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Finn Schretenthaler Wins the Class A Cross Country State Title for Second Consecutive Year

Park High's Sophie Sestrich Earns All-State and Manhattan Christian's Bria Ohs Embodies All Runners on Glorious Day in Missoula

Park County Dugout | By: Jeff Schlapp

Wow, what a day! Saturday's high school state cross country meet at the University of Montana's Golf Course in Missoula had a bit of everything, including beautiful sunny and mild fall weather—a perfect day for running and for the 6,000 fans who cheered on the runners.

The runners brought a lot of emotions, as there were tears of joy and sadness. Unexpected finishes, personal records were made, goals were reached, and sometimes surpassed. But every runner had one thing in common on Saturday—effort.

The top three runners from each class wore a medal around their necks. From first to last, all the runners wore an unseen

badge of honor; they raced on Saturday. Symboli

Symbolic of them all, I thought, was Manhattan Christian runner Bria Ohs. Finishing with a PR (22:25.4) and in 13th place, Ohs stood on



The Class A girl's state championship starts Saturday with over 150 runners at the University of Montana Golf Curse in Missoula.

the podium, earning All-State honors as a junior for the first time.

She spoke with me afterward and told me that at the beginning of her freshman year, she had set a goal of finishing in the top 15 but wasn't sure she would make the cut when the race ended. She was ecstatic, beaming from ear to ear. She didn't win, but she achieved her goal.

It's not where you finish. It's how you run the race, and Bria Ohs ran the race of her life. I saw hundreds of Bria Ohs on Saturday.

The Gallatin Boys and Girls won the AA team title, with Claire Rutherford capping off her senior year with a three-peat by winning the title.

In Class C, the Manhattan Christian Eagles had to settle for third place for the first time in nine years as the Cascade Badgers took home the first-place trophy. Dawson Parke (Drummond High) beat Cavan Visser (Manhattan Christian) for individual honors.

In the girls' race for team honors, the Roberts Rockets won their second consecutive state title, and Shelbi LaBrie capped off a tremendous career by winning her second state title in a row on

Saturday. Class B saw Manhattan win the boy's and girls' team titles.Three Forks senior Cass Violett took home individual state honors, winning with a time of 15:54.0. Kyler

Harris (Florence-Carlton), Joliet's Auston Schellig, and Ethan Walker (Harlem) battled down the final 400 meters as the finished second, third, and fourth by their shoelaces.

Sophomore Marina Tulloch from Plains High School won the Class B girl's race with a time of 18:33.2 after finishing fourth as a Freshman.

In Class A, Park High junior Finn



Park Highs Finn Schretenthaler captured his second consecutive Class A Cross Country State Championship Saturday at the University of Montana's Golf Course in Missoula.

Schretenthaler dominated the field. In a fantastic effort, Schretenthaler, who has been fighting an illness for the last couple of weeks, took the lead from Jack Davidson (Corvallis), Ben Bird (Hardin), and Gary Piseno (Billings Central) during the final mile, turned on the jets and cruised home in a time of 15:33.2 to win his second consecutive state title.

Schretenthaler was so dominant that his closest competitor was Davidson, who finished 21 seconds behind him. He told me before the race that he liked the course and the near-perfect weather conditions. After the race, he said he tried to make his move at the hill, but he was crowded out, so he waited until there was about a mile to go, and when he went, no one challenged him, so he just kept going.

Schretenthaler makes covering Park County and, at times beyond, so much fun for me. I love humble athletes who play the game the right way, in this case, running, without showing up to their opponents. Schretenthaler is gifted; he had the fastest time of any runner, regardless of classification, but you wouldn't have known it.

But here's the thing: he won last year because he overcame a mental block, thinking he wasn't as good as the top three runners. Once he told himself he was just as good, his hard work and dedication to the sport took over, and he won. This year, he had confidence; He needed a few days of good health.

Next season, his last, he will go for a three-peat. You just won't hear it from him.

Park's Warren Lee finished in 16th (17:08.3) as he was closing in on Ronan's Jacob Piapot at the finish line but couldn't quite catch him. Still, he produced two sensational seasons for a young man who just came out for the Rangers cross country team last year, and he did more than run amazing times; he was a leader and a great teammate.

Augie Stern capped off his senior year by coming home in 70th place at 18:41.1

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What is the Montana Downtown and Main Street Conference?

by Tony Crowder Managing Editor

The annual Montana Downtown and Main Street Conference directed by the Community Montana Division within the state's

Department of Commerce was, for the first time in its history, co-hosted by two communities—Livingston and Bozeman. The conference is organized through the Montana Main Street program, a coordinating program tasked with spurring community development by overseeing planning activities, facilitating project implementation, and securing grant funding for restoring downtown districts throughout Montana to enhance economic viability, preserve history and promote local culture. Membership communities receive technical assistance to ascertain and promote the collective vision of their constituents through resources, partnerships, and management efforts.

Business owners, government officials, planners, architects, engineers and others attend the conference to collaborate in a statewide effort to exchange information about strategies and resources for community development—a primary goal of the Montana Main Street program.

The conference was in Bozeman on October 23rd and 25th with Livingston in the intermediary. Day one began at the

lunch hour and comprised an introduction from City of Bozeman mayor Terry Cunningham, statements on downtown communities' role in the statewide economy, and panels on topics like urban and rural safety and putting ideas into action.

Many attendees then traveled from Bozeman to The Depot Center in Livingston the following morning for opening statements from city manager Grant Gager and to view a panel on community engagement and downtown master planning, the latter of which was especially relevant to Livingston given the recent adoption of a new downtown masterplan (generated using an extensive community engagement process) by city officials in September. The panel included Gavin Clark, executive director of the Livingston Community Foundation, City of Livingston planning director Jennifer Severson, and Andy Rutz of Crescendo Planning and Design, the lead consultant responsible for drafting the City of Livingston's downtown master plan.

As was the case in Bozeman the evening prior, the conference continued with two separate walking tours for participants to choose from, each of which placed emphasis on distinct aspects of community development specific to Livingston—placemaking through art and walk-auditing for planning, inspiration, and education within communities. The art-focused tour, led by City of Livingston Business Improvement District executive

director Kris King, featured celebratory commentary on the significance of Livingston's arts community with stops at street murals and sculptures and trips to the Danforth Museum and Livingston Center for Arts and Culture.

Afternoon sessions included panels on using the arts to draw people downtown, activating downtowns with digital tools, and serving both locals and visitors in downtown spaces, themes pertinent to Livingston considering the importance of each to the community's overall character. Workshops concluded with complimentary refreshments and remarks on designing downtowns for economic, environmental and public health delivered by keynote speaker Mark Fenton.

Attendees were encouraged to dine at one of the many establishments encompassing downtown Livingston's illustrious restaurant scene before their departure back to Bozeman. Day three consisted of a panel on grants and funding resources and several rotating seminar style discussions before culminating with closing statements and an awards ceremony at noon.

The conference presented an excellent opportunity for Livingston to showcase itself as an exemplary representation of the potential each Montana community has to utilize its downtown district for enhancing quality of life and fostering a sense of belonging amongst its citizens through inclusivity, resourcefulness, ingenuity, and responsible growth management.

Four Ranges Recreation Center

by Tony Crowder Managing Editor

The Bannack Group, the consulting firm contracted to support fundraising for the 4 Ranges recreation center, has raised 22.36 million dollars in private donations since 2022—a mere one hundred thousand dollars shy of the amount required to begin building the facility with a goal to initiate construction this fall, according to Chase Rose, the firm's principal consultant.

Once initiated, the facility will take two years to build. During construction, 4 Ranges will continue fundraising for equipment, furniture, fixtures and landscaping, requiring an additional one million dollars over two years. Upon completion, an additional five million dollars will be sought for an endowment to fund continued operating costs, an ongoing process spanning an indefinite period of time.

In total, 4 Ranges aims to raise 28.5 million dollars, marking the largest fundraising campaign in the history of Park County. The community-owned facility, Rose says, will be the only privately funded recreation center in the state of Montana and will not utilize taxpayer dollars for construction expenses—an initiative by 4 Ranges to ensure that rising property taxes were not compounded by an additional increase to fund the facility's construction.

The recreation center will be nearly identical to a facility in Great Falls and will meet the requirements identified through a community-level needs assessment conducted in 2020. Duplicating the building, says Rose, saved over a million dollars in architect and design fees and even more in construction expenses.

He said, "It's an excellent price by all standards for the facility," which will feature two separate aquatics centers (competitive lap and recreation pools), a lazy river, waterslide, dual court gymnasium, a walking

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Cross Country

This was an outstanding finish, as he came in 21 places higher than last season and completed his best state finish in his high school career.

Park High Sophomore Devin Earl finished in 73rd place, four seconds behind Stern in 18:45.7.This was Earl's first state meet, and he ran very strong. When you consider he ran a 21:29.1 back in September, and he knocked almost

three minutes from his time in just seven weeks, thats running. If he duplicates that progression next season, he may be a top-40 runner at year's end.

Isaac Ramirez finished a strong year for the Rangers, finishing 76 out of 158 boys. Ramirez,

who won his first race this season running for the Rangers JV team, ran his secondfastest time ever on Saturday. He'll be one of the runners that Rangers Head Coach Kirk Lentz counts on to not only earn points but act as a mentor to the younger runners.

and Jude Johnson.

The team title for the boys was won by Hardin, who edged out Corvaliss, 79 to 81 for the first-place trophy. Park High came

in seventh place as two of their runners could not finish.

Hardin also won the girl's class A team title; for them, it represented the third consecutive year they won. Hardin's sophomore Karis Brightwings pease, the reigning two-time champion, took home fifth place Saturday as Polson High's Morgan Delaney won her first state title (she finished 10th last year at state) in 18:35.4.

Park High's senior Sophie Sestrich fulfilled her goal of standing on the podium when she came in 12th place, finishing one second from a PR in her final

race as a Ranger.

"Since I finished with a 22-minute time, my freshman year at state, I've dreamed of this," Sestrich told me after the race. "I went out pretty fast at the start because I didn't want the top pack to aet ahead

of me, and at the quarter mile, was sitting, I think, 15th or 16th, I was a bit slow, I felt my second mile, then picked it up and ran as hard as possible for the final mile. My legs were burning, and when I reached the final 800 meters, I passed the girls and sprinted to the finish line. I never thought that breaking the 20-minute barrier was possible. Last year at state, being hurt and still getting 16th, but missing out on Allstate by less than a second fueled me this

contribute sizable gifts with potentially transformative effects on the community. largest gift of their lifetime because of the magnitude of impact," though he and 4 Ranges encourage donations of any size meaningful to the individual.

4 Ranges is also accepting multi-year (up to five) contractual-based pledges for large donations. For instance, a donor may pledge to gift two-thousand dollars a year for five years to contribute a total of ten

1095, Livingston, MT 59047.

Teammate and fellow senior Landess O'Dea was a puddle of tears - but she said they were tears of happiness. She ran a great race, a terrific race, finishing almost 30 spots higher than last season. She battled Chloe Williams (Columbia Falls) in the final 400 meters, nearly step for step, and just missed a top-50 finish by seven seconds.

Park High Freshman Addy Boyce ran a 22:48.05 for 70th in her first state meet. She and eighth grader Grace Malloy, who ran a PR 24:27.5, represent the future of the girl's cross country team along with sixth graders Hannah Boyce and Maeve McGrath.

It's a strong future.

Jude Johnson placed 113th at state last year. This year, she broke through, earning 96th overall. She finished her season with a PR of 24:02.7. With Siobhan Stevenson, they will be the lone seniors on the team next year. Stevenson shaved nearly three and a half minutes off her time at the beginning of the season.

Some kids didn't finish the race on Saturday. Some became dehydrated; some fell, and some runners' legs didn't match their spirit. But they all had a champion's heart.

On Saturday, I witnessed 1,400 high school kids race up in Missoula. Some puked, some puked more than once. Some of them collapsed at the finish line and needed help from the volunteers at the race. Some, near the end of the pack with just a few meters to go, sprinted toward the finish line, a race within the race that they were determined to win.

Each runner had a private goal at the start. Each in its way was met. Only a



Finn Schretenthaler stands with his proud mom, KJ Schrententhaler, after winning the boy's Class A Cross Country title for the second

handful of the 1,400 runners could win their races, but all who toed the starting line won on Saturday.

They each gave their best.

For more pictures of the state meet, visit our Facebook page: https://www.facebook. com/profile.php?id=100089481593681.

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

Four Ranges

The Lady Rangers stand together after competing in the girls'

Missoula. Sophie Sestrich, Addy Boyce, Analeece Frederickson

(The Best XC Manager), Landess O'Dea, Siobhan Stevenson,

Class A state cross country championship on Saturday in

and jogging track, weightlifting equipment and more. The recreation and therapy pool will have a beach-style sloped entry point to enhance accessibility for both disabled persons in wheelchairs and children.

The recreation center will also include physical spaces for potential partnerships with local non-profit organizations, an element Rose says was included intentionally. His desire is for the facility to partner with groups such as the Livingston Food Resource Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Live Well 49, Livingston HealthCare and others, though no

formal arrangements have yet been solidified.

Once construction is completed, the facility will be transferred to the City of Livingston for continued operations and maintenance. The special parks district passed in March will partially fund operations and ensure residents in the City of Livingston have free access to the facility. County residents were not afforded a similar opportunity by the county commission to vote for a modest levy assessment and will therefore be required to pay membership fees to access the facility. Please contact commissioners for further information regarding

The group has raised two million dollars since August and will continue fundraising through events, grant writing, and private donations. Rose insists that this a great opportunity for donors to

this decision.

He says, "Dozens of people have made the

thousand dollars.

For further information, please contact Mr. Chase Rose at chase@bannackgroup. com. Donations may be made online at 4Ranges.org or can be mailed to P.O. Box

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- November 7th thru 9th Divisional Volleyball tournament at Manhattan Christian
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- November 8th Elementary/JH GBB against Gardiner 4 pm
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National Honors Society Welcomes New Park High Members Celebrate Four Pillars of NHS, Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service

Mr. Rogers, Carrie Underwood, Cindy Crawford, Cal Ripken, Jr., and Jon Stewart all have something in common with 12 Park High students—they're all wicked smart.

After an induction ceremony at Park High School in Livingston, all are members of the National Honors Society, and the Park High students, the newest members, were welcomed on Wednesday night.

Those who received notice last week that their applications were approved and were inducted before friends and family were Ripley Cunningham, Jocelyn Gomez, Gray Hoglund-Mossman, Grace Jones, Rose Jones, Anna Lende, Jorja McCormick, Gibson Reagor, Palen Sexton, Siobhan Stevenson, Chase Vermillion, and Isla Vermillion.

To be eligible to apply for Park High's National Honors Society, students:

- Must be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior
- Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon excellence in four areas: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.
- To be eligible for membership, a student must have and be able to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above for their high school years. Letters for eligible members will be given to students after the trimester.

The successful candidates also received three letters of recommendation from Park High School teachers and one from a community member. In addition, an essay about what the four pillars of the NHS (Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service) mean to the

applicant must be submitted along with a list of service hours that they met fulfilling the Service pillar:

Serve 40 group service hours per year.

- Within these 40 hours, there is a minimum requirement of at least four different types of service.
- · A minimum of three hours per group service project is expected.
- · Each student must complete at least five hours of direct service to the Park High School Community.

"It's a special night that we get to recognize students' hard work," Livingston School District Board President and father of Chase Vermillion, an inductee, Dan Vermillion, told me. "The National Honors Society upholds and celebrates the leadership, strong work ethic, and character that build a great community. These kids are doing well and hopefully inspiring other students for whom they set an example."

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization, established in 1921 to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since then.

More than 1.4 million students are estimated to participate in NHS activities today. NHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. territories, and Canada. Chapter membership recognizes students for their accomplishments and challenges



Park High's National Honors Society Advisor, Dr. Laurie Nelson Knuchel, and members from Park High's NHS, Logan Hawthorne, Carson Bekedam, MacKenna ODea, and Sophie Sestrich, welcome the newest members of the NHS, on Wednesday night at Park High in Livingston.

them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

Four primary purposes or pillars have guided chapters of NHS from the beginning: to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, and develop character in students. These purposes also translate into the criteria used for membership selection in each local chapter.

Welcoming the new inductees on Wednesday night were current members of Park High NHS Molly Arterburn, Landess O'Dea, Sophie Sestrich, Logan Hawthorne, Mackenna O'Dea, Carson Bekedam, Kenna Benzel, Tess Goosey, Lu Homer, Maloi Lannan, Logan Jergenson, Lilly Minnick, Alice Addicot, Camille Poncin, Cameron Sestrich, Morgan Sites, and Sam Wadle.

The evening's Guest Speaker was Dr. Yvonne Brutger, who was a physician for over 30 years in Minnesota, retired, moved

> to Livingston, and is the co-founder of the Community School Collaborative, an organization that empowers Park County youth through innovative career exploration experiences to achieve a fulfilling and meaningful education, career, and life.



Members of Park High National Honors Society stayed after the induction ceremony for pictures on Wednesday night at Park High in Livingston.

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by Jill-Ann Ouellette

What's your favorite part of a Thanksgiving or holiday dinner? Some people say it's the turkey, while others love the gravy. For me, it's the cranberries! Whether as sauce, relish, gellied, or chutney, it's a side dish of those jewel-like cranberries that make the meal festive! Their deep, red color and their sweet tartness that provide the just-right balance to bring all the parts of the meal together in harmoney.

Did you know that cranberries are actually a superfood, filled with vitamins, minerals, and health benefits? One of only three commonly cultivated fruits native to North America (along with blueberries and Concord grapes), cranberries are rich in phytonutrients, polyphenols, and antioxidants. You'll appreciate their many health benefits as they:

- Prevent and reduce the risk of urinary tract and bladder infections
- Act as a natural probiotic for gastrointestinal and oral health
- Inhibit the formation of kidney stones
- Decrease levels of total cholesterol
- · Improve blood vessel function
- Aid in the recovery of stroke patients
- Can be used as a poultice for wounds as their astringent tannins

contract tissues and help stop bleeding. [Healthline.com] Cranberries are a

member of the heather family and related to blueberries, bilberries, and lingonberries. The most commonly grown species is the North American cranberry (Vaccinium macrocarpon), but other types are found in nature.

Due to their sharp and sour taste, cranberries are rarely eaten raw. In fact, they're most often consumed as a juice, which is normally sweetened and blended with other fruit juices. Other cranberry-based products include sauces, dried cranberries, powders, and extracts used in supplements.

Here's a delicious Triple Cranberry Sauce holiday recipe from Janice-Feuer Haugen, a long-time writer for NaturalLifeNews.com, whose recipe creations are popular. This has become Janice's favorite cranberry sauce over the years. It is intensely flavored and wonderfully delicious—it goes so well with all the flavors on the holiday plate, or inside a leftover turkey sandwich, or even as a dollop on top of a serving of yogurt or ice cream.

Triple-Cranberry Sauce (Yield: 2 1/2 cups)

- 1 6-oz can frozen cranberry juice cocktail, defrosted
- 4 tablespoons maple syrup or fruit sweetener
- 1 12-oz package fresh cranberries, rinsed and drained
 1 cup fruit-sweetened dried cranberries
- (about 4 ounces)3 tablespoons fruit-sweetened orange
- 3 tablespoons fruit-sweetened orange marmalade
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 2 teaspoons grated orange zest
- 1 / 4 teaspoon ground cinnamon or allspice

In a heavy-bottomed medium saucepan, combine the cranberry juice concentrate and fruit sweetener. When the mixture comes to the boil, stir in the remaining ingredients. Cook over medium heat for about 7 minutes, until the

fresh berries begin to pop. Remove from the heat and cool completely before refrigerating. To ease your last-minute holiday cooking, you can prepare Triple-Cranberry Sauce up to a week in advance, and store in the refrigerator.

And here's a unique Cranberry Relish recipe from NaturalLifeNews. com's frequent contributor,

Maria Low, a Young Living Essential Oils member. You too can experiment using essential oils to enhance and fortify your food and revitalize your health.

Cranberry Relish with Wolfberries

- 2 cups organic cranberries (clean them first)
- ½ cup raisins (soak first in water with one drop of lemon oil)

- 1 medium size apple cleaned and then cut into small cubes
- ½ cup Young Living NingXia
 Wolfberries
- 1 cup apple juice
- Pinch of sea salt
- 1 Tbsp Kuzu root starch (dissolved in 2 Tbsp. cold water)
- 3 to 4 drops Young Living Tangerine or Orange essential oil

Place apple juice, cranberries, drained raisins, and apple cubes in a saucepan. Bring to a soft boil and reduce heat. Add NingXia Wolfberries. Slowly add



the diluted Kuzu and stir until thickened. Add essential oils to taste. Maple syrup can be added to enhance sweetness.

So, when enjoying this tart and colorful side dish this season, remember your doing your body a favor by eating those cranberries—an excellent source of fiber, with extra vitamins C, K and E, manganese, and other antioxidants that help combat oxidative stress that can

damage your cells and lead to inflammation and chronic disease. They also help the turkey and mashed potatoes go down!

Recipe by Carla Williams

RECIPE CORNER

Pumpkin Pie Crumble Bars

Ingredients:

For the Crust and Crumble:

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup old-fashioned oats
- ¾ cup brown sugar, packed
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

For the Pumpkin Filling:

- 1 cup pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling)
 ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp ground ginger
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- ½ tsp vanilla extract½ cup evaporated milk or heavy
- cream

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Line an 8x8-inch baking pan with parchment paper, leaving some overhang for easy removal.
- 2. In a large bowl, combine flour, oats, brown sugar, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Add melted butter and vanilla extract, stirring until the mixture forms a crumbly dough. Press about twothirds of this mixture into the



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bottom of the prepared baking pan to form the crust. Reserve the remaining mixture for the crumble topping. 3. In another bowl, whisk together

- pumpkin puree, granulated sugar, egg, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, cloves, vanilla extract, and evaporated milk (or heavy cream) until smooth and well combined.

 4. Pour the pumpkin filling over
- 4. Pour the pumpkin filling over the crust, spreading it evenly. Sprinkle the reserved crumble mixture over the top.
- 5. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until the topping is golden brown and the filling is set. Allow to cool completely in the pan.

Once cooled, lift the bars out of the pan using the parchment paper overhang and cut into squares. Enjoy with whipped cream or on its own!







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Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming (GSMW) proudly announces that four Girl Scouts have achieved the highest honor in Girl Scouting—the Girl Scout Gold Award. These outstanding young women dedicated a minimum of 80 hours each to their projects, completing a rigorous seven-step process. Gold Award recipients tackle pressing issues in their communities by identifying the root causes of problems, implementing innovative solutions, and leading teams to bring their visions to life.

This year's Gold Award Girl Scouts devoted over 520 hours collectively, addressing critical issues like accessible healthcare, memorializing veterans, community revitalization, and improving communication for the deaf and hard of hearing.

In addition to earning the Gold Award, **Mairin Sims**, of Laramie, WY, received the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship. Mairin was awarded a \$5,000

national scholarship to support her postsecondary education.

"Gold Award Girl Scouts are visionary leaders," said Sally Leep, CEO of Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming. "Mairin exhibited exceptional leadership, problem-solving, and created measurable, sustainable change. She and her fellow Gold Award recipients are not only transforming their communities—they're stepping into the leadership roles our world needs."

For her Gold Award project, Mairin partnered with a local clinic that provides free, high-quality medical care to uninsured individuals. She developed a data dashboard that allows the clinic to compile reports for their Board of Directors and donors, helping the clinic highlight its strengths and future goals.

"Before creating the dashboard, I spent time at the clinic to understand its culture and the needs of its patients," said Mairin. "The reports generated through the dashboard help secure donations, which fund projects aimed at addressing healthcare inequalities in Albany County."

To ensure the sustainability of her project, Mairin created detailed instructions for future volunteers on how to build similar reports using the clinic's data system. These instructions, which are also available to other clinics, explain how to gather comparable data from national and local sources and how to create visual dashboards.

"This project empowers both my local clinic and others with similar missions to build their own dashboards, helping them fundraise and raise awareness about the vital services they provide," Mairin explained

For more information about the Gold Award, joining Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming, volunteering, or donating, visit www.gsmw.org or call 406-252-0488. About Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming:

Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming serves over 9,700 members across a



Mairin Sims, of Laramie, WY

vast 245,000 square miles, providing a leadership experience that encourages girls to take action and create positive change in their communities. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Bozeman Symphony Presents ASL Symphony Storytime Featuring Percussion

The Bozeman Symphony invites children and families to an engaging American Sign Language Symphony Storytime with Percussion at the Bozeman Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 10:15 am. This interactive event is designed to immerse young audiences in music, instruments, and storytelling, with a special focus on how the deaf and hard of hearing experience music. Children will enjoy a storybook reading

complemented by musical interludes played on percussion instruments.

"We connect with many people in our community," said Cierra Wallace, Education and Community Engagement Coordinator for the Symphony. "But this is the first time we're reaching out to the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community specifically. While children of all abilities are welcome, this program is designed to be especially inclusive and engaging for deaf

and hard-of-hearing children."

The free event will feature Bozeman Symphony percussionist Jeffrey Vick alongside co-readers Char Harasymczuk, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind Deaf Mentor, and Riley O'Toole, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks' Associate Artistic Director, who will bring two beloved storybooks to life. After the stories, Vick will perform a special piece highlighting different percussion instruments and offer children the opportunity to touch and feel the vibrations of the instruments up close. Special thanks to the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind for providing an ASL interpreter for this event.

Wallace explained that this program has been months in the making, through

partnerships with the Bozeman Public Library, the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, and Montana Shakespeare in the Parks. "This is a wonderful opportunity for all children to explore the magic of classical music in a creative, hands-on way. Our goal is to inspire a love for music, literacy, and discovery by offering a wide range of stories, cultural experiences, and musical encounters that spark curiosity and imagination," she said.

Mark your calendars for future Symphony Storytime sessions at the Library on Wednesdays, January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 23rd, May 14th, and June 4,

For more information, please visit www. bozemansymphony.org



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I respectfully ask for your vote

NOVEMBER 5th

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The October 19th LHC Fall Health Festival

Dear Editor and the Community,

For those of you that didn't attend the Livingston Healthcare Fall Health Festival on Saturday, October 19th, you missed a very special treat...

The festival began at 7 am and ran until 11 am with a free, delicious and freshly prepared breakfast for the community. What an amazing time—to see and visit with others from Livingston and enjoy a beautiful and delicious autumn breakfast!

Then you could walk the main floor halls of the hospital and visit all the educational exhibits throughout—and even pick up some free-bees; like chapstick, a nice pen, a dispenser of Band-Aids and loads of information on your emotional, physical, and mental health to take home. On-site staff were available to answer any health-related questions you had...

Dr. Roberts, one of our local surgeons, had a large clear acrylic box set up to display how robotic surgery is done. He invited the public to practice with the instruments...When I was there, Dr. Roberts was instructing a woman on how to make a very small incision of a red grape, and then carefully peel the skin of the grape off without damaging the grape... It was incredible to watch as he instructed her how to maneuver the instruments! I asked Dr. Roberts if he could remove a seed from inside the grape and he said, "Yes. The instrumentation is so acutely fine-tuned that you could remove a single poppy seed from a muffin!" What a day we live in!

I hope more Livingston residents will attend next year and see and learn and enjoy the Fall Health Festival. It will be well worth your time!

Lindie Gibson, Livingston, MT

I am supporting Bryan Wells

Dear Editoi

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Bryan Wells for Park County Commissioner. I have worked closely with Bryan during the past three years to create opportunities for residents to constructively participate in decisions that affect them. I can say without hesitation that Bryan embodies the integrity and commitment we desperately need in our public officials.

Bryan's roots in Park County are deep. His dedication to public service is a testament to his love for this county. I have encountered few people in my life who are as universally trusted and respected as Bryan is, even by those who may not fully agree with his platform.

Most impressive is Bryan's desire to resolve issues from the ground up. Even when he is convinced about a solution, he is always willing to listen respectively and consider other opinions. Due to his leadership, Park County now has a community engagement policy designed as a bottom-up process. His

ability to bring people together and foster collaboration and community is a rare and valuable quality.

During his 10 months in office, Bryan has already accomplished much. He has worked diligently to address the needs of our community, from improving engagement, to supporting local businesses and residents, to strong first efforts to address roads, infrastructure, and budget issues. Although new commissioners are advised not to undertake major projects during their first year, Bryan's efforts have already made a tangible difference in the lives of many residents.

Bryan Wells is a man of integrity, deeply committed to the future of Park County. His dedication to community engagement and fiscal responsibility, and his proven track record, make him the best choice – the only choice - for Park County Commissioner. I urge my good neighbors to support Bryan Wells.

Sincerely, Kate Stewart

Commitment for Equal Justice - Vote Schweigert

Dear Editor:

My name is Claudia Anderson, and I am the project manager for the Office of Court Administrator's in Helena, MT. I am writing in support of Belinda Schweigert as Park County Justice Court Judge.

I have worked with Belinda for the past 15 years in her position as Courtroom Clerk for the Gallatin County Justice Court. During this time, she has obtained extensive knowledge of court procedures for criminal and civil matters. She has worked very closely with a variety of judges in the courtroom during proceedings. In addition, Belinda has excellent case management proficiency.

Currently, she is an integral member of the Court of Limited Jurisdiction Automation Committee, she has volunteered to transcribe the minutes of each meeting. These are always done accurately and in a timely manner. She was extremely beneficial helping the committee to configured the new FullCourt Enterprise Case Management system which is in the process of being implemented throughout all Montana courts.

I do want to emphasize that Belinda is courteous and displays compassion and openmindedness. I believe she has a commitment for equal justice, regardless of race, gender, or political status.

Belinda has the analytical skills to determine relevant facts and to ensure all parties in a case feel heard and their positions were considered fairly.

With the extended years of service Belinda has provided to the courts, she would be a fair and equitable judge.

Sincerely,

Claudia Anderson Project Manager Office of the Court Administrators 406-465-5902 clanderson@mt.gov

Schweigert Extremely Qualified for Justice of the Peace

Citizens of Park County:

As Justice of the Peace in Gallatin County Justice Court of Record, I proffer this missive in support of Belinda Schweigert, candidate for Park County Justice of the Peace.

Ms. Schweigert has been a Deputy Justice Court Clerk in Gallatin County for nearly 16 years. She has been a vital part of this court's efficiencies and numerous accomplishments over these years.

During her employ with this court, Belinda has held many leadership positions and has mastered the court's procedures in civil matters, landlord tenant, small claims, and orders of protection, along with numerous years as a courtroom clerk for me as judge. From this experience, she has vast firsthand knowledge of the intricacies of courtroom procedure and how to follow the Rule of Law.

Belinda is extremely knowledgeable of courtroom and E-filing procedures and of the court's software, Full Court Enterprise, and is a member of the state's Automation Committee; she is quite adept in case management, the processing of cases, preparing and penning court orders, dispositions, and working with other governmental agencies, such as Montana Motor Vehicle Division, District Courts, and Law Enforcement.

In my estimation, Belinda is an extremely qualified individual for judge in Park County Justice Court. From her immense experience and common sense, she knows and understands how the court system operates, and certainly understands how a judge completes, communicates, and adjudicates findings. Her dedication to her craft is unparalleled; and I strongly encourage you to consider her be your next Justice of the Peace, where I know she'll be firm, fair, and most importantly, impartial.

Sincerely,

Bryan Adams, Justice of the Peace, Gallatin County Justice Court of Record.

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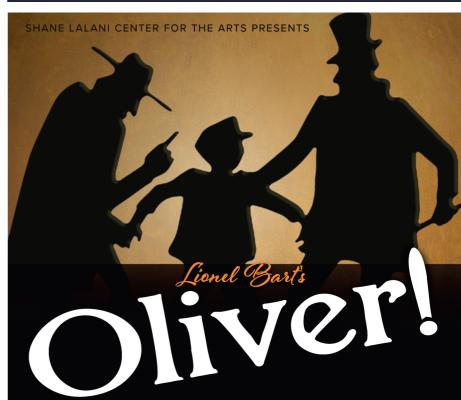
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Unwavering Support for Wells & Gunderson

Dear Edito

I am writing this letter in unwavering support for BRYAN WELLS for District 3 Park County Commissioner. Bryan has faithfully served the commission for the past year and spends countless hours in each community in Park County, listening to his

constituents & taking into consideration each one's comments. He thoughtfully approaches each situation with utmost concern and thoughtful resolve.

Bryan has the most impeccable reputation for honesty and integrity, holding true to his conservative Montana values.

We also strongly support JASON GUNDERSON for House District 58. Jason has proven himself to be trustworthy and of strong character. He shows strong support of family and our Constitution and is committed to keeping CRT out of our schools, keeping boys/men out of girls/women's bathrooms and locker rooms and out of women's sports! He is our only HD-58 candidate that holds

these values.

A vote for BRYAN and JASON will bring moral, ethical and constitutional values back to MONTANA!

Respectfully submitted and with personal knowledge,

Elaine Dodge Livingston, MT

The Dream Starts Now. Yellowstone Nighthawk Halloween Classic Basketball Livingston AAU 5th - 8th grade teams host tournaments this Saturday and Sunday. But first a memory...

Park County Dugout | By: Jeff Schlapp

I learned to play basketball when I was a youngster at the YMCA, the neighbor's hoop where neighborhood kids would gather to play, summer camps for one week every summer under the watchful eye of Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame coach Ernie Kivisto, and up at Lyle Hughart's barn, which was heated in the winter.

On the last day of school before summer vacation, when I was in sixth grade, my grandpa surprised me with a basketball hoop of my own and told me we could put it up on the garage together when I came home from school.

This was about two years after my grandmother passed and during the time that my mom was working on her second divorce. Before school, she would drop me and my sister off at my grandpa's house and then pick us up at night. So, he and I became very close.

He was a father figure and best friend, a keeper and protector of my secrets, and a serious man who allowed me to see his playful and humorous side.

He retired after working for 50 years at Lyon Metal. I know he had never gone to an NBA game or watched one on television. He didn't grow up in a time when sports were important. He took me to a few Cubs games; he loved baseball. He wanted his grandchildren to have a fun and decent life. He wanted to be sure they felt loved. Every year, he would build an ice skating rink on the side of the house so my sister and I, along with friends, could ice skate and play hockey.

As I walked to school that day, I couldn't stop thinking that when evening came, I would have my own hoop to shoot at—how exciting! Then, on the last day of school, events took hold. The cobwebs in my brain now cloud my memory, but I know I somehow forgot about putting the hoop up. I stayed after school for about two hours playing with friends.

When I got home, I found my grandfather sitting quietly at the kitchen table, looking dejected. Then it hit me: the basketball hoop. I told him I was sorry that I played with some friends after school. He replied that it was ok, and then he took me back to the garage and showed me the hoop he had installed without me.

Even at a young age, I could tell he was hurt that we didn't put that hoop together. He wanted to teach and share that moment with me, and that memory has stayed with me to this day. Three years later, he would join my

grandmother in heaven. He left before I could tell him how grateful I was that he was in my life. That basketball hoop saw

a lot of action and remained on the garage until my mother sold his house, and the Methodist church next door tore it down to expand their

parking lot.

Hoop dreams begin

somewhere for every young boy and girl. In the Midwest, hoops are attached to barns across the landscape, and in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and Dallas, there are

playgrounds where legends are born.

Thanks to Coaches Ed O'Donnell and McKenzie (Kenzie) Scofield, Park County's kids can start dreaming of hoop dreams with the Yellowstone Nighthawks, the County's first AAU Travel Basketball Club.

On Saturday, November 2nd, and Sunday, November 3rd, the Yellowstone Nighthawks will host two AAU Basketball tournaments. The tournaments are free to the public and will be played at Park High School.

Saturday's games will feature 5th and 6th grade teams from Frenchtown, Bozeman, and three from the Nighthawks competing in a

round-robin format.

Players on the Nighthawks are:

Nighthawk Team 1 - Cain Coate, Easton Waldron, Lucas Coate, Lucas Olsen, Nelson Swandel, Parker Nelson, and Ryker Floyd.

Nighthawk 2 - Caden Gallentine, Hayes Hall, Nihal Ratan, Thane Karl, Ander Nelson.

Nighthawk 3 - Barrett Slevin, Chase Haggerty, Colton Blueher, Connor Brown, Cooper Winfrey, Kemp Acker, Nishan Ratan, William Page-Reid, Allison Watson, Linda Winfrey, Zoey Zang, Cooper Ramjek.

On Sunday, 7th and 8th grade teams will face off against five Bozeman, Billings, and Red Lodge teams. The one-day tournament will feature an 8-team bracket.

Members of the Nighthawks teams are:

Nighthawk Team A- Marcus Coate, Nathan Atkinson, Waylan Dunkel, Jake Currie, Mason Waldron, Channing Thiel, and Garrett Harrigan.

Nighthawk Team B- Kaden Fenton, Robert Chastain, Shane Maurer, Lev Wagman, Elliott Ensing, Will Gaisford, and Langley Hamilton.

Games start at 9 am and end at 5 pm MHSA referees will officiate all games.

Dreams start somewhere, and behind every dream is a loving father, mother, grandmother, or grandfather who fosters it.

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











Let's start with some special days to celebrate:

1st World Vegan Day

5th Love Your Red Hair Day 8th National Cappuccino Day 11th Veteran's Day 12th Odd Socks Day 14th National Seat Belt Day 19th Entrepreneur's day 25th National Play with Dad Day 28th Thanksgiving Day

30th Small Business Saturday

POLITICAL JOKES

Q: What's the difference between death and taxes?

A: Congress doesn't meet every year to make death worse.

The opposite of "pro" is "con", so the opposite of progress is... Congress.

Man: Two years ago my brother ran for Congress.

Friend: What does he do now? Man: Nothing he got elected!

Q: Why can't Congress ever be vegan?

A: Because all the turkeys playing chicken in a beef over pork is pretty fishy.

Q: Why do thieves never target politician's homes?

A: Professional courtesy.

Q: Why isn't the government displaying a Nativity scene this Christmas? A: They can't find three wise men.

Q: What is the hardest mythical creature to find?

29th Black Friday

A: The honest, caring politician who listens and whom everyone will vote for.

Q: What's the most unfair thing about politics?

A: We get 50 choices for Miss America and only two for President of the USA.

new presidential value meal? You order whatever you want and the person after you has to pay for it.

Have you heard about McDonald's

If Chuck Norris were President, he would protect the Secret Service.

ALL JOKING ASIDE—BE SURE AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER STH!



NOVEMBER

Five Fast Facts

- 1. If you're born in November, you join the likes of Mark Twain, Winston Churchill, Georgia O'Keeffe, Charles Schulz, Loretta Swit, Laura Bush, Will Rogers, Danny DeVito, and Billy the Kid. And you're birthstones are beautiful, too. Look for Topaz and Citrine.
- 2. Daylight Savings Time ends in November.
- 3. The Anglo-Saxons appropriately called November "Wind Monath."
- 4. Many poets have written about November including Emily Dickinson, William Bradford, Lydia Maria Child, Sir Walter Scott, and Guns N' Roses.

- 5. November ties October for the most number of U.S. presidents born in a month:
 - James K. Polk
 - · Zachary Taylor • Franklin Pierce
 - James A. Garfield
 - · Warren G. Harding
 - Joe Biden

 - Jill-Ann Ouellette

Monthly celebrations for November include: Adopt a Senior Pet Month, Military Family Appreciation Month, National Children's Month. National Diabetes Month, Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, National Pepper Month and National Native American Heritage Month to name a few.



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Nov 29th - Nov 30th (Fri-Sat) UNDER THE BLEACHERS Rock & Roll

Dec 6th - Dec 7th (Fri-Sat) IAN THOMAS & THE BAND OF DRIFTERS Western Americana

Dec 13th - Dec 14th [Fri-Sat] COYOTE BROTHERS Boogie Blues & Surf Rock

Dec 20th - Dec 21st (Fri-Sat) THE DIRTY SHAME Outlaw Country

Dec 27th - Dec 28th (Fri-Sat) ROADRUNNER Jerry Garcia Band Tribute

December 31st (Tues) New Years Eve THE DIRTY SHAME Outlaw Country



HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS FROM CARROLL COLLEGE, FOLLOWED BY A MASTER'S DEGREE IN MECHANICAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME. CARL, ALONGSIDE HIS WIFE, REBECCA SWANDAL, AND THEIR FOUR YOUNG CHILDREN, NELS, THORA, WILLA, AND HOLTER, RESIDES OUTSIDE WILSALL, AND HIS CHILDREN ARE 5TH GENERATION PARK COUNTY RESIDENTS. HIS PRIORITIES, IF ELECTED, ARE TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN OUR ROADS, PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SAFETY, AND RESTORE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND **ACCOUNTABILITY**



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Livingston Depot Foundation 19th Wine and Beer Tasting



The Livingston Depot Foundation is hosting the well-known Wine & Beer Tasting on Friday, November 15th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Livingston Depot Center. The signature event is back for its 19th year in support of the preservation of the iconic Depot building as the anchor of our vibrant downtown.

The Tasting Event offers samplings of favorites and specialties from

local brewers, sommeliers, chefs, artists and businesses. A showcase of locally

The Gourmet Cellar's finest collection of wines, cheeses and other delights is valued at \$450 and a winner is drawn during the event.

brewed beers by regional craft brewers and specialty wines from around the world are expertly picked by The Gourmet Cellar. Guests are invited to savor an array of drinks & appetizers, bid on silent auction items and enjoy a lively evening all while supporting the Depot Foundation.

A new sneak peek hour, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, will feature passed hors d'oeuvres, and a signature Depot wine glass while guests can preview the auction items and the evening's flavors. In

addition, the main event this year will offer more tasting

options
with the
Depot
Signature
Fauxtail
and an
array of
area chef's
delectables.
The

popular silent auction is a sampling of the best of the region with overnight getaways, fine art, quality dining, and the finest offerings of local businesses. The Tasting Event features samples to taste, savor and enjoy while music performed by "Jazz Nectar Trio" relaxes guests throughout the evening.

This signature
Tasting Event is
both an important
fundraiser for The
Depot Foundation
and a great get
together with
friends and
community
members. The

Livingston Depot Foundation depends on community support to sustain its historic preservation and educational mission at the heart of Livingston and Park County.

Now in service to the community for over four decades as both a museum and community center, the

Depot has been anchoring the downtown and introducing guests to area history and character.

Tickets for the event are limited, and advance purchase is highly recommended. The main event from 6:30 to 8:30 pm is \$50, and a "sneak

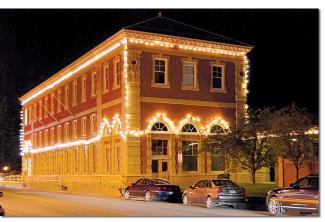


The Livingston Depot's silent auction is well known for quality items from local artists, businesses, and even bakers.

peek" hour is available from 5:30 to 6:30 pm for an additional \$25. Purchase tickets online at LivingstonDepot.org, or by calling the Livingston Depot at 406-222-2300. Admission opens the door to wine and beer tastings, appetizers, entertainment, prizes, and a lively evening.



Guests sample specialty wines, and beers from around the state, at the Livingston Depot event.



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The Fall Fest, and Boomer Notes

by Joyce Johnson

The day of the Fest was clear and the sun rose with a golden light from the tall old cottonwood trees singing in the breeze



whose leaves are beginning to take off on slow flights to the ground. The annual Emigrant Fall Fest last Saturday was a hoot, though less attended than former years. People probably wanted to just lay back, and many of us are budget conscious. Never the less, the Festival drew a good crowd to the always fun variety of vendors at the church and Emigrant Hall: baked goods, art and craft, silent auction of donated items... and the best down home, good tasting, two kinds of chili, retro cheap, that sold out fast. No take home leftovers for the kitchen helpers this year.

Some things do Not change, and it's the good hearts of the people of St. John's Episcopal Church here in Emigrant that stays and stays. The Fall Fest is the annual money raiser for their Friendship Fund, with which the church helps people in need, here and elsewhere. Thank you to the church board, and Susan Olson, the vendor organizer, and the good bakers, cooks and chili servers, for your much appreciated community caring and outreach.

It was a Seven-Dog Day: I set up my own tables in a corner of Emigrant Hall with a stack of current Journals on one end and my recent painted rocks of pets and people, and "antique" portrait copies of local youth, and many drawn

long ago are grandparents now. I had a great time visiting with vendors, now old friends and made some new friends, including, seriously, the six or seven dogs who brought their owners to Emigrant Hall as though they knew that the lady with the messy wind blown white hair adores them, so they posed for photos for rock portraits.

"Elders are a Montana Treasure."

Elders are keepers and protectors of the healthy traditions of our Founding principals and strength. But the best part of life we all agree, is simply our relationships with old friends and neighbors, and new connections. There is a rich feeling of roots, and blessing, to have lived so long in one place, and, in the heart of another Treasure: The spunky little town of Livingston, Paradise Valley and our Park. I enjoyed working the Fall Fest

in Emigrant last Saturday; hearing the wisdom and humor of folks like me, who and... our younger, wannabe Boomers [:-D]. So many of us.

the crowd" and uh, leads them to Scott's table. I got her picture as evidence tho she was shy at being caught on cam.

I met a kind new face, Paul Miller, veteran, and world traveler from this side of Gardiner who came to the Fest with his perky (I think... Aussie sheepherder) pup who I caught in photo, and will paint, tho she non-stop wiggled and barked happily in Paul's laughing face, making his hearing

aids ring, he said. [I laughed and relate, y'all know] Then another neat fellow, a candidate for County Auditor visited my tables with his kind wife, and I instantly connected, and liked them, and their dog too.

Then long-time valley businessman and community contributors, Walt and Regina Munsch, though dogless, entertained us with their latest adventures. My neighbors Roger and Teresa showed up too, who I thought were new to Montana, but no! As I found out a moment later.

I am fond of their bull dog and golden who had to stay home, but Theresa asked me to

Bryan a moment later said seriously to me, "Elders are Montana treasureswalking, living, history." I was silent a moment, feeling the truth of it. In my words, we are the post WWII, aged-to-perfection Baby Boomers, who know what we have come from, have watched the changes and, be honest, the decline. We are a third of the Montana voters. You know us everywhere by our gray beards and hair, and/or pearly white heads, whispered wise cracks, easy laughter, and dogs on leashes It won't surprise anyone to read that I see a reflection or blending of election issues with the Serendipity Dog & Boomer Party at the Fall Fest last Saturday. Here is this week's rant...

I am a proud elder; an arty Boomerette, and like many women, almost all inspiration and data that I collect is at last processed in my feelings, which is heart wisdom and integral to all life issues. But I support agepowered, experience, honesty, and long-held character track records for getting things done, too. That's mind wisdom.

As I am imperfect, I can accept it in others with compassion. I respect those in leadership who admit they don't know it all, and gather the facts, as possible in a timely, objective manner. The truth is too easy to fowl up and hard to dig out, in our present world. Those representatives who are able to navigate today's turbulent tide of political games, fibs and word play, and stay grounded and caring? Those whose priority is to understand the mixed wants and values, and to serve the people they love?... Are worth their weight in gold. I rate them highest, and value the trust and confidence they inspire. The ones who have the courage of mind and heart together,





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Public Input Sought on Proposal to Improve Yellowstone National Park's Northeast Entrance Road Project to Enhance Road's Resilience to Natural Disasters

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS, WY – 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:

- 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

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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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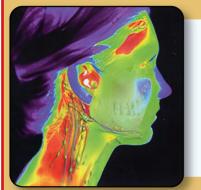
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Scalp Health & **Essential Oils**

As women, we don't like to talk about losing our hair. It is more acceptable for men to show some scalp and get away with it!! Nearly 80% of women over 40 years of age experience some hair loss. Some of the possible causes for thinning hair include; hormonal changes/ imbalances, stress, toxins outside and inside our bodies, fungal infections, nutritional deficiencies and even not enough sleep!

Essential oils can play a role in helping with this condition. The following are suggestions I recommend that may help, combined with lifestyle changes that may be recommended by your doctor or nutritionist, to help prevent hair loss, promote hair growth and make your hair healthy and shiny again.

Lavender essential oil, with its anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial

properties, can help to relieve itchiness and dandruff, strengthen and volumize hair, help reduce stress and can assist with getting good sleep.

Rosemary is helpful in eliminating dandruff and the cellular metabolism of your hair, which in turn stimulates hair growth. It conditions and strengthens and volumizes your hair follicles.

Tea Tree oil is antifungal, antibacterial and tissue regenerative. This powerful essential oil works wonders with any hair issues from dandruff to lice.

Roman Chamomile essential oil is antifungal, conditions your hair and gives it a beautiful shine. The antiinflammatory properties of Roman chamomile can give you visible results quickly.

Peppermint oil is rich in pineses and menthone and helps to strengthen hair at its roots. The antiinflammatory and anti-bacterial properties of peppermint oil can help to eliminate scalp infection.

Cedarwood is another effective

essential oil to treat dry scalp and dandruff. This oil also promotes the nutrient supply to hair follicles and increases the growth of hair.

Clary Sage essential oil is excellent for all types of hair. This oil rejuvenates your hair growth, treats dandruff and restores skin. Clary sage is helpful in managing the estrogen levels in the skin of older women.

Magnesium rich Basil will invigorate and fortify your hair. Basil contains antioxidants that defend the cell structure of your hair, moisturize it and give shine in your hair.

Ylang Ylang is the essential oil to reach for if you are looking for smooth and silky hair, along with soothing and rejuvenating properties to nourish your scalp.

So, which essential oil's do you use and how do you apply them? Choose any combo of three of the oils listed above. Add approximately two drops of each to two tablespoons of a carrier oil such as fractionated coconut oil or jojoba oil (these are both good for your scalp, too!). Massage into your scalp two to three times per week. Leave on for 20 minutes or even overnight. Shampoo as usual.

Another method is to add the oils to your shampoo. You can simply add three to four drops into your single application of daily shampoo or add drops directly to your shampoo bottle. Increase the amount of oils you add by how many ounces are in your shampoo container then shake well to combine.

Here is a combination of essential oils that strengthen, regenerate and stimulate growth:

10 drops Lavender

10 drops Rosemary

10 drops Cedarwood

10 drops Tea Tree

2-3 drops Peppermint

Add all drops to an 8 ounce bottle of your favorite shampoo. If the bottle is bigger than 8 ounces, adjust accordingly.

Always use good quality essential oils if you want to get the best results. If I can help, let me know!! If you would like to experience any of these oils for yourself, reach out to me at one of the suggestions below and we can make plans to get it to you. Thank you for your time!!

Dalonda Rockafellow has been using and educating about health and doTERRA essential oils for 10+ years. She maintains a website and has an active Facebook page; Lavender, Lemon & Learning that she uses to keep people up to date on the benefits of using CPTG (Certified Pure Tested Grade) essential oils for their health and well-being. You can contact her at dalonda@bigskyoils.com or mydoterra.com/dalondarockafellow or text 406-220-4449.

Are you interested in receiving a monthly email to learn more about essential oils? If so, contact me at one of the above suggestions and I will get them sent out to you.

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Meals for Nov. 4th - 8th

Monday, Nov. 4th -Ham & cheese sliders, veggie, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 5th - Vegetable beef soup, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Nov. 6th - Pork roast, gravy, potatoes, veggie, fruit, dessert, milk

Thursday, Nov. 7th -Spaghetti, veggie, garlic bread, fruit, milk

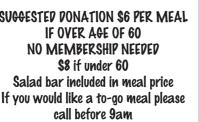
Friday, Nov. 8th - Fish fillet, coleslaw, fries, fruit, tartar sauce, dessert, milk

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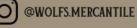


WOLF'S



106 South Main St. Downtown Livingston





The Writers Column by James Kozlik

When I started writing this chapter, it was my memory that was jogged. One of the many trips we took to this village was

Soup & Salad

WHEN THEY **LEAVE**

an excursion up into the rugged foothills laced with 4-wheel trails. Instead of an ATV, we journeyed in the back of a tractor/ trailer from one of the campuses of Ekam. We were jostled as we soaked in the vegetation and scenery. We had to stop many times for the driver to either get his bearings or maneuver the tractor around a hairpin turn. We discovered cashew trees! What a delight that was for me. Finally, we made it to the west end of the village and were let off at the temple. Whenever we visited this village the first people to greet

and meet us were the children. From this experience, When They Leave evolved with not only elders as main characters, I had to include the children. Their smiles and inquiries remain in my heart. and returning to the story...

It's early morning; I feel the humidity in the air left over from the slight nighttime change in temperature. The sun is up; it didn't take long to break camp. I am on the trail—still not sure where I am but at least going down the mountain towards the lower foothills. It is flattening out and heavily wooded.

I see more cashew trees and some Neem trees that I had identified in my earlier travels, when an English speaking Indi pointed one out to me. He said the bitter leaf was good for digestion prior to eating. It apparently aids most of the systems for a healthy constitution.

I continue for a short way and come upon an intersection of trails. There is what appears to be an area resembling a small gravel pit. The trail I am on widens into a narrow roadway. There is a small meadow and then a thickly wooded area that seems like it was once reforested. I now hear a faint chant as if it was coming over a loud speaker. I know from my time spent elsewhere the early morning Japas or prayers are playing from a small temple. The sound is louder and as I come out of the forest.

I am not far from the back of a small colorful temple, adorned with carvings of deities. I have stumbled upon a small village. I stop and briefly gaze at the site of small plots and homes; some are grass huts, others are made of brick and motor. Colorful murals are painted on some walls others are solid pastel colors with contrasting trim colors. On some of the buildings I can see that the paint has peeled. The bottoms of the walls have a reddish tint from the dusty earth.

I lay my backpack down and sit on it in the middle of the roadway. I am absorbing the moment... the early morning sky... the guiet solitude of the village setting, the Japas and chants with their various rhythms.

There is a slight breeze blowing the stand of bamboo on my left. I close my eyes and drop into a meditative state. I have this sensation of just being part of this entire scene that is etched in my conscious mind. I am drifting into a transcendental state when I feel a tapping on my shoulder. I slowly open my eyes and turn slightly to my left and look over my shoulder. It's a young boy looking at me with his big dark brown eyes. He looks to be about 12 or 13 years old. We are just staring at each other. I feel a smile starting to crease my face and his smile comes quickly. His eyes light up and his pearly white teeth are wholly visible. My smile broadens. He asks,

"What is your name?"

- "Harry. What is your name?"
- "Jagadeesh"
- "You speak English?"
- "A little."

Behind Jagadeesh, there are about a dozen children of various ages and sizes that start to come out of the bamboo forest. They surround Harry, all with smiling faces. There are some giggles from the girls, talk amongst some of the boys and questions in broken English.

"Harry, why you here?"

To Be Continued...

TUESDAYS In-house Soup & Salad Bar on Tuesdays Starting Nov. 5th **Suggested donation** Over 60 - \$6 per meal Under 60 - \$8 per meal Salad bar starts at 11:30am and Soup at 12pm Dining room located at 206 S Main St Livingston, MT 406-333-2490



Veterans Day Dinner

The American Legion Park Post #23 will be hosting a Veterans Day Dinner on Monday, Nov



11th, Veterans Day at 6 pm. Join them in celebrating our local service members on their special day. The dinner is open to the public.

The dinner menu is roasted pork loin with all the fixings and served by the Boy Scouts. The Legion Aux-



iliary will offer tasty Hors D'Oeuvres and delectable desserts. The cost is by donation or complimentary.

The Legion is located at 112 North B Street in Livingston. They would love to see you there!

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"Enjoying the Journey

by Lois Olmstead

My Favorite Month of the Year?

I would have to say "November!" Of course I like all of the rest of them. One of the

joys of living in Montana is you never know for sure about the weather. We can have snow in August and sunshine in December. Those of us who live in this state like that we have all four seasons. It is the length of each we never know

November is Thanksgiving month and oh, how I pray that my attitude of gratitude is every day of the year! You know the theme of my life is Enjoying the Journey. However, that doesn't always

come easy. My mouth has been known to whine, gripe, and moan. Oh yes, I can do those long-exaggerated s-s-s-i-g-h-h-

This November you will be reading some Thanksgiving ideas of mine. Have you ever heard of Thanksgiving Resolutions? Me neither. But last year I made some Thanksgiving Resolutions. I had been giving this matter of gratitude a great deal of thought. I concluded that some changes needed to be made in this area of my life.

First of all, I resolved to have the spirit of Thanksgiving in my heart all year long. I wanted to cultivate an attitude of being thankful every day. I determined to wake up and have a prayer of thankfulness for having a bed in which to sleep. When I stepped out of bed, I told God "Thank you, I have a roof over my head." Some people don't you know. "Thank you that I have feet that do my walking for me." Some people don't you know.

We could speak sentences like those all day. In my November resolutions I resolved to be thankful for the bad times in the year. Paul stated in his letter to the Philippians, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."

As I look back over the last year and recall some situations of illness, world concerns, and family and friends with problems, I can see how my faith grew as God brought us through so many of those. I think my resolution to be thankful for the bad times helped me worry less and trust Him more this last year.

Because it was so edifying to me, I

am going to make some new ones this year. I am going to resolve to be more vocal with my gratitude. I am thankful for Jesus Christ in my life. I need to tell others who maybe don't know that God loves them. I can tell them.

And when the conversation ground me becomes critical, I resolve to throw in some gratitude and thankfulness to change the tide of the conversation. And, Lord, help me to remember to say thank you every day to all those who make my life easier: the salesclerks, waitresses, medical people, first responders and the people who keep our roads clear, the greeters at my church who greet us each Sunday, the friendly folks in my town, I can see it is going to be a busy year. I have a lot of thankfulness to spread around. It's my Thanksgiving resolution.

Our Bible verse (Philippians 4:12 NIV) this week is what Paul says is his secret to gratitude, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Amen to



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Expedition Church

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

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

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302 South 9th St., Livingston Pastor Mari-Emilie Anderson Call/visit website for worship times

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Holbrook United Methodist Church 424 Lewis Street, Livingston

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Livingston Hope Church

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329 North 5th St., Livingston Pastor Monte Casebolt Sunday worship 10:30 am 406-222-2714 • livingstonbible.org

Livingston Christian Center

(Assemblies of God) 1400 Mount Baldy Dr., Livingston Pastor Dave Brakke Sunday worship 10:00 am 406-222-3144 livingstonchristiancenter.com

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

Mountain Bible Church

18 Pine Meadow Rd., Livingston (off Pine Creek Rd and Hwy 89) Pastor Brandon Reagor Sunday Worship 10:00 am 406-219-7628 • mtbible.org

Mount Republic Chapel

240 US Hwy 212, Cooke City/Silver Gate Reverend Don Taylor Sunday worship 9:30 am Check the website for seasonal worship times 406-838-2397 mtrepublicchapel.org

Mountain Springs Baptist Church

626 North 13th St., Livingston Pastor Justin Sutherland Sunday worship 11:00 am 406-222-1240 mountainspringsbaptist.com

Paradise Valley Community Church

1772 East River Rd., Livingston Pastor Andrew Alberda Sunday worship 10:30 am 406-333-4905 paradisevalleychurch.org

Pine Creek United Methodist Church

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

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910 McLeod St., Big Timber Father Garrett Nelson Sunday worship 2:00 pm 406-932-4728

St. Margaret's Catholic Church 206 1st Avenue North, Clyde Park

Father Garrett Nelson Service Saturdays 4:00pm 406-222-1393 stmaryscommunity.org

St Mark's Church Universal And Triumphant

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Lead Pastor Rev. Brandon Reagor

Our church facility is located 10 miles south of Livingston, MT off highway 89, in beautiful Paradise Valley.

Brandon moved to Livingston, Montana with his wife Kimberly and four boys Gibson, Grant, Gage, and Garrison in 2019. Brandon is a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (MACT) and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (ThM). Before moving to Montana, Brandon served in pastoral ministry for over 13 years in Florida, focusing on music, student, college, and family discipleship ministries.

Brandon is a certified Bible nerd and is passionate about helping folks dig deeper into the story of God and seeing all of life through the good news of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, ascension. In addition to serving the beautiful people of Mountain Bible Church, the Reagors love getting out into the Livingston



Wife Kimberly

community and enjoying God's beautiful creation in Montana. They spend their free time mountain biking in the summer, xc skiing in the winter, and reading good books or trying out new recipes on those "it's-way-toocold-for-Floridian-blood" days.



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.

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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.

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Mondays-Fridays

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

November 3 – BIG TIMBER WOMAN'S CLUB

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. This is the biggest Christmas shopping event for all the folks from Columbus to Livingston! Vendors from across the state will be there. So big, it will be housed in two buildings. Enjoy holiday shopping at the American Legion at 110 E. 3rd and in the Civic Center in the heart of Big Timber from 9 am to 3 pm.

November 7 - LADIES NIGHT AT ACE HARDWARE

from 6-8 pm. Ladies the store is all yours for holiday shopping at 1106 W. Park St. Livingston. Come in your best western wear as the theme is Calamity Jane for this fun event. There will be lots of perks for the ladies.

November 8 - **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 9 - **FALL HARVEST MARKET** - Hosted by Paradise Valley Equine, Celebration of Fall-2024 Harvest Farmer's Market style. Food & craft vendors, horse tack and petting farm for children. 17 Rosemary Lane (off East River Road, not far from Arrowhead School) from 9 am - 3 pm.

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. A dinner will consist of 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 Street.

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.

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 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 17 - MONTHLY POTLUCK AT BEAVER CREEK

COMMUNITY HALL, 651 Swingley Road, 1 pm. Everyone is invited! Please bring a side dish, salad or main dish to share.

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/

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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.exploreliving-

stonmt.com/lightuplivingston for much more information.

December 8 - CHRISTMAS POTLUCK at Beaver Creek Community Hall, 651 Swingley Road, starting at 1 pm. The yearly drawing for the community's quilt will be held after the potluck. Please bring a side dish, salad or main dish to share.

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There have been many ups and downs in Real Estate since I started my career in 1996. Most notably,

the Great Recession of 2009 when so many people lost their jobs and homes, and the interest rate hikes of 2022. Both of these things happened when prices were at an all time high. In spite of these events and others that rock the world of real estate, the one thing that has held true is that buying real estate in this region of Montana is an excellent long-term investment.

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> One of the great joys of my career is seeing the wealth of my clients grow through their investments in real estate. When not working I enjoy traveling,

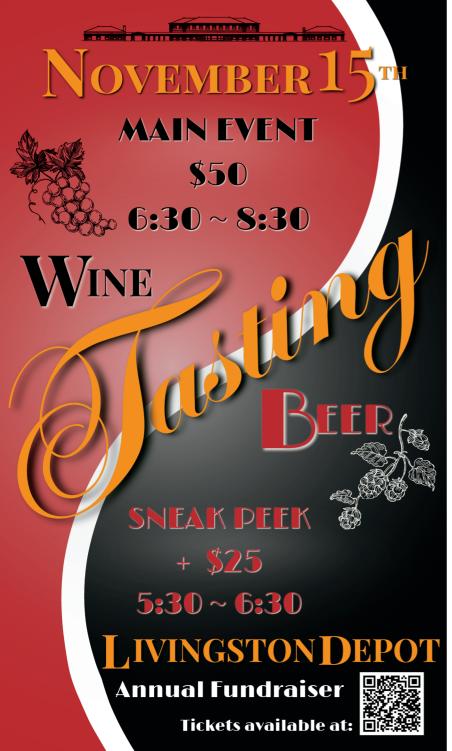
> hiking, floating the river, and relaxing at home. I served as past President of the Livingston Chamber of Commerce, Livingston Rotary Club, Stafford Animal Shelter, and VP of the Park County Board of Realtors.



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Avoid These 10 Common Hunting Mistakes

GLASGOW- With the general deer and elk season coming up this weekend, a lot of folks will be hitting the field. Remember, it is up to the hunter to be familiar with the current year's hunting regulations to be safe, ethical, and law-abiding. Below is one major regulation change this year in Regions 6 and 7 regarding mule deer doe hunting, along with the 10 most common mistakes hunters make.

REGULATION CHANGE

 This year, in Regions 6 and 7, antlerless mule deer hunting is only permitted on private land. This includes mule deer B licenses for a particular hunting district, or a general deer license where mule deer doe harvest on a general tag is allowed. It's important to note that private lands enrolled in Block Management are open for these opportunities if the landowner allows. There is NO mule deer doe harvest allowed in hunting districts 621 and 622.

10 COMMON MISTAKES

With all the rules and regulations that need to be followed regarding hunting big game in Montana, here are 10 problem areas, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks game wardens, that hunters seem to stumble over year after year.

- 1. TRESPASSING: Hunters must have permission of the landowner before hunting on private land. In Montana, private land does not have to be posted for a hunter to be guilty of hunting without permission. Ask first. It's up to us... respect access, protect the hunt!
- 2. SHOOTING FROM ROADS: State law makes it illegal for anyone to shoot

- on, from, or across a public road or right of way. The right of way generally lies between the fences on either side of the road. It's also known as the shoulder or borrow pit.
- 3. SUNRISE-SUNSET: Make sure of sunrise and sunset times. Big game season runs from one half hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset. Use only the sunrise-sunset tables supplied by FWP, not the sunset times shown on a cell phone
- or watch. 4. VALIDATING YOUR TAG: After harvesting a big game animal, hunters must validate their hunting tag before the carcass is removed or the person leaves the site of the kill. Proper validation means completely cutting out the date and month on the tag, or properly validating an E-tag. It also means thinking ahead so you don't, say, validate a deer tag for an elk. Excitement is no excuse. Starting last year, a validated tag DOES NOT need to be attached to the animal... it can instead accompany the carcass. If using E-tags, make sure to log in and download any tags BEFORE leaving
- cell service! 5. TAG YOUR OWN: Hunters must use their own tags when shooting an animal. Transferring licenses between spouses or using a family member's tag is illegal. Some states allow tagsharing, but not Montana.
- 6. DRIVING: Drive only on established roads. On public land, stay on the road. On private land, drive only where the landowner allows you to. Driving off a road is a sure way to make an enemy of a private landowner and probably get a ticket.
- 7. CHECK STATIONS: Hunters are required to stop at all check stations, going to or coming from the field, with or without game. Driving by a check station not only hurts FWP's efforts to gather data, but it is also illegal and can result in a ticket.
- 8. EVIDENCE OF SEX: When transporting a big game animal, evidence of the animal's sex must remain with the carcass if the license is for a specific sex of animal (like an antlerless deer). An either-sex license (like a general deer) does not require proof of sex. The proof of sex DOES NOT need to be attached to the carcass.
- 9. CARCASS DISPOSAL: To help prevent the spread of CWD, unused animal parts should remain at the kill site or be disposed of in a class II landfill after processing. It is illegal to dump carcass parts on public land away from the kill site.
- 10.HUNTER ORANGE: Big game hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange above the waist and visible from all sides. Keep in mind that a binocular harness or a backpack may "block out" some of the 400 square inches. A good idea is to hang an orange vest on a backpack and wear a hunter orange hat. Although it's not required for bird hunters, it's a good idea to put on some orange, at least a hat or vest.

If you make a mistake, such as accidentally harvesting a game animal that you didn't intend to, do the right thing and notify an FWP game warden, or go to www.tipmont.mt.gov and follow their instructions. Hunters should field dress the animal but DO NOT transport the animal until vou've received instructions.

To learn more, see the 2024 deerelk-antelope regulations here: https://fwp mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwp/hunt/ regulations/2024/2024-dea-regulationsfinal-for-web-with-webquality-maps.pdf







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