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100TH YEAR RODEO ANNIVERSARY CONCERT JUNE 28TH, 2024

Brought to You by the Livingston Roundup Association

Celebrating the Rodeo's 100th year, Livingston Roundup Association (LRA) is presenting a day packed full of music in the arena. Surrounding the main event, there will be a mechanical bull, booths, face painting, food trucks, and much more.

Headlining artist and CMA-award winning John Michael Montgomery is making the Rodeo Concert part of his farewell 2024-2025 tour. Montgomery recently announced his retirement from touring, saying, "Please join me on my journey as I say goodbye to the road life."

In a reflective statement, Montgomery continued, "It's been a wonderful run for me from the beginning over 30 years ago in 1992, when my first song, *Life's a Dance*, was released to radio. Back then, I think either it was a 45 vinyl or on cassette tape. CDs had not quite taken over yet, and the Internet was still in its infancy. I've been fortunate and blessed to be able to do what I love for so many years."

Montgomery's hits include, *I Love the Way You Love Me*, *Sold*, *I Can Love You Like That*, *Life's a Dance*, *The Little Girl*, *I Swear*, *Rope the Moon*, *Letters from Home*, to name a few.

Opening for Montgomery is the ACM/CMA nominated band, **McBride & The Ride**. Their musicianship and combined star power are a force to be reckoned with. They have honed their "tried-and-



true '90s harmonies" (*People Magazine*), twangy steel and driving grooves, into an exciting, live set that will be stone-cold country music at its finest. Just a few of their hits include: *Just One Night*, *Can I Count on You*, *Same Old Star*, and

No More Cryin'. Their harmonies are like heaven.

LRA starts the afternoon off at 1:30 pm with the local, musical powerhouse artists, Stephanie Quayle, Jessta James, and Levi Blom.

Stephanie Quayle— "As an artist and Bozeman native, she knows all the right ways to use her voice to deliver the emotional punch of the lyrics so that they tug on our heartstrings. But as a songwriter, her keen know-how has led her to release songs that are very necessary right to balance out the negative and selfish back and forth we see happening in the world every day." —*Review Written By: Jeffrey Kurtis*



Jessta James— "Country singer and songwriter Jessta James grew up in Bozeman. He was exposed to classic outlaw country as a child, then



added Southern hard rock as an influence while he was in high school, and discovered hip-hop after he had graduated.

He began a career in the construction business. He didn't write his first official song until he was 24 years old, and by then, firmly in hip-hop mode. Jessta built a home studio and began writing and recording songs from beats and his own free-styled lyrics, hitting a stage to perform whenever he could."

—*Biography by Steve Leggett.*

Levi Blom— Levi lives in Bozeman and performs in a high-energy, original country-style band with a little rock and

roll mixed in. They create a great party atmosphere. The band has played for many venues throughout Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, and Idaho.

"*Pour Decisions*, sometimes you just gotta sit down and write a song about watching your buddy make bad choices. This is that song." —*Levi Blom*

Gates open at 12:00 pm. Music begins at 1:30 pm. Grandstand seating is \$70 per person. General seating is \$65. Floor seats are \$50. Children age three

and under are free with a parent, but you must obtain a ticket for admission beforehand. Tickets are available at LivingstonRoundup.com.



Compassion Fatigue— Get Help with RENEW! Free training for first responders

Park County Sheriff's Office Deputies and other first responders will attend a free workshop March 26th and March 28th in Livingston to help them understand and prevent compassion fatigue. Jumping in to help others in traumatic situations can take a toll and lead to burnout and overwhelm and a lack of interest, especially in work.

Experiencing compassion fatigue is often a part of the job, and the RENEW! Workshop by Lynette Rodi, MA, LCPC, LAC, of Journeys Consulting, is designed to help professionals who pay the "cost of caring" to build resilience and make a plan to take care of themselves so they can continue to care for others.

The workshops teach professionals the risks of compassion fatigue and then to recognize the signs and symptoms and, finally, through an experiential process, to build resilience against it. Rodi developed RENEW! after her own compassion fatigue experience. She has presented workshops



to groups ranging from small nonprofits to Fortune 200 companies. Rodi is a certified Compassion Fatigue Professional, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor,

Licensed Addiction Counselor and Certified Resilience Coach.

ASPEN, Abuse Support & Prevention Education Network, invites all first responders in Park County to attend one of the three-hour workshops free of charge. Space is limited, and law enforcement, fire, dispatch and emergency medical services personnel should contact their supervisors to reserve a space through ASPEN. Workshops begin at 9 am both days in Livingston.

About ASPEN: ASPEN is a 501(c) 3 organization serving Park, Sweet Grass, and Meagher Counties. ASPEN provides support services to victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking and educational and awareness activities in the community aimed at breaking the cycle of violence. Learn more: www.aspenmt.org.



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Livingston's Loaves & Fishes Their Supply Shelves Are Wanting...



Loaves & Fishes of Livingston's pantry is getting low on several essential food items. Can you help?

Their mission is to honor and serve Christ by feeding his hungry. They provide nutritious meals to people in need seven days a week. There are no income requirements to eat at the soup kitchen and meals are free. Everyone is welcome for a daily meal from 4 to 6 pm at 301 South Main Street. They also have a community area with free items such as milk, canned goods and bread when extra donations are available.

Please consider donating food items. See their list for items that are most needed. Note the items in orange that are most commonly needed. A non-profit, Loaves & Fishes has many ways for you to give: Donations of food, money, assisting with serving and clean-up, as well as cooking. Gather up a cooking team, and make a commitment to, for example, the third Wednesday of the month. This is an ideal way for civic organizations to fulfill their community-service goals. If you don't have a team, individuals will also find fulfilling work at the Kitchen.



Loaves and Fishes Suggestion List

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Beef Roasts
Chicken Breasts
Chicken Quarters
Ground Beef
Ground Chicken
Ground Pork
Ham
Pork Chops
Pork Roasts
Sausage

Canned Goods
Beef Broth
Black Beans
Canned Carrots
Canned Corn
Green Beans
Canned Potatoes
Mushrooms
Canned Peas
Chicken Broth
Cream of Chicken
Diced Tomatoes
Cream of Mushroom

Perishables
Tomatoes
Butter
Carrots
Cheese
Onions
Garlic Cloves
Eggs
Milk
Potatoes
Salad
Celery

Sides
Bread Crumbs
Brown Gravy
Chicken Gravy
Coffee Beans
Ground Coffee
Egg Noodles
Elbow Noodles
Instant Potatoes
Pork Gravy
Ranch Dressing
Corn Meal
Parm Cheese
Macaroni & Cheese

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Beef Bouillon
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Chili Season Pack
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Cumin
Garlic Powder
Italian Seasoning
Meatloaf Packet
Onion Powder
Oregano
Paprika
Parsley Flakes
Salt & Pepper
Taco Seasoning
Thyme

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Frozen Peas
Mixed Vegetables
Frys
Tater Tots
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Local Guest at State of The Union Address Montana Native Larry Mayer Visits Washington D.C.

Larry Mayer, a Livingston native from the Park High class of '75, talks about his award-winning photo of the Chinese spy balloon taken on January 31, 2023. Larry has some advice on being at the State of the Union live or watching it on TV. Which is better?

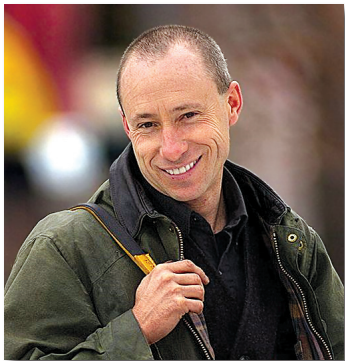
He recently described his experience as an invited guest to the State of the Union Address on March 7th. Larry shared, "I arrived at Rep. Rosendale's office on the morning of the speech and was briefed about the day's activities with his staff. Next, I attended a hearing over BLM land-use issues with a Montana rancher. I then watched a dress rehearsal of the introduction of guests and the POTUS. Next on the agenda were several interviews with national news organizations about the balloon photograph.

"At 6 pm, I went to the Capitol, got through security, and took my seat in

the gallery. Security for the event takes hours. I was seated next to Heather, a Columbine student survivor, now 42 years old, and the swimmer Riley Gaines. The security personnel take everything away from guests, including phones and watches.

"After all the introductions, the speech didn't start until after 9 pm. You are honestly better off watching it on TV, as the echo in the upper deck made it impossible to understand much of what was said by President Biden.

"We were finally able to leave, about an hour after the address. I surprisingly ran into Heather from Columbine again on New Jersey Street trying to hail a cab back to her hotel. That turned out to be close to impossible, as no traffic can come into the beltway when the Presidential Motorcade is moving. I volunteered to walk her back to her hotel. I arrived back at my hotel at 1 am. I made a note to self: Avoid walking outside the beltway after midnight."



FUN JOKES

from Lindi Gibson

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly



explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained,

"I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

Yellowstone Superintendent Cam Sholly receives American Forests' Forest Resilience Champion Award

American Forests has recognized Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Cam Sholly as its 2023 Forest Resilience Champion Award recipient.

The Forest Resilience Champion Award commends Sholly's critical work conserving whitebark pine, a federally designated threatened species that has experienced rapid decline across its range in the western U.S. over the past several decades. As superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, Sholly has overseen critical



work to protect and restore whitebark pine in the park, working with the USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and tribal partners, as well as researchers and organizations,

like American Forests, the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Ricketts Conservation Foundation.

"Superintendent Sholly's leadership in conserving and restoring whitebark pine ecosystems in Yellowstone has been

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An Evening of Park County History TRIVIA Night at the MuseumS:

The Yellowstone Gateway Museum and the Depot Center are joining forces to test how well Park County residents REALLY know their history in a fundraising Night at the MuseumS. Special guest hosts Quinn Conley and Maggie Henderson will lead guests through a fun evening of Park County Historical trivia Tuesday, April 2nd at the Livingston Depot Center.

A GRAND PRIZE of \$600.00 awaits the winning team, as well as bragging rights, and a memorialization of your achievement on plaques to be hung in both The Yellowstone Gateway Museum and the Depot Center.

Doors open at 6 pm and Trivia begins at 6:30 pm. Katabatic Brewing, Bad Burger, and Gil's Goods will be onsite with drinks and dinner options.

The format of the evening will be familiar to those who have entered trivia contests with additional prizes and raffles. Categories for questions may include: Trains & Railroads; Historical Characters of Park County; "Name this Place" from old photos; Ranching; Yellowstone National



Park; Geology; Hollywood and Park County; Archeology; and Surprise Wild Card Questions. Come prepared to demonstrate your command of Park County History!

Tickets on sale now at LivingstonDepot.org/trivianight.html. Test your knowledge of Park County Trivia as a team or go it alone. \$50 per player. Teams up to 6 members. Sponsorships are available with additional perks and prizes. Bring yourself and your team to this lively night filled with prizes, raffles, local food and drink vendors, and more! How much do you know about Park County?

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Shields Valley Farmer's Market A Call for Vendors

Shields Valley Farmer's Market (SVFM) is accepting vendor applications for the 2024 market season. Vendor applications can be found on their website under the vendor tab at shieldsvalleymarket.com. Vendor space at the markets is free; but you must apply and be pre-registered.

The Market's mission is to provide a venue for Shields Valley Farmers, Ranchers and independently owned businesses to sell produce, flowers, herbs,



houseplants, meat, eggs, and baked products by including artisans and food purveyors. It also provides entertainment, social activities, and attractions for the community and visitors.

The first market is on Monday, July 1st from 4:30 to 7 pm, at Holliday Park in Clyde Park. The markets location schedule is in Clyde Park on July 1, 15, and 29 and on August 12 at Holliday Park. In Wilsall on July 8, 22, and then August 5 and 19 at the Veterans Park. See you there!

From Our Friends in Gardiner Speech and Drama

Our very own, Christina Cote was inducted into the Montana Forensics Educators Association Hall of

Fame this weekend. We are so proud of her and appreciate her wise leadership of Speech and Drama for many years! Congratulations Christie!

Mr. John Sacklin was voted Class C



Speech Coach of the Year. He has been instrumental in the success of our speech team for a long time! Thank you and Congratulations John!

Paul Condon received the Class C Drama Coach of the Year. He is a former Gardiner teacher now the Superintendent/Principal at Hays- Lodgepole. Congratulations Paul!

Livingston Film Series Presents Theater Camp

The Livingston Film Series is delighted to present a free screening of Theater Camp on 2/8/24 in the Dulcie Theatre at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts in Livingston.

Theater Camp

This loving chronicle of the on-and-off stage shenanigans at a summer drama camp in the Adirondacks is the movie equivalent of a yarn-and-popsicle-stick weaving your kid brought home from crafts class. Theater Camp was co-directed and co-written by one of its stars, The Bear's, Molly Gordon, based in part on remembrances of her own childhood friendship with co-star Ben Platt. The pair's longtime friend Nick Lieberman co-wrote and co-directed with Gordon, while Platt's now-fiancé Noah Galvin plays the key role of an overworked production manager. All those crisscrossing real-life connections somehow result not in one of those too-many-cooks comedies that feel like a

collection of sketches, but in a cohesive and warmhearted 93-minute tribute to arts pedagogy (think School of Rock, but with Sondheim) and to the self-serious drama teen who lives within us all. Yes, the mockumentary-style framing device is overfamiliar and distracting, but it falls away after the first few scenes, and the camp's big end-of-summer production Joa Still—a deranged original musical with at least two songs I still burst into at random six months later—achieves the rare trick of creating a fictional work-within-the-work that is supposed to be really good, and actually is. Written by Dana Stevens

This free screening takes place on Thursday, April 11th at 7pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime.

The Dulcie Theatre and lobby are equipped with a UV air filtration system.

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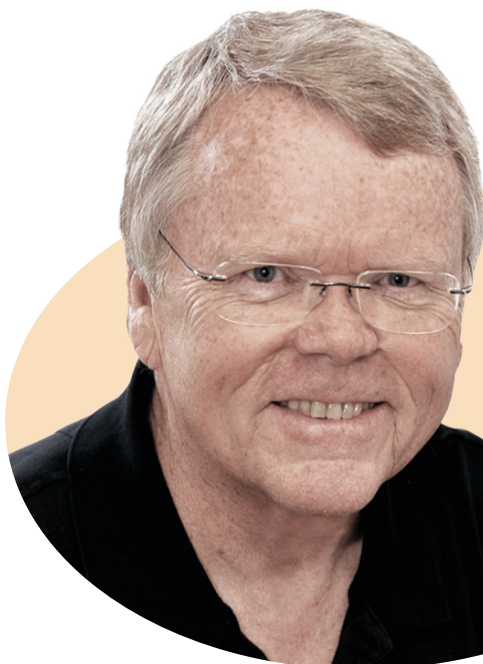
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by: Kylie Purcell

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Q: I want to adopt a cat, how can I help my dog to adjust?

Cats and dogs can be best friends! It's important to find a cat that will blend in with your family. If you have a very active household and a young dog—an older cat would not be the best fit! Try looking for either a kitten or a young cat under 3 years old. This will allow the cat to be able to establish its boundaries with the dog. First off, if you are adopting from a shelter bring your dog in to meet the cat. They may have done an assessment with one a dogs but each dog is different. We were told that one of our cats hated dogs and it would not come out of the basement if the dogs were in the house. The cat only stayed in the basement for a couple hours before he ventured out to meet the dogs. It is also important to establish boundaries for your dog. You must be clear with your dog that the cat is not a toy. You should be 100% certain that the dog and cat respect each other and not leave them alone unattended. It is important the cat has its own safe place, an area where it can get away from the dog. A baby gate that allows the cat to either go under and/or over and into a room by itself works best. There are also some pheromone diffusers and sprays that help them to adjust. The best thing is time and space for both. Remember to give each animal some one-on-one attention to help. If you notice that the dog will not stop focusing on the cat especially when the cat runs, it may be best to consult a professional. There will be some curiosity and that is normal but it shouldn't be an obsession. Best of luck!

To submit your questions Text or call 406-333-1980 or email kylie@montanadogcompany.com

DOG TALES and Emily’s Angels

by Joyce Johnson

A friend heard that I was hungry for clean reading, and hung a bag of Guidepost magazines on my door. :-D It had been many decades since I read those humble faith stories. Late that night, I picked up the first one and I couldn’t put it down. It fed and calmed my heart, tweaked my faith and helped me get to sleep. I wished that I had a good faith story to submit to Guidepost.

Ron was doing business in Bozeman and I was glad to have two days all to myself to rest after finishing a challenging art job and I just wanted to stretch out on the sofa and get into a good book. But first I needed to carry our 15 yr old Shih Zhu, Emily, outside to do her business.

Oh No! blood on the rug! I tried to see what was going on but she is the proverbial greased pig and really resisted. I found a wound under her chin but might as well have been on the ceiling. No way could I do anything beside a quick swipe with peroxide on a cotton ball. I became flooded with anxiety. Animals in pain unhinge me.

Ron and I had lost two older dogs, and a 30 yr. old African Gray Parrot to illnesses within weeks last year and we have not yet recovered. I hesitated to call Ron, not wanting to upset him while he would be unable to do anything from there, but I did. He said, “Sorry you have to deal with this dear, but just put a sheet down and the blood will probably coagulate and we’ll take care of it when I get home.” I did that, but everything inside me said **call the vet**. So I did. It was Friday, the only day the vet would be available other than for emergencies, for four or five more days. After I got the okay to take her in, I carried her out to the Subaru.

In the car, a thought occurred, with tears and dread, that I should just mercifully send her “home” at the vet’s office. She’s 15, blind, deaf and can only get around slowly, and I found I was in that awful place where you must decide if she is painless enough to be happy and live out her days? And then juggle that with “can we handle the stress and the vet bills?” I drove on and found the only other option was a prayer that the Vet be guided to advise and make all decisions because I was only capable of driving a straight line up Hwy 89, and my decision making state was seriously kaput.



UH OH – Some miles from home here in Emigrant, I glanced down at the gas gauge. It was empty! My already vulnerable heart froze! No filling station for miles! I started crying anew and gripped the steering wheel to stay focused. Twenty plus miles more on empty was impossible! “I can not handle this. I cannot run out of gas halfway to town in the middle of cow country with a moaning, bleeding dog. I will fall apart.” I kept on spilling tears but said, “Please just get Your angels to push the car to town please.” (it doesn’t hurt to ask.) I gripped the wheel tightly, driving slow to use less gas while waiting for it to stall, and constantly checked the rear view ready to pump my brake lights in warning.

I felt shame that I was falling apart over a small thing when far greater tragedies were happening everywhere in the world. But if I run out of gas will someone pull over and help a hysterical lady and a sick dog? (Take deep breath, hold 6, exhale 6, repeat 6 times: “I am at peace”) The empty gas icon lit up after the needle slid over the line in slow motion just to terrify me more.

It was not possible! – But pale, numb and jaw hanging open, I actually did pull into the Town Pump in Livingston. I got out and stood in front of the pump and stared at it. I must have looked deranged because the customer at the next pump looked at me with pity. The computerized menu stared back at me like I was an idiot and told me I needed to put the credit card in the slot. I did, but I pulled the card out too soon I guess, because it said see cashier. I thought, “no way! can I face and engage in conversation with anyone right now, without hysterics.” So the pump changed its mind and said insert card. (I had been given a second chance!) I got 16 gals, or was it \$16 worth? I forget.

Where’s my credit card? There was only two possible places on me: my two coat pockets, but it was not. I checked for holes in the lining, and then around the ground and under the car, and then reopened the gas chamber because demented, I may have stuck it in there, like one might absentmindedly put their wallet in the fridge. I looked three times through my purse, item by item. If DE-materialized, I swear! Sniff! Sob! My sanity was thinning. It was a small matter really—just cancel it if it doesn’t turn up—but I prayed that it would just reappear magically in my purse. Why not? I drove to the Veterinary clinic.

I was crazed when I walked in the door with Emily in my arms. The Vet did

a little double take. But he has seen owners come in the door looking like me a thousand times. He just took charge kindly and patiently. Emily had to be given two sedating injections in order to work with her, she was seriously resistant to being handled. In the exam room while waiting for her to get dopey, tears rolling, I petted and told her I loved her and how deeply sorry I was for all the many disorders she has had to bear in her life; and to please forgive my sometimes impatience. I really am amazed at her strong will to live. I prayed for her total healing (Why ask for less?). The Vet finally was able to shave the area and we were amazed to see a hole under her chin with much inflamed redness and swelling. An abscess, he said. He worked, cleaned, probed, squeezed out stuff, applied medicine and packed the sizable cavity, all the time explaining kindly what he was doing, why, and giving me instructions for how I must squirt the salve into it twice a day for two weeks.

Everything was under control. I felt surprisingly peaceful. Except I said, “Doc, you know she will not let us touch her without tranquilizers, and, I will not do anything that will hurt her.” He got eye contact and said very firmly three times in the next few minutes of lecture: “We do what we have to do.” I believed him. I even felt strong-hearted again. I paid the bill, picked up Emily, we hugged the Vet, laughed and I drove home.

As I look back on that day, it was no coincidence that only 24 hours had passed after wishing for a faith story, that I actually *lived one*. But here is the punch line which may disqualify me. I researched



and read that Subaru Outbacks boast a record 2.5 gallon reserve of gas, or 65 to 85 miles extended mileage, on “**empty!!**” An eye-popping jaw-dropper, yes? I mean 65 plus miles! That’s almost funny. And I know you’re thinking that divine intervention was just a token “wink” in my story, but who cares. I believed I was going to run out of gas. I didn’t just pull over, put the hazard lights on and bawl. I kept going. And the end result is I am restored, amused, and grateful. (2.5 gallons! for cryn’out loud.) The credit card *re-materialized* in my purse, by the way. Emily healed very fast with minimum handling, and is doing fine in fact she’s better than ever. My faith is mysteriously strengthened, and I am looking forward to the next batch of Guideposts to materialize on my door nob. Love faith stories.

An Evening with Mona Susan Power

Elk River Arts & Lectures is hosting a public lecture by writer Mona Susan Power on Thursday, April 4th at 7 pm at Elk River Books (122 S. 2nd St. in Livingston). The event is free and open to the public.

Mona Susan Power is the author of four books of fiction, including The Grass Dancer (a National Bestseller awarded a PEN/Hemingway Prize), Roofwalker (a collection of stories and essays awarded the Milkweed National Fiction Prize), Sacred Wilderness (a novel which received the Electa Quinney Award), and A Council of Dolls (nominated for the 2023 National Book Award). She’s a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School, and the Iowa Writers’ Workshop. She is also the recipient of several grants in support of her writing.

Novelist Debra Magpie Earling called A Council of Dolls “resplendent and

deeply compelling—a mighty, dazzling whirlwind of powerful storytelling.”

Power is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (*Tháŋkthuŋwaŋna Dakhóta*), born and raised in Chicago. She currently lives in Minnesota, where she’s working on other novels, including, *The Year of Fury*.

Power’s visit and the 2024 Elk River Arts & Lectures Lectures Series is made possible by the generous support of the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation and individual donors. During her time in Livingston, Power will also meet with students at Park High.

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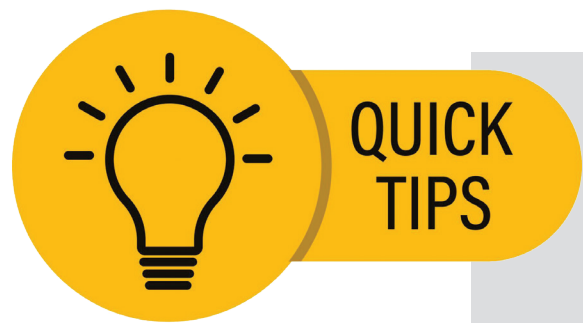


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Looking Back *with Lindie*

Looking back to when I was a young girl, Livingston had a lot of full-service gas stations. In fact, on the one corner of 2nd and Lewis, there were actually three. The last one standing was Hasty’s Texaco, where our Food Resource Center presently stands. In 1952, it was simply known as the HAC service station. And on G Street and Park, where All Service Tire is today, was the Subway Service Center. There was an actual subway walkway that allowed the men working at the railroad shops to go underneath Park Street. Park Street was the original highway through town until 1962, when the interstate highway was built over on Harvat’s flats. The Subway Gas Station was later renamed to G Street Texaco, and when my Grampa, Floyd Goddard, retired from the railroad, he would hang out there and volunteer to check oil and wash windshields while

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From the 1952 Livingston phone directory

asked Grampa if they had any rest rooms. Grampa thought she said, “Do you have a whisk broom?” to which Grampa replied, “No, but if you step out of the car, I can blow it out with the air hose.” Immediately the woman rolled up her car window and drove away. Grampa didn’t understand why she drove off, but old man Amisk witnessed the conversation and told Grampa what she really said and together they both had a good, hardy laugh.

Family Days Honors Women’s History with Quilts March 30th

The Yellowstone Gateway Museum in Livingston announces the next Family Days on Saturday, March 30th, from 10am to 12pm. Staff and volunteers provide activities that celebrate Women’s History Month for students, youth, and their families. Activities are available for all ages.

This month participants can make their own papers quilts, using yarn and history-inspired paper squares. Some squares depict successful local and regional Montana women who contributed to the success of our communities, others were created from quilts in the museum’s



collection, and blank squares allow artists of all ages to create their own squares to document their own history. Art supplies are included. Coloring pages also available.

In addition, quilts from the museum’s collection will be on display, including a stunning hand-embroidered Montana Centennial quilt that documents many historic events of Park County.

Family Days is held on the last Saturday of each month. Families can visit the museum and participate in different activities that encourage exploration of the museum through different themes. Admission is free.

Visit Facebook or Instagram at yellowstonegatewaymuseum for updates. Call 406-222-4184 for details.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Park County, Montana.

Women hold nearly two-thirds of the student debt in the U.S. The American Association of University Women is an organization that helps fight for gender equity and fair pay for women. Providing scholarships to women is one way the AAUW is helping women obtain their educational and pay equity goals. This year the Park County Branch of AAUW is providing an opportunity for obtaining a scholarship.

Female students, who are at the Sophomore, Junior or Senior level at a college or university, or are enrolled in a graduate program are eligible to apply. The student must be a resident of Park County

or Mammoth Hot Springs with an established Park County residency. This year the Scholarship available is \$1850.00. Women from Park County and Mammoth Hot Springs are encouraged to apply.

Students who are interested can obtain information from institutions of higher learning located in Montana - Financial Aid Office or designated location. Students are encouraged to reach out to a member of the Scholarship Committee if they have questions about applying for this Scholarship.

Email DJ Robb at robb_inn@yahoo.com or Vicki Zeman at vicki.zeman@gmail.com

Early-Spring Garden To-Do List

It's Time to Clean, Prune, Test and Plant

by Jill-Ann Ouellette

Does your yard look pretty messy from winter—like mine does? It's time to get out there and start cleaning it up! You don't want to get rid of all the leaves just yet—there are still insects and bees slumbering, and they will be until spring is fully here. But you can rake them from your lawn. In your beds you can gently rake the top layer.

Pruning— Get rid of any dead wood you see around your shrubs. If you didn't

hit your raspberry canes yet, this is your last chance to clear out the dead wood. Blueberries are ready to get a good structural pruning, too. Give your large shrubs and small trees a final pruning. We're at the

tail end of when it's still healthy to do so. For trees, remove branches aimed inward, or those that cross another branch. Airflow is essential. The same is true for your shrubs. If your hydrangeas and lilacs have become woody, now is the time to clear them up by removing interior branches—those that aim inward or cross other branches, or are too close to the house.

Clean up your water features like ponds and bubblers. They might have algae or too much nitrogen from dead leaves in them. Consider mosquito control to prevent a problem later this summer.

Empty your bird boxes—birds don't like a used space. Do a deep clean of all your bird feeders so you're not spreading disease among the local bird population.

For your lawn, consider aerating it with a rented or borrowed aerator. Then fertilize the lawn, and as soon as it's warm enough, overseed it. For grass seed, you need 50-degree ground temps; for clovers, you need at least 40 degrees.

Garden Beds— Now that your irises and other tubers should be sending up small shoots, you can see precisely where they are and, if necessary, thin them out. Tubers are hard to kill. You can dig them up and break them apart, or take a spade to them, and they will still grow. You should never need to buy more irises. You can even share them with neighbors and other gardeners.

There are lots of ways you can get garden beds ready for spring. First, clean up the beds. Chop all your dead crops down but leave the roots in place. Cleaning up the top of beds, whether that's leaves or branches, will mean less food for slugs and snails. This is when you're most likely to catch them before they repopulate.

Naturally, pull up your weeds before they multiply, no matter how small they are. You don't have to till up your entire bed—in fact, many people believe doing



so brings weed seeds to the surface.

You can use a broad fork to break up the soil just enough to allow your plants to grow healthy roots without destroying the structures that have been established in the soil already.

Testing— If you've never tested your soil, start this year! Talk to your local nursery, extension office, or farm store about testing. It's simple—you collect a little dirt, send it off, and they'll let you know what your soil composition is. Then you'll know how to amend the soil for whatever you're planting. Realistically, the most effective thing you can do in your garden is having healthy soil.

Once your garden beds are clean and ready, consider two more tasks. Mulch is great for stopping weeds; it also protects plant roots by keeping them moist and insulated from the weather. And you could add row covers, which will help you get an early start on the growing season.

If you have established roses, it's pruning time. If you don't, it is now rose planting season. Bareroot roses are hitting nurseries now. Pay attention to the nursery instructions for planting these. These frilly friends need fertilizer, good planting-hole prep, and to be planted correctly in order to thrive.

Most importantly, get outdoors and get your hands dirty! It will improve your health and your disposition after this strange winter we've had!

Poetry Spotlight

THE BLACKSMITH

Written by: Robert Nehls

A smile faint, but none the less
It's there within his eyes,
As the fire and the coals begin to burn.
Now his hand is on the hammer
And the smoke begins to rise,
Along with lasting memories that blacksmith's earn.

Ten generations brought to him
Much more than just the tools,
As he worked beside his father and the flame.
Learning very quickly
It was not a trade for fools.
For thoughts and iron blacksmiths must learn to tame.

And though it's been so many years,
The hammer fits him well,
As the anvil reaches out to grasp his skill.
He's the master, the creative art
That time cannot dispel,
For he's never lost the blacksmith's flaming will.


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second to none," said Jad Daley, President and CEO of American Forests. "Through advancing partnerships, implementing best scientific practices, and protecting landscapes and communities alike, Sholly is helping to restore not only whitebark pine populations but forests in the park as a whole."

"Thank you to American Forests for this award and for our tremendous shared work in raising awareness of the need for science-backed restoration of the landmark whitebark pine," Sholly said. "Everyone has a role in the recovery and conservation of this iconic species in the

West, and I'm proud of the work we're accomplishing across jurisdictions to provide a better future for our forests."

Each year, American Forests presents Champion Awards to leaders who help advance the health and restoration of America's forests. Previous Forest Resilience Champions include Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz and the original, bipartisan co-sponsors of the REPLANT Act, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Rob Portman, Congressman Jimmy Panetta and Congressman Mike Simpson. Senator Cory Booker was also recently recognized with a 2023 Tree Equity Champion Award for his advocacy advancing urban and community forestry.

Free Tax Filing Assistance

The Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) of Livingston is offering free assistance to folks needing help completing their tax returns. There is no charge for this service, and no income limit. HRDC will walk you through the routine, so you get your taxes filed, hopefully get a refund, and take some of the stress out of the entire process. Their volunteers are trained and certified to get you the most money back and are eager to assist you in learning how easy online filing can be.

HRDC will offer satellite clinics in



Gardiner on March 28th, from 9 am to 3 pm, at the Gardiner Baptist Church, and in White Sulphur Springs at the Senior/Community Center on April 1st (no April fooling!), from 9 am to 2 pm.

For these clinics, service is on a first come, first serve basis and walk-ins are welcome!

HRDC is available at their Livingston office during regular business hours, located at 121 S. 2nd Street. Please call Dean Williamson, 406-585-4878, or email dwilliamson@thehrdc.org with questions or to set up an appointment.

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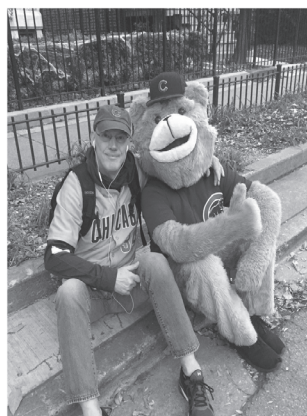
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The Lady Rangers Softball Team Has a New Coach and Right Side of the Infield

Park County Dugout | Livingston
By: Jeff Schlapp

Last May, the Lady Rangers softball team watched as their hopes for a dramatic comeback in the second round of the state tournament against the Lady Pirates of Polsen were washed away in a game that should have been called due to the monsoon they were expected to play in. With the season-ending loss came change. After an off-season of soul-searching, Julie Higgs, the Ranger's head softball coach, resigned after six years and four state playoff appearances, including a fourth-place finish. Replacing her is Adria Rodgers, who is eager to work with the team and write her own history. She has some plugs to fill. First base (Kaylee Roberts), second base (Emily Prather), and All-state pitcher Ava Malone have graduated. Those are big cleats to fill, but Coach Rodgers has everyone else back. The Rangers play in the toughest conference in the state. One that features powerhouse programs, Billings Central (second in state 2023), Laurel (third in state 2023), and a Lockwood team that lost to Lewistown by one run in extra innings at divisionals. Throw in an up-and-coming East Helena squad, and the Rangers will face a

tough road. Laurel has, in my opinion, the best young player in the state in freshman shortstop Emmy Gunther. Billings Central has fireballer Gianna Haney back, and I can see Lockwoods head coach Tyler Herbert willing his team to challenge for fourth place. That leaves the Rangers. I suspect they will be in the thick of things all year. Last year, they finally beat Laurel at Laurel in a thrilling 9-7 game that went down to the last at-bat. With the new MHSA rules this year, the number four and five teams in each conference will face off in a play-in game for divisionals. With Benzel and Tess Goosey as the starting battery, Emily Jesson back at short, Maddie Johnson starting in center field, Erika Haines at third, Addy Norquist at second, and Riley Tuccillo and Quinci Wood in the outfield, it seems the team is in good shape. First base can be manned by A.J. Zang, Annie Keyes, or even Chole Goosey, who is also the Ranger's relief pitcher. One thing they will have is speed. Chloe Goosey, Melayah Gress, Jesson, and Keyes are quick and are a threat to steal any base. The outfield is battle-tested in Johnson, Tuccillo, and Wood; they all have strong arms. Haines, Johnson, Zang, and Tess Goosey have big bats that bring home run

power. Pitching and catching is a question mark, although Chloe Goosey proved she could throw from the bump last season as an eighth-grader. She looked good on Monday during practice. She'll be called on if Benzel gets into trouble. Coach Rodgers told me she has no worries about trusting her to get the job done. Little Goosey is one of my favorite ballplayers in the conference. Eighth graders Sophia Rodgers, Dawson Wood, and Ivy Ziegler round out the team as they look to gain valuable experience this season. Drew Fuller is Coach Rodgers's assistant coach this year. Besides knowing the angles of the ballfield to best hit to (Fuller is a Math teacher at PHS), he's been playing baseball since he was in diapers and has played rec-league softball on a team with his college buddies in Bozeman every summer. Fuller knows baseball even if he did have on a Detroit Tigers t-shirt on practice on Monday (someone get that man a Cubs shirt). The Rangers open their season on the road at Billings Central (Stewart Park) on Saturday, March 23rd, where they will



Coach Adria Rodgers gives Tess Goosey instructions during practice on Monday. The Rangers begin the season on the road this Saturday in Billings.

participate in the East A Jamboree—four games in one day. The weather calls for snow and a high of 29 degrees, so there's a chance the games won't be played. Their first home game is March 28th at 4p.m. against Lockwood. Due to a quirk in the schedule, it's one of only six home games this season. But on Monday, in perfect spring-like weather, the girls played softball and practiced under the watchful eyes of Coach Rodgers. A new season. New beginnings. And Hope Springs Eternal.

Play Ball! Go Rangers.

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Thumbs-Up to Livingston Little Guy Wrestling Back-to-Back Team State Champions

Park County Dugout | Livingston
By: Jeff Schlapp

On Saturday, the Livingston Little Guy Wrestling Club won the Southwest Montana Little Guy Small Team state championship at Manhattan High School in Manhattan. This is back-to-back State Titles. The smallest wrestler on the team, Murphy Sullivan, won a state championship, followed by Cooper Jett and Griffin King, who both claimed state titles of their own. The team brought 20 wrestlers to the state meet, hoping for state championships. Because of the tournament's format, they would face Twin Bridges, Sheridan, Gallatin Gateway, Jefferson, and Big Timber for this year's Small Team Championship. Livingston held off Big Timber 20-17 for the title and Coach Jett's second Little Guy championship in a row. The scores of the team battle also bode well for Coach Jett when he wears his other hat, Park High Wrestling head coach, as Big Timber wrestlers are part of the Ranger wrestling team—meaning the future of the Rangers is stacked for coach Jett. Along with the other Little Guy Coaches, he helps teach wrestling fundamentals. By the time they wrestle at junior high at SGMS for coach Matt Dettori, they know they want to wrestle and be part of the legendary program that Coach Ben Hahn (retired) and Coach Jett helped build with wrestlers Cade Gubler (four-time state qualifier), Jessica Gubler (two-time state champion), and Danyk Jacobsen (two-time state champion).

Murphy Sullivan won the 38-pound class when he pinned Wryder Johnson of Manhattan in a quick 49 seconds of their second-round match. He then won the title over Daxton Gillespie (Townsend) by a decision 8-2. He scored a takedown to start things off, and he never looked back, as he was in full control of the match. Reed Konley came in second place in the Beginner 56-pound class. He faced a tough Colton Harrison (Dillon), who beat Reed for the championship.



Cooper Jet has his arm raised in victory over Tarec Stone (Dillon) in the Novice 98-pound class title match at Manhattan High School in Manhattan. His coach and dad, Linton Jett, look on.

However, to his credit, he returned and defeated Nick Allen (Dillon) in an entertaining match 10-7 for second place. Tavin Grant also took home second place after losing a close title match 8-5 to Gage Charlton of Bozeman. Copper Jett won the Novice 96-pound weight class title with a pin over Tarec Stone (Dillon) in 1:08 in the

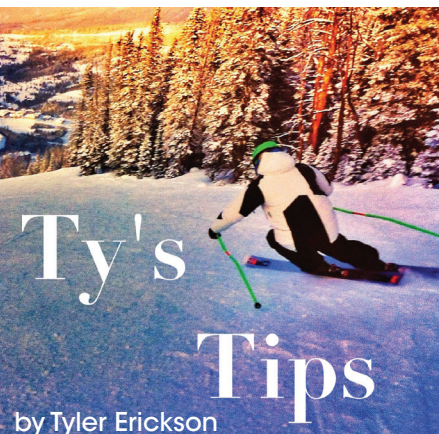
championship match. He pinned Owen Prosenick in almost the identical time, 1:07, to reach the title match. Gavin Chandler lost in this championship match in the Novice 110 class to Carter Bryson of Manhattan, but he found the strength to win second place when he put Harris McGinley (Dillon) and pinned him in 2:30. Whinter Gibson won by fall in the Novice Girls 70-pound weight class over McKenna Johnson from Deer Lodge by a pin. She then lost in the quarterfinals but defeated Josie Hartman of Manhattan 12-8 before falling to Katana Grabil from Whitehall to earn fourth in the state. Whinter's wrestling style reminds me a lot of Karlie Payne, who qualified for the high school state meet for Park High.

Gunner Nordell of Dillon caught Linton Jett out of position, put him on his back, and caught a quick referee's whistle before Linton could fight out of the hold for a pin in the championship match of the Middle 132-pound division. Linton won second place when he dominated Jeremy Hudspeth (Three Forks) and won by decision 7-2. The top three in the state in the

Junior High 126-pound division were all future Rangers, with Grayson Otto, Daniel Seymore, and Mason Hartman winning medals. In the Middle Girls 130 division, Emmaleigh Schultz of Big Timber defeated Charlotte Counts twice for the championship. The only two girls in the division, and not to take away the immense talent that Schultz showed at a young age (7th grade), but she had 20 pounds on Charlotte. The Little Guys had to find a place for Charlotte, so they placed her in Emmaleigh's division with one other sole wrestler. Griffin King won the state title in the Middle 153-pound division by pinning all three of his opponents, including Payton Clement (Helena Bearcats), in a mere 50 seconds for the championship. It was a great day for the Little Guys and Girls. I saw kids with tears in their eyes after they lost and their parents consoling them—it just meant they wanted to win; they came to compete. For the Big Timber team, besides Schultz and Otto, Annie Kirchner, Dawson Robertson, and Scout Seeman all won state titles. The coaches of the Champion Livingston Little Guy Wrestling team this season who all volunteered their time to help out were Linton Jett, Quinten Counts, Ben Hampson, Garret Meznarich, Aaron Ricci, Scott Konley, Patrick Sullivan, Sam Redmond, Shiloh Hernandez, Tim Downey, and Matt Dettori.

What a day!

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Well, shucks fellow skiers, the conditions were trending nicely until the temps reached the 50’s. Argh! Oh well, it’s not over until the lifts stop. Plus, these El Niño cycles have historically given us some great moisture during the last month of the season. Let’s just hope that it comes through and perhaps even surprises us!

This session I wanted to share just two simple drills that helped me get in position to pressure the downhill at the top of the turn and get the right early forward movement. When I combine the sensations of these two drills I get a very powerful sensation that drives me down the hill at the beginning of the turn and it propels me through the turn.

The first drill is super simple and one that mentioned in this column before. It’s all about preventing leaning in at the top of the turn. This “leaning to the inside” look at the top of the turn is one of the best ways to make it impossible to get your weight on the downhill ski and carve majestically. Let’s make it possible and carve!let’s think about opposites. If the



outside shoulder gets jogger than the inside shoulder, you are leaning in. Here is a way to get the positive opposite. At the top of the turn, drag your outside pole around the turn. You can exaggerate it a bit by really placing a bunch of pressure on the snow. If done correctly, it will feel like your outside shoulder is now lower than the inside. Take notice of your ability to place pressure on your downhill ski.

The next drill is a bit awkward and challenging, but it really gives you the right kind of forward movement at the top of the turn. This one is new to me and I was pleasantly surprised with what it gave me. This drill is to be done going very slow for starters and then you can ramp it up a skosh. It’s really designed to take place in a

30-50% kind of turn energy. The feels that you get will do wonders when you give it the onion. While taking overly round and slow turns, it starts at the end of the turn when you still have pressure on the downhill ski. Next, create a snowplow look with the uphill ski. The only trick here is to place the uphill ski in the snowplow style but with the ski pulled back a skosh. This pulled back look will place the tip of the uphill ski inside the tip of the downhill ski. When done correctly it will naturally create the perfect amount of forward movement that you need. You will feel the early pressure on the tongue of the boot.

When you combine both these drills you will have the ideal posture at the top of the turn. You will be able to place all the weight you need on the downhill ski and you will be forward enough to drive the boot. These two qualities will give you the best setup to let the skis do all the work!

Prospera Announces Business Ignite Luncheon Speakers

Bozeman, MT – Prospera is excited to announce the speaker line up for this year’s Business Ignite Luncheon. The Business Ignite Luncheon has become a signature event for Prospera showcasing the remarkable initiatives and innovations that are happening in the community. This gathering is designed to showcase 5 individuals from diverse backgrounds and the projects/companies/initiatives they are leading.

The 2024 speakers include:
• **Laura Sebulsky, Charlie Health**
Laura Sebulsky is an experienced business leader. Laura joined Charlie Health at its inception and helped to launch and grow the program into 30 states. It is now the most extensive virtual high-acuity behavioral health program in the country. Today, she serves as the Head of Engagement and Partnerships at Charlie Health. In this role, Laura uses innovation to connect patients to life-saving mental health programming nationwide. Previously, she trained U.S. Special Forces in tribal warfare negotiation tactics, demonstrating her strategic acumen and diplomacy. Laura holds advanced degrees in persuasion and negotiation from the University of Pennsylvania, complemented by Ayurvedic Medicine and Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction certifications. As an advisor for the Women in Leadership program at the University of North Dakota, she empowers young professionals to cultivate resilience and confidence.

• **Nate Powell-Palm, Cold Springs Organics**
Nate Powell-Palm, at 32, is a trailblazing force in agriculture, embodying innovation and community stewardship. As a first-generation producer, he’s revolutionized organic farming, mastering a seven-year crop rotation. Nate’s journey began at 9 years old, showing steers at county fairs, later securing a Junior Agriculture Loan for his first livestock. Transitioning to certified organic at the age seventeen, he’s since diversified crops, establishing markets with major companies like Annie’s. Nate’s foresight led to Bozeman Flour, a venture set to transform local grain processing. His ethos? Empower communities through sustainable, local food economies. Nate Powell-Palm: farmer, entrepreneur, and advocate for a thriving future.

• **Joe Borden, Hoary Marmot**
Formerly Head Writer and Co-executive Producer of Comedy Central’s TOSH.O, Joe has spent over 20 years working in just about every sector of TV, film, & commercials. His credits include THE OFFICE, BORAT, JIMMY KIMMEL, and

SHOWBIZ SHOW WITH DAVID SPADE. He’s currently overseeing independent projects in Montana like feature films SOMEWHERE IN MONTANA (2024) and CUISINE DE LA ‘POCALYPSE (2024) as well as hosting a local podcast called *Explore Big Sky* with Hoary Marmot alongside his wife Michelle Veale Borden.

• **Andy Wirth, Peak Skis**
Andy Wirth, a seasoned executive with a global footprint, excels in crafting success stories that elevate shareholder value and brand prominence. With a knack for steering high-performance teams, Andrew’s journey encompasses strategic business planning, mergers, and acquisitions. Beyond boardrooms, Andrew passionately leads civic and not-for-profit initiatives, notably as Chairman of the Reno Tahoe Airport Authority Board. Currently, as Co-Founder & CEO of M Bar W Inc. & Peak Ski Company, LLC, and Executive Vice President in risk assessment, he continues to shape a legacy marked by visionary leadership and impactful alliances. An avid adventurer, Andrew’s interests span from high-altitude alpinism to surfing, embodying his dynamic spirit.

• **Mark Schallenberger, Xtant Medical**
Mark has deep experience in orthobiologics. Prior to joining Xtant Medical, Mark served as Chief Operations Officer of Surgenex LLC, a medical technology manufacturer, from June 2019 to January 2023. Prior to Surgenex, Mark served as Senior Director of Marketing & Product Development of DCI Donor Services Tissue Bank, a tissue bank, from February 2016 to June 2019. Prior to DCI Donor Services Tissue Bank, Mark served in various roles with increasing responsibility from September 2010 to February 2016 culminating with Director of Scientific Affairs with Xtant Medical Holdings, Inc. formerly Bacterin International Holdings, Inc. Mark holds a Master of Science in Chemical Biology from The Scripps Research Institute and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Montana.

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Salad Dressings— The Healthy Choice?

by Jill-Ann Ouellette

We all would like to eat healthier, right? How many times have you ordered a salad at the restaurant to watch your waistline? Salad is often thought of as the “original health food,” because it’s full of vitamins and nutrients, and it’s ideal for a healthy lifestyle. And it is—or can be. Since most salad dressings aren’t healthy and are full of harmful chemicals, perhaps you should choose the oil and vinegar. Whether you’re eating your leafy greens as an entrée or on the side, make the healthiest choice to dress that salad.



DNA. The European Food Safety Authority stated it is no longer safe for human consumption. Other food additives frequently found in dressings are the synthetic dyes, like Red 40 and Yellow 5, both of which have been shown to make children vulnerable to hyperactivity and other behavioral problems. Dressings are often full of preservatives, high in sodium, and high fructose corn syrup, and other hidden sugars. All of these health concerns

can be compounded by using more dressing than the recommended serving size—something many folks do without realizing.

What to do? It’s simple, you

just need to read the label. When you buy a salad dressing, look for organic choices. Organic packaged foods, including salad dressings, must comply with stronger standards that protect consumers from exposure to potentially harmful food additives. Organic packaged foods also have fewer highly processed ingredients, less saturated fat, added sugar, and sodium.

Your best defense is to avoid store-bought dressing altogether—make it fresh at home! You can easily come up with varieties that are healthy, simple

Recipe by
Carla Williams

RECIPE CORNER

Pecan Dump Cake

Ingredients

- 2¾ cups dark brown sugar, packed (divided into 2 cups and ¾ cup)
- 1 cup dark corn syrup, I used dark Karo syrup
- 1 ¼ cup salted butter, melted and cooled (divided into ½ c. and ¾ c.)
- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 4 cups pecan halves (divided into 3 cups and 1 cup)
- 15.25 ounces white cake mix (I used Duncan Hines Classic White Cake mix)
- 1 cup hot water
- Caramel topping, optional

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 350°F. Generously spray a 9×13 (or 13×9) baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
- Add 2 cups dark brown sugar, dark corn syrup, ½ cup melted butter, eggs, and vanilla to a medium-sized mixing bowl (2-3 quarts).

Whisk to combine.

- Stir in the 3 cups of pecan halves. Evenly spread the pecan mixture into the sprayed baking dish.
- Sprinkle the dry cake mix over the pecan filling.
- Drizzle the remaining ¾ cup of melted butter over the dry cake mix.
- Sprinkle the remaining ¾ cup dark brown sugar over the butter layer.
- Pour the hot water over the top of the dry cake mix and butter. Do not mix. You can carefully tilt the cake pan to distribute the water over the cake mix.
- Sprinkle the remaining 1 cup pecan halves over the cake and water layer.
- Bake for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown. Because all ovens bake differently, check on the cake at the 30-minute mark. Also, it will be a bit jiggly in the center, but it will firm up as it cools. It will not be solid like a cake center. Allow the cake to cool completely before serving. (twelve ¾-cup servings).

and inexpensive. All you need is healthy oil, like avocado or extra virgin olive oil, and your favorite vinegar, my favorite is balsamic. Add in a few nuts or seeds, Celtic sea salt, and black pepper. There are many healthy organic options to choose from as well. Another option is to squeeze some fresh lemon instead of the vinegar—zesty and tasty!

What about those salad ingredients? You likely want to

make your salad as healthy as possible, too, which means avoiding unnecessary exposure to pesticides. If you don’t choose organic veggies, please checkout the Dirty Dozen and Clean Fifteen lists compiled by the Environmental Working Group annually. Visit: Ewg.org. At the very least, buy your greens organic. Enjoy your salad knowing that’s it GOOD for you!

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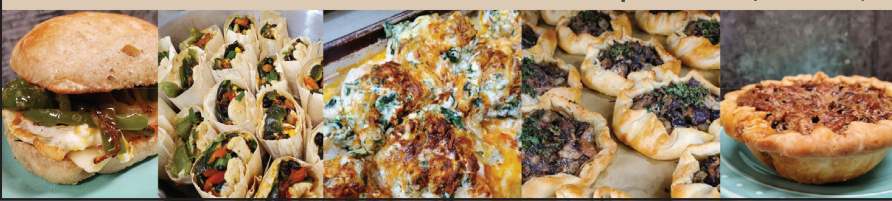
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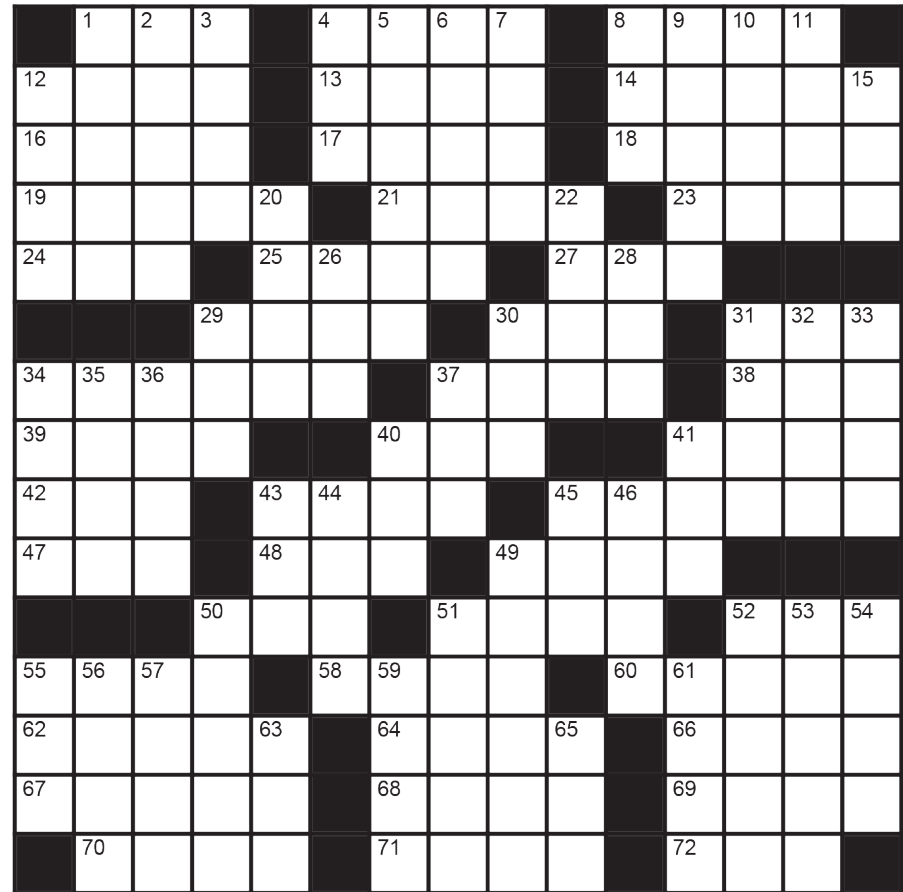


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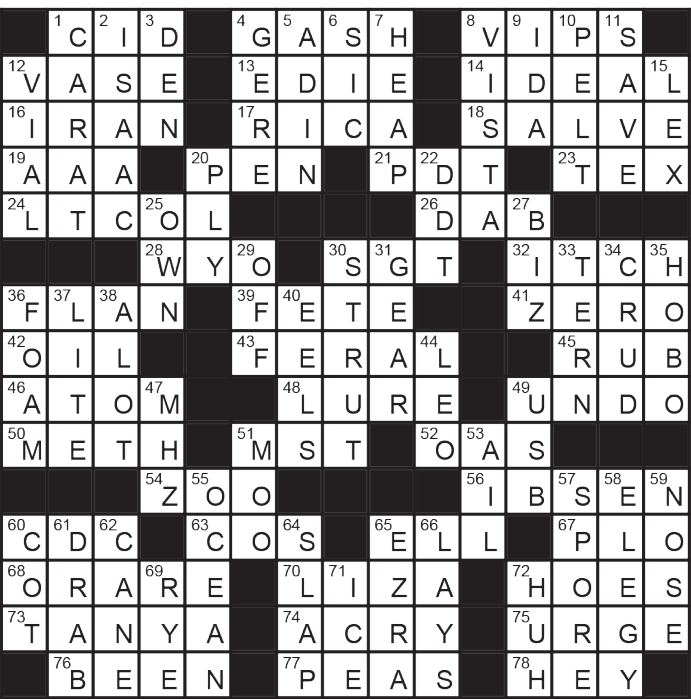
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- 8 Speedy
- 12 Flintstone pet
- 13 Large international show
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- 16 North of Tex.
- 17 Take --- Train (Duke Ellington song)
- 18 Upper story
- 19 Totters
- 21 European mountain system
- 23 "Copacabana" showgirl
- 24 Tucson time
- 25 Barrier
- 27 Holler
- 29 Sheet of glass
- 30 Computer interconnection system
- 31 Higher degree
- 34 Marzipan base
- 37 Tomb Raider --- Croft
- 38 Not ordained
- 39 Undiluted
- 40 Big Blue
- 41 This place
- 42 Sawbuck
- 43 Chemical pollutants banned in 1975
- 45 Leftovers
- 47 Space viewed from below
- 48 Play on words
- 49 Computer brains
- 50 Some foreign Government heads
- 51 Tree with a partridge at Christmas
- 52 Adult female pig
- 55 Interlock
- 58 --- Silvers or Collins
- 60 Singer/songwriter --- Mars

- 62 Thespian
- 64 Line about which rotation occurs
- 66 M --- mouse
- 67 Formerly the Gold Coast
- 68 Model and actress --- Suvari
- 69 Liquor measure
- 70 Adhere to
- 71 Toboggan
- 72 A T M ID

Down

- 1 E.g. Schwinns
- 2 Arm of the sea
- 3 Target
- 4 Gamble
- 5 Breathe out
- 6 Incantation
- 7 Cleaner
- 8 Aviation safety grp.
- 9 Fittingly
- 10 "Licence to Kill" Bond girl Talisa ---
- 11 Labor strenuously
- 12 Campus housing
- 15 --- Building, now the Comcast Building, NYC
- 20 Graceful waterbird
- 22 Lasting mark
- 26 Logical operator
- 28 Viral genetic material
- 29 Mary Jane
- 30 Flee
- 31 Court statement
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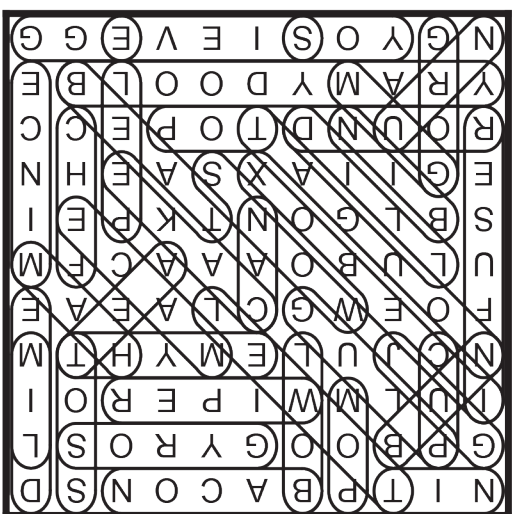
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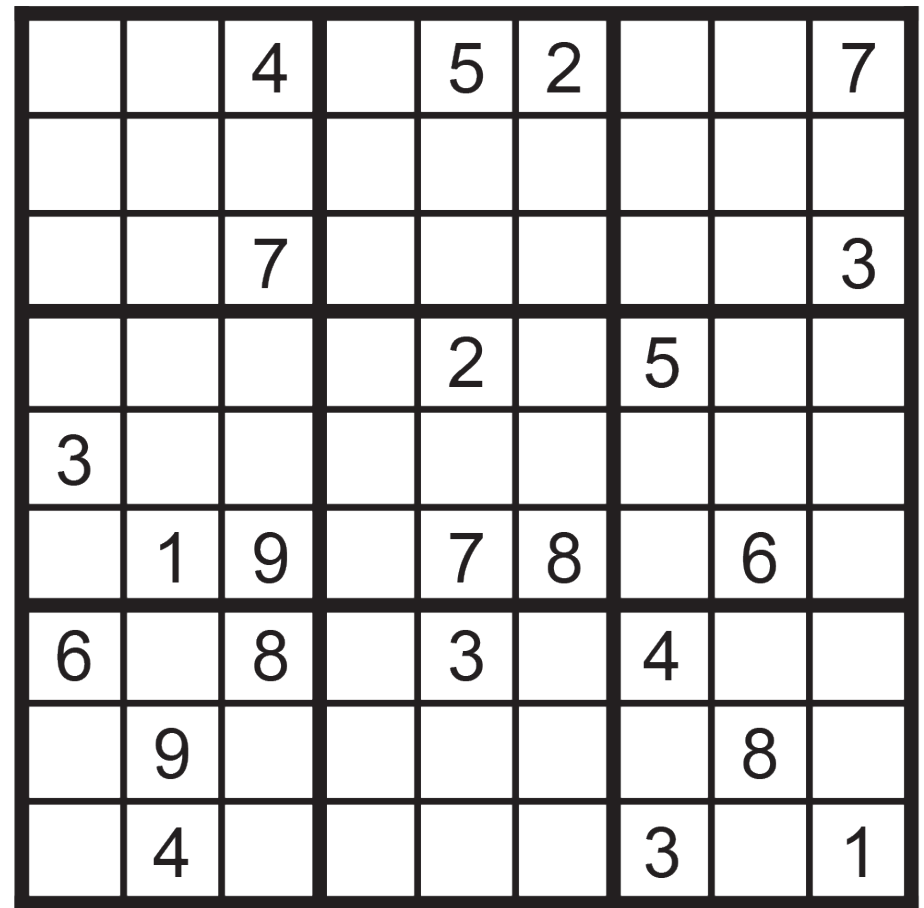
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- 46 Edge of a street
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- 51 Screen dot
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- 53 Aromatic bulbous vegetable
- 54 Habit
- 55 Journal
- 56 Reverberation
- 57 Dagger thrust
- 59 Overactors
- 61 Coarse file
- 63 Flat fish
- 65 Down



- Bacon
- Beat
- Bin
- Bloody Mary
- Bowl
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- Cake
- Can
- Chef
- Cup
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- Grog
- Gyros
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- Ice box
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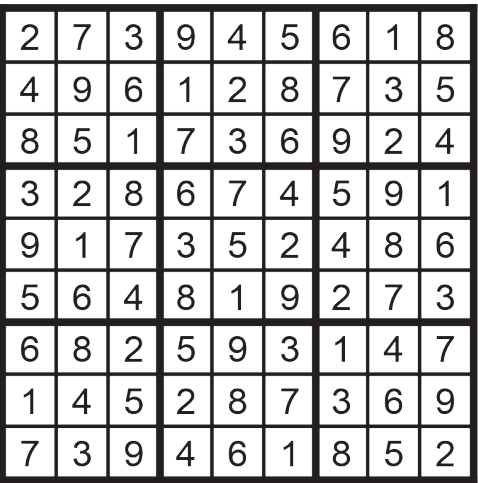
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Trash Talk
Join us the first Tuesday of the month for a conversation about working towards living zero waste in your household and community. What actions do you take that help reduce overall waste and impact on the planet? We want to hear them! Come share your habits, objectives, ideas, and questions in a structured, education, open conversation.
Dates, Locations, Time:
• April 2nd, 5:30pm-7pm
Neptune's Brewery
Subject: Yard and Garden
Presented by Yellowstone Bend Citizens Council.

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Pork Chop Dinner
Join us for a delicious family style dinner! April 6th at **The American Legion**, seating available 5:30, 6, 6:30 & 7pm. Cost is \$30/plate. For tickets visit Sagecampfarm.com. Sage Camp Farm + Heart for Living will be serving a pastured raised pork chop (9-13 oz.), apple sauce, broccoli, potatoes, Creme Brulee, Coffee & water. Includes Full Cash Bar

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Prep/Applicator for Rhino Linings of Livingston Requires physical labor, no previous experience necessary, training available, \$20/hour DOE. Stop by 320 ½ N. Main Street and speak with Helena for more information.

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen is looking for kitchen volunteers. If you would like to join a team to cook, serve, and/or clean up, please call the kitchen. You can sign up individually or as a group with a few of your friends to make it more fun! Call and ask for Rosa, 406-222-4824.

911 Communications Officer
The City of Livingston, Montana is seeking a highly motivated individual to perform role of 911 Communications Officer in the Livingston Police Department. Please apply at www.livingstonmontana.org/jobs.

Heavy Equipment Operator
The City of Livingston, Montana is seeking a highly motivated individual to perform the role of Heavy Equipment Operator within the Public Works Department. This is a full-time role in Public Works with

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City Pool Manager – Summer 2024 – Seasonal, Temporary.
The Seasonal Pool Manager is responsible for the overall daily operations of the municipal swimming pool, associated aquatic programs, activities, employee training and supervision. This position will report to the Recreation Director. The Pool Manager will serve as the Manager-on-duty at the City of Livingston City Pool. This position will supervise approximately 12 part-time, seasonal pool attendants. Please apply at <https://www.livingstonmontana.org/hr/page/city-pool-manager>.

Public Works – Streets and Parks – Spring and Summer 2024 – Seasonal, Temporary. The City of Livingston, Montana is seeking multiple 2024 spring and summer seasonal employees to work in the Public Works department supporting tasks in the Parks Department (including Cemetery) and the Streets Department.
• Parks and Cemetery assists with performing maintenance on the City parks, mowing, weed removal, and minor repairs to playground repairs, pool maintenance, trails, and trees.
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Gardiner Public School is looking to hire a qualified candidate to fill the position of Director of Maintenance and Supervisor of Grounds. Applications are on our website at www.gardiner.org and can be emailed to Super@gardiner.org or at the school (510 Stone St, Gardiner, MT, 59030). This position is greatly needed to assure the District's buildings and grounds are in such a state of operating excellence that they present no problems or interruptions to the educational program.

Gardiner Public School is desperately seeking applicants who possess or are willing to obtain a Class B CDL license w/passenger endorsement and air brakes endorsement. Anyone interested, please contact Patricia Baltzley, Board Chair, baltzleyp@gardiner.org or call the school @ 406-848-7563.

Outlaw's Pizza is currently hiring for various positions, including in the kitchen, front of the house and bar. Full-time or part-time. Please contact Erin by phone at 406.848.7220 or by email at

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Detention Officer - Are You Trustworthy, Self-Motivated and Community Minded? The Park County Sheriff's Office is looking for one new full-time team member interested in a career in a law enforcement capacity with our Detention Center in service to Park County residents and visitors. Open until filled. For more information and to apply online go to: https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs/37/Detention-Officer#job_37.

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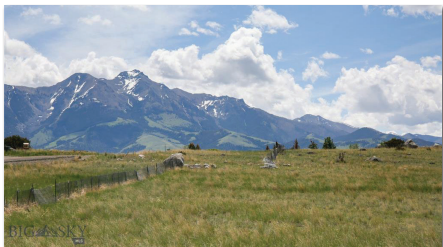
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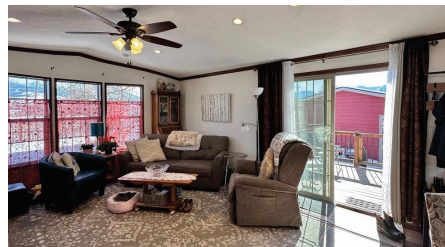
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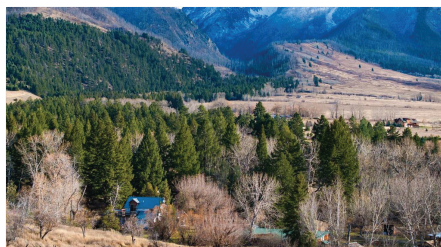
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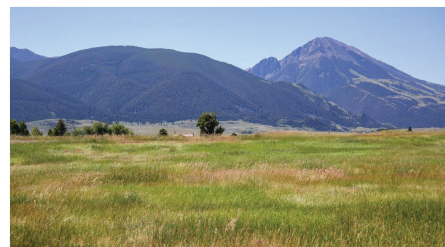
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Amanda Murphy | 406-220-4848



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Land Listing | 10+ acres
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Meet the Team...

Born in Scotland, Gillian brought to the United States her life-long love of theatre. She gained much of her extensive real estate experience in Los Angeles with clientele in the entertainment

industry, so she understands the needs of high-end buyers and sellers. Gillian lives in Paradise Valley and pursues

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her love of family, church, and community theatre.

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Bozeman Symphony to Perform Elgar’s Enigma Variations

Featuring Sandy Stimson’s Performance of Westlake’s Spirit of the Wild

BOZEMAN, Mont. -- The Bozeman Symphony’s fifth classical concert of the 2023/24 season, Elgar’s Enigma Variations, in April will also include Principal Oboist Sandy Stimson’s performance of Nigel Westlake’s, *Spirit of the Wild*.

This concert opens with Hailstork’s, *An American Port of Call*, unleashing the energy of a busy North American port city. Sandy Stimson, the Bozeman Symphony’s beloved principal oboist will then take center stage to perform Westlake’s, *Spirit of*



Chelsea Gallo

the Wild. This work utilizes the oboe to depict the diverse majesty of Western Tasmania’s wilderness. Rounding out the program is a classic masterpiece, Elgar’s, *Enigma Variations*. The concert will conclude with *Variations for Orchestra*, on an Original Theme, Op. 26 “Enigma,” an orchestral work comprising 14 variations on an original theme.

Guest conductor Chelsea Gallo will guide the audience on an extraordinary musical journey introducing a colorful cast

of musical characters. Labeled a “rising star,” Gallo has been praised for her ability to lead the orchestra with grace and fiery command. She has served as Assistant Conductor to The Florida Orchestra, Principal Guest Conductor of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, and a Cover Conductor for the New York Philharmonic. She will be a regular Guest Conductor with the Virginia Symphony and Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra.

In addition to the Bozeman Symphony, Stimson performs on English horn with the Billings Symphony. She also performs locally with the Montana Ballet Company, and Intermountain Opera Company, and performs chamber music with the Rosewood Duo and the Bridger Winds woodwind quintet. She holds a Master

of Music degree from Yale University and a Bachelor of Music degree from Ithaca College.

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