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Park County Students Dive Into Career Exploration During Recent Cougar Career Days

The Community School Collaborative (CSC) hosted two incredible Cougar Career Days for 7th and 8th grade students, sparking curiosity and excitement about future career possibilities.

On Thursday, October 31st, all 7th-grade students embarked on an inspiring journey to Montana

State University for the first-ever 7th Grade Cougar Career Day: "Art in Action – Halloween Edition." Students explored the Colleges of Art, Architecture, Music, Film, and Photography through interactive workshops. They engaged in hands-on



art activities, discovered diverse career pathways in the arts, and expressed their creativity under the guidance of MSU's talented faculty and staff. The day culminated



possibilities in performing arts.

On Wednesday, November 22nd, 8th-grade students visited Gallatin College and West Paw in Bozeman for an action-packed day of career exploration. At Gallatin College, students delved into career opportunities in photonics, healthcare, cybersecurity, IT,

and interior design, participating in workshops that showcased the practical applications of these fields. The students also toured West Paw's manufacturing facility, where they observed the production process up close and learned about the inner workings of a successful



manufacturing business.

Both events exemplify CSC's commitment to helping students explore career pathways and build connections to their future. These Cougar Career Days not only provided engaging, hands-on learning experiences but also fostered a sense of excitement and possibility among students about their own potential.



For more information about CSC and its programs, visit www.csc4kids.org or email Emily Contreras at Emily@csc4kids.org.



Holiday Vaudeville Returns to the Shane Center

One of the Shane Center's most popular productions, *Holiday Vaudeville* is a high-energy variety show that takes a rollicking romp through the cherished chestnuts of the season. We've assembled yet another intrepid squad



of community performers ranging from the sublime to the spastic who will amaze, amuse, and mystify with songs, skits, and vigorous acts of vaudevillian virtuosity – all served up with a heaping helping of heart. It's fun for the whole family, and

virtually guaranteed to get you in the spirit! **Holiday Vaudeville 2024** runs two weeks only from December 13th - 22nd. Performances take place in the Dulcie Theatre at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts in Livingston. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 3 pm, plus a special Thursday show on 12/19 at 8 pm.

Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$17 for seniors/students/veterans, and \$11 for youth 17 & under. Make reservations at TheShaneCenter.org or 406-222-1420.

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Groundbreaking Ceremony for 4 Ranges Recreation Center

by Tony Crowder

A groundbreaking ceremony for the 4 Ranges Recreation Center was held at Katie Bonnell Park, the site at which the facility will be erected, on Thursday, November 21st. Community leadership and citizens gathered to celebrate commencement of the building's construction, a process that will begin this fall and unfold over the course of two years to realize the 43,500 square foot facility (nearly a full acre) with a grand opening anticipated in winter 2026/2027.

The ceremony began with opening statements from City Manager Grant Gager who is largely responsible for organizing and managing various projects intended to execute the multi-dimensional growth policy created to manifest the Livingston community's vision for the future—a vision, he says, involves recreation, health and well-being made possible through the largest philanthropic effort in Park County history: nearly 23 million dollars donated by individual contributors, local businesses and non-profit organizations from throughout the surrounding area, a fundraising endeavor led by the 4 Ranges Community Recreation Foundation, a non-profit group whose mission is improving health and wellness resources in Park County.

"We have raised almost a million dollars a month since summer," said 4 Ranges Board Chair Andrew Field, who also spoke at the event.

Initial funding, acquired with support from Chase Rose and his team at the Bannack Group (based in Bozeman), will be used to construct the facility, which will feature fitness equipment an expansive aquatics area, an indoor walking and running track and a gymnasium, as well as spaces for hosting partnering non-profit organizations. Common areas and locker rooms shared by male and female patrons of all ages will prohibit indecent exposure (enforced by staff and signage) and potentially deter acts of violence or theft. Changing stations for individuals and families will ensure optimum safety and accessibility within the facility.

City Commission Chair Karrie Kahle reminded attendees that admission to the facility, a space dedicated to strengthening community bonds, is free to all Livingston residents. Field also commented that this was made possible when Livingston residents voted to pass a local mill levy for funding the facility's operations. The special off-cycle election, which took place in March 2024, was a single issue, mail-in only ballot with an expected return rate of 25 to 30 percent. According to Field, roughly 60 percent of residents participated in the election and the levy passed with an astounding two to one ratio, ensuring city residents free access to the incredible benefits



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provided by the facility.

During his speech, Field said, "A majority of this year's ballot issues in

Montana involving an increase in taxes have failed." Field, like Kahle, thanked local taxpayers for their contributions.

Kahle, Field and City of Livingston Recreation Director Maggie Tarr all spoke on the numerous benefits made accessible to citizens as a direct result of the recreation center's construction. Kahle emphasized that the facility will provide a safe place for citizens to recreate during inclement

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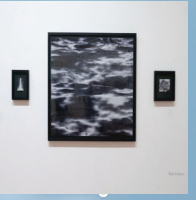
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Historical Success for Annual Depot Center Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser

by Tony Crowder

The Livingston Depot Center hosted its 19th annual Wine & Beer tasting event on Friday, November 15th from 6:30 until 8:30 pm though their VIP admission began at 5:30 pm. The event, which started as a partnership between the Depot Center and the Gourmet Cellar, has since expanded to include local breweries and caterers, and functions as both a community gathering and fundraiser to preserve the Depot through continued maintenance and restoration. Over the years, money raised at the event has been used for renovating various parts of the building and funding exorbitant utility costs during the winter months.

This year's event was purposed with raising money for funding renovations to the Depot's restrooms—specifically, increasing the number and accessibility of restroom facilities in the main building, museum and Beanery Café. This project encompasses multiple phases, the first of which includes improvements to the women's restrooms. The Depot Foundation, the non-profit organization tasked with managing these projects, will continue raising money through various efforts to fund future phases, such as a new men's restroom, a unisex family restroom and fully accessible restrooms in the Beanery.



Depot Center director Laura Cota explains that though the foundation has raised over 175,000 dollars through grant funding, private donations and their 2023 Give a Hoot campaign, these projects are considerably expensive given the importance of maintaining the historic integrity of the iconic structure. The wine and beer tasting event, a longstanding community staple at the forefront of Park County's illustrious holiday season festivities, is instrumental in supplementing funding for the historic depot.

Ticket sales for the 2024 tasting increased from the previous year and marked the largest number of attendees and vendors in the event's history. Raffle tickets, wine pull games and the silent auction generated a significant amount of funding for operating costs and bathroom renovations. An array of items for the silent auction was provided by 85 businesses, artists, and individuals.

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Grand Opening of Engine Room Pizza Relocation

by Tony Crowder

The long-awaited grand opening of Engine Room Pizza's relocation to the corner of 2nd and Callender Streets, (the former location of The Wok) took place on Thursday, November 21st following extensive renovations to the building located at 102 N Second Street. Engine Room, owned and operated by Karen Henderson, was previously housed at 113 W. Park Street, next door to the Perk on Park. The restaurant, which specializes in Chicago deep-style pizza, was voted 2nd and 3rd place in the journal's 2024 Best of Park County new business and best pizza categories, respectively. The business once shared a space with the Dreamboat Market, a deli and patisserie owned by Henderson, which was voted

the 2nd best sandwich shop in the same competition. Henderson opened both businesses in mid-2023.

Engine Room now offers a variety of pizza options, salads, appetizers, dessert pastries, and deli sandwiches, amongst other items, all served in a stylish, newly renovated space located in downtown Livingston. Menu items include but are not limited to deep dish combinations like their signature Margo (tomato, basil, garlic, ricotta, mozzarella and parmesan), various flat pan (similar to hand-tossed) pizza recipes, Caesar and arugula salads, pastries such as cannolis and lemon bars, prime rib and Italian meats sandwiches, and an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages.

The menu also includes allergy-friendly options like The Prius, a flat

pan recipe made with vegan cheese and gluten-free crust, though such accommodations can be made for nearly any pizza. Henderson is currently pursuing a beer and wine license through the Montana Department of Revenue's extensive application process and is anticipating approval in the near future.

Business hours listed online are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 9 pm, Sunday from 10 am to 3:30 pm, and Monday from 4 to 9 pm. To



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place an order, please call 406-595-8202 or visit www.engineeroompizza.com/s/order. Engine Room also offers gift cards, a great option for the upcoming holiday season.

Groundbreaking

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weather, extreme temperatures and the wildfire season. Tarr, who has been involved with the city's parks and recreation department for nearly 11 years, says that "fostering human connection is at the heart of recreation."

Concerns regarding mental health in Park County were a major consideration by the Foundation during the planning and design phase. Harsh weather conditions during the extensive winter season and other factors create challenges and obstacles for citizens to socialize and engage in physical activity. "Montana has the highest per capita

suicide rate in the nation. The rate in Park County is nearly double [that figure]," says Field, who explained that as a longtime business owner, he has never been involved with something that will directly save the lives of his fellow citizens. Indeed, the CDC reports that "feeling connected to school, community, and other social institutions," is a community-level protective factor against suicide.

The recreation center and its construction will also serve to create jobs and consequently improve the local economy.

Though the 4 Ranges Community Recreation Foundation has raised sufficient funding to initiate construction, the group will continue seeking an additional two million dollars for

equipment and landscaping expenses prior to the facility's grand opening in two years. An endowment of five million dollars will also be sought to fund continuing operating costs and other expenditures.

For more information or to contribute to the next phase of fundraising, please



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Indulge Your Sweet Tooth with a BETTER-FOR-YOU SWAP

(Family Features) If you've ever come home from a crisp, cool day craving a warm, indulgent treat, you're not alone. Trouble is, sometimes those baked goodies are a bit too much work when you're ready to just cozy up on the couch.

There's good news: Baking doesn't have to be hard when you make simple swaps and use ingredients that keep things easy. Try adding fresh produce to a boxed brownie mix in these Sweetpotato Cheesecake Brownies for an "in between" recipe that satisfies your sweet tooth without the hassle.

Plus, it offers a better-for-you twist as the sweetness from mashed sweet potatoes can replace some of the sugar needed to bake regular brownies. Sweet potatoes are rich in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber, all of which are good for overall health in this natural sweetener.

While you're sharing this newfound favorite dessert with loved ones, you can also share this fun fact: "Sweetpotato" is deliberately spelled as one word by the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission. The sweetpotato and white potato are two distinct species representing two different plant families, and the one-word spelling helps correctly distinguish the two.

Give these better-for-you treats a try and find more delicious desserts and other creative ways to use sweet potatoes at ncsweetpotatoes.com.

Sweetpotato Cheesecake Brownies

Courtesy of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission
Servings: 16

Brownie Layer:

- Floured baking spray
- 1 package (18.2 ounces) dark chocolate fudge brownie mix
- 3/4 cup mashed sweetpotato, cooled
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 egg

Cheesecake Layer:

- 1 package (8 ounces) reduced-fat cream cheese
- 3/4 cup mashed sweetpotato, cooled
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup miniature chocolate chips

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray 9-by-9-inch square pan with floured baking spray.

Happy, Happy Joy, Joy!



2. To prepare brownie layer: In medium bowl, stir brownie mix, sweetpotato, oil, water and egg until blended. Spread batter in bottom of prepared pan.
3. To prepare cheesecake layer: Using electric mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add mashed sweetpotato, sugar, egg and vanilla; mix until well blended. Spread cheese mixture over brownie batter.
4. Bake 50-60 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted comes out almost clean. Remove from oven and cool 15 minutes. Sprinkle surface with chocolate chips. Cool completely. Remove from pan and serve.

Substitution: Use coconut sugar in place of granulated sugar.

Recipe by
Carla Williams

RECIPE CORNER

Reese's Peanut Butter Cup Bark

Ingredients

- 2 cups milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 8-10 Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, chopped
- 1/4 cup Reese's Pieces or mini peanut butter candies (optional, for garnish)

Directions:

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or wax paper.
2. Melt the milk chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl in 20-second intervals, stirring until smooth. Spread the melted chocolate evenly over the prepared baking sheet and refrigerate for 10 minutes to set slightly.
3. In another microwave-safe bowl, melt the white chocolate chips and peanut butter in 20-second intervals, stirring until smooth and fully combined.
4. Drizzle the peanut butter mixture over the milk chocolate layer, using a spatula to swirl the two layers together for a marbled effect.
5. Sprinkle the chopped Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and Reese's Pieces over the swirled chocolate layers, pressing them lightly to adhere.
6. Refrigerate the bark for 1-2 hours, or until fully set.
7. Once hardened, break the bark into irregular pieces and serve.



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ASPEN works through education and outreach to foster healthy relationships and to build a community free from violence. Unfortunately, not every member of every family is able to celebrate peaceful holidays. During the busy season, incidents of domestic and intimate partner violence often



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increase. Added stressors such as finances, more people, different schedules, different expectations and drinking contribute to issues that may lead to coercion or violence.

ASPEN provides free, confidential services such as a 24-hour support line, emergency shelter,

crisis counseling, information and referrals, safety planning, assistance with orders of protection and forensic medical exam support in Park, Meagher and Sweet Grass Counties.

ASPEN staff hope knowing resources are available may help a survivor or family member of a survivor get connected to help they need that is empowering and without judgment.

ASPEN has resources available to help victims/survivors of domestic



violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking and to help friends and relatives. Advocates are available to listen and provide advocacy and support. ASPEN's

office will be closed on the upcoming major holidays, but their support line will be monitored throughout. The public can contact ASPEN to request cards, magnets and other materials with their contact information anytime by emailing emily@aspenmt.org.

SHIELDS VALLEY Upcoming EVENTS

- **December 4th** High School Basketball Picture Day 4:15 pm
- **December 5th** Elementary/JH Girls Basketball at Gardiner 4:15 pm
- **December 6th** HS Dessert Theater 6:30 pm
- **December 7th** JH Girls Basketball at Twin Bridges Tournament
- **December 7th** High School Boy Basketball at Lone peak 1 pm
- **December 9th** JH/HS Winter Band and Choir Concert 7 pm

on any outstanding or authorized debt of the System and to establish and maintain any reserves and other debt service requirements.

The current Monthly Rate Charge for the base rate is \$65.00 per 4,000 gallons per month.

The proposed Monthly Rate Charge for the base rate will be \$88.71 per 4,000 gallons per month.

The reason for the proposed increase of monthly rates to System users is to pay for the increase in costs for the repair, maintenance and replacement of certain elements of the System when such is necessary.

On November 11, 2024, at 7 pm at the Town Hall, the Council conducted a public hearing on the Resolution of Intention to Increase the Monthly Water Rates. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing to the address below before 11am on December 7, 2024.

Further information about the proposed rate increases may be obtained by contacting the town clerk, Town of Clyde Park, P.O. Box 177, Clyde Park, Montana 59018, phone: (406) 686-4719, email: clerktreasurer@clydeparkmt.net.

Done by Order of the Town Council of the Town of Clyde Park, Montana, this 11th day of November, 2024.

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council (the Council) of the Town of Clyde Park, Montana (the Town), will consider a Resolution of Intention to Increase the Monthly Water Rates in order to pay for the escalating costs for the repair, replacement and maintenance of the water system.

The Town currently owns and operates a municipal water treatment and distribution system (the System) and imposes a monthly rate charge on all connections to the System (the Monthly Rate Charge). The costs of the System covered by the Monthly Rate Charge are the amount necessary to pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System, to pay the principal of and interest

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December Holidays and History

December ushers in winter holidays such as Christmas, Kwanza, and Chanukah. It's a time when families gather in the warmth of their homes. Throughout the month, thoughts and actions turn toward charity and peace. December inspires a flurry of activity both in the business world and our personal lives. Sales, shopping, family gatherings, school holidays, baking, and seasonal changes remind us of the past while we look to our futures.

DECEMBER - The name December comes from the Latin word 'decem' meaning ten. On the Roman calendar, December was the 10th month. However, Numa Pompilius adjusted the calendar when January and February were added. December became the twelfth month, and the calendar more accurately reflected the length of a year on Earth.

During December, the winter solstice tips the Northern hemisphere its furthest distance from the sun. Through most of the month, its inhabitants lose about 2 minutes of sunlight per day until the winter solstice. The winter solstice marks the start of winter and the shortest day on the calendar. However, from that day forward, the days will slowly lengthen. They may not be warmer, but the Earth is tilting on its axis back toward the sun.

Holidays and Traditions December is a big baking month for many. In the United States, families, churches, schools, and organizations bake cookies to exchange. They are often part of the gift-giving and



ugly sweater parties that occur right before or during the holidays.

Winter sports are in high gear throughout December. Whether indoor or outdoor, fans tune-in or fill arenas. While hockey, football, and basketball seasons bring thrills each year, skiing and snowmobiling keep the outdoors busy.

Birth Stone Those born in December claim three icy cool birthstones. Tanzanite, found only in Tanzania, is a deep glacial purple. Blue Zircon (not to be confused with cubic zirconia) is the oldest mineral on Earth and comes in a variety of colors. Finally, turquoise, with its distinct color and veins, comes in a variety of shades. Prevalent throughout the Southwestern United States, turquoise also added value and meaning to clothing, ceremonies, and more.

Two U.S. Presidents were born in December, Woodrow Wilson and Martin Van Buren. Celebrity birthdays for Jeff Bridges, Marisa Tomei, Lucy Liu, Judi Dench, Jamie Foxx, Brad Pitt, and Denzel Washington.

Fun and historic December days...

Holidays like these can add a bit of whimsy along with their history and patriotism:

- National Eat a Red Apple Day Dec 1st

- Cyber Monday Dec 2nd
- National Bartender Day Dec 6th
- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dec 7th
- National Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day Dec 8th
- Birthday of the National Guard Dec 13th

- National Bill of Rights Day Dec 15th
- National Maple Syrup Day Dec 17th
- National Ugly Sweater Day Dec 20th
- National Homeless Person's Day Dec 21st
- Pledge of Allegiance Day Dec 28th
- National Bacon Day Dec 30th

Park County Community Journal PCCJ Readers Survey We Would Appreciate Your Feedback

The Park County Community Journal will be conducting a feedback survey beginning Friday, November 15th. The survey, accessible using the QR code or link below, was created by Journal staff members and is designed to assess various aspects of the newspaper, including imagery and written content.

Personal information will not be collected from participants and your identity will therefore remain anonymous. The information you provide will also be kept confidential and will not be shared with others. The survey should require, on average, between 10 and 15 minutes to complete—your opinions are important to us. In order for your feedback to be included for analysis, you must complete the entire survey.

Contingent upon results, feedback provided by the community may

be used to make changes to the newspaper. We ask that you please participate in the survey so that your thoughts and feelings about the newspaper are considered as we move forward. We also ask that you encourage friends, family, and coworkers who are interested in the newspaper to participate in the survey. Our goal is to acquire as much feedback as possible.

The survey will be available until Monday, December 2nd. The QR code and link will be published in each weekly edition of the newspaper until the survey closes. Finally, please complete the survey only once.

We hope that you choose to participate and provide feedback about how we can improve the Journal.

To take the survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GBXCXG3> or scan the QR code above.



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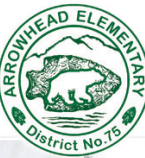
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The Big Turkey Day at Arrowhead School



by Joyce Johnson

Who would ever have thought free chow at the kid's school would be so excellent and so much fun? Starting with me and my neighbors in the car talking and drove right past the school before we caught it, and turned around. My fault as guide. Been a long time since I'd visited the school. My pony didn't have a habit of turning into that little road. A student formally greeted us, slightly frowning in the frisky damp windy air at the open door to the school. We walked down the long hallway lined with cheery fall artwork on the walls, a big box of giveaway snack packets and free used books. We walked respectfully past a giant inflated turkey. This must be the place. The noisy gym beyond had many diners already plus a full team of parents, teachers, volunteers, and young students wearing small sized professional aprons busy greeting everyone and hurrying around. Conference tables were shoved together to create long ones the length of all sides of the gym and a few circular ones to fill the middle.

What bright cheery people, big and little! The kids were eagerly engaged with every imaginable way of serving us. A little boy, supervised by a grinning dad, took my name and another boy escorted me to the food line, though I would have found it myself. I thought I'd better start asking questions for a column about this bright vibe. I found out that there are about 65 students, and a lot of them were there, obviously. The school had only four main teachers (and a



number of assistants), who taught 2 grades each, except for the higher grades which were taught 3 in one. Somewhere along the line I wished I was again 5 or 6, and a student there. No kidding.

A multi-use gym with a kitchen! my friend Andrea, who teaches there, said the kitchen was recently renovated, and it did look shiny and new, but my attention was captured by the mix of moms and or volunteers smiling behind the counter, and generously filling my plate. I nodded yes to everything. The Gym had a curtained wall behind one of those long tables: a stage I think, whose raised ledge was lined with beautiful handmade holiday wreaths for a silent auction monitored by the kids. I noticed later some really generous amounts written on the clipboards, and nod with approval at the "big kids" who bid on them. I noticed the basketball net contraption high above and said to my neighbor, "Basketball anyone?" If there wasn't a table under it, I would not have been surprised if an impromptu game had started up among some of us. There was such an extraordinarily happy busy family vibe in the gym. The only missing element was, of course to me... everyone's dogs.

I wasn't the only one ranting about it. Others were too. One friend said pointedly to me, "This is not your big city school." Slam dunk true. I felt a second helping of gratitude that I have lived in this one great place for almost 40 years. I have to tell readers, too, that the food was awesome good, well prepared, organic as possible, and very generously piled upon our big plates. I almost broke out with "food glorious food!" like Oliver. I am not kidding. I settled down with my neighbors nearest to the busy long pie table. You didn't wait til after the meal, and you couldn't just pick one. Apple, pumpkin and pecan had all to be uh, tested... to be fair. Three cans of help yourself whipped cream was the winning touch. The kids



came around a half dozen times to offer salt & pepper packets. Same enthusiastic and frequent service was offered by the students who cleared plates, and to refill our cups with coffee, fruit-infused water (very classy!) and good ole lemon aid. Over the time I had all three... several refills, just because it was fun to be served by these gorgeous children. I wanted to paint them all.

Take Home Please? I kept getting up between bites to say hi to friends, so it took a long time for me to eat dinner. Meanwhile the place just filled to max. I went back to the line and begged to make up a dish to bring home for Ron who was out of town til that night. They were happy to oblige. Same for another diner's spouse who couldn't make it. My neighbor accidentally ate my pie. So I got another plate full of the necessary choices for testing... for Ron. Laminated student paintings lined the decorated paper table whose paper covering was also painted by the students. I was entertained by all their fun art. I brought a laminated finger painted hand print home and it's



on my fridge as I type. About every 10 feet were different vases of Fall color bouquets in jars wrapped in more arty stuff. And my neighbor offered to buy one. A mom said, "oh sure, just pop a little donation in the box." I started wandering around taking pictures, because how can I ever find the words to describe this event? We left after stuffing something in the donation box, and slowly made our way out. I took a couple books at the free youth used book table and have already read one brilliantly written 50 years ago, by Lloyd Alexander.

I know I speak for hundreds of us lucky locals who were there and want to sincerely thank everybody at Arrowhead for the happy hit you gave us all at the multi-generation community event. You must do it again soon. Sponsors were the school P.T.A., Albertstons, Bank of the Rockies, the local Berman Family, St. John's Episcopal Church, Whole Foods in Bozeman, 21st Century CCLC Grant, Greater Gallatin United Way. Thank you! [My parting comment to a volunteer was that I think we should do a donation to take a picture with Tom Turkey next time. I volunteered to facilitate it, and they said yes.]

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Craig Johnson brings Longmire Back to Elk River Books

Acclaimed author Craig Johnson returns to Elk River Books with the newest installment of his wildly popular Sheriff Longmire mystery series, *Tooth and Claw*, for a free reading and discussion on Sunday, Dec. 8th, at noon.

The novella, a break from the usual Longmire setting of today's northeastern Wyoming, finds Walt Longmire and his partner Henry Standing Bear—both recently returned from Vietnam—in the Alaskan tundra facing down a ferocious polar bear. However, they soon realize that the



real danger at the remote oil rig, where Longmire has a security job, is lurking among his co-workers who are after a priceless treasure and will stop at nothing to get it.

Johnson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Walt Longmire mystery novels, which are the basis for Longmire, the hit Netflix original drama.

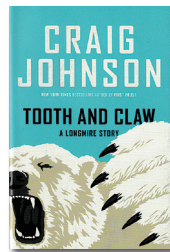
The books have won multiple awards, including Le Prix du Polar Nouvel Observateur / Bibliobs, the Wyoming Historical Association's Book of the Year, Le Prix 813, two

Western Writers of America Spur Awards, the Mountains & Plains Book of the Year, the SNCF Prix de Polar, *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year, the Watson Award, *Library Journal*'s Best Mystery of the Year, the Rocky, and the Will Rogers Award for Fiction. His novella, *Spirit of Steamboat*, was selected by the Wyoming State Library as the inaugural One Book Wyoming. Johnson lives in Ucross, Wyoming, population 26.

"Like the greatest crime novelists, Johnson is a student of human nature," notes the *Los Angeles Times*. Walt Longmire is strong but fallible, a man whose devil-may-care stoicism masks a heightened sensitivity to

the horrors he's witnessed." Elk River Books is located at 122 S. 2nd St. in downtown Livingston. The event begins at 7 pm and a book signing and reception will follow. For those who can't attend in person, the event will live-stream at YouTube.com/ElkRiverBooks.

For more information, send an email to info@elkriverbooks.com or call (406) 333-2330.

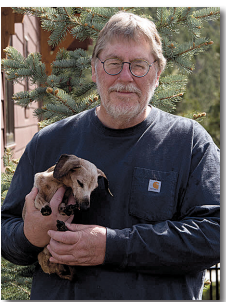


Holiday Stroll Book Signings at Elk River Books

Elk River Books presents two author book signings during this year's downtown Livingston Holiday Stroll. Historian Jon Axline and illustrator Leah Tiscione will sign copies of their books from 4 to 8 pm on Friday, Dec. 6th. Special in-store discounts and seasonal refreshments will also be featured.

Axline is the author of *Detour Montana: History by the Roadside*, which provides a deep dive into the stories behind many of Montana's roadside historical markers. The book takes readers along the aboriginal trails, territorial roads, historic bridges and fascinating stopping points connected to Montana's lively and exciting transportation history.

Axline has been the historian at the Montana Department of Transportation since 1990. He is the author of *Conveniences Sorely Needed: Montana's Historic Highway Bridges*, *Taming Big Sky Country: The History of Montana Transportation from Trails to Interstates*, *The Beartooth Highway: A History of America's Most Beautiful Drive* and *Montana Highway Tales*. He is also the co-author of *Hidden History of Helena* with Ellen



Author: Jon Axline

a hilarious and insightful guide by this former karaoke DJ (aka "KJ"). This book is packed with invaluable tips and tricks to elevate your performance and make you the life of the party. Whether you're a karaoke enthusiast or a reluctant participant, Tiscione's witty and relatable advice will have you belting out tunes with confidence.

Tiscione is an illustrator, graphic artist and author, with notable clients such as the *New York Post*, *MAD Magazine*, Amazon and Marvel. She

was the illustrator of *Trent*, a graphic novel with author

Dino Stamatopoulos, as well as two comic books. Obsessed with karaoke since before it was legal to do in bars, she became a KJ and realized there was no how-to literature for anyone looking to improve their performance or enjoyment of the activity.

Also, knowing how many people loathe karaoke, she wanted to outline etiquette that would make it a bit more palatable even to the haters. Hopefully.

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Kevin Grange Discusses Grizzlies at Elk River Books

Backcountry firefighter and paramedic Kevin Grange will discuss his new book, *Grizzly Confidential: An Astounding Journey into the Secret Life of North America's Most Fearsome Predator*, on Thursday, Dec. 5th. The free event, which will feature a video presentation, is co-sponsored by Park County Environmental Council.

The book takes the reader from Grange's home in the Tetons to an eerie, mist-shrouded island of gigantic bruins; from the Bear Center at Washington State University—where scientists believe the secrets of hibernation might help treat diabetes, heart disease, and obesity in humans—to the dark underbelly of for-profit wildlife parks, the illegal animal trade, and black markets hawking bear bile.

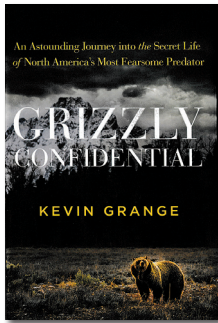
Grizzly Confidential is about bears but also the inspiring people who look after them. This is a fast-paced, gripping story that educates, entertains, and gives a sneak peek into the secret life of a well-known species. Part science, part travelogue, and a passionate plea for bear conservation, *Grizzly Confidential* is a lively account for anyone who loves the outdoors and learning about the natural world.

"A deeply researched and compelling read," notes Gloria Dickie, author of

Eight Bears: Mythic Past and Imperiled Future. "Grange takes readers on the trail of the grizzly, confronting the complicated relationship between bears and people, and what it takes to coexist in America."

Grange is the award-winning author of *Wild Rescues: A Paramedic's Extreme Adventures in Yosemite, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton*; *Lights and Sirens: The Education of a Paramedic*; and *Beneath Blossom Rain: Discovering Bhutan on the Toughest Trek in the World*. He has written for National Parks, Backpacker, Utne Reader, Yoga Journal, and the Orange County Register. He has worked as a park ranger and paramedic at Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Grand Teton National Parks.

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Tuesday, Dec. 3rd - Soup medley, ½ sandwich, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 4th - Pork roast, gravy, veggie, potatoes, fruit, dessert, milk

Thursday, Dec. 5th - Tater tot casserole (beef), roll, veggie, fruit, milk

Friday, Dec. 6th - Salmon Romanoff, veggie, fruit, dessert, milk



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Downtown Julee Ramljak and Livingston Recreation Department Announce Registration for Youth Basketball is Open for K-6th Grade

Park County Dugout
By: Jeff Schlapp

Volunteer Coaches and Refs are needed for League set to run from Jan 20th, 2025, to March 8th, 2025.
Julee Ramljak and the Livingston Recreation Department announced that Youth Basketball registration is open until January 5, 2025. Parents

with kids in K-6th grade can sign their kids up for the League.
The focus will be on providing quality basketball opportunities for elementary-aged children in the community by partnering with the Jr. NBA and utilizing their instructional curriculum. In addition, the recreational department tries to provide community opportunities with the Park High School Rangers high school basketball

program.
PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
Pee Wee Kindergarten Coed Clinics \$65
Saturdays MORNINGS ONLY at the Park High RecPlex
Saturdays, February 1 - March 8, 2025: 10:30 - 11:30 am
1st & 2nd Grade Coed \$75
One weekly practice will be at Winans School Gym (Gardiner/SV practice in local area gyms). Practices will begin the week of January 20th, 2025.
Games will be played on Saturdays at Park High RecPlex from February 1 to March 8, 2025.
3rd & 4th Grade Girls & Boys Leagues \$75
One weekly practice will be at Eastside School Gym (Gardiner/SV practice in local area gyms). Practices will begin the week of January 20, 2024.
Games will be played on Saturdays, girls at Park High Rec Plex and boys at Livingston Civic Center—game Dates: February 1 to March 8, 2025.
5th & 6th Grade Girls & Boys Leagues \$75
Two practices per week at Livingston Civic Center (Gardiner/SV practice in local area gyms; will play coed in boys division if not enough to make a girls team).
Practices begin the week of January 20, 2025. Games are on Saturdays at Livingston Civic Center. Game Dates are February 1 to March 8, 2025.
Volunteer Coaching and Refereeing
Visit the Livingston Rec Department and sign up if you'd like to give back to the community and volunteer as a coach. Visit the Volunteer Interest Page. ALL coaches receive free training and reimbursement for registration for the child they are coaching.
Local Businesses Become a Sponsor! \$300
Without sponsorships, the Livingston Recreation Department Youth Basketball League cannot run successfully and safely. We encourage you and your business to partner with the Livingston Recreation Department as a Youth Basketball Team



Austin Schwartz and Bruce Lay (right) coached the Livingston 5th/6th-grade girls to a 6-0 record last season in the Livingston Rec Youth Basketball League.

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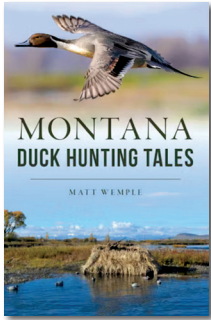
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December Events at Wheatgrass Books

Celebrate the Holiday Season with Book Signing Events and Discounts During The Holiday Stroll and with Saturday Book Signings

Join us Friday, December 6th from 4 pm to 8 pm for the annual HOLIDAY STROLL. Enjoy refreshments and discounted items as well as a chat with author Matt Wemple who will be signing copies of his book, *Montana Duck Hunting Tales*, from 5 pm to 8 pm.



His previous books include *The Duck Camp*, *To Hunt Ducks* and *Headwaters Country: Everyday Life in Southwest Montana*. He works full time as a Montana game warden and serves in the Montana National Guard. See more of his work at mattwempleoutdoors.com.

Join us the following Saturday on December 14th for a special visit from Lewis the Llama and his owner and author, Susi Huelsmeyer-Sinay. Susi Huelsmeyer-Sinay has called the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem her home for over 30 years now. Her passions are spending time in

the great outdoors, hiking with her llamas, and writing.

Over the years, she has authored a number of articles in *Distinctly Montana*, *Outside Bozeman* and other publications. The unexpected adventure that involved finding and rescuing an abandoned llama wandering alone through Yellowstone for 3 months resulted in a happy ending, a heartwarming friendship and a book. Susi takes people from around the world on llama hikes in Yellowstone, adds llama love to weddings and family events, and her llama

charity adventures bring joy to children. Susi and her llamas have been featured in magazines and tv shows. Her book *Lewis the Yellowstone Llama* delves into the history and nature of

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To hunt ducks in Montana—where the land breathes history—is to experience extremes in geography, weather and wildlife. The breadth of mountains and prairie is unlike anywhere else in the Lower 48. Both the Central and Pacific flyways span the state's iconic wetlands, rivers and lakes. Hunting opportunities abound thanks to the state's wildlife conservation legacy on public and private lands. Hunters walk in the footsteps of plains Indians, Lewis and Clark and mountain men while looking for a spot to pitch decoys. Embark on an epic and distinct Big Sky journey with author and hunter Matt Wemple, where a moose or grizzly bear could stroll through the decoys at any time.

Matt Wemple is an avid outdoorsman, writer and photographer. His work has appeared in numerous publications, including *Field and Stream*, *Backcountry Journal*, *Montana Sporting Journal* and many more. Matt writes monthly for the *Lewis and Clark Journal*.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Livingston Food Resource Center

Meet **Christy Barnhardt**—dishwasher at LFRC during her lunch break and Commercial Bank Representative at First Interstate Bank (FIB) by day. Christy is also a local business owner. She is a California native that moved to Park County a dozen years ago and loves this community.

You have probably heard the expression, "When you need something done—ask a busy person." That's Christy! She happily heads a few blocks down from the bank on her lunch hour to wash dishes for

the center four days a week. Sometimes she's busy for the whole hour; other times, she works until the sinks are empty.

Christy believes a Food Resource Center is a vital program in every community, which is why she chooses to volunteer for them. At First Interstate Bank, they have a Neighbor Feeding Neighbor double match for volunteer time. So, when Christy gives her time, the bank pays the LFRC \$30/per hour in donation ON TOP OF her time. Way to go FIB!

When asked what the most rewarding thing about spending time at LFRC, Christy says, "Knowing that I am a part of helping my community. Plus, the center is full of great, compassionate people."



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to stock shelves, packaging dry goods, helping in the kitchen and/or assisting clients shop. As a group, you can prepare and distribute Backpack Buddies Bags, be part of the Pantry Supper Club Program, and Summer Lunches in the Park, or assemble holiday meals. LFRC also needs occasional help loading and unloading trucks and moving inventory. Email Jeanie Babcock for more information at Jeanie@livingstonfrc.org.

If your organization would like a **Volunteer Spotlight**, e-mail Jill Ouellette at jill@pccjournal.com.



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EVENTS



Calendar of Events runs every week. To place your event on the calendar please email the information to 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.

NOW UNTIL DEC. 9TH ANGEL TREE

The Angel Trees are up at Ridley's Market, the Catholic Church and the Community church in Gardiner. We hope you will consider taking an ornament and purchasing a gift. You can return wrapped gifts to Ridley's Market by Dec. 9th. If you aren't a shopper, we are happy to take cash donations and do the leg work! We are hoping for gift cards for "experiences" movie theater gift cards, bowling gift cards, Yellowstone Hot Springs gift cards... If you have any questions, please call Dorothy 406-546-2898, I am happy to come to the Valley to pick up any donations!

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 PINOCCHLE 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.

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Wednesdays

BINGO NIGHT AT THE OFFICE The Office Lounge at 128 S. Main Street is hosting Bingo, 6:30-9:30 pm.

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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 1 - CLYDE PARK CHRISTMAS FAIR - Vendors both inside and outside of the Community hall from noon to 4 pm. Family fun things to do including; seeing the Grinch, Abominable snowman, balloon twisters, face painting, and Elf on the Shelf scavenger hunt. Shields Valley FFA Kids will be selling trees, and a silent auction.

December 1 - THE FESTIVAL OF TREES - Wilsall Foundation's annual fundraiser will be at the decked out dance hall in Wilsall, 105 Clark St. from 4-6 pm.

December 3 - MEDICARE 101 - It's open enrollment - learn about the basics of Medicare and have all your questions answered at the free educational seminar, open to all. Livingston PC Library, 228 W. Callender, 3 pm. For more info call 406-213-8600.

December 4 - TREE OF LIFE - Livingston HealthCare Hospice invites you to the 35th Annual Tree of Life Ceremony at 5:30 pm at the Livingston Depot Center, 217 E. Park Street.

December 5 - GARDINER STROLL/HOLIDAY EVENT - The Stroll sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce is from 5:30-7:30 pm. A craft fair at the Yellowstone Raft Company white tent on Park St. from 4-8 pm. Live music & lots of family activities throughout the evening. The Last Best Comedy Improv Show at the Gardiner school at 8 pm.

December 6 - CHRISTMAS STROLL - Downtown Livingston, from 4 - 8 pm. Santa arrives at 4:30 pm, most stores are open late with specials and treats, passport locations in town for prizes, wagon rides, characters in town for pictures, Santa at the Livingston Home Outfitters with gift bags for kids, Frosty at the Lyons Mane Salon and fire pits for warming on Main Street.

December 7 - ANNUAL ELKS CHRISTMAS AUCTION - Proceeds go toward the Christmas Food Baskets for local individuals and families in need of food. Silent Auction starts at 4 pm, live auction with Jimbo Logan starts at 7 pm.

December 7 - POPUP ART SALE, Old Lumberyard Winter Show, 122 North F Street, 11 am to 5 pm, featuring local and regional artists. Unique gift shopping.

December 7 - HOLIDAY BOOK SALE - Join us for our annual Book Sale, 10 am to 4 pm at the Livingston-Park County Public Library, 3rd Street lobby of the library.

December 7 - LIVINGSTON'S HOLIDAY MARKET - at the Livingston Civic Center, 229 River Drive from 9 am to 4 pm! Enjoy handmade crafts, art, baked goods, jewelry, and more from 32 vendors. Admission is \$1 and includes a raffle ticket to win a vendor prize. Don't miss this festive community shopping event!

December 7 - COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAIR - at the Park County Fair Grounds, 46 View Vista Drive, Livingston from 9 am to 4 pm. Featuring local crafters and artists. Additionally, a fundraising breakfast and lunch will be served and Santa's Workshop will be open for youth. Admission is \$1 - \$2, Entertainment, variety of activities, santa's workshop, craft stations, a photobooth & face painting.

December 8 - POTLUCK - The Beaver Creek Community Hall will hold its annual Christmas potluck and quilt raffle at 1 pm. Turkey with trimmings and coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. The hall is located at 651 Swingley Road. The public is invited to attend.

December 8 - VEGAN HOLIDAY POTLUCK - Join them at the Park County Senior Center at 206 S. Main St. at 4:30 pm. You don't have to be vegan, but the food does. Please bring a dish to share that is free from meat, eggs, dairy, honey, and gelatin. You can keep it simple by bringing chips & salsa, fresh fruit, pickles or olives, or a green salad. See you there!

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- Across**
1 Roasting skewer
5 Got together
8 Mischievous
12 Seduced by a swan
13 "The Locomotion" singer Little ---
14 Sharp flavor
15 Yemeni port
16 Chemical warfare agent
18 Firearms lobby
19 Slightly colored
20 Five-term Arizona senator Barry ---
22 Type of computer program
25 "You've Got Mail" company
26 Catsup constituent
28 Moron
31 Ronald's missus
32 Bahamian capital
34 1/1000 inches
35 Intelligence org.
36 Abbott and Costello film of 1944
41 Colorado Home Rule municipality
42 Ram's dam
43 Target center
46 Operatic solo
47 Worldwide nuclear watchdog
48 Belief system
- Down**
1 Argot
2 Spanish Peter
3 Paragon
4 Beat
5 Lowly
6 Happening
7 Aim
8 Sleeping
9 Semi
10 "L" operator
11 "--- So Fine" (old Chiffons number)
17 Speedwell
19 Relatively weak poker hand
21 Hydroelectric generators
22 Prohibit
23 One way to sell stocks
24 Miniature
27 Formerly French Sudan
28 Cable/satellite network
29 Owns
30 World's largest economy
33 Reveal
34 Old web connectors
37 Permission
38 Creepy
39 Once bitten, --- shy
40 Leavening agent
41 Unfortunately
43 Tipple
44 The Emirates
45 Allow
46 Bill dispenser
- 49 Muscular spasms
50 Wagers
51 --- Alamos
52 Fitting

Crossword Puzzle Number 310 Solutions

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ANIMAL FRIENDS



Sudoku Puzzle Number 346 "Medium"

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Sudoku Puzzle Answers 345

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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

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>.

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>.

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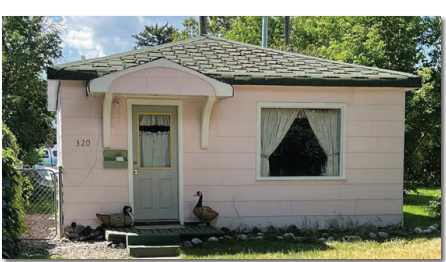
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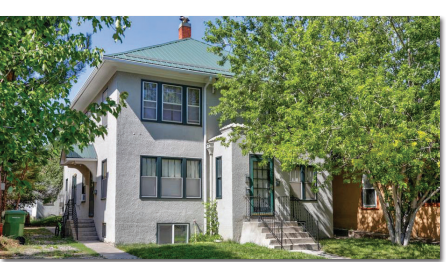
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3 beds 1.5 baths | 1,439 sq ft
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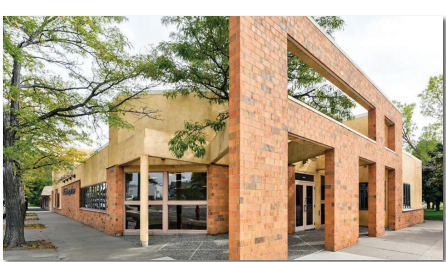
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Meet the Team...

Theresa Coleman is a fourth-generation Montanan, originally from Bozeman. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Merchandising and Design from Colorado State University and gaining valuable experience in the San Francisco Bay Area, she returned to Montana to make her home in Livingston. Theresa's deep roots in the community

and her passion for preserving Montana's unique landscape drive her commitment to her clients. Theresa's interest in the arts and interior design enhances her ability to stage properties beautifully, making them more appealing to potential buyers. Her eye for detail and design ensures that each property

Theresa Coleman

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she lists is presented at its best. In her free time, Theresa enjoys exploring Montana's great outdoors, hiking, and volunteering with the Livingston Food Resource Center and she serves on the Farm to School board of directors.



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Wine & Beer

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The event featured several wine distributors, including Eagle Beverages, Wine Gardner's, Bronken's, George's, Watkin's, Cardinal and Lieu Dit, all of which supplied attendees with a variety of old and new world white and red wine originating anywhere from Sonoma County, California and Oregon's esteemed Willamette Valley to various regions in Italy and France, as well as other countries in Europe and South America.

Breweries such as Kettlehouse (based out of Missoula) and local favorite Katabatic slung seasonal styles like a Snowblind white stout and a '10 Years!!' Munich Dunkel, respectively.

Other breweries included in this year's event were Neptune's, Bozeman Brewing and Flathead Lake Brewing (Bigfork). Local food caterers Zalaby's, MTPL8, and Engine Room Pizza provided savory and sweet samples of their favorite foods. The caterer's menu included, for example, a jalapeno artichoke cream cheese with smoked salmon on a herbed crostini, and delectable desserts like a flourless chocolate cake with ganache and candied oranges. Non-alcoholic beverages were also provided to patrons.

The Depot Foundation, according to Cota, is currently seeking funding for the remainder of the project and is accepting online donations at <https://www.livingstondepot.org/support.html>. For more information, please contact Laura Cota at director@livingstondepot.org.

Wheatgrass Books

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llamas, follows Lewis' life and the extraordinary adventure he most probably had in Yellowstone's wilderness, and in addition provides facts and information about our first national park.

The book is suitable for readers of all ages.

If you missed us on Small Business Saturday with Bozeman author Janet Fox and Helena author Lisa Kelley, we have signed copies available of their wonderful children's books.

Janet's *The Mystery of Mystic Mountain*, (Simon & Schuster, October 22, 2024) is about a girl who tackles a summer filled with mystery, treasure, and learning to be her true self in this middle grade adventure that's a modern-day Holes set on a dusty dude ranch in Montana.

Lisa Kelly's picture book, *Dingle's Christmas At Ashford Castle*, (Mayo Books Press, 2024)

is a magical story about her favorite place in Ireland and a delightful owl named Dingle who goes on a bold holiday adventure. Lisa Kelley lives in Montana with her husband and two children. Her Irish roots run deep in County Mayo and County Galway. Ashford Castle has been a treasured destination for her family for many years. They love to fly the hawks at Ireland's School of Falconry on the beautiful Ashford estate and see their favorite owl, Dingle. To spend an Irish Christmas at Ashford Castle is to experience grand tradition, warmth, and wonder. Lisa wanted to share that Irish gift through the eyes of Dingle.



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