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Art in the Anthropocene Livingston Center for Art and Culture

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The Livingston
Center for Art and
Culture will unveil Art
in the Anthropocene,
an exhibit delving
into humanity's
profound influence
on Earth, opening

September 10th and running through October 5th. Ashley Noble, co-curator and participating photographer, was first inspired to conceive the idea for this exhibit when visiting the Monterey Bay Aquarium which featured an exhibit focused on works created from recycled ocean plastics. Ashley envisioned an exhibition that transcends

mere aesthetics, beckoning viewers to ponder the symbiosis between humanity's industrious spirit and the very essence of Earth. Art in the Anthropocene beholds a tapestry woven from upcycled wonders, mixed media marvels, and other mediums like paintings and photography; all telling a story of a bigger picture—human impacts on the planet Participation

on the planet. Participating artist Autumn Evans is a taxidermist "My taxidermy work aims to preserve



the beauty of animals long after they

have passed and serves as a way for

people to ethically and safely study an

animal's anatomical features up close

Photography by Ashley Noble

will be held on Friday, September 27th, from 5:30-8 pm to coincide with Living-

ston's final
Art Walk of
the season.
And if you're
feeling crafty,
dive into
one of the
on-theme
mixed media
workshops
being offered



Taxidermy by Autumn Evans

this exhibit's duration "UpCycled and Collage" and get your hands dirty in the name of art. Don't miss out on this eye-opening exhibition and snag a spot in a workshop.

The Center is located at 119 South Main Street in historic downtown Livingston. For more information contact the Center at (406) 222-5222 or visit http://www.livingstoncenter.org.

Business Spotlight

Shear Image Styling Salon, a long-time staple in the Livingston community, is where Park County local and Livingston Roundup Centennial Rodeo Queen, Tori Johnson. She spent much of her youth, discovering early on a passion for, in her own words, "making beautiful things happen,", through styling hair. The women

who worked in the salon were an inspiration to Tori, a self-described Barbie girl who has long embraced her feminine side with a chic flair for beauty and style, a one-off complement to her jovial personality.

Tori was born in Livingston and grew up on a ranch in Clyde Park before attending the Academy of Cosmetology in Bozeman shortly after graduating from Shields Valley High School. She received her cosmetology degree in 2021 and set up shop shortly thereafter as a booth contractor at Meraki Beauty, owned by



Katie Wilner and located at 1201 US Highway 10 Unit B3 in the Delmar Point business district behind Kenyan Noble in Livingston.

Through her business, Hair by Tori Fay, she offers a variety of styling services (hair coloring and cutting) to men and women of all ages, including children, though she

specializes in hair lightening (bleaching and highlighting) and extensions primarily for women in high school through middle age. She also provides wedding services upon request.

Tori is currently accepting new clients by appointment Wednesday through Friday with extended availability on Thursdays.

Ultimately Tori's goal is to open her own salon and what she says will be a cooperative learning space for cosmetologist to form partnerships and

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Best Of Winners Announced!

Results of the Park County Community Journal's 8th annual Best of edition have finally arrived after a four-week voting period that kicked off on Friday, August 9th and closed on September 6th. Ballots were printed and accepted in-person and via mail at the Main Print Shop located at 108 N. Main Street in Livingston.

For the first time, the survey was also administered online and made accessible through QR codes and website links printed in weekly editions of the newspaper during the survey period. This new development, in addition to increased

marketing efforts, coincided with a significant increase in participation—an estimated three times as many bal-

lots were submitted this year than for previous editions.

In the past, the journal sought votes for nearly 72 categories, many of which were retained or modified for this year's edition, which featured 50 categories, a reduction intended to ease survey fatigue and bolster response rates. In the future, the journal may continue modifying the ballot by adding or removing categories or adjusting guidelines and rules to

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Business Spotlight

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share their expertise in response to the demands created by rapidly changing beauty industry trends. Tori explained that the industry is traditionally competitive but that her vision is to create an all-inclusive environment for stylists to collaborate and thrive together, saying that, "collectively we can all learn something from each other."

Eventually her plan involves recruiting student assistants through the Park County school district's work-based learning program, creating opportunities for aspiring cosmetologists to experience and learn about the industry through mentorships prior to pursuing

a degree. These mentorships would help young people make more informed career decisions. Ideally, this would yield future job prospects for those who intend on returning to Park County, thereby mitigating what Tori says is a common barrier for industry professionals local to the area: becoming established in the community by networking with other stylists.

Tori emphasized that these are only ideas for the time being, yet her 10-year plan is to open her own salon and reinvent the industry's professional standards, beginning here in Park County.

But doing hair, Tori says, is really about the impact she has on others, "It's amazing that such a small portion of my day and such a small investment of my time



Store Front: Shear Image Styling Salon

makes someone else feel good about themselves for weeks and months."

For scheduling and pricing, visit merakibeautybarmt.glossgenius.com and select Tori Johnson for provider or text 406-589-1089. For further information and to view her portfolio online, visit her Instagram at hairby_torifay.

Best of Winners

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improve the overall survey experience for voters and promote the competitive integrity of the contest.

Results for this year's edition of the Best of Park County is on page 16. Several votes were received for each category, featuring multiple ties and winners from new and old businesses alike. Award certificates will be printed

and distributed to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners within the next two weeks. At this time, journal staff are considering awarding prizes to businesses and professionals who place in future contests. Please stay tuned for next year's edition, coming in August of 2025, for further information.

Finally, we want to thank the community for voting to support and honor the people, places and businesses that comprise Park County and embody excellence in our community. Our goal is to not only continue this tradition in the

future but expand its reach by encouraging further participation from voters, local professionals, and businesses throughout Park County. Ultimately, our intention is for this contest to evolve and capture people's sentiments regarding their community.

We ask that you please participate in the future and encourage friends and family to submit a ballot!

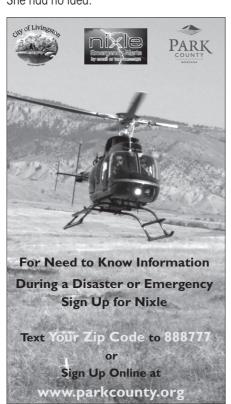
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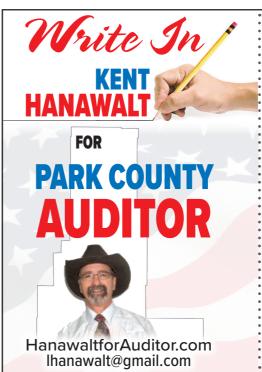
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Remembering 9/11

by Tony Crowder

Members of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars hosted a 9/11 event commemorating first responders on Tuesday, September 11th at Sacajawea Park in

Sacajawea Park in
Livingston. Twenty-six service members
and first responders, including representatives from the Park County Rural
Fire District #1, Livingston Fire and
Rescue, the Park County Sheriff's Office,
and Livingston Police department, began by forming a line adjacent to the



veteran's memorial at Sacajawea Park.

The event commenced at 9:10 am when organizer and local Honor Guard Commander, Eric Bradley commissioned a moment of silence prior to leading a three-volley salute initiated at 9:11 am. A color guard

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bearing national, state and POW-MIA flags also participated in the procession, which featured a special 9/11 commemorative flag. The flag is a United States national flag containing the names of those whose lives were taken during the terrorist attacks committed on US soil 23 years ago. Names of the deceased are embroidered on the flag's stripes.

Commander Bradley, who spoke briefly during the ceremony, commented afterwards that this was at least the 7th annual ceremony, which included the highest amount of first responder participation in the history of the event. Commander Bradly graciously thanked all spectators and participants before adjourning the ceremony.

State Parks in South-Central Montana Move to Winter Schedules

Many state parks in south-central Montana will move to winter schedules later this month.

Chief Plenty Coups State Park will move to its winter schedule on Sept. 16. Under the winter schedule, the park will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 8 am to 5 pm and the park visitor center and the chief's house will be open from 10 am to 5 pm on those days. Chief Plenty Coups State Park is closed Mondays and Tuesdays under the winter schedule.

More information on Chief Plenty Coups State Park, including holiday closures, is available here: fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/chiefplenty-coups.

Cooney State Park is open every day of the year. However, some park amenities are limited in the winter. Drinking water and flush toilets will be available until Sept. 27th. Boat docks are usually available until Nov. 1st, though this may change due to weather conditions. Camping will be available on a first-come, first-served basis rather than through Reserve America beginning Sept. 16th. Electricity remains on throughout the winter. Park staff can be contacted by calling 406-445-2326 or by visiting the park office at 86 Lake Shore Road, Roberts, MT 59070.

More information on Cooney State Park is available here: fwp.mt.gov/cooney.

Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park is

open every day of the year but will only be open to walk-in access beginning Nov. 1st.

More information on Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park is available here: fwp. mt.gov/stateparks/greycliff-prairie-dogtown

Lake Elmo State Park is open every day of the year. The comfort station at the beach will close for the season on Sept. 16. The pavilion and comfort station at the pavilion will be open for reservations until the end of September and will then be available on a first-come, first-served basis, though the comfort station will not be available for use after September. The latrine located at the Lake Elmo boat ramp will remain open year-round.

More information on Lake Elmo State Park is available here: fwp.mt.gov/lake-el-

Pictograph Cave State Park will move to its winter schedule on Sept. 16th. During the winter schedule, the park will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm and the park visitor center will be open from 10 am until 4 pm on those days. The park will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays every week until the third Friday of May, 2025.

More information on Pictograph Cave State Park, including holiday closures, is available here: fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/pictograph-cave.

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Building Bridges in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness The Custer Gallatin National Forest continues to rebuild after the 2022 Floods

Backcountry visitors may see an unexpected sight in the AbsarokaBeartooth Wilderness starting this week. Helicopters will shuttle in two bridges and supplies needed to replace those located on Wounded Man and Flood Creeks. The 2022 flooding event caused scouring around the foundation of the bridges and resulted in changes to the structure and alignment of these creeks. The replacement bridges are needed to fit the new stream channels and address safety concerns with the old structures. From September 11th to early October, helicopters could make multiple trips a day to transport all the materials needed for bridge installation. The time and distance of flights over and around the Wilderness will be minimized whenever possible to lessen impacts to solitude for backcountry visitors. Crews will be present at the installation sites to receive materials and install the new bridges. The helicopters will also be used to remove the old bridges. "Due to the flood event of 2022, we are starting the first of several projects to replace structurally damaged

wilderness bridges in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. We will do all we can to minimize impacts to our backcountry visitors but recognize that people's solitude may be temporarily affected while the flights occur," said Beartooth District Ranger Amy Haas. "With the changes to Wounded Man and Flood Creeks caused by the flood event, the existing bridges don't match the new stream channels, and don't allow for proper hydrologic function of the drainage. The replacement bridges will have a wider span and will be able to accommodate higher waterflow. Therefore, they will be more resilient and sustainable for future use. Replacing these bridges is also important to minimize resource impacts, such as erosion, that can occur when backcountry visitors wade through river crossings. Utilizing helicopter support, this operation ensures minimal environmental impact while delivering essential infrastructure improvements." The need to replace the bridges as well as the need for aviation support to transport bridge materials was supported by a Minimum Requirements



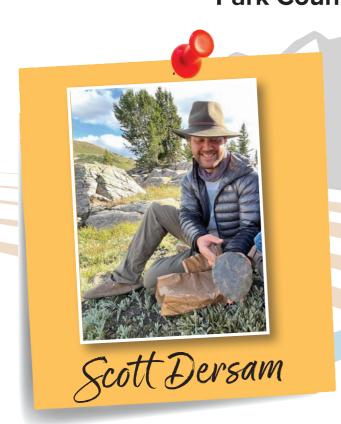
Analysis. Construction crews have begun preparing for the bridges this week and will camp within proximity to the work sites. The Forest anticipates work will be completed and the bridges reopened by early October. For additional information please contact the Beartooth Ranger District Office at

406-446-2103.

Darroch Creek Bridge has Re-Opened Jardine, MT, The Darroch Creek Bridge has been replaced and is now open to the public. With the replacement of this bridge, the Bear Creek Campground will be open to motor vehicle access.

Speaker Series

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



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Principal Investigator and Principal Researcher of the Alpine Ecosystems Research Institute. Dr. Dersam holds a PHD in Anthropology from the University of Montana and has spent many years in archaeological research related to high-elevation North American hunter-gatherer settlement patterning, alpine occupation duration,

and evolving cultural mountain adaptations of the Rocky Mountains.



This Lecture Series 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, and The Tom Miner Basin Association.

Fall Fruits & Vegetables
That Taste Best Right Now!

By Jill-Ann Ouellette

Fall is my favorite season. Being a gardener, it's especially rewarding to bring your harvest in. It feels like the completion of the cycle to finish the gardening. Of course, there are three growing seasons in Montana if you have a greenhouse, but let's take advantage of the season's bounty and learn some storage and prep tips.

Even if you don't have a garden, you can shop the farmers markets that overflow with fall fruits and vegetables. Oh, it's hard not to start dreaming about all the tasty fall dishes you want to make right away, or can, freeze, dehydrate, etc. And it's so much more than just apples and pumpkins.

To help you get the most out of fall produce, here's a guide to the best of what's in season, as well as some ideas for choosing the ripest ones, storage tips, and of course, plenty of ideas for cooking with it all!

Butternut squash: These squash are a type of winter squash and they're readily available everywhere. Choose butternuts that are heavy and not bruised or dented. Store at room temperature or in a cool, dry place. They can store for 3 to 6 months. Butternuts are best for roasting the halves in the oven, drizzled with maple syrup (my favorite), but they are most commonly boiled and mashed for holiday meals, added to soups and stews, or baked in a pie.

Brussels sprouts: Sweeter when harvested after a frost, so buy local, when possible. Pick firm and solid heads. Refrigerate in perforated plastic bags. They can store for 3 to 5 weeks. These are best steamed or roasted with olive oil and drizzled with maple syrup. Many folks like them hard-boiled, although that decreases nutritional value.

Cabbage: Pick heavy, firm heads with no squishiness. There are many different varieties, but they store the same: Leave a few outer leaves in place to prevent drying, and store in your crisper drawer; a plastic bag isn't necessary. They can store

for 3 to 4 months. **Cabbage is best,** of course, in slaws, soups or sautéed and oven-roasted. It will last almost forever if fermented into sauerkraut.

Arugula: This spicy, green vegetable loves cool weather, so it's plentiful in the fall. I encourage you to try growing it because it matures quickly, typically in less than a month. Choose bright green, dry arugula with no sliminess. Store it loosely packed in a perforated plastic bag. In a sealed bag, too much moisture will build up and cause mushiness. It stores for about a week. Arugula is best for salads, either alone or with other mixed greens, for pizza toppings, stir fries, or pasta dishes.

Apples: Sweet or tart, apples are at their crunchy best in fall! With hundreds of varieties (and many regional favorites), it's worth your while to search beyond the Galas and Granny Smiths to find locally-grown ones to love. Look for solid apples with no mushy spots, bruises, or holes. Store in a cool, dry place in perforated plastic baas to allow air movement while retaining moisture. Perforate your own bag by poking holes every 6 inches on both sides of the bag. They can be stored for 1 to 3 months, depending on the variety. Apples are best for pies, sauces, crisps, sautéed for breakfast, or served with pork dishes.

Pumpkins: Not just for pies! This nutritious, winter squash can be used in dishes that go way beyond dessert. Choose pumpkins with no holes or mushy spots. Store in cool, dry condition. They can be stored for 2 to 6 months, depending on the variety. **Pumpkins are** the fall favorite in pies, roasted as a side dish, added to stews, puréed, in baked goods, or to top yogurt and oatmeal.

Spaghetti squash: These oblong-shaped squashes have stringy flesh that you can scrape out to create—you guessed it—spaghetti-like strands. Look for solid squashes with no cuts. Store in a cool, dark place for a month or so. **Spaghetti squash is** enjoyed as a side dish with Romano cheese, in stews, or as

a pasta substitute. It's perfect as gluten free noodles!

Beets: Yeah, no more canned beets! If you've never roasted them fresh, you're missing out on their earthy sweetness. Look for solid beets with healthy tops, which are also edible. When you store them in the fridge, cut off the tops to extend storage life. Beets can be stored for a few weeks. **Beets are best** for roasting with olive oil and eaten as a topping on salads, pickled, and warm or cold as a side dish.

A favorite Fall Recipe. Cut up but-

ternut, summer, zucchini, and patty pan squash, with Brussels sprouts, cauliflower and/or broccoli, onions, mushrooms, a variety of peppers, red potatoes, and carrots. Place them in a bowl and toss them

with avocado oil and add juice of half a lemon. Add sea salt, black pepper, fresh chopped basil, thyme, chives and a dash of turmeric. Place on a baking sheet. Place in the oven at 350° for 30 to 40 minutes (check for doneness). You can also place in a foil pocket and cook on the gill. If I have leftovers, it is reborn as a soup or stew with added meat.

Enjoy this time of year when the bountiful harvests of beautiful, delicious and nutritious veggies are abundant. As always, for reduced pesticide exposure, choose organic veggies when possible.









Recipe by Carla Williams

RECIPE CORNER

Sausage, Egg and Cheese Breakfast Roll-Ups

Ingredients:

- 5 eggs
- 1 can (8 oz) PillsburyTM refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 8 sausage links
- 4 slices Cheddar cheese
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- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- In a small bowl, beat the eggs, reserving 2 tablespoons for brushing on the crescent rolls later.
- Scramble the remaining eggs.
- Unroll the dough on a work surface and separate into 8 triangles.
- Cut each cheese slice in half and place one half on each triangle.
- Top each with a spoonful



of scrambled eggs and one sausage link.

- Loosely roll up the triangles and place them on an ungreased cookie sheet.
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Looking Back with Lindie

Looking Back... like the Indians, our family had some oral history passed down that was or is something that hasn't been read or documented in any book. It's about Calamity Jane and her adventures in Livingston, or anywhere for that matter—until a few years back.

I wrote in to the Chatter and mentioned that my mother told me that Calamity Jane gave birth to a baby girl here in Livingston, because my great grandma, Maria Brakstad had the same mid-wife that Calamity did for her daughter's birth. When I mentioned it in the

Chatter, I asked the (Chatter) audience at that time, if anyone had ever heard anything along this line.

Doug Grieve sent me an article from the Outpost (a publication no longer in existence) and also a photo

of a headstone from a Billings cemetery in downtown Billings, of Calamity Jane's daughter.Through a little research and next to nothing in documentation or photos, I was able to piece together the story of

her daughter. I also gave a presentation at the Park County Genealogy Society one January night a few years back. In the audience, Fred Shellenberg sat listening to everything I said. He left, and went home and pulled a book off his shelf, written by the granddaughter of Calamity Jane. Fred re-reads the entire book and learned nothing matched anything I said—until the last chapter, last paragraph.

This granddaughter (an elderly woman by the time of writing and publishing her book on Calamity being her grandmother; and living in South Dakota) wrote "and my grandmother (CJ) also had another daughter, that was older than my mother. She was born

somewhere in Montana, but that's all I remember my mother telling me." And that small piece of 'oral history' was the missing link that proved my great grandmother's story about Calamity having a baby girl here in Livingston was right. It also confirmed everything I had learned about this baby girl of Calamity's.

I understood there is a curator in Gallatin County at their museum that is an authority on Calamity, so I sent him a CD of my talk. I never heard back from him, not a 'thank-you,' 'kiss my foot,' or anything about my story being a myth.

Sometimes experts can miss truth, because it lacks a certain amount of documentation, or just the opposite. They grasp at the smallest evidence

and build a story around it. Like finding a bone and qualifying it as a 'missing link' forensically connecting man to the lowest form of primate, an ape. Even claiming we evolved from an ape rather than believe the story of creation, where animals were

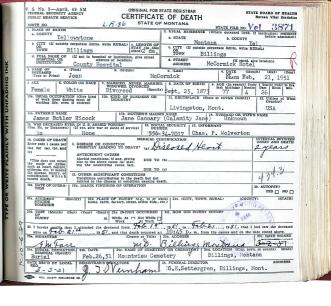
made and then God made man (separate from the animal kingdom and in His image). Or that one bone is no larger than the joint in our thumb... I've found that to be quite a stretch, yet that is widely accepted

among the unbelievers (those who are not Christians who do not believe in creation and a Creator).

Here is a photo of Calamity's Livingston-born daughter's headstone and everyone is free to

surmise what he or she chooses.

To date, I know of no one who has written anything on Jean McCormick outside of my talk, no book, no other



article, no magazine; not even an authority on her but thanks to Livingston native, Doug Grieve in Columbus, and my family's oral history, now we all know otherwise.

Make no mistake. It seems after all

the research that can be done; little as it may be, that in regards to the skeptic, sometimes sharing something that existed—with little documentation, is like trying to describe a beautiful sunrise

or sunset to someone. It existed maybe not for long; but just because you didn't take a picture doesn't mean it never happened or existed.



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- September 19th JH Volleyball in Clyde Park 4:30 pm
- September 20th JH/V Football (Homecoming)
- September 20th Varsity Volley-
- ball in Clyde Park
- September 21st JH at Manhattan Christian Tournament
- September 21st JV/Varsity at Twin Bridges
- September 24th JH Volleyball at Gardiner 4:15 pm
- September 24th JV/V Volleyball in Clyde Park at 5 pm

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

Meals for September 16th - 20th

Monday, Sept. 16th - BBQ chicken, potato salad, roll, fries, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 17th - Pork roast, gravy, potatoes, veggie, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 18th -Biscuit and sausage gravy, eggs, juice, fruit, milk

Thursday, Sept. 19th - Corn chowder, ½ turkey sandwich, fruit, milk

Friday, Sept. 20th - Fish fillet, coleslaw, fries, tartar sauce, fruit, dessert, milk



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Inaugural Livingston Songwriter Festival Features Nashville Hitmakers

The first ever Livingston Songwriter Festival will take place in locations all over Livingston on Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th.

The event has historically taken place in Red Lodge, Cody and Whitefish, but this year Whitefish let the festival producers know they wouldn't be able to host it. Mike Booth, Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Songwriter Festivals organization reached out to Kris King with Explore Livingston and John Lowell and Joanne Gardner Lowell of Mighty Fine Time Live Events to create an annual event in Livingston the first weekend of October.

The established festival has taken place in Red Lodge and Cody for several years and offers attendees a chance to meet the writers behind the songs in rounds where the songwriters tell the story of the song and perform very familiar songs in a stripped-down way. Featured Hit Songwriters in Livingston include Stephanie Quayle, Even Stevens, James Dean Hicks, Stephanie Davis and Helen Darling.

Stephanie Quayle is a Nashville recording artist who tours the world with her music and an entrepreneur with her own record label, Big Sky Music Group. Rolling Stone Country called her "an artist you need to know." CMT named her as part of its "Next Women of Country" franchise. She's appeared on popular programs like The Kelly Clarkson Show and The Ellen DeGeneres Show. As an indie artist with two Billboard charted singles, "Selfish" and "Whatcha Drinkin 'Bout," she has repeatedly performed at CMA Fest and the Grand Ole Opry.

The Montana native has teamed up with recognizable brands like Wrangler, Harley-Davidson, Bass Pro Shops, Montana Silversmiths, as well as Lucchese Bootmaker in the creation of her exclusive boot line.

Quayle's latest album On the Edge, chronicles her personal experience in a toxic relationship and the healing she's gone through since inspiring others and redefining her future.

Even Steven's songwriting career spans many years and stylistic borders from the multi-platinum international hit, "When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman" by rock's Dr. Hook, to the three-week running #1 Pop hit, "I Love A Rainy Night" by longtime partner and superstar, Eddie Rabbitt. He has accumulated an unprecedented 53 BMI Awards, which include: 14 Pop Awards – 26 Country Awards – 1 Five Millionaire Award - 1 Four Millionaire Award - 2 Three Millionaire Awards – 4 Two Millionaire Awards – and 6 One Millionaire Awards. The Grammy nominated composer has written ASCAP's Most Played Song of the Year, "Love Will Turn You Around" by Kenny Rogers and won BMI's Robert J Burton Award, Song of the Year for "Suspicions" by Eddie Rabbitt, earning him the distinction as a BMI "Songwriter of the Century." He received New York's prestigious Big Apple Advertising Award for writing a series of national Miller Beer TV & Radio commercials, the CMA Triple Play Award (for having three #1 hits in one year) and has had #1 songs in numerous motion pictures and television productions. Recently Even was inducted

James Dean Hicks' songs have been recorded by the biggest artists in the world including Blake Shelton, Miley Cyrus, Kenny Chesney, Reba McEntire and Alison Krauss. He has new songs on a multitude of great artists like Jon

into the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame.

country's best-selling performers of all time are also well-represented on the list. Merle Haggard, John Michael Montgomery, Neal McCoy, Collin Raye, Kenny Rogers, Bryan White, Crystal Gayle, Charlie Daniels and Conway Twitty and also pop superstars Aaron Neville and Tony Rich have included his songs on their projects. He also wrote the title cut "Sweet Kisses" for pop icon, Jessica Simpson, as well as "Life is a Party" by Aaron Carter. He also has songs in many film and TV shows like A.N.T. Farm, Hart of Dixie, Austin & Ally, Deep Impact and many more.

Stephanie Davis is passionate about songs and stories, and their amazing ability to heal, inspire, and connect us all. Growing up in rural Montana, her own songs and stories frequently draw from her deep love of animals and nature, often with a dose of dry Western humor thrown in. Stephanie's songs have been recorded by many artists, including Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Joey + Rory, and others. She has written and toured with Garth, was a frequent guest on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" show and continues to perform at various songwriter festivals and cowboy poetry gatherings.

Helen Darling is best known for her crossover #1 hit song "Bring On The Rain" recorded by Jo Dee Messina and Tim McGraw. This song was subsequently nominated for a Grammy, an ACM and a CMA award. In October 2002, Darling was honored by NSAI members with a superior creativity award and by BMI with a citation of achievement award for "Bring On The Rain." Darling started her career as a Chicago jingle singer on television and radio commercials for such clients as McDonald's and 7-up. Her voice sang the familiar query, Have you driven a Ford lately? After moving to Nashville in 1993, Darling began singing song demos as well as back-up for artists such as Garth Brooks. Next Darling signed a country music recording contract with MCA/ Decca Records. On her debut album, she invited Brooks to sing back-up on her track of "Even God Must Get The Blues." Delbert McClinton and Lee Roy Parnell also made cameo appearances on this freshman effort. In 1998, Darling moved back to Austin, Texas, to pursue family and songwriting. Reba McEntire recorded Darling's "The Angels Sang" on her 1999 Christmas album.

The Livingston Songwriter Festival is a production of the Rocky Mountain Songwriter Festivals, Inc. (RMSF). The RMSWF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated music education in local communities. Since its inception the Rocky Mountain Songwriter Festivals have gifted more than \$130,000 to fulfill this mission. The festival is being supported by the Livingston TBID, Explore Livingston, the Livingston Bar and Grille, Montana's Yellowstone Country, the Murray Hotel, Neptune's Brewery, the Red Ants Pants Music Festival, Tito's Vodka, American Bank, the Art of Parks Reece, Montana Quarterly, Flying S Title & Escrow, Mighty Fine Time Live Events, KGLT, and

Performance venues include The 1900, The Attic, The Owl Lounge, Livingston Center for Art and Culture, Livingston Bar and Grille, Tru North and the Elks Lodge. The festival is hosting a free community concert featuring all of the songwriters to perform at the Elks Lodge on Friday, Oct 4th at 7 pm. "This gives Livingston a chance to get acquainted with the concept of a songwriter circle," added Mike Booth.

"We're hoping people enjoy the concept and buy a ticket to all the shows on Saturday. Your ticket/lanyard



gets you entrance to every venue on Saturday, and a chance to see several combinations of

Tickets are \$55 for Saturday, with plans to expand the festival to three days in 2025. There are opportunities for VIP packages, Sponsors and Patrons to become involved,

writers playing their songs."

and a need for volunteers to keep things rolling. One four-hour volunteer shift gets you an all-access pass to the rest of the festival. Those interested in volunteering should contact Joanne Gardner Lowell at joannegardnerlowellmt@gmail.com or at 406-599-1075. For more information on the festival, please go to www.livingstonsongwriterfestival.org.





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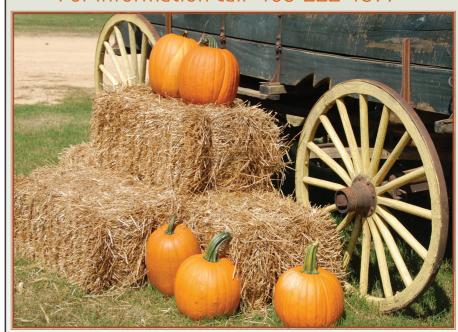
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Kudo's to Shakespeare and to the Shakespeare in the Park Players

By Vicki Smith

I went to my first performance of a Shakespeare play last night. It was the live play of Hamlet at the Shane Center for the Arts in Livingston. It was awesome! From 6:30 to 8:30 with no breaks or intermission, not a pin dropped or a crying child disturbed the show.

The only other Shakespeare I have ever seen was the Zeffirelli film of Romeo and Juliet back in 1968, which being a film was much faster and won the academy award for Best Cinematography. Anyway, I never studied it in school and how did we never touch on Shakespeare? I bet they do in

The performance last night was admirable. The actors were all professionals and everyone knew their lines. I found the costumes a little confusing, some actors were in modern suits and ties and others were in period costumes. The stage and set was the same throughout the whole play.

Hamlet was especially engaging. Those soliloquies came alive to me at last. "To be or not to be..." and "whether or not to choose the outrageous slings of fortune..." I thought the ending was a trifle like the Keystone Kops, but the general gist of the story was believable. I was concerned that I wouldn't be able to understand due to the language difference—but I could. There were some scenes in which I didn't catch every word, but the gist of what was happening was clear to see. Honestly, it made me want to study more of Shakespeare.

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FWP Releases Final EIS for Statewide Grizzly Bear Management

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has released a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzing potential environmental impacts from the statewide management of grizzly bears.

Issuing the final EIS is a key step in a process that started in December of 2022, when FWP originally released the draft EIS for two months of public comment. The draft EIS went out for an additional 30 days of public comment in February of this year to ensure partner agencies, affected county governments, and tribal agencies had a chance for review.

"We've been intentionally very thorough in our process and review of the impacts to the human environment of statewide grizzly bear management," said FWP Director Dustin Temple. "This is a crucial process step that yet again shows the state and FWP are ready to take over grizzly bear management ensuring the future viability of grizzlies in Montana."

FWP analyzed two alternatives in the final EIS. Alternative 1, the "no action" alternative, would represent the status quo. Under this alternative, managing the ever-increasing number of bears statewide, and particularly in areas outside identified recovery zones, would continue to lack a coordinated approach.

Under Alternative 2, FWP's proposed alternative, FWP would adopt and implement the 2024 Statewide Grizzly Bear Management Plan, which would provide needed clarity about where grizzly bear presence is a management

objective and address issues related to connectivity between core grizzly bear recovery zones. If approved, the statewide plan would guide grizzly bear management across Montana. This includes grizzly bears located in recovered ecosystems, grizzly bears in areas not yet recovered, and the places in between.

The final EIS addresses issues and concerns raised during the public comment period. All new information and analysis supplied during the comment period were used to prepare the final EIS and FWP's response to comments received on the draft EIS.



To view the final EIS, please visit https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management/grizzly-bears

Funny Shorts:

Max was at his favorite eatery, the Second Avenue Deli, when he called over the waiter. "Yes?" asked the waiter. "Are you sure you're the waiter I ordered with?" asked Max. "Why do ask?" replied the waiter. Max said, "Because I was expecting he would be much older by now."

Joe's wife bought a new line of expensive cosmetics guaranteed to make her look

years younger. After a lengthy sitting before the mirror applying the "miracle" product, she asked him, "Darling honestly, what age would you say I am?" Looking her over carefully, Joe replied, "Judging from your skin, twenty; your hair eighteen; and your figure, twenty-five." "Oh, you flatter!" she gushed. "Hey wait a minute!" Joe interrupted. "I haven't added them up yet."

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Wilsall meeting location (10:30AM): U.S. Postal Service Building 310 Elliot St N, Wilsall, MT 59086 This tour will visit three stream restoration projects to gather, discuss, and learn about current and future restoration initiatives in the Shields Valley.

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St. Mary's 2024 BASH

The Parent Teacher Organization for St. Mary's Catholic School invites you to this year's **BASH 2024**.The theme is **Roaring through**

the 20s! Men—grab your fedoras, suspenders and pinstripe suits; ladies—get out your feathered headdresses, flapper dresses and Mary Janes for a Saturday evening at the Park County Fairgrounds, beginning at 5:30 pm on September 28th for this inspired gala event. The 1920s was a period of rapid economic growth and social change. The modern technology of having an automobile, watching moving pictures, and listening burst with music and dancing throughout the Prohibition era. This is St. Mary's major annual fundraiser.

A gourmet dinner will be provided by MTPL8 Catering's Melissa Ohair. Melissa has 20+ years of professional culinary experience. She is plating signature gourmet appetizers, a choice of beef tenderloin or stuffed chicken breast, with roasted autumn veggies. For dessert, you can choose from lavender-infused milk chocolate crème brulé, or decadent chocolate cake drizzled in raspberry coulis. Rusty Trzpuc is the live

auctioneer for the event, which hosts a silent auction as well. This year's items being auctioned are an



exceptional assortment of paintings, local art, furniture, themed baskets, gift cards, wine collections, and the annual pleaser—each classroom makes an

item, such as a picnic table or mini local lending library

To get your tickets, call (406) 222-3303 or send an email to stmarys@stmaryscatholicschool.net.Tickets are \$100 per person.

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—To form faithful, self-directed learners of integrity, by providing a high-quality,

Christ-centered education through innovative instruction and personalized learning in partnership with the families of the greater Livingston community. The

> PTO's mission is to strengthen and support the school through fundraising and volunteering.

If you cannot attend consider donating products or services to the auctions. You can also make a direct donation to St. Mary's. All proceeds help our local

Catholic school fulfill its mission for the greater Livingston community.

Shields River Road Surface Improvements in Park County Montana

U.S. Department

of Transportation

Administration

Federal Highway

Current Construction Activities: August

to radio shows was abundant. It was

often called the "Jazz Age." The decade

Construction operations started on

the Shields River Road Surface Improvement Project. Construction included hauling, placing and grading of Aggregate Base from the Jct. with US Hwy 89 to approx. milepost 2.

Upcoming Construction Activities:

Reclaimer will begin pulverizing roadway at Jct. of US Hwy 89. Aggregate placement

will continue from milepost 2 working north. 43,800 tons of aggregate base is scheduled to be hauled from Living-

Please be careful and watch for large trucks hauling gravel in the area.

Work Schedule:

Monday-Friday, 7 am - 5 pm

Delays and **Closures: (Please Have Patience During Construction**)

Delays: Alternating, pilot car and flagger-controlled, single lane closures can be expected between 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

Project Information

Project Number: MT FLAP PARK 34(2)





Project Engineer james.jozovich@dot.gov 360-784-4456 1220 38th St N Great Falls, MT 59106

Project Partners:

Park County, Montana Custer Gallatin National Forest

Contractor:

Riverside Contracting, Inc. 7116 Cowboy Way Billings, MT 59808

Notice to Proceed:

07/1/2024 **Fixed Completion Date:**

10/25/2024 **Project Description:**

This project will reconstruct 13.97 miles of Shields River Road to include full depth reclamation, aggregate base, 3-inches of new asphalt surfacing, new pavement markings and 3,550 feet of new guardrail.



Community

Park County Events Status to Highlight Local **Opinions & Growth Data**

4 Events Happening Throughout the County in Early October

The Park County Community Foundation will release the 2024 We Will Park County report in early October, coinciding with a series of events located throughout the

The first event will take place virtually, via Zoom, on Tuesday, October 1st. An electronic version of the We Will Park County report will be available for download in advance of the event. More information is available on the PCCF October calendar page at https:// find.pccf-montana.org/We-Will-Park-County-2024-Events.

The following week will feature in-person events in the Shields Valley (on Monday, October 7th), in Livingston (on Tuesday, October 8th), and in Gardiner (on Wednesday, October 9th). Each event will include time for informal conversation, a brief presentation of the findings from the Park County Community

Foundation's 2024 survey, and a facilitated conversation about Park County's most pressing needs

and opportunities. The events are offered at no charge and attendees will receive a printed copy of the 2024 We Will Park County report. Doors open at 4 pm for refreshments followed by the presentation and facilitated conversation from 4:30 - 6 pm.

Similar to the previous two years, the We Will Park County report identifies what Park County residents perceive are the top concerns facing the community and provides updated data sets pertinent to the issues. The report will be available for download on Tuesday, October 1st. The public is also invited to stop by the Park County Community

PARK COUNTY **COMMUNITY** FOUNDATION

Foundation's office at 104 South Main St. in Livingston beginning on October 7th to pick up a

printed copy of the report or call them at 406-224-3920 and they will arrange to get you a copy.

Launched in 2018 by the Park County Community Foundation, We Will Park County is a citizen-informed initiative designed to help Park County residents determine their own future. Based on input from citizens across the county, We Will Park County articulates a vision for the community across five key areas: Landscapes and Natural Beauty, Housing and Affordability, Small-town and Rural Lifestyle, Economic Performance, and Health/ Safety/Education. Data relevant to those areas is annually compiled,

tracked, and updated. The goal is to establish a set of facts and values that will help inspire the community to solve the challenges facing Park

"The 2024 We Will Park County report continues to serve as a vital tool for understanding the hopes, challenges, and opportunities in our community," said Barb Oldershaw, PCCF Program Director. "This report reflects the voices of our neighbors, and the data within it provides a foundation for informed decision-making. By coming together at these events, we can collectively explore solutions and shape the future of Park County in a way that benefits us all."

For more information and to register for one of the events, visit the PCCF calendar page at https:// find.pccf-montana.org/We-Will-Park-County-2024-Events.

Access: Ask Early, Don't Wait

Montana's millions of acres of private land offer some excellent hunting opportunities—the only catch is gaining the landowner's permission to hunt

It is Montana law that hunters obtain landowner permission to hunt on all

Here are a few things to keep in mind that will greatly improve results when attempting to secure hunting access to private land.

- Show courtesy to the landowner and make hunting arrangements by calling or visiting at times convenient to the landowner.
- Plan ahead and secure permission well in advance of the actual hunting date.
- Provide complete information about yourself and your hunting companions, including vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers.

· Explain what type of hunting you wish to do and be sure to ask any questions which can help clarify the conditions of access. Follow the landowner's instructions and bring with

you only the companions for whom you obtained landowner

Be sure to thank the landowner after

Hunters and landowners can learn more by investing some time on Montana's Hunter-Landowner Stewardship Project, an information program for anyone interested in promoting responsible hunter behavior and good hunter and landowner relationships in Montana. Visit FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov, then click "Hunting" under Quick Links.

For more information on hunting access in Montana, check out the "Hunter Access" pages on FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.

'Writing Montana' Workshop to be Held at Pictograph

Cave State Park

Dave Caserio, local writer and educator, is leading a writing workshop at Pictograph Cave State Park on Saturday, Sept. 21st, from 10 am to 12:30 pm Pictograph Cave State Park is located just outside of Billings at 3401 Coburn Road.

Participants will use observations of the natural world and explorations of the historical, cultural, and geological background of the area to create works in any genre of writing. This is a recurring, seasonal workshop for both writers and non-writers. The outdoor workshop will include a brief tour of the state park, discussion of the writing process, independent exploration and writing time, and opportunity to share and discuss pieces.

Caserio has authored multiple

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Joyce Eley Johnson

books of poetry and has contributed to a variety of anthologies. He works locally in Billings and across the region with community outreach organizations.

The workshop will be outside. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring their own writing gear and camp chair. Space

is limited. To reserve your space, please contact Pictograph Cave State Park at 406-254-7342.

Pictograph Cave State Park Info:

The Pictograph, Middle and Ghost caves were home to generations of prehistoric hunters. A loop trail allows visitors to view the rock paintings, known as pictographs, that are still visible in Pictograph Cave. Start your visit at the new visitor center.

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Changes, Confessions and Food Rumors

by Joyce Johnson

Many of us long-time valley locals remember "back in the day" when we hung out at Pine Creek Cafe for Sunday Brunch. Or in



town at The Beanery, one of our oldest. Or at the fun, young Amadeus Cafe, (became Rumors, more recently The Wok) where we went in for morning coffee, met friends, and stayed to eat lunch 3 or 4 hours later. We took for granite good affordable food; fun and friendly service; knew so many of the customers. Sometimes at Pine Creek, we hopped up to the campground afterwards to walk to the Falls. Breakfast at Chico Dining Room the same scene. We chatted with guests and local friends across the buffet table, went back for seconds, and sometimes jumped in the pool afterwards, which was free if you had the buffet. What a braa fest!

Continuing, last month weather and air quality after all the smokey days was

clear and mild for the space of time I had visitors, and I was giddy with gratitude. During that time, my visiting Montanaraised friend, and I took camp chairs to the Emigrant's fishing access. We sat close to the water, talked nonstop, and waved to the other appreciators while watching big bird business above. Two or three dogs ran joyfully in and out of the river. I saluted a guy who did a running start, racing dive, and a powerful front crawl out to the sandbar... with his dog swimming along. That, is, seizing the day.

But finding restaurants open, and,

even open... was not as brag-worthy.
Quality of food became a baffling concern, though at first I thought, "ah, just an understaffed shift, or a full moon?" But it happened again and elsewhere, and the season wasn't over. One day only one eatery was open. It had very friendly but way too slow service that day for only five other customers... strangely small servings, burnt... like maybe the gardener had to step in as cook that day. Seemed downright weird. Maybe just our food "karma." But for an upshot, and to cover our gateway neighbors, rumor has it that Gardener's Wonderland Cafe and Lodge

serves the best burg in the valley.

The problem is things have changed for many; food prices are soaring. Large and small businesses have problems getting and keeping help, and many people cannot afford to eat out, not to mention live here with the housing issues. Staying open all week is not affordable, so some businesses have closed or have cut back hours and days after primarily serving the seasons' tourist trade. That's a lot of stuff to deal with. I know local business owners care, and do the best they can. A real estate agent said that business is at "low tide," until the outcome of the election.

Other Changes: Meanwhile the Heart of Paradise Valley, Emigrant General Store, was sold, and we all sigh and adjust to another change; hope the new owners will love the valley and serve both local and visiting people's needs as conscientiously as Bert Otis and family has for around four decades. We feel stinging eyes "waving bye" to the family, but wish them well in health and new endeavors. Maybe Bert can actually stand still, less multi-task, and finish a sentence. I hope they all can enjoy more home life and land. Thank you, sincerely, for all your years of service, Bert,

Jen and family.

I have a hot idea: The Fire Dept. and/or/with/St John's/Emigrant Hall (where else?) could start a Community, volunteer-run, breakfast/sandwich kitchen five mornings a week or more. We can use a donation jar for those customers who request it, like the monthly Food Resource people do. Yup. I will volunteer one morning a week. Anyone else flip a good flapjack? Become famous for pigs in a blanket, or... um... Can provide stand up comedy! Ron could tell endless puns. Time to release the community clowns. Sounds like a song.

"Life is Change, but the secret to happiness is enjoying the process."

[Quote: Jane James, college drawing/painting instructor.] Phew! That is optimistic! But here's the chest pounder: challenge or obstacles stimulate the best of us to pop out, and come to think of it... do a running start, racing dive, and swim like heck to the sandbar just for fun! And like Rocky, lift our arms in victory to the sun. For us old wise ones, however, just carefully hopping from one rock to another will work, then watch our raptors soaring in the sky as the restless river flows endlessly by. [Not bad, huh?]

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We are honoring all who have served in our military and we need your help giving them the recognition they deserve in the November 10th edition of the PCCJ.

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Deadline for submission is Friday, October 25th.

Still Getting Old..

You know you're into middle age when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.

You're getting old when you're sitting in a rocker and you can't get it started. At my age, "getting a little action" refers

to not needing a laxative.
You know you're getting old when you
wake up with that morning-after feeling and

you didn't do anything the night before.

The Doctor says to the patient, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that you are not a hypochondriac."

Last will and testament; "Being of sound mind, I spent all my money."





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Sunday, September 15, 2024

A New Alternative to Save a Life

by Nwrse Fill

Do you know someone with a food allergy? Or a bee sting allergy? Chances are you do.

Allergies are often poked fun at in movies (picture a Hollywood star's entire face swollen while he tries to hail a taxi to go to the emergency room). Anaphylaxis, the gravest of reactions in a food allergy situation, does cause a person's mouth and throat to swell, making it difficult to breathe. While it may look funny exaggerated on the big screen—it is anything but in real life.

This life threatening reaction to food (or drugs) needs to be treated with a drug called "epinephrine." In the past the only way to do this in the community was through a needle injected into a person's thigh (ideally into the muscle). People who know they have a possibility of anaphylaxis usually carry an epi pen kit for this reason—the treatment is needed as soon as possible, even before a team of paramedics can arrive on scene.

The syringe in these kits is designed for ease of use: After removing the safety device, you just push the end of the syringe against the thigh of the person experiencing symptoms (even through clothing if necessary) until it clicks and hold it there for a few seconds. When using the syringe you don't even see the needle. (Follow directions on the device.) If your friend has an allergy and carries a kit, you should ask about it. They will

likely appreciate the opportunity to show you how it works in case you need to assist them someday.

While this particular delivery system is designed for ease of use, some individuals are still uncomfortable with the needle aspect of the treatment which is why the new FDA approved epinephrine delivery system is causing a stir amongst food allergy communities.

In August the FDA approved a drug called "Neffy," which delivers a dose of epinephrine via a nasal spray instead of with a needle.

While the product won't be readily available until sometime

around October, the product boasts quite a few advantages.

Longer expiration dates. Currently an auto-injector for epinephrine only lasts on the shelf for approximately 12-18 months. If it was on the shelf at a store for awhile, prior to being purchased, then the individual with

allergies may have less than 12 months to utilize it. The new Neffy speculates that expiration dates will span 30 months effectively extending the useful life of the product versus its injectable counterpart.

Ease of use. A no-needle option is always going to trump a sharp jab choice as long as the two are both as effective. Studies have shown that epinephrine administered via nasal spray results in

comparable levels of the drug in the blood stream. This is a strong indicator that the nasal spray will indeed be just as effective as the triedand-true auto injector.

Ease of storage.

The nasal spray is much smaller than the auto-injector kits that are currently available making it easier to carry and store multiple doses that may be needed.

Neffy

Increased

compliance. Studies have shown that epinephrine isn't always given when it should be because of the hesitancy to utilize needles. Using a nasal spray eliminates the fear of needles and theoretically the treatment will be given more readily, more timely, and as often as needed.

Of course, there are pros and cons to every medical advancement, especially in the early stages. There are some that are concerned that it won't be as effective in real-life, out-of-the-lab scenarios. Time will tell as it rolls out. Others aren't convinced that it will be more affordable.

This will depend on demand and on individual insurance companies.



While there may be some processes to work out, many are very optimistic that this will be a positive game changer for severe allergy sufferers. Just like the years following the FDA approval of a naloxone (Narcan) nasal spray to treat opioid overdose we will likely see a slow but sure spread of nasal epinephrine in places where quick access is needed. It may be a couple of years till we see consistent data coming from use in public spheres in order to validate widespread usage. If Neffy does comes out as a solid option for treatment of anaphylaxis it could become the next in a growing line of life-saving treatments that are easy to use and needleless.

While it can be a good slapstick bit on TV, anaphylaxis is no joke and a no-needle life saving intervention, like Neffy, has potential to be a great alternative to effectively treat the life-threatening condition of anaphylaxis that much earlier.

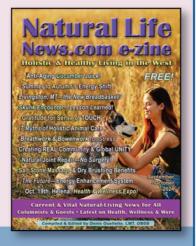
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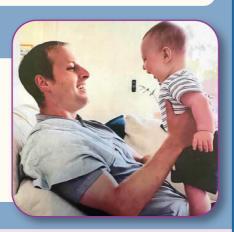


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Ranger Seniors Face Heart Break Hill on Grueling Hardin Cross Country Course One Final Time This Season

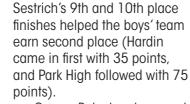
Park County Dugout | By: Jeff Schlapp

For Park High seniors, this year will hold many memorable moments. Still, only six seniors will be able to add running Hardin's infamous Heart Break Hill at the Hardin XC Invitational one final time in each runner's career on Friday at Little Biahorn National in Crow Agency, Montana.

Seniors Cameron and Sophie Sestrich, Landis O'Dea, Augie Stern, Carson Bekedam, and Warren Lee ran the unique course with the most vertical hills the runners will face all year. They enjoyed a fantastic day, and the Rangers boys took second place overall in the 26-high school team

Defending state cross country champion (Class A) Park High sophomore Finn Schretenthaler finished second place behind Hardin's Ben Bird running his home course.

Warren Lee and Cameron



Carson Bekedam improved his time by 44 seconds from last year's race to finish in the top 20 (16th) with a time of 19:29.2. Bekedam, Isaac Ramirez, Devin Earl, and Augie Stern will be the key to the Rangers' season as they round out the top seven Rangers runners. Bekedam made tremendous strides last year, improving his times by 44 seconds, and Ramirez was the winner of the boys' JV race last week at the PHS

Seamus Camp Invite.

Ramierz finished in the top 45 (44), crossing the finish line in 21:16.8. Last vear at Hardin, he completed the

> course in 22:04.6 and finished in 59th place.

Devin Earl completed the challenging course in 21:29.1 to

claim 49th place, and Augie Stern came home at 22:47.0.

Sophie Sestrich and Landess

completed the race gave each of them for the rest of the year.

Sophie Sestrich claimed a top-15 spot among the finishers (13) with a time of 22:26.5.0'Dea came home in 38th place. Jude Johnson, who won the

Ladies JV race last week, was close behind O'Dea, finishing in 42nd place. Freshman Addy Boyce came across

> the line in 57th place.

In the boys' JV race, Park High's Xander Becnel earned 35th place with a time of 23:52.7. Tate Bekedem ran the course in 27:17.32.

In the Middle School Boys 1.5 Mile race, Sleeping Giant's Langley Hamilton finished in the top five (4th) with a time of 10:42.93. Kaleb Marsh turned in a

time of 11:11.07 for eighth place, and his brother, sixth grader Logan Marsh, ran his second strong race in a week, finishing with a PR of 12:47.0 for 42nd place.

In the girl's middle school 1.5mile race, Hannah Boyce ran a PR

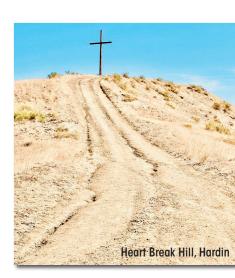


Lady Rangers Siobhan Stevenson, Addy Boyce, Landess O'Dea, Jude Johnson and Sophie Sestrich. Photo Credit: KJ Schretenthaler

of 13:09.5 to finish 11th place. Sixth grader Maeve McGrath came in 21st with a PR of 13:39.2, and Esperanza Hernandez finished in 37th place with a time of 14:24.1. Grace Malloy rounded among the top 50 middle school girls, finishing in 46th place out of the 170 total finishers.

For all the runners, it was one of the year's most physically challenging races

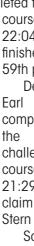
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Finn Schretenthaler races to a second-place finish, covering the course at Hardin in 16:59.9 on Friday at the Hardin XC Invitational.

Photo Credit: KJ Schretenthaler



O'Dea led the Lady Rangers. Last week, the girls told me that they hated the Hardin course and Heartbreak Hill, but they enjoyed the confidence having ParkCountyDugout.com
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Augie Stern runs with a pack of runners at the Hardin XC Invitational on Friday.

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After a 2-1 Loss to Lone Peak, the Rangers Rebounded

With Solid Defense and an Explosive Offense Behind John Hasbrook and Bryce Brisbin on Saturday, Winning 8-0 Over Thompson Falls

Park County Dugout | By: Jeff Schlapp

Give Rangers head soccer Coach Jeff Dickerson and his assistants (Nick Amsk and Caleb Minnick) 48 hours with a team that wants to learn and be coached, and they will correct their mistakes. After suffering a few defensive lapses and mental errors on Thursday in a 2-1 loss to Lone Peak, the Rangers played a terrific defensive game in front of keeper Isaac Winfrey, moved the ball creatively on offense with crisp passing, and played as a team behind their leader Jonh Hasbrook as they defeated the Blue Hawks of Thompson Falls 8-0.

On Thursday, the Rangers welcomed Lone Peak to their house at McLeod Field and were generous hosts, gifting the Big Horns two goals

in Lone Peaks
2-1 win. Calvin
Blueher, from
an assist by
Hasbrook, gave
the Rangers a 1-0
lead with 7:25 in
the first half.

The lead held until 26:14 showed on the second-half clock when Keegan

Luchini scored a goal from about 15 yards out. He broke into the penalty box uncontested and whipped a beautiful riser above Winfrey's head that Winfery had zero chance to stop, to tie the game. The winner came off the foot of Big Horn midfielder Finn McRae, assisted by Dudley Davis, with 12:03 left in the game. The score held as the Big Horn controlled the field the rest of the match, with the Ranger's trips into the Big Horn side of the field only resulting in one harmless shot on goal by Hasbrook.

It's hard to understand how the Blue Hawks, in its first year of soccer, tied Lone Peak earlier in the season, came into the Rangers game, and looked lost on the field throughout most of the game. More to the point, how could the Rangers lose to a team that played to a sister's kiss against the Blue Hawks?

behind us, but the results on Saturday show why coach Dickerson is genuinely the best soccer coach in the state. He realizes this team is different from last year's senior-heavy team. It's a young team, with Nick Smith joining Hasbrook and Winfrey as its only seniors. On the sidelines Saturday, he told his team to mentally prepare during team intros about

The answer is

Throughout the match, Coach Dickerson, Amsk, and Minnick constantly shouted encouragement to their team and provided instructions

what they would do on the pitch

of the match—to visualize their

during the first few minutes

performance.



Senior Goal Keeper Isaac Winfrey prepares to stop a shot by the Blue Hawks of Thompson Falls on Saturday at McLeod Field in Livingston.

on where to be on the field—a different style of coaching than in the past three years, when the coaching staff could lean on juniors and seniors to be on-field coaches.

Against the Blue Hawks, the Rangers pressed the ball most of the match with Hasbrook, Ruben Elwell, Jaxon Clark, and Bryce Brisbin. Most importantly, the Rangers sealed the defensive leaks with Smith directing the young but talented Kasa Peterson, who is learning to utilize his speed on defense.

It was the Hasbrook and Brisbin show on Saturday, with both scoring two goals (Hasbrook had a third wiped out by an offsides call), three assists by Hasbrook, and a goal by Alex Freund and Cody Larkin.

Elwell got the day off to a good start when he scored the Ranger's first goal, which was a sight to see.



prepare during team intros about Ranger freshman Calvin Blueher is looking for an opening to advance the ball against Thompson Falls on what they would do on the nited. Saturday at McLeod Field in Livingston.

Controlling the ball at the 18-yard line of the Blue Hawks, moving toward the near sideline, Elwell unleashed a laser of a shot, a shot that he was able to bend from left to right and settled into the goal about a foot under the crossbar

Hasbrook is fun to watch. He's so humble for the amount of talent he has. His last assist was a perfect example. Stealing a pass at midfield, he circled around two Blue Hawk defenders and headed to the far sideline at the 40-yard line, where he outraced another defender, dribbled down to the 30-yard line, took one look, saw Brisbin closing at the 20-yard line, and flicked a sensational pass that Brisbin was able to kick in midair, midstride for a stunning goal.

Hasbrook is a quiet but strong leader for the young Rangers. He is so respected at Sweet Grass High School (Sweet Grass co-ops with Park High for soccer) that seven of the school's football players drove to Livingston to watch Hasbrook play and salute him at the end of the game.

So, the Rangers got a win. One, they needed to build confidence. They still trail Billings Central, Lone Peak, and Lockwood in the conference standings, but the season is young; plenty of time for the Rangers to make their destiny.

The Lady Rangers won in the early game against Thompson Falls 4-0 to improve their record to 2-1.

Next game: Tuesday, September 10th, at home versus Laurel. Game time 6:00 p.m.

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Monday Nights

- JAZZ JAM AT ENGINE ROOM PIZZA in Livingston (113 W Park Street) every Monday night from 7 to 9 pm. This is a welcoming space for musicians of all levels to come together and play jazz standards, blues, and Latin grooves. A drum set, keyboard, and bass amp are ready for anyone who wants to join in. Weather permitting, we'll be playing outside to enjoy the evening atmosphere. You can find more details on our Facebook event page: Jazz Jam at Engine Room Pizza.

Wednesday Nights

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

September 15 - SHE-TRIBE ART AFFAIR, 812 East Lewis in the backyard sanctuary, 6 pm. Everyone is invited!

September 17 - JOHN HENRY HASELTINE AT ELK RIVER BOOKS, 122 S. 2nd St., 7 pm with book signing and

reception following reading. For more information, send an email to info@elkriverbooks.com or call (406) 333-2330.

September 18 - RESERVOIR PARK COMMUNITY

PLANNING - City of Livingston is looking for suggestions for how Reservoir Park can potentially be developed. Meeting in the Community Room at 414 E. Callender St., 5-7 pm. This meeting will include survey responses review and discussion.

September 19 - SPEAKER SERIES AT THE SHANE

Yellowstone Gateway Museum presents Scott Dersam to speak at 7pm at the Shane Center, Livingston. Speaker Series: The Epic Story of Humans, Wildlife and Landforms in Park County: A Guide for Stewardship of Our Ecosystem.

September 20 - BAKERY DAYS Community

Bakery and Livingston Recreation presents Bakery Days -Beastly Bits, a monster cookie sandwich workshop. 1-2 pm, ages 9 to 11, pre-registration required. linktr.ee/livingstonrecreation or call 406-223-2233.

September 21 - THE PARK COUNTY BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (AAUW) will hold its next meeting at 9 am at WarmStone Fireplaces and Design at 116 B St. in Livingston.

September 23 - LIVINGSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Rehearsals begin for the holiday season performances. Park High School Choir Room, 7-8:30 pm. Membership dues-\$35.

September 23 - SHIELDS RIVER 2024 FALL WATER-

SHED TOUR - Tour visits three steam restoration projects, 10 am - 2:30 pm. Free registration and lunch included. **PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 5PM MST** If you are registering after 5 pm on September 20th, please email halle@freshwaterpartners.org directly.

September 27 - ART IN THE ANTHROPOCENE ARTIST RECEPTION Livingston Center for Arts and Culture, 5:30-8 pm. 119 South Main Street, Livingston.

September 27 - PARENTS NIGH OUT Kids ages 5-11, drop off at the Civic Center and have a night out! 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, registration in advance is required to partic-

September 28 - ST MARYS BASH at the Park

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County Fairgrounds, 5:30 pm, for tickets call 406-222-3303 or email stmarys@stmaryscatholicschool.net.

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October 5 - HARVEST SALE Pine Creek United Methodist Church Annual Harvest Sale, Pine Creek Methodist Church, 2470 East River Road, complimentary lunch at noon, auction starts at 1 pm. For more information call 406-222-4897.

October 6 - CANDIDATE FORUM for all candidates running for elected office in Park County. The forum will start promptly at 2 pm at the Beaver Creek Community Hall, 651 Swingley Road. A meet and greet will follow the forum at approximately 3:30 pm with coffee, tea and refreshments.

October 8 - PUBLIC INPUT FOR GARDINER RESORT

TAX - The Gardiner Resort Area District Board wants to hear your thoughts on how to improve the community's program and plan for the future. Meeting will be held at the Gardiner School's multi-purpose room from 6:30-8:30 pm.

October 12 - MONTHLY POTLUCK AT BEAVER CREEK

COMMUNITY HALL, 651 Swingley Road, 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited! Please bring a side dish, salad or main dish to share.

October 16 - CANDIDATES FORUM will be sponsored by the Park County American Association of University Women (AAUW) in the Community Room of the City-County Building, 414 East Callender St. The forum for candidates for county offices (Commission District 2 and District 3, County Auditor, and Justice of the Peace) will be 6-7:15 pm. The candidate running unopposed has been invited to sit in the audience. The forum for candidates for Montana House District 57 and District 58 will be 7:30-8:30 pm.. The audience will have the opportunity to submit written questions to

October 23 - RESERVOIR PARK WORKSHOP #1-

the candidates.

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- 3. Dailey's Lake

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- 1. Yellowstone National Park
- 2. Chico Hot Springs
- 3. Pine Creek

FINE DINING

- 1. Campione
- 2. Livingston Bar and Grill
- 3. 2nd Street Bistro

BREAKFAST

- 1. Faye's Café 2. Pinky's
- 3. The 49er

LUNCH

- 1. The Office
- 2. Jackalope Provisions
- 3. Gil's Goods (The Murray)

DINNER

- 1. Campione
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- Eatery 3. The Mint

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- 3. Dreamboat Market

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- 2. Up in Smoke BBQ
- 3. Montana's Rib & Chop House - Livingston

BURGER

- 1. Bad Burger
- 2. The Office
- 3. Mark's In and Out

STEAK

- 1. Montana's Rib & Chop
- House Livingston
- 2. The Mint
- 3. Livingston Bar and Grill

PIZZA

- 1. Rosa's
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- 3. Engine Room

CHICKEN

- 1. The Office
- 2. The Mint
- 3. Fainting Goat Pub

COFFEE

- 1. Perk on Park
- 2. RX Coffee
- 3. Coffee Crossing

DESSERT

- 1. Gil's Goods (The Murray)
- 2. Livingston Community Bakery
- 3. Campione

PLACE TO WATCH **SPORTS**

- 1. The Office
- 2. The 49er
- 3. The Murray

BAR/TAVERN

- 1. The Office
- 2. The Murray
- 3. (two way tie) Fainting Goat Pub; Katabatic Brewing Co.

HAPPY HOUR

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- 2. The Mint
- 3. The Owl

BARTENDER

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- 1. Sleeping Giant 2. Colmey Veterinary Hospital
- 3. Livingston Veterinary Hospital

LOCAL ARTIST

- 1. Parks Reece
- 3. (three way tie) Angie Froke, K Potter, Edd Enders

2. Tandy Miles Riddle

- ART GALLERY
- 1. Medicine Bird Gallery 2. Parks Reece Gallery 3. Livingston Center for Arts

LOCAL LIVE

MUSICIAN 1. The Fossils

and Culture

3. Blake Brightman Band

2. The Sleepless Elite

- LIVE MUSIC VENUE 1. Pine Creek Lodge
- 2. Old Saloon 3. The Attic

- **CASINO** 1. The 49er
- 2. The Office, UnWined 3. Buckhorn, Lucky Lil's
- MUSEUM/EXHIBIT 1. Yellowstone Gateway
- Museum
- 2. Livingston Depot Center 3. Danforth Museum of Art

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emigrant People's Market, located at 8 Story Road, Emigrant, MT 59027, on the lawn of St John's Church. Saturdays 9-1 pm. June -October, weather permitting. Locally created goods and eclectic curated items. New vendors welcome. Email emigrantpeoplesmarket@gmail.com for information.

Opportunity to serve your community on the Board of Trustees!

The district is looking for two individuals who are willing to serve as a part of the Arrowhead School Board of Trustees.

- Appointed until next school election May 2025
- One-year terms
- Send questions or request for application to: Cinda Self, District Clerk cself@arrowheadk8.org.

FOR SALE

Ceramic Flatop Stove & refrigerator, white, both in excellent condition, and both perfectly cleaned. \$100/each Please call 406-222-4459, no text.

HELP WANTED

2024-2025 Vacancies 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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HOME-FIXER-UPPER RANDY: 406-946-1825

St. Mary's Catholic School has an opening for a full-time preschool **teacher** for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact Melissa Beitel at (406) 222-3303 or mbeitel@ stmaryscatholicschool.net.

Key Insurance in Livingston is looking to hire a Licensed Insurance Agent to our team. We are dedicated to providing individuals, families, businesses and their employees with the very best in supplemental benefits. Working hand-inhand with our customers, our dedicated sales force provides personal face-toface service that is almost unheard of in todays business world. We are committed to providing our clients with the right protection, customized to their needs. We offer \$55K to start depending on qualifications. Please contact Alice at 406-222-0944 to schedule an interview or email resume to alice@ montanginsurance.net.

EXPERIENCED AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN



Come work for a business where you are not just a number, but a team member. If you are an experienced auto body technician with a wide range of skills, we'd like to talk to you. Our technicians perform welding, framework, sheet metal straightening, aluminum repair and light mechanical to suspension replacement. The position requires directions from estimates and work orders to be completed perfectly Must supply own tools and toolbox, a valid drivers license and have reliable attendance. Must be able to spend time on your feet and able to lift to 50 pounds Equal opportunity employer. Pay is hourly and performance-based. Paid holidays, five paid personal days, 401K & Health Insurance after 1 year or probationary has been met. Schedule is Monday through Thursday 7 am to 6 pm. Apply by stopping in the shop, 908 East Park Street, Livingston, calling 406-222-0214 or email: bob@oconnorautobody.com. O'Conner's Auto Body is a busy shop, and has been making the community's autos look like new for over 50 years.

SERVICES

FULL-SERVICE HOME REPAIR *IMPROVEMENTS*

Coffee Creek Espresso is hiring full and part-time Barista positions. This is a fast, friendly, fun environment. Come join our team!! Please pick up an application at Coffee Creek if you are interested. Located in the Albertson's Parking Lot.

Downtown Livingston Business Improvement District (LBID) Request for Proposal (RFP) for Downtown Garbage & Graffiti Removal for Contract Period 9/1/24 - 8/31/26. ICEC Contractor and experience preferred, part-time hourly trainee accepted. Summer, 20-40 hrs/ mo, cool season 10-20 hrs/ mo. For more information go to downtownlivingston.org/contractwork.

Explore Livingston seeks event coordinator to oversee cool season events Fall-Winter. New position, hours vary, independent contractor status. For more information go to explorelivingstonmt.com/jobs.

Destination Stewardship and Resiliency Planner RFP for Explore Livingston. RFP due 8/30, contract work 9/24-3/25. More at explorelivingstonmt.com/jobs.

Now Hiring at The Office!

Part-time retail sales position available at The Office, 128 South Main Street. E-mail resume to info@ officeloungeandliquor.com, go online to our website, or stop by for an application today!

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.You can also apply online!

Join the Livingston Urban Renewal **Agency Board!**

Are you passionate about revitalizing Livingston's downtown and making a positive impact on our community? The Livingston Urban Renewal Agency (URA) is seeking two dedicated individuals to join its board. Board members serve a 4-year term and play a vital role in supporting the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the downtown area.

About the URA: The mission of the URA is to assist with the revitalization of Livingston's downtown by adopting, funding, and managing projects that: Rehabilitate and redevelop blighted

Provide public improvements Repair or rehabilitate deteriorated structures. Improve infrastructure, facilities, and equipment to enhance the health and safety of the downtown

Grant Programs: The URA currently operates two key grant programs: Facade Improvements: Financial assistance for repairing or rehabilitating building facades in the District.Residential Redevelopment: Grants to encourage the development or rehabilitation of residential spaces within the district.

If you're interested in shaping the future of downtown Livingston, we encourage you to apply! To apply, please complete the application linked on this page. Return completed applications to Emily Hutchinson at Livingston City Hall 220 E. Park Street or by email at ehutchinson@ livingstonmontana.org.

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 has the following coaching position currently available, so if interested, please contact Carmen Harbach, Athletic Director, at carmen@ gardiner.org. Head Jr. High girls Volleyball coach.

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.

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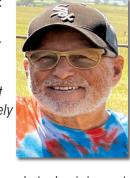
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Writers Column

By James Kozlik

As you walk, you must make the universe understand that you are extremely determined to reach your destination no



matter how many obstacles intercept your path! When you do this, obstacles start disappearing one by one.

-Mehmet Murat Ildan

Introduction to "Writers Column"

The written word is creative thought sculptured into imaginative form. It paints a picture of what was, what is, and what is to come. This *Community Journal* is a collaboration of fact and fiction. It's a contribution of creative thought. And so, I share some writings and invite you to do the same as the future of this dedicated space takes form.

The Gorge of The Mango Tree

by James Kozlik

It wasn't too long ago, maybe last year, a friend invited me to join him on a kayak trip down the Yellowstone River. What he had was an old sea kayak, and we wanted to navigate it through Yankee Jim Canyon. We parked our car and checked on the river's current and how it was behaving around the menacing boulder that inhabits a good portion of the entrance into Yankee Jim. According to our calculations, if we stayed far enough to the right, there would be no issues. And so, we put in, with our destination being Carbella's Bridge. A nice, short midday excursion quickly turned into a harrowing story to tell:The flip around the menacing boulder that ate our lunch, the current that dragged us downstream, the old sea kayak that busted in two, the climb out of the canyon with bloodied shins. And finding my friend still hanging onto the damaged kayak, turning blue and shivering way down there at the bottom of the canyon. As we sat there after attempting to salvage what was left of his beloved sea vessel, unbeknownst to me a story evolved...



Excerpt from: Myths & Legends
of Our Own Land—
A Yellowstone Tragedy
By Charles M. Skinner (1896)

Although the Crow feared the geyser basins of the upper Yellowstone country, believing the hissing and thundering to be voices of evil spirits, they regarded the mountains at the head of the river as the crest of the world, and who so gained their summits could see the happy hunting-grounds below,

brightened with the homes of the blessed. They loved this land where their fathers had hunted, and when they were driven back from the settlements, the Crow took refuge in what is now Yellowstone Park.

Even here, the soldiers pursued them, intent on avenging acts that the Crow men had committed while suffering under the sting of tyranny and wrong. A mere remnant of the fugitive band gathered at the head of that mighty rift in the earth known as the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone—a remnant that had succeeded in escaping the bullets of the soldiery—and with Spartan courage, they resolved to die rather than be taken and carried away to pine in a distant prison.

They built a raft and laced it on the river at the foot of the upper fall, and for a few days, they enjoyed the plenty and peace that were their privilege in former times. A short-lived peace; however, one morning, they are aroused by the crack of rifles the troops are upon them. Boarding their raft, they thrust it toward the middle of the stream, perhaps with the idea of gaining the opposite shore, but if such is their intent, it is thwarted by the rapidity of the current. A few among them had guns that they discharged with slight effect at the troops, who stood wondering on the shore. The soldiers didn't fire but watched, with something like dread, the descent of the raft as it passed into the current and, with many a turn and pitch, whirled on faster and faster.

The death song rises triumphantly above the lash of the waves and that distant but awful booming that is to be heard in the canon. Every Crow had his face turned toward the face of the foe with a look of defiance, and the tones of a death chant and in them, something of mockery no less hate and vaunting. The raft was then between the jaws of rock that yawned so hungrily.

Beyond and below were vast walls, shelving toward the floor of the gulf a thousand feet beneath—their brilliant colors shining in the sun of the morning that sheds as peaceful light on wood and hill as if there were no such thing as brother hunting brother in this free land of ours. The raft was galloping through the foam like a racehorse, and, hardened as the soldiers were, they could not repress a shudder as they saw the fate the Indians had chosen for themselves. Then the brink was reached. The raft tipped toward the gulf, and with a cry of triumph, the Crow men were launched over the cataract into the bellowing chasm, where the mists weep forever on the rocks and

To be continued... Look for the Writers Column in the next Community Journal. If you have a short story to tell and can lace it with some Montana folklore, send a short script to jakozlik@gmail.com. Follow us at: Inspiredbookwriters.com



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Livingston's First Downtown Master Plan Adopted by Unanimous Vote

By Tony Crowder **Managing Editor**

The City
Commission, through
a process led by
manager Grant
Gager, unanimously
voted to adopt the

final draft of Livingston's first downtown master plan at the meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd. A contract was awarded to Crescendo, a city planning and design consulting group based out of Colorado, at a special commission meeting held in July of 2023 that has now, after 14 months, culminated in a 197-page visionary document that will guide future development in downtown

The creation of a downtown master plan originated as a recommendation from the growth policy created in 2021 and will function in a supplemental capacity as the city continues pursuing strategies to improve publicly owned spaces and address various community needs with special consideration for how existing economic conditions and other relevant factors affect development. Though the plan does not enforce municipal policy or infringe upon private property rights, it is said to directly fulfill and support 19 objectives recommended by the growth policy and may provide guidance to property

owners as to how private development may be executed to promote consistency between sectors and within the community as a whole.

Like the growth policy, the process used to create the plan involved an extensive effort to gather and incorporate feedback from the community through focus groups, workshops, an emerging ideas survey, and at various public events hosted by the city in partnership with consultants. A draft was released for public review on July 13th, 2024, nearly one year removed from the project's initiation, and was then revised according to feedback received by the consulting team, which included 1300 citizen responses through August 7th. The city continued receiving comments through the recent land use meeting, totaling seven weeks of community review prior to the commissioner meeting held last Tuesday.

The masterplan is therefore intended to reflect the vision of Livingston residents as to how future growth will be managed in the downtown area over the next 20 years—a conventional standard, according to consulting lead Andy Ritz, used by consulting groups for accurately projecting growth, who also commented that, relative to other communities with which the firm has consulted, Livingston citizens were highly engaged with the process.



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The plan is organized into three chapters to succinctly reflect the community's vision, provide a framework to guide various growth-related initiatives, and identify potential investments by the city instrumental in manifesting the community's vision. An appendix was included to retain a catalogue of citizen commentary and results for the housing and parking studies, resources that will be used to provide further clarification and nuance regarding the accomplishment of future growth projects.

The framework described in chapter two comprises five recommendations: land use, building form and activation (building height & massing, building form, use-based activation, and spatial activation), parks and open space (existing parks, pocket parks & programmable open spaces, street trees/landscaping/ shade opportunities and natural environments), streetscape and mobility (improvements, enhanced connectivity & mobility and parking), arts and culture (public art and storytelling) and economic housing and development, all which are extensively detailed within the

of the initiatives in each category converge to form a comprehensive and dynamic approach to managing growth.

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city's website. Many

be viewed on the

One recommendation, for instance, is prioritizing pedestrian walkways at the intersections of Main and Park Streets and 2nd and Park Streets, an initiative outlined within the streetscaping and mobility section of the plan. Much of the initiatives outlined in the plan were designed to be implemented slowly and monitored closely to evaluate efficacy and feasibility.

Chapter three highlights municipallevel projects and initiatives that can facilitate implementation of the community's vision with emphases in policy, redevelopment areas, housing development, streetscape improvements, wayfinding and gateways, and parking management.

Though generally well received, concerns were expressed by citizens and commissioners alike. Specifically, citizens raised concerns pertaining to the consequences of development, such as increased population density and the economic effects of affordable housing. One citizen suggested that releasing the plan during peak tourist season created challenges for local business owners to participate in providing input.

Commissioners further questioned how the plan addressed climate change implications, specific strategies for promoting economic development (or lack thereof), and how streetscaping projects would be affected by regulation through the Montana Department of Transportation.

However, many of these concerns were addressed by Gager and Ritz. Most importantly, it was stressed that the plan has no true regulatory function as an appendix to the

to be a living document subject to amendment. The plan is merely intended to inform policy. The public would therefore be invited to provide continued input

growth policy and is intended

regarding the eventual implementation of the plan.

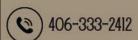
The city will now be responsible for implementing the plan in consultation with other entities such as the urban renewal agency and consolidated land use board and in conjunction with the upcoming master parks and energy plans, both of which are set to begin soon and will again incorporate public feedback

To review the plan or for further information regarding its specificities, please visit the city's website or subscribe to the mailing list to receive notifications regarding future updates at livingstonmontana.org. Citizens may also view a recording of the meeting at which the plan was adopted.





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