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Congratulations! Gardiner Bruins Are District Champions. Next Stop - Divisionals

Park County Dugout By: Jeff Schlapp

On Friday, the Lady Bruins completed a long journey that started when the seniors were in middle school, winning the District 12C title and advancing to the Divisional playoffs.

Seniors Fiona Roberts, Signe Saunders, and Ellie Reinertson had never defeated the Manhattan Eagles until Friday, when they did the improbable and beat them twice, once in the semifinal and again in the championship game.

The second day of the District 12C Volleyball Tournament began on Friday at Manhattan Christian High School in Manhattan. Four teams—Gardiner Bruins, Manhattan Eagles, Shields Valley Rebels, and the Hornets of White Sulphur Springs—were still fighting for a chance at the championship after Thursday. The Bruins and Eagles faced off in the first match, the semifinals of the winner's bracket, while the

Rebels and Hornets played an elimination game.

In the first match, the Bruins beat the Eagles in a pulse-racing, heart-pounding, incredible five-set match 3-2 (25-20, 26-24, 25-27, 24-26, and 15-8).

If you were beamed down from Mars (assuming they don't play volleyball on Mars) for this match, you became an instant fan—it had it all.

The Bruins played the Eagles two weeks ago in Gardiner and built a 2-0 lead and led 23-22 in the third set, only to watch as the Eagles won the set and came back to even the match 2-2, then go on to win the fifth set tiebreaker to complete the reverse sweep.

The difference between two weeks ago and Friday—four-time All-State Bruin Ellie Reinertson and Middle Blocker Journey Browning did not play.

The first set started with Ellie Reinertson and the Eagles' sophomore Karissa VanKirk



2024 District 12C Champions Gardiner Bruins. Picture courtesy: Shawn Mathes Darr

trading missiles as the Eagles had a 6-5 lead early on. The Eagles' defensive scheme looked as if their strategy was to limit the damage that Ellie Reinerston could cause with her ball-deflating windup kills by using Baylee Roberts (5'10), Aubrey Hofman (5'10), and 6'2" freshman Emily Straatman at the net to send Reinertson's returns back over the net before they could decapitate someone or find an open space.

Head Coach for the Eagles, Hanna Van

Dyke had to be pleased as the strategy took hold during the first and second sets, but Reinertson adapted and began to dink the ball over the net into open spaces. At the same time, Maggie Darr and Olivia Tidwell came up with their power returns to lead the Bruins to an 18-10 first-set lead.

But the unsung hero of the win was the Bruins' quiet and unassuming Libero, Ciella White. Like a ghost, White was everywhere,

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LFRC Closes Community Bakery Retail Operations to Meet Rising Food Security Needs

Park County Dugout By: Jeff Schlapp

The Livingston Community
Bakery, a program of the
Livingston Food Resource
Center (LFRC), closed its retail
operations on November 1, 2024,
to focus on the organization's core
food access initiatives. The bakery space will
remain dedicated to producing nutritious
kamut bread for the LFRC food pantry and

other pantries across Montana.

"Our primary mission has always been to meet the community's nutritional needs," said Executive Director Kaya Patten-Fusselman. "We've seen a 124% increase in the use of our services since 2021. We have a fiscal responsibility to our clients and donors to prioritize addressing the most essential needs of our community first."

This transition, while challenging, also strengthens the LFRC's ability to support the local economy. The bakery

space will be available for local entrepreneurs to rent for their small businesses. "By investing in local business growth, we're fostering economic resilience and empowering individuals to contribute to the community's economy," added Patten-Fusselman.

The Livingston Community Bakery has been a beloved part of the local food landscape and is known for its commitment to fresh, delicious baked goods. Although retail operations are ending, the original vision of baking preservative-free, nutritious bread using Montana and Indigenous-grown flours will continue.

LFRC extends its deepest gratitude to the volunteers and staff whose dedication has been essential to the

bakery's positive impact on the community.



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Northeast Entrance Road Project to Enhance **Road's Resilience to Natural Disasters**

The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, seeks public comment on a proposal to significantly improve 27 miles of the Northeast Entrance Road between Tower Junction and Yellowstone National Park's Northeast Entrance. The road, damaged during the 2022 flood, is open to visitor vehicle traffic year-round and provides winter access to the communities of Cooke City/ Silver Gate in Montana and to Lamar Valley, a main attraction in the park for world class wildlife viewing opportunities. The project aims to improve visitor safety, use and experience, while enhancing the road's resilience to future floods and other natural disasters.

Need for Project

- 1. Aging Infrastructure: No substantial improvements have occurred since the 1980's. The existing pavement has exceeded its 20-year design life and was not designed for the current amount of traffic. The age of the road, coupled with increased visitation, has taken a toll on bridges, retaining walls and culverts. The road is also susceptible to frost heaves in areas where it intersects with seasonally wet areas.
- 2. Outdated Standards Impact Safety: The road has a width of 20-22 feet while the modern park standard is 30 feet. The increased width and additional road shoulders, parking areas and turnouts would help minimize vehicle conflicts and improve traffic flow.
- 3. Resource and Resiliency Concerns: The lack of shoulders and turnouts leads to vegetation degradation and the spread of invasive weeds when drivers pull off the road. The road will be realigned in areas where it either washed out during the 2022 flood or may be vulnerable to similar future events.
- 4. Improved Visitor Experience: Due to the popularity and year-round use on the road, parking configurations in some turnouts need to be expanded or redesigned to add capacity and improve vehicle flow. More wildlife viewing turnouts would also be added.

Environmental Assessment Alternatives

Yellowstone invites the public to learn about and provide input on the Northeast Entrance Road project. Public input will help the park develop an environmental assessment (EA) that includes the following two alternatives:

- 1. No Action Alternative: No substantial infrastructure improvements would occur; however routine and periodic maintenance would continue as issues arise. Deterioration and maintenance needs of the road corridor would likely
- increase. 2. Action Alternative: The Northeast Entrance Road and associated infrastructure would be upgraded. Upgrades could include widening the road from 20-22 feet to 30 feet; repairing or replacing bridges and

culverts; improving parking areas and turnouts; and providing additional turnouts where needed.

Public Comment

The public can submit comments about the proposed project until Dec. 3, 2024, to https:// parkplanning.nps.gov/YELL_NER or by mail. Mail comments to: Yellowstone National Park, Attn: Northeast Entrance Road Project, PO Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190-0168.

Public Comment Considerations

- · Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or by any other means.
- Bulk comments in any format submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted.
- Before including your address, phone number, email, or other personal information, be aware that your entire comment including your personally identifiable information may be made public at any time. You may ask us to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

At the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period, the NPS will analyze and consider all comments received. A draft EA will likely be released for public review June 2025. A final decision is expected Oct. 2025.

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seemingly appearing out of thin air. She would make textbook digs and unorthodox one-handed saves to keep a point alive.

Like a boxer in his prime, White took on vicious returns by Bella Triemstra, Hofman, VanKirk, Addie Venema, and Baylee Roberts. No Fear.

"Ciella played amazing today," Maggie Darr said after the Bruins semifinal win. "She really kept us going early on and was so calm. She's also willing to risk and sacrifice her body. She always motivates me when I watch some of the plays she makes, and today, I feel so motivated. She wasn't letting anything get by her, making me want to play even harder."

The Eagles seemed to wake up as they closed the gap to 18-13. Then, the Bruins were four points from winning the set, 21-14. Before you could blink, the Eagles returned to close the score 22-20.

Then the Eagles showed their human; a service fault stretched the score 23-20 in favor of the Bruins. When one of Reinertson's slams found an open space in the Eagles' defense, it was 24-20. The set ended on a defensive miscue, and the Bruins won the first set 25-20, sending a message to the Eagles and their fans to get comfortable cause we're going to be here for a while

The second set was tied at 21-21 when the Eagles freshman Ashlyn Burley made a smooth dink, which had eyes and found a hole in the Bruins' defense to give the Eagles a 22-21 lead. But the Bruins fought back, tied the match at 22, and took the lead 23-22 behind a Reinertson service ace. The Eagles came back to tie the set at 24-24 when the referee reversed an out-of-bounds call. The Bruins won the set behind a kill by Darr and an unforced error to take a 2-0 lead.

The Eagles showed their heart when they pulled out a win in the third set, after trailing 15-10 and 18-14, to win 27-25.

The Eagles gym was rocking as the Bruins brought their pep band, which fired up their students. The Eagles student body (it seemed all 86 enrolled students showed up) was fired up by the appearance of fan favorite Nate TeSlaa, who led the crowd in cheers from the third set on.

The atmosphere was electric. It was loud, playoff loud, and fun from the end of the third set to the end of the match. A lot of fun.

The Bruins regrouped and seemed poised to take the fourth set, leading 22-19, when VanKirk, almost as an afterthought but more reflexive, stuck her hand out on a ball that a teammate struck, headed out of play, and not only saved it but scored a winner.

One of the Bruins fans approached me and said he hoped this wouldn't be a

repeat of their loss two weeks ago. With the score knotted at 24-24, an incredibly long rally, which had saved from both teams, a block by the Bruins Browning that the Eagles managed to keep alive, and finally, a winner from Triemstra to allow the Eagles to take a 25-24 lead. The Eagles would win and force a fifth-set tie-breaker when the Bruins misplayed a return.

In the fifth set, Reinertson took control when she nailed two kills, and Tidwell blocked a return to give the Bruins an early 5-3 lead. The Bruins wouldn't be denied, as they scored seven unanswered points to lead 11-3. The Eagles had one more run in their arsenal, scoring five points to close in, 11-8. Tidwell came up with a massive kill to right the ship at 12-8, and when Manhattan hit a ball out of play on their final gasp, the Bruins had completed part one of their epic

journey and advanced to the title game.

In the elimination game between the

Hornets and Rebels, the Hornets moved on, winning a hard-fought match 3-0.

The Hornets had to play the Eagles for

a shot at the championship game. The two teams played a close match last Saturday at White Sulphur Springs, with the Eagles winning 3-1 (20-25, 25-20, 25-22, 25-16), so the thought at game time among some fans was that the Hornets could pull off the upset.

The Eagles would prove worthy of the challenge on Friday, winning 3-1 (26-24, 14-25, 25-22, 25-21) and setting up a rematch with the Bruins in the Championship game.

The title game belonged to the Bruins 3-1 as they clinched the District title with a 25-21 set four win.

Ellie Reinertson led the Bruins with a stunning 55 assists, 14 kills, 4 aces, and 18 digs in the Championship game. Darr finished the title game with 10 kills, 35 assists, 3 service aces, and 10 digs. Josie Reinertson had 12 digs, 9 assists, and 2 kills. Browning played great over two days and finished the night with 2 blocks, 2 digs, 1 kill, and 5 assists.

It can't be said enough how great the Bruins played during the two-day tournament. Darr and Reinertson get the press clippings often, and rightfully so, but without teammates White, Tidwell, Marley Wyman, Roberts, Josie Reinertson, and Browning—the Bruins don't win.

White's play was so impressive, and Browning, Tidwell, and young Reinerston stepped up their games.

But the girl who impressed me the



Ellie Reinertson strikes a return on Friday in the semifinal match of the District 12C Volleyball Tournament between the Bruins and Eagles of Manhattan Christian at Manhattan Christian in Manhattan.

most didn't win, at least on the court. The Eagles senior Libero, Sam Veltkamp, briefly discussed the semifinal loss.

She told me that she wasn't upset over the loss and that she and her teammates tried and played the best that they could. It wasn't so much that the Eagles lost. Instead, the Bruins played fantastic and won, she said. She told me it was great when the Eagles won, and she and her teammates wanted to win; they were even eager for a rematch. However, her goal was to use the talent that God gave her, and it was important to her to live her life on and off the court, setting the example of Christ.

Veltkamp seems to understand a life lesson at the young age of 18: if you look back on your life when you were 80, and the

worst thing that happened to you was that your team lost a high school game, you led a pretty good life.

Divisionals start on Thursday at Manhattan Christian High School in Manhattan. The Bruins will be the #1 seed and face #5 seed Valley Christian, who are out of the 13C Conference. The Eagles will play Charlo High School, and the Hornets will face off against the District 13C Tournament winner Philipsburg High.

Only two teams will advance to play in the state tournament, held November 14th-16th at Bozeman High School in Bozeman.

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Which IRA is **Right for You?**

The individual retirement account (IRA) is celebrating its golden anniversary. Created in 1974, this savings vehicle has helped millions of people build resources for retirement. In 1997, the Roth IRA was introduced. But which IRA is right for you?

Let's look at the basic differences between the two IRAs. With a traditional IRA, you generally invest pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Your earnings grow tax deferred, meaning you pay no taxes on them until you start taking withdrawals. (If you take withdrawals before you reach 59½, you'll be subject to ordinary income tax and a 10% IRA penalty.)

When you invest in a Roth IRA, your contributions aren't deductible, but they can be withdrawn at any time, tax- and penalty-free. And you can typically withdraw your earnings on these contributions tax free once you're 591/2 and you've had your account at least five years. (If you don't meet these conditions, withdrawals of earnings are subject to income taxes and the 10% penalty.)

So, are you better off by taking the immediate tax break offered by a traditional IRA or the long-term benefits of tax-free withdrawals available with a Roth IRA?

If you think you'll be in a higher tax bracket when you retire, you might want to consider a Roth IRA, especially if you have a long time until retirement. This will give you more opportunities to put away funds that can be withdrawn tax free. Conversely, if you think you might be in a lower tax bracket upon retirement, you might lean toward a traditional IRA, as you'd get the tax benefits now, when you're in a higher bracket, and can eventually make your taxable withdrawals when you're in a

lower one.

Here's something else to keep in mind: Once you turn 73 (or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later), you must start taking taxable withdrawals technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs—from your traditional IRA. But if you have a Roth IRA, you won't face RMDs and can essentially keep the money in your account indefinitely. If you don't need all the funds in your Roth IRA for your retirement, you can pass them on to your heirs.

Ultimately, though, your income may determine which IRA is right for you. You can earn any amount and contribute to a traditional IRA, though if you exceed certain income limits, your contributions may no longer be tax deductible. If you and your spouse don't have a 401(k) or other retirement plan through your employers, you can make a full, deductible contribution to a traditional IRA regardless of your income.

But you may not be able to contribute to a Roth IRA, or at least not make the full maximum annual contributions if your income is above certain levels. Your tax advisor can explain these levels, which often increase from year to year. (In 2024, the most you can contribute to either IRA, depending on your income, is \$7,000 per year, or \$8,000 if you're 50 or older.)

Under some circumstances, you can convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, though you'll need to pay taxes on the conversion. In any case, think carefully about your options and make the choices that are appropriate for your needs.

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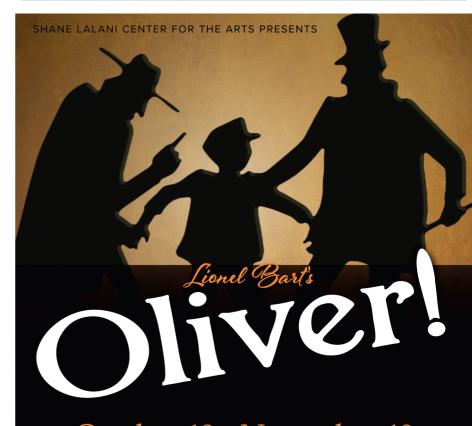
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Shake Up Family Meals with a Versatile Superfood 5 Benefits of Cooking with Ghee

(Family Features) It's easy to fall into a dinnertime rut, cooking the same meals with the same ingredients time and again. When your family is in search of a delicious way to shake things up in the kitchen, consider new ways to cook favorite dishes without completely rethinking the menu.

Replacing tired ingredients is an easy solution when classic recipes become bland and boring, which is a perfect reason to try cooking with ghee. As a 1:1 substitute for butter or oil, its spreadable texture makes it easy to use in baked goods, grilled dishes and beyond.

This superfood can do all the things butter can do like make toast taste awesome and trick your kids into eating broccoli but with additional benefits. For example, it maintains its molecular integrity at high temperatures, can be digested by lactose intolerant people, supports weight loss, improves digestion and reduces inflammation.

Consider these benefits of choosing ghee instead of butter:

 Grass-fed and pasture-raised: It's packed with naturally occurring fatty acids and CLA, which can improve gut health and biochemistry.

- Spreadable and shelf-stable: Ghee is shelf-stable for up to 12 months and is best kept in the pantry. This means you never have to scramble to bring butter to room temperature quickly when baking or risk mangling your toast with cold butter.
- High smoke point: When oil smokes, it becomes a trans fatty acid. With a smoke point of 485 F, ghee lets you cook away without worrying about high temperatures.
- Natural source of butyric acid: Butyric acid naturally occurs in your gut and in ghee, helping your body absorb nutrients from the foods you eat.
- Buttery taste: Ghee made in the traditional style provides a delicious, light and buttery taste, perfect for this Sweet Potato Bowl with Cilantro, Turmeric Ghee and Lime. It's ideal for a light lunch or dinner as it's bursting with vibrant flavors and wholesome ingredients.

To find more benefits of cooking with ghee, along with recipe inspiration, visit fourthandheart.com.

Sweet Potato Bowl with Cilantro, Turmeric Ghee and Lime

- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 tablespoons ghee, divided
- 1 teaspoon cumin powder
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 cup quinoa
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/4 cup red onion, finely diced
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped, plus additional for garnish, divided
- 1 lime, juice only
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta or goat cheese (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In large bowl, toss cubed sweet potatoes with 1 tablespoon turmeric ghee, cumin powder and smoked paprika; add salt and pepper, to taste. Spread sweet potatoes evenly on baking sheet and roast 25-30 minutes, or until tender and slightly crispy on edges, turning halfway through.



- Cook quinoa according to package instructions. Once cooked, fluff with fork and set aside.
- 3. In medium bowl, mix cooked quinoa with black beans, red onion and 1/4 cup chopped cilantro.
- Drizzle half the lime juice over quinoa mixture and stir to combine.
 Add salt and pepper, to taste.
- 5. In large serving bowl, top quinoa mixture with roasted sweet potatoes. Drizzle remaining turmeric ghee over bowl. Squeeze remaining lime juice over top. Garnish with additional chopped cilantro and crumbled feta or goat cheese, if desired.

CHEESY POTATOES Casserole

This Easy Cheesy Potatoes Casserole is a Delicious Comfort Food that Tastes Amazing and Makes the Perfect Side Dish for any Meal!



Ingredients

- 32 ounce package frozen diced potatoes
- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup milk
- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons corn starch
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees and prepare a 9x13 baking dish by spraying with nonstick cooking spray. Set the pan aside.
- Whisk together the milk and cornstarch in a small sauce pan. Add the butter, salt, pepper, and paprika. Heat over medium-low heat until it comes to a boil, whisking frequently.
- 3. Once it reaches a boil reduce the heat and allow to simmer for one minute. Remove from heat and stir in one cup of cheddar cheese.
- 4. In a large bowl add the frozen diced potatoes. Pour the cheese mixture over the potatoes and stir to mix.



- 5. Next add in the sour cream and stir to combine all ingredients. Pour the potato mixture in the prepared baking dish.
- 6. Bake uncovered for 35 minutes. When 10 minutes is left on the bake time, remove casserole from oven and sprinkle remaining cheese over the top. Return to oven and continue baking for remaining 10 minutes.

Prep Time: 15 minutes **Cook Time:** 35 minutes

Course: Side Dish Cuisine: American **Servings:** 8 **Author:** Judy Wilson

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Recipe by Carla Williams

Pumpkin Scones

Ingredients

For the Scones:

- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree (canned pumpkin puree, not pumpkin pie filling)
- 3 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1&1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup unsalted butter, cold and

For the White Glaze:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2-3 tablespoons heavy cream

For the Pumpkin Glaze:

- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 & 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin puree

2 tablespoons heavy cream

Instructions Make the Scones

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with a silicone

- baking mat or parchment paper.

 2. In a small mixing bowl, whisk together the pumpkin, heavy cream, egg, and vanilla; set it
- 3. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder, and salt until combined. Cut the butter into the flour mixture using a pastry cutter or your hands until you get pea-size crumbs. Make a well in the center, then pour in the wet pumpkin mixture; stir until the dough just starts to come together.
- 4. Dust the counter lightly with flour and place the dough onto the surface. Gently knead the dough a few times until it just comes together. Don't over-work the dough. Shape into a circle about 1-inch thick, then cut into 8 equal wedges. Place them on the baking sheet, leaving spaces in between them.



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5. Bake 14-18 minutes until no longer wet, lightly golden, and cooked through. (If your oven runs hot, start checking at 14 minutes. Keep an eye on them – if they're golden on top and bottom, they're done.) Allow the scones to cool right on the baking sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer them to a cooling rack to cool completely.

Make the White Glaze

- 1. In a small mixing bowl, combine the powdered sugar and 2 tablespoons of the heavy cream until there are no lumps. The glaze should be on the thicker side but still pourable; you can add in a little more heavy cream if it's too thick.
- 2. Spoon the glaze over the surface of each scone and allow the glaze to set for about 15 to 20 minutes.

Make the Pumpkin Glaze

- 1. In a small mixing bowl, whisk together the powdered sugar and pumpkin pie spice. Mix in the puree and heavy cream, stir until the glaze is lump-free.
- 2. Pour the glaze into a ziploc bag and cut a small tip off the bottom of the bag. Drizzle the glaze back and forward over the scones.

 Allow the glaze to set for at least 15 minutes until it sets.
- 3. Serve and enjoy!

NOTE: Make sure the glaze sets/dries completely before applying the next. If you add the pumpkin glaze right on top of the wet white glaze, it will just run together. However, it will not affect the flavor, just the look.

Happening Around Town

From Newsletter by City Manager Grant Gager,

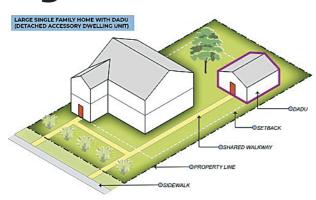
Zoning Code Update

The City of Livingston has partnered with SCJ Alliance to ensure that the zoning code reflects the goals of the Growth Policy.

In addition to reflecting the goals of the community, we also want to make the zoning code more accessible for all community members. We hope

that clear, visual explanations will help everyone easily navigate the updates and understand how they will influence future development in Livingston.

The City is in the early stages



of this project and are committed to shaping it through meaningful public input. To start the process, a community survey is now available (https://www. livingstonmontana.org and click on the Zoning Code Update Survey along the bottom of the page).

Additionally, on Thursday evening, November 14, 2024, City staff and SCJ Alliance will host a community workshop, offering another opportunity for feedback and discussion. Stay tuned for event details!

Your input will guide the outcome of this update, with adoption anticipated in late 2025. We invite everyone to join us in helping shape the future of Livingston's growth and development.

Parks Master Plan

The City of Livingston continues its work in the development of a new Parks Master Plan to help ensure that our parks continue to meet the needs of our community. This project will guide improvements and help ensure that the parks reflect the unique character of Livingston.

As part of this effort, we invite residents to participate in a public survey (https://www.livingstonmontana.org and click on the Parks Master Plan Survey along the bottom of the page) to share thoughts and priorities for Livingston's parks. Your input is vital in shaping a

park system that serves everyone in the community. The survey is open until November 25th.

What's going on with the Wellness Center project?

The Four Ranges Community Recreation Foundation continues its fundraising efforts towards its commitment to fund not only the design and construction of the facility but also a \$5 million endowment to ensure sustainable operations for generations to come. The Foundation expects to break ground later this fall to start utility and site preparation work which will support the project.

The first stage of work will include the rearrangement of certain park amenities to ensure that the neighborhood still has partial use of the park through the project. After that, a new sewer line will be placed by the Foundation's contractor to relocate an existing main. In the coming days, signage will be placed at Katie Bonnell Park to notify residents of closures to certain areas of the park.

Livingston Film Series Presents: Tracking Chance

The Livingston Film Series is honored to present a free presentation of *Tracking Chance* on 11/14/24 in the Dulcie Theatre at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts in Livingston.

Since our inception, The Livingston Films Series has established a tradition of honoring our veterans every year on (or around) veteran's day. I recently had the

opportunity to rescreen Tracking Chance. I feel that this movie was one of the most powerful and moving films I have ever

seen.

The movie is based on the actual experience of Lt. Col. Michael Strobl,

who volunteers to escort the body of a young Marine (Chance Phelps) who was killed in Iraq, and whose remains are being returned to the Marine's family. Scene after scene in this movie are pitch perfect, and it made me appreciate the professionalism and

sacrifice of those in the military. I feel this movie is something every US citizen should see, as well as every government official. As a result of seeing "Taking Chance," the dedication and professionalism of our military is far more tangible, as well as the pain and suffering each family experiences with each death.

> This free presentation takes place on Thursday, 11/14 at 7 pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime.

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

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Looking Back with Lindie



(Above) 5th and Park Streets before streets were paved (West Side School and Park County High School on the left - across the street from one another)





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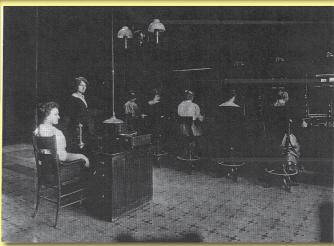
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Park and B Street

(Above) The 1967 (?) cheerleaders: Linda Davis, Becki Kallestad, Darlene Mosback and Jan Boland with Harold Mosback, owner Harold's Conoco Super Service - Now TJ's **Gas Station**



(Left) 1966 cheerleaders: Terry McGuire, Lynn Berling, Linda Davis, Darlene Mosback, Jan Bolland, Lori Berling, and Linda Mattocks



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(Above) Livingston's telephone switchboard in 1918.

2nd Street around 1937 (Garnier Cigars is where the

Owl Lounge is today)

Residential Property Pays the Largest **Share of Property Taxes**

From the November 2024 Park County Newsletter.

There are 16 classes of property in Montana with tax rates that vary by class and range from 0.9% of market value to 100% of net proceeds of mines. In 2020, taxes levied on residential property accounted for 50% of the property taxes collected in the state. Taxes on commercial property and nonelectrical generating property of electric utilities each added another 15%.

Residential, commercial, and agricultural property are revalued every 2 years and forest property is revalued every 6 years. All other property is valued annually.

More Than Half of Montana Property Taxes Fund Schools

Of the \$1.99 billion in property tax revenue collected in FY 2022, \$1.12 billion funds K-12 education.

- Local school district property taxes totaled \$658 million, or one-third of collections.
- County-wide school levies make up another 6.5%, or \$130 million.
- Of state property tax collections, \$334 million is deposited in the general fund. Though not directly earmarked for K-12 funding, the revenue accounts for less than half of the \$881 million in general fund revenue budgeted for schools in FY 2022. The remaining 44% of property taxes are distributed as follows:

27.6% to counties, 10.5% to cities and towns, 4.5% to fire and miscellaneous districts, and 1.1% to higher

State Laws Limit Property

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Cities and counties are permitted to levy mills to collect the amount of revenue raised in the prior year plus an inflation factor. The maximum mill levy is calculated using the current year's taxable value. The application of the approved mill levy to new property may result in revenue growth. The total taxable value varies based on the mix of property types, property values, and the amount of exempt property in the taxing jurisdiction. School districts use property taxes to fund multiple budgets based on school funding formulas adopted by the state and based on local preferences. The main budget for the district's general fund must meet a minimum level of required funding and is subject to a maximum budget limit.

Property Taxes

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If you received a property tax reassessment from the Department of Revenue, please call that department with any questions at 406-900-1020. The Park County Treasurer cannot assist with property appraisal or value

Property tax notices with billing information will be mailed out this month; payment information is also

delivered to your door!

Fill out the delivery form

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"FRONT DESK" PROLOGUE

by Joyce Johnson

Dear
Reader, this
below is
another true
accounting of
my experience
working at
Chico over
20 years ago.



There are endless stories, and interesting historic paranormal phenomena documented even, which while working at the front desk, I waded into and had fun enhancing the stories with my imagination, called Creative Non-Fiction. Many Park County residents can tell Chico stories, and this is just a passing glance in comparison. But my opener for my book starts with my favorite place, the pool. Enjoy your "swim" with me:

Long
tendrils of
steam rose
from the
surface of the
hot springs
pool. Molly
Longfellow
stood at
the edge
mesmerized
by the
reflection



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of the sun dancing on the bottom like living crystal. The pool was half Olympic size, the biggest hot tub around; pristine thermal water poured in constantly from its underground source.

She took a deep breath, swung her arms back and sprang out in a racing

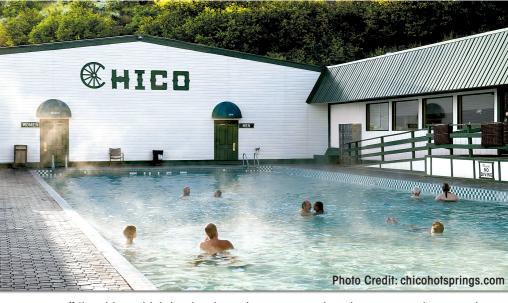
dive cutting into the water with a slap. The warm water soothed the stiffness in her body as she glided nearly twenty feet without kicking, and when she surfaced again she exhaled with that universal "ahhhhh." The hot springs were a wonder to Molly. She loved them without exception. She turned over and began a slow backstroke gently pulling herself through the water until her hand touched the shallows at the other end, then curled in a u-turn without breaking rhythm, and began lap two. She watched a raven above, as it drifted lazily in a thermal updraft under

clouds that shifted ever so slowly into

shapes: One looked like a reclining woman and another the bust of a bearded man.

She stopped to take a drink from her water bottle. Something

brushed against her leg and she spun around and thought *What the heck was that*? Nobody else was in the pool and the clear water did not hide any "jaws" type surprises. She grinned and shook her head—just turbulence created from her swimming bouncing



off the sides, which is why she swims laps in the center: it is always calmer in the center, she mused, about life too, come to think of it. She dipped slowly back under and went into a slow breaststroke so she could scan the water but she swam with a near unconscious sense that she was not alone. She indulged in the fantasy for a few seconds, but was soon lost in the rhythm of her swimming and the calming endorphins that flowed through her body as she swam slowly through the silky sunny water.

At lap ten, she stopped for another drink, and it happened again! A brushing against her leg and this time her eyebrows came together. There was nothing in that crystal clear water but... invisible fish? Oh come on!

Molly then became aware of the timeless soothing sound of the mini water fall that spilled into the pool from the side. Then she heard chirping birds busy but *invisible*, performing their

morning chores somewhere nearby. When birds sing, all is well right? So she decided that this odd "brush" with the unexplained must be a natural thing, like the big raven gliding in the warm air updraft above the pool. She looked up and at that moment, it cawed loudly, banked and glided out of the merrygo-round of warm air. She watched it diminish and then drop out of sight altogether; a tiny black dot became one with the blue sky.

Maybe the pool has a water spirit playfully acknowledging her. The history of the resort fed this possibility with it's ghostly, documented mischief well known. She grinned and swam another lap pretending she was once a dolphin. Maybe the brushing against her leg was just the return of her own current.

All things are.





Class is on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 4 pm. This is a fun hands-on class perfect for a group of friends or family members. Class is at LuLu's Montana Market in Livingston. RSVP to park@montana.edu.

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by James Kozlik

As you read this entry, we will have been in India three weeks. It is the rainy season, temperatures are cooler than normal. January and February are my favorite time of year with temps in the 70's. Marian, my wife, is wanting to make a visit to the village while we are here. This is our third trip to this area. A Dasa (or monk) has assured her they will visit. She has enjoyed visits to the village in the past. Marian learns village dances with the mothers and children when she visits. She has made some friends with some of the mothers especially one mother in particular and her daughter.

This story takes place in the region known as Andhra Pradesh located in south eastern India. Telugu is the 14th most spoken language in the world. It is one of the most difficult languages to

When They Leave

speak in the world. A note to the readers; Purusha in Hinduism means the soul of the universe. The universal spirit present everywhere, in everything and everyone, all the time. [Wikipedia]

Back to the story...

Harry points back up towards the mountains, "I came from up there. Over the top of the mountain."

> "That is far away, you live there?" "No, I was camping."

There is a quizzical look from Jagadeesh, "What is camping?"

> "I was living in the forest." "Why?"

Harry sees a motorbike parked near

by. He points, "My bike broken. I walk here." "Oh."

"What is this town called?" Jagadeesh has another look of not understanding.

"What is town?"

"Village."

"Purusha."

A tallish man peers around the backside of the small temple. He starts walking towards the children crowded around Harry. The man gestures and the children back away from Harry. The man jesters for Jagadeesh to stay next to Harry and comes up to them and looks

Harry over from toe to head. He scratches his head and looks at the backpack. Then he looks over his shoulder towards the village and over Harry's shoulder towards the mountains. He looks at Jagadeesh and says something to Jagadeesh. Jagadeesh replies, "Harry."

Jagadeesh looks at Harry, "His name is Aditya." Harry knows to give the Namaste sign for a greeting. His hands are in prayer form over his heart and he says, "Namaste." Aditya places his right hand just below his throat as a response. He jesters with a nod to Harry and Jagadeesh to follow him. The children are told to go back to play. Except for Jagadeesh. Harry picks up his pack and follows the man and Jagadeesh into the village. The man stops at the recorder that has Japas playing and ends the Japas. The village is quiet again. But unbeknownst to Harry there are eyes on him. Peering from door openings, behind trees, from a group of men huddled around a motorbike, and eyes of women brushing leaves in the courtyards of houses. Aditya leads them to his house next to the temple. There is a young girl sweeping his courtyard. She does not gaze in their direction.

Harry considers what Aditya has indicated. He looks at Jagadeesh and says, "Ask Aditya whose children are these." Jagadeesh looks at him with a cocked head and furrowed brow, "Aditya my nAnna and unique is Madar, child is me. Other's parents are in village." Harry - "Sorry, thank you for telling me. Ask Aditya when do older children leave." "nAnna, Harry ask, when do older children leave home?" Aditya said, "Tell him Saashini left at twentyseven." Jagadeesh asked, "nAnna, why Saashini?" Aditya, "Tell him."

Jagadeesh is contemplating, and then he talks, "Harry, my sister leave when she was twenty-seven old." Harry looks around, a bit befuddled by this conversation and how it started. What now? Thank God that Jagadeesh speaks pretty good English. nAnna must mean father, and Madar must be mother. So I seem to have met a family. Well, at least father and son. I wonder where the next closest town is—perhaps a place to get a bus or taxi.

"Jagadeesh, ask your father, nAnna? Where can I find a bus or taxi." Jagadeesh asks "nAnna, Harry wants bus or taxi." Aditya responds "Tell, him bus comes seven days." Jagadeesh tells Harry "Bus comes in seven days," but my father knows it's not the right bus for Harry.

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Snowmobile Trail Pass & Permit

Snowmobiles operating on public land must be registered and display decals placed in a conspicuous space on the left side of the cowling. Registration is different for

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in Montana.Trail passes are valid for two seasons and are \$20 per machine.Trail

Montana residents and nonresidents. Residents

Registration

Montana residents must register their snowmobiles at the County Treasurer's office in the county where the owner resides. This is a one-time registration and valid until the current owner sells the snowmobile.

Resident Trail Pass

Residents must purchase a resident

to legally ride on any of the 4,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails passes apply to all

Winter Trail Pass

dog sleds and "mechanized equipment" including snowmobiles, motorized snow bikes, and fat tire pedal bikes.

Exceptions

 A person renting a snowmobile registered pursuant to 61-3-321(11) (c), but the person shall carry proof of rental if operating the snowmobile in a snowmobile area that otherwise requires a trail pass pursuant to subsection (1)

- A person participating sanctioned dog sled race
- Motorized equipment exempt from registration in Montana pursuant to 61-3-321(14)

Nonresidents

Nonresidents must purchase a Nonresident Winter Trail Pass to legally ride

on any of the 4,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in Montana. Trail passes are valid for one season and are \$35 per machine. Trail passes apply to all dog sleds and "mechanized equipment" including snowmobiles, motorized snow bikes, and fat tire pedal bikes.

Where to Purchase a Permit or Trail Pass

Trail Passes are available seasonally from October to April.



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Apply Online - You may purchase your Resident Trail Pass or Nonresident Snowmobile Permit through the Online Licensing System. https://ols.fwp.mt.gov/

Vendor List - You can also purchase a Nonresident Permit or a Resident Trail Pass at any of the vendors in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Wyoming. https://myfwp.mt.gov/ getRepositoryFile?objectID=58032





The Virtue of Fido

by Nwrse Fill

The first snow has flown and with it comes the assurance of many days and nights bundled up indoors. Less daylight hours, fewer social opportunities, and more time at home may mean that loneliness will start to set in. Even if you have family in your home with you, the darker evenings and the need to stay home, off of the bad roads, can make you feel a bit out of touch with friends and community.

Fido can help.

Newer research has begun to suggest that having a pet can have positive mental and physical health benefits. If you have a furry companion you may already be aware of the positive impact that they have on your life. If you do not have a fur baby as of yet then read on to see if the pros could outweigh the cons for you.

Interacting with pets has long been recognized as positive engagement. Libraries host programs that allow school-aged children to read to dogs. These programs show a positive correlation between the students participation and improvement in their skills. More progressive hospitals have programs that allow therapy dogs to visit patients in their rooms on a regular basis to decrease anxiety and stress. This practice dates back as far as the 1800's. Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, supposedly used small animals as companions for the injured soldiers in her ward. In her book, Notes on Nursing, she noted, "A small pet animal is often an excellent companion for the sick, for long chronic cases especially."

Not many folks can encounter a canine's lopsided grin without grinning in return.

On the medical side, studies, while somewhat mixed in their results, have shown a possible improvement in heart health, blood pressure, and depression when interacting with small animals. Interacting with a furry friend increases oxytocin which counteracts stress. Stress is a contributing/complicating factor in heart health and other illness.

Domesticated animals can also prompt you to get up and moving. Just taking care of their daily needs can get you moving a bit. If you adopt a companion who needs walks this will increase your daily activity which in turn will improve

your health by
an even greater
amount. There is
even one study
that showed
a possible
correlation
between owning
a pet and
maintaining
cognitive function
in your later
years.
Having

a pal who always listens, is happy to see you, and accompanies your day-to-day activities will always boost your mood. It's a mystery but consistently true: Pets make great companions.

However, they come with responsibility. The benefits begin to become obvious, especially if you have seen a friend bond with a four-legged adoptee, but there are something to know about when

considering a pet.

The potty factor.
Regardless of what kind of pet you end up preferring their elimination needs will dictate your day. Whether it's a daily clean out of a cat's litter box or a dependable schedule of letting out the dog, you will have to address the need reliably or face the consequences of messes in your home.

Grooming is also a necessity that has to be addressed. Some animals just need

to be brushed on a regular basis others need to be taken regularly for a wash and cut. Nails also need to be trimmed.

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Another
inconvenience
is financial.
Daily food,
occasional treats,
toys, possibly
medications,
and supplies
for potty needs

(litter for cats, potty pads for puppies, etc.) are all items that need to be purchased. Veterinary costs is another expense. Just like humans need checkups and occasional treatment for a short-term issue, pets also need to visit the vet. Putting this into the budget is the best way to plan for the inevitable urgent visit.

While dogs and cats are the most common pets there are other not so conventional options as well (many can

be found at our local animal shelter): birds, guinea pigs, rabbits, hamsters, snakes, lizards, rats, or turtles. Each has their own unique needs but all offer companionship and potential to brighten our wintery days.

There is a lot to take into account when welcoming an animal into your home. Weighing the benefits with the responsibilities should be taken seriously. However, many would argue that having a loyal sidekick is well worth the added responsibility and cost.

Whether it's a chill, low-maintenance cat, an excitedly, loyal dog, or another slightly unconventional animal, pets can be a real boost to our mood. While the physical and mental benefits may still be forthcoming in concrete evidence, the positive anecdotal evidence is pretty strong. Just think of having a loyal friend who is always happy to see you come home, always happy to go out for a walk with you, always happy to lay back and cuddle for the evening, always willing to listen without judgement... this is what a fur ball friend does.

As the nights turn cold and somewhat lonely consider investing in your health with a furry companion. It will not only help you but it will help them.



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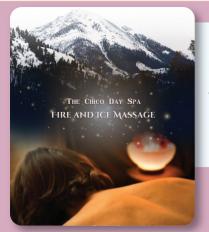
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Rangers Magic
Jaxson White's First Career Touchdown Powers Park
High to Season Ending Win at MSU Bobcat Stadium

Jon Durgan and Adam Taitelbaum Each Score as Rangers beat Stevensville

Park County Dugout By: Jeff Schlapp

I love High School sports. Before the players are poisoned by the allure of money and fame in pro sports, they spend their high school years playing on the field

On Friday night, on a cold night in Bozeman at Montana State Bobcat Stadium, Park High's Jaxson White ran through and over just about the entire Stevensville football team on his way to his first offensive touchdown (or any touchdown) as a Ranger, only to have it called back on a penalty by the Rangers.

White just laughed.

But then White scored again, on defense, after he picked off an intended pass by Stevensville's quarterback Joey Wheeler for a 35-yard pick-six. When he didn't see any laundry on the turf, White celebrated—by tossing the ball to the referee.

It was the perfect ending to an excellent career for the Rangers' senior offensive guard and linebacker.

The whole game was a perfect ending to a challenging year. For the second year in a row, the Rangers were able to finesse a game to be played at Bobcat Stadium. Last season, they lost in the waning seconds to

Stevensville seemed like the perfect opponent as they came into the game winless on the season, the same as the Rangers. The weather wouldn't affect the game as there was no wind, and it was football weather, 48 degrees at kickoff. Last season, the game against Butte Central drew a crowd estimated at 2,500. While the Friday night crowd didn't come near those numbers, the fans for both teams made themselves heard through the evening.

The Rangers took the ball to open the game and a Paxon Sikkink connection to Logan Jergeson, with Jergeson running about 25 yards after the catch for a first down at the Yellowjackets 10-yard line. The drive stalled, however, when Sikkink was sacked, and on fourth down, the Rangers attempted a field goal, which had the distance but was wide left.

Both teams featured two-way players. The Rangers dressed 18 players, with Liiam Edwards and Peter Currie watching from the sidelines in street clothes.

Thanks to a sack by White, Peter Uberuaga, and Jon Durgan, the Yellowjackets were pinned down at their 10-yard line, and they had to punt. Durgan returned it to the Yellowjackets 45-yard line, and the Rangers were in business.

From there, Head Coach Nick Coate dug deep into his playbook and began running a play that Currie and Edwards shared with me the team worked on it all week.

The Power Run calls for the guard to pull, that would be number 63, who backs up a step and then runs parallel with the line of scrimmage, blocking the defensive end. The running back then follows the guard through

The Rangers used a little trickery by faking a handoff to the back, freezing the defensive lineman, then handing the ball off to their offensive lineman, White or Grady Shifley. That's the play that White scored on but had it called back due to holding.

"We ran that play a couple of times last week against Colstrip, and we broke a few of them," Coach Coate said after the game."I decided to call them again tonight because Jaxson and Grady are both great athletes, and I wanted them to have a little fun during their last game. If they were playing at the Class AA level, they would most likely be starting running backs, but we needed them on the offensive line this season because of our lack of size.

The Rangers held an early 6-0 lead on



Park High's Jon Durgan electrified the crowd with an 80-yard reception on Friday night at MSU Bobcat Stadium, setting up the Rangers's first scoring drive during their

Friday night thanks to an Adam Taitelbaum 8-yard scamper. It came after Jon Durgan caught a 20-yard post and scampered for another 60 yards before being dragged down from behind by Shan Madula.

Durgan caught a quick wide receiver screen from Sikkink when the Ranger guarterback noticed that Stevensville wasn't in press coverage. Durgan slipped an



Park High Head Football Coach Nick Coate speaks to his team after they won their season finale 19-6 over the Stevensville Yellowjackets on Friday night at MSU Bobcat Stadium in Bozeman.

ankle tackle cut inside and the back to the sideline for a 15-yard touchdown that put the Rangers up 12-0.

The Ranger defense dominated the rest of the game.

The Rangers had a balanced offense, 157 yards on the ground and another 149

Defensively, the Rangers harassed

Wheeler all night into five sacks and disguised their coverage to force him to throw four interceptions, two by White and one each by Ryder Clayton and

The Ranger's defense had its best showing of the year. They held the Yellowjackets to 172 yards of total offense, with 88 yards coming on a scoring pass to

Cooper Miller with 4:16 left in the game.

That brought the Yellowjackets to within 19-6. I was surprised that they didn't try an onside kick. Instead, they sort of pooched kicked the kickoff that Shifley safely caught and fell on, covering it up.

The Rangers turned the ball over when they fumbled with 3:19 left in the game, but White stepped in front of Nate Stoker and

picked off Wheeler to seal the game.

Injuries and a low number of Rangers players spoiled the season. But those who came out and put on the Rangers jersey formed an unmatched brotherhood. The spirit, fight, heart, and sportsmanship these young men displayed game after game is a testament to the coaching staff.

Head Coach Nick Coate and his assistants Linton Jett, Bill Fox, Ryan Marks, and Quinten Counts deserve a handshake and thank you next time you see them.

I'm reminded of a quote from the TV series Band of Brothers to sum up this team when a defeated German officer is talking to his surrendering troops and tells them:

You've fought bravely, proudly for your country. You're a special group. You've found in one another a bond, that exists only in combat, among brothers. You've shared foxholes, held each other in dire moments. You've seen death and suffered together. I'm proud to have served with each and every one of you. You all deserve long and happy lives in peace.

I claim no affiliation with this Ranger football team, yet I am incredibly proud of each player as if they were my own sons. I hope I captured them in the best light this season when I wrote their stories.

Go now, quietly in the light. May you each enjoy long and happy lives in peace.

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



Meals for Nov. 11th - 15th

Monday, Nov. 11th -Ham, sweet potatoes, veggie, roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 12th - Pea soup, ½ sandwich, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Nov. 13th -Biscuits & gravy, sausage links, juice, eggs, fruit, milk

Thursday, Nov. 14th - Sweet & Sour chicken over rice, eggroll, fruit, milk

Friday, Nov. 15th - Meatloaf, gravy, potatoes, veggie, fruit, dessert, milk



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Elk River Books Presents John Bare and W.C. Huntley

North Carolina author John Bare comes to town to read from and discuss his new novel, My Biscuit Baby: A Lassie James Mystery, at Elk River Books on Thursday, Nov. 14th. He will be joined by Bozeman-based singer/songwriter W.C. Huntley, performing songs inspired by the novel.

Politics, pork,
environmental activism, and
a request from a deceased
college friend all converge in the novel
with an effort to sell off and develop a local
nature area called Battle Park. Detective
Lassie James' wife, Pearl, puts her freedom
on the line to protect the beloved forest.

With Battle Park imperiled, Lassie



receives news that an old friend and former bandmate has passed away. Before dying, he had asked Lassie to produce a memorial service in Battle Park's Forest Theatre featuring songs their band had played at Springfest '82.

An album, My Biscuit
Baby: The Lost Springfield
Tapes, accompanies the
book with songs purportedly
by the fictional band
featured in the novel. Huntley

will perform selections between readings by Bare.

Bare is a photographer, songwriter, and former journalist who has worked for more than two decades in the nonprofit sector. He attended the University of North Carolina, where he studied film as an undergraduate, received a Ph.D. in mass communication research, and developed an appreciation for biscuits, whiskey, and live music. Bare has published two Lassie James mysteries and co-written songs for companion albums. He shares his North Carolina house with rescue dogs Winston and Isadora.

Originally from South Carolina, Huntley is a singer/songwriter and guitarist currently based in Bozeman. By combining his Travispicking guitar style and soulful country voice, he provides the listener with a unique take on traditional country and western music. His latest single, "Somethin' That

Shines," is available on streaming services.

Elk River Books is located at 122 S. 2nd St. in downtown Livingston. The free event begins at 7 pm, a book signing and reception will follow. For more information, send an email to info@elkriverbooks.com or call (406) 333-2330.

The Blue Slipper Presents Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol

The Blue Slipper Theatre continues its 2024/25 Season with a holiday production of *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol* by Tom Mula, who was inspired to rehab *A Christmas Carol*, the annual theatrical standby, after performing the role of Scrooge on Chicago stages for nearly a decade.

Due to the anticipation of brisk ticket sales, The Blue Slipper Theatre has extended its normal two-weekend run with an extra weekend for a total of nine performances.

Directed by Katie Mangett, who helmed last year's hit, **Tiny Beautiful Things**, and featuring

Steve Leuzinger (Scrooge), Scott Denniston (Jacob Marley), Valerie Kinley, Cady Epperson, and Elijah Boyd, the production will run during the holiday season



beginning on the night of Livingston's Holiday Stroll with nine performances, from December 6th through December 22nd. Opening night is Friday, December 6th at 8 pm, also showing on December 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 3 pm. Tickets available online at BlueSlipper.com.

Livingston's Blue Slipper Theatre is an all-volunteer nonprofit theater that is a destination for exhilarating performances, inspired plays and powerful theatrical experiences.

Adapted for four actors from Charles Dickens's 1843 novella **A Christmas Carol, Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol** befits the season and makes a very old

story new again.

Mula, an actor as well as a playwright and director received the inspiration to write his own adaptation when his friend's tenyear-old daughter commented that "Jacob Marley got a raw deal." He first wrote Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol as a novel, which was published by Adams Media in 1995. For six seasons, an audio version was broadcast nationwide on NPR. The play version of Marley, originally written for one actor, premiered at the Goodman Theatre's Studio in 1998 starring Mula.

Holiday Art Walk at Wheatgrass Books

Livingston's Holiday Artwalk Falls on the 4^{TH} Friday in November and Participating Galleries Will Be Open Late with Artist Receptions

Catalin is a Fine Artist and Graphic Designer who focuses on illustration and design. His professional work includes digital and print for branding, marketing, and fine art and design contracts. He believes the best design is a balance of great communication and creative appeal. He also believes art can change the world. His work is inspired by pop-art and post-graffism, often using bright colors and characterizations. Many of his projects involve community engagement and participation. He believes in finding ways to use art and design to help and educate the community

Catalin grew up deep in the redwood forests of NorCal, drawing heavy influence from murals, sculpture, and street art. His journey through art is an exploration of mixed mediums, working with his hands and computer to create illustrations and sculptures to support his patronage of music and environmentalism. He believes nature and animals should be fought

for, and sustainability is necessary for the earth's survival. His favorite type of artwork lets him use the entire process of creativity.

"I enjoy every aspect,

from sketching and thinking out an idea, to the creation and final production using my hands."

Outside of design and art he spends his time hiking with his partner Liz and dog Sundae, snowboarding, playing drums, listening to and making music, watching movies, and riding bicycles in Bozeman, MT, and off grid in the mountains above Philipsburg, MT.



★ December 14, 2024 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help American Legion Park Post #23 and Elks Lodge #246 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MT0036





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Storytelling Night: On The Hunt!

Elk River Arts & Lectures is hosting a live storytelling show to showcase true-life "ON THE HUNT" stories from our community! On the Hunt Storytelling Night will take place on Friday, November 15th at 8 pm at the Livingston Elks Lodge (130 S. 2nd St.).

The event will feature five community storytellers: Yvonne Brutger, John Carroll, Celeste Mascari, Pam Mullan, and Shannon Ongaro.

The Storytelling Night is free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated.

This event is part of the Elk River Arts & Lectures (ERAL) Storytelling Night program. ERAL invites community members with any level of experience to pitch their true stories

on a given theme. Those selected work with our talented story team—Bex Frucht and Tessa Moeckel—to develop their stories and hone their presentation skills before telling their tales in front of a supportive audience at the live storytelling event. This is our fifth such Storytelling Night.

Elk River Arts & Lectures is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating and celebrating the literary arts and storytelling in Park County. Our 2024 storytelling programs are made possible by the generous support of the glassybaby foundation.

For more information, call (406) 220 8630 or visit elkriverarts.org/storytelling.

Sunday, November 10, 2024 Calendar of Events Community Journal - 13



Mondays

WEEKLY GAME OF UNO at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston on Mondays at 1 pm. Free for members, \$5 per game non-members.

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

Tuesdays

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Wednesdays

BINGO NIGHT IS BACK AT THE OFFICE The Office Lounge at 128 S. Main Street is hosting Bingo, 6:30-9:30 pm. FAMILY KARAOKE NIGHT 49er Diner at 404 E. Park Street is hosting Family Karaoke night from 6-8 pm. For more information call 406-222-8204.

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

Mondays-Fridays

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

November 10 - POTLUCK - The Beaver Creek Community Hall will hold its monthly potluck and annual meeting at 1 pm. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. The hall is located at 651 Swingley Road. The public is invited to attend.

November 10 - THANKSLIVING VEGAN POTLUCK

Let's celebrate everything we are thankful for by leaving

animals off of our plates and celebrating love and connection within the community at PC Senior Center, 206 S. Main. Please bring a dish that is free from meat, dairy, eggs, gelatin, and honey to share. If you are able to bring your own plates and utensils, that would be great as well!

November 11 - AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS DAY

DINNER on Veterans Day, the public is invited. The menu is pork loin with all the fixings, served by the Boy Scouts, with desserts and hors d'ovuvres by the Legion Auxilliary. Dinner starts at 6 pm. Cost - donations accepted. 112 N. B St.

November 12 - RESERVOIR PARK WORKSHOP #2

Meeting in the Community Room at 414 E. Callender St., Livingston from 5-7 pm. This meeting is designed to gather community input and foster collaborative disscussions.

November 14 - READING AT ELK RIVER BOOKS

John Bare will read from his new novel, My Biscuit Baby: A Lassie James Mystery. He will be joined by Bozeman-based singer/songwriter W.C. Huntley, performing songs inspired by the novel. Elk River Books is located at 122 S. 2nd Street, this free event will begin at 7 pm. For more information you can call 406-333-2330.

November 15 - 19TH ANNUAL WINE & BEER TAST-

ING - Sneak peak from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, main event 6:30 to 8:30 pm at The Depot, 200 W. Park. Tickets are limited, advanced purchase is highly recommended. Purchase tickets online at LivingstonDepot.org or by calling at 406-222-2300.

November 15 - STORYTELLING NIGHT - Elk River Arts & Lectures is hosting a live storytelling show to showcase true-life "ON THE HUNT" stories from our community! On the Hunt Storytelling Night will take place at the Livingston Elks Lodge (130 S. 2nd St.). This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (406) 220-8630 or visit elkriverarts.org/storytelling.

Calendar of Events runs every week. To place your event on the calendar please email the information to community@pccjournal.com or drop off your information at the PCCJ office at 108 N. Main Street.

Cost is \$8/week for up to 50 words, 51-100 words is \$10/week, maximum word count is 100 words please. Deadline is Monday's at 5:30pm for the following issue that will hit the streets on the following Friday.

November 17 - CHARCUTERIE CLASS - This is a fun hands-on class perfect for a group of friends or family members. \$15 per person includes instruction, materials for building a charcuteries board, water, ice cream and light snack. Class is at LuLu's Montana Market in Livingston, 5237 US 89 South at 4 pm. RSVP to park@montana.edu.

November 22 - HOLIDAY ART WALK - Art walk in downtown Livingston. Participating businesses and galleries will be open late with artist receptions, specials and treats.

November 23 - CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP! Connecting our community of artists, crafters, and makers with unused supplies. Do you have stashes of art and craft supplies that go unused? Try something new and trade materials! Free, open to all. Drop off your supplies to the Livingston Center for Art and Culture during the week of the swap. Satellite drop-off sites in Clyde Park and Gardiner so you only need to make one trip. Then, attend the swap: at the Livingston Center for Art and Culture at 119 S. Main Street. Full event info: https://sites.google.com/view/communityswap/

November 23 - MEDICARE 101 - It's open enrollment - learn about the basics of Medicare and have all your questions answered at the free educational seminar, open to all. Livingston Park County Library, 228 W. Callender, 3 pm. For more information call 406-213-8600.

November 30 - LIGHT UP LIVINGSTON, All are welcome for the 3rd Annual Light Up Livingston event at Depot Park and after the tree lighting the celebration moves to downtown Livingston from 4-7 pm. Too many wonderful things to mention, so please visit https://www.explorelivingstonmt.com/lightuplivingston for much more information.

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



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- · High Needs Paraprofessional Monday-Thursday some Fridays, Hourly Wage D.O.E., health, dental, and/or vision
- Bus Driver
- After School Coordinator
- After School Assistant

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

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Hardware's Livingston location is currently accepting applications & hiring for Warehouse Associates and Delivery Drivers. No experience necessary—we will train! Offering competitive wages and great benefits packages. For more information and to see the complete job listing visit us at kenyonnoble.com/jobs.You can also apply online!

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

The Gardiner Public School

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

Sport and Facility Recreation Aide Job Description:

The City of Livingston, Montana is seeking a highly motivated individual to perform the role of Sport and Facility Recreation Aide. This is a part-time that position assists in the coordination and delivery of various recreational activities, programs, and events. This position involves working closely with participants, ensuring safety

ANNOUNCEMENT

Seeking former BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD WORKERS who worked in the Livingston area between 1949-1989. Please contact **Deborah Marlin at 406-752-5566.**

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and the smooth operation of sports leagues, camps, and events during evening and weekend hours. To apply, please send resume and cover letter via email to Maggie Tarr, Recreation Director at mtarr@ LivingstonMontana.org or by mail/in person to City of Livingston, Attn: HR, 220 E. Park St, Livingston, MT 59047 Work Location: In person at 229 River Dr, Livingston, MT and other parks & sports fields in Livingston, MT Shifts: Evenings and Weekends

Qualifications for Success:

- Ability to work well and communicate effectively with the public, coworkers, and managers.
- Must have high attention to detail with accuracy.
- Assists in the setup, breakdown, and supervision of sports and recreation programs, including leagues, tournaments, camps, and special events
- Monitors recreational facilities and playing fields to ensure participant safety and facility cleanliness
- Provides support to coaches, referees, and program coordinators by helping with equipment, participant check-ins, and scoring/timing.
- Assists with participant registration, answering questions, and providing general customer
- · Enforces facility rules, ensuring a positive and inclusive environment for all attendees.
- Performs light maintenance tasks, such as setting up equipment, ensuring the cleanliness of the facility, and reporting any hazards or damages.
- · Provides first aid when necessary and respond appropriately to emergencies following department protocols.
- Fosters a welcoming atmosphere, ensuring positive interactions between staff, participants, and spectators.
- Performs other duties as assigned to assist with the operations for the Recreation Department.

Windrider Transit Relief Bus

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

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

Short-Term Road Worker - Join our dynamic Public Works Department as a short-term Road Worker, where you'll be at the forefront of maintaining county roads and bridges. From operating patching equipment to mowing scenic routes, your days will be filled with diverse tasks. With opportunities to work independently and collaborate with various stakeholders, including the public and governmental agencies, this role offers a blend of autonomy and community engagement. Embrace the challenge and make a tangible impact on the infrastructure that shapes our county's landscape. Apply now to drive change, quite literally, in Park County! There are multiple short term or seasonal positions available and this job will be open until all are filled. To apply go online to: https://jobs.parkcounty. org/jobs.

Road Operator

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

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

911 Communications Officer - Do you enjoy serving your community? The City of Livingston, Montana, is hiring full-time 911 Communications Officers. These officers will be responsible for performing dispatch duties for first responders throughout Park County, Montana.

To be considered, your submission must include the following:

- Fully completed and signed Fillable 911 Communications Application and Release form
- Updated Resume
- Cover Letter expressing your interest in the position

Submit ALL documents simultaneously via email, in person, or by USPS mail to HR@livingstonmontana.org or to City of Livingston, Attn: HR, 220 E. Park St, Livingston, MT 59047.

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Help, I just adopted a young dog and I'm struggling with what to expect!

Congrats! Depending on the age, it can be a tough go after the honeymoon is over. Not to worry though, good things often take time! If your pup is 5-6 months old, they may be in the first period of regression time. This is when we usually see set backs with any basic training. The next period of regression time is around 9-10 months and the final one between 15-18 months

Most pups are successfully housebroken by the time they are 6 months old. With a few weeks of consistent work and routines, they can be housebroken after being in a kennel

I recommend starting slow and begin with the sit command first. This simple command is often taught and then forgotten about. Just spending two minutes playing the sit game, (which consists of just walking around and asking your pup to sit) is the best way to reinforce it. Use the sit command before putting food in your dogs bowl, before you hook up the leash, and before you give them a toy.

Next, you should move on to leash manners. Start off with the expectation that you are not going to go far very fast. If you have a leash puller, stop when there is tension on the leash and direct your pup to sit. Then use a simple command of heel or walk and then walk together. Walk at the speed you want to go—not what the pup wants. To repeat, if there is tension on

by: Kylie Purcell

Kylie has been actively training Livingstons dogs since 2009. She began teaching dog obedience with the late, great Jo Sykes, and the rest is history!

Montana Dog Company is proud to offer retail, 24-hour self dog wash, dog training, and so much more. Kylie has competed with North American Dog Agility Council for over 25 years and with many different breeds of dogs. Even though training is her passion, she enjoys the outdoors with her husband, toddler, and baby boy. Livingston is her home and she is here to work for you and your pup! Contact her today!

the leash—redirect to your pup to look at you and sit.

A simple walk around the block is more than enough when training. Keep consistent with your expectations, rewards, and commands. There will be time for fun, sniff walks later.

Then move on to name recognition. Sometimes when dogs are in rescue shelters they are renamed, not to worry! Try and decide on a new name within the first couple days. Go ahead and use their name when talking to your pup. It may take longer for some pups to learn their new name but most pups associate it quickly.

Finally, teaching your dog to come to you. This is probably the most difficult. Most dogs start off with what we think is good recall but is most likely just them not having the confidence to stray far away from us. It's best to start this training while pup is on the leash. Give them more length away from you and be sure that it is a long line before ever letting them off uncontrolled. Make sure that we have 100% successful recalls before we let them off leash.

IF you feel like you are struggling, don't be afraid to reach out to a trainer! Best of luck and enjoy your new pup!



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