers are the stewards of those vista views that make our days and lives fuller. It is long past time that people recognize that and protect our producers from our own personal regulatory whims of the day.

And, what about that recreational tourism

that some said was to replace agriculture as the in thing? (Planning board statement from and earlier time.) Suce Creek residents don't seem happy with tourism if it brings a lodge their way but at the same time there is not a whisper of discontent about the complete rebuilding and enlargement of the Dome Mountain lodge on the river in the valley. Money talks and many of us are alarmed by this duplicity.

At budget meetings, tourists are blamed for bad roads, higher taxes, and over-worked deputies. Yet, as long as our commissioners (City & County) don't allow more business opportunities a place to grow, tourists are part of our livelihood.

We all love to hate Bozeman but you can't deny they have a vibrant business community with jobs to spare. We need to spend more time thinking about how they do that so we can have a more stable work and job base here too. Stop whacking down entrepreneurial spirit like short-term rentals that both help a segment of our population put food on the table and keep those tourists out from under foot and happy.

We are creatures of inconsistent duality which is why it can be so hard to come to consensus when some say one thing and do another. If you don't want tourists and lodges to house them that contribute to jobs and our tax base why do the same people cheer for the plan from out-of-state special-interests to pave over our Paradise Valley with a multimillion-dollar bike road which will lure thousands more tourists right up to our doors and camping in our fields? This makes no sense to me, does it to you?

Start making lists of what's on your mind, good, bad and livable. No cheating with amorphous words like "sprawl." Being clear is being helpful. To learn and contribute what kind of meetings and where work for your schedule? Do you think it is a good idea to review the old growth policy to see what is still relevant and needed and what isn't? Or are you happy throwing away the previous work and letting an outside consultant decide what's best for us?

You don't build a house without a foundation. We need accurate up-to-date data for a good plan. Make a list of what you think we need to get started and bring it to the meeting to hand in. Bring the same list to the county planning board meeting on December 19th at 5 pm. Don't be put off by staff. It is your county and their job to pay attention.

There is no reason our county can't thrive with tourists, truculent retirees and new business opportunities. We just need better balance.

  
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# Montana's Chamber

from page 1

He has since traveled around the world teaching music and the Saxophone. We are very fortunate to claim him for Montana's Fine Arts culture. Thank you for choosing us, Professor Wonki.

The Professor captured us with stories, and questions between each piece performed, beginning with these: "What country did the Saxophone

come from? When? Why did the guy invent it or what do you think was missing from the orchestra? What was his name?" A dozen hands went up for each question, with fun guesses...

uh... mostly wrong. The Prof laughed, and just dropped hints as to the right answer for example: "Germany? Close! But no. It's the little country to the left of that one... starts with a B?" Then, "Anyone know what a Sonata is? No? Well it is music that tells a story! And, What's a concerto? anyone? It's a soloist with orchestra accompaniment." [I didn't know that did you, reader?] He was obviously enjoying his audience, and put such great fun into learning. Then they played the first piece which further arrested our attention, called "Rumba." And it danced alright! Busy and fast like in warm-up mode and I quickly scribbled my impressions down: A herd of galloping ponies, a popcorn machine, rush hour traffic, and honking horns! An artist's musical interpretation of modern man, I decided. We listened to the "Rumba" express itself, and, the jaw-dropping talent of our Sax players. How did they hear all the parts and play theirs, and not get lost in the traffic? Mastery, that's how.



Musical Magic: The size of the Saxophone tells us the different voices: soprano, tenor, alto, bass, and baritone. The smaller the sax the higher the voice. The most popular, the Professor said, was the Baritone Sax, and it was huge, and had that deep low voice that sounds like... it keeps the others in line. [Can you "play" an instrument reader?] Brilliant play is what it is too. And that's not all. Proof is out there that quality music can calm, stimulate, and improve memory, and

focus—tangibly raises our physical "vibe" and the "feel good" hormones in the brain. Music can be a powerful collective and individual journey of self expression, and communication.

Knowing this, it is not surprising that many of our youth choose an instrument to master, and become part of orchestras that create what has been called one of the highest achievements of mankind—masterpieces of sound that entertains, increases brain performance, centers us, inspires and reportedly sometimes heals.

All pieces played that hour were a great variety of mood, and style. And I enjoyed them more because the Professor told us what the composer was thinking, feeling and seeing, when he wrote the music. So when we listened, we let our own mental pictures take us there! One piece was a celebration of the desert, and it even sounded dry, hot and harsh, but maybe it rained at the end, because the final movement resolved the musical challenges and was serene and peaceful.

So I will sum up this, my "take," with the final piece written about a challenging and determined climb up a mountain. At last having finally reached the top, the music relaxed into a feeling of

completed adventure, with exquisite harmony from the Saxophones, as though the climber is at last looking out at the splendid view of Nature seen from the top. We felt the music inside. I had tears in my eyes. "Not uncommon," said Renee Westlake afterwards... "to see tears roll down cheeks." Walter was the first to stand and applaud at the end, then we all did. Those amazing Saxophones laugh, cry, talk to each other, storm and soar like eagles sometimes. What a magical experience. I can't wait for the

next performing "class." It is Feb 6th here at The Shane, starring a Cello and Piano. More info to come. I'm hooked.

[FYI: quiz answers: Adolphe Sax, Belgium (1814 – 1894) First Bass Sax patented in 1846, and found a voice in jazz in the early 1920s. For more info about the players, music played, future events and donations, please go here: [info@montanachambermusic.org](mailto:info@montanachambermusic.org) / noon-notes. ]

## Looking Back with Lindie



Chris, Frank, Jim, (rest in peace) Mary, Faith, and J B McLain in the early 1960s.



1937 Christmas-time scene captured by photographer John C. Haberstroh from Main Street, looking west on Callender toward Second.



Local volunteers decorating for the Christmas Holidays in the early 1950s.



From the 1960s - Gwen Egeland and husband Bill Koch with daughter Lovie Ann and husband Ken Hanson and their 3 kids, and David Koch and wife, Rita Schnablegger and their son in Gwen's lap, and youngest son, Billie Koch, sitting between his dad and mom. Bill had Koch's Auto Body Shop on South Main Street where the Sherwood highrise is now.

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# Christy Clark Will Assume the Helm of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Governor Greg Gianforte recently announced the appointment of Christy Clark as Director of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP).

"Christy Clark is a strong leader with the skills needed to lead the agency tasked with protecting Montana's cherished recreational opportunities and public access to public lands," Gov. Gianforte said. "With her record of leadership, I am confident in her as she takes on this new role at FWP. I appreciate her willingness to serve in this new capacity after her



Christy Clark was recently named the Director of Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. Credit: Courtesy Office of Greg Gianforte

successful tenure at MDA."

Clark currently serves as the director of the Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA). MDA Deputy Director Zach Coccoli will serve as MDA's interim director.

"After spending more than 20 years ranching and raising kids, my passion for advocating for agriculture brought me to the Montana Department of Agriculture where it has been an honor to serve Montana and its producers as Director," said Clark. "I'm equally passionate about our state's hunting, fishing, and outdoor

recreational opportunities, which truly make Montana—Montana. I'm grateful to Governor Gianforte for this opportunity to continue serving the people of Montana."

Clark previously served the Department of Agriculture in various roles, including deputy director, agricultural sciences administrator, and agricultural development and marketing bureau chief.



Clark is also a previous member of the Montana House of Representatives. She raised three children with her husband on their family ranch.

## Park County Commissioners Policies & Responsibilities

Powers are limited by state law, but commissioners may exercise broad authority in these and other areas:

- Build and maintain roads, bridges and sometimes airports
- Control and care for county property
- Appoint numerous advisory and decision-making boards such as the tax appeal board, planning board, fair board, weed board, airport authority, etc.
- Prepare, review and decide on the annual county budget
- Hire and fire county employees under their supervision\*
- Adopt and administer personnel policies and negotiate union contracts

- Provide for law enforcement and correctional facilities in the county
- Plan and provide for parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities
- Provide for solid waste collection and disposal
- Develop and enforce building codes
- Provide for the general health and welfare of county residents
- Promote economic and industrial development
- Undertake comprehensive planning, zoning and development controls, and



review subdivisions  
\*Because a number of other County officials are elected directly by the people of the County, the commissioners cannot directly control all County policies. Even though they approve the budget for these offices, County Commissioners have little or no say in how other elected offices are run. Many citizens do not understand that commissioners' power is limited in this way.

These are some of the other elected offices of County government: Clerk of Court, Justice of the Peace, Attorney, Clerk & Recorder, Sheriff, Coroner, Auditor and Treasurer. Also, school systems in Montana operate

independently of the County governments. Additional powers are available to County governments as may be specified by the legislature. No two counties provide exactly the same set of services. When you look at the types of services that counties choose to provide, you see a broad range, including street maintenance, garbage pickup, recycling programs, landfills, hospitals and/or nursing homes, libraries, parks and recreation, police and fire protection, and water and sewer facilities. For some counties, providing such services is relatively new and reflects the shifting responsibilities of formerly rural counties that now must meet the demands of growing suburban populations.

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# John Lowell Receives Both a Governors Arts Award and a Double Win at the International Western Music Awards



Livingston’s John Lowell took home the 2024 Western Album of the Year and was named 2024 Western Songwriter of the Year at the International Western Music Awards celebration in Albuquerque, NM in November.

“This is very humbling,” said Lowell from his home. “It feels great to be recognized for something I’ve been doing a very long time.” He performed a song on the awards show with Hailey Sandoz, who won

the 2024 Instrumentalist of the Year award, his bass player Wes Horton, and his wife, Joanne Gardner Lowell.

Just last week, Lowell received the **Montana Governor’s Arts Award** in Helena from Lt. Gov. Kristine Juras. In a ceremony at the Supreme Court chambers, Lowell joined Jackie Larson Bread, innovative bead artist of Great Falls, Jim Dolan, metal sculptor of Belgrade, John Dunnigan, musician of Whitefish and Mary Gayle Shanahan, portrait artist

of Helena as recipients of the honor, given every two years. The award honors outstanding citizens and organizations in Montana whose achievements in the arts, or on behalf of the arts, benefit all Montanans.



Additional Information from [iwesternmusic.org/performer](http://iwesternmusic.org/performer)

**John Lowell**

**Talents:** Musician, Songwriter

**Awards:**

- 2024 Songwriter of the Year
- 2024 Western Album of the Year
- 2023 Songwriting Contest Award

- 2022 Working Cowboy Song of the Year

**Nominations:**

- 2022 Songwriter of the Year Nominee
- 2022 Traditional Album of the Year Nominee
- 2022 Working Cowboy Song of the Year Nominee

Recipe by  
Carla Williams

## RECIPE CORNER

### Raspberry Shortbread Thumbprint Cookies

**Ingredients**

- ¾ cup salted butter softened
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1.5 cups all purpose flour
- ½ cup raspberry jam

**Directions:**

1. Using a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or an electric hand mixer and large bowl, cream the butter on high speed. Add the sugar and egg yolk, then mix again to combine.
2. Scrape down the insides of the bowl. Add the flour and mix on low speed to incorporate.
3. Optional: Chill the dough for an hour to prevent the cookies from spreading.
4. Preheat the oven to 350° F.
5. Portion dough into ½ tablespoon balls.
6. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. The cookies do spread a bit, so leave room.
7. Make an indent in the center of the dough with your thumb and fill with jam.

Food Photo Credit: yayforfood.com

The red color of the raspberry jam makes these shortbread thumbprint cookies perfect for a Christmas or Valentine's Day treat. Feel free to use any flavor of jam you like.

1. Bake in the preheated oven for 10-12 minutes, or until the shortbread is light golden brown.
2. Remove raspberry thumbprints from the oven and allow the cookies to cool on the pan for 2 minutes. Transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely before serving.

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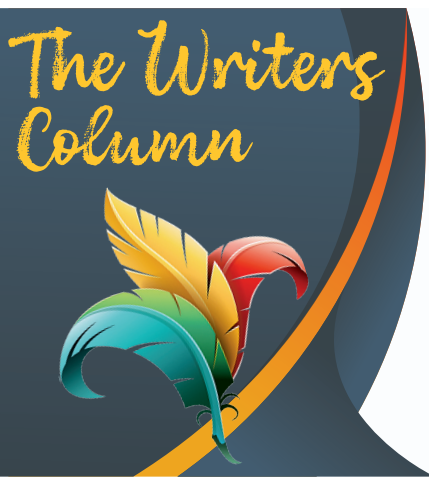
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by James Kozlik

Continued...

I leave the yard and walk over to the temple. It is similar to others I have seen in different villages and towns during my journey. I look towards the south across the open field and towards the distant mountains where I had come from.

I step out of the temple and walk to the edge of the surrounding path... the path that took me here. I find a large boulder to sit on. And decide that I need to contemplate

# When They Leave

on... on what? What I plan to do? And exactly what is my plan? Whenever, I do this I start thinking about my future. When I get back home to America? I left wanting to see the world and get a perspective for what I want to do in the future which will always be there! And what about now, which will very soon become then... the past moment? Seems like I am always trying to hang onto a moment that pleases me. As if I just want to remember the good vibe I feel from a past feeling?

Okay, Harry, you're getting way out there, talking to yourself again. Talking to whom? My soul? Is my physical form separate from my soul? Shut up, just be still now. I close my eyes and let the sun warm them, warm my body. I feel the hardness of the rock under me. I am merging with it, the sun, the breeze and slowly letting go of all that chatter.

Ahhhh.... There is a tap on my shoulder. I slowly put my palms over

my eyes, let a little light filter in, then open them as I remove my palms and just take a second to look at the view. There's another tap, I come back to my senses, and turn. It's a little boy, he smiles and asks.

"What's your name?"

"Harry, you speak English?"

He ponders for a second, "Harry."

And continues to look at me.

"What's your name?"

"Karan"

"Karen?"

He smiles and shakes his head.

He grabs my hand and points in the direction of the grass hut. He wants me to go there with him.

"Am'mam'ma." It must mean mother? But what do I know, not the language, that's for sure. We arrive at the hut.

Karan motions me towards the entrance. He announces himself by calling out "Am'mam'ma, na snehitudini kalustundi" (Grandma, meet my friend). It takes awhile but an older woman finally comes to the entry. Her hair is gray and there

are a few teeth missing when she smiles. She is slightly hunched over. Her sari is a magnificent gold with embroidered white flowers sewn on the sari which has purple trim.

I give a prayer pose and say, "Namaste Am'mam'ma," with a smile. She gives a nod and looks at Karan. They briefly chat and then look at Harry. She says, "Harry." Then points at the cow, uses her fingers to mimic walking, then points out at the grassy field on the other side of the fence. Karan looks at Harry. Okay, I am guessing that they are asking me to walk the cow to pasture. I repeat the hand gestures to Am'mam'ma and point to the field. She nods. I motion using fingers and my mouth with a chewing motion. With my other hand I pat my belly and extend it out. She smiles and Karan laughs and they both seem pleased. We untie the sacred cow that produces protein in way of milk curds a delicacy, is what I found out later. Karan and I are going through the village towards the

pasture and anybody who is watching gives a smiling approval.

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# Annual Tree of Life Celebration—A Touching Honor

by Tony Crowder

The annual Tree of Life celebration and fundraiser sponsored by the Livingston HealthCare (LHC) Hospice Department and LHC Foundation was hosted Wednesday, December 4th at the Livingston Depot Center. This year's tree lighting ceremony marked the 35th anniversary of the event which has long been held in the Livingston community to recognize and honor the lives of deceased family members and friends by dedicating a light to shine in their memory. The Tree of Life remains lit on the Livingston HealthCare main campus throughout each holiday season. Gateway Hospice, a program dedicated

Marleen Anderson, a Livingston resident who began volunteering for Gateway Hospice in its early days and later became a board member when the program merged with Livingston Memorial Hospital (now Livingston HealthCare) in 1989. Anderson and others, such as Tom Davis, also a former board member of Gateway Hospice (and owner of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home and), donated time and money in support of the program, spurring its widespread success within the community and leaving behind a legacy celebrated through tradition—the very roots of the Tree of Life celebration.

The initial celebration was hosted in 1989 when Jardine and other volunteers (Anderson, Davis and Jody Dowell) considered new ideas for raising money to support the program and its mission. The celebration would come to not only support the program financially but symbolize its purpose—connecting and uplifting the community.

Her original idea was to first plant several trees in Rotary Park. During the holiday season, a time of year especially difficult for those who have lost a loved one, a single tree in the park would be illuminated with lights commemorating the deceased and their volunteer caretakers in support of living friends and relatives.

Since the inaugural ceremony at Livingston's courthouse, the event has relocated to the Livingston Depot Center. In the past, the Park High School Chamber Choir provided music for the event, and attendees received hand-crafted Tree of Life scrolls listing annual honorees. Once integral to the ceremony, trees were planted each year at Rotary Park and later decorated during the holidays. The organization sought monetary donations though no specified amount was requested nor were contributions necessary to honor a loved one, regardless of whether they had received hospice care or lived within the community.

The event remains inclusive to all.

This year's celebration commenced with opening statements from Justin Sutherland, the Home Health and Hospice Care Coordinator of LHC. Sutherland reminded attendees that not only was the ceremony intended to memorialize the deceased, but to honor program volunteers who have been described to him by others as "blessings" and "angels." He also said, "I love the illustration of our loved ones in a light. It keeps us to see where we are and where we are going, bringing joy and love in dark moments, and giving us perspective on how precious life is."

The celebration continued with the Livingston Community Choir singing 'O' Christmas Tree' and 'Silent Night,' followed by introductory statements from Jardine and a testimony from keynote speaker Merry O'Hara Tackle, whose parents were cared for by Hospice up until their passing. Jardine said, "When people ask me why or how I chose to do this, I tell them it was an honor and privilege and that I always received far more in return than I gave." O'Hara Tackle, who had been her parent's primary caregiver prior to seeking assistance from Hospice, expressed gratefulness for the program, encouraging others in similar situations to ask for help, saying "Hospice was a blessing as they walked my parents through their journey."

Prior to closing statements by LHC Executive Director Jessie Wilcox, The Livingston Community Choir resumed their performance



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with 'Angels Among Us,' a tradition started by the Park High School Chamber Choir.

Wilcox then took to the podium to discuss the Hospice relief fund, money used to assist individuals and families impacted by the death of a loved one, relaying a story about a local man who received financial aid from Hospice after abandoning work to care for his brother until his untimely passing from cancer. She also spoke on bereavement support groups offered at LHC, encouraging participation by citing its numerous benefits—processing grief through fellowship and learning strategies to cope with loss. The ceremony concluded with music from Cellist Kyle Brenner and refreshments provided by hosts.

We encourage readers to attend next year's ceremony in honor and support of the Home Health and Hospice program, it's members and beneficiaries both past and present, and to consider making a financial contribution or volunteering commitment to ensure its perpetuity and success.

For more information on donating or volunteering, call LHC Foundation Development Coordinator Anita Maxwell at 406-823-7610.



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to caring for and comforting the terminally ill through the end of their lives, was originally founded in 1984. The project, initially envisioned by Dr. Ira Byock prior to his departure from the community, was realized by Julie Jardine, a registered nurse who would devote much of her career to the program, which has since served the Park County and Sweet Grass communities. Initially the program functioned on volunteer commitments by community members, medical staff, social workers and chaplains, though eventually its survival depended on fundraising efforts—bike races, plant drives and others.

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**Q.I've been taking my dog to the local dog park recently in hopes of socializing him. But it seems as though it's not helping. Do you have any tips?**

**A:** First off, the local dog park is a great open area for your dog to stretch their legs. Unfortunately, it is not a good place to improve socialization. Personally, I have witnessed at the dog park when the owner would sit in their car and let their dog loose. This defeats the purpose of taking a dog to the park as the dog will stay close to the car and can lead to a dog being unsafe with vehicle traffic in the parking lot or worse even running into traffic on the main road.

As per the local laws, your dog needs to be under vocal control and you have to be out of your vehicle. Sometimes it's a free-for-all at the dog park and can lead to very excitable and overwhelming dog attitudes thus not a helpful environmental for dogs to increase their social skills.

I recommend using more structured tools such as frequenting stores that require dogs to be on leash, sitting on the

upper part of Main Street on a bench, or utilizing a structured day camp. All of these set the pup up for success. Socialization can be confused for meeting every single dog and person you encounter, whereas we should look at it as exposure to sounds, sights, and more.

Naturally, we don't like every person we meet and we shouldn't have unrealistic expectations for our dogs. Once you have a confident dog—frequenting the park is great! Try and move around the park to encourage your dog to do the same. Our community is lucky to have a great open space like our dog park and should utilize it as much as possible!

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From Good Housekeeping

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**What did Frosty's girlfriend give him when she was mad at him?**

*The cold shoulder.*

**What do gingerbread men use when they break their legs?**

*Candy canes.*

**What do donkeys send out near Christmas?**

*Mule-tide greetings.*

**How did a reindeer learn to play piano?**

*He was elf-taught.*

**What did the snowman say to the aggressive carrot?**

*"Get out of my face."*

**What do you call an old snowman?**

*Water.*

**Why shouldn't you lend money to elves?**

*They're always short.*

**Why are mummies such big fans of Christmas?**

*Because they enjoy wrapping.*

**What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?**

*An abdominal snowman.*

**What is green, covered in Christmas lights and Christmas bulbs, and goes ribbit?**

*A mistle-toad.*

**How do sheep say Merry Christmas to each other?**

*Fleece Navidad.*

**What is every parent's favorite Christmas song?**

*Silent Night!*

**Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?**

*Because every buck is dear to him!*

**What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?**

*Wait, there's myrrh.*

**What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?**

*Frostbite.*

**What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?**

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**What do snowmen eat for breakfast?**

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by Shannon Kirby, doTERRA Wellness Advocate

## ESSENTIAL OILS TO INVOKE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

This is the time of year that we gather to celebrate the holidays, spend time with family and friends, bake up a storm, make the house smell wonderful, have friends over, etc.

Holidays are often stressful—we work hard. We celebrate hard. We decorate. We buy gifts. We clean. We bake. We cook. We do so much and it takes its toll. The holidays tend to keep us all running—doing too much, spending too much. As a result, we can get spread a bit thin and have trouble keeping focused on the stuff we need to be present for. This is a great time to diffuse a little bergamot... not only does it help us to refocus but it lends an air of calmness. Bergamot is known as the oil of self-acceptance and so is additional help in combating feelings of self-judgment and hopelessness.

As we run around doing all the things we feel we need to do, often our energy level falls and we find ourselves run down. A little peppermint oil can help put the pep back in our step. It is an invigorating oil and also helps to make breathing a little easier (great if

you have any sort of congestion). Diffuse peppermint and any citrus essential oil for a sunny, fresh, enlivening scent that is a emotional pick me up. There is a reason that peppermint is often called the oil of the buoyant heart!

Another oil that is wonderful this time of year is clove. Anytime I smell clove, it makes me think fall, holidays, Christmas, festivities, etc. So add it to a diffuser. It lends that warm, spicy holiday scent to any home. But, clove is also an excellent essential oil in that it supports the immune system and as such, will help you stay strong and healthy during the season of burning your candle at both ends. Clove is referred to as the oil of boundaries... and this time of year also can certainly be a challenge in terms of boundaries.

This time of year can be extremely difficult for some folks. Perhaps they have lost loved ones and they are still grieving or they associate this time of year with sad or unpleasant experiences. It can be a rough time of year emotionally. A great oil to consider is cypress which helps us process emotions and get a

better handle on them. It is known as the oil of motion and flow—so it helps us get out of emotional stagnancy and gets the energies moving and flowing again. Anise is another essential oil that is a great addition to the holidays. It is wonderful for helping to combat anxiety and help settle or regulate emotions.

No surprise that lavender makes this list as well. Lavender is a powerhouse oil that can do so many things... from skin issues like burns and bug bites to helping promote better sleep, this is an oil to have on hand year round. Lavender is widely known for its ability to help calm stress and alleviate anxiety. And who doesn't face some of that—or a lot of that at the holidays? Added to your diffuser at night, it will also help you get better rest.

And what would the holidays be without overindulgence? Big servings of favorite foods, rich desserts, drinks, candies... it can all lead to digestive discomforts. I am NEVER without DigestZen, Ginger and/or peppermint—these are all so helpful in helping soothe tummy issues.

Most people associate certain scents with the holidays... orange, cinnamon, clove, ginger, balsam, pine, spruce, frankincense, etc. The warm, spicy fragrances, the crisp evergreen scents immediately put us in holiday mode.

Some great diffuser blends... and these can all be adjusted to your own level of fragrance or personal taste... don't be afraid to experiment... some of the best blends I have come across are happy accidents!

- 1. CANDY CANE FOREST:** 5 drops wintergreen, 3 drops peppermint, 3 drops cinnamon
- 2. GINGERBREAD DELIGHT:** 3 drops cinnamon, 3 drops clove, 3 drops

ginger

- 3. HOLIDAY FOREST:** 3 drops cedarwood, 3 drops Siberian fir, 1 drop black spruce

- 4. EVERGREEN JOY:** 3 drops cedarwood, 2 drops juniper berry, 2 drops cypress, 4 drops Siberian fir

- 5. SILENT NIGHT:** 2 drops bergamot, 4 drops Siberian fir, 1 drop black spruce, 1 drop wintergreen, 4 drops wild orange, 1 drop cypress

**CHILLAXING BATH BLEND:** to 1 cup of Epsom salts, add 10 drops lavender, 4 drops vetiver, 6 drops frankincense, 3 drops Siberian fir.

My wish for all of you out there is that your holiday season is the best it can be under some very trying circumstances. This has been a good year for some introspection, personal growth, change, and expansion. Take the time to care for yourself, offer assistance to others who need a little support or an emotional boost, and above all, stay healthy.

One last thing. It has been such a blessing for me to hear from all of you. It might be an email thanking me for an article. It might be a phone call with questions or needing suggestions or resources. It might be someone asking for a sample or a scan. I cannot tell you how much your communications have meant to me this last year. So, please keep in touch and let me know how I can help!

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**Thursday, Dec. 19th -**  
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**Friday, Dec. 20th -**  
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# Bobcats Take Down UT-Martin with Ease!

By: Tony Crowder

Bozeman, MT—The Bobcats put on a display of dominance as they hosted and eliminated UT Martin in the second round of the FCS playoff championship series, scoring early in the first quarter on a 24-yard touchdown pass to Freshman tight end Hunter Provience (his first career receiving touchdown), the first of many successful drives culminating in 504 total yards of offense in a 49-17 routing by the Cats.

The offense, led by senior Tommy Mellot's 300 passing yards and four touchdowns on a career best 88% completion rate, kept in tradition by exceeding their season average 30 points without fullback Rohan Jones and running back Julius Davis, who each suffered injuries in last week's Cat-Grizz game.

The Bobcat's high-powered offense continued pouring it on in the first half, scoring at will on touchdown passes from 12 and 39 yards to wide receivers Taco Dowler and Ty McCullouch, respectively, the latter of whom added a 6-yard rushing touchdown less than three minutes into

the second quarter, just his second rushing score on the season.

Montana State's defense held UT Martin to just 10 points in the first half, their lone score coming on an explosive 78-yard touchdown pass to Trevonte Rucker from starting quarterback Kinkead Dent. Up until then the Cats defense stymied any attempt the Skyhawks had made at generating even a semblance of offense.

UT Martin managed to kick a field goal with 5 minutes and 37 second remaining in the second quarter and would not score again until late in the fourth on a garbage time passing touchdown to Rucker, capping a 14-play drive over 7 minutes and 58 seconds.

The Cat's second half scoring campaign was led by sophomore running back Scottre Humphrey, who ended the game with an impressive 11-102-1 stat line, averaging an astounding 9.3 yards per carry (1.8 yards higher than his season average of 7.5). Humphrey blasted off for a 36-yard touchdown run on only the second play of the Cat's first offensive drive of the half, his 14th

rushing score of the season. Mellot then threw his fourth touchdown pass to Dowler (his second of the game) with 6:50 remaining in the third quarter, extending MSU's lead to 32 points.

The fourth quarter saw only one score from Montana State, a 30-yard rushing touchdown from freshman running back Adam Jones, as the team had comfortably secured an insurmountable lead over the Skyhawk clan. Jones, working in tandem with Humphrey, has rushed for nearly 1,000 yards in his rookie season, boasting ten total touchdowns and 7.2 yards per carry—just one more player whose season performance encapsulates the Bobcat's supremacy in the FCS.

While time of possession was nearly identical between both teams, the Cats lead in first down conversions and total offense and committed fewer penalties. MSU controlled much of the game



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through a dynamic offensive scheme characterized by a steady run offense and efficient passing. The defense meanwhile held the Skyhawks to 264 total yards of offense and 2.6 yards per carry.

Montana State will play number eight seed Idaho (10-3) at Bobcat Stadium on Friday, December 13th in the third round of the FCS playoff championship series. The prevailing team will face the winner in a matchup between number five seed UC Davis and fourth seed South Dakota. The undefeated Bobcats are seeking their second national championship since 1984.



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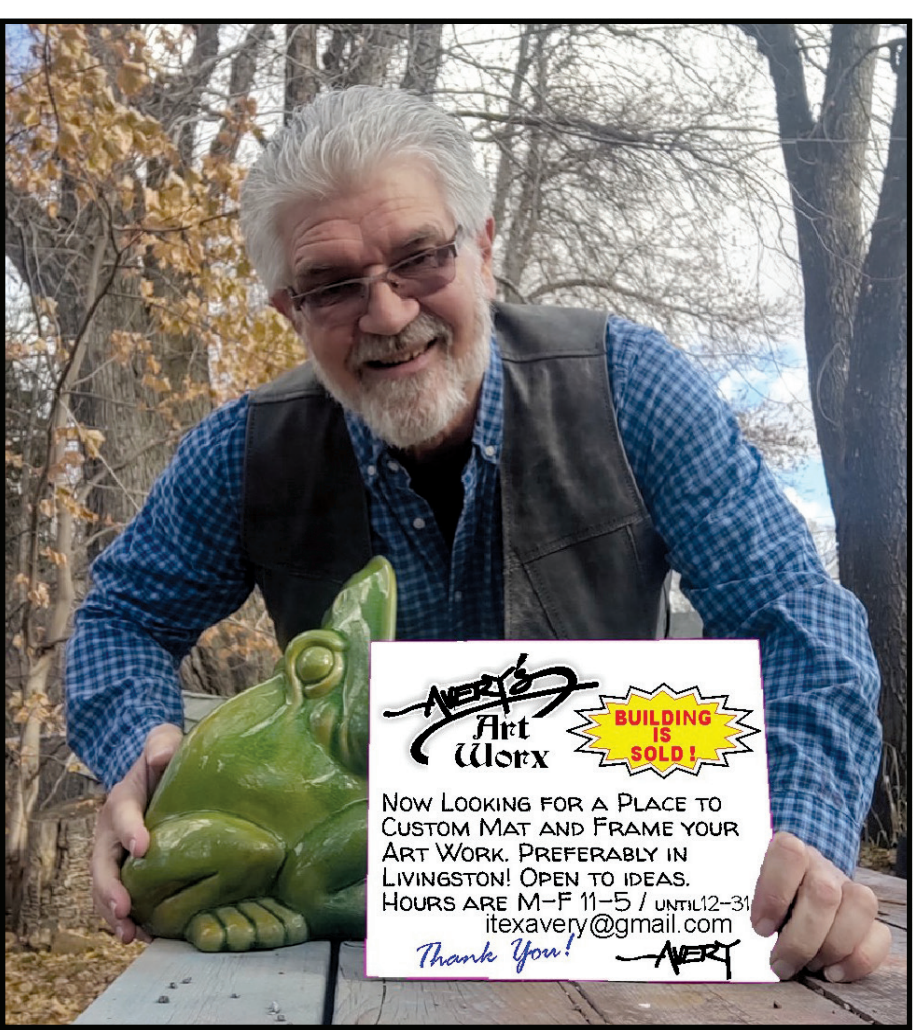
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# "Enjoying the Journey"

by Lois Olmstead

It is Day 3,141 since He-Who-Took-Long-Steps went to heaven. Rounded off that is about 8 ½ years.

We often hear 'time heals all wounds.' That is not true. Time does not always make differences on the pain we experience as years go on. And I can only speak from my personal experience in the loss of a spouse.

With our "I do's" in a church in front of our families and friends, on September 15, 1961, we stood pledging our love to each other before God and became one. What an adventure began as we lived out those vows for richer or poorer and in sickness and health until death due us



part. That happened a few months before our 55th anniversary.

Our special treasure was always believing God had led us together and He knew better than us that we could make it together—because as I have told you before "We liked each other most days!" And our secret treasure was being friends. We liked each other, we liked adventure, we liked being parents of three boys (prolly should say 'most days' there too).

On day 3141 you need to know there have been many tears and working through being alone that God, family and friends have helped me walk through. I am so thankful. However, this time of year when Christmas comes, I miss He-Who so very much. We were so good at gifts for each other.

For instance, one year He-Who asked me what I wanted for Christmas that year. I told him I needed a robe. I carefully explained, "I don't want a fancy one. I don't want one with ruffles or fur. I want just a good, practical housecoat. One I can cook scrambled eggs in. . . " Seeing the look on his face, I retorted, "Well, just in case, I ever decided to cook scrambled eggs!"

Sure enough, on Christmas morning there was a robe-sized box under the tree. It was wrapped elegantly. "He must have really outdone himself," I thought as I carefully removed the beautiful bow and the red flocked foil paper. I knew the department store that wrapped packages like that (and it was one we couldn't afford to frequent.)

Yes, I screamed. There was definitely a scrambled eggs robe. Only it was someone else's and had been for many years, judging by its looks. There was no doubt it was secondhand. It must have hung on someone's bathroom door hook

for years because there was a permanent indentation at the back of the neck. It still had a tissue in the pocket!

"It was so embarrassing," the boys tattled. "Dad went into the secondhand store and even talked the lady down from \$1.50 to 75 cents for it!" Then they told how he had taken the robe to the aforementioned department store (!) to have them wrap it for him! He redeemed himself by later getting another box from behind the tree with a real housecoat in it. That one was new and as usual when he got me gifts, it was perfect.

I did not keep the used one, but I must say I never cooked a lot of scrambled eggs either.

It reminds me over and over in these times I miss him so much—surely God picked us out for each other—and I wouldn't trade those memories and adventures we shared. Halleluiah, we will see each other again. Next issue I'll share our gift adventure in a Billings motel. Read: Psalms 62 this week.



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27 Merrill Lane, Livingston  
Pastor Darryl Brunson  
Sunday worship 10:00 am  
406-224-1774 • [expeditionmt.org](http://expeditionmt.org)

**First Baptist Church**  
Crossing Community Church  
202 East Lewis St., Livingston  
Pastor Bryce Maurer  
Sunday worship 10:45 am  
406-222-1603 • [fbclivingston.org](http://fbclivingston.org)

**Gardiner Community Church**  
318 Main Street, Gardiner  
Reverend Jeff Ballard  
Sunday worship 10:15 am  
406-848-4060

**Gardiner Baptist Fellowship**  
802 Scott Street, Gardiner  
Pastor Britton Gray  
Sunday worship 11:00 am  
406-223-4478

**Grace Methodist Church**  
302 South 9th St., Livingston  
Pastor Mari-Emilie Anderson  
Call/visit website for worship times  
406-222-1041  
[www.methodistsontheyellowstone.org](http://www.methodistsontheyellowstone.org)

**Holbrook United Methodist Church**  
424 Lewis Street, Livingston  
Call/visit website for worship times  
406-222-1041  
[www.methodistsontheyellowstone.org](http://www.methodistsontheyellowstone.org)

**Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
1505 E Gallatin St., Livingston  
Sunday Public talk and Watchtower 10:00 am  
406-222-2012 • [jw.org](http://jw.org)

**Livingston Hope Church**  
226 South 3rd St., Livingston  
Senior Pastor Shad Durgan  
Sunday worship 8, 9:30 and 11 am  
406-222-1577 • [livinghope.church](http://livinghope.church)

**Livingston Bible Church**  
329 North 5th St., Livingston  
Pastor Monte Casebolt  
Sunday worship 10:30 am  
406-222-2714 • [livingstonbible.org](http://livingstonbible.org)

**Livingston Christian Center**  
(Assemblies of God)  
1400 Mount Baldy Dr., Livingston  
Pastor Dave Brakke  
Sunday worship 10:00 am  
406-222-3144  
[livingstonchristiancenter.com](http://livingstonchristiancenter.com)

**Livingston Church Of God**  
101 South O Street, Livingston  
Pastor Ed Parrent  
Sunday worship 10:30 am  
406-220-0620

**Mountain Bible Church**  
18 Pine Meadow Rd., Livingston  
(off Pine Creek Rd and Hwy 89)  
Pastor Brandon Reagor  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
406-219-7628 • [mtbible.org](http://mtbible.org)

**Mount Republic Chapel**  
240 US Hwy 212, Cooke City/Silver Gate  
Reverend Don Taylor  
Sunday worship 9:30 am  
Check the website for seasonal worship times  
406-838-2397  
[mtrepublicchapel.org](http://mtrepublicchapel.org)

**Mountain Springs Baptist Church**  
626 North 13th St., Livingston  
Pastor Justin Sutherland  
Sunday worship 11:00 am  
406-222-1240  
[mountainspringsbaptist.com](http://mountainspringsbaptist.com)

**Paradise Valley Community Church**  
1772 East River Rd., Livingston  
Pastor Andrew Alberda  
Sunday worship 10:30 am  
406-333-4905  
[paradisevalleychurch.org](http://paradisevalleychurch.org)

**Pine Creek United Methodist Church**  
2470 East River Rd., Livingston  
Pastor Mari-Emilie Anderson  
Call/visit website for worship times  
406-222-1041  
[methodistsontheyellowstone.org](http://methodistsontheyellowstone.org)

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
425 West Lewis St., Livingston  
Sunday worship 11:00 am  
406-222-1175  
[www.rclivingston.wordpress.com](http://www.rclivingston.wordpress.com)

**The Summit Lighthouse**  
Contact us for worship service and conference times  
63 Summit Way, Gardiner  
406-848-9200  
[SummitLighthouse.org](http://SummitLighthouse.org)

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
1 Guthrie Lane, Livingston  
Pastor Rene Marquez  
406-222-7598  
[livingstonmt.adventistchurch.org](http://livingstonmt.adventistchurch.org)

**Shields River Lutheran Church**  
105 Ordway St. South, Wilsall  
Sunday worship 9:00 am  
406-578-2212  
[srlcwilsall.wordpress.com](http://srlcwilsall.wordpress.com)

**Shields Valley Bible Church**  
405 Fifth St. West • Clyde Park  
Pastor Glen Helig  
Sunday worship 11:00 am  
406-686-4708

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
310 West Lewis St., Livingston  
Reverend Kristin Orr  
Sunday worship 10:30 am  
406-222-0222  
[saintandrewsepiscopalchurch.org](http://saintandrewsepiscopalchurch.org)

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
8 Story Road, Emigrant  
Reverend Kristin Orr  
Sunday worship 8:00 am  
[stjohnspv.org](http://stjohnspv.org)

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
910 McLeod St., Big Timber  
Father Garrett Nelson  
Sunday worship 2:00 pm  
406-932-4728

**St. Margaret's Catholic Church**  
206 1st Avenue North, Clyde Park  
Father Garrett Nelson  
Service Saturdays 4:00pm  
406-222-1393  
[stmaryscommunity.org](http://stmaryscommunity.org)

**St Mark's Church Universal And Triumphant**  
130 South D St., Livingston  
Sunday worship 10:15 am  
406-222-2675

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
511 South F St., Livingston  
Father Garrett Nelson, Pastor  
Saturday 6:00 pm year-round  
Holding Services since 1891.  
Sunday at 10:30 am April thru Sept.  
Sunday 8:00 am October to March  
406-222-1393 • [stmaryscommunity.org](http://stmaryscommunity.org)

**St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
1116 W Geyser St., Livingston  
Pastor Paul Stern  
Sunday worship 10:15 am  
406-222-3372 • [stpaulslivingston.org](http://stpaulslivingston.org)

**St. William's Catholic Church**  
705 West Scott St., Gardiner  
Father Garrett Nelson  
Sunday worship 8:00 am April-Sept  
Sunday 11:00am October to March  
406-222-1393 • [stmaryscommunity.org](http://stmaryscommunity.org)

**Valley Shepard Church of the Nazarene**  
Services are presently online.  
Please call for instructions to view a service.  
Reverend Christie American Horse  
Livingston • 406-223-1072

**Wilsall Community Church**  
112 Liquin Hill Rd., Wilsall  
(west of Hwy 89 North; take Clark St to Liquin)  
Pastor Stephen Fanning  
Sunday worship 10:45 am  
406-578-2004 • [wilsallcchurch.com](http://wilsallcchurch.com)

**United Methodist Grace Church**  
302 South 9th St., Livingston  
Pastor Mari-Emilie Anderson  
Sunday worship 5:00 pm  
406-222-1041  
[www.methodistsontheyellowstone.org](http://www.methodistsontheyellowstone.org)

**If you would like your Church & Leaders to be included on this page, please contact us at [pccjournal.com](http://pccjournal.com)**

### Meet Our Leaders

#### PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

1772 E River Rd. • Livingston, MT 59047  
[paradisevalleychurch.org](http://paradisevalleychurch.org)



**Pastor**  
Andrew Alberda

A graduate of Montana Bible College, Andrew is a native of MT and became Lead Pastor in March 2020. Andrew served previously as the Associate Pastor. He is currently working on a MABC (Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling) from Faith Bible Seminary.

Established in 1953, Paradise Valley Community Church is a non-denominational, independent Bible Church, recognizing all believers whose faith is in Christ alone for their salvation.

#### The Glory of God

Paradise Valley Community Church exists to glorify God and elevate the name of Jesus Christ above all else, in every sphere of life, regulated by the Word of God.

#### What to Expect

Regular service runs from 10:30 am to 11:45 am and involves singing, reading of scripture, prayer, once monthly communion, and Biblical preaching.

Adult Sunday school meets at 9 am.

Children's Sunday school (Ages 3-12) also meets at 9 am.





# Mark Your Calendars EVENTS



## Happy Holidays

### Mondays

**WEEKLY GAME OF UNO** at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston on Mondays at 1 pm. Free for members, \$5 per game non-members.  
**WEEKLY PINOCHLE** at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston. On Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Tuesdays at 1 pm. Free for members, \$2 per afternoon game for non-members.

### Tuesdays

**WEEKLY PINOCHLE** at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston. On Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Tuesdays at 1 pm. Free for members, \$2 per afternoon game for non-members.

### Wednesdays

**BINGO NIGHT AT THE OFFICE** The Office Lounge at 128 S. Main Street is hosting Bingo, 6:30-9:30 pm.  
**FAMILY KARAOKE NIGHT** 49er Diner at 404 E. Park Street is hosting Family Karaoke night from 6-8 pm. For more information call 406-222-8204.  
**WEEKLY PINOCHLE** at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston. On Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Tuesdays at 1 pm. Free for members, \$2 per afternoon game for non-members.

### Mondays-Fridays

**DAILY COFFEE WITH FRIENDS!** Open to all ages 9:15 am to 12:15 pm. Free. Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston. ParkCountySeniorCenter.org

**December 15 - CHRISTMAS CONCERT**- Livingston Community Choir will host a Christmas Concert at 3 pm at the Holbrook Church, 424 W. Lewis Street, Livingston. Come and enjoy this free event, everyone is welcome!

**December 15 - FELINE & CANINE VACCINATIONS** - Presented by Livingston Aloha Mobile Vet Care & The Spay Neuter Project, come down for low cost vaccinations and microchips at the Fairgrounds, 46 View Vista Drive, from 9 am - 2 pm. For more information contact laurelrhodesdvm@gmail.com.

**December 15 - BOY SCOUTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALES** - Join us for our annual Christmas tree fundraiser for the Boy Scouts Troop 516 at the Park County Fairgrounds, 46 View Vista Drive, Livingston, from 9:30 am to 5 pm. Last day to purchase at tree will be on December 19th from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**December 20 - SENIOR CENTER CHRISTMAS MEAL** - Serving food from Noon to 12:15 pm but please take as long as you would like to eat and socialize with friends, at the Senior Center, 206 S. Main Street. Order to-go meals by December 13th. Over 60 suggested donation of \$6, under 60 \$8. Come join us for all the good food and fun!

**December 21 - CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW** - Emigrant Hall, 9-3 pm. Locally created arts and crafts. Pastries, jams and honey. Food truck planned. Shop local, support local.

**December 23 - THE POLAR EXPRESS** - The Livingston Film Series is delighted to present a free screening of The Polar Express at The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts,

Calendar of Events runs every week. To place your event on the calendar please email the information to [community@pccjournal.com](mailto:community@pccjournal.com) or drop off your information at the PCCJ office at 108 N. Main Street.  
  
Cost is \$8/week for up to 50 words, 51-100 words is \$10/week, maximum word count is 100 words please. Deadline is Monday's at 5:30 pm for the following issue that will hit the streets on the following Friday.

Dulcie Theater, 415 E. Lewis Street, doors open at 6:15 pm, Elves will be on duty. Train leaves the station at 7 pm.

**December 25 - COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER** - 41st Annual Christmas Dinner will take place at the Civic Center from 12 noon to 2 pm. Turkey and all the trimmings. Free to everyone. To volunteer or to request a home delivery, please call 406-220-2278.

## Park County Rural Firefighters Association Santa on the Fire Truck Delivery Schedule & Location 2024

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18-6PM**  
*Caslen Living Center, Livingston Health & Rehab, Frontier Assisted Living*  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19-6PM**  
*Big Spur & Pine Crest Mobile Home parks, Billman Ln., 5 Acre Tracks, Rogers Ln., Willow Dr.*  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20-6PM**  
*Grandview, Green Acres, Northside from North M to North E St.*  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21-9AM**  
*Southside of town including View Vista and Geyser Trailer Courts*  
  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 1-4PM**  
Stationary location at the Northside Fieldhouse; Star Edition and Northside from Star Rd. to North D St.



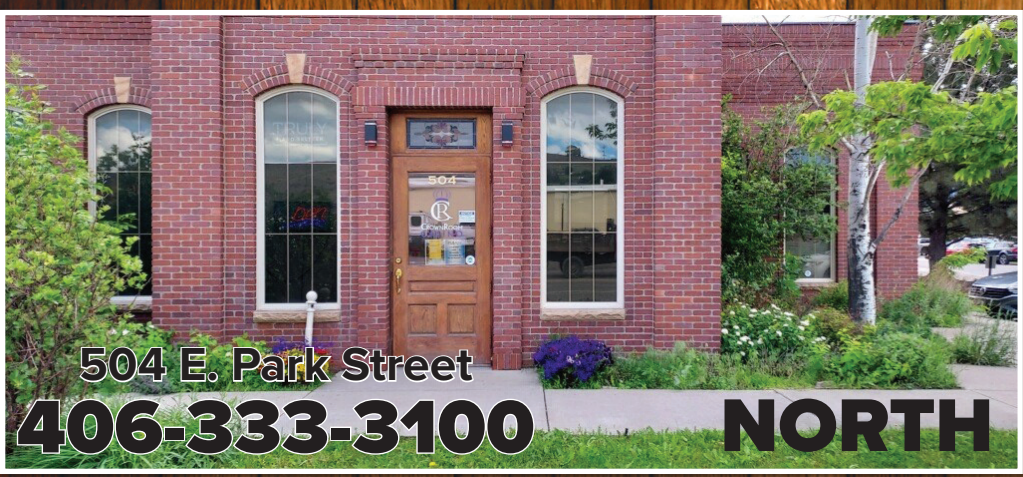
Watch <https://www.facebook.com/PCRFDAssociation> for updates



## CARRYING LOCAL SPECIALTY WINES AND WHISKEY

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK! 8<sup>AM</sup> - 12<sup>AM</sup>  
406-222-9581**

**110 Centennial Drive, Next to Subway, across from McDonald's**

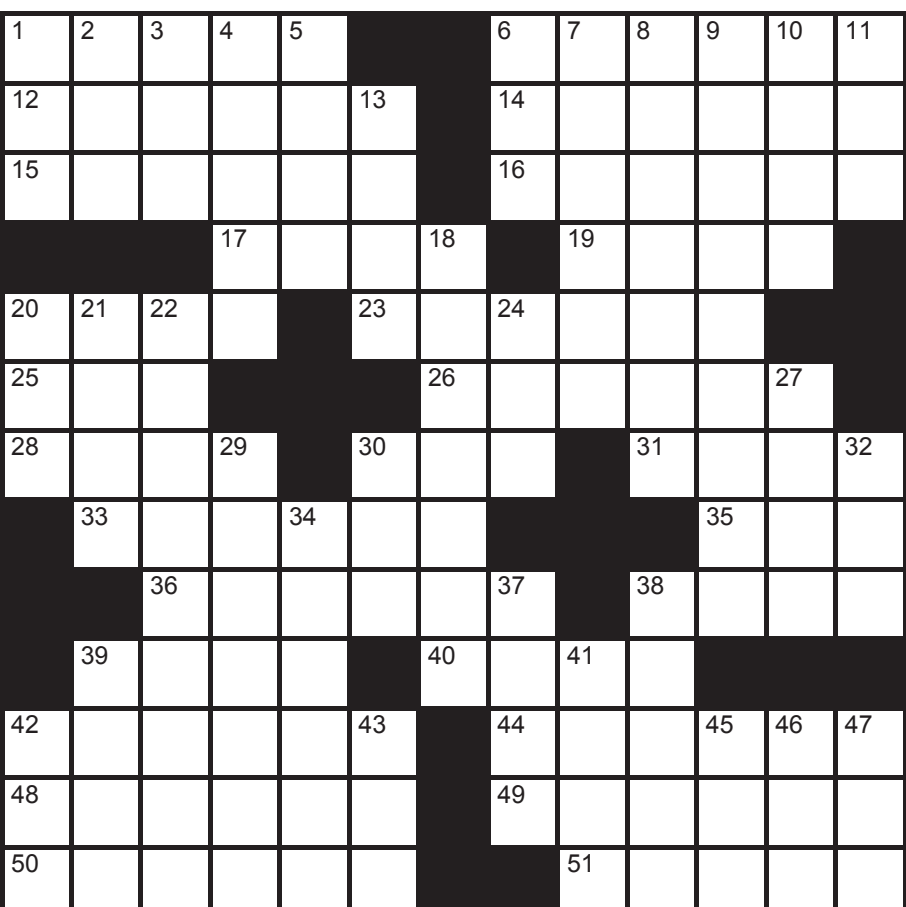


## CROWN ROOM CASINO

**ALL LOCATIONS  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!  
8<sup>AM</sup> - 12<sup>AM</sup>**



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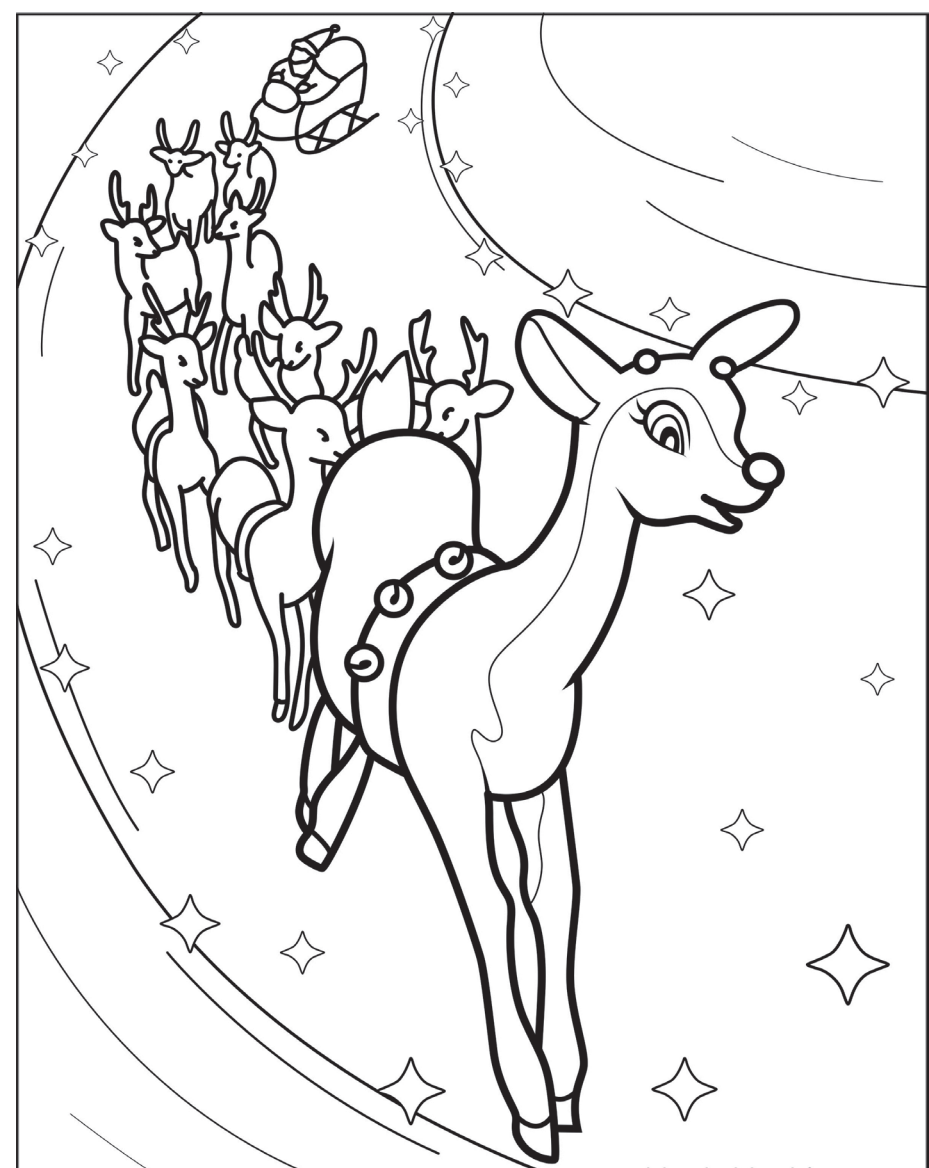


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- 1 Kind of pond bloom
- 6 Locates
- 12 Relating to the nervous system
- 14 Top-of-the-line
- 15 Prius maker
- 16 Cloth
- 17 Small lake
- 19 Blowgun missile
- 20 Workplace regulation agency
- 23 Plant from above the timber line
- 25 Half a Latin dance
- 26 Inner protective covering
- 28 "Get going!"
- 30 Provides input for an amp.
- 31 Speck
- 33 Mistakes
- 35 2,000 to a ton
- 36 Expurgator
- 38 Abnormal body sac
- 39 Small winning margin
- 40 Cataclysmic stellar explosion
- 42 The --- states, between Poland and Russia
- 44 More morose
- 48 Moonshot program
- 49 Remington ---, Pierce Brosnan role
- 50 Not often
- 51 Corpse
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- 1 Source of formic acid
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- 3 Fellow
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- 5 Deceased
- 6 Widely-used computer file type
- 7 Preamble
- 8 Republic east of the Adriatic
- 9 At the moment
- 10 Way out
- 11 Dry wine
- 13 Tomb Raider --- Croft
- 18 "A Boy and his Dog" author Harlan ---
- 20 Adrian Monk's disorder
- 21 Card dispenser
- 22 Tint up top?
- 24 Photo
- 27 Sailors
- 29 Kind of bridge
- 30 E.g. Robinson, Doubtfire
- 32 Tucson time
- 34 Former Speaker "Tip" ---
- 37 Antarctic sea
- 38 Office in training
- 39 Wine valley
- 41 Tubs
- 42 Except
- 43 Overmodest
- 45 Agnus ---
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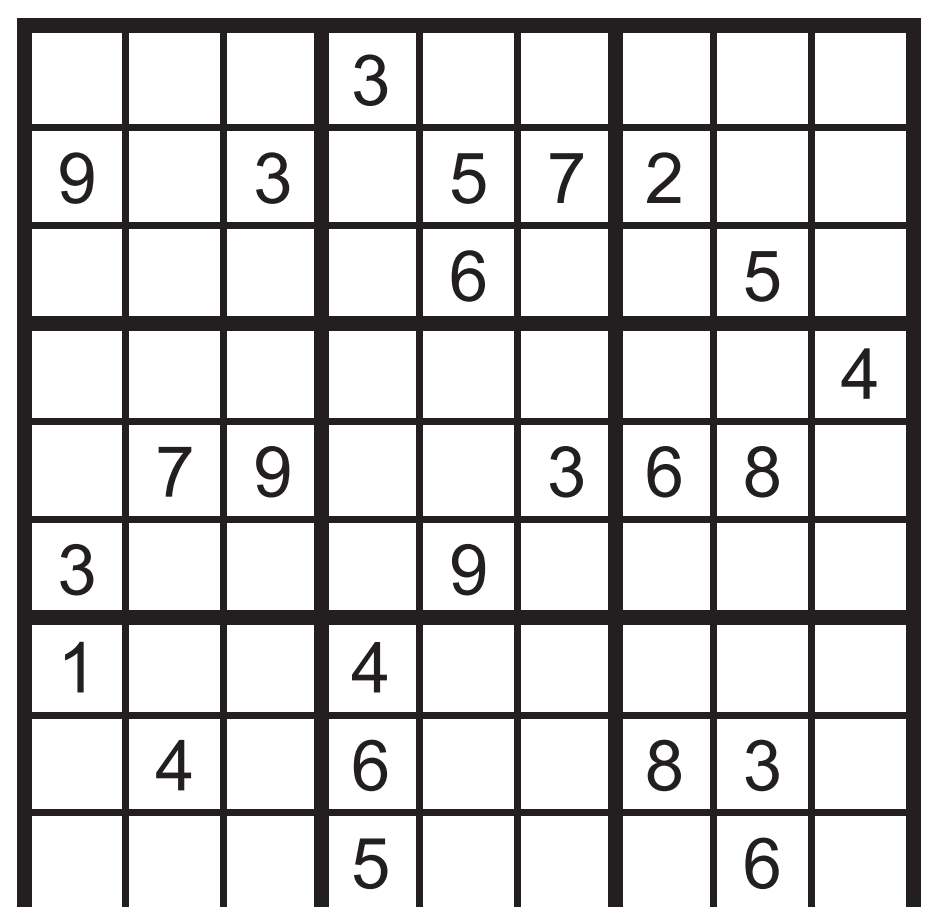
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Christmas Will Be Here Soon!



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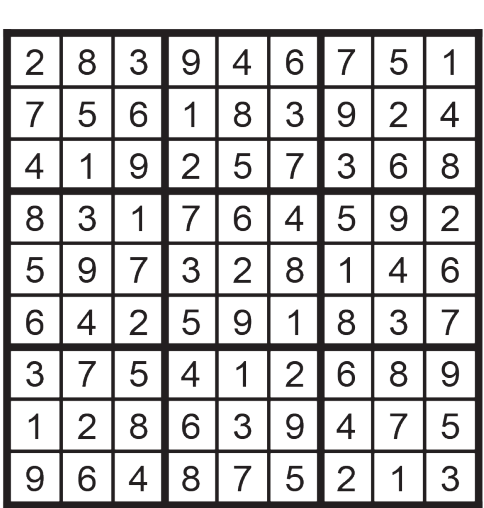
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## HELP WANTED

**2024-2025 Vacancies**  
**Arrowhead School District #75**  
• **2 Elem Teaching Positions** (1 with P endorsement preferred)  
• **Music and Art Teacher** Salary D.O.E., health, dental, and/or vision, certified staff shall be given full step credit on the salary schedule for up to (10) years teaching experience.  
• **Paraprofessional** Monday-Thursday some Fridays, \$18/hour, health, dental, and/or vision  
• **High Needs Paraprofessional** Monday-Thursday some Fridays, Hourly Wage D.O.E., health, dental, and/or vision  
• **Bus Driver**  
• **After School Coordinator**  
• **After School Assistant**

More details and Applications for all vacancies may be picked up at the Arrowhead Elementary School in Pray, or visit our district website at: Arrowheadk8.com. Questions please reach out to Johanna Osborn, Principal 406-333-4359 or josborn@arrowheadk8.org.

**Key Insurance in Livingston** is looking to hire a **Licensed Insurance Agent** to our team. We are dedicated to providing individuals, families, businesses and their employees with the very best in supplemental benefits. Working hand-in-hand with our customers, our dedicated sales force provides personal face-to-face service that is almost unheard of in todays business world. We are committed to providing our clients with the right protection, customized to their needs. We offer \$55K to start depending on qualifications. Please contact Alice at 406-222-0944 to schedule an interview or email resume to [alice@montanainsurance.net](mailto:alice@montanainsurance.net).

**Non Emergency Medical Transport Driver**  
Careway Shuttles is looking for individuals to drive wheel chair capable minivans. Full-time, part-time, and weekend positions. Call 406-206-0888 or email [carewayshuttles@gmail.com](mailto:carewayshuttles@gmail.com) or request a ride! Like us on Facebook @ Careway Shuttles!

**Come Join Our Kenyon Noble Team!**  
Kenyon Noble Lumber & Hardware's Livingston location is currently accepting applications & hiring for Warehouse Associates and Delivery Drivers. No experience necessary—we will train! Offering competitive wages and great benefits packages. For more information and to see the complete job



listing visit us at [kenyonnoble.com/jobs](http://kenyonnoble.com/jobs). You can also apply online!

**School Bus Driver** – Arrowhead School is looking for an individual who will be responsible for transporting students safely to and from school. Personal characteristics should include sound judgment, responsibility, calm, self-assured, and likes working with children. Hours are four hours per day, mornings and afternoons, Monday – Thursday with occasional Friday's. Wages start at \$35 per hour. Other requirements include: MT Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with an School Bus "S" and Passenger "P" endorsement, ability to lift 50 pounds, first aid/ CPR, current medical exam, must complete State of Montana annual bus driver training, regular drug testing, driving record regular. For more detailed information and job applications go to: <https://www.arrowheadk8.com/job-openings>.

**Gardiner Public School** is seeking an experienced individual to fill the position of School Business Manager/District Clerk for our K-12 districts. This position is responsible for overseeing the financial operations of the school district, ensuring compliance with regulations, supporting administrative functions and district clerk duties. This position requires strong organizational, financial management, and communication skills. Candidates must have a Degree in Business/Accounting and/or previous experience as School Business Manager/District Clerk, Montana school district clerk experience is preferred. This is a full-time, potentially hybrid (remote and on-site) position, non-exempt, starting hourly rate \$25 - \$30 per hour (doe), and full benefit package. Please submit the following by email or mail to apply: Current resume, district application [www.gardiner.org](http://www.gardiner.org); and three letters of recommendation sent to: Jeannette Bray, Superintendent

**The Gardiner Public School** is searching for an assistant elementary girls basketball coach. Qualified applicants will assist the head coach during practice and games, and have a sound knowledge of the game. The season is Monday, Oct 21st - Dec 14th. Please contact Carmen at the Gardiner School (406) 848-7563, or [carmen@gardiner.org](mailto:carmen@gardiner.org).

**Gardiner Public School** is looking for a Custodian (part-time, or full-time with benefits). Salary will be based on experience. Applications are available on our website at [www.gardiner.org](http://www.gardiner.org) and can be sent to [Super@gardiner.org](mailto:Super@gardiner.org), or you may apply at the school (510 Stone

St, Gardiner, MT, 59030). If you have any questions please call 406-848-7563. RV spot with hookups available for housing.

**Engineer/Firefighter/Paramedic – Full-time, Year-round**  
The City of Livingston, Montana is seeking a highly motivated individual to perform the role of Engineer Firefighter/Paramedic within the Livingston Fire Rescue (LFR). This is a full-time, benefit eligible role in LFR with the primary duty assignment in a shift staff role participating in and making a positive contribution to the operations of your assigned shift. This position reports to the Shift Captain, under the direction of the Fire Chief and helps with cross staffing and performs other duties as assigned. Performs as lead paramedic in most medical situations, directing crews for proper treatment and triage. Operates all vehicles and pumps, aerial ladder devices, and technical rescue equipment. Livingston Fire Rescue is a unique fire department nestled in the mountains of Southwestern Montana with one of the most advanced EMS systems in the state. We are a growing city situated along the Yellowstone River with our own unique challenges in the Montana rural/urban interface. We offer structural fire suppression, all-hazard rescue response, advanced EMS (Critical Care Paramedic and Community Paramedic services), technical rescue opportunities, airport ARFF, HAZMAT, and wildland response teams. Come join our team and live and work in one of the most beautiful places in America. Less than one hour from Yellowstone National Park and the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport. For outdoor enthusiasts this is an amazing destination for hiking, hunting, fishing, skiing and other outdoor winter or summer sports! The job posting and forms can be located here: [www.livingstonmontana.org/jobs](http://www.livingstonmontana.org/jobs)

**Maintenance 1 Water Department – Public Works**  
The City of Livingston is hiring a full-time Maintenance 1 team member in the Water Department under Public Works. This entry-level role involves tasks related to the maintenance, repair, and installation of the City water system and infrastructure. The position offers competitive pay, excellent benefits, and opportunities to learn and develop technical skills in various Public Works areas. A valid U.S. driver's license and the ability to obtain a Class B CDL within six months are required. The job posting and forms can be located here: [www.livingstonmontana.org/jobs](http://www.livingstonmontana.org/jobs)

**Windrider Transit Relief Bus Driver** - Park County is seeking a Transit Relief Bus Driver to join the Windrider Transit team. This part-time position (10-15 hours/week) involves safely operating buses, providing excellent customer service to passengers, and ensuring compliance with safety regulations. Ideal for those who enjoy interacting with diverse community members. Candidates must have a valid Montana driver's license and will be subject to comprehensive drug testing. Join us in serving the community with friendly, reliable transportation services! This job will be open until filled with priority given to applications received by July 2, 2024. To apply go online to: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

**Registered Sanitarian** - Become a vital part of the Park County Health Department Team as a Registered Sanitarian! Under the guidance of the Health Department Director, you'll play a crucial role in safeguarding public health and the environment. From conducting compliance inspections to responding to emergencies, we're looking for someone who can apply their expertise in regulatory oversight and meticulous attention to detail. If you're a Montana Registered Sanitarian with a passion for environmental protection and public health, apply now to make a difference in your community! This position will be open until filled.. To apply go online to: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

**Detention Officer** -- Are You Trustworthy, Self-Motivated and Punctual? The Park County Sheriff's Office is looking for two new full time team members interested in a career in a law enforcement capacity with our Detention Center. Take pride in performing excellent public service to your community thru providing inmate care. Be formally trained in integral aspects of your field such as PPCT-pressure point control tactics, tactical handcuffing and CIT- Crisis Intervention Training. To apply go online to: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

**Short-Term Road Worker** - Join our dynamic Public Works Department as a short-term Road Worker, where you'll be at the forefront of maintaining county roads and bridges. From operating patching equipment to mowing scenic routes, your days will be filled with diverse tasks. With opportunities to work independently and collaborate with various stakeholders,

including the public and governmental agencies, this role offers a blend of autonomy and community engagement. Embrace the challenge and make a tangible impact on the infrastructure that shapes our county's landscape. Apply now to drive change, quite literally, in Park County! There are multiple short term or seasonal positions available and this job will be open until all are filled. To apply go online to: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

**Road Operator**  
Are you looking for a hands-on career where every day brings new challenges and the chance to make a real impact in your community? Join the Park County Road Department as an Operator! You'll work year-round with a dedicated team, operating heavy equipment to maintain and improve our local roads. Whether you already have a CDL or are ready to take the next step, we've got you covered. No CDL? No problem! We provide full training for the right candidate, helping you earn your CDL within 6 months. We're seeking candidates with a clean driving record who are eager to learn and contribute. In addition to competitive pay and benefits, you'll gain valuable experience and skills that will set you up for long-term success. To apply go online to: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

**Angel Line Relief Bus Driver** - Join our dynamic team as a Relief Driver with Angel Line Transit at Park County, where you'll have the rewarding opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our community's seniors and individuals with disabilities. As a key part of our Angel Line service, you'll provide safe, dependable, and friendly door-to-door transportation, ensuring our passengers maintain their independence and mobility. This flexible role offers a unique chance to step in and support our full-time drivers during their absences, making every shift an important one. If you're looking for a fulfilling role with occasional hours and the chance to give back to your community, this is the perfect opportunity! Apply now—this position will remain open until filled. To apply go online to: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

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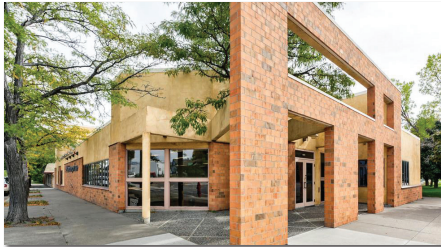
ERALivingston.com | 406.222.8700



**1859 Old Yellowstone Trail S**  
Multi-Family | Cabins  
#394796 | \$3,470,000  
Tom Gierhan | 406-220-0229



**NHN Gallatin Car Park #C-15**  
Commercial Sale | 277 sq ft  
#395386 | \$50,000  
Gillian Swanson | 406-220-4340



**401 S Main Street**  
Commercial Sale 10,375 sq ft  
#384182 | \$2,200,000  
Ernie Meador | 406-220-0231



**NHN High Ground Avenue**  
Land Listing | 0.33 acres  
#395419 | \$200,000  
Julie Kennedy | 406-223-7753



**508 Miles Avenue**  
Commercial Sale | 3,224 sq ft  
#397976 | \$430,000  
Tammy Berendts | 406-220-0159



**320 S C Street**  
1 bed 1 bath | 440 sq ft  
#385422 | \$300,000  
Ernie Meador | 406-220-0231



**27 Royal Wulff**  
3 beds 2.5 baths | 2,668 sq ft  
#390722 | \$1,794,000  
Gillian Swanson | 406-220-4340



**7 Aquila Lane**  
Land Listing | 2+ acres  
#394836 | \$249,000  
Deb Kelly | 406-220-0801



**331 S 7th Street**  
3 beds 1.5 baths | 1,340 sq ft  
#394563 | \$595,000  
Ernie Meador | 406-220-0231



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



**1112 Pritchard NW**  
3 beds 1 bath | 1,104 sq ft  
#397220 | \$179,000  
Rachel Moore | 406-794-4971



**759 Castle Mountain Rd**  
3 beds 3 baths | 2,772 sq ft  
#397719 | \$849,000  
Tammy Berendts | 406-220-0159



**325 N 3rd Street**  
Multi-Family | 5+ Units  
#394662 | \$829,000  
Gillian Swanson | 406-220-4340



**618 E 2nd Avenue**  
3 beds 1.5 baths | 1,439 sq ft  
#397694 | \$330,000  
Deb Kelly | 406-220-0801



**512 Miles Avenue**  
Commercial Sale | 4,212 sq ft  
#389433 | \$495,000  
Tammy Berendts | 406-220-0159



**30 S Woodard Ave, Absarokee**  
Commercial Sale 2,560 sq ft  
#388822 | \$223,000  
Jessie Sarrazin | 406-223-5881

## Meet the Team...

Born and raised in the beautiful Paradise Valley, I have a deep appreciation for the local community and its unique charm.

After completing my education in Boston, I returned to my roots and spent four enriching years in the title and escrow industry, gaining valuable insights into

the real estate process.

With a passion for helping others find their dream homes, I bring a personalized approach to each client, ensuring a seamless experience from start to finish.

In my spare time, I find fulfillment in reading and

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playing music, which inspires my creativity and dedication in my real estate career.

I'm excited to help you navigate the vibrant real estate market in our area!



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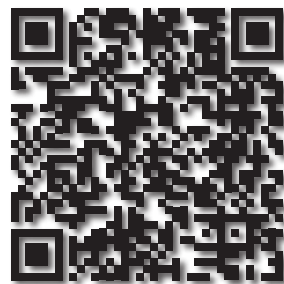
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