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# IT'S RODEO TIME!

Grab your rigging bag, your best hat, rosin up the ropes, tighten up the buckles, shine your cowboy boots and saddle the horses—it's time to rodeo! The Northern Rodeo Association (NRA) and the Northern Women's Rodeo Association (NWRA) both begin their action-packed, fun-filled 2025 season with the **Whoop-Up Trail Days** in Conrad, MT, June 6th and 7th. Conrad is the first of 30 rodeos scheduled this summer across the Big Sky State. This season is the 50th NRA Rodeo Finals, to be held in Kalispell, MT, making it a half-century of showcasing the top cowboys and cowgirls from around the state and beyond.

Cowboys and cowgirls of all ages and from all walks of life will travel countless miles, endure bumps and bruises that accompany Montana's official sport, and eat a lot of dirt in pursuit of the same goal—to qualify for the NuWest Builders NRA Finals from October 30th to November 1st at Kalispell's Majestic Valley Arena. Last year, competitors from almost 100 Montana communities, along with nine states and Canada, went home with NRA and NWRA checks. NRA paid out \$772,020 during the regular season. The top

ten competitors in each event who qualified for the Finals chased an additional \$139,275. And keeping with a long-standing tradition to promote rodeo's future, the NRA and NWRA will also award permits to the Montana high school state champions.

The NRA and NWRA banners will be flying on Father's Day weekend with four options of rodeo action: On Friday and Saturday, June 13th and 14th in Culbertson and in Gardiner. On June 14th in Poplar. In Wilsall the action is on Saturday and Sunday, June 14th and 15th, and later in the month in Big Timber on June 27th and 28th during the Sweet Grass Festival. In August NRA invites you on the 16th and 17th to the Calamity's Classic in Livingston.

In **Gardiner**, the Upper Yellowstone Roundup Association (UYRA) invites you to the Jim Duffy Arena, at 100 U.S. Hwy. 89 South near the banks of the Yellowstone, along with Jacob's Stock contractor for non-stop action. On Friday, the 13th, slack is held at 6 pm and free to spectators, gates open at 5:30 pm. On Saturday the 14th, join the community for the parade at 11 am on Highway 89. Get your fill of impossible rides, crunching crash landings,

and high-flying roping in Gardiner on Father's Day weekend.

In **Wilsall**, you are invited to the 71st Annual Rodeo at the arena off Hwy. 89 North on Cooper Street with the rough stock of Red Eye Rodeo. Come to watch the excitement of competition for the prize money and points to get to Kalispell in October. The Father's Day weekend events begin on Saturday the 14th, with slack at 6:30 pm, women's barrel racing, and breakaway roping. The rodeo is followed by a dinner and dance. On Sunday the 15th, the community starts with a breakfast at the firehall at 8 am, put on by the Wilsall Fire Department. Next up is the Wilsall Parade at noon followed by the rodeo at 2 pm.

In Livingston, **Calamity's Classic Rodeo** is on August 16th and 17th at the Park County Fairgrounds at 46 View Vista Drive. The Windy City Outlaws host the non-stop rodeo action

**Wilsall NRA Rodeo**

of stock contractor Sparky Dreesen & Paul Eiker of Big Circle Rodeo with esteemed announcer, Barney Sheridan keeping the eight-second thrills in real time. Saturday, August 16th the rodeo begins at 7 pm and on Sunday the 17th it begins at 5 pm. Gates open 90 minutes early. Calamity's is a NRA Platinum Rodeo Award Winner.

So, saddle up and hang on for some local rodeo fun and action! This summer, there are nine weekends where competitors and fans have multiple rodeos to choose from. Visit [NorthernRodeo.com](http://NorthernRodeo.com) for the NRA and NWRA's complete schedule and more information.

# Brushstrokes and Beats

## The Connection between Visual Arts and Music

The Livingston Center for Art and Culture is proud to present *Brushstrokes and Beats, The Connection Between Visual Arts and Music*. Art can serve as a direct transmutation of music onto canvas or other forms of visual art. Through the interplay of art and music, artists invoke the essence of imagination, crafting works that deeply resonate with viewers. On display until June 14th, *Brushstrokes and Beats* features artists that were inspired by listening to music or watching musicians perform. A number of the invited artists were provided with Livingston singer-songwriter John Lowell's album *Snow on the Wineglass* and asked to interpret one or more of his songs through their art.

Park County artist Hannah Call was one

**Hannah Call**

of the artists asked to interpret John's music, "When I was asked to create an interpretation of John Lowell's music, I immediately felt at home. His classic cowboy melodies carry a feeling of worn-in honesty that I know so well from my time living on a ranch here in the valley. Interpreting that through painting was a unique adventure.

Songs have the gift of time—they build, and breathe, and allow the space of several minutes to capture an idea, while a painting has to hold everything all at once. I aimed to capture how gesture, light, and texture could carry the same emotional weight as melody and verse. Instead of the obvious (and more literal) choice of the cowboy on the open range that John

**Robert Spannring**

sings about, I chose to show the archetypal cowboy featured throughout the album in a quiet moment at rest, perhaps between his never-ending tasks on the ranch. I leaned into warm tones and softened edges, hoping to echo the way Lowell's music feels earth-worn, grounded, and perfectly nostalgic."

The public will have the opportunity to meet participating artists and listen to John Lowell's music at an artist reception from 6 to 8 pm on May 30th. During the evening of June 12th, music will be provided by the Conleys between 7 and 8:30 pm. The Center is located at 119 South Main Street in historic downtown Livingston.

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# OP-ED

## "Yellowstone 2025," Part 2

by Patricia Grabow

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Two weeks ago I vented about multinational corporations' aims to maximize profit (okay) by controlling politicians any way they can (not okay). Ever since they legally became "persons" years ago, they proved unworthy of it since they have no restraint about exploiting or abusing the communities in which they move. This perversion to benefit stockholders exclusively leads them to extract and dominate whatever poor town has the bad luck to land in their crosshairs. Greed being greed no matter the year, I suggested we're living in a bad new Yellowstone series to be titled "2025."

I've mentioned before the book *Billionaire Wilderness*, essentially an ethnographic study of how large corporations took over Jackson Hole, WY. It has also found a kindred spirit in another insightful book, *Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World* by Anand Giridharadas. Recommended to me, ironically, by one of our Livingston commissioners. At the beginning it quotes from Tolstoy's *Writings on Civil Disobedience and Nonviolence*, "I sit on a man's back choking him and making him carry me, and yet assuring myself and others that I am sorry for him and wish to lighten his load by all means possible... except by getting off his back."

Honestly, for our new Yellowstone 2025 series, reality does the real work, and we would not have to make up much. This week or two has illustrated once again how the large financial interests have taken Livingston over, the will of the public be damned. Even three reasonably smart commissioners seemed not prepared enough to and ask the right questions and challenge assumptions before making an important decision with the start of this year.

It's safe to say that no matter your political affiliation or background, we live in a beautiful place. The sun over the Absarokas, the Yellowstone River winding through this pristine, historic original rail entrance to the world's first national park. My own grandfather came to Livingston in 1883 like many others by sooty train instead of a covered wagon. So my family has seen its share of things. And that love of the land resonates: people naturally tend to support those who share it at election times.

And then the rubber meets the road. It makes the latest vote for annexation near Albertson's for the proposed USDA structure a—well, let's be blunt and call it the cave-in to money interests that it was.

I mentioned previously about the 1600 of us who participated in crafting the city Growth Policy; to plan intelligently while keeping character and environment a front and center value. It seems more people show up at galas tied to environmental protection than nearly anything else—and if it's Backcountry Film Festival at the Depot just to benefit Loaves and Fishes, it can be pretty packed.

So when I talked last time about Printing for Less (PFL) and investor partner Goldman Sachs being unsuccessful at their first attempt to subvert the Growth Policy to make bigger bucks at the expense of the rest of us, its owner swore about those "blank environmentalists." He cared little of what the people of Livingston worked and voted for. How dare these peasants not know their place!

So they schemed up a plan. Two of the elected city commissioners had worked for a nonprofit that actually has the word of all things "environment" in its name. Never mind that the issue crosses political lines in the shared public interest, this could be exploited. So with more money than you could count in a lifetime (this is how law sadly works these days), they threatened the city with two lawsuits. Does it matter that we have an attorney? Apparently not much, because if the threatener has bigger pockets than you, the risk is they could cost the city more money than it has in its annual budget.

To borrow the trendy expression these

days, that's seriously messed up.

So what did the commission do? They retreated and created a "conflict of interest ordinance." Never mind that was never an issue in their prior dealings with HRDC. Somehow they apparently believed this might partly insulate us—or them—even at the expense of the issue that earned many of them bipartisan votes in the first place. So, Wall Street steamrolls over Main Street again, and the city reversed over its own Growth Policy, timidly claiming it was subject to "interpretation."

Bad move. The Growth Policy has saved us many times before, and it is an understatement to call it an amazing work. Anyone can praise it, but when push comes to shove, it needs defenders.

You can't say the predators and bullies aren't skilled in their amorality.

I called that vote a mistake in the past, but there's more to it. The commission has a minority member whose votes have sided with big money pretty consistently over time. At the beginning of the year, when the commission voted to elect a chair, they did not prioritize who would represent them philosophically, but instead made lame junior-high statements like that the only difference in the chair is that the person runs the meetings. Speaking as one who has attended most of the commission meetings for twenty-five years, including sitting on the thing, let me say it has now been shown how absolutely not true that is.

And this bad choice, I argue, has weighed against the clear wishes of the voters and should be very carefully remembered in the next election. It's what you see on a larger scale in *Winners Take All* and what Tolstoy said about putting aside the

ego and just getting off of people's backs.

The consequences are real. You might not read about it in the other newspaper in town, but behind the scenes the rest of us just try to go on with our lives. PFL, in its new capacity as a 500-pound gorilla, is already looking at plans to sprawl out two more truck stops at the 330 exit on US I-90, making existence difficult and even harder for our existing community businesses, and critically not giving a rip for the choke it puts around the neck of the rest of Livingston as a whole, including the 350 core downtown businesses.

As a friend of mine used to say, when people tell you who they are, believe them.

The author of *Winners Take All* at the outset dedicates the book to his "Orion and Zora and the 300,000 children born today," with the hope that you will see through our [fiscal bully] illusions.

A quarter century only makes it more obvious. Big money has only to waltz in, drop strategic donations or make threats, and it's very easy to make people cave. I fear it could have been true with the latest annexation also—and I have little doubt developers somewhere are already drooling at the thought of the next one.

It's true commissions have not been swayed enough in the past by overwhelming public opinion against annexations, but we have to keep trying. At the very least, we need to challenge the conflict of interest dodge, keep showing up at meetings, and make defending our Growth Policy a serious issue in the next election.

But I wonder if GoFundMe could help with a titanium spinal reinforcement surgery or two.



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# New 501c 3 "Future Promises" Aims to Improve Learning Outcomes Locally

As Park County continues to undergo growth and diversification, the public school system has become a subject of controversy. For many years, the district primarily comprised only state-funded programming and private parochial institutions such as St. Mary's, with few alternatives for formal education sans religious affiliation—Montessori schools and the like represented only a small percentage of options available to parents and caretakers who have since sought to expand opportunities for children through novel teaching philosophies and methodologies—what enthusiasts and traditionalists alike have taken to calling experimental, whether in zeal or skepticism.

For parents and educators like Melissa Whithorn, however, these options represent



**Tony Crowder**  
Managing Editor

a spectrum of educational philosophies on which each child falls according to their specific needs—where on this spectrum each child falls, nonetheless, can often be challenging to discern.

Whithorn herself, raised in Louisiana, was born completely deaf, though, unbeknownst to her parents and teachers until she reached first grade, when the state's schools begin administering hearing tests. She had previously been labeled mentally retarded and was barred from participating in typical classroom activities, stunting her social and cognitive development. After her hearing was surgically repaired at age 10, she was placed in special education classes and maintained a third grade reading level throughout high school.

As a result, she received poor grades, suffered from low self-esteem, and struggled to graduate—circumstances forever altering the course of her life.

Naturally, Whithorn feared that her own children would suffer the same fate at the hands of the public school system. Left to her own

devices, she taught herself to read and learned about the importance of formative development—how the early stages of life are foundational for identity formation, emotional stability and moral trajectory. She soon discovered that much of what she read was relevant to her own experiences—that, in spite of her efforts as an adult, because she had not been properly nurtured during childhood, her ability to learn was limited.

**"The first five years of development literally make or break a person,"** Whithorn shared.

Determined to parent with supreme diligence, she began homeschooling her daughter, who had been diagnosed dyslexic—a common learning disability affecting language processing skills. Rather than adopt a single teaching



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philosophy, Whithorn tested numerous theories to ascertain which best suited her daughter, who then excelled tremendously in academics and now attends Montana State University as a freshman psychology major. Her son, on the other hand, was diagnosed autistic—likewise intelligent and neurodivergent, yet whose

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## SHIELDS VALLEY

### Upcoming EVENTS

**June 4th**  
Planned power outage Wilsall at 9 am

**June 9th**  
Town of Clyde Park Council meeting at 7pm

**June 11th**  
School Board Meeting at 7 pm

**June 14th and 15th**  
Wilsall Rodeo - More details to come

Mark your calendar! The Shields Valley Farmers Market is gearing up for another great season beginning June 30th. The market will include music, kids activities, and a different food truck each week. More details to follow soon.

If anyone has any upcoming events please send email to shieldsvalleynews@gmail.com.

If anyone has any news, events, etc. please let me know at Shieldsvalleynews@gmail.com

## Notice to Residents: W. Summit Street Road Reconstruction Phase 2

Beginning Tuesday, June 2nd, the second phase of the W. Summit Street road construction will begin between N. 11th and N. 14th Streets, and is expected to continue through Thursday, June 18th. During this time, street crews will be milling the existing roadway in preparation for paving.

Please be aware that detours and road closures will be in effect in the area. Residents of W. Summit Street are asked to park their vehi-



cles on nearby side streets to ensure clear access for construction vehicles and avoid obstruction when leaving their homes.

Additionally, we request that garbage and green cans be placed out before 7 am on your scheduled pick-up day. The solid waste team will prioritize collection along this route.

We reserve the right to cancel or postpone this project. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this important improvement project. Thank you for your understanding.

## Speaker Series

### The Epic Story of Humans, Wildlife and Landforms in Park County: A Guide for Stewardship of Our Ecosystem

**Rob Thomas**

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Dr. Thomas holds a PhD in Geology and is a Regents' Professor at the University of Montana, Western. He received the national Carnegie/CASE Professor of the Year award in 2009 and is a fellow of the Geological Society of America. His current research is on the provenance, sediment transport and tectonic significance of Miocene river deposits shed off the Yellowstone thermal bulge.

This lecture is presented in association with Elk River Arts & Lectures, The Park County Community Foundation, The Park County Environmental Council, Carol and Sal Lalani, Yellowstone Forever, The Friends of Park County, and The Tom Miner Basin Association.



# Air's Empowerment Can Never be Overrated

By Kevin Raphael Fitch

Our most precious currency, besides radiant health, is the basic energy of life. Next to water in importance are the substances contained in the air we breathe. Next to air, the nearest thing is life itself. Life permeates the air and the water, and when people breathe air, drink water and eat food—the basic energies of life within these solids, liquids and gases are extracted. It can be said that life is the most practical thing *in* life. So, how can people feel *more* life?

Food is the densest source of life, followed by water and other liquids. Air is the most immediately essential and covers the world. Earth's large bodies of water are not as plentiful as air. Plus, the water in the oceans isn't drinkable unless desalinated. But the fact that over 70 percent of the earth is covered in water, applies to humans as well.

Nature can teach us a lot about priorities. If people venture out of the country for a weekend vacation in a luxurious hotel, with the finest amenities, air must be there. If it isn't, they would have to book elsewhere!

This powerful medicine is taken for granted, because it is automatic, which is fine, especially when operating a moving vehicle or performing surgery! But there are potencies in the air that most humans never contact, which is why



there are many wonderful teachers who offer courses in breathing.

Sounds ludicrous? There are courses being offered on how to look, listen, feel... the list is endless and yet, the most important lessons about breathing escape recognition. Indeed, the old saying attributed to Hippocrates: *Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food* can also be applied to air, because air is a superfood of oxygen that energizes our brains and bodies. *How* we breathe air is of great consequence to radiant health.

In these times of tense crosscurrents that are affecting humanity, the notion of guarding one's health is increasingly becoming a high priority. Many of us desire to raise our spirits above the din of outer world conditions while still operating within them. Did you know that being *on fire* with strength and a positive attitude can be increased through air?

Air operates like a bellows, which lends fuel to fire. So is fire more essential than air? One may ask, does my body contain fire? Yes, but unlike the fire that burns and scorches, this fire, like the feeling of the sun's rays is nourishing, warming, and contains elements of a far more subtle nature than air. Body heat is a quality of fire. Our thermal output or heat signature is based on how efficiently we breathe. Breathing nourishes this heat. Fire has been associated with spirit. So breathing effectively can nourish one's spirit and our quality of life.

Now, our bodies use the four elements of

fire, air, water and earth in order to maintain health and the continuity of life. Like the four tires on an automobile, all the elements must be in a balanced relationship to each other.

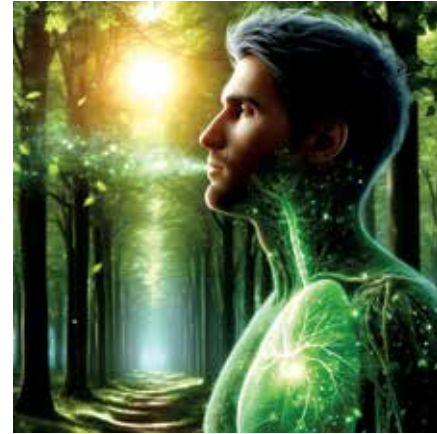
Commercials promote products or services that will extend, increase, or improve something. Air is usually not included because it's free, even though the commercial announcer is using air to speak while selling something. Again, air is taken for granted—practically underrated. That is changing and pure air is a boon to radiant health when it is breathed more effectively. Here is one method to enhance the effectiveness of one's basic life-energy.

**Exercise:** Beginning from the lower abdomen, allow air to be taken in through the nostrils, while mentally counting up to four, and then gently hold the air in the lungs while counting to four. Then breathe out through the nostrils; again while counting to four. Finally, hold the outbreath for four—eventually working up to an eight-count.

If this cycle is repeated two or three times then followed by a few moments of quiet and stillness, it will be easy to feel the empowerment that follows. The currency of the future will include

a huge store of the basic energies of life. With your increased currency of life, you could just buy more stuff that the commercials offer or you can choose to develop more radiant health. That is indeed something special that your air-money can buy.

**Kevin Raphael Fitch, Coach Fitch, conducts class in Taijiquan (Tai Chi) at The Shane Center. Visit his website for a class schedule at [www.taijilivingston.theastrol-ogyconsultant.com](http://www.taijilivingston.theastrol-ogyconsultant.com)**



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## Your Ageless Wellness Column

Garrick Fulmer-Faust, Executive Director, Park County Senior Center

### Why It's Not too late—and Never Was.



Welcome back. In our last few articles, we explored how our thoughts and words shape the way we see ourselves—and how, with awareness, we can begin to shift long-standing habits that no longer serve us. But once we start waking up to those patterns, a new challenge often sneaks in: The belief that it's too late to change.

You've probably heard that thought whisper at some point:

- *It's too late for me to start moving again.*
- *I've lived this way for so long — what's the point now?*
- *That ship has sailed.*

Let me be clear: those are not facts. They're just beliefs. And like any belief, they can be examined—and changed. Here's the truth: Your body, your mind, and

your spirit are still listening to you. Right now. Today. They haven't given up on you.

But here's the real question:

Are you listening to them? That tightness in your joints? The stiffness in the morning? That subtle ache in your back? Pain is usually the biggest reason we stay immobile—and sometimes it's justified. But sometimes, it's just fear wearing a physical disguise.

Let's talk about pain for a moment. Not all pain is the same. Some pain is your body saying, "I'm not used to this—take it slow." That's the kind that often fades once you start moving. It shows up when we've been sitting too long or avoiding movement. It's uncomfortable, but it's not dangerous.

Then there's the other kind. The kind that says, "Something's not right here." That pain deserves a pause, a check-in, maybe even a conversation with your doctor.

The challenge and skill in life is learning the difference—discernment.

Most of us weren't taught how to listen to our bodies. We were taught to push through, or to shut down. But what if we met pain with curiosity instead of fear? What if we asked, "What are you trying to tell me?" instead of letting it convince us to do nothing at all?

Because here's what I've found—movement helps. Even gentle movement. You know, that stiff, sore feeling after lying down too long? It usually starts to ease once you get going. Your body wants to move. It just needs to be

reminded that it can.

I know this firsthand. At 65, I've got more aches than I care to count. Years of heavy weight training, a bodybuilding lifestyle in my youth, and decades of construction and carpentry work have taken a toll—especially on my shoulders, knees, and lower back.

Some mornings I wake up and think, "There's no way I'm doing anything today." But the only thing that consistently helps is movement. Not punishment. Not pushing through. Just intentional, steady movement. Once I get going, the pain begins to ease, and I remember—movement is what I needed.

And here's the real reason I'm telling you this; it's exactly these experiences that brought me back into this work. I didn't return to fitness because I had it all figured out. I returned because I know what it's like to feel stuck in your body—and how hard it can be to know where to begin again.

I specialize in senior fitness because I empathize with you. I've been there. I am there. And I want to help you find

your way back to movement—in a way that works for your body, your history, and your pace.

So let me leave you with this:

It's not too late. And it never was.

You're not behind. You're right on time.

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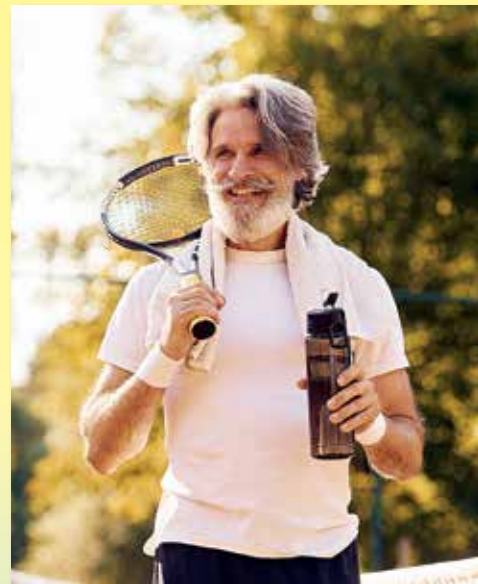
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# I have an oil for that

by Dalonda Rockafellow  
doTERRA Wellness Advocate

## Seasonal Allergies

The cotton from the Cottonwood trees are flying in my area like snow. The lilac bushes are in full bloom and the Choke cherry shrubs are flowering. I find tree pollen on my outdoor furniture.

We are well into Spring and with it brings dust, mold and pollen that affect our systems negatively. The symptoms can vary from person to person, but the most common are runny or congested nose, itchy watery eyes, sneezing and sometimes hives.

The options you have for relief are **over the counter medicines**, that have side effects that can cause drowsiness, dry mouth, dizziness, and possibly a whole host of other unwanted side effects and **home remedies**, which include certain herbs, apple cider vinegar and saline nasal rinses, just to name a few.

This allergy season, I recommend trying doTERRA's **Lavender, Lemon and Peppermint**. These essential oils are

a natural antihistamine, detoxifier and anti-inflammatory, respectively. Lavender reduces or blocks histamines, so they stop allergy symptoms and is calming and balancing to your system. Lemon decongests and reduces mucus. It is cleansing to your body system and helps ease respiratory discomfort. Peppermint discharges phlegm, reduces inflammation, promotes clear breathing and healthy respiratory function. The combination of a couple drops of each in a little water and swallowing it down is just what your body needs. They not only protect against seasonal and environmental elements, but also support a healthy respiratory system when needed most without pesky side effects!!

Another way to combat the effects is to put a drop of each into your palms, rub them together and inhale deeply for five deep breaths or more. This method suppresses allergic airway inflammation and reduces overproduction of mucus. A roller bottle could be made with this same combination for on-the-go needs. **Try this:** Simply add 8 drops of each to a roller bottle and top off with fractionated coconut oil. Apply to temples, under the nose and on the bottoms of the feet throughout the day.

Simply diffusing all three of these essential oils will benefit all who are in your house for hours. When essential oils are diffused the particles stay suspended in the air for quite some time after the diffusing has stopped. **Try this:** Add 3 drops of each to your diffuser, fill with water and turn on. Place in a common area in your home.

Yet another way to get these oils into your body is to simply put two drops of each into a veggie cap and swallow. Getting the essential oils further down into your body allows them to penetrate your system even further. To bypass this process, doTERRA has a product called **Triease**. Triease is a softgel that doTERRA offers that is a blend of Lavender, Lemon and Peppermint in a convenient softgel to be consumed quickly and easily when traveling, attending outdoor events or when seasonal or environmental elements are high. I personally keep Triease on hand and begin taking them daily in May and continue through to October.

### Allergy Power Trio:

Take 2 drops Lavender, 2 drops Lemon and 2 drops Peppermint one of three ways:

- Under the tongue, wait thirty seconds, swallow; repeat as necessary.
- Mix in 1/8 -1/4 cup water, drink;

repeat as necessary until symptoms subside.

- Consume blend in a veggie cap or premade in the Triease capsule; repeat up two times daily.

Whether you find yourself congested, short of breath or swollen with inflammation, doTERRA's Lavender, Lemon and Peppermint will propel you forward and allow for clear breathing naturally in no time. Good luck in your journey and reach out if you have any questions or if I can help in any way!!

*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 one sent out to you.*





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# BLM to Host Upper Yellowstone Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Event in Livingston

The BLM Montana/Dakotas will bring 54 wild horses and burros to the Upper Yellowstone Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Event, taking place June 6-8, 2025, at the Park County Fairgrounds in Livingston, Montana.

This event will offer 37 untouched horses, 15 burros, and two saddle-trained horses from Wyoming Honor Farm, and the chance to also learn from experienced trainers on how to care for and train these incredible animals. The Wyoming Honor Farm, a minimum-security facility in Riverton, Wyoming, has partnered with the BLM since 1988 to train and adopt

out wild horses. Inmates and horses build mutual trust through the gentling process, helping both prepare for successful transitions, horses to new homes and men back into society.

Event Schedule:

- **Friday, June 6th**, Public Viewing: 3 – 7 pm
- **Saturday, June 7th**, "Next Steps" Clinic presented by Mustang Matt: 10 am – 2 pm. First Come/First Served Adoption Event: 9 am – 6 pm. Auction two saddle trained horses from Wyoming Honor Farm: 2:30 pm.

- **Sunday, June 8th**, First Come/First Served Adoption Event: 9 am – 6 pm.

By adopting a wild horse or burro, you are helping to maintain healthy rangelands and ensuring that these animals have a sustainable future. Applications can be submitted in advance at the Wild Horse and Burro Online Corral.

For more information about adoption requirements visit [https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-01/BLM\\_WHB\\_AdoptionRequirementsFlyer-508.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-01/BLM_WHB_AdoptionRequirementsFlyer-508.pdf). For event details, contact 406-720-0385 or [BLM\\_MT\\_LLMT931\\_WHB@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_MT_LLMT931_WHB@blm.gov).



## New 501c3

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educational needs include socialization amongst other children, making him a poor fit for homeschooling.

What Whithorn realized was that each child requires a unique approach to learning. "There's not one philosophy that's better than the others—it's important to know all the options and ways to interact with children and educate them," she says.

Intent on fostering optimized childhood development, Whithorn eventually earned a degree in early childhood education, relocating to Park County in 2022 and starting Einsteins Learning Center just two years later, located at 326 S. Main Street in Livingston. Whithorn subscribes to an Italian-based curriculum called Reggio-Emilia, overseeing nearly 30 students at her early education center.

Shortly after arriving in Montana, Whithorn

recognized a widespread lack of understanding about early childhood education. This misconception, she feels, that early childhood educators are babysitters, also drives a lack of support for providers. In response, she arranged a meet-and-greet to connect with other early childhood educators local to Park County, which, only three months ago, officially received non-profit status following continued organization and dedication.

Her non-profit group, **Future Promises**, is a collaborative undertaking with Zendara Yarnell, owner of Teeny Steiny's, a childhood learning center neighboring Einsteins. The collective, which currently includes eight childhood educators from St. Mary's, Guided Wild (a self-described Forest School emphasizing experiential learning) and Montessori-based programs,

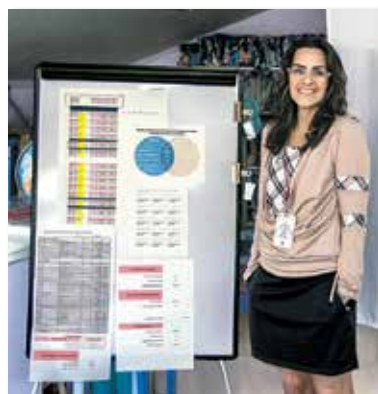


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gathers at Einsteins on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss educational theory and various strategies for early childhood instruction.

The goal is to unite and support providers by sharing information and resources about and for childhood education in order to improve learning outcomes within the community, as well as

initiate a scholarship fund to offset costs for families seeking exceptional early childhood education. Ideally, providers from each institution will attend and, ultimately, host meetings.

Recently, Whithorn was recruited by the Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce to represent the community at the Montana Employer Forum for Child Care Solutions held in Helena on June 5th. The non-profit will enable Whithorn to compile feedback from early

childhood providers in Park County to provide full-scale representation of the community's educational needs at the event. Through the non-profit, Whithorn also offers training and evaluation services for teachers seeking certification through the Childhood Development Associate (CDA) council, a credentialing agency for early childhood educators.

The group is seeking to expand their membership by inviting all childhood educators from throughout Park County, including those from the public school system, such as Winans and Head Start. Whithorn is also interested in involving kindergarten teachers to provide insights regarding early childhood preparation for primary school. Members must be directly involved with childhood education.

"We just want everyone [childhood educators] to succeed; to be equipped and feel empowered," explains Whithorn.

For more information, to inquire about joining the non-profit or donating to the scholarship fund, please contact Gabrielle Cattrell at [Melissa@einsteinlearningcenter.com](mailto:Melissa@einsteinlearningcenter.com).



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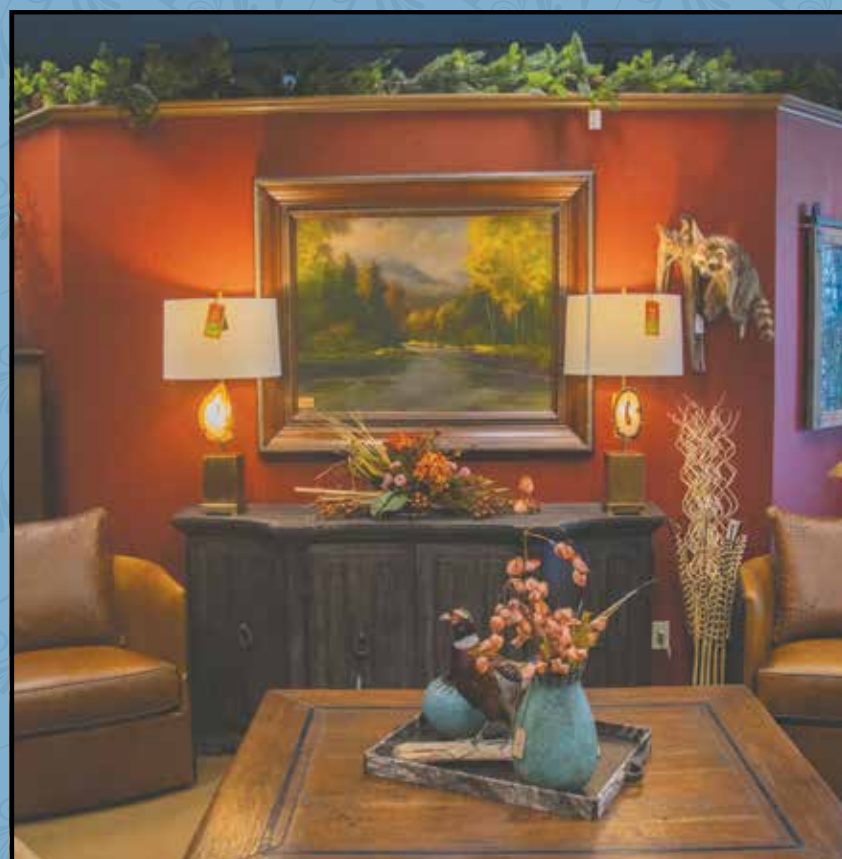
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# Whats Going On at the Feet of the Peak?

by Joyce Johnson



**E**migrant has morphed and blossomed over the years, stayed strong despite econ changes. Has in fact hung in there and grown stronger. It still boasts being the heart of the Valley with all the supplies and services needed to cover the 50 miles between Livingston and Gardiner, including the historic strength and presence of St. Johns Episcopal church, one of it's first founding structures. Emigrant proudly claims the "Riviera," too, my name for the boat launch and fishing access, with the sandbar island that local families and tourists wade to, sunbathe, picnic, rock hunt, or just hang out with the awesome river.

**Multi-Family Annual Garage Sale** **Saturday, June 7th**, at Golden Age Village (GAV) is a 50-resident mobile home park, just up the hill in Glastonbury; a charming "not your usual trailer park" on former ranch land next to Fridley Creek, named after the family who once owned the lovely tree-rich property, on a large now green meadow with ancient cottonwoods, willows and a pond, so it really looks like a park. The residents are having their annual garage sale and clearing out a diverse variety of unusual, useful and fun stuff at neighborly prices, and some for free at many mobile spaces marked with banners for you to easily find in the small village. That's Saturday, June 7th from 9 am to 3 pm. Watch for the signs directing you up the short hop from Emigrant to Glastonbury hills.

**Emigrant General Store gets a new owner and face lift.** Still the Heart of the Valley, with a laundromat, gift store, recycle bins, gas pumps, car wash, tiny historic chapel, and last but not least? The big plastic green Sinclair

dinosaur that is smiling up at Emigrant Peak, and I do believe it was Bert Olson, former owner, who said it was the most photographed point of interest in Montana. Anyway, the store and all it's services were



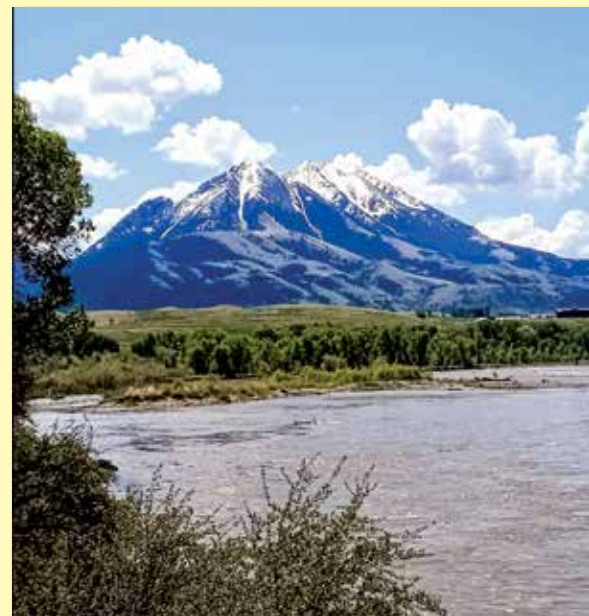
recently sold to MSU Grad, Cameron Ehrlick, who is working that big operation just as hard as Bert did all these decades. *[Hi Bert! we miss you and your reputation for never standing still longer than a few seconds. I bet you are only just a little less busy now, back to the ranch, volunteer fire dept., family life and a lot of other stuff. Thanks for all the years of community building, and support Bert.]* The new owners have rearranged and expanded the store and is giving it a neat face lift; have kept our friends, the former workers, and have kept prices significantly affordable. *[Welcome again, and thank you, Cameron! I'll get to you soon for your input here in the PCCJournal.]*

**Emigrant entertainment** started with the **Old Saloon** over a century ago, and they have open air concerts now. There is also the very popular fun feedery, **Wildflour Bakery and**

**BBQ** that provides well known views, brews and smoked BBQ, breakfast menu, and baked goodies, and live outdoor music enjoyed by locals and tourists, fisherman, and river players.

Further up Murphy Road next to the General Store is another unique eatery/saloon: **The Outpost**, with a volleyball net, picnic tables and live music events at the feet of the peak, so to speak. Chico is just a hop skip and jump away; **The Chico Saloon** and dance hall is an historic nightspot. Their mineral hot springs have drawn locals starting with our Natives, mountain men, pioneers, (and I bet you an occasional local bear,) to get in and go "ahhhh" for way over 100 years, and by the way just opened **free facilitated water aerobic class** on Thursday mornings at 10 am.

**Emigrant People's Market** has blossomed into a significant local social venue offering impressive local art, craft, jewelry, ever changing creative work, gifts and services at friendly prices, including PCCJ's Astrologist, Raphael, for brief personal readings most Saturdays. Later on, local growers will be selling fresh harvested veggies. But the vendors all say it's a blast to just play store, socialize and build contacts, friends, old and new. The market is on St. Johns's green, free to set up, sharing the area with the Post Office, and the Wildflour Bakery/BBQ. Locals, visitors and tourists stop & stroll through "beautiful



downtown" Emigrant from all directions while running errands. The market is open every Saturday morning 9 am to 1 pm throughout the summer and beyond, as Montana's unpredictable weather allows.

*Whatever your plan for the day you won't regret a drive to Paradise Valley to play. Come see us!*

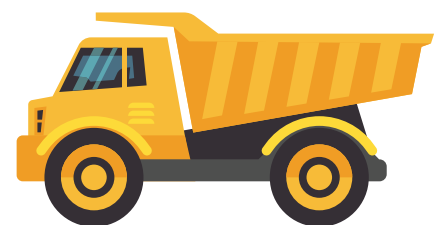


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# Healthier Summer Eating

By Jill-Ann Ouellette



Cheeseburger on lettuce bun

If you are at your summer weight, or working on it, there are lots of ways to choose healthier options while enjoying those barbeques without feeling deprived.

Many of those summer favorites are high in calories, artery-clogging saturated fat, or added sugar. Instead, try these simple tricks, courtesy of nutrition-and-culinary experts from around the country, to help lighten up your dishes—and keep them just as tasty.

**1) Coleslaw** • “Instead of heavy, mayonnaise-based coleslaw,” Jackie Topol, a registered dietitian and culinary nutritionist in New York, suggests “lightening up your slaw dressing with apple cider vinegar, extra-virgin olive oil, Dijon mustard,

and a little honey.” Topol likes to add nutrition and color to her coleslaw by using purple cabbage and other thinly-sliced vegetables, such as red and orange bell peppers.

**2) Potato Salad** • Dietitians like to mix up their potato salads in a variety of ways. “I routinely tinker with mayo-based salads for summer barbeques to make them lighter and boost the nutrition,” says Katie Sullivan-Morford, author of *PREP: The Essential College Cookbook*. “My go-to is to swap half the mayonnaise for low- or non-fat Greek yogurt, which cuts the saturated fat and increases the protein while maintaining a creamy texture.”

Morford also recommends using olive oil-based dressings in place of creamy mayo ones. “A good Dijon vinaigrette is excellent tossed with new potatoes, minced chives, or other herbs, and cherry tomatoes,” she says. “Nobody will miss the mayonnaise!”

Karman Meyer, dietitian and author of *Eat to Sleep: What to Eat and When to Eat It for a Good Night's Sleep*, likes to swap out white potatoes for sweet potatoes, which “instantly makes potato salad more colorful and higher in beta-carotene (precursor of vitamin A) and vitamin C.”

**3) Pasta Salad** • There are numerous hacks to lighten up this go-to summer salad. Using an oil and vinegar-based dressing will reduce calories. Replacing cheddar-cheese chunks with cottage cheese or crumbled feta is also worth trying.

Jill Weisenberger, a Virginia-based registered dietitian, nutritionist, and the author of *Prediabetes: A Complete Guide*, loves loading her pasta

salad with veggies. “Bulk up your salad with loads of non-starchy vegetables like raw carrots, red onions, cherry tomatoes, snow peas, blanched broccoli and more,” she suggests. “This gives you a bigger portion and more nutrition with fewer calories. Plus, it helps you reach or exceed your veggie goal.”

**4) Deviled Eggs** • If you like a creamy appetizer, registered dietitian and nutritionist Amy Gorin, from New York City, recommends that you “swap out the mayo and instead, use avocado, lemon juice, and Dijon mustard.” These swaps mean fewer calories and less saturated fat—and the fat that you *do* get will be the heart-healthy, unsaturated type.

**5) Hot Dogs** • With so many food sensitivities out there today, I encourage you to bring your own meat or imitation meat. There are many options available at most grocery stores.

Registered dietitian and nutritionist Jackie Newgent, author of *The All-Natural Diabetes Cookbook*, recommends buying whole-grain buns (or I suggest substituting the bread for a leaf of romaine), and using your toppings of choice on homemade carrot dogs—okay no laughing! But really, to make Newgent’s carrot hot dogs, use a paring knife and vegetable peeler to sculpt jumbo carrots into hot dogs: about 8-inches long and 3/4-inch wide. Then brush with a flavorful sauce mixture of ketchup, olive oil, Dijon mustard, apple cider vinegar, tamari soy sauce, and smoked paprika. Add salt and pepper to taste, then roast in a 350° oven for about an hour. “You can even make



Avocado deviled eggs

these in advance, then spritz with oil and reheat on a grill for a cookout,” says Newgent, who is a classically-trained chef.

**6) Burgers** • There are many ways to build-a-better burger including using ground turkey or chicken. If you are counting calories, skipping the cheese slices is a solid idea.

Try lettuce buns using iceberg or butter lettuce. Registered dietitian nutritionist Bonnie Taub-Dix, author of *Read It Before You Eat It—Taking You from Label to Table*, likes to put a new spin on this old favorite by adding veggies (such as shredded carrots or diced tomatoes) and spices to the meat mix. “This add-on will not only provide a burst of flavor and color, but it’ll also bring big benefits by increasing the content of fiber and valuable vitamins and minerals,” Taub-Dix says.

**7) Ice Pops** • Instead of a sugary, artificially-colored, frozen ice pop, registered dietitian Dana Angelo White, author of *Healthy Quick & Easy Smoothies*, from Fairfield, CT opts for some better-for-you frozen treats. “Frozen slices of mango on sticks (occasionally I’ll dip some in chocolate!), are always a crowd pleaser,” she says. To minimize food waste, pour leftover smoothies into popsicle molds along with chunks of cut-up fruit to freeze as a real summer dessert pleaser.

So, head off to the barbeque armed with knowledge to make better choices for your health—without losing deliciousness!

The dietitian information was excerpted from a recent U.S. News Report article by Toby Amidor, MS, RD, CDN.

## Meals for June 2nd - 6th



**Monday, June 2nd** - Beef tater tot casserole, roll, peas, applesauce, milk

**Tues., June 3rd** - Broccoli & cheese soup, ½ turkey sandwich, fruit cocktail, milk

**Wed., June 4th** - Pancakes, egg bake, grape juice, watermelon, milk

**Thurs., June 5th** - Orange chicken over rice, eggrolls, pears, milk

**Friday, June 6th** - Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, carrots, cake, peaches, milk

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Carla Williams

## RECIPE CORNER Strawberry Crunch Cheesecake

### INGREDIENTS:

#### For the Crust:

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted

#### For the Strawberry Cheesecake Filling:

- 16 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup strawberry puree
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- A few drops of pink or red food coloring (optional)

#### For the Strawberry Topping:

- 1 cup fresh strawberries, diced
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 tsp lemon juice

#### For the Crunch Topping:

- 1 cup vanilla sandwich cookies, crushed
- 1/4 cup freeze dried strawberries, crushed
- 2 tbsp melted butter

### DIRECTIONS:

#### Make the Crust:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease a 9-inch springform pan.
2. In a bowl, mix the graham cracker crumbs, sugar, and melted butter until combined.
3. Press the mixture into the bottom of the pan. Bake for 8–10 minutes, then let cool.

#### Prepare the Strawberry Cheesecake Filling:

1. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth.
2. Add sour cream, eggs, strawberry puree, vanilla extract, and food coloring. Mix until well combined.



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3. Pour the filling over the cooled crust.
4. Bake for 45–50 minutes, or until the center is slightly jiggly but set. Let cool at room temperature, then refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight.

#### Make the Strawberry Topping:

1. In a small saucepan, combine diced strawberries, sugar, cornstarch, water, and lemon juice.
2. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens (about 5–7 minutes). Let cool completely.

#### Prepare the Crunch Topping:

1. Combine the crushed sandwich cookies, freeze dried strawberries, and melted butter in a bowl until crumbly.

#### Assemble the Cheesecake:

1. Spread the strawberry topping over the chilled cheesecake.
2. Sprinkle the crunch topping generously over the top.

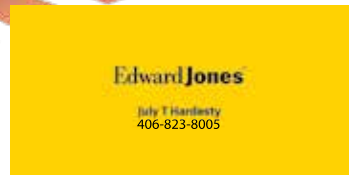




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You should always be able to ask as many questions as you'd like when working with your financial advisor. So, before you have your annual review, think carefully about what you'd like to ask.

Here are a few suggestions:

- *Are my goals still realistic?* When you first began working with your financial advisor, you may well have articulated several financial goals. For example, you might have said that you wanted to pay for most of your children's college education, or that you'd like to retire at age 55, or

that you hope to travel internationally every year during retirement. In fact, you could have many different goals for which you're saving and investing. When you meet with your financial advisor, you'll certainly want to ask whether you're still on track toward meeting these goals. If you are, you can continue with the financial strategies you've been following; but if you aren't, you may need to adjust them. The same is true if your goals have changed. You and your financial advisor will want to build a strategy

to address any new or different goals such as emergency cash needs, having adequate insurance protection or estate planning.

- *Am I taking on too much—or too little—risk?* Put market declines in perspective. The financial markets always fluctuate, and these movements will affect the value of your investment portfolio. Suppose you watch the markets closely every day and track their impact on your investments. You may find yourself fretting over their value and wondering whether you're taking on too much investment risk for your comfort level. Conversely, if during an extended period of market gains your own portfolio appears to be lagging, you might feel that you should be investing more aggressively, which entails greater risk. In any case, it's important to consult with your financial advisor to determine your risk tolerance and use it as a guideline for making investment choices.
- *How will changes in my life affect my investment strategy?* Your life is not static. Over the years, you may experience any number of major events, such as marriage, remarriage, loss of a spouse, birth of children or grandchildren, changing jobs or illness leading to early retirement. When you meet with your financial advisor, you will want to discuss these types of changes, because they can affect your long-term goals

and your investment decisions.

- *How are external forces affecting my investment portfolio?* Generally speaking, you will want to create an investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as mentioned, you may need to adjust your strategy based on changes in your life. But should you also make changes based on outside forces, such as interest rate movements, political events, inflation, new tax legislation or news affecting industries in which you have invested substantially? Try not to make long-term investment decisions based on short-term news. Yet, talk with your financial advisor to make sure your investment portfolio and spending strategy are not out of alignment with relevant external factors.

By making these and other inquiries, you can help yourself stay informed about your overall investment picture and what moves, if any, you should make to keep advancing toward your goals. A financial advisor is there to provide you with valuable guidance—so take full advantage of it.

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## Billings Author Russell Rowland Returns to Elk River Books

Author, radio host and podcaster Russell Rowland returns to Livingston's Elk River Books to discuss his new memoir *Be a Man: Raised in the Shadow of Cowboys*, on Thursday, June 5th at 7 pm located at 122 S. 2nd Street. A book signing and reception will follow.

*Be a Man* is told with a specific focus on

what it means to grow up in the West as a male. Rowland, a fourth generation Montanan whose mother grew up on a cattle ranch, explores how his upbringing and those of his parents shaped their family in terms of how to approach emotional issues like death, alcoholism, domestic violence and general failure. He also explores how the media and

the history of the West create a dynamic that is hard to escape when one absorbs certain mixed messages about what it means to be a man: how to treat women, how to deal with conflict and how to find your own way through a complicated world.

*"In this fascinating and vulnerable book, Rowland tells us what it means to truly live in the West, laying bare all the myths and exploring the damage those myths have done, especially to boys and men,"* writes May Jane Nealon, author of *Beautiful Unbroken*.

Rowland is the author of eight books

including *In Open Spaces* and *Fifty-Six Counties: A Montana Journey*, which led to his Yellowstone Public Radio show of the same name. He is also the co-host, with poet Charles Finn, of the book discussion and interview podcast "Breakfast in Montana." He holds an M.A. in creative writing from Boston University and lives in Billings. For those who can't attend in person, the event will live-stream at [YouTube.com/ElkRiverBooks](https://www.youtube.com/ElkRiverBooks). For more information, send an email to [info@elkriverbooks.com](mailto:info@elkriverbooks.com) or call (406) 333-2330.

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Gordon has written over 3 books, 3 booklets on the CCP, and his writings on China and North Korea have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The National Interest*, *The American Conservative*, *Commentary*, *National Review*, *Barron's*, and *The Daily Beast*. He is a columnist at *Newsweek* and writes regularly for *The Hill*.

**AUTHOR OF**  
*Plan Red: China's Project to Destroy America*  
Gordon Chang will be signing his book at the event.

We stand on the eve of a grand commemoration. On July 4th, 2026, the United States will mark its 250th anniversary – and Montanans are preparing to celebrate in a big way!

Patriot groups from around the state have established the America 250 Committee to plan events in Montana for our nation's upcoming 250th birthday. We have united to leave a lasting patriotic impact on our communities through meaningful local projects and events during this anniversary year.

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This elegant gala dinner, and cash bar with signature cocktails available, marks the beginning of a year filled with regional activities focused on events, education, art, and memorials that commemorate the ideals and principles that created our nation. Join us in celebrating America's rich history and the 250th anniversary of our founding. Live and silent auction items, gun raffles and more!





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# The Month of June...

June derives its name from the goddess Juno, Jupiter's wife. From Juno to June, the naming strategy might seem obvious. June is the 6th month of the year, but it used to be the 4th month.

In 46 BC, Julius Caesar modified the Roman Calendar by dividing the year into twelve months. By adding two months, the Julian calendar moved June from the 4th month to its current 6th month position. June also had only 29 days on the pre-Caesar Roman calendar. But, when the winter days were given two additional months, two more days were added to the calendar and June received an additional day.

The longest day of the year is in June and usually falls on June 20th or June 21st. The Summer Solstice ushers in astrological summer and the period between June 1st to August 31st is considered meteorological summer. During this time, the weather is mild across most of the Northern Hemisphere. June's full moon is called the strawberry moon.

June's zodiac signs are Gemini and Cancer. Twins Castor and Pollux represent the Gemini sign. Cancer is a water sign represented by the crab.

June's birth flowers are the rose and honeysuckle. Both flowers represent love, devotion, and generosity. If you're born in June, your birthstones are pearl, alexandrite, and moonstone.

### 5 Fast Facts About June

1. There is no other month on the calendar that begins on the same day of the week as June. Also, the day of the week the sixth-month ends on is the same day of the week as March each year.
2. Notable people born in June include: Marilyn Monroe, Morgan Freeman, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Paul McCartney, Nathan Hale, June Carter Cash, Helen Keller and Elon Musk.
3. The June Beetle is a bug that's only seen during the months of May and June in the U.S.
4. The United States celebrates Flag Day on June 14th.
5. June is an exciting month for sports fans. The NBA finals and Stanley Cup both take place in June. The NBA also hosts its draft in June. Baseball is in full swing. The fair weather makes June a prime time for outdoor activities of all kinds!

June's national calendar includes a variety of events and observances, including National Safety Month, Black Music Month, and LGBTQ Pride Month. There are also specific dates like National Egg Day, National Pen Pal Day, and National "Say Something Nice" Day on June 1st.

*Excerpted from the National Day Calendar website*



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# "Murder on Montana's Hi-Line" Book Signing with Author Clem C. Pellett

Join us Saturday, June 7th from 11 am to 2 pm for an event with Clem C. Pellett, author of *Murder on Montana's Hi-Line*.

## About the Book

During an intense spring blizzard in 1951, affable Clarence Pellett picked up a teenaged hitchhiker along Montana's Hi-Line. Soon, blood from seven bullet holes in Pellett's back stained the snow-covered prairie. Following a brief man-hunt and confession, a heated debate ensued over capital punishment as Communist attorneys swooped in "to save this poor friendless boy."

Frank Dryman, twice sentenced to hang, escaped the noose when a sympathetic Montana Supreme Court stayed each execution. The "permanently insane and mentally deficient" killer was paroled into the custody of his brother in California after serving thirteen

years of a life sentence. Eighteen months later, he vanished. Using a series of aliases, Dryman hid in plain sight for forty years despite state and federal warrants.

Clem Pellett recounts the enthralling twists and turns of his hunt for his grandfather's absconded murderer—the longest in state history.

Currently, Dr. Pellett is part of the production team for the movie *Pellett*, based on this true story. The producers of *Pellett* hope their film will tap into the strength of the story of a central Montana murder that happened 67 years ago, and the decades long quest to return the killer to justice.

"It's going to be a Montana story that's told in Montana and with Montana help and resources," said Clem Pellett, grandson of Clarence Pellett, who died at the hand of Frank

Dryman seven decades ago. "It's also about the McCarthy era, communism and how it was treated. It's about the death penalty, it's about the argument on both sides even from the 1950s perspective. You're going to really step into that era. We're going to put together that mindset on the decisions made back then, based upon what the culture and the situation was like at the time."

Of the book and the movie, Clem Pellett says, "I'm so excited to finally have the family story, finally told. Fifteen years in the making, doing the research, combing through FBI files, interviewing primary witnesses, collecting documents, letters, transcripts etc., it's very satisfying."

The movie has been a long eight years in production. We had to get through Covid, historical Hollywood strikes and compete with other states for the movie tax credit. The production team was totally dedicated to filming this in Montana and to make it an authentic Montana

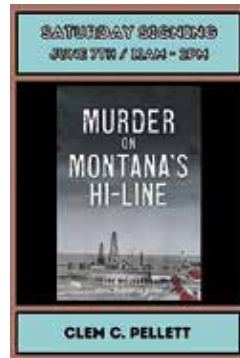
story so dedicated to authenticity—we use the actual murder weapon as a prop in the movie. It is due to come out sometime this fall. By the way, making movies is hard work—12-hour day after 12-hour day.

My book and movie are completely complementary which is to say the movie is the main course. The book can be an appetizer or a dessert, but between the two you'll get a total story of the true Montana Saga."

## About the Author

Montana native Dr. Clem C. Pellett received his undergraduate degree from Montana State University in Bozeman and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Creigh-

ton University in Omaha and completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic's Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota. After nearly three decades, he changed careers. Inspired by his successful quest tracking down the murderer of his grandfather, he earned a certificate of private investigation from Boston University.



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**Tuesdays - Weekly**

**WEEKLY MEDITATION** at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Lvg. Every Tuesday at 1 pm. Free to everyone.

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

**WEEKLY PINOCHLE** at the Shields Valley Senior Center in Wilsall, 202 Elliot Street, every Tuesday at 1:30 pm.

**CAREER ASSISTANCE** - Livingston Chamber of Commerce and Job Services of Bozeman are providing on-site career & employment services once a week in Livingston, at the Chamber. Workforce consultants will be available from 9 am to 3 pm at 303 East Park St. Contact Leslie at the Livingston Chamber (406) 222-0850 or Ellen at Job Service Bozeman (406) 582-9237 for more info.

**Wednesdays - Weekly**

**BINGO NIGHT 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. More info, 406-222-8204.

**WEEKLY PINOCHLE** at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston at 6:30 pm. Free for members, \$2 per afternoon game for non-members.

**Thursdays - Monthly**

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP** - Livingston Health Care (LHC) is offering a free adult diabetes support group, for Type 1

or Type 2, on the first Thursdays of each month in the LHC Conference rooms, 320 Alpenglowl Lane, at 5:30 pm.

**June 1 - MASS ASCENSION OF KITES** - Gather your kites and head to the Northside Park at 14th & Summit in Livingston from 9 - 11 am for this family-friendly fun kite flying event. Make a wish for good winds!

**June 3 - SPEAKER SERIES** - Join the Yellowstone Gateway Museum and Foundation for a FREE lecture by Rob Thomas PhD as he discusses the Geologic History of Montana at The Shane Center, 415 E. Lewis Street starting at 7 pm.

**June 4 - GEOLOGICAL ROMP** - Yellowstone Gateway Museum is hosting the Geology of Paradise: Bus Tour Adventure in Roadside Geology with Dr. Rob Thomas, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. This adventure through Paradise Valley is on a chartered bus featuring the "Big History" of geology and some of the oldest rocks on the planet, right here in our backyard. Registration is required, please go online to [ygm-shop.shoplightspeed.com](http://ygm-shop.shoplightspeed.com) or call the muesum at 406-222-4184 and leave your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

**June 4 - LIVINGSTON FARMERS MARKET** - Join in for the first farmers market of the season! Taking place at the Miles Park Band Shell, 229 River Drive, 4:30 - 7:30 pm, rain, wind or shine! Fresh foods from local producers, weekly performances by local musicians and diverse offerings from local vendors.

**June 5 - SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES** - Live music under the Henry Blake Pavilion at The Shane Center, 415 E. Lewis Street, starting at 4 pm when the food trucks begin and the music starts at 5 pm featuring the Fossils.

**June 6-8 - WILD HORSE & BURRO ADOPTION** taking place at the Park County Fairgrounds, 46 View Vista Drive in Livingston, public viewing is Friday from 3 - 7 pm. Adoption

event is Saturday and Sunday from 9 am - 6 pm. For more information about adoption requirments visit [https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-01/BLM\\_WHB\\_AdoptionRequirementsFlyer-508.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-01/BLM_WHB_AdoptionRequirementsFlyer-508.pdf). For event details, contact 406-720-0385 or [BLM\\_MT\\_LLMT931-WHB@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_MT_LLMT931-WHB@blm.gov).

**June 7 - 19TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW** - Downtown Livingston on Main Street from 12 to 3 pm. Outdoor fun with historic cars, vendors and music.

**June 7-8 - PARK COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE PARK** - Family fun for all ages at the Park County Motor Vehicle Park MudBog and Tuff Trucks event in Livingston, Exit 337 then follow the signs. Kids dash for cash, raffle baskets, and vendors on site. Bleachers available, chairs welcomed. For more information go to [ParkCountyMVP.com](http://ParkCountyMVP.com).

**June 8 - VEGAN POTLUCK**, Join them at the Park County Senior Center at 206 S. Main St. at 4:30 pm. You don't have to be vegan, but the food does. Please bring a dish to share that is free from meat, eggs, dairy, honey, and gelatin. You can keep it simple by bringing chips & salsa, fresh fruit, pickles or olives, or a green salad. Sharing delicious food and recipes with fun people who care about their health, the planet and most of all—the animals!

**June 9-12 - ELKS JUNIOR GOLF CAMP** - Taking place at the Livingston Golf & Country Club, 44 View Vista Drive from 8 - 11 am. Call the golf shop for more details and to sign up, 406-222-1100.

**June 12 - SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES** - Live music under the Henry Blake Pavilion at The Shane Center, 415 E. Lewis Street, starting at 4 pm when the food trucks begin and the music starts at 5 pm featuring Jon Robert Y Pan Blanco.

**June 13 - DEPOT MUSEUM** - 6pm - Film Screening & Panel Discussion "The Beast of Our Time." Free and open to the public. Light refreshments available.

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From the source of a river to the point where it exits the state, **the average descent in altitude for a typical Montana river is about 3,000 feet.**

### ACROSS

- 1. Indian title
- 4. Necklace piece
- 8. Wingspread
- 12. Fourth letter
- 15. Barnyard female
- 16. View flirtatiously
- 17. Single
- 18. Gabor sister
- 19. Brewery beverage
- 20. Road tax
- 21. Duel weapon
- 22. Gielgud's title
- 23. Baby bug
- 25. Burst forth
- 27. Copper coin
- 28. Increase
- 30. Greek vowel
- 31. Dehydrate
- 32. Mascara locale
- 35. Flourless cake
- 36. Harsh cry
- 39. Flaccid
- 40. Sniffer

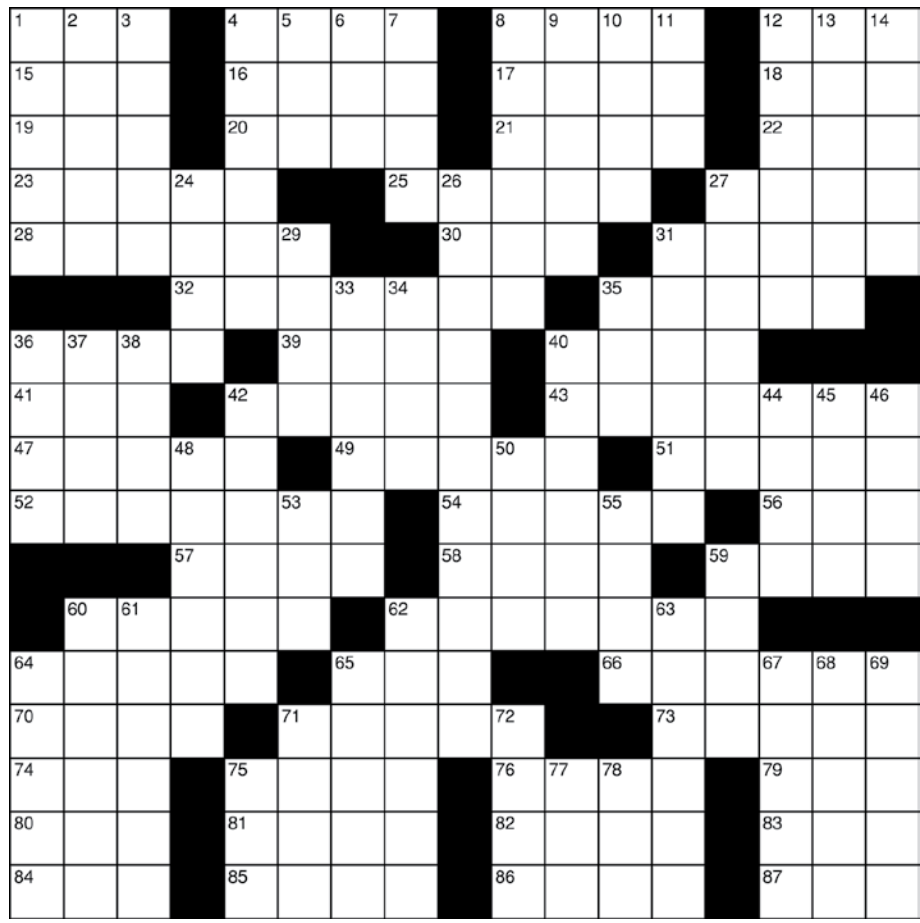
- 41. Cable channel
- 42. Rope-making material
- 43. Powerful
- 47. Repeat, as a TV show
- 49. Robber's crime
- 51. Staggering
- 52. Future frog
- 54. Stairway support
- 56. Eastern title
- 57. Mortgage
- 58. Gutter problem
- 59. "The \_\_\_\_\_ Duke"
- 60. Full of substance
- 62. Tooth doctor
- 64. Astute
- 65. Daylight source
- 66. Celestial being
- 70. Bone-dry
- 71. Obnoxious
- 73. Clear, as a videotape
- 74. Gear
- 75. Extol

### DOWN

- 76. Soup vegetable
- 79. Harbor helper
- 80. Male cat
- 81. "Casino" bet
- 82. Disorder
- 83. Anger
- 84. Actress Balin
- 85. Equal
- 86. Make an aquatint
- 87. Select
- 1. Laminated rock
- 2. Slacken
- 3. Lifeless
- 4. Science of plants
- 5. Bruised \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Entire
- 7. Remove from text
- 8. Detective
- 9. Momma's partner
- 10. Dill, formerly
- 11. Society-page word
- 12. Dry wilderness

# CROSSWORD

Puzzle #401



- 13. Make clear
- 14. Terra firma
- 24. Gore, for one
- 26. Brilliant
- 27. Occupation
- 29. Reuben's home?
- 31. \_\_\_\_\_ service
- 33. Pay attention
- 34. Asian nanny
- 35. Weight
- measurement
- 36. Mongolian dwelling
- 37. Lost
- 38. Voter's district
- 40. Foolish person
- 42. Snobbish
- 44. At close quarters
- 45. Lily variety
- 46. Vivacity
- 48. Higher ground
- 50. Boston, for one
- 53. Install carpet
- 55. Homeric
- 59. Cato's route
- 60. Leave stranded
- 61. Mystery
- 62. Housecoat
- 63. Blade holder
- 64. Spiny plants
- 65. Cook in oil
- 67. Proportion
- 68. Seize
- 69. Father
- 71. Zip
- 72. Time past
- 75. Type of dance
- 77. Set of equipment
- 78. Fabulous bird

# Sudoku

Puzzle #136

9	6	8		5				
	2					8		7
7	3	1		2	8			9
8	5	7	6	3		9		4
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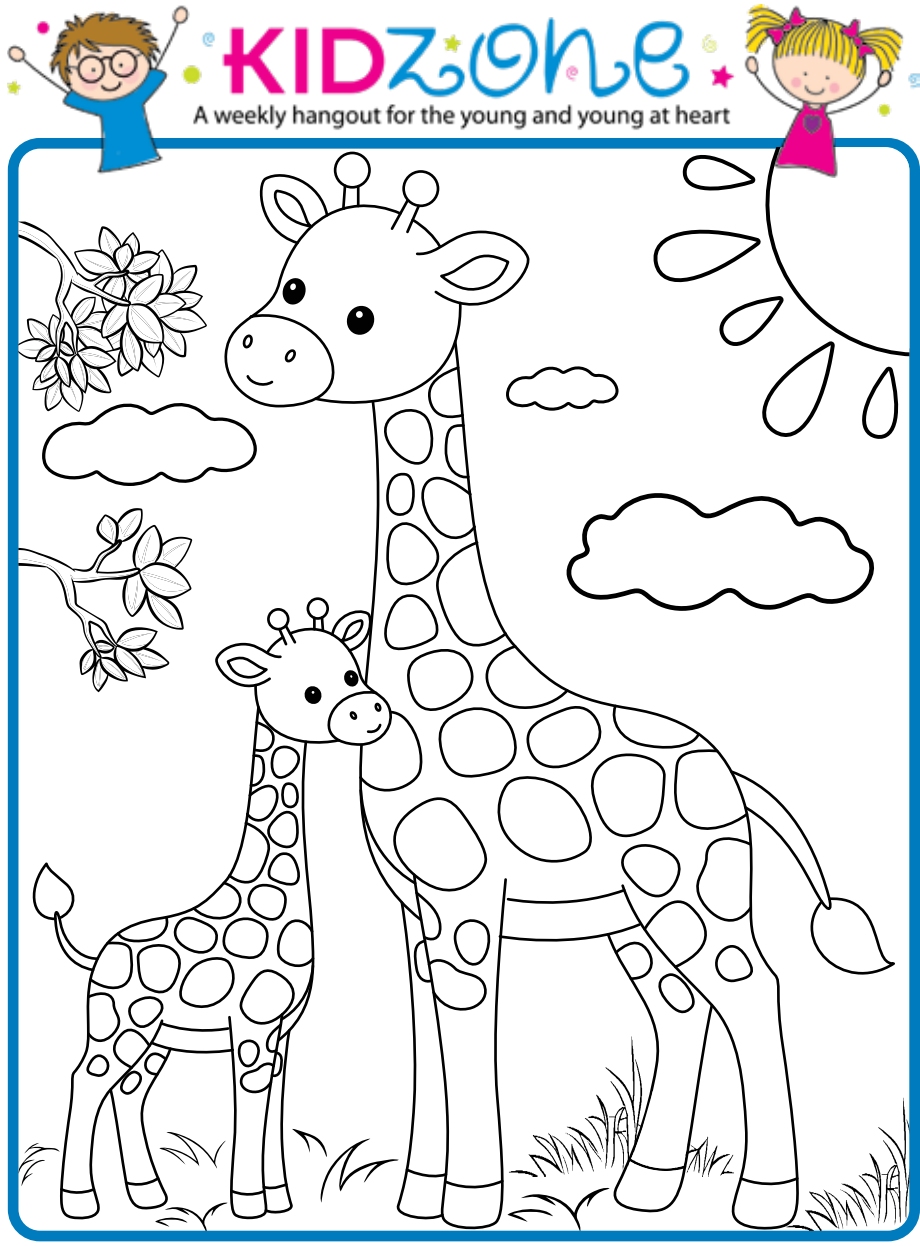
Sudoku - #135

## SOLUTIONS

Crossword - #400

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4	6	3	2	5	7	9	1	8
8	1	2	3	9	6	7	5	4
2	4	7	9	6	5	8	3	1
6	3	8	1	4	2	5	7	9
5	9	1	7	8	3	4	6	2
3	2	6	4	7	9	1	8	5
9	8	5	6	3	1	2	4	7
1	7	4	5	2	8	3	9	6

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  - Have an understanding of the game of basketball and a good working relationship with athletes.
  - Maintain the values of the Bruin athletic program.

- f. Must complete the state required coaching classes: MHS rules clinic (HS), Concussion in Sports (HS and JH) and Fundamental in Coaching (HS), First Aid and CPR (HS and JH)

Please contact Jeannette Bray or Carmen Harbach at the Gardiner school. 406 848 7563. Jbray@gardiner.org, or carmen@gardiner.org

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**Come Join Our Kenyon Noble Team!** Kenyon Noble Lumber & Hardware's Livingston location is currently accepting applications &



hiring for **Warehouse Associates** and **Delivery Drivers**. No experience necessary—we will train! Offering competitive wages and great benefits packages. For more information and to see the complete job listing visit us at [kenyonnoble.com/jobs](http://kenyonnoble.com/jobs). You can also apply online!

**Firefighter 1/EMT**  
**Job Status:** Open - open and accepting applications  
**Job Closing Date:** Friday, May 30, 2025 - 4:00pm  
The City of Livingston, Montana is seeking highly motivated individuals to perform the role of Probationary Firefighter 1/EMT within Livingston Fire Rescue (LFR) to start the weeks of July 1st through July 7th, 2025. This is a full-time, benefit eligible role in LFR with the primary duty assignment in a shift staff role participating in and making a positive contribution to the operations of your assigned shift. This position reports to the Shift Captain, under the direction of the Fire Chief and helps with cross staffing and performs other duties as assigned.  
Visit: <https://www.livingstonmontana.org/fireandrescue/page/firefighter-1emt>

**Fairgrounds & Parks Crew Staff**  
Join Our Team This Summer! (multiple positions available) Looking for a fun, active summer job that makes a difference in your community? Join our Fairgrounds and Parks team! We're hiring energetic, reliable individuals to help maintain the **Park County Fairgrounds** and support our events throughout the summer. For full details and requirements visit:

[https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs/148/Fairgrounds-Parks-Crew-Staff#job\\_148](https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs/148/Fairgrounds-Parks-Crew-Staff#job_148).

**Detention Officer**  
**Description:**  
**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. Visit link below for the Job Description for qualifications and additional information. chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcapglclefindmkaj/ <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/uploads/files/jobs/37/02.2025-Detention-Job-Description.pdf>  
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

# HISTORIC LIVINGSTON SUMMER KICK-OFF SATURDAY JUNE 7



19<sup>th</sup> Annual



OUTDOOR FUN with vendors and music!

## HISTORIC MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

BE RESPECTFUL  
No engine revving  
No burnouts

12 PM – 3 PM

Park St to Clark St

ENTRY FEE  
First car: \$20  
Additional cars: \$10

FOR INFO, CALL:  
DUSTIN  
406-220-1584

PRE-REGISTRATION: FRIDAY JUNE 6  
5 PM – 7 PM  
O'REILLY'S PARKING LOT, LIVINGSTON

DAY OF REGISTRATION: SATURDAY JUNE 7  
11 AM – 12 PM  
Corner of W LEWIS & S MAIN ST (Near the OFFICE)

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# Landmark REAL ESTATE

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## FEATURED LISTINGS

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### 425 N 7th Street

4 beds 2.5 baths | 1,726 sq ft  
#401573 | \$650,000  
Theresa Coleman | 406-220-1405



### 185 Elk Creek Road N

3 beds 2 baths | 2,713 sq ft  
#402169 | \$589,000  
Jessie Sarrazin | 406-223-5881



### 21 Osprey Court

4 beds 2.5 baths | 3,696 sq ft  
#401996 | \$2,250,000  
Swanson Team | 406-220-2045



### 49 Bison Trail

2 beds 2 baths | 2,473 sq ft  
#401913 | \$1,200,000  
Swanson Team | 406-220-2045



### 7 Aquila Lane

Land Listing | 2+ acres  
#394836 | \$244,000  
Deb Kelly | 406-220-0801



### 98 Miller Drive

5 beds 3 baths | 3,352 sq ft  
#400605 | \$898,690  
Tom Gierhan | 406-220-0229



### 102 Elliot Street S

Commercial Sale | 5,676 sq ft  
#397924 | \$1,500,000  
Tammy Berendts | 406-220-0159



### 27 Royal Wulff

3 beds 2.5 baths | 2,668 sq ft  
#390722 | \$1,794,000  
Swanson Team | 406-220-2045



### 1320 Wineglass Lane

3 beds 2 baths | 1,463 sq ft  
#400460 | \$399,900  
Baylor & Carolina Carter | 406-223-7903



### 401 S Main Street

Commercial Sale 10,375 sq ft  
#384182 | \$2,200,000  
Ernie Meador | 406-220-0231



### 1007 E Geyser Street

2 beds 2 baths | 1,584 sq ft  
#402047 | \$649,000  
Julie Kennedy | 406-223-7753



### 9 Grizzly Meadow Road

4 beds 3 baths | 20+ acres  
#400644 | \$2,500,000  
Tom Gierhan | 406-220-0229



### 1296 US Hwy 10 W

Commercial Sale | 10,160 sq ft  
#397843 | \$2,500,000  
Ernie Meador | 406-220-0231



### 305 Lathrop Street W

2 beds 2 baths | 996 sq ft  
#399947 | \$429,000  
Jessie Sarrazin | 406-223-5881



### 17 Evergreen Lane

Multi-Family | 5+ Units  
#400436 | \$1,495,000  
Swanson Team | 406-220-2045



### 1112 Pritchard NW

3 beds 1 bath | 1,104 sq ft  
#397220 | \$179,000  
Rachel Moore | 406-794-4971

## Meet the Team...

I began my real estate career after working in the fashion industry in Los Angeles and Denver, for a multinational advertising agency in Chicago and London, a USAID Engineering Office in Peshawar, Pakistan, and then marketing for CROAKIES in Jackson Hole. Upon settling in Livingston with my husband, an Architect, a career in Real Estate provided a way to utilize this varied sales and marketing background. Plus, there aren't many places more beautiful to sell property than Southwest Montana at the border of Yellowstone National Park!

"Thanks so very much for all your help, guidance, suggestions, hard work, patience, and good humor through this whole deal. You really ARE awesome. Thanks for making it all so easy. I will definitely spread the word about what a great agent you are. Thank you again, so much!!" — The Fultons

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. One

### Jon Ellen Snyder

Broker

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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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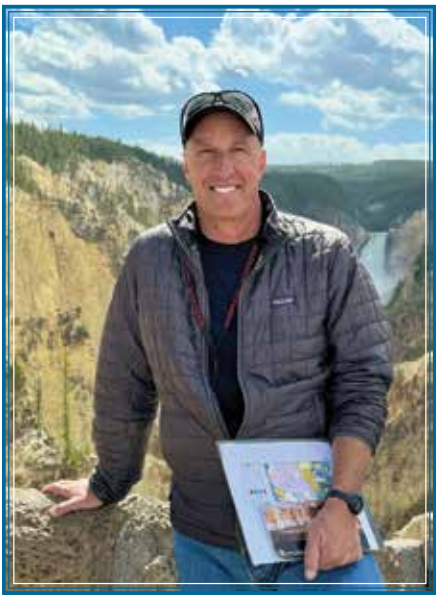
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# JOIN US FOR A GEOLOGICAL ROMP THROUGH PARADISE VALLEY!

With *Rob Thomas*



**EVENT:** THE GEOLOGY OF PARADISE: BUS TOUR  
ADVENTURE IN ROADSIDE GEOLOGY WITH  
DR. ROB THOMAS

**WHEN:** JUNE 4, 2025, 7:30AM TO ABOUT 3:30PM.

**WHERE:** MEET THE BUS AT THE LIVINGSTON  
FAIRGROUNDS. DEPARTURE IS AT 7:30AM.  
PARKING IS AVAILABLE.

**WHAT:** AN ADVENTURE THROUGH PARADISE VALLEY ON  
A CHARTERED BUS FEATURING THE “BIG  
HISTORY” OF GEOLOGY AND SOME OF THE  
OLDEST ROCKS ON THE PLANET, RIGHT HERE IN  
OUR BACKYARD. DR. ROB THOMAS, A  
PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WESTERN, WILL LEAD THE  
ADVENTURE. DR THOMAS IS THE CO-AUTHOR OF “ROADSIDE GEOLOGY OF  
MONTANA” AND “ROADSIDE GEOLOGY OF YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY”

WEATHER PERMITTING, WE WILL VISIT A VARIETY OF GEOLOGIC SITES IN  
PARADISE VALLEY. DR THOMAS WILL EXPLAIN THE EVIDENCE OF ANCIENT  
SEAS, ESTUARIES, STREAM CHANNELS, MULTIPLE LAVA FLOWS, AND OTHER  
VOLCANIC AND GLACIAL EVENTS. SITES INCLUDE:

- THE CARBONITE CLIFFS OF LIVINGSTON CANYON AND THE STORY OF THE  
ALLENSPUR DAM NEARLY BUILT TO CREATE A HUGE RESEVOIR IN PARADISE  
VALLEY IN THE 1970’S.
- THE LIVINGSTON MOUNTAIN ANTICLINE THAT EXPOSES ROCKS THAT  
WERE DEPOSITED IN TROPICAL SEAS WHEN PARK COUNTY WAS ACTUALLY  
SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR!
- THE TERMINUS OF THE YELLOWSTONE OUTLET GLACIER.
- THE BLACK DIAMOND BASALT QUARRY.
- HEPBURN MESA HOME TO A 2.2-MILLION-YEAR-OLD BASALTIC LAVA FLOW  
AND THE REMAINS OF THE EXTINCT PROTO-HORSE , *MERYCHIPPUS*.
- POINT OF ROCKS WHERE VOLCANIC FLOWS FROM THE ABSAROKA-  
BEARTOOTH VOLCANIC SUPERGROUP CAN BE STUDIED.
- DEVIL’S SLIDE SHOWCASING AN EXTRAORDINARY INDEX OF GEOLOGIC  
HISTORY.
- GARDINER/JARDINE TRAVERTINE QUARRIES AND MORE!

**WHO:** ADULTS, TEENS, AND OLDER CHILDREN WILL ENJOY THE STORY TELLING OF  
DR. THOMAS AND THE CHANCE TO SEE THESE OUTCROPS AND LANDFORMS  
UP CLOSE. SOME WALKING IS REQUIRED TO VIEW CERTAIN SITES, BUT THE  
TRIP IS NOT PHYSICALLY DEMANDING.

**COST:** \$125 PER SEAT. WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE. WE RECOMMEND BRINGING  
SNACKS/LUNCHES AS THERE WILL BE NO FOOD STOPS.

**TICKET:** PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE. FOLLOW THE LINK IN THE QR CODE TO  
RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THIS EXCITING ADVENTURE!

**WAITLIST:** IF THE BUS IS SOLD OUT DON’T WORRY! WE MAY ADD AN  
ADDITIONAL BUS SHOULD THERE BE ENOUGH INTEREST. CALL  
THE MUSEUM AT 406-222-4184 AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, PHONE  
NUMBER, AND THE NUMBER OF TICKETS YOU’D LIKE TO PURCHASE.  
WE’LL LET YOU KNOW A WEEK BEFORE THE TRIP WHETHER WE CAN  
ADD AN ADDITIONAL BUS.

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** A LIABILITY RELEASE MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT  
OF THE FIELD TRIP. YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE FORM, SAME LINK  
AS TICKET PURCHASE AND COMPLETE IT BEFORE BOARDING THE BUS.



YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY  
**MUSEUM**  
FOUNDATION  
PARK COUNTY, MONTANA

