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The Park County Ag Fair

For many Park County families, the fair is the biggest and best event of the year. It takes place at the Park County Fairgrounds (46 View Vista Drive) in Livingston, and runs from Wednesday, July 24th to Saturday, July 27th. This year, the theme is the "Wild, Wild, West." Admission is free for all ages!



barbeque dinner for the 4-H community on Wednesday night, followed by the FFA Chapter Sundown Showdown and the 4-H Youth Rodeo. Thursday is the best day to check out the open-class exhibits, anyone can submit entries in a variety of categories. Hundreds of county residents

bring their livestock, handiwork, artwork, photography, garden vegetables, pies, cookies, and more for the judges to decide who takes home a blue ribbon. Thursday night features live music.

Friday is kid's day, with activities for the young ones throughout the day, with the Park County Ag Fair

Ranch Rodeo on Friday evening. The rodeo features adult teams of four people competing in events such as trailering, branding, wild-cow milking, and doctoring. Teams from across the state compete and there is a lot of laughter!

On Saturday, guests will enjoy the Buyers' Luncheon, and at 3 pm, the 4-H/FFA Auction, where youngsters' steers, heifers, lambs, rabbits, goats, chicken, and pigs are sold to the highest bidder. Made-in-4-H items such as woodworking, leather craft, and other handmade projects will be auctioned off, too. Once the auction wraps up, there will be a Buyers' Celebration with live music and dancing.

We invite you to come on down and check out all the animals, watch the competitions, and take a stroll through the exhibit hall. Enjoy live music and dancing, and some good home-cooked vittles and treats.



For information please see the Park County Extension Office at 406-222-4156 or email park@montana.edu, or visit Montana.edu/extension/park. For general questions and vendor information, call 406-595-6066.

36th Annual Festival of the Arts

The Depot Festival of the Arts is back! The Livingston Depot will host its 36th annual Festival of the Arts on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 2024. Festival hours are from 10 am to 6 pm on the 2nd and 3rd, and from 10 am to 5 pm on July 4th.

The Festival of the Arts showcases fine artists and crafters from Montana and the western region into the juried show. Past and new vendors will present oil paintings, photography, woodwork, ceramics, jewelry, metal work, apparel, repurposed antiques, stained glass, herbals, toys, and more. This year, to allow more vendors the opportunity to present their fine work, the Depot continues to expand art, craft, and food offerings into the gorgeous courtyard adjacent to the Depot Museum.

"The Festival is so much fun and a great way to support local artists. We are so impressed with the quality and

**July 2nd, 3rd & 4th
FINE ART, CRAFTS,
FOOD & FUN!**

diversity of the artists and crafters this year. Between our returning favorites and a new crop of outstanding creators, I think it's the best mix of work yet," said Depot director Laura Cota. "We can't wait to welcome everyone back to Depot Park for the 36th year, and back to our town for the 100th Roundup Rodeo."

The event also includes a variety of food vendors like mouth-watering bbq, freshly made crepes, tasty burgers, smoothie bowls, stir-fry combos, chocolates, specialty lemonades, flavored ices, espresso and more.

Visitors can also enjoy the adjacent

Depot Museum's historic rail and Yellowstone exhibits, as well as this year's special exhibit, "Wondrous West: Art, Tourism & National Pride." The curated collection of vintage imagery features advertising campaigns from railroads and travel bureaus spanning nearly a century of America's romance with Western tourism.

The Depot Festival of the Arts is three days of fine art, charming crafts and the famous 4th of July festivities of Livingston.

The Depot Museum exhibits are open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm with a nominal admission. Group tours are also welcome, and more infor-

mation is available through the Depot office at (406) 222-2300 or its website, www.livingstondepot.org.

Wondrous West: Art, Tourism & Nation-



The Livingston Depot is a historic building that represents a thriving exploration of the West during the early 1900s. Credit: Depot Staff

al Pride will be on display at the Depot Museum May 25th through September 7th, 2024 .

More information is available HYPER-LINK "<http://www.livingstondepot.org>" www.livingstondepot.org.

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Obituaries

Sally (Counts) Wells



Sally (Counts) Wells, of Old Chico, Montana, was embraced in the loving arms of her Savior on the evening of June 9, 2024 after a magnificent thunderstorm and as the abundant lilacs she had planted along Emigrant Creek over the last 50 years blossomed. She was surrounded by loving family as her battle of nearly seventeen years against cancer of the appendix came to a merciful end. As the family watched the fog ascend the mountain after the storm, so did Sally's spirit go Home.

Born August 10, 1953, Sally lived fully right up until she went home to heaven. A fifth-generation Montanan and the youngest of 11, she was born tough and able to keep

up with anyone. She graduated from Park High School in 1972.

On June 28, 1974, she married the love of her life, Bryan Wells. They built a wonderful life together, working side by side as they lived in various locations up Emigrant Gulch. She was a talented artist, creating works in various mediums, including bronzes and oil paintings. She never backed down from a challenge, which led to several wonderful pieces of art—from a giant, six-foot papier mâché brook trout to a grizzly bear carved out of a mountain boulder, to something as small as an elk tooth carved into an eagle's head. Her interest in trying new things didn't stop

at artwork. She gardened everything from fruit trees to mushrooms, kept bees, had chickens, helped build houses, and canned vegetables from her own prolific garden.

Sally and Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager, a great American hero and pioneer in supersonic aviation, had a deep, unique connection for nearly 25 years because of their ancestral roots in the mountain country of the Virginias and their mutual trait of fearlessness. Sally was always honest and fearless, but that didn't stop her from being kind. One never had to guess what was on her mind, but folks didn't fault her for it. She made friends far and wide over the course of her life.

As cancer took its toll, one would've thought she'd slow down. Well, she might've been down, but she was never out. Two significant surgeries certainly took time to recover from, but she was still always busy planning things out if she couldn't do them. Even in the final weeks, Sally pestered her loving husband to go get her more tomato plants from her sister, Barb. She was an example of grit and drive until the very end.

Now, as we say our final goodbyes and celebrate a life well-lived, we ask that people remember their paths crossing Sally's. We ask that you feel the grief of her loss, but remember her life. Remember the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:18, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with



the glory that is to be revealed to us", and remember that Sally is Home, where she knew she would go because of her abiding faith in Christ.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Porter and Gladys (McAllister) Counts; brothers Tom, Russ, and John Counts; and sister Jane Eman. Sally is survived by brothers Chuck and Fred Counts; sisters Gracie Scher, Barb Haefs, Ann Close, and Eva Sutherland; husband Bryan Wells; children Josh Wells (Lindsay) and Heather Rigler (Ryan); grandchildren Celia, Porter, Jill, and John Rigler, and Willow and Sally Scout Wells; as well as scores of nieces and nephews. Sally is buried at the Old Chico cemetery.

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In 2011, Sarah Calhoun, owner of Red Ants Pants, founded and produced the first festival. Yes, a little “made in the USA” pants company started a music festival. Today, this festival has 90 staff members joined every July by dozens of friends and family. Throw in 250 festival volunteers and this makes for a pretty fantastic three-day celebration. Held every July in a cow pasture just outside of White Sulphur Springs, this event may just become an annual tradition for you and your people.

If you like music, local food, beer, sunsets, agriculture, and the rural Montana landscape, you should probably come to the Red Ants Pants Music Festival. It is a fantastic commu-

nity event that rises up much like in the movie “Field of Dreams,” or like an old-fashioned barn-raising.

This year the line-up is packed with a lot of talent featuring; The Devil Makes Three, Lukas Nelson and Los Lobos. The full musical line-up is posted on their website including the side stage, demonstrations and competitions. Please go to the website to purchase tickets at RedAntsPantsMusicFestival.com/tickets.

- Free shuttle service between the festival grounds and the town of White Sulphur Springs.
- Hey, parents! Take a pit stop in the kids tent for face painting, treats, and fun, educational activities and crafts! For parents with wee ones, it is a great place to rest in the shade, with a changing table, baby potties, and a feeding area will be



available. Please note: the kids’ tent is not a babysitting service, but a place to enjoy activities with them.

- Shade covers with seating are available on each side of the main stage. Please take a rest and then allow someone else to enjoy them.
- A dance floor! Thanks to a partnership with Rich Miller over in Anaconda, you’ll be able to show off your moves on a beautiful plywood dance floor.
- Complimentary hayrides will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday between the campground, day parking, and festival grounds.

- Internet service will be available in the festival area of the venue. Attendees will be able to sign up onsite for a day or weekend pass through a website portal.
- We can all help reduce waste and save resources by recycling, and 406 Recycling makes it easy! The beer cups are compostable, please put them in the proper receptacle.

Music with a mission! The festival is a program of the 501(c)(3) Red Ants Pants Foundation. Their non-profit mission is to develop and expand leadership roles for women, preserve and support working family farms and ranches, and enrich and promote rural communities. Proceeds from the festival fund community grants, offer work skills workshops, and the Girls Leadership Program.

For ticket purchase, questions, and up-to-date music line-up, visit: RedAntsPantsMusicFestival.com, or call 406-209-8135.

Sunday Artisan Markets in Gardiner

You will find locally created: Gemstone jewelry, soaps, stained glass, artwork, ceramics, woodworking crafts, health and beauty products, metal work, candles, photography, teddy bears, confections, jams and jellies, chocolates and treasures including rocks and minerals! Come to the Community Center in Gardiner from 9-3 pm. Each market can be a little different, so come too as many as you can.

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Fireworks & Pets Consider Microchipping

by Jill Ouellette

Oh, it's that time of year again. . . . Fireworks are a fixture here in Montana and around the nation, from weddings to national holidays, the biggest one being July 4th and it is right around the corner. This holiday can be really frustrating as a pet owner if your dog or cat is afraid of fireworks.

Animals have highly sensitive hearing and fireworks are very startling to them. Studies suggest that 50% of dogs are afraid of fireworks. Pets often will hide, pace, shake, cry or run away from hearing or seeing fireworks.

More pets go missing from July 4th through 6th than at any other time of year. According to PetAmberAlert (a lost pet finder that helps four-legged family members find their way home), animal control officials across the nation report a 30%–60% increase in lost pets each year during the July fireworks season.

Even if you have a collar with an ID tag on your pet, it can easily be lost or removed. Consider microchipping. It's inexpensive, permanent, and lasts for the lifetime of your pet. These little chips are a big deal—about the size of a grain of rice, they provide a straightforward way to find lost pets, keep them out of animal shelters, and get them back where they belong.

If your pet is already microchipped, way to go! Does your chip registry have your current address and phone number? Be sure to check, especially if you have moved or changed your number.

Are you not sure what kind of microchip your pet has? No worries! You can look it up using AAHA Microchip Registry Lookup at AAHA.org. Enter your pet's microchip number, and it will tell you what company the chip is registered to and whom you need to contact to update your information. Not sure what your pet's microchip number is? Still, no worries! You can check with your local vet and have them check their records. They can also give your pet a quick scan to check that chip.

Tips for Keeping Pets Safe During Fireworks:

1. Keep your pets safely away from



fireworks. Leave your pets safely indoors with a radio or TV turned on for background noise. (Don't crate them, which may intensify their fear.) Close windows and curtains to muffle the sound of fireworks. If you can't leave them at home, keep them leashed and with you.

2. If you know you have a scared pet, ask your veterinarian about medications and techniques to reduce fear and anxiety.
3. Protect your pet from heat stroke during summer activities. Often the 4th of July is during the hottest part of the summer. Keep an eye out for heat stroke. Protect their paws from hot pavement, too. Be sure they are hydrated. These situations will cause extra stress to your pet and coupling this with fireworks is a recipe for disaster.
4. Your pets should wear their collar and ID at all times. Even an indoor pet, when frightened, can get motivated to get out of the house through a window, door or screen.

Perhaps someday soon we can encourage celebrations with safer animal-friendly alternatives like laser shows or drone displays to celebrate the birth of our nation. Did you watch the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, or catch a replay of the Disney Paris drone show? They had spectacular drone displays that were free from numerous safety issues. They were less noisy and not distressing to animals (pets or wild ones).

Keep your best friend safe and happy this fireworks season. Don't wait to ensure your pet has a ticket home should they ever get lost. Make sure your pet's microchip has the correct contact information, and if your pets aren't microchipped, call your veterinarian today.

Park County Communications Survey

Park County wants to hear from you! Your local county government is committed to inviting public participation and providing helpful, accurate information to residents. The purpose of this short, confidential survey is to gauge how you stay informed, what your communication preferences are, what information you are looking for, and how we can foster engagement with you.

Survey findings will be presented to the Park County Commissioners. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, June 28, 2024. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFTGM2F> to make your voice heard.

Printed copies of the survey and a

drop box can be found at your local Chamber of Commerce. If you would like a survey mailed to you or want to learn more, please email Mary Hardin at mhardin@parkcounty.org or call (406) 222-4156.



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On McLeod Street, Big Timber during Sweet Grass Fest

July 2nd, Tuesday, 3 pm
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Thursday, June 27th - Hamburger soup, roll, fruit, milk

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THE STORM

Written by: Robert Nehls

On a rough and rocky shore,
Standing barefoot by the sea;
She listens to the water
Crash against her memory.
Longing for his arms again,
Safe from harm in bitter cold;
She is hoping that the wind
Won't confirm the stories told.

Desperate prayers are always heard
In a raging winter storm.
And his tears will blend with hers,
When they both are free and warm.
She will go to him she swears,
If he can't come back to her.
Together meant forever;
Lifeless in the things that were.

All her thoughts are filled with grief.
All her dreams have disappeared.
Reaching hopelessly for love,
In the mist of what is feared.
Waves are crashing on the rocks.
Wind is blowing through her hair.
As she hears the voice of God,
Come in answer to her prayer.

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She turns from the lonely shore.
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First Confirmed 2024 Wildland Fire in Yellowstone National Park

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- On June 9th, the first confirmed wildland fire of the season in Yellowstone National Park was detected by a motorist driving on Highway 191, located on the west side of the park.
 - The .1-acre lightning-ignited fire near Milepost 17 torched a single tree almost a mile west of Highway 191 and 17 miles north of West Yellowstone, Montana.
 - Yellowstone wildland firefighters suppressed the fire.
 - currently LOW.
 - There are no fire restrictions in the park at this time.
 - Campfires are only permitted within established fire rings in camp-grounds and some backcountry campsites.
 - Campfires must always be attended and cold to the touch before abandoning. Soak, stir, feel, repeat.
 - The Greater Yellowstone area is a fireadapted ecosystem. Fire plays an important role in maintaining the health of this area's wildlife habitat and vegetation.
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Come On In! The Waters' Fine!

by Joyce Johnson

Frazzled from chasing my adored but rambunctious little dog friends around the house, and answering the non-stop phone, so distracted from my favorite project, rock painting, and although I could have turned the ringer off, tossed my phone in a drawer, and closed the door of my work room with the sign, *do not disturb*, I practiced my favorite escape—grabbed my swim bag, yelled



backstroke so I can keep my face out of the water and watch the sky. I look over my head frequently to see if anyone is floating into my path. Last week when my left hand reached back in a stroke, it gently landed on a very small head of wet hair which I patted and we laughed at each other as I swam past, nose to nose almost. Often people see me coming and move a little to let me pass. I smile and say thanks. I can see if a

beach ball lands on my path which I whack back to them, mid-stroke, without losing a beat. Laps are never boring. I have had 30 grateful years of fun floats and laps in Chico's health-supporting pools. Also bug-less sunbathing, socializing with

new and old friends, and story material gathering but most fun of all, people-watching.

River, and creek swimming? I remember fondly swimming upriver, and then floating back to starting point during my lunch break at a riverside business here in the valley. Otherwise, and lately not getting laps in as much as I should, I look speculatively at the creek that runs behind my home here in Emigrant hills. It's deep enough... and fast flowing, down the mountain from Story Lake. I could in theory swim in place, against the current, or "tube it," as I did the river a few times over the years. I could ride the creek for about 100 feet and get out before I smack into the little wood plank bridge, and, walk back with inner tube and repeat. I could, if I was 12 again.

But I love the Emigrant "Riviera" (fishing access) for flat, smooth rock-hunting and just hanging out. I use river slippers from Emigrant General Store to navigate the rocks and wade. Earlier this year you could walk/wade across the river, almost. After runoff,



"Swimming up the side channel of Yellowstone, So. of Emigrant."

rugged, and you had to walk along the river for ¼ mile to get there, then strip outer clothing in freezing weather, hold your breath and carefully walk in on it's rocky bottom. I swam in place against her current, and sat under the warm waterfall and watched wildlife graze across the river. I hope it recovers. I have full respect for Nature's changes, and *come back magic*; of prolific wildflowers that spring up from the blackened ground

of forest fires, and sure as the sunrise, precious new tree saplings. I hope the roads and riversides recover from our epic flood,... and come to think of it... that *we recover* from the changes in our country, so we can keep on floating, fishing, soaking, rafting, swimming, picnicking, walking our shores and well it's endless, isn't it? Our love of and stewardship of the land, home, our front yard, Montana, and our country.



"Chico up close and personal."

out my destination, and ran out the door. It took only a few minutes to drive over the river to Chico where I soak, swim laps, and find peace for as long as I've been in Montana. I worked for Chico years ago so I could swim free. There are sometimes screaming kids and loud chatter in the water, so I simply pop in ear plugs— instant peace. Now and then I catch the pool empty and it's heaven. A privilege to be so near such a pristine and beautiful water hole.

The other day the pool had about a dozen little kids floating in various inflated things, but no cannonball competitions, or footballs flying, or hard-lapping guys in flippers—the turbulence on those days is challenging, but most mornings are calm. I float in the small hot pool first, to let go of all tension. When "the coast is clear," I slip into the big pool (half Olympic size did you know?) and swim backstroke laps. I switch to breaststroke if the pool is full so I can navigate around the crowd. (People say I was a fish in a past life and I nod.) I do

which is still happening as I write, there might be a swimming or wading lagoon there because the epic flood re-arranged the shoreline and river bottom.

Boiling River, Gardiner's treasure, just inside the park, at the 45th Parallel, washed out during the recent flood, and is closed indefinitely. It was the Queen of natural soaks; free,



Boiling River at 12 degrees for true grit soakers, circa 2000."



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Water or Coke?

by Jill Ouellette

Water—just how important is it to your body? Are you drinking the right amount of water every day? Let’s look at a few facts:

1. About 75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated. That likely applies to over half of the world population, according to National Institute of Health.
2. In 37% of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger. This can certainly be adding to national obesity issues.
3. Even mild dehydration will slow down one’s metabolism as much as 3%.
4. One eight-ounce glass of water will shut down midnight hunger pains in virtually all dieters, according to a U-Washington study.
5. Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue, per the British Journal of Nutrition.
6. Preliminary research indicated that 8 to 10 eight-ounce glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.
7. A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger foggy memory, irritability, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or a printed page, per D. Benton, author of *Nutrients*. Long-term dehydration can cause

kidney stones according to the British Journal of Urology.

8. Drinking five glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45% (American Society of Clinical Oncology), plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79% and the risk of bladder cancer by 50%.

Now let’s look at Coke:

1. In the US, many highway patrol vehicles carry a couple gallons of Coke in their patrol vehicle to remove blood from the highway after a car accident.
2. You can put a T-bone steak in a bowl of Coke and it will be totally gone in two days.
3. To clean your toilet; pour a can of Coke into the bowl and let “The Real Thing” sit for one hour, then flush. The citric acid removes stains from the vitreous china.
4. To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers (or bicycle rims); rub the chrome with a crumpled-up piece of aluminum foil dipped in Coke.
5. To clean corrosion from car-battery terminals, pour a can of Coke over them to bubble away the corrosion.
6. To loosen a rusted bolt, apply a cloth soaked in Coke to the bolt for several minutes.
7. To remove grease from clothes, empty a can of Coke into a load of greasy clothes, add your detergent, and run through a regular

wash cycle. The Coke will help loosen the grease stains.

8. Coke will also clean the road haze from your windshield.

The active ingredient in Coke is phosphoric acid. (There’s so much added sugar in it—39 grams in a 12 oz. can—without that sugar you would gag on the phosphoric acid!) Coke is highly acidic, with a pH of 2.8. It will completely dissolve a nail soaking in it within about four days. Phosphoric acid also leaches calcium from bones and is a major contributor to the rising increase in osteoporosis. It’s no just Coke—most soft drinks are very acidic and full of sugar.

I was reading about a recent study that researched and tested the major international brands selling bottled water. Some bottlers of spring water add magnesium sulfate, potassium bicarbonate, or flavors, extracts and



essences etc. that are not on our radars. Be smart read the labels.

Insider Monkey found the healthiest bottled water to be Mountain Valley Spring Water from Arkansas (found locally here at the grocery store). Castle Rock from Shasta Springs, Ca was rated number three (you would need to order online). Number two and four were foreign brands not readily available in the US. Number five on the list is Fiji water with its naturally higher pH 7.8, which is available locally too.

Here’s the question: This summer, when the weather is really hot and you want to grab a quick thirst quencher, what will it be—ice-cold water or ice-cold Coke? I vote for a glass of Fiji on ice.

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Kids Day at Livingston Farmers Market



While I wandered around the Livingston Farmers Market on Kids Day, music filled the air, with enthusiastic bands from Park High School playing throughout the afternoon. The Faux opened, with As We Become and Take Two scheduled to entertain the crowd after them.

Energetic young folk lined up for the inflatable bounce house while others picked up maps for a scavenger hunt. There was plenty to do! Young entrepreneurs took advantage of free booths for the day (normally, they're \$5 for kids). I enjoyed chatting with a few of them. They were all there to make some money, of course, but each one proudly told me about the things he or she was selling, high-quality products brought to market with lots of love.

Hazel Bauer, 8, was helping her mother sell Hazel's Honey (named for her, obviously). She's growing up around bees, and she knows plenty about them—just ask!

She explained how the hive has to be a certain temperature, so the bees go to the middle of the frame they're on and vibrate their wings to warm up the air in winter.

After scout bees return from searching for flowers, each one does a "waggle dance," shaking its abdomen in the direction of the flowers and indicating the amount of pollen



Abigail and Acesa Robinson

"somewhat out in nature," that is. When I spoke with them, he and his sister had a comfortable spot under a tree, so it was nice to linger in the shade.

Winston Smith, 13, shared a booth with his mother that featured French treats. I bought a fresh baguette and indulged in some lovely macarons, French sandwich cookies that take skill to make properly, which Winston's mother certainly has. You can decide which flavor you like best, but my favorite is

blueberry. Also on display were French-style aprons that Winson's mother and sister create.

Winston helps with the aprons and the baguettes, but his specialty is using a lathe to turn out smooth-as-silk French rolling pins in different types of wood. "I have a good time working on the lathe," Winston told me. It was his mother who suggested he make rolling pins. He thought about it a little and agreed, "Ooo, that's a really cool idea." Last summer he sold balance boards that he made. He likes to try new things.

Being at the market "gives me something to do in the summer, not



Winston Smith

I'm not a fan of lamb, but it turns out I probably haven't eaten it cooked properly. Tender lamb that doesn't taste gamey is less than two years old. Cook it to the degree of doneness that you like red meat, and cook it low and slow. A crockpot can help with this.

Annie told me she loves working with the sheep. She wakes up at 5:30 am to begin her day outside at 6 am. After feeding the sheep, she gets ready for school. At the end of the day, she might have basketball practice, but then she comes home to take care of the sheep again and then does her homework.

"The animals always come first," she said.

Does she mind the hard work? "You're never bored. You always have something to do."

There's lots to see at the market this year, but be on alert for the younger vendors. They deeply care about what they sell, and they're happy to answer any questions or to tell you engaging stories about their products.



Annie & Kaycee Keyes

available. The other bees vote, and everyone flies off to the best spot.

How does Hazel like her honey? In honey burritos. Here is her very own recipe: Take a tortilla (room temperature or warm), spread it with honey, and roll it up "like a breakfast burrito."

Hazel's Honey comes in a variety of sizes. There are also skincare products made with honey. I highly recommend the lip balm. They also sell beeswax, which is good for making salve and candles. I think a honey burrito sounds great for breakfast, but some protein would round it out nicely.

Abigail, 11, and Acesa, 9, Robinson were at the market with fresh eggs from their hens in Wilsall. Abigail says she likes "meeting new people and talking to people." So the market is a fun place to be.

Acesa enjoys being out in nature,



Hazel Bauer

Easy Cheeseburger Pie

A Carnivore Diet Recipe

This easy cheeseburger pie is perfect for a low-stress dinner any day of the week! Flavored with simple everyday ingredients, it is sure to be a new family favorite. Plus, you probably already have these budget-friendly ingredients on hand in your fridge right now.

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients

- 1.5 pounds ground beef
- 1 tablespoon tallow, or cooking fat of choice, separated
- 1 medium onion diced
- 4 whole eggs
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon ground mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup shredded cheese

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C) and grease a 9-inch round pie plate or 8x8-inch baking dish.
2. Lightly brown the meat in cooking fat over medium-high heat in a heavy-bottomed skillet or cast iron. Transfer to pie plate once cooked.
3. Add a little more fat to the skillet and brown the onions until translucent, about 5-7 minutes. Stir frequently.
4. While the onions cook, whisk the



eggs. Add herbs, salt and pepper.

Picture and recipe, courtesy of Primal Edge Health and primaledgehealth.com.

5. Pour over the beef so it sinks into the meat. Shake the dish gently if needed.
6. Arrange the onions in an even layer over the eggs and meat.
7. Top the whole pie with cheese.
8. Bake for 20 minutes, until cheese is melted and bubbly.
9. Allow the cheeseburger pie to rest for 5 minutes before slicing.

Notes

To make a complete hamburger themed meal, serve on a bed of lettuce with a side of pickles or pickle relish and thick slices of fresh tomatoes. Offer mustard and sugar-free ketchup at the table.

Recipe by
Carla Williams

RECIPE CORNER

Key Lime Bars

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE CRUST

- 1 ½ cups all purpose flour
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ¾ cup butter, softened

FOR THE FILLING

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon table salt
- ½ cup key lime juice
- 2 tablespoons lime zest + extra for garnish
- 2 large eggs
- Green gel food coloring, optional
- Powdered sugar, for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line an 8x8 baking pan with foil and spray with nonstick baking spray.

2. Mix together the flour, powdered sugar, and butter until it is crumbly. Press into the bottom of the prepared pan. Bake for 25 minutes.
3. While the crust is baking, place the sugar, flour, salt, key lime juice, zest, and eggs in a blender. Pulse until frothy. If you like, add a little bit of green gel food coloring to brighten the color even more.
4. When the crust is finished, pull it out and pour the key lime filling on top. You may need to pulse it one more time before doing this. Bake again for 25-30 minutes.
5. Remove and let cool completely. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and cut into 16 bars.

For the printable recipe and complete recipe details, visit the Easy Cheeseburger Pie Recipe on Primal Edge Health and check out The Carnivore Cookbook too!

This recipe was found at: <https://carnivore.diet/easy-cheeseburger-pie-recipe/>.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

WSE's Livingston Farmers Market



Nate Johnson, a local tree-service owner, volunteers every week at the Market. He works the second shift at the Zero Waste Station educating market attendees. Nate explains what at the market is compostable, recyclable, or trash. Nate has been volunteering since the program was implemented in 2019.

"The most rewarding part of being at the market is seeing so many people, socializing and getting a feel for the crowd and how important recycling is," he said. Nate also recently volunteered at the Livingston Loves Trees big planting event making Livingston look more beautiful!



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"Enjoying the Journey"

by Lois Olmstead

Do certain events stick like glue to certain days each year in your mind? The thirteen colonies chose their independence from England, on July 4, 1776, and Independence Day on July 4th became a federal holiday in 1870.

I wonder if they thought once they signed the Declaration of Independence, it would be clear sailing after that? Or did they foresee trouble ahead? History tells us that their faith in God was paramount. They knew He would guide them. I wonder if they knew the Bible verse, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.



In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! (Be of good cheer!) I have overcome the world." (John 16.33)

I like that verse. My life is not always clear sailing. That is why the 4th of July holiday brings the same memory every year. You may have heard me tell this. The lesson stuck!

We were the owners of Apple Cider Alley, a gift shop and art gallery in Colstrip. I was the float committee chairman. Since I was the only employee of the business, it was a small committee. I had my eye on the first prize for commercial entries.

A theme was chosen. A patriotic heart thumper with a red, white and blue color scheme with Betsy Ross (me in Grandma's pioneer dress) and Abe Lincoln (He-Who

was a natural). It would be great.

We borrowed Clint's flatbed pickup and he stayed to help, along with our three sons, He-Who and me the boss. We had rolls of crepe paper and \$20 worth of masking tape. I hadn't realized being chairman was going to be so difficult. My male committee members did not grasp the importance of uniformity in the design of the patriotic float.

"No, no, no," I said. "You can't put a red strip, white and blue and then do white, blue and red." I patiently tried to lead. "It has to be consistent. Red, white and blue, red, white and blue..."

They indulged the chairman. By the wee hours of the morning, the ranch truck was a patriotic beauty. Red, white and blue. Red, white and blue. We stood back and stared. It was beautiful. And it was in order. Precise.

My first clue that I was not the boss of everything was when I woke to the sound of pouring rain. It couldn't be! I jumped out of bed. The streets were rivers of rain.

We won first prize for the best commercial

entry. Betsy Ross rode the float in a period-perfect sopping wet dress. Abe Lincoln stood tall with a soaked black top hat and a dripping black topcoat.

The red, white and blue crepe paper stuck to the truck and bled rivulets of patriotic dye. Not one of the drenched parade onlookers commented on the perfect rhythm of the strips of crepe paper. Burned in my mind to this day is the fact that neither did any of the volunteer float decorators. Not one said, "See it wouldn't have made any difference, red, white, blue, white, blue and red."

To this day I am indebted to a group of young guys and my husband, who indulged a fussy woman who wanted it done her way. They never said, "We told you so!"

Maybe that can be our spiritual lesson this week—not saying "I told you so" when it sneaks into our mind and wants to come out our mouth. Because still today, years later, I remember they didn't say anything. Big lesson. Never forgotten. John 16.33 is a good 4th of July verse!



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1 1/2 fl. oz.
5 Accumulate
10 Comic Chappelle
14 Dash
15 --- Hicks, who co-founded an eponymous online "List"
16 --- Jannings, first Oscar winner
17 "But, --- was ambitious, I slew him" (Shakespeare, "Julius Caesar")
18 Doubtful attitude
20 Pops the question
22 Fight sites
23 Brazilian saint
24 "--- cool!"
25 Chinese gooseberry
26 Coal Miner's Daughter Loretta ---
28 Castigatory
32 Plaudits
34 "Peace on earth, good will ---"
35 "Air America" lead --- Gibson
36 "Death --- Expert Witness" (P D James)
37 "... my --- days, when I was green in judgment ..." (Shakespeare, "Antony and Cleopatra")
38 Australian national gemstone
39 "Holy cow!"
40 Of high grade
41 Former first lady of France --- Bruni
42 Attars
44 Democratic right
45 Sawbones, briefly
46 Salon goo
47 Sucker
50 Three miles
53 Disturb oilman, or sabotage form of transportation
- 55 Unlettered
57 "The Joy of Cooking" author Rombauer
58 "---- the torpedoes!" (David Farragut)
59 "Divine Comedy" writer --- Alighieri
60 Decree
61 Dead tree
62 Dirty political tactic
63 Dorothy's doggy

- Down**
1 Golf hazards
2 Port on the Shatt al-Arab river
3 Choosy lads play havoc with study periods
4 Quick look
5 Long-time Moroccan king
6 Properly pitched
7 Matures
8 Final wish?
9 Kept in custody
10 Chicanery
11 Former Ugandan dictator
12 Passport endorsement
13 Boston's Liberty Tree, and others
19 Eighth moonwalker
21 Possesses
25 Stoner paired with Harold
27 " ... from --- far country blows" (Housman)
28 Gondoliers' propellers
29 Such as Flo Ziegfeld
30 Schnitzel meat
31 She, in Sonora
32 Japanese beef considered a delicacy
33 Mysteries on high
34 Watergate evidence
37 Turns out well
- 38 Bran source
40 End of a glacier
41 Centennial St.
43 Selvage
44 Pretense
46 We --- Get Out of This Place
48 Target
49 Pupil of Socrates and teacher of Aristotle
50 Eyeshades, maybe
51 Flair
52 Michigan college, and where it is
53 Leo's locks
54 Fissure
56 --- + dam = lamb

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Sudoku Puzzle Answers 334

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Emigrant People's Market, located at 8 Story Road, Emigrant, MT 59027, on the lawn of St John's Church. Saturdays 9-1 pm. June -October, weather permitting. Locally created goods and eclectic curated items. New vendors welcome. Email emigrantpeoplesmarket@gmail.com for information.

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Notice of Filing Dates for Justice of the Peace
On March 26, 2024 the Park County Commission appointed an interim Justice of the Peace. This nonpartisan office will appear on the November 5, 2024 General Election Ballot as an unexpired term to begin on January 1, 2025 and to be completed at the end of 2026. As stated in MCA Section 13-14-118 (2) If a vacancy for a nonpartisan nomination cannot be filled as provided in subsection (1) and the vacancy occurs no later than 85 days before the general election, a 10-day period for accepting declarations for nomination or statements of candidacy and nominating petitions for the office must be declared by: (a) the governor for national, state, judicial district, legislative, or any multicounty district office; (b) the governing body of the appropriate political subdivision for all other offices. The Park County Commission has declared a 10-day filing period in a public meeting held on April 16, 2024, where they voted to set the 10-day filing period from June 17 – 26, 2024.

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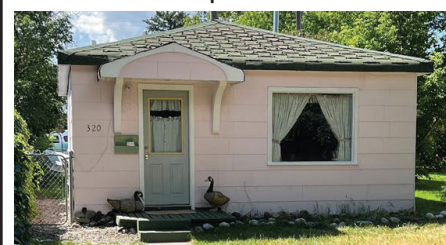
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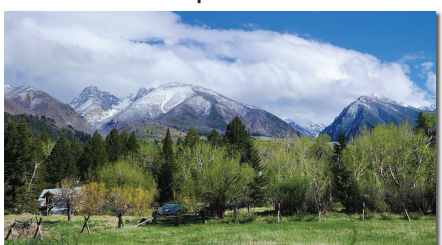
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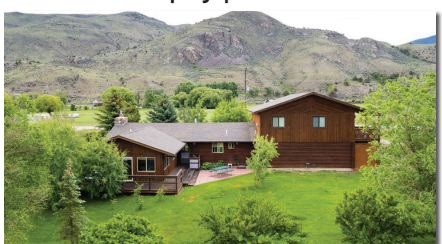
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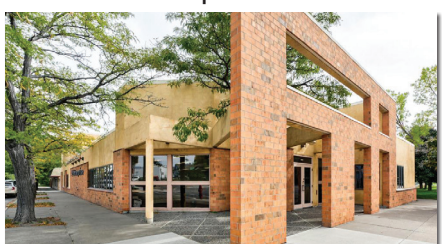
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John Roberts y Pan Blanco Perform at Free Shane Center Summer Outdoor Concert Series

The Shane Center's free and family-friendly **Summer Outdoor Concert Series** (SOCS) rounds out the month with **John Roberts y Pan Blanco** on Thursday, June 27th. Concessions are available for purchase beginning at 4 pm; the event runs from 5-8 pm.

Appearing for the first time at the Shane Center, **John Roberts y Pan Blanco** bring a mixture of Funk, West African Beats, Salsa, Jazz and Soul Music.

John Roberts began playing the piano at the age of 5 while living on an isolated ranch in Southeastern Montana. There was no TV, but there was a piano. From age 11-18, in Malta, MT, he was in band (trombone) and choir in the Malta, MT schools. After graduating in 1996 from Montana State University-Billings with a BA in Music Performance, John moved to Los Angeles to earn his Master of Fine Arts in Western Orchestral Performance from California Institute of the Arts.

Feeling equally comfortable in orchestral and commercial music realms, he has performed in all 50 of the United States and around the world, including Mexico, South America, Israel, Cuba, India, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, Australia and Africa. Notable venues include the Lincoln Center in New York, Pantages Theatre, Kodak Theatre, Roskilde, House of Blues, Blue Note, Apollo and Apollo London. Tours include his own band, John Roberts y Pan Blanco (Afro-Latin Soul), Ricardo Lemvo and Makina Loca (Congolese/Cuban), Bobby Womack (Soul), Los Pinguos (Argentina), The Temptations, Chaka Khan, The New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, and



more. Other performances and recordings include multiple Grammy and Emmy Award Shows, Chris Botti, LA Philharmonic, Feist, Sting, Dr. Dre, Mariah Carey, Lady Gaga, Fall Out Boy, Burt Bacharach, Bill Holman, The O'Jays, Jill Scott, Christina Aguilera, The Today Show, NPR, PBS, Disney, and more.

Roberts is a Professor of Low Brass at MSU Billings, teaching Music Theory, Aural Perception, Jazz Ensemble, Commercial Ensemble, World Music courses and more. He is active in the Montana and Los Angeles performing and studio scenes as a bandleader, studio musician and composer/arranger.

Next week, SOCS will present traditional bluegrass by **Montana Standard** bringing familiar tracks by Bill Monroe, Jimmy Martin and many more with dazzling musicianship.

Bring along a chair and find a spot close to the stage while enjoying a selection of beer, wine, and other refreshments by the Shane Center and grab a delicious meal from Bad Burger and Hot Dog Champion. Please no outside food or drink. Bike parking will be available at the Shane Center and additional parking is available at the Lincoln School.

The Summer Outdoor Concert Series is sponsored by Donald B. Gimbel, Livingston Healthcare and Marcia McCrum, in Memory of Bliss McCrum. The July 25th show will be sponsored by the Park County Community Foundation.

The Shane Center thanks Mighty Fine Time Live Events for their partnership in procuring talent for this concert series. For more information on the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, please go to www.theshanecenter.org.

Crazy Mountain Ranch

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code updates. Common areas for enhanced use and dedicated drop-off will balance public use and improve building security. Demolishing and/or repurposing of portions of the elementary schools is also being considered. The \$15 million total project will be funded through a combination of bond funds and private donations. The commitment from Crazy Mountain Ranch has raised the total to \$625,000. Fundraising will continue through the bond initiative.

District officials are optimistic about the initiative's success. An initial survey found that 60% of voters were likely to approve the bond measure.

"At Crazy Mountain, we are committed to supporting the fabric of our community," said David Hardwick, general manager of Crazy Mountain Ranch. "What the Shields Valley Schools are doing to ensure local kids have access to quality education goes to the very heart of that commitment."

"We might be a small community, but we dream big," said Johnston. "With the support from Crazy Mountain Ranch and from others, plus a successful bond initiative, the Shields Valley Schools will be ever able to deliver on our dedication to offering

excellent education to all students."

For more information or to support the campaign for the Shields Valley School District, contact Chase Rose at (406) 580-4328, chase.rose@bannackgroup.com.

The Shields Valley School District is a public school district with a high school in Clyde Park, MT, and an elementary school in Wilsall, MT. Collectively, the rural school district has 200 students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. As a public school district, contributions to it are tax-deductible.

Crazy Mountain Ranch is a private membership experience set on 18,000 extraordinary acres in the state of Montana. From extensive and diverse activity offerings to unique old-western-style lodging, wellness experiences, and superb cuisine, Crazy Mountain Ranch offers no shortage of fun for the entire family. With over 400 head of cattle, CMR operates as a working cattle ranch and provides members the opportunity to participate in an authentic working ranch lifestyle. CMR will be home to a Coore & Crenshaw 18-hole golf course, set to open in 2026. For more information, please visit www.crazymountainranch.com. Crazy Mountain Ranch is owned and operated by Lone Mountain Land Company.

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Model Airplane Enthusiasts Like Trevor Strupp Test Their Flying Skills at The Skattum Ranch During the Crazy Mountain Flyers Flying Club Weekend

Park County Dugout | Livingston
By: Jeff Schlapp

Thanks to Heather Himmelspach and her father, Dennis Rollins, I was made aware of a unique event over the weekend, the model airplane flying club Crazy Mountain Flyers was getting together and sending their planes up.

I called Rollins on Friday, and he told me they were grounded by the rain and wind, but they would be flying all day Saturday, weather permitting, and I was more than welcome to come out. He even offered to let me fly one of the planes. I tried to get Henry to join me, but since I was covering four stories on Saturday and would be all over Park County, he declined the offer—he missed seeing some cool planes.

Most of the pilots had two or three planes with them in hopes of sending them up—Bob Schreier, who came from Terry, Montana, and Trevor Strupp, who came from Livingston, both had more than one plane.

I watched in amazement as Strupp flew his plane around Dennis and LouAnn Skattum's ranch. With a spotter by his side, Strupp flew the plane in at all levels, out of my eyesight, and then off



On Saturday, Trevor Strupp's model plane was in the sky above Dennis and LuAnn Skattum's ranch in Pray.

the horizon. It came into view again and buzzed past with a mix of sounds, with the engine whining and roaring, sort of like a go-kart is the best way to describe it. At times, it was best to follow the sound.

Strupp, a Dentist by day, has been into model airplanes, building and flying them for a while. He usually buys a kit and puts it together, he said.

Thanks to the generosity of the Skattums, the model plane pilots have space to fly. I have learned not to ask how many



acres a rancher owns, but the Skattum place is out in Pray about five miles south of Pine Creek Lodge, and it is a beautiful piece of land. With what I think was the Absaroka Mountain Range serving as a backdrop, the planes had a beautiful airspace to fly and, hopefully, make a soft landing on the grass runway.

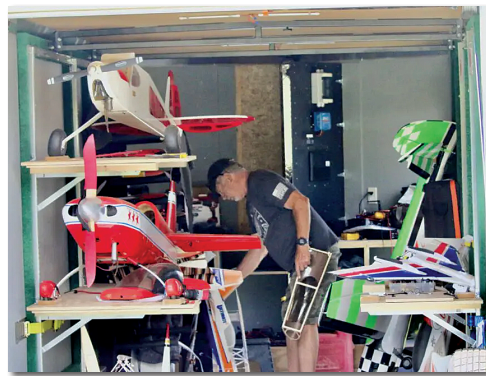
Bob Schreier told me he's been building and flying for 20 years and loves it. He brought with him four planes that he built, and like most, he was busy making adjustments to his planes. He also brought along his daughter so they could spend the Father's Day weekend together.

If you're wondering how much these planes cost, Schreier told me he'd spent anywhere from \$1,700 to \$2,500 on kits in the past. Nowadays, he said the same planes would cost about \$3,000 to \$5,000. He mentioned that you could get a good starter kit from \$200-\$500. His daughter, who doesn't fly, told me there are controls, a lot like a driver-ed car, that allow a non-pilot to enjoy the feeling of flying while the owner of the plane has a kill switch in case the novice is about to crash his plane.

I was told that Bob Taylor of Shields Valley started the Crazy Mountain Flyers Flying



Trevor Strupp holds up the model plane he built and flew (he took the wings off) on Saturday as part of the Crazy Mountain Flyers Flying Club weekend at Dennis and LouAnn Skattum's ranch in Pray, Montana.



Bob Schreier make some last-minute adjustments to his model planes on Saturday during the Crazy Mountain Flyers Flying Club weekend at Dennis and LuAnn Skattum's ranch in Pray, Montana.

Club. The Academy of Model Aeronautics is the National, not-for-profit Club of model airplane pilots, and members pay \$85 a year. The AMA also hands out college scholarships and supports disaster relief grants.

The strong winds on Saturday afternoon slowed the flying, but the members all had fun. They came from all over in their RV's and enjoyed the love of planes each of them had. It's a community that welcomes anyone wanting to learn, watch, and enjoy.

From August 15th to August 18th, the Skattum

ranch will again be turned into a model airplane runway. Spectators are welcome, all you need is a lawn chair.

I think Henry will enjoy it, so I'm buying a P-47 Thunderbolt 30-35cc Gas EP ARF to build with him before August. I may have to call Dennis Rollins for help, but I'll give it a shot first. I'll buy Henry an AMA membership and see if we can get it off the ground. It seems like a fun father-son activity.

Either way, I'll be back at the Skattum ranch on August 15th.



A model plane sits idle on Saturday at Dennis and LouAnn Skattum's ranch in Pray, Montana.

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