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Employers should confirm your vendor table by contacting Leslie at the Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce at



406-222-0850; you can also stop by the office at 303 East Park St. in Livingston, or call Ellen with the Job Service in Bozeman at 406-582-9237.

If you are one of the employees affected, please put on your business casual or construction clean, and meet the local businesses looking to fill employment opportunities in Park County. You can learn about many potential employers in one place as well as discover what they have to offer. Maybe you can find your next dream job right around the corner!



Gardiner School Community and Lady Bruins Announce Fundraiser to benefit the Shields Valley Community

Tess Thomas, assistant coach of the Gardiner Lady Bruins volleyball team and former Head Coach of the Shields Valley Lady Rebels volleyball team, announced today that Gardiner School will hold a silent pie auction and fundraiser to benefit the families of Shannon Vincent and Shields Valley senior Keegan Sarrazin-Jarvis.

Shannon Vincent passed away last week after a hard-fought and extremely courageous battle against cancer. Keegan Sarrazin-Jarvis was taken way too early on Sunday as a result of a car accident.

There will be two silent pie auctions taking place at the October 24th and October 26th Gardiner Bruins home volleyball games.

In addition to the silent pie auction fundraiser, there will be a donation bin



and a 50/50 raffle during the last four home games this season, and the public can also purchase ribbons for sale to support the two families.

All proceeds will be divided between the families. Open your pockets if you can and help support the Shields Valley Community.

Public Input Is Encouraged for the Area Behind the Civic Center in Miles Park

by Patricia Grabow

Few might be aware – given the sparse attendance at the September 18th public meeting on the topic that the city of Livingston hired a consultant, David Locke of Stockwell Engineers, to help Livingston create a Parks Master Plan. The city called it a “forward-looking initiative designed to ensure our park system meets the needs of our growing community for the next decade and beyond.”

Despite the small crowd, Mr. Locke said that he would be open to getting additional ideas on the future of our Livingston parks. Stockwell Engineers is okay with accepting additional input through October 2024, so now is your

chance to participate, but if you’re interested, time is short, so don’t put it off. In December they plan to present their final report back to the city.

I was having a conversation about this and think one example might be options, balanced with access parking, to further beautify the area behind the Civic Center and bandshell. The Farmers Market has talked about expanding the green space for their 17 events a year, which was mentioned to some degree at the public meeting. The city growth policy wisely keeps the historic Civic Center and Bandshell buildings, but there might be room for at least some variety of aesthetic landscaping improvements. What would you like to see?



Other parks throughout the city could still benefit from suggestions too, but if you felt inspired, we’ve included a map (above) of Miles Park you could sketch ideas on too, to cut out and drop off with the PCCJ at the

Main Print Shop at 108 North Main Street, for relaying for Mr. Locke’s attention. But we’ll admit to being curious about inspirations for this park area and might sneak in a peek first. Have fun!

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Yellowstone Experience School Will Move Forward With Submission to the State

by Tony Crowder
Managing Editor



Organizers of the Yellowstone Experience School gathered at the Park County High School Library on Wednesday, October 9th in anticipation of a decision by the school board to support the group's application for chartership through the Montana Department of Public Education. The Montessori-Project-Based charter school is seeking funding and facility provisions prior to initiating enrollment for students in Fall 2025.

The discussion was led by Superintendent of Schools Chad Johnson, who has met with organizers on multiple occasions since July 2023 to assess the feasibility of absorbing the school within the Park County district, the implication of which would be sharing a portion of it's state-level funding with the charter institution, as well as assuming various administrative duties and facility provisions. Alternative educational program organizers, according to state law, must first seek support through their local school district prior to applying for chartership.

Though optimistic regarding the group's intention to expand educational opportunities for children in Park County, a vision he claimed is shared by himself and the school board, Johnson maintained skepticism concerning the uncertainty surrounding the charter school's adoption without knowledge regarding the potential consequences of such a decision. He said, "opinions [regarding the Yellowstone Experience School] can't necessarily support facts or details that we are unaware of."

He began the conversation by stating that due to recent funding challenges, his primary concerns for recommending the school board adopt the charter are resource related—specifically, staffing and facility provisions. Citing alternative instructional delivery methods implemented in East Helena, he continued by claiming that the 15 to 17 charter programs recently approved by the Department of Public Education had been established prior to the state legislatures decision to instate the application process, and that these institutions have long possessed the infrastructure and personnel necessary to support such programs.

Johnson noted that current funding deficits in conjunction with state accreditation standards (applicable to sanctioned charter schools) would only serve to magnify the district's staffing difficulties. He claimed that not only does the district lack sufficient facilities, expanding the student body to include charter students would require hiring additional educators and para-support professionals like counselors. The district's current staffing, he says, has been reduced and eliminated to the bare minimum for meeting accreditation

standards (one instructor for every 20 students). Accordingly, the charter school's proposal of two instructors per 30 students is impracticable given the district's financial circumstances.

Complicating matters further, any donations secured by charter organizers would become public funding and spent at the discretion of the school board, highlighting the potential shortcomings of private funding if directed without respect to benefactor objectives.

He concluded that discussions moving forward must include the

application was issued and seconded prior to public commentary (required for initiating public comment) during which several proponents of the school spoke on its behalf, stressing the importance and necessity of alternative education in Park County, invoking personal testimony or anecdotal evidence of its benefits for students whose educational needs extend beyond the scope of traditional learning models.

A member of the Yellowstone Experience School spoke of her recent experience traveling to St. Louis, Missouri, where she met with fellow charter organizers to discuss program design and implementation. One organizer with whom she spoke emphasized garnering approval through local school boards to encourage private donations, contending that some donor commitments may be contingent upon district support.

One advocate acknowledged the district's financial issues but praised charter school organizers fundraising efforts as evidence for its potential success. He further admonished the school board, saying that failure to expand

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examination of existing models and potential supportive elements to determine optimal implementation strategies for potential future alternative education programs in Park County.

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To have a wreath placed on Veteran's grave in Park County, or if you would like to honor an unassigned Veteran you can do so by purchasing a wreath for \$17. There is an option to buy 3 for \$35. Local cemeteries must be participating in order for the wreaths to be placed. In our area we have the following cemeteries participating: Wilsall, Clyde Park, Calgary (Catholic), Mountain View (including the military section) and this year Park View. When you purchase unassigned wreaths, the Legion will coordinate the distribution. If you would like to place the wreath yourself for an assigned veteran, or volunteer to help, simply contact the Legion.

You can order wreaths online at www.wreathsassamerica.org/MT0036 using a credit card. Locally, order forms are available at The Legion and The Elks Lodge where you can pay with cash or check. **The orders must be placed by November 29th**, but don't wait until the last minute.

If you would like to honor a Veteran at one of the national cemeteries: Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Culpeper National Cemetery or Quantico National Cemetery you can go online to directly WreathsAcrossAmerica.org.

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Community School Collaborative Kicks Off Exciting Fall Programs For Youth

Community School Collaborative (CSC) has kicked off an exciting lineup of fall programs designed to inspire, educate, and empower local youth. With a variety of interactive experiences, CSC is making a meaningful impact on the lives of students and offering unique opportunities



for career exploration and personal growth.

In September, CSC partnered with Svalinn for a special pop-up event featuring their renowned protection dogs. Students had the chance to engage with the expert trainers and learn about working dogs' role in

personal safety and careers in animal care and training. The event offered students an unforgettable hands-on experience and a glimpse into potential career paths.

In October, CSC hosted a Sewing Pop-Up Club, where students learned practical sewing skills from local artisans. The club provided a creative outlet while teaching valuable life skills and highlighting careers in fashion, design, and entrepreneurship.

On October 8th, CSC held its Cougar Career Day for 6th-grade students at Sage Lodge. The event offered an opportunity for students to explore various career paths in hospitality and tourism through interactive stations led by industry professionals. Special thanks to Jon Martin and Sage Lodge for their support in making this event possible. It was a day full of inspiration and discovery for the students, helping them build connections between education and future career opportunities.

Coming up on October 25th, CSC



will host its first-ever Shark Tank Jr. event, where young entrepreneurs ages 11-14 will pitch their innovative ideas to a panel of judges. Students will have two minutes to present their concepts, followed by three minutes of Q&A. Winners will receive \$100, with runners-up receiving \$25. The event will be held from 5 pm to 8 pm at

The 1900 event space in Livingston. Don't miss this exciting chance to support our young innovators—tickets are on sale now!

To purchase tickets and support CSC's Shark Tank Jr. event, visit csc4kids.org.

For more information about our programs or to get involved, please email Emily Contreras at emily@csc4kids.org



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First Peoples Buffalo Jump Seeks Volunteers for Trail Work & Grooming

First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park is seeking volunteers to assist with trail work this fall.

Saturday, Nov. 9th, volunteers are needed to work on trails damaged during the summer, and also to prepare the trails for winter. Work will begin at 10 am and



cocoa and cookies will be provided.

Work is weather-dependent, and volunteers should wear long pants, sturdy close-toed shoes or boots, and bring plenty of water, snacks, sunscreen, and

anything else they would like to have for a few hours of trail work.

Tools and gloves will be provided. Participation in these events will require varying degrees of physical labor, including digging, bending, lifting, and the use of trail tools.

The park asks visitors to be mindful of the days when work is occurring, as they may see increased activity around trailheads and on trails, encounter volunteers working along the trails, and notice more movement of staff vehicles.

For more information or to RSVP, contact recreation manager Clark Carlson-Thompson at (406) 866-2217.

First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park is located 3.5 miles north of Ulm, just off Interstate 15 at exit 270. Find out more about the park at fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/first-peoples-buffalo-jump



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Dumplings—Oh, Yeah!

by Jill-Ann Ouellette

The moment someone mentions ‘dumplings’ my thoughts veer in the direction of Chinese dumplings (wontons). Are they the most famous dumpling in America? I wonder.

Dumplings exist in other cuisines across the globe, in various shapes, sizes and flavors. According to Wiki, dumplings are a broad class of dishes that consist of cooked dough, made from a variety of starchy sources, often individually wrapped around a filling. The dough can be bread-based with wheat or other flours, or potatoes, and can be filled with meat, fish, tofu, fruit, cheese or vegetables—or a combination of these. They can be an appetizer, a main course, a side dish or a dessert. While the term dumpling emerged in the English language in the 17th century, where it referred to a small lump of dough cooked by simmering or steaming, they’ve



Chinese Wontons

been around for centuries longer. The techniques of preparation have evolved, and today usually include boiling, baking, or frying.

Understanding its definition, you can probably put a lot of your favorite foods into this category without realizing it... read on.

Here in America, dumplings may be of the filled-pastry type (usually baked), or they may be

little pieces of dough (like gnocchi, closely related to noodles and pasta) added to a savory or sweet dish, in which case they are usually boiled.

Let’s talk sweet. Baked sweet dumplings are a popular dessert in American cuisine. They are made by wrapping fruit, often a whole tart apple, in pastry, then baking until the pastry is browned and the filling is tender—the ultimate Apple Dumpling. (Doesn’t this sound like pie, too?) While baking, the dumplings may be surrounded by, and even basted in a sweet sauce, typically containing brown sugar, butter, and cinnamon, or other spices. Popular sweet pairings are strawberries, blueberries, apples, and blackberries. I’m leaning toward a blueberry tart or turnover at the moment.



Delicious Apple Dumpling

Now we’re ready for savory dumplings. How about pizza rolls, a popular, prepared store-bought snack food. What about a pig in a blanket? And there is, of course, dumplings with chicken stew that are considered by many to be the ultimate comfort food, and if you’ve ever bitten into a doughy broth-soaked dumpling on a cold fall or winter day, you might be inclined to agree. Dropped dumplings are also called “doughboys.” This is the magic of creating the gravy of this famous dish.



Savory Chicken Stew and Dumplings courtesy of lamhomesteader.com

Other common savory pairings, particularly in the midwestern and southern US, are turkey, ham, beef (pasties), and butterbeans. Dumplings also are featured in regional stews of the Midwest and South called “burgoos.” Further north, dumplings are frequently served with beef, corned-beef, and duck stews.



Bolivian Pasties

If you have a trip around the world planned, let’s translate the local dumpling menu item for you: siomay (Indonesian), cyoza, gyoza (Japan), guotie, jiaozi and wonton (a few from China), jurze and pelmeni (Russia), manti (Turkey), pierogi (Poland), ravioli, tortellini and gnocchi (Italy), momo (India), banku and kenkey (Africa). Be adventurous on the road!



Italian Tortellini Salad

Dumplings—no matter their cooking method or filling—are an international foodie phenomenon that has been popular for centuries. They’re delicious and can be prepared nutritiously. Today, there are many healthier flour options and organic fillings readily available to step up the nutrient value. So, go ahead and indulge in your favorite variety of dumplings this fall. I can’t wait for The Wok to open back up for a plate of wontons!

YUMMY

Recipe by
Carla Williams

RECIPE CORNER

Tunnel of Fudge Cake


Cake

- 1 ¾ cup sugar
- 1 ¾ cup soften butter
- 6 eggs—room temperature
- 2 cups powder sugar
- 2 ¼ cup all purpose flour
- ½ tsp salt
- ¾ cup cocoa powder
- 2 cups chopped walnuts

Glaze

- 1. ¾ cup powder sugar
- 2. ¼ cup cocoa powder
- 3. 4-6 tsp milk

Mix items in order to make batter. Pour into a well-greased bundt pan, smooth top. Bake in a preheated oven 350 degrees for 55-60



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minutes. Check with a toothpick for doneness. Take out and let cool for 10 minutes before turning onto a plate to cool completely. Mix glaze and pour over top. Dig in!

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Looking Back *with Lindie*

With the up and coming Presidential election, my thoughts go back to 1960; it was my second grade year at West Side School with my teacher Mrs. Kathryn Shelley... and the very first time I voted...

I remember Mrs. Shelley going to the chalkboard and writing "Nixon" and then writing "Kennedy." And we were

to write one name or the other on our unofficial ballots to vote for President. I started to write "Kennedy." I don't know why I chose that name, but then I had a second thought—that name was too long to write, and so I took my pencil and erased the "Ken" and wrote "Nixon." Little did we know Kennedy would become our next President. Then within a few years, he became the second US President to be assassinated while in office. It's interesting that former President Trump has had two assassination attempts—while on the campaign trail.

Mrs. Shelley was a very thoughtful, gentle, and kind teacher. She started her teaching career when she was single, "Miss Sprunger." In 1956, she would marry Clarence Shelley. (Who was a single parent widower as his wife passed away from cancer.) Clarence courted and married Miss Sprunger and she instantly was married and a mother of three young children who had lost their birth mother.

Kathryn Sprunger was born in Indiana on September 4, 1909;



West Side School's Second Grade with Mrs. Shelley in the 1960-61 school year
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Front Row: Steve Mattocks, Bill Strong, Mike Hartman, Don Olinger, Al Hogg, Jon Peterson, Jerry Peterson and Jim(?) Chapel



Mrs. Shelley is pictured here in 2019, in her home with three of her former grade school students from the graduating class of 1960, the year she was my second grade teacher. Pictured here are Sandy (Winship) Alderman, Colleen (Murphy) Roark and Gretchen (Lueck) Downer, all students of hers from 1950.

she and her family moved to Montana in 1912. They lived on a ranch in the Shields Valley, then on to a homestead in Potter Basin. In 1916, they moved to Wilsall, and then into Livingston in 1924. Kathryn Sprunger graduated from Park County High School and went on to attend Normal College (a 2-year school) where she earned a teaching certificate, graduating in 1929.

Miss Sprunger began her teaching career in rural schools, and eventually in Livingston public schools until World War II. She moved to Seattle and worked for Boeing on B-17's as a "Rosie the Riveter." After the war, she moved to California where she painted pottery and did wax carvings for jewelry. In 1945, she returned to Montana and

continued her teaching career.

She married Clarence F. Shelley in Livingston. The couple had no children together, but she raised Clarence's children. Mrs. Shelley retired from teaching in 1968. Clarence died in 1986. The street running west to east from South 12th to South 9th was named Clarence Drive, in his honor, following suit with Cambridge and Crawford, but later, the powers that be changed that part of street to River Drive.

Kathryn Shelley died on November 12, 2021, at the age of 112 years, 69 days. To date she is the oldest known woman to ever die in Montana. She certainly left a legacy of school memories to generations of Livingston families.

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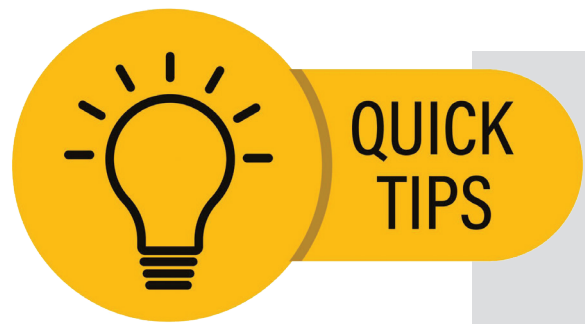
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with Daryn Hendrickson

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coverage protects only the farm personal property that you specifically ask your agent to insure. Examples include tractors, balers, swathers, tools, and the commodities you farm, such as hay, livestock, grains, etc. Farm personal property may also include accidental drowning of livestock, borrowed farm equipment, and property that is off-premises.

Farm Buildings and Structures
- Not including your dwelling, this includes the farm buildings or structures that you specifically want coverage for, such as barns, grain bins, loafing sheds, shops, garages, etc.

LOSS SETTLEMENT FOR FARM PROPERTY: In the industry, there are generally multiple ways to insure that will be a determining factor on how the insurance company is going to pay you in the event of a loss: **Limited**

Replacement Cost and a Depreciated Loss Settlement. This is very important, so make sure to confirm this with your insurance professional and find out if replacement cost is available.

Limited Replacement Cost – Pays the cost to repair or replace damaged property at the time of loss, if actually replaced, up to the limit the item is scheduled for.

Depreciated Loss Settlement
– Pays the cost to repair or replace damaged property, less depreciation at the time of loss, up to the limit the item is scheduled for.

OTHER INSIGHTS – Make sure to talk to your agent about crop insurance for those seasonal and year-round commodities that you have worked so hard form as well as Workman's Compensation coverage for your employees or seasonal workers.

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Park City-County Health Emergency Plan Approved

by Tony Crowder
Managing Editor

A controversial isolation and quarantine plan was approved during the quarterly city-county health department meeting on October 8th. The plan, an annex to the Park City-County Health Department's Emergency Operations Plan, is meant to provide regulatory guidance and structure to health officials in the event of any future communicable disease outbreak or pandemic, which includes the "initiation, contin-

uance and release of persons under isolation or quarantine." The plan's introduction includes definitions for provocative terminology like community control, described as "actions limiting public movements as necessary to enact Isolation or Quarantine, such as, but not limited to, cancellation of public gatherings or screening individuals for symptoms," institutional controls, a legal or regulatory mechanism designed to protect public health and safety or the environment as defined by the law, and sanitary perimeter

or "a boundary established by the Park City-County Health Officer to prohibit or restrict movement of people, animal, vehicles, or materials that may spread a communicable disease." It's purpose describes the circumstances under which community leadership may be required to enact protocols to prevent the spread of disease. Specifically, this includes the criteria used to determine when isolation and quarantine, both voluntary and involuntary, is deemed necessary by the health department, and how such procedures

will be carried out. The plan further outlines the roles and responsibilities of the health department and its affiliates, mechanisms for supporting home-based isolation and quarantine, and communication strategies between the PCCHD, governmental entities, media outlets and the public. The plan reflects updated guidelines published by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in March 2024, which describes isolation and quarantine as effective strategies for

[See Emergency Plan, Page 20](#)

FWP, Montana Audubon Center to Host Bat-Stravaganza October 24th

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Montana Audubon Center are hosting Bat-Stravaganza, a family-friendly event focused on learning about and celebrating bats. The free event will take place Thursday, Oct. 24th, at the Montana Audubon Center (7026 S. Billings Blvd.) from 6-8 pm. All ages are welcome.

Participants at Bat-Stravaganza will learn about benefits of and threats to bats, play educational games, explore a "bat cave," and make bat-themed crafts. Halloween costumes are encouraged. Prizes, snacks, and fun giveaways will be available.

Bats provide a variety of benefits to humans and the ecosystem, such as crop protection, insect pest control and pollination. In Montana, there are 15 different species of bats, 11 of which are considered "Species of Concern" due to threats such as habitat loss and white nose syndrome. For more information on bats in Montana, visit:



fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management/bats.

Bat-Stravaganza will take place during Bat Week, an international, annual celebration held the last week of October. The goal of Bat Week is to raise awareness about bat conservation and improve public perception of these unique and important animals. For more information on Bat Week, visit: batweek.org.

There is no cost to attend this event, but donations are welcome and registration is encouraged. Register online <https://www.eventbrite.com/> and search bat-stravaganza in Billings, MT.

SHIELDS VALLEY EVENTS

- **October 21st** Elementary/high School Girls Basketball practice starts in Clyde Park 4:15 pm
- **October 21st** Elementary/high school Parents/ Athlete Meeting in Clyde Park 5:45 pm
- **October 23rd**, Adult Ed Boot Camp, Wilsall Gym 6pm
- **October 24th** Varsity Volleyball in Sheridan 5:30 pm
- **October 25th** Varsity Football in Custer 7 pm
- **October 26th** JV/V Volleyball in Gardiner, 5 pm
- **October 28th** Outage Alert from Park Electric Cooperative for Clyde Park and Wilsall Members (Information below).
- **October 30th** Adult Ed Boot Camp Wilsall Gym 6 pm

The second outage will take place on October 28th, it will start at 9 am and end at 11 am. This outage will last an estimated 2 hours.

The outages will affect the following areas. Town of Clyde Park, Town of Wilsall, Upper Shields, Bridger Canyon Road area, Flathead Pass Area, Sedan, Fairy Creek area, Horse Creek, Brackett Creek area, Rock Creek Area, Cottonwood Bench, Ibex, Chicken Creek, Tobin Creek, Fiddle Creek, Falls Creek, Shields River Road East, Upper end of Adair Creek, Upper Willow Creek, Bangtail Creek, Castle Mountain Areas, Queen Lane, members between Clyde Park and Wilsall.

Phone Calls will be made to members affected starting today. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your patience, while the Northwestern crews safely make the needed upgrades to the substation that feeds our substations.

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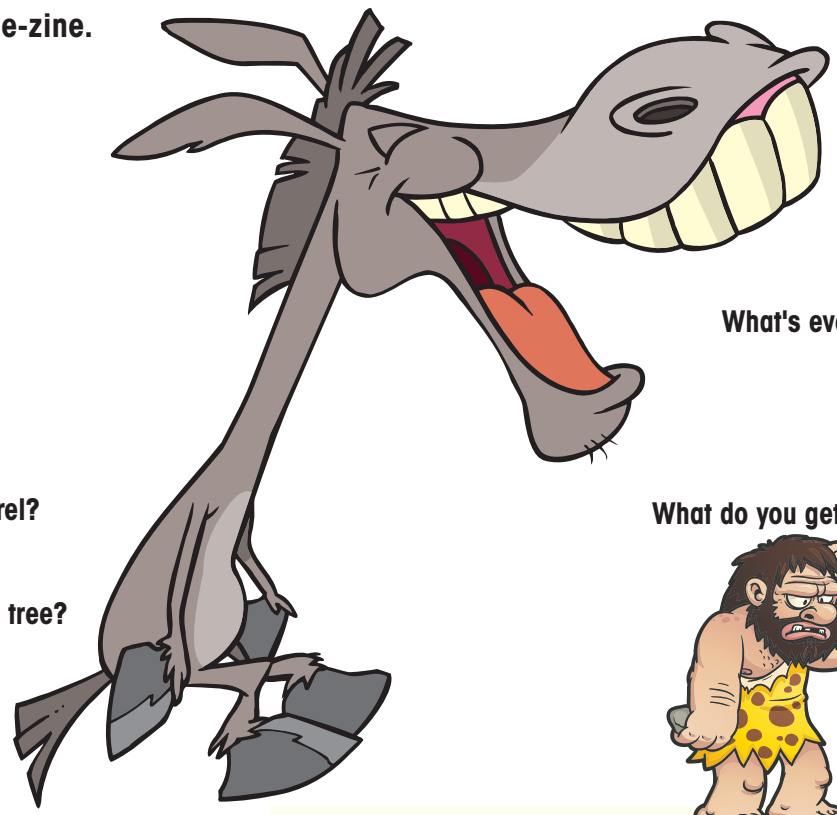
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By Kim Bongiorno for What to Expect e-zine.

Tree Jokes

- What's the best kind of tree joke?
Acorny one.
- Why did the oak tree take a nap?
For rest.
- What's a tree's favorite drink?
Root beer.
- What did the acorn say to the nosy squirrel?
There's nuttin' to see here.
- Why didn't the maple tree trust the pine tree?
Because it was unbe-leaf-able.
- Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Leaf.
Leaf who?
Leaf me alone, I'm trying to tell a joke!



Apple Jokes

- What kind of apple doesn't love the beach?
A crab apple.
- How much did the boy like eating the apple?
All the way to his core.
- What's even worse than finding a worm in your apple?
Finding half a worm.
- What's the best way to look for an apple?
Keep your eyes peeled.
- What do you get when you eat too many apple cider donuts?
You get autumny ache.



Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Hannah.
Hannah who?

Hannah me one of those apples. I'm hungry!



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Jokes from Lindie

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1. All three ballot initiatives will change the Montana Constitution and cannot be tweaked or changed until another ballot initiative gets enough signatures to make it onto the ballot which at the earliest won't be until 2026—assuming it gets the signatures to be on the ballot then.

2. **Primaries are NOT GENERAL ELECTIONS. PRIMARIES ARE MEANT FOR POLITICAL PARTIES AND FOR THE MEMBERS OF THOSE POLITICAL PARTIES TO SELECT THEIR TOP CANDIDATE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION.**

General elections are for all the people to decide who their favorite candidate is regardless of which party the candidates is a member.

a. Political Parties are important because they educate voters through published platforms so you know where they stand on the issues that are important to you as a voter.

b. Political Parties have the ability to hold their candidates accountable for not adhering to their platform. CI-126 takes away all those checks and balances in the current party system and will only make matters worse.

3. Politicians lie enough as it is. CI-126 will make it vastly easier for them to lie about where they stand on the issues and how they will vote. Voters will be less informed as primary elections will allow candidates to hide who they really are

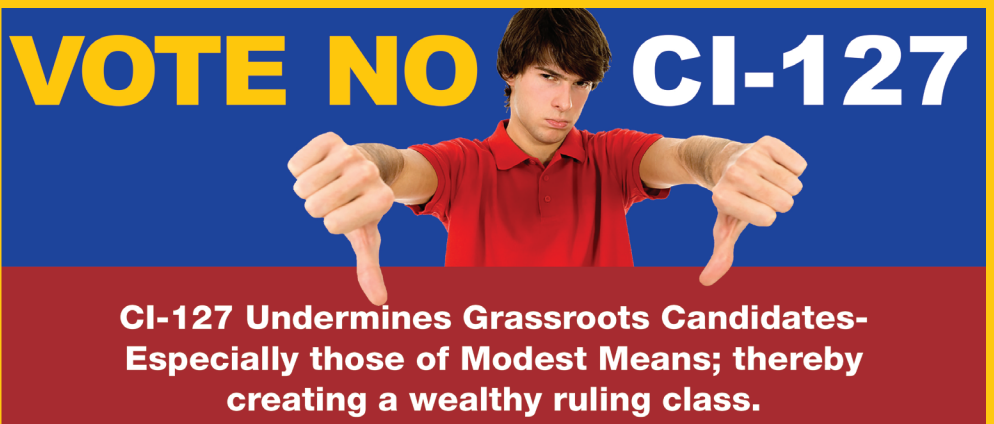
by not having to declare a political party preference.

4. CI-126 will make political parties obsolete because candidates will not run as Republican, Democrat or any other party.

a. Voters won't know if a candidate is really conservative or socialist or anything else. Essentially, everyone is non-partisan and can say whatever they want about where they stand on the issues, but the voters will never really know until after they take office (remember Obamacare, you have to pass it before you can know what's in it?).

b. CI-126 essentially creates an open primary where every person regardless of party decides who will be on the November ballot in the general election. That means no party is guaranteed to be on the ballot in the general election. It will also lead to confusion among voters as to who is really a Democrat or Republican and in certain cases it will incentivize lying about which party you truly belong to in order to get enough votes in the primary.

5. **Soros backed Sixteen Thirty Fund spent over \$100k backing CI-126 and CI-127.**



CI-127 is about requiring candidates to achieve a majority vote instead of a plurality. Montana's governmental system operates on a plurality voting principle. The term 'plurality' indicates that the candidate with the highest number of votes, in comparison to their competitors, is declared the winner.

However, a 'majority' stipulates that irrespective of the number of candidates, the winning candidate must secure at least 50.1% of the total votes. If no candidate reaches this threshold initially, a run-off election is held among the top two contenders until one acquires at least 50.1% of the total votes.

Elections cost money, as evidenced by Montana's 2024 Senate race where the final tally may reach over \$75 million by election day (at \$57 million plus as of July 17, 2024). If CI-127 passes, the likely beneficiary will be the wealthiest candidates or the candidate that sells his/her soul to the most donors and is able to raise the most money.

Neither of those options lead us to the best candidate to represent "We the People" versus "We the donor class." Not only does the good grassroots candidate lose, so do the voters.

If CI-127 passes, consider how much more often this intriguing strategy will be used by major parties who cleverly stimulate a third candidate to participate in their adversary's primary, or even in a general election. By encouraging a third-party candidate to enter the race, they cleverly divert votes away from their opponent. This brilliant move often splits the vote, leading to a compelling need for a run-off election.

The complexity of politics might appear daunting, but understanding

these tactics can equip you with the knowledge necessary to navigate the political landscape and understand why **CI-127 IS A BAD IDEA AND WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE NO!**

Imagine a scenario where the primary victor has diminished time to face their real competitor in the general election. Not only does this decrease competition, but it also escalates financial pressure on the victorious candidate. They are effectively participating in three races - the primary, the general, and potentially a primary challenge run-off and or a general election run-off. This situation demands a significant increase in fundraising efforts to secure a win. Consider the implications on grassroots candidates of modest means.

Consider the implications of another round of fundraising and additional advertisements. The victorious candidate will be compelled to devote more time on the campaign trail, detracting from their valuable desk time for preparing bills for the upcoming legislative session. Moreover, the ripple effect extends to the general public, as they're left in uncertainty about their representative for several months following the regular general election.

Not only does this cost the local or county taxpayers potentially millions more to run additional elections, but it also delays the ability of a party's candidate to start campaigning against their opponent(s) in the general election. This delay not only hurts that party's ability to campaign against their opponents, but it also delays their ability to raise funds for their general election campaign and gives a distinct advantage to the wealthiest candidate who can self-fund or raise the most money.



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5. **Removes Women's Rights** - Women who are injured or killed by their abortionist will lose any right to legal recourse.

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What CI-128 is about:

Millions of dollars from Illinois, California and other liberal states are pouring into Montana to enshrine into our state constitution, tax payer funded abortion up till the moment of birth, for any reason. This is not about reproductive rights. This initiative is extreme abortion for any reason.

CI-128 would allow abortions, for any reason at all levels of development and would NOT allow a baby that could survive outside the womb to be saved. It would allow for a baby that could be saved and adopted to be dismembered or denied the care it needs to survive.

IT'S THE THOUGHT that counts... actually multiples... and more

by Joyce Johnson

They say we are re-creating our world with our thoughts, and the fuel of emotion (energy in motion) make thoughts manifest one way or another. *Phew!* Our world right now is dealing with, I believe, indigestible, unbelievably negative thoughts which caused events that are incomprehensible if not unspeakable. You blink, but nod.

But I just got interrupted by my inner comedian, (who monitors my column) with this famous quote from the beloved comedy team, "Laurel and Hardy." When they were in trouble, which was most of the time, Olie used to say

to Stanley, "What a revoltin' development this is!" or, "Well! This is a fine mess you've gotten us into!" And Stanley's face always crumbled into a sob as tho it was his fault, which come to think of it, that was blame projection... Olie! Change your thought!

But how do you change your thoughts? Don't they just land like birds coming to perch on the fence? Seems like it, but trendy psychobabble says that our observations, good, bad, true or false, are formed from several sources; they bounce off your own experiences, and project outward like on Stanley, as well as from a big theater of media input. But, all are dealt with by our brain as follows—it searches the files to gather more of the same kind of thought to present to you. A simple example I understand is this one which we all pout about now and then, "Things are not working out the way I wanted!" Brain then sends down the chute more thoughts about things that aren't working and you frown and get into a funk. What you are thinking and feeling will draw more of itself to you unless you nip it in the bud. Positive thoughts are therefore recommended that you pivot to, asap, and I must say, "duh."

Hey! Nobody wants to play in your sandbox, Joyce! Who said that? Oh yeah, the snitty inner critic, which I believed for a moment, so brain checked the files and sent down this memory of me sitting alone in a sandbox at the park, with a little red shovel



spooning the cool white sand over my little fingers. But now, other lonely memories are gathering like rain clouds: 1) the heartbreak in my early teens when my first boyfriend's parents broke us up. I went into my dark closet and cried into my clothes, feeling small again... like another memory. 2) I was a little girl and occasionally sleepwalked into that same closet and woke up frightened of the dark. And then 3) the day a mean kid locked me in a closet in her house, up the street. But I'm off on a sad trip into closets now, aren't I? Gad. That's enough, thanks, brain. I get it.

So just change your thought JJ! Okay. I shall re-play my favorite memory for you: I was 19, and ran laughing, OK screaming, into the cold... but adored pearly, foaming, bottle green waves at the So. Calif. beach of my upbringing, listening to the symphony of the sea that mimicked a thousand violins,

and did a perfect racing dive under the first breaker, and floated into and over the next one, and finally caught the real big one cresting just in time to ride it in, and back out again, playing with the waves (of life) until at last exhausted, as well as alkalyzed, I flopped on the warm sand

under the sun, next to my best friend, Mom, siblings, PBJ's, cookies, koolaid, and Chrisy, our little terrier whose joy in life was running along the shoreline with Mom, and chasing the seagulls to rise up in squawking, flapping flight, but only pretending fright. I pictured that scene at the beach often throughout my adult years. Here in Montana too, I once ran screaming silently into the cold river at 9th St. Island beach, where I did laps around the sandbar. This *joy of the beach* thoughts continued and manifested as a return to So. Calif for a last visit about 10 years ago, where I ran into the timeless surf—of course.

Many of our Wise Ones say *Creation was born of thought*, which I like better than the sudden big bang thing, tho I suppose a big thought would cause a big bang? It's um... science. I was once told that we are *Chips Off The Old Block*, therefore co-creative, which is refreshingly simple, and supports the "think positive" theory. Metaphysical authors, sports and life coaches say, "look at reality, and then choose a positive thought and mentally pivot your attention to it." A good tool of navigation, and it's just real good for your health too, which is enough for many.

A book I just finished reading by Montana spiritual novelist, Patrick Rogers, who writes great stories, quoted Lau Tzu,

author of The Tao Te Ching, at the end, who said, **"Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words; they become action. Watch your actions; they become habit. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny."** I smiled at how it matched the story in this weeks' writing, too.

I cannot imagine better use of that powerful gift in us, profoundly needed right now—the catching and managing of our own thoughts—supported by whatever path



you choose, but most important, a redirect of negative or fearful thought to hope, support of each other and all life on Earth; and the courage and Love to do it. It's what a person can actually DO about it all, and it feels great

knowing you are helping, that those thoughts will "get all over everyone," will multiply.

[Brain just sent an image of millions of beautiful sparks of the heart, freed, flowing, joining others; bright as the starry night sky... that gives way to the light of the rising Sun.]



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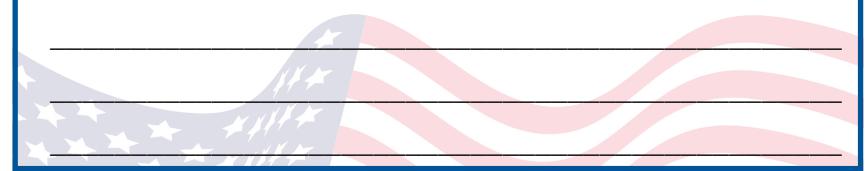
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WINTER WELLNESS: STAYING HEALTHY WITH ESSENTIAL OILS

By Shannon Kirby

We are in that time of year when colds and flus are in full swing and COVID is still in the mix. So as the leaves fall, the temperature drops and everyone around you start sneezing or coughing, you are wondering what you can do to protect yourself naturally from catching whatever is making the rounds or to feel better faster if you do catch it. Here are some things you can do to keep yourself healthy throughout this season.

Always go back to the basics.

- Make sure you are getting plenty of sleep—good quality rest is essential for our bodies to function at their best.
- You also need to be sure you are getting Vitamin D—so a walk outside everyday to soak up some sun is a great way to do that.
- Insure you are eating good, nutritious foods with plenty of

fresh fruits and vegetables every day.

- Stay well hydrated.
- Get regular exercise—get that heart rate up and sweat a little.
- Practice good hygiene which includes washing your hands with soap and water or, if that isn't possible, use some hand sanitizer to eradicate those germs.

Lot of folks don't realize that essential oils can be an excellent tool to have in your toolbox this time of year. Many essential oils have wonderful antibacterial and antiviral properties that can help support your immune system and help fight off the bugs as well as help you keep your house extra clean and kick the germs to the curb. There have been studies that have demonstrated that specific essential oils can very effectively kill bacteria and other viruses. They are also helpful in relieving some of the symptoms of colds and flu.

You wake up and you think, "Uh

oh... I think I am catching something." You know the feeling; it might be a headache or perhaps a scratchy throat and runny nose. There are many symptoms you might need relief from... congestion... fever... chills... aches...

Tea Tree essential oil is great for helping with easier breathing. It has excellent antibacterial, antiseptic, antimicrobial and antiviral properties; it is a real powerhouse. You can diffuse it, you can add a couple drops to some Epsom salt in a hot bath, or you can add a drop or two to some lotion and apply to your chest.

Peppermint essential oil has antiviral and antiseptic properties and can help ease breathing, and if you have a fever, it can help to cool you. Again, in a diffuser it is helpful to aid in easier breathing, and in a bath to help cool you when you are too warm.

My favorite essential oil to aid with breathing and congestion is doTERRA's Breathe. I use it in my diffuser. I use the stick on my chest or rub a little oil into my chest with lotion. It is amazing!

Lavendar along with peppermint can be very effective at helping to ease head and neck tension or pain.

Lavendar is a good choice to add to a hot bath to promote relaxation and calming and to prepare for a night of sleep.

Thyme essential oil is a rockstar oil to help reduce congestion and make breathing easier and it can help ease a cough.

Eucalyptus essential oil is another good choice to use in a diffuser to help fight congestion. It has a cooling, menthol aroma that aids in clearing

congestion.

Cinnamon essential is an excellent choice. A 2010 study found that a combination of cinnamon, clove and wild orange essential oils were effective in reducing viral molecules by up to 90% (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2994788/>). It is also an excellent choice to help warm you up if you are suffering the chills.

Sandalwood essential oil is a great addition to a diffuser or rubbed onto your chest in some lotion as it is a natural expectorant so it will help with coughs and mucus.

My all-time favorite oil blend for immune-boosting is doTERRA's OnGuard. I use it A LOT. In a hot cup of tea. In a diffuser. It is a blend of essential oils that really work to help support your immune system. Honestly, I have not been sick enough to stay home from work, or even stay in bed, for eight years. And I credit a lot of that to OnGuard.

I have been beyond delighted by the number of people I get reaching out with questions, wanting samples or wanting to tell me how much they enjoyed reading my articles. Please keep reaching out! If want to try an oil, if you need a hand scan, or for whatever other reason let me know.

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Tuesday, Oct. 22nd -
Polish sausage, sauerkraut, fries, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd -
Chicken fajitas, fixings, refried beans, fruit, dessert, milk

Thursday, Oct. 24th - Broccoli & cheese soup, fruit, milk

Friday, Oct. 25th - Pulled pork, coleslaw, fries, fruit, dessert, milk



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Park High Alumni Lily Weimer Earns Summer Internship with NBA Sacramento Kings

She Worked the Sixth Annual California Classic Summer League



Park County Dugout |
By: Jeff Schlapp

One of my favorite people, Lily Weimer, was home from college, and she agreed to meet and catch me up on her life and her summer, including her week in California spent as a physical therapist intern at the sixth annual California Classic Summer League with the NBA Sacramento Kings.

How cool is that!
Getting to rub shoulders with players from the NBA and learning what your dream job would be like—a physical therapist in the NBA.

Turns out, it's pretty demanding.
Lily Weimer is a 2023 Park High

graduate who excelled in soccer and basketball but made her future through academics. Taking AP classes during her junior and senior years, Lily earned 23 college credits at Park High and an academic scholarship to the University of Tampa in Florida.

Hoping to become a physical therapist, Weimer has been taking classes to prepare her for her next step after college:

earning her Doctor of Physical Therapy. Her summer internship will help her get into a good school for her Doctorate.

The sixth annual California Classic Summer League was held at Golden 1 Center in Sacramento, California, from July 6th to the 9th. It consisted of rookies selected in the 2024 NBA Draft and athletes competing to make NBA and

G League regular-season rosters for the Kings, Charlotte Hornets, San Antonio Spurs, and Chinese National Team.

"I was so excited to learn I got the internship," said Weimer. "When I was in high school, I dreamed of working in the NBA, but it was a dream. Then, I could go to Sacramento and work for my favorite NBA team; it was really special."

On the first day of her internship, she met members of the King's medical staff: the athletic trainers, physical therapists, chiropractors, strength and conditioning coaches, and two other interns. Later, she met the team's chefs and players.

"The players were very nice, friendly, and tall," Weimer told me. "But they were amazing to watch. We were rebounding for them during practices, and they worked so hard. We were usually there from 7 am to 11 pm. We could eat with the players, and the food was incredible. Every player has his preference, and it is cooked for him. The Kings run a great organization."

The Kings signed players to play on 10-day contracts, and their 2023 draft choice, Keon Ellis, was there. For you, NBA nerds who study every player (my son William), below is a list of players in camp for the Kings and who Weimer was able to meet and work with.

Weimer told me that her experience working for a week in the NBA was fun



2023 Park High Graduate Lily Weimer spent a week interning for the Sacramento Kings medical staff during the sixth annual California Classic Summer League in Sacramento, California. Courtesy photo from Brooke Weimer.

SACRAMENTO KINGS ROSTER PLAYING AT GOLDEN 1 CENTER

NO.	PLAYER	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BIRTHDATE	COLLEGE/LAST TEAM/COUNTRY	EXP
50	Jo Lual-Acuil Jr.	C	7-0	210	4/26/94	Baylor/USA	R
24	Isaiah Crawford	F	6-6	220	11/1/00	Louisiana Tech/USA	R
34	TJ Bickerstaff	F	6-9	220	2/2/01	James Madison/USA	R
42	Lucas Dufault	F	6-6	200	4/18/03	JA Vichy/France	R
15	Boogie Ellis	G	6-1	190	12/12/00	USC/USA	R
23	Keon Ellis	G	6-5	175	1/08/00	Alabama/USA	2
32	Sehmus Hazer	G	6-3	198	2/15/99	Fenerbahçe S.K./Turkey	R
20	Colby Jones	G	6-6	205	5/28/02	Xavier/USA	1
17	Isaac Jones	F	6-9	245	4/11/00	Washington State/USA	R
8	Mason Jones	G	6-4	190	7/21/98	Arkansas/USA	4
19	Melvin Pantzar	G	6-3	196	4/10/00	Surne Bilbao Basket/Spain	R
44	Drew Timme	C	6-10	235	9/9/00	Gonzaga/USA	1

CAL CLASSIC HEAD COACH: Doug Christie (College - Pepperdine)
ASSISTANT COACHES: Lindsey Harding
Leandro Barbosa
Jimmy Alapag
Dipesh Mistry
Elijah Brown
Mate Jakab

and demanding. She saw firsthand how hard the players work and the habits that have led them this far in life, and she met some of the families they brought with them to the games. What impressed her the most was the player's and staff's attitude towards her. She told me they treated her like family, and the players, for all their accolades, were quite humble.

She learned what an NBA team's medical staff goes through and how they

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Lily Weimer

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prepare each player for practice and a game. The behind-the-scenes work that helps make players successful.

One of the oddities Weimer faced was that her parents had to travel with her. Weimer told me that because she's not 21 yet, the law in California forbade her from checking into a hotel, so her parents, Jay and Brooke Weimer, met her in Sacramento, and of course, they attended a game.

When we met, she told me she had returned home on the last flight out of Tampa to Bozeman the night before Hurricane Milton struck.

"I was at the airport at midnight,"

Weimer told me. "I got the last ticket out of Tampa on a direct flight. We were supposed to take a direct hit, but it turned away from Tampa. Living in Florida sounds strange, but I'm used to hurricanes; this one scared everyone, including me, so my parents brought me back home. Seeing some of my friends and catching up has been nice."



Lily Weimer interns as a Sacramento Kings medical staff member during the sixth annual California Classic Summer League in Sacramento, California. Courtesy photo from Brooke Weimer.

Tampa escaped the high winds but not the flood waters. High-water rescue efforts in the University area of Tampa continued throughout the week after Hurricane Milton flooded several neighborhoods. Weimer has returned to her off-campus apartment, which survived the hurricane and is ready to resume her studies.

What the future holds for Lily is unknown, but she is on her way to do something special. She hopes to work with athletes in some capacity as a physical therapist and is set to graduate from the University of Tampa a year early.

To practice as a physical therapist in the U.S., Weimer must earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree and pass a state licensure exam. Professional DPT programs typically last three years.

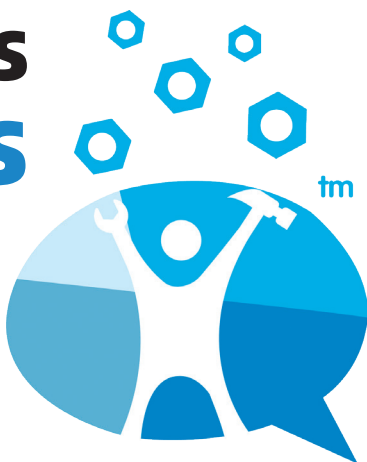
If you are reading this, Lily, there's a team on the north side of Chicago that you should look into. They don't play basketball, but they do play the greatest game ever invented—the Chicago Cubs.

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

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Communities that Care has 4 PAX Tools for Community Member Workshop dates via zoom scheduled and would appreciate your help in spreading the word! These workshops are free and open to any adult caring for, and working with, youth in any environment. The zoom dates are:

- Monday, November 4th from 9 – 11:30 am
- Monday, November 18th from 6:30- 9 pm
- Thursday, December 12th from 12:30 – 3 pm
- Tuesday, December 17th from 9 - 11:30 am



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NOTES: Senior Night

BRUINS

DATE: 10/18
Time: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Fromberg
OPPONENT: Fromberg
NOTES: Bus -3:15W, 3:30CP

REBELS

DATE: 10/18
Time: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Noxon
OPPONENT: Noxon
NOTES: N/A

Tony

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educational opportunities in Park County may result in large scale relocation efforts by parents—and consequentially, loss of taxpayer funding and essential employees—eventually affecting the school district and community at large. He said, "Money will get even tighter when people disappear from the county."

A parent whose child was recently removed from the public school system expressed that the board's reluctance to support the application created the impression that an "us-versus-them" mentality prevented cooperation between charter school organizers and the school board.

These statements were met with opposition from others who conveyed concern for the district's lack of material and financial resources and favor improving current educational offerings rather than creating alternative programs. Specifically, one educator spoke in support of the district's nationally acclaimed literacy program, praising its success and encouraging it's continued maintenance through increased funding. She commented that the program has equipped educators with the skills necessary to address a large diversity of challenges faced by students with special needs.

Others like her insisted that fiscal resources be funneled into current public education programs as opposed to further stressing the district's program offerings and funding. A school district advocate suggested widespread collaboration between public school educators and charter organizers for enhancing current educational offerings to ensure that each individual students needs were met.

Nonetheless, one parent insisted that the charter school organizers previous attempts to establish alternative educational programs in Park County serve as justification for reluctance to support the current application, further

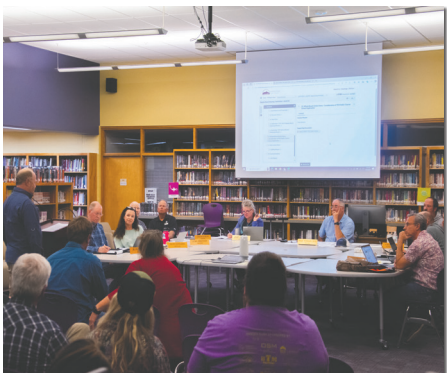


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questioning why the district should allocate fiscal resources and recruitment efforts to a failed model.

Following public commentary, district chair Dan Vermillion and other board members contributed by mimicking sentiments earlier expressed by Johnson—specifically, resource allocation and how the decision to support the charter application may affect current service provisions.

Vermillion pointed out that whether charter organizers received approval from the state wasn't contingent on the board's decision and that, through private funding, the school could function autonomously from the district.

Several board members sympathized with organizers, complimenting their energy and creativity, yet ultimately doubted whether adopting the school was sustainable or practical due to insufficient information, timing, spacing, and funding. Many defended current program offerings like those at WINANS, challenging charter school organizers to forego their mutiny and unite with local educators to achieve integration. One board member said, "We can't compromise what we have for the sake of an idea."

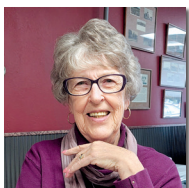
Though Johnson's final commentary echoed frustration at the unknown and the need for continued collaboration, the board unanimously denied support for the school, requiring charter organizers seek private funding and submit their application to the state independently.

“Enjoying the Journey”

by Lois Olmstead

Stress seems to be a word spoken or written frequently. It is not new. I think I used it often in the 60's when our boys were 3, 6 and 9. I lead a Tuesday Coffee Hour at the church I attend. My opening question last week was, “What relieves stress for you?” It was a great topic. There were so many good helpful suggestions and personal stories about coping with stress.

When one of the regulars shared his story, I knew you readers needed to hear it as well. I asked Paul Scuderi if he would write about his experience



and be our Time Out Guest Columnist this week. Thank you, Paul. Here it is:

Paul writes “I’m a retired electrical contractor who specialized in the installation of Siemens energy management systems. My work is contingent upon other trades’ completions, which puts my work just before completion of the entire project.”

“It was August of 2000, and one of my projects was the Redskins Training Facility in Ashburn VA. Completion date was August 30th, which was tight and put it right smack dab among employees’ vacations. Mine too, so it was imperative, being there was a large daily fine to go past the completion date, to coordinate the project/vacations. I was thrown a

monkey wrench when Dan Snyder, the Redskins owner, expedited the completion date to August 15th. Needless to say, it was stressful.”

“I’d promised my wife I’d keep our vacation reservation, a week in Ocean City, MD. The first day was spent on the beach, and, having two small children, it was wise to rent an umbrella. I trudged through the hot sand to the nearest umbrella rental station, which was manned by a Jimmy Buffett looking fella.”

“I asked to rent one for the week. He got all flustered, moving side to side, rubbing his head and stated “Dude, I don’t rent umbrellas for the week. I mean, I remember faces... and will give you the same rate as others who did, but I just can’t rent these for the week.” Feet burning, I looked both ways to see how far other stations were and decided just to go with this guy.

I said “Okay, whatever, just give me

an umbrella,” to which he replied “Man, I really can’t rent you an umbrella, I mean, it’s windy, what if I rented you an umbrella and it flies in the air, and it hits an old lady or maybe a kid.” Feet burning, I looked at him dumbfounded, to hear “I didn’t realize how stressful renting umbrellas can be.”

Then Paul writes to us. “Let that sink in, “I didn’t realize how stressful renting umbrellas can be.”

At that very moment, all my bottled-up stress flew out my feet and into the sand. Lesson learned? Stress is a self-inflicted injury.

From then on, I did/do not allow it to creep into my life. It was an important lesson, and I thank that ‘Jimmy Buffett looking dude’ for making my life more enjoyable!

And by the way, it was a long way to the closest Umbrella station, which was happy to rent one for the week!”

Paul Scuderi



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129 South F Street, Livingston
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David Gilbert branch President
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Pastor Brandon Reagor
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mtrepublicchapel.org

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Pastor Justin Sutherland
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Pastor Andrew Alberda
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methodistsontheyellowstone.org

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livingstonmt.adventistchurch.org

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srlcwilsall.wordpress.com

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Meet Our Leaders

Living Hope Church
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Shad Durgan has been our Pastor at Living Hope Church since 2009. He has a BA in English Literature from the University of Sioux Falls, a Master in Divinity from Sioux Falls Seminary and a Doctorate in Education from the University of South Dakota. Shad has been involved in ministry for most of his life. During Seminary he began working as the Assistant Campus Pastor at the University of Sioux Falls. After Seminary he continued that role and was highly involved in many types of campus ministries.

In 2008, Shad and his wife Patti, along with their three sons, felt called by God to work directly in church ministry. They both agreed if they were going to work in the church that they would love to work in Montana. In God's beautiful providence they were blessed to be able to move to Shad's

home and the place where they met, Livingston, Montana. Shad thoroughly enjoyed the blessing of working with his father for several years before his retirement.

With Pastor Shad's leadership, Living Hope continues to be a church of Gospel, Growth, and Grace. We believe we have good news that people in Livingston need to hear (Gospel). We believe as we hear that good news we grow personally (Growth). As we live our lives together, we believe that it is our calling to be gracious to ourselves and everyone we meet (Grace). Grace, Grace, Always Grace.

His wife Patti is the principal of Winans Elementary School.



Senior Pastor
Dr. Shad Durgan & Wife Patti



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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October 23 - RESERVOIR PARK WORKSHOP #1

- 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 discussions.

October 25 - VETERAN'S FREE STEAK DINNER

at the Livingston Elks Lodge #246 located at 130 South 2nd Street. Seating times are: 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 6:30 pm. The full menu is Rib Eye steak, baked russet potato, and a salad bar, with fresh-baked rolls and a dessert. Veterans need to make reservations for your preferred time by texting or calling 406-220-9963. Spouses also eat free.

October 25 - SHARK TANK JR!

Young entrepreneurs will pitch you their creative business ideas! Beer and wine for purchase, light bites, live music, and raffle prizes. Youth pitches start at 6 pm at The 1900 event space at 103 N. Main St. Livingston. Tickets can be purchased at www.csc4kids.org for \$50.

October 26 - ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT TRUNK OR TREAT

Livingston Recreation Department is hosting its 9th annual Halloween event from 1-4 pm at the Livingston Civic Center. Activities, music and much entertainment!

October 26 - CAREER FAIR

Special event Career Fair for Sibanye-Stillwater employees affected by the upcoming layoffs. Park County Fairgrounds, 46 View Vista Drive, Livingston from 10 am to 2 pm. Perspective employers – who are seeking well-trained, good-quality candidates for positions at their companies will have a chance to meet potential applicants. Employee booths are free! Call Leslie at the Chamber 406-222-0850.

October 26 - COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN BASH AT PARK COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

Fun for all ages with a costume contest, live music, food, games, and a raffle! The raffle prize is a \$1000 Genesis Grill donated by ACE Hardware. Join us at The Hub at the Senior Center from 6 to 10 pm. Wearing a costume enters you in raffle for FREE! Winners will be announced at 9 pm.

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.

October 26 - JUNIOR CARPENTER PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Kenyon Nobile will host thier annual pumpkin carving contest at the Livingston, Bozeman and Belgrade locations from 12 pm - 2 pm. Kiddos 12 and under will pick a free pumpkin, carve their favorite designs, and try to win some amazing prizes. Don't forget to grab snacks and a free goodie bag full of Spooktacular Halloween swag! Prize categories are broken into 3 age groups: 0-5, 6-9, and 10-12. At 2 pm our judges will pick the top 3 winning pumpkins from each age group. Winners must be present to win.

October 26 - BLUEGRASS PLUS MUSIC JAM

All ages welcome! Monthly on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston from 1 to 4 pm. Join us as we host talented musicians in an open jam session. Bring your instrument or just yourself and enjoy some down home classic music! On the Oct. 26th the Bash will be a Halloween Costume Party jam.

October 27 - CHARCUTERIE CLASS

From 4 to 6 pm at Lulu's Montana Market, 5237 US Hwy 89 S, Livingston. Enjoy a night out with friends at this hands-on charcuterie class! We will learn several techniques and create a fall inspired board for you to enjoy! \$15 per person includes class materials and instruction, non-alcoholic drinks and snacks. Class size is limited, please RSVP to MSU Park County Extension by October 22 to reserve your spot: park@montana.edu or 406-222- 4156.

October 30 - FOOT & BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

every other Wednesday at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St. Livingston, from 12 to 4 pm. A footie favorite! Call Ms. Dean Nelson for apt 406-223-0449. Fee of \$5 for members \$10 non-members.

November 12 - RESERVOIR PARK WORKSHOP #2

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Arrowhead School District #75

- **2 Elem Teaching Positions** (1 with P endorsement preferred)
 - **Music and Art Teacher** Salary D.O.E., health, dental, and/or vision, certified
 - staff shall be given full step credit on the salary schedule for up to (10) years teaching experience.
 - **Paraprofessional** Monday-Thursday some Fridays, \$18/hour, health, dental, and/or vision
 - **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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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>.

Yellowstone Forever is hiring several full-time, year-round positions with benefits. Complete position description and applications are available on our website <https://www.yellowstone.org/who-we-are/jobs/>. Maintenance Manager, Salary range \$76,523 – \$84,538 based in Gardiner. Warehouse and Logistics Manager, \$78,867 - \$87,803 based in Gardiner. Development Coordinator, \$25.73 – 28.12 per hour based in Bozeman, MT.

Gardiner Public School is looking for a Custodian (part time, or full time with benefits). Salary will be based on experience. Applications are available on our website at www.gardiner.org and can be sent to Super@gardiner.org or you may apply at the school (510 Stone St, Gardiner, MT, 59030). If you have any questions, please call 406-848-7563.

Windrider Transit Relief Bus Driver

- Park County is seeking a Transit Relief Bus Driver to join the Windrider Transit team. This part-time position (10-15 hours/week) involves safely operating buses, providing excellent customer service to passengers, and ensuring compliance with safety regulations. Ideal for those who enjoy interacting with diverse community members. Candidates must have a valid Montana Driver's license and will be subject to comprehensive drug testing. Join us in serving the community with friendly, reliable transportation services! This job will be open until filled with priority given to applications received by July 2, 2024. To apply go online to: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

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

Short-Term Road Worker - Join our dynamic Public Works

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

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. **As a condition of employment, successful applicants must pass a pre-employment background check and drug screening. This position also requires participation in random drug testing.** Ready to get started? Apply now by clicking the button or stop by the Courthouse Human Resources office for an application packet. This position will be open until filled.

Angel Line Relief Bus Driver

- Join our dynamic team as a Relief Driver with Angel Line Transit at Park County, where you'll have the rewarding opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our community's seniors and individuals with disabilities. As a key part of our Angel Line service, you'll provide safe, dependable, and friendly door-to-door transportation, ensuring our passengers maintain their independence and mobility. This flexible role offers a unique chance to step in and support our full-time drivers during their absences, making every shift an important one. If you're looking for a fulfilling role with occasional hours and the chance to give back to your community, this is the perfect opportunity! Apply now—this position will remain open until filled.

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 PPCT-pressure point control tactics, tactical handcuffing and CIT- Crisis Intervention Training. Shifts are bid by seniority, as follows: 7am-3pm, 3pm -11pm, 11pm-7am Benefit package includes Sheriff's Retirement System; 3 vacation weeks, 12 sick days, holidays, Health and Life insurance, AFLAC, discounted local merchants/vendors, etc. Become part of the Park County Detention Staff and serve the community with compassion and caring in the capacity of a Detention Officer. Click on the Job Description for qualifications and additional information.

To apply please download the application package, print it out and submit with your updated resume and cover letter by mail to:

Park County Human Resources
414 E. Callender St.
Livingston, MT 59047
Applications and signatures MUST be originals for consideration. NO ELECTRONIC, FAXED or EMAILED applications will be accepted. TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION PACKAGE visit: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/uploads/files/jobs/37/07.2023-Detention-Job-Description.pdf>
You may also stop by the Courthouse HR office for a packet!

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#396962 | \$550,000

Robin Nelson | 406-600-9034



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3 beds 2.5 baths | 2,668 sq ft
#390722 | \$1,794,000

Gillian Swanson | 406-220-4340



115 5th Street W

Land w/ Structure | .161 acres
#394276 | \$319,000

Tammy Berendts | 406-220-0159



1859 Old Yellowstone Trail S

Multi-Family | Cabins
#394796 | \$3,475,000

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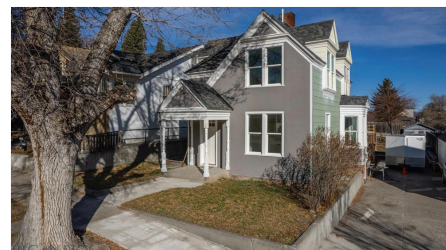
Julie Kennedy | 406-223-7753



225 S Main Street

Commercial Sale | 1,380 sq ft
#394188 | \$785,000

Ernie Meador | 406-220-0231



416 N 3rd Street

4 beds 2 baths | 2,074 sq ft
#390051 | \$585,000

Deb Kelly | 406-220-0801



16 Wild Horse

3 beds 2 baths | 2,016 sq ft
#390156 | \$1,400,000

Tammy Berendts | 406-220-0159



NHN High Ground Avenue

Land Listing | 0.33 acres
#395419 | \$200,000

Julie Kennedy | 406-223-7753



321 Stone Street W #1-4

Multi-Family | Fourplex
#392381 | \$1,200,000

Tom Gierhan | 406-220-0229



1112 Pritchard NW, Harlowton

3 beds 1 bath | 1,104 sq ft
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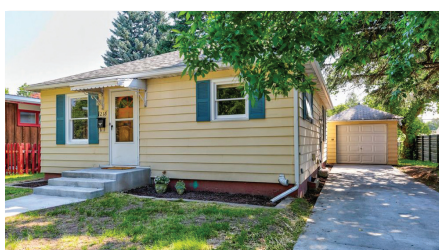
Rachel Moore | 406-794-4971



31 Story Road

4 beds 3 baths | 3,396 sq ft
#393111 | \$585,000

Jon Ellen Snyder | 406-223-8700



1218 S Grand Avenue

5 beds 2 baths | 1,664 sq ft
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NHN Gallatin Car Park Unit #C-15

Commercial Sale | 277 sq ft
#395386 | \$50,000

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#390575 | \$875,000

Julie Kennedy | 406-223-7753

Meet the Team...

Tammy Berendts is a long-time resident of Park Cou. in Montana. With a background in the state's Cadastral and appraisal systems, it made for an easy transition into the interesting career of real estate back in 2002. Having purchased, remodeled and improved several properties over the years, has given her insight

to assist others in following their dreams of home ownership in our amazing state of Montana.

Tammy has the unique quality of being able to help folks make big decisions, while helping them understand the many aspects

Tammy Berendts

Broker

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of buying and selling a home in the current market environment. She has worked with many clients over the years who have put their trust in her and are confident in her skills, ethics, discretion and responsiveness.

"Tammy went above and beyond for us. We couldn't have done it without all of her hard work!"

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Emergency Plan

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reducing the transmission of communicable disease and may be applied to individuals and groups on a voluntary and involuntary basis. The plan employs a number of terms to describe varying degrees of either strategy, including but not limited to Focused Measures to Increase Social Distance, Community-Wide Measures to Increase Social Distance and Widespread Community Quarantine.

Under Section V, titled Situation and Assumptions for Isolation and Quarantine, the plan states that "PCCDH will prioritize gaining voluntary compliance from ill or exposed persons and implementing the least restrictive means possible to reduce the spread of infection," but that "isolation and quarantine may require the involuntary detention of individuals who may pose a threat to the public's health and do not cooperate with orders from the Park City-County Health Officer (PCCHO)." It further states that, "individual cooperation with voluntary Isolation and Quarantine will be assumed in good faith unless there is

evidence to the contrary."

If and when necessary, the PCCHO, in consultation with the PCCHD Director and Park City-County Board of Health (comprising the Public Health Emergency Advisory Group) would determine which components of the plan should be activated. The PCCHO may authorize isolation and quarantine strategies at the advice of the council or as mandated by federal, state or other local authorities and would prioritize the use of voluntary compliance unless advised otherwise—essentially whether there is reason to believe persons are potentially infected, likely to expose others and would pose a risk to public health and safety if not isolated or quarantined.

Within the Operations section under Compliance, criteria for the PCCHO to determine whether a confirmed or probable (at the PCCHO's discretion) case requires isolation or quarantine is described. Though the least restrictive measure according to various medical guidelines is recommended, quarantine and isolation may be used if deemed necessary by the PCCHO or legally enforceable through executive orders by The State of Montana. The PCCHO and other officials must then adhere to procedures for requesting isolation and quarantine, which includes written demand for and reasonable effort to obtain voluntary compliance.

Though the plan assumes compliance with isolation and quarantine measures, health officials may issue the following warning, if necessary, "The PCCHO has the authority to issue an emergency detention order or petition the court ex parte for an order authorizing involuntary detention if the individual or group does not comply with the request for isolation or quarantine." If citizens are unwilling to comply, health officials may alert local law enforcement and the County Attorney's Office to initiate involuntary detention or restriction of

movement, which would be legally enforceable if certain conditions (outlined within the plan) are met.

Authority for the PCCHD to monitor individuals subject to voluntary isolation or quarantine is described and may involve verification of the individual's location and the investigation of irregularities such as failure to respond to check-in calls, resulting in potential involuntary detention for noncompliance. Conditional release from isolation and quarantine would be determined by the PCCHO in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services and in accordance with documented guidelines.

The plan culminates with a number of laws described within the Montana Code Annotated which vests authority in the local health officer to control disease identified as threats to public health, including procedures for enforcing involuntary detention for isolation and quarantine.

As initially specified, the plan has been subject to intense public scrutiny to which the Journal has responded by providing the information summarized above, however, it also states that, "this is a dynamic document that will be periodically updated to reflect new developments in the understanding of isolation and quarantine. The plan will also incorporate changes, as necessary, in response [to] roles and improvements in response capability development through ongoing planning efforts."

Please contact officials from the Park City-County Health department regarding comments, questions and concerns regarding this plan.

The plan can be reviewed using the following link https://granicus_production_attachments.s3.amazonaws.com/parkcounty/09e36afec-50c12f6a3585f0551d753b0.pdf and by selecting the Isolation and Quarantine Plan document.



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