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## Jean Skillman is Hanging Up Her Pen

Jean Skillman of Wilsall has announced that after 35 years of faithfully chronicling the comings and goings of the Shields River Valley, it is time to hang up her pen. Jean earned the respect and admiration of many Park County residents with her zest for life and engagement with the community she loves. Her social calendar is packed with ball games of every type, school programs, concerts, recitals, and “reading buddy” appointments. It’s a rare day when she isn’t out and about cheering on the local teams.

Jean is retired from writing a local column for the Livingston Enterprise that began over 35 years ago in 1988. Her column initially focused on local news in Wilsall before she was asked to cover Clyde Park, which she incorporated into a larger column encompassing the Shields Valley.

She said, “It was a fun ride, and I enjoyed having a reason to be into everyone’s business,” a reputation that earned her the nickname “the nosy news lady.” “I took some razing like, ‘don’t’ say that in front of Jean if you don’t want it in the paper’, yet she said, “I also knew that information needed to be verified and permission given to print it.” She had a wide readership from throughout the county and received praise for her writing. She wrote the column for the Enterprise until May 2024.

Rosa Jean Skillman was born December 15, 1939 in Livingston and moved to Wilsall at age 8 months with her family in August of 1940, where her father operated

the Standard Service Station. The family remained in the Shields Valley where Jean was raised and attended both primary and secondary school, graduating as valedictorian of her class in 1957.

Jean initially sought a career in education, attending Western Montana College (now the University of Montana Western) and earning a certification to teach kindergarten through eighth grade in 1959. She taught school in Townsend, Montana for two years prior to finishing her bachelor’s degree in 1963 at UM Western as a double-major in mathematics and art. Her teaching career would later continue in places like Idaho Falls and Monument, Oregon.

She pursued additional collegiate-level coursework in computer math for high school teachers at Portland State, eventually becoming a computer programmer and analyst for the State of Montana’s Department of Administration in Helena. She then relocated to Madison, Wisconsin, to work as a computer liaison for the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship in Madison before returning to teach in Wilsall.

In addition to her teaching and writing, Jean is a dedicated Christian whose rigorous devotion began at a young age in the Wilsall Community Church Sunday school. She grew up attending various bible clubs and bible studies. In her adult life, she spent one year at Ecola hall, a short-term bible school in Cannon, Oregon, and actively participated in Christian orga-

nizations like Bible Study Fellowship and Christian Women’s Club. These experiences culminated in her becoming a lay pastor at the Shields River Lutheran Church, certified by the Montana Synod on June 2, 2018.

Devoted to community service, Jean has served as treasurer and president of the Shields Valley Senior Citizens and participates in the Build a Better Wilsall Foundation, Wilsall Community Scholarship Committee and the Shields Valley Foundation.

Jean has a wide variety of interests that include completing puzzles of any kind, going on walks, reading books, being outdoors, and bird watching. She continues volunteering with local organizations, and actively stays in contact with her family.

Whether she is working or pursuing a hobby, Jean’s dedication to nurturing and encouraging the best in others is seen. Her niece, Anne Skillman Roberts said, “Aunt Jean always has time for me. She has time for little children. She has time stories. She has time for lunch and a game. She makes everyone feel like they’re important to her because she always has time for them—to talk and listen.”



Nephew Steve Karnop was quoted saying, “When I was growing up, Aunt Jean was the most fun adult to have around. She was always ready to put together puzzles, play games or go fishing. I looked forward to the weeks that I spent with her in Wilsall as a kid. She has always been there for me and my cousins and now she gives the same attention to my niece, nephews and cousin’s kids. She takes care to make the little ones feel special with cards on birthdays and visits for graduations, programs or other milestones in their lives.”

Thank you, Jean, for the care you show others and for your dedication to write the local news column for the Livingston Enterprise for 35 years.

Karnop said, “She is a special lady and a special friend.”

## Brian Orr - Park High School Class of '74 - Hall of Fame Inductee



Submitted by Lindie Gibson

Brian Orr is the first NAIA Hall of Fame inductee from LC State Women’s Basketball after more than 20 years at the helm of the Warrior women. The all-time winningest coach in Lewis-Clark State College Women’s

Basketball history, and one of the preeminent coaches in the NAIA during his tenure, Orr’s Warrior teams made 19 trips to the NAIA national tournament, including eight straight from 2005 to 2012, and seven of his last eight seasons. His 20-year conference record of 227-84 (.730) has earned him

five Frontier Conference Coach of the Year awards. The Warrior coach averaged more than 24 wins per year over his 22 seasons, and won 21 or more games 19 times. Brian is from the Class of '74 at Park Senior High. Congratulations Coach Orr!

Brian Orr, Park High School class of 1974 will be honored this spring as part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame Class of 2024. Lewis-Clark State College Coach Brian Orr will be enshrined in Kansas City among some of the greatest contributors to the sport.

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# Obituaries



Michael Paul Amsk

Michael (Mike) Paul Amsk, 66 of Livingston, Montana, died on September 16, 2024. Mike passed away at his home sleeping comfortably and surrounded by his loved ones.

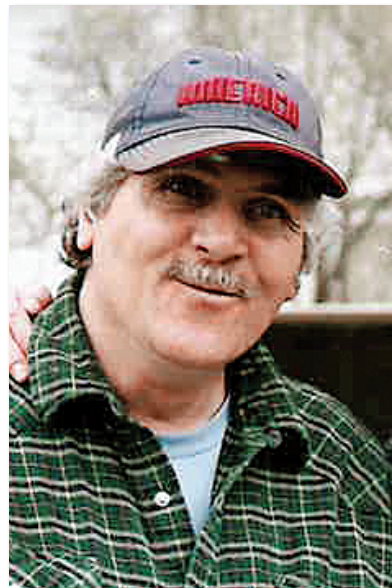
Mike was born on July 20, 1958, alongside his twin brother, Nick Amsk Sr., to William and Rose Amsk. Mike had six siblings, including Nick, Dave, Bill, Dick, Jim, and Burdena Amsk. In his youth, Mike liked to hunt and fish alongside his brothers and friends. Mike attended East-side, Lincoln, and Park High School. Mike never married, but he had his special friend, Cindy. Mike worked for the railroad as a young man, and eventually found work doing odd jobs for friends and family. Mike lived around Livingston for most of his life, but also worked and spent time in Glendive working for the railroad as a machinist. He



loved riding his four wheeler and Harley, going to the St. Julian Mine, and most importantly, walking his Corgi, Shiloh.

Mike is survived by his brothers, Nick, Dick (Shine), and Dave. Mike is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and family members. Mike is preceded in death by his parents William and Rose, his brothers Jim and sister Burdena.

Services will be held at 11 am, Thursday, September 26, 2024 at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home. Father Garrett Nelson will preside. Inter-



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ment to follow at Calvary Cemetery. A reception at the American Legion Post No. 23 in Livingston will follow the committal service at the cemetery. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Mike's life.

If so desired  
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memory of Mike  
may be direct-  
ed to St. Mary's

# Reservoir Park Geodesign Project

## *First Meeting Rescheduled From September 18th*

The City of Livingston, in coordination with CV Studio, is looking for suggestions and ideas from the community for how Reservoir Park can potentially be developed.

Reservoir Park is a 5.5-acre parcel of city-owned land known as located on the North side of Livingston. This land is currently used as an informal park and undefined open space without signage, amenities, or connection to other parks and trails throughout the city.

The first step to participating in this process is through a map-based survey, where you can draw and categorize your proposals for spatial planning and policies directly associated with Reservoir Park.

The next step is attending the Planning Workshops. These workshops are designed to gather community input and foster collaborative discussions. Each workshop will bring stakeholders together to analyze the results from the survey and negotiate a proposed solution that accurately represents the community of Livingston. The results from these workshops will be a series of maps and diagrams which will guide future planning efforts for the Reservoir Park.

Callender Street, Livingston, MT, 5-7pm  
[Workshop #2]

We hope to hear from you and see you at the workshops!

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# CANINE CORNER



by: **Kylie Purcell**

Kylie has been actively training Livingstons dogs since 2009. She began teaching dog obedience with the late, great Jo Sykes, and the rest is history! Montana Dog Company is proud to offer retail, 24-hour self dog wash, dog training, and so much more. Kylie has competed with North American Dog Agility Council for over 25 years and with many different breeds of dogs. Even though training is her passion, she enjoys the outdoors with her husband, toddler, and baby boy. Livingston is her home and she is here to work for you and your pup! Contact her today!

**I'm thinking of getting a puppy. It was suggested that I should get two puppies so that they entertain each other. What are your thoughts?**

It's so exciting to get a new pup. First off, it is never recommended for two puppies to go to the same home. Reputable breeders and rescues will not place two puppies for a couple reasons.

The number one issue is called Sibling Syndrome aka Littermate Syndrome. This is a heartbreaking issue that can affect the pups. Unfortunately, there is no way to tell if it will happen and all the training in the world cannot prevent it. It is likely due to a building competition between the two pups. Some people will say it's mainly found in pups of the same sex. Sisters and brothers may be less likely to have Sibling Syndrome than with different sex pups.

But we can't be certain as it has been noted in different sex dogs and even dogs not necessarily from the same litter but close in age. It's heartbreaking as it becomes apparent when the dogs

reach 5-6 months old—by that time relationships and bonds have formed.

The main issue is the dogs start fighting between themselves—and it's ugly. There is no "cure" but rather management happens to keep the dogs separated from each other, which takes its toll on a household.

It's recommended to get one pup, sail on thru the puppy stage and look for another once your pup has reached two years old.

Sometimes less favorable breeders will offer discounts if you take more than one pup and in those cases I recommend looking for a different breeder. A quality breeder will place dogs in the best homes possible and be concerned about the future of their pups wellbeing—not looking to unload a litter for a quick sale.

**Best of luck!**

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**Bluewater Orchard**, near Bridger They have a no spray policy. Their most popular apples are McIntosh, Gala and Honey Crisps. Open only on weekends. Call to confirm hours at 406-995-4773 check out their website at ApplePickingOrchards.com. They have a nice gift shop too!



**Rocky Creek Farm**, Bozeman Certified organic farm nestled in fertile Rocky Creek bottomlands. They raise organic vegetables, cut flowers, eggs and animals. For the fall season they press apple cider, have a pumpkin patch, field trips and u-pick berries. Check out their website at GallatinValleyBotanical.com for farm stand hours.

**Boja Farms**, near Bridger (Not a you pick farm.) They have organic herbs, veggies, plums, pears and pie cherries and 14 varieties of apples. They are certified chemical free. Call to confirm hours at 406-664-3010.

**Ross Orchard**, Fromberg (Not a you pick farm.) aka "The Fruit Basket of Montana." A fourth generation farm started in 1907. They also have pears, apricots, peaches and some cherries. Located at 200 North St. in Fromberg. Check their Facebook page for updates.

If you wish to enjoy this amazing experience, fall is the time to do it. Most apple orchards in Montana are only open to the public for a short time. Weather often affects tree yields and some orchards require reservations, so be sure to check their websites for dates and times or call to confirm they are open. Prime picking time is usually from September to October.

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- **September 24th** JH Volleyball at Gardiner 4:15 pm
- **September 24th** JV/V Volleyball in Clyde Park at 5 pm
- **September 25th** Boot Camp Wilsall Gym 6 pm
- **September 26th** Grandparents Day at Wilsall Elementary
- **September 27th** JH/V Football at Reedpoint 4 pm

- **September 27th** Varsity Volleyball at Reedpoint 4 pm
- **September 28th** JH Volleyball at Big Timber Tournament
- **September 28th** JV/V Volleyball at Manhattan Christian Tournament
- **September 30th** JV Football against WSS 4:30 pm
- **October 1st** JV/V Volleyball at Manhattan Christian 5 pm

If anyone has any news, events, etc. please let me know at [Shieldsvalleynews@gmail.com](mailto:Shieldsvalleynews@gmail.com)



# The History of NACHOS

by Jill-Ann Ouellette

The fast track story goes... back in the 1940s, Ignacio "Nacho" Anaya was maître d at Club Victoria in the border town of Piedras Negras, Mexico, when a group from the neighboring Texas town of Eagle Pass came in looking for something to eat. As the restaurant's cook was nowhere to be found, Anaya ducked into the kitchen and whipped up a dish using the few ingredients he could find. The resulting plate of tortilla chips, topped with grated cheese and sliced jalapeños, was a hit. It needed a name, and Nachos Especiales—an homage to its creator—stuck.

The full story of nachos takes us to the indigenous people living in central Mexico around 7000 BCE, who first domesticated corn, or maize. Maize became a vital part of the Aztec and Mayan diets. But the first maize crops didn't produce the sweet, golden kernels that we love today. Early corn grew on tiny cobs and was trapped in tough casings that made it hard to eat.

To turn maize into something more palatable, Mesoamericans developed a process of drying the kernels and then soaking them in alkali (like ash or slacked lime) probably

some time around 1500 BCE. The high-pH solution is caustic, and it partially breaks down the tough cell walls of the corn, making it easier to chew and digest. This process releases the niacin for diges-

sive absorption, and also allows corn to be made into masa—basically a corn dough. It's the basis for tacos, tamales, and pupusas, along with many other creative dishes. People in Mexico have been flattening balls of masa and cooking them to make tortillas for thousands of years—in the modern era, that includes Tex-Mex favorites like nachos.

In any case, the modern, bite-sized version of the fried tortilla didn't begin to emerge until the twentieth century. Tortilla making became commercialized around the turn of the century, and factory owners were looking for ways to repurpose the excess tortillas that would otherwise go to waste. These scraps were often fried, cut into chips, and distributed to restaurants in the area.

So, how did the chips go from a tortilla factory afterthought to a snack-aisle staple? Credit is often given to Rebecca Webb Carranza. In the late 1940s, Carranza was president of the El Zarape Tortilla Factory in Los Angeles. She fried tortilla scraps into chips, and after serving them at a family party, she saw that people couldn't get enough of them. "Tort Chips," as she called them, were initially sold in a 10-cent bag from the factory delicatessen. By the 1960s, the chips had replaced regular tortillas as the business's main product.



Before Carranza in the 1930s, a California grocer was advertising "Mexican tortilla chips in a cellophane package," and in the 1910s, a company owned by Bartolo Martinez sold tortilla chips in San Antonio, Texas. Martinez is an interesting figure in the history of corn products. His company, known at various times as Azteca Mills, Tamalina Milling Company, and B. Martinez & Sons Company, had previously patented the so-called "Tamalina process," which produces a long-lasting dehydrated form of masa that could be easily packed and distributed to consumers, restaurants, and even tortilla factories. This innovation had lasting impact, and the company's claim to having created the first commercial corn chip is perhaps the most persuasive account available.

Even though Rebecca Carranza isn't the inventor of the tortilla chip, she did kick off the trend of manufacturing them on a massive scale. Frito-Lay took her vision even further. In 1966, Frito-Lay introduced Doritos, Spanish for "little golden things," to the national market. They originally came in one flavor: Toasted Corn. That's right—the first Doritos were just plain tortilla chips in a bag. It would take another six years for Doritos to roll out their Nacho Cheese flavor, still the brand's most popular flavor.

Nachos had become a popular offering in restaurants and bars in much of the United States. Carmen Rocha, who waited tables at El Cholo Mexican Restaurant in Los Angeles from 1959 to the 1990s, is commonly credited with popularizing nachos out West. She served them as an off-menu item to customers. The dish was so popular that it quickly earned a permanent spot on their menu and spread to other eateries throughout the region.

The ready-made nachos were well received when they debuted at a Texas Rangers game in 1976, but they really took off a few years later. By then, nachos had made it to Texas Stadium in Irving, and when announcer Howard Cosell was served a plate of them in the broadcast booth, they became the surprise star of a Cowboys game. He repeatedly made references to them throughout the night, even using the word nacho to describe plays he liked. By the time the fourth quarter ended, nachos had solidified their place in American culture.

**Cheese:** No matter what toppings are on your nachos, you'll almost always find cheese in some form. But exactly what form that cheese takes can vary. Ignacio Garcia's original nachos were topped with some type of American cheese, possibly Longhorn. A more common choice is Monterey

Jack, which originated in the Franciscan monasteries of Monterey, California in the 1700s. This semi-firm, cow's-milk cheese has since become an integral part of Tex-Mex cuisine. It melts easily, providing that ooey-goey texture that's so important to nachos, and it's milder than other cheeses, so it doesn't clash with the bold flavors found in a lot of Tex-Mex food. But when you hear "nacho cheese," you probably don't think about Monterey Jack. More likely, you will think of the semi-liquid stuff in a jar that comes in that particular shade of yellow/orange rarely found in nature. This version of nacho cheese didn't emerge until 30 years after Ignacio Garcia's original creation.

## Toppings:

Nacho purists prefer their chips with cheese and some sliced jalapeños, as they were first served in 1943, but the dish has evolved far beyond Garcia's original recipe. Today, it's common to find nachos topped with beans, guacamole, ground beef, salsa, and sour cream. My favorite toppings are chicken, fresh onions, chives, a few jalapeños, and tomatoes, with Pepper Jack Cheese!

Nachos are a culinary microcosm of America—likely the best example of "fusion cuisine."



Recipe by  
Carla Williams

## RECIPE CORNER

### Italian Stromboli

#### Ingredients:

- 1 tube of Pillsbury pizza crust
- 8 slices of deli ham
- 10 slices of Genoa salami
- 12 slices of sandwich pepperoni
- 8 slices provolone or mozzarella cheese (or shredded cheese)
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 2 teaspoons chopped parsley
- 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese

#### Instructions:

##### 1. Prepare Garlic Butter:

- Melt butter in the microwave and mix in minced garlic, parsley, and Parmesan cheese. Set aside.

##### 2. Prepare Pizza Crust:

- Preheat oven according to the instructions on the pizza dough package.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and stretch the pizza crust to nearly the size of the sheet.

##### 3. Layer the Ingredients:

- Layer the deli meats: start with the ham, followed by salami, and then pepperoni.
- Add the cheese on top of the meats (either slices or shredded).

##### 4. Roll and Seal:

- Roll the Stromboli lengthwise,



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sealing the seam and the ends well by pinching the dough and tucking any excess underneath.

##### 5. Score the Top & Add Garlic Butter:

- Use a serrated knife to score the top of the Stromboli a few times to allow steam to escape while baking.
- Brush the top with the garlic butter mixture.

##### 6. Bake:

- Bake the Stromboli following the bake time and temperature on the pizza dough package (adjust as needed, typically around 15-20 minutes at 400°F).
- Remove from the oven when golden and cooked through.

##### 7. Serve:

- Let the Stromboli cool slightly before slicing.
- Serve with marinara or pizza sauce on the side for dipping.

## Meals for September 23rd - 27th

**Monday, Sept. 23rd -**  
Spaghetti, garlic bread, veggie,  
fruit, milk

**Tuesday, Sept. 24th -** Chicken  
pot pie, roll, fruit, milk

**Wednesday, Sept. 25th -**  
Salisbury steak, gravy, potatoes,  
veggie, fruit, dessert, milk

**Thursday, Sept. 26th -**  
Tomato soup, grilled cheese,  
fruit, milk

**Friday, Sept. 27th -** Meatloaf,  
gravy, veggie, potatoes, roll,  
fruit, dessert, milk



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# Looking Back *with Lindie*

## Wilcoxson's Ice Cream

My mother, Jody Goddard Fink was born in 1925. At age 13, her first job was for Charlie Rugg going to the local bars and restaurants, collecting the coins and changing the records for all of our local nickelodeons. Charlie was a full-time employee at Wilcoxson's Ice Cream owned by Carl Wilcoxson.

Carl worked at VanKant's Kandy Kitchen in 1910. He bought the shop in 1911 and in 1912 he opened Wilcoxson's Kandy Kitchen. When Charlie Rugg came onboard in 1917 after returning home from WWI, Wilcoxson's



Carl and a couple of friends making a trip to Yellowstone Park prior to doing any business there. This was 1914, a year before private cars were allowed into the Park.

began making their famous ice cream; they specialize in using the best local ingredients, which hasn't changed. Mother later went to work in the basement of the ice cream parlour, hand-dipping their chocolates. Carl's son, Harold returned home from the Navy in 1951 and he worked various

roles in the company and eventually took the helm. Wilcoxson's was located in the 100 block of South Main Street.

Thirteen years ago, in 2011, Wilcoxson's celebrated their 100th anniversary having expanded their ice cream plant on the corner of Main and Clark Streets where the Cloyd Mortuary once stood.

You had to be pretty rugged to traverse the road south of Livingston, which we know as Hwy 89 South. I would imagine it took a couple of days just to reach Yellowstone Park with this four-horse team. It was in 1927, when Wilcoxson's started supplying ice cream in the Park every summer and has done so since that time.

Carl's only son, Harold inherited the business and maintained the mission of being a small, local company that main-



Wilcoxson's Kandy Kitchen circa 1912.

tains the high quality of their products. In 2017, Harold passed away and hard-working Matt Schaefer inherited the business, having worked there since he was a young high school student. Matt is maintaining the high quality commitment of Carl and Harold.

Wilcoxson's is currently the longest running private supplier in the Yellowstone Park system, as well as Livingston's last and only remaining original business....

# A Narrative of Jeannette Rankin's 90th Birthday Party



Jeannette Rankin  
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Transforming Futures Through Education

by Patricia Grabow (then Patricia Rodgers)  
Attendee and Family Friend

This is a reminiscence of Montana Congresswoman Jeannette Rankin's 90th birthday party speech in as much detail as I can recall. I first penned this in 2006 but have revised it slightly for today. I still retain a copy of the program for the event and two articles from I believe the Billings Gazette, which my mother sent me after the event.

My then husband, Walter Rodgers (a retired CNN senior international correspondent) made arrangements to take me to the dinner at the time, June 11, 1970, since both sides of my family knew and respected her. The Grabow's were close to both her and her brother Wellington, and my Uncle Wyman Zachary on my mother's side had been Mike Mansfield's fraternity brother and roommate at the University of Montana when they went through law school together. Wyman was also a friend of Jeannette's, and they stayed in touch throughout a lifetime.

The 90th birthday celebration for Jeannette Rankin took place in the Rayburn Office Building with a wonderful dinner and birthday trimmings. All of the luminaries of

that period were there as you can tell by the list. Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana that evening called her the most principled woman he had ever known. As many know, Jeannette Rankin was also the only dissenting vote against our entry into both WWI and WWII, and the lone dissenter against entry into WWII at all, and this cost her her House office to Mansfield in the next election. Next, Margaret Chase Smith then spoke of how Jeannette was the most influential person in her life and her role model. Patsy Mink spoke of Jeannette as the first female Congressperson and what that meant to women worldwide. Each speaker, in turn, told of Jeannette's impact on her life - and then it was Jeannette's turn. And this was probably the most remarkable part of the evening.

She walked briskly up to the podium. She was small and had to adjust her plum-toned gray wig and the mike during her remarkable speech. Then she spoke, and, for me, the room went away, the others went away, and even she almost disappeared as my mind grappled with, applauded, and was thrilled with all she then proceeded to say. There are not a lot of speeches you can remember in detail thirty-six years later,

which tells you how much it meant to me.

### THE SPEECH

She said, "Thanks for all of the kudos" to all of those who had just poured to her all the praise they had to give. She then asked how much time she had to speak. She was told about twenty minutes. She said, "Good, because I need to talk about my latest campaigns;" war (we were in the middle of the Vietnam war) and the preferential ballot for President, and launched right into them.

She said she had thought about women in politics over a lifetime and that she felt that the power of a woman was the "force of an emotion for an ideal." She felt that was to be celebrated and some day that concept and women will come into their own in the arena of human power systems, because we were the carriers of the ideals that motivate human beings. We act like catalysts and guides adjusting a great ship in the path it should follow. The impetus, that "force of an emotion for an ideal," comes from within us and is part of who we are as women.

She said that she had always been against war and still was against war. She decried the Vietnam War and said it was our illegal, unauthorized engagement in a civil war and said we had absolutely no justification for being there. She said, "If we can send a man to the moon, we can negotiate ourselves out of war. It is that simple." She repeated herself and said, "Think about all of the complex systems that are in place to send a man to the moon" (Neil Armstrong had walked on the moon the year earlier, June 20, 1969). "There are computers, teamwork in place for every eventuality, and a complex system of achieving the task. We can do that to avoid war."

She said that we must be wise, not smart, but wise with the lives of our young men. She spoke of an analogy using Abraham. She said in the Biblical story, Abraham was doing what was done without thought back then, as obedience to the way all things are done—period—no thought. At the time, child and human sacrifices were common and Abraham went to sacrifice Isaac, whom he loved dearly, in response to a command. Jeannette said that the revelation was that God did not expect that sacrifice, not God, not anybody, and



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that that was a revelation! Imagine that, you do not kill your first-born son. What a radical idea! That was what stopped such sacrifice of the first-born son from that time forth. Revelation! Not Congress, not a President. Revelation in thought was what really happened!

She asked the audience what was the difference between killing your beautiful, loved first-born child in a senseless ritual as in Abraham's time, and sending your beautiful, loved eighteen-year-olds off to die in somebody's war? It's the same thing. It is just as senseless; it is just as stupid; it is just as unnecessary. She asked where is our contemporary Abraham who will free us from this stupidity?

She turned to all of those who had just praised her so highly, particularly those in Congress at the time, and said, "I know this Congressional system well. You can do it. You, in this room, if you would, can stop this war. Just stop it, that's all. Just pull the plug and say, 'It is over.' China will not take Vietnam. This is a civil war. The natural leader will take over and they will go back to being Vietnam." (And, of course, history proved that she was right.) "The 'domino effect' is just created in the mind of the military, and now this president (Richard Nixon), and it is just as mythical as mistaken ideology was in Abraham's time. I am pleading with you in this short time I have with you to come to your senses and stop the killing of these beautiful, young boys. Stop the war. Stop the myth. Stop the stupidity. It is not complicated. Just stop. Abraham did it, and so can you."

She let the audience sit in silence. Then she said, "I will be gracious, but I do not have a lot of time at ninety. I will let

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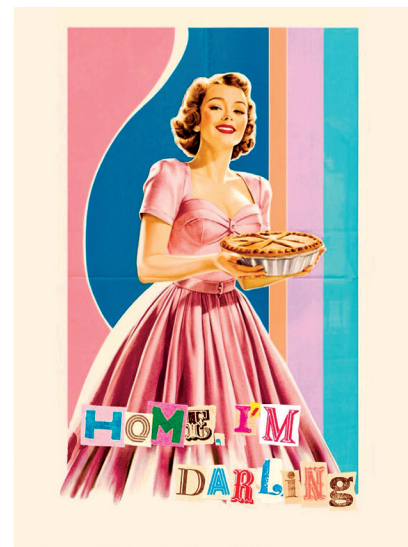
With witty dialogue and sharp observations, the play examines the allure of the past and the challenges of living authentically in the present.

Denise Hergett, the director, shares her enthusiasm for the production: "Home, I'm Darling is a hilarious and thought-provoking dark comedy that invites us to reflect on the importance of honest communication with the people we love. We're excited to bring this story to life at The Blue Slipper and invite audiences to join us on this journey through time."

The talented cast features Hannah Roseberry, Connor Tweet, Lisa Garcia, Max Schneider, Carolyn Peavy, and Susan Wegner. Their dedication and passion

bring depth and humor to these complex characters. Behind the scenes, a team of dedicated community members is working tirelessly to bring this production to life. From set design and costumes to lighting and sound, their creativity and passion are integral to the show's success. "We're so grateful for the incredible contributions of our crew," says Denise. "Their love for theater and their commitment to this community shine through in every aspect of the production."

Tickets for "Home, I'm Darling" are on sale now and can be purchased at the Blue Slipper website. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the charm and wit of this captivating play.



## Jeanette Rankin's

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you think about this, but I will call every single politician here and discuss this further with each one of you. Being a voice against war is the most important thing I have done with my life, and I will continue to be that voice."

Then she said that the other thing she wanted to talk about was a preferential ballot for the presidency. She said the feminists of the 1920's wanted to institute it. The voter would have no presidential primaries run, with all of its expense and its circus atmosphere. Each voter would simply list his/her first, second, third, fourth, and

fifth preference for president on a ballot. She said that the suffragettes did not have computers, but said that we have them now and can easily tally this kind of vote, so there are no excuses. She felt all we really want from a presidential vote is what people prefer, and this would do it.

The twenty minutes were up quickly, and this remarkable, intelligent, courageous, personally powerful woman simply said, "That's it. Expect a phone call." And then she sat down.

I remember that I almost cried at the time. I had been a civil rights advocate in Falls Church, Virginia, a DC suburb, with my son Chris (then four) on my front and Tim (then three) in a backpack on my back, traipsing around Resurrection City and scrutinizing voting laws. My husband was

on Nixon's "enemies list" because he had asked embarrassing questions regarding Nixon during a press conference with Secretary of Transportation John Volpe. Shortly after, Nixon actually called Walter's boss and told him to demand an apology of his reporter, because the question had "impugned the integrity of the president". There was much fear of censorship in Washington at the time, and there, at ninety, Jeanette Rankin was—direct and right! What she said was so welcome and clear. She was not concerned about anything but what really mattered. I just fell in love with the nature we saw of her in that very short time I had, and I will never forget her. How privileged we were to have her with us and to hear her!

She lived three months beyond the

end of the war, and two and a half years after she petitioned her admirers and friends that night to "Just stop." It was two and half years of unnecessary deaths she had pleaded against in her speech, perhaps to no avail, but she tried with everything she had in that ninety-year-old body to bring reason and "the force of an emotion for an ideal" to intransigence and thoughtless creeds.

To me, it is deja vu. If it is not Vietnam; it could be Iraq of the Ukraine, or something else decades later. The critical point, it almost seems, is that our babies are raised and affected by habits and ideas still not completely addressed collectively. Ah, what a gift she was to the rest of us. Thank you, Jeanette, for who you were and what you stood for.

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OP-ED FORUM

by Patricia Grabow

The Spirit of Jeannette Rankin Is Still With Us

When I was a young mother, I had the privilege of attending a wonderful Montana woman's 90th birthday party, that of Jeannette Rankin. I have updated reminiscence about it in this issue of the Park County Community Journal. I treasure the experience to this day, not just for who she was, but also for what she said that night.

If you are new to Montana and have not heard of her, Jeannette Rankin, a Montana woman, was the first woman representative to Congress in the United States, in any congressional body in the world, and the only dissenting vote against America's entry into WWI and WWII. She also helped women in Montana get the vote when suffrage passed here on November 3, 1914.

In the twenty minutes she had to talk at the Rayburn Building that night, Jeannette Rankin came back to what she thought the role of women was in the world. She thought about women over a lifetime and she felt that their power was simply put, the "force of an emotion for an ideal." Jeannette said that was to be celebrated and that someday that concept and women will come into their own in human power systems, from the grassroots up, because women were "the carriers of the ideals that motivate people." She called women "catalysts and guides adjusting the great ship in the path it should follow." She said that the impetus of all of this comes from within women and is part of who they are as in their very makeup. I was

spellbound and have thought often of what she said that night.

It's not an example exclusively for women or for world leaders, and if it's a cliché to say world peace starts with individual courage, it's still an example we can all emulate in any daily or mundane context too.

So last Friday morning, I was in the District Court supporting my friend, Nicole Maher, otherwise known as the "Skate Park Mom." As a "catalyst and guide," Nicole had worked with kids and parents, social media, and anything else she could find, in making a skate park happen in Livingston.

Last Friday, she was representing herself in a hearing in which she faced a corporate (I believe retaliatory) eviction from her home of twelve years at the Sherwood Apartments. In the last two years, Nicole has spoke out against mishandlings, untransparencies, and unsafe interactions with people during the renovation at the Sherwood by the Bozeman HRDC.

It turns out that the really important things directly involving health and safety were not prioritized during the renovation, for which the Bozeman HRDC and the actual owner of the Sherwood, apparently a man living in the Paradise Valley, received a sizeable \$7 million.

First is that the building had asbestos-laden popcorn ceilings everywhere which, if you watch home make-over shows and I do, is usually the first to complete because

it is easy and inexpensive to remove, and asbestos can be dangerous if disturbed at all, which may have happened as part of mitigation. Second, the Sherwood had, at the end of the renovation, no fire suppression systems or even reportedly alarms in the hall. Were there a fire at that five-story building filled with handicapped and elderly people, elevators are automatically shut down, forcing most residents down the stairs. None of the apartments at the Sherwood had sprinkler systems installed as part of the renovation, which could enormously help or prevent that scenario. And even this is complicated by the past and future risk of disturbing the asbestos laden popcorn ceilings, which instead of being removed were just kept and repeatedly disturbed. And third, the plumbing system is in need of serious attention, since its sporadic failures create serious risks of undetected mold, as one resident had some difficulty flagging, even when mold could be smelled there and possibly elsewhere.

Two years ago, during this process, residents took pictures and began expressing their concerns. Some thought if they pointed out the problems—they would be addressed. However, instead, the Bozeman HRDC, in my observation, focused on a political tail-covering instead, something I think bodes alarmingly as they make efforts to take over key further locations in Livingston and Park County.

At first Nicole spoke quietly for the residents there. It was a difficult atmosphere in which many residents were fearful to jeopardize their affordable home. Others would come to her with concerns they were afraid to voice so that she could express them to the management (the primary onsite manager for what it's worth is today a different individual) for them. Remember residents there frequently face outright homelessness if evicted. In her own small way, Nicole embodied Ms. Rankin's "force of an emotion for an ideal." The health, safety, and freedom from fear by the residents including her were important to her.

Many may not know that while there are (still on paper) two HRDC boards, one for Livingston and one for Bozeman. It is Bozeman that runs the real show and the money. The Livingston one may voice local issues, but it's a shadow entity whose meetings it seems you cannot attend. Which, it should be said, might raise serious concerns about putting at risk federal funding, future if not past as well. A county commissioner said he said that he would trust the local board with his life, and perhaps they're due their respect. But while we also have a promising local director, HRDC Bozeman has imposed constraints against speaking with her directly; they require you to communicate instead through the Bozeman director, who I feel is responsible for much or

most of the past mess both in Livingston and in Bozeman. Things like this have led many in Livingston and Park County to ask just what real role the local board truly plays any more, and what this subordination to Bozeman has come to cost us. We are two different worlds, and this bears reexamining.

For her attempt to raise her own and others concerns, Nicole was given notice of eviction. HRDC claims it was for late rent (restaurant hosts sometimes have it tough), but when she came up with the money following the notice, the Bozeman HRDC refused to accept it. Nicole always aimed to work constructively, and this to me has naked retaliation written all over it—yet more grounds for concern as they seek to expand their domains. Then, according to their testimony in court, once they served the notice on her, they decided that she would not owe any rent money until she was out of the building. Does that mean they admitted the issue was not truly late rent after all? But it still reeks of retaliation, and it seems all the stranger at a point when residents there have been notified that new "investors" will be looking at the building on September 18th.

In the courtroom Friday, I listened to made-up story after made-up story about Nicole and a scenario that could not be recognized, as the Bozeman HRDC did not even mention the reason for the concerns expressed by the Sherwood residents—the threat to the health, safety, and freedom from fear that took place (including security and theft issues that would almost take up an entirely separate column) during the renovation, on top of issues of threatening people admitted there in the time since then.

It just echoes a theme I've harped on before, that large organizations are taking over ever more and more. Big bucks corporations and poorly-experienced former city managers not only do not value women as Montana has in past, they sometimes hold them in contempt, and it would help us to value this history more (and our sister state Wyoming has an especially long list of women's firsts too) as the large giants expand their invisible grips throughout our communities and hurt our local economies.

It's an important tradition to look to. People like Nicole and others fight lesser battles outside of the headlines every day. There are similarly principled behavior from women everywhere from the Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, Explore Livingston, Get Well 49, our Livingston City Commission, the PCEC, the Depot Center, ordinary hard working small businesses, and more. But on any given day, we stand on the tall shoulders of a short woman, adjusting her wig at 90-years old, who looked those in power straight in the eye and firmly made her case for "adjusting the great ship in the path it should follow."

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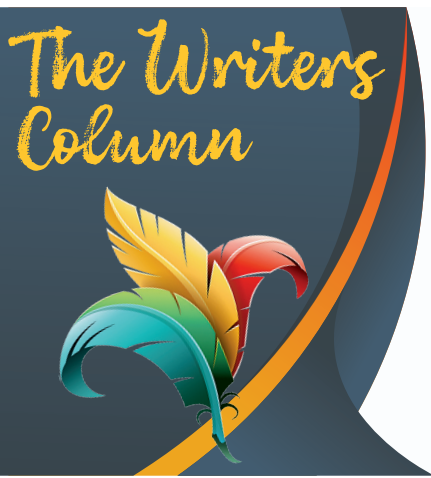
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by James Kozlik

This is the continuation and some back-ground that lead to the creation of this writing. As I share my personal story writing from <https://www.inspiredbookwriters.com> I will shorten them specifically for this column. I encourage other writers or those of us who are new to writing as contributors to the column. This is a challenge to wannabe book writers (not a book review column). A springboard so to speak for sharing your skills of creativity!

While in India with a group of Tapasvis, we were on a hike and came across a monument that was created from the hollowed out trunk of a 500-year-old Tree (species unknown). It sat atop a rusted steel frame. One could crawl under the frame, stand upright in the trunk and peer out at the sky through a portal created by the hollowed out branch of the tree. The exterior of the trunk produced all sorts of forms, crocodiles, elephants, a panda and many knots some of which looked like deep canyons. They reminded me of looking down into the Grand Canyon. Or other deep gorges I have seen or rafted down in my lifetime.

The **Gorge of the Mango Tree** is a captivating spoof that explores the secrets hidden within the hollowed out trunk of a majestic mango tree. Last week, I shared a river trip experience down Yankee Jim Canyon. And a story of the unlucky Crow whose raft descended over the edge of the Lower Falls of the Yellowstone.

# The Gorge of The Mango Tree

## Introduction

There is a body, curled in a fetal position. It is at the bottom of the canyon, lying on a large flat boulder that was warmed by the sun; it radiated warmth through most of the night. There is an object lying next to the boulder, on a small sandy beach. There are some clothes laying on another large rock. And there is a slow current of water that passes the small beach. It gives rest to the weary river rats who dare to navigate this deep canyon that some call Grand.

## Book excerpts:

I begin to recall a group of people. Laughing, whooping it up then screaming hands grabbing me, bodies smashing against me, one after the other. I am standing on the small sandy beach now. I slowly walk to the edge towards the water. I want to cleanse myself from what? I look up stream and down stream, from one bend in the walled canyon to the other. And even though I hear rumbling water, it is calm. The water is calm. I slow my breath now. That's what I learned, slowdown the breath, go to your breath. Is it shallow? Is it racing? Am I even breathing? I smile at that thought. I can feel the burning abrasions as I ease into the calm of the water. I can wade out up to my waist. The cool mud comforts my toes. I sink down, into a soft barge of warm mud. What warmed up this small island of mud along this riverbank? Sun? I look up, and wonder how much sun I will see in this prison on a daily basis. Maybe this hot, muddy earth is a connection to something?

(Genesis 3:19, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou ...")

Return to where and how, I always wondered. I feel so frail now. No food to fill my belly. No warm body to hug and love. No quick memory to understand what has happened to me. Just bruises, and scrapes and sore limbs. And here I stand, in this prison of the earth. Wait, my preacher father quoted me this writing every time I was in disagreement with whomever woman I formed a relationship with...

*"The woman's canoe is men's; they rise or sink Together, dwarfed or godlike, bond or free.*

*She must live and learn, and be All that not harms distinctive womanhood. For woman is not undeveloped man, But diverse. Could we make her as the man. Sweet love were slain, whose dearest bond is this, Not like to thee, but like in difference; Yet in the long years liker must they grow. The man be more of woman, she of man; He gain in sweetness and in moral height, Nor lose the wrestling thews that throw the world, She mental breadth, more fall in childward care. Till at the last she set herself to man, Like perfect music unto noble words."* From WOMAN AS GOD MADE HER; THE TRUE WOMAN. by REV. J. D. FULTON, (TEEMONT TEMPLE, BOSTON.)

As I rise out of the warm mud, and wade in the water Joy overcomes my dismay. She was with me. I look around and nothing. I shout now HEY! HEY! JOY! And the echo is long and distant. There is no response. I slowly walk in the shallow water down current. What I am looking for I do not know. And whom am I looking for? Was Joy one of those that did this to me? Use me and leave me? Alone, dazed and hurt? I am not feeling love now. And God? Where is he? And the Divine what is that? And me, how did I get here? And where am I? Think, think... he looks down stream again and instinctively begins to walk along the bank of the canyon. Opposite of the side of the canyon is the small beach where he started. The canyon walls start closing in ever so slightly. He realizes the narrowing of the walls, and anxiety surfaces as he hears the roar of the river. It gets louder the further he walks. Suddenly he feels as if his feet are going to be swept out from under him. Again pure instinct overcomes his state of confusion. He grabs for overhanging branches from a tangle of willows. It steadies him. Cautiously, he pulls himself closer to what is a spit of earth at the base of the canyon wall. His breathe eases. He feels safer and slowly makes his way back to the lesser current.

He stops and looks around. He was so fixated on the side of the river he was maneuvering to get a better look around the bend; he never noticed what was caught on a large jagged boulder. Situated on the other side of the river where an eddy swirled out of the flow of the strong current.

He started in that direction, across the river from where he was. But almost got swallowed up into the current again as the rivers edge dropped abruptly. He back peddled quickly as fear and adrenaline saved him from getting sucked down river. Towards the roar! He backed up to the willows edge, stopped and looked across river again. Something wasn't right about that object hanging on for dear life to the jagged boulder. Think, think, what happened to me? Who am I? He scratches an itch on top of his head. He feels a roughness, where he is scratching. He feels something, ever so subtle on his fingers. He looks at his fingers and notices some blood. Just a light film nothing too drastic. But blood none the less. He looks back up stream and sees what appears to be a small beach on the other side. With a big flat boulder and some grassy meadow behind it. What is that? He starts his way upstream a little more, then with the flat boulder across from him, he makes his way wading in the shallow, calm stretch of river. He looks at the clothes on a rock next to the boulder and feels his body. His hand running over his chest, down his belly. Around his hips where the skin feels rough and burning. He gently rubs his tender buttocks and looks at the broken paddle laying beside this rock. He picks up the tattered shirt that has been ripped. Did I have this shirt on? How did I rip it? Pants, those seem familiar. Where are my shoes? Did those people take them? The ones who did this to me? With pants and shirt now back on, he looks up at the hole above him and the sky is bright and blue. He looks around nothing but walls of rock and this small beach and grassy meadow. He looks down river and sees what looks like a big rock with something on it. He takes a deep breath and starts to walk towards it. What did daddy used to say? There is nothing to fear but fear itself? What did he mean by that saying? What do I fear? A glimpse of my past? But I don't recall my past. I only know now. How do I look at my past and what does it matter anyways? But I would like to know how I got here. And how I ended up on that altar. As a sacrifice? Who did this to me?

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# Five Fast September Facts from National Day Calendar

The ninth month of the calendar year ushers in a host of Autumn loving holidays, beginning in the month of September. Before the Julian and Gregorian calendars, September was the 7th month of the Roman calendar called *Septem*, which means seven in Latin. At the time, there were only 10 months. In 700 BC, Numa Pompilius added January and February to the calendar. This change more accurately reflected the length of a year on Earth. As a result, September became the 9th month on the calendar. Here are the facts:

1. If you're born in September, you might share a birthday with Herman Melville, Gloria Estefan, Keanu Reeves, Salma Hayek, Harry Connick Jr., Lance Armstrong, H.G. Wells, or

Anne Burrell. Celebrate your September birthday by finding out the birthday you might share.

2. September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as its numerical place on the calendar.
3. In 1752, the British switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. The adjustment caused rioting. Why? The change caused the loss of 11 days between September 2 and September 14. They were probably all born between those dates, too.
4. Only one U.S. president was born in September – William Taft.
5. Only one president was assassinated in September – William McKinley.

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Community involvement is a crucial part of this effort. To gather input and feedback, the City will hold a public session on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Shane Center. Residents are encouraged to attend, share their thoughts, and help shape the future of energy conservation in

Livingston. Your input will help set clear energy goals and guide the strategies necessary to achieve them.

This plan is not just about reducing energy use—it's about creating a sustainable, cost-effective future for Livingston. By improving the energy efficiency of municipal buildings and transportation, the City aims to lower operating costs and optimize resource use.

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# SEPTEMBER IS RECOVERY MONTH and Treatment Court

by Joyce Johnson

There is a program in Livingston for chemical addiction called "Treatment Court" with presiding Judge Gilbert and a team of community men and women who are determined to bust the myths and negative labels around addiction, and to support and make more help easier to get. Participation in the treatment program has freed people from the destructive behavior of substance misuse; too often jail time, sickness, or tragically, loss of life. It's history of damage to mind and body (and soul, if you will) is many centuries old. Criminal acts, abuse, and accidents that are caused by alcohol, often go un-detected, or are swept under the carpet, which enables ongoing abuse. But serious big crime aside, I am writing about our kin, youth, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. There have been some important new discoveries of the cause and patterns of addiction, which I will try to relay here and in coming



articles. Because addiction so prevalent, is misunderstood.

**This week's column is a heartfelt SALUTE** to the support groups, and professionals who work with the Treatment Court team: Legal reps, counselors, recovery groups and mentors, policemen, commissioners, health and nutrition coaches. This month is highlighting their service and celebrating the courage of those who have recovered. Treatment is an option, but also a multi-level effort by Treatment Court, devoted to *preventing* destructive results hopefully *before* one has to stand before a judge, or face incarceration. Participants are given the support and tools needed that uncover the addiction afflicted causes that seemed impossible to overcome... that we all can relate to—human pain.

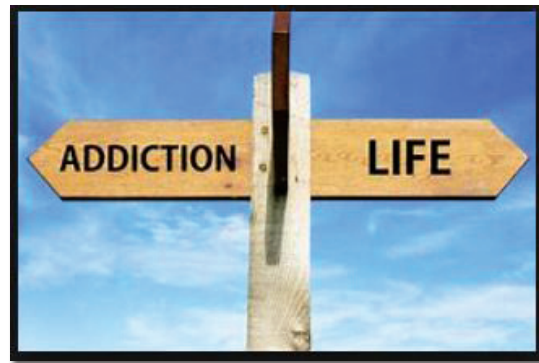
One important myth has been busted: Addiction is caused by a weak will or character. Nope! It is a tangible, treatable disease; a *consequence* of unrelieved human pain not seen, but buried inside, undealt with, which causes serious levels of STRESS. MRI's shows that dopamine, the chemical/hormone that is the brain's natural reward/pleasure reaction, declines or "dies" from stress. That is so profound.

Read it again. Who doesn't relate?! So relief is sought from painful stress by using substance that will *increase* dopamine. Sugar does it too, also an addictive substance which is in too much of our food, (so a serious discussion of diet is called for around this, too). But diminished feel-good dopamine is vital to body systems, causes various levels of an irresistible chemical drive to get some more dopamine of course... from drugs or alcohol, which kills brain cells and the natural creation of our body's dopamine—a downward spiral. There's much more on this subject, and other means of stimulating dopamine, but that's the gist of addiction. My take is this; with addiction, or even just recreational misuse, we are seriously messing with and slowly sickening our brains, just for starters.

**All of Us** have friends, kin or colleagues whose life has been afflicted by drugs and alcohol. It has, in the past, for some mysterious reason, resulted in slam dunk extremes; "tossed out of the house, divorce, sent to jail." But Treatment Court wants to change that, and is. They recognize the incredibly vast area of human mental/emotional pain as cause, and that there are layers of self denial, and protectiveness; fear, or proud resistance to seeking help for it. Our culture doesn't seriously teach abstinence or wise use. And we all know that the big business of acceptable "pain relief" is hard to buck. Now and then grateful, hands-on, recovered addicts speak up and talk about their stories to the public, although in a small community, like ours, folks tend to avoid negative feedback or gossip creation.

But things are changing. It's time to talk this over. And, walk the talk. Many recovering participants are healing; getting a life back, a job secured, or family reunited—recovery treatment can break the cycle of a disease that has collateral damage, often multi-generational (affecting children and their children's children.)

I had a fun and uplifting chat with Colleen Singer, Coordinator of the 11-member team of Treatment Court, (also



called "recovery court,") in her office at the courthouse. I even slipped a small dog in to meet her, like me she is irresistibly addicted to dogs. But I want to be real here and say that I do share the concern, the experience and the heart of the **Treatment Court spirit**. Consequently, my writing of this material has caused some stress for me I think, because I empathize with everything I wrote about. I can "feel" this problem, and why we don't want to talk about it.

PCCJournal supports our Community, and so we want to spread the word: *Treatment Court has a great success rate of 70%.* I will interview some of the team, and recovering participants, for upcoming columns. Team members "stand with" the people who have had to deal with DUI's or worse offenses. The participants are encouraged to *accept* help, to choose recovery, that there is a better way; that they can break out of their own addiction prison; that there is no high like good health.

Treatment Court mentors, *and* the participants, *and* graduates are HEROES, and I mean it. Champions of recovery, and of compassionate protection and enforcement when needed. There's no rescue like that of the power of community; big as the need to heal the drug/alcohol abuse in our society, if not the world. Why not try. The most common word and attitude found to describe all the people involved in Recovery around town, is unarguably, **compassion**: the stuff of heart that a person can trust, and find the courage inside, to heal. There's help if you but ask.

**[Colleen and the Team welcome your questions, and concerns. Please Call her at Treatment Court 406-922-5686. or write to colleen.singer2@mt.gov]**

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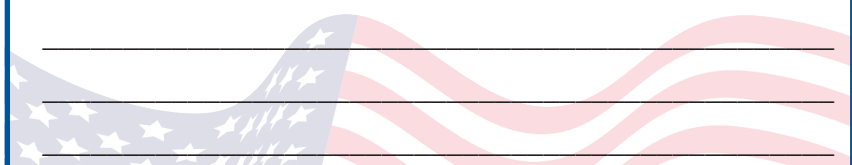
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# I have an oil for that

by Dalonda Rockafellow  
doTERRA Wellness Advocate



## Shinrin-Yoku, Forest Bathing

Forest bathing is the mindful practice of absorbing the common atmosphere of natural places like the forest. Our body does different things when we are in nature. Just being present in the forest and looking at our environment like a child does—naturally calms our system. Our bodies change when we're there. We breathe in what the tree's phytoncides or chemicals breathe out. Our body returns to homeostasis; our blood pressure normalizes, our pulse slows down and normalizes and many things in our system calms and goes back to a state of normalcy. Recent research says that time can be as little as 20 minutes, but ideally completely surrounding yourself in a natural environment for a longer period of time is better.

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Shinrin-Yoku blend, the forest bathing blend, to align with that concept. To help people reach homeostasis when they cannot get out in nature for some reason or another or to use in-between the times when they are not outside. The chemical compounds found in nature are the chemical compounds found in doTERRA essential oils. So, if you can't get out in nature you simply diffuse or breathe in essential oils for the same benefits. It's a beautiful relationship between us and the trees. You can take full advantage by using this blend.



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My favorite thing about this blend is that it smells very differently in different environments. For example; if you are out in nature enjoying all of the natural smells eventually, you will become immune to the scents in that area. When you smell Shinrin-Yoku out in this environment, it will smell different than when you first smelled it from the bottle. This is because when you are in a natural environment you breathe in the chemistry of that area—that fills your receptors. Now if you open a bottle of this blend, you will smell different chemistry because your receptors have already been filled by nature. The smell is different in the natural environment than in a room. It's such a fun experiment.

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To get the most out of the Shinrin-Yoku blend, be sure to pair it with a lifestyle change. Of course you can use products to gain great benefits, but that is not a reason to not do the lifestyle things. Take time out of your schedule to spend time in nature, even if it's just a walk around the block. Take the time to really listen, smell and even notice the little things around you. Being in nature, our bodies do change. Our immune system benefits. Our adrenal glands benefit. There are so many things that change in us when we take the time to be in a natural environment. When your busy schedule doesn't allow it for a day or week, that's a great time to reach for your oils, like the Shinrin-Yoku blend to achieve calm in your day.

If you would like to experience this oil for yourself, reach out to me at one of the suggestions below and we can make plans to get it to you. Thank you for your time!!

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

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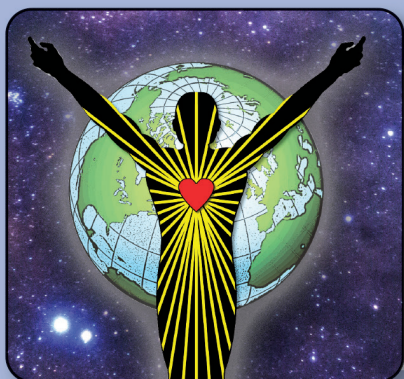
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# A View From The Sidelines: Rangers Play at Carroll College's Nelson Stadium

Park County Dugout  
By: Jeff Schlapp

I can honestly say there is no place I would have wanted to be on Friday night (with the Cubs loss last night, they dropped six games out of the wild card race, so forget about staying home and watching them play) than Nelson Stadium in Helena, Montana, on the campus of Carroll College.

I'm recovering from a nasty flu, but I dragged myself to the car and drove 90 minutes to watch the Park High Rangers take on the Conrad Cowboys. Where were you?

I have heard of Carroll College; Grace has swim meets in Helena close to the campus, but until Friday, I didn't realize what an incredible campus and facilities it has. The game between the two schools was the first of four high school football games Carroll College plans to host this year.

What an opportunity for the 22 young men on the Ranger football team to play in a college stadium. Some had a chance to play at Bobcat Stadium in Bozeman last year and may do so again this year if Park High's AD Scott Rosberg can pull off the planning.

But Friday night's game was notable for its setting, and the boys, both teams, took home a lifetime of memories. I can name three Rangers, and after watching them Friday night, two Cowboys who could play for the NAIA Fighting Saints one day. Getting a scholarship of any kind may be the only way to attend Carroll College, with a quoted price tag of \$57,204 per year (tuition and room and board).

When I arrived at Nelson Stadium about 45 minutes before kickoff, the sun was beginning to set, and the temperature had cooled to 55 degrees. It was a beautiful fall evening—perfect for Friday Night Lights Football. You couldn't have wished for a more perfect night weather-wise.

Both teams were on the turf warming up. I walked around the field, talked with the Rangers coaches, and then left to walk the campus and speak with the Carroll College athletic trainers, who were on hand to help if either team

needed them.

The Rangers were set to receive the opening kickoff, which Jon Durgan returned 19 yards to the 39-yard line. From there, the first half turned south in a heartbeat.

The Rangers crossed midfield against the Cowboys thanks to a keeper by senior QB Logan Jergenson for eight yards and a facemask penalty, but the drive stalled, and the Rangers turned the ball over on downs.

I don't want to make excuses for the boys, but they were playing a team whose offensive and defensive line averaged 235 pounds (one Cowboy weighed 305 with another 290 and a third 250), and their tailback, Roscoe Shaw (ManChild weighing 215) who would start on any "AA" school. Football isn't even Shaw's first love; baseball is where he had an incredible summer of Legion ball, batting .372, with an on-base percentage of .473 and OPS of 1.012.

Also, Conrad dressed 43 players, while the Rangers dressed 21, one of whom had been



Rangers quarterback Logan Jergenson dives just inside the pylon for a touchdown on Friday night in Nelson Stadium at Carroll College in Helena.

a team member for two days. It's challenging to play the whole game both ways, especially when the other side has size, speed, and depth.

The quarterback for the Cowboys would have started on any Class "A" and most Class



"AA" teams. Christopher Graham was under center facing fourth and one from the Rangers 39 on Conrad's first offensive series when he escaped the grasp of a would-be tackle, then fumbled behind the line of scrimmage, managed to scoop it up when the ball took a fortunate bounce, ran down to the five-yard line was hit. The ball flew out his hands, straight up in the air about 10 feet, and fell harmlessly out of bounds. On the next play, Graham handed off to Shaw, who took it straight up the gut for a five-yard touchdown. With the extra point being good, the Cowboys led 7-0 with 9:10 left to play in the first quarter.

The Rangers had a decent second offensive series as they tried to poke the Cowboy front four with Adam Taitelbaum. He's quick and tough, but Taitelbaum (the best running back for the Rangers) is 5'4 and 140 pounds. He'll often run over tacklers who weigh ten, even 20 pounds more than him, but 40 to 50 pounds, you are asking him to defy physics. After a keeper by Jergenson came up a foot short of the first down, the Rangers turned it over at their 49-yard line.

Graham and the Cowboys needed only five plays to score when Graham hit Carsen Sullivan on a crossing route for 29 yards and a touch-

down. The kick was up and good, and in a flash, Conrad held a 14-0 lead over the Rangers.

And so it went until the first half ended with the Cowboys up 41-0.

The Cowboys returned a fumble for a score; Shaw rumbled for two more bruising touchdowns.

But in the second half, as has been the case with all football teams coached by Coach Nick Coate, the Rangers battled and outscored the Cowboys 13-7. Great effort, never-quit attitude. It's too bad you weren't there to cheer on the Rangers' effort.

On their first series to start the second half, the Cowboys hit a roadblock named Liam Edwards. He wrapped up running back Owen Jones and stripped him from the ball, and Ryder Clayton jumped on the fumble to give the Rangers the ball at the 20.

Three plays later, Jergenson juiced one Cowboy tackler and outran three others with assistance from a massive block by Eric Uberuaga to free him on a ten-yard diving touchdown.

However, any dreams of a 42-point second-half comeback win went out the window two plays later when the Cowboys' Graham scored a 70-yard touchdown on a scintillating run up the middle, which he cut towards the far sideline and outraced the entire Ranger defense.

Peter Currie connected with Jergenson for a 29-yard touchdown reception to end the scoring and give the Cowboys a 48-13 victory.

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# Painful Loss to White Sulphur Springs Serves to Remind Bruins That Good Sportsmanship Will Never Draw a Yellow Handkerchief

## Bruins, Franklin Lewis, Cayden Hoppe, and Braden Tuning rise above Hornets dirty play and second half head hunting

Park County Dugout  
By: Jeff Schlapp

Growing up in the Midwest, I couldn't help but become a Notre Dame football fan. I remember watching their games on TV and then going outside to play pick-up football with friends when I was little.

The biggest game in Notre Dame history was played on October 15, 1988, at Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Indiana. By then, I was 28 and had left my childhood in the rearview mirror of life, but I was still (and am today) a rabid fan of Notre Dame. In front of me was one of my grandfather's old TV tray tables, with a bowl of mac & cheese, two hot dogs, baked beans, dill pickles, chips, and a root beer... my preferred pregame meal.

I was ready for the Miami Hurricanes to play the Fighting Irish—or, better and more aptly named, Catholics vs. Convicts. Jimmy Johnson, then the head coach of Miami, was accused of taking anyone on his team, and grades and rap sheets could be forgotten. His players were big and covered with tattoos, and folks were convinced they could do anything on the field because they were intimidating to opposing teams and referees alike. The Hurricanes had humiliated the Fighting Irish, 58-7, in 1985, five days after Notre Dame head coach Gerry Faust announced his resignation, and again in 1987, 24-0, on the way to their second national championship in four years.

Saturday's football game between the Gardiner Bruins and White Sulphur Springs Hornets took me back to 1988. Not because either team had any convicts—heck, I don't know if either team had any Catholics—but because of the Hornets' sportsmanship or lack thereof.

I had hopes that I would see these two teams play a close game after the last game between the two schools that I watched (October 2021), which was won by the Hornets 74-0 in White Sulphur Springs when the Hornets coach left his starters in after building a 53-0 halftime lead.



I watched the Hornets lose to Shields Valley 36-26 last week and thought a couple of their starters could pose a problem size-wise for the Bruins.

The first half was as good as it can get in 6-man football—good, hard-nosed football. The Bruins were playing their home opener, and this season, they had a healthy Toby Willner, Franklin Lewis, and Badger Hoppe to add to last year's returning group of players, led by Cayden Hoppe and Braden Tuning.

A Bruins turnover deep in their territory led to the Hornet's first touchdown, a ten-yard pass into the near-side flat. The Bruins snuffed out the extra point, and with 9:11 left in the first quarter, the Hornets took a 6-0 lead.

After the Bruins went to the air on two



Toby Willner is grabbed by the face mask, yet no flag is down on the grass during the second half of the game between the Bruins and the visiting Hornets of White Sulphur Springs in Gardiner

consecutive plays, Cayden Hoppe found Willner open for an 8-yard completion, but they failed to pick up a first down when a handoff to Franklin was just short of the first down marker, and the Bruins turned it over on downs.

After the Bruins' defense held, Cayden Hoppe found Willner open for a ten-yard completion that Willner turned upfield into a 48-yard touchdown. The extra point was good;

the score was 7-6 Bruins.

But in what looked early on as a game that would be won by the team that last held the ball, the Hornets came back on a third-and-seven play and fooled the Bruins on a well-disguised fake by the quarterback, who looked as if he would pass only to turn and hand it off for a 32-yard explosive touchdown run. The score was now 13-7 with 2:14 left to play in the first quarter.

My fears of physical play from the Hornet's big, bruising running back were coming true. He seemed unstoppable and wore 32 on the back of his uniform. He was a good kid who I talked to before the game, played the game with a smile, and gave each Bruin player a pat on the shoulder pads after the game. I had him jotted down for five touchdowns in the game.

After the Hornets scored again (a 4-yard run) with 8:26 left in the first half to take a 19-7 lead, the Bruins showed they were willing to fight back. Hoppe handed off to Willner, who was bottled up with nowhere to go, but just before he was tackled, he alertly threw the ball to Tuning, who outleaped a defender, came down with the catch, and ran it in from 20 yards for a touchdown. Beautiful play by both kids. 19-13 Hornets.

From there, things took a turn, not in a good way for the Bruins. First, Colter Lumley had a fantastic day but hurt his ankle. Although he came back later and played, he wasn't the same. Speaking with Cayden Hoppe and Tuning after the game, they felt his injury was one of the keys to the game. Then Willner picked off a Hornets pass but was shaken on the return.

A few minutes later, with the score still 19-13 and the Bruins driving, Willner returned and caught a 3-yard pass from Joel Stermitz to tie the game at 19-19.

The Hornets regained the lead after recovering a fumble at the Bruin's ten-yard line and running it in two plays later from the five. With the extra point, they led 26-19 at the half.

The game was rumored to have been officiated by the father of two sons who played for the Hornets. If so, he should be ashamed of himself, as those two Hornet players were out to try and hurt players from Gardiner in the second half. The officials only called one personal foul but could have, should have called five blatant personal fouls.



The Hornets recovered an onside kick, stretching their lead to 39-19. With 2:58 left in the third quarter, the Hornets scored to increase their lead to 46-19.

The Bruins kept their heads in the game, but when Tuning was once again targeted and just laid out on both a late hit (the refs had blown the whistle about five seconds before contact) and helmet-to-helmet, he was down on the grass for about five minutes.

There are no bad dogs, just bad dog owners... the same with 16-year-old kids. The sidelines got ugly fast as the parents from White Sulphur Springs claimed the hit, and the three illegal hits before that were just part of the game.

At the same time, Bruins coach Matt Lumley (who I thought was about to take on the whole White Sulphur fan standing on the sideline by himself) called for the instigator to be ejected. White Sulphur fans kept defending their two players' actions. The kids play dirty because that's how they have been taught to play.

The final score was 59-33 in favor of the Hornets. Afterward, Cayden Hoppe, Garret Klein, Tuning, and Franklin talked to me about the game. The boys were disappointed that the game took an ugly turn but showed their class and maturity in their responses. Everyone will have a chance for payback next year, and players said they would always play within the rules.

That game, played 36 years ago, ND won 31-30 and the National Championship, proving that the Good Guys can win.

As an aside, a few hours after the Miami and Notre Dame game ended, Los Angeles Dodgers pinch-hitter Kirk Gibson limped to home plate and hit one of the most famous home runs in World Series history, the walk-off, two-run shot off Dennis Eckersley to beat Oakland, 5-4, and win Game 1.

Jack Buck's national radio call—"I don't believe what I just saw!"—is stamped indelibly in my memory.

Next year, I hope to type those exact words to describe the Bruins' victory over the Hornets.

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## Rangers Football

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And hardly anybody bothered to show up to watch the game. What a shame. The Rangers deserve better.

What does Park High need to succeed? Support, support, and support. There are needs: attending games at home and on the road, working concession stands, helping with workdays, chipping in \$5 to \$10 for snacks, and showing up for their kid's meetings. The list goes on and on and on.

Support is also not just what you give or do. It is what you say to support the coaches and what you don't say. Additional support should come from the city of Livingston and the business community. How many local business leaders come to football games except for Dale Sexton? How about the city and county government leaders?

If you're going to be a school board



member, you should support your students by attending sporting events.

I understand there is an entire generation of fans who can't imagine Park High dominating the teams on their schedule and playing for state championships. I have seen those things with small schools in Illinois and believe this staff can replicate such success. From a fan's (which I am) perspective, making excuses and having a losing mentality must stop. It will take effort and commitment from everyone who says they care about the Rangers. The time has come to take ownership of the school and the football program.

You can start by coming to a game. In the meantime, say thanks for the effort the Rangers put in every day at practice and on Friday nights.

For more pics of Friday's game, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089481593681>.

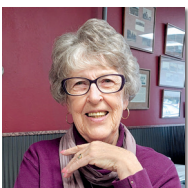
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# “Enjoying the Journey”

by Lois Olmstead

Dreams do come true. Me in the cockpit of a Cessna 172 flying over the Shields Valley. Flying over where I was born and the ranch where I grew up on Adare Creek. Flying over the hills and gullies where my brother Ron and I rode our horses, playing, cowboys and Indians (one cowboy and one Indian). Flying over the log house my folks built down the creek in 1985 and over our hayfield house that He-Who and I built in 2003 when we moved to the ranch. Flying over my country school and the nearby Buffalo Jump where our teacher let us throw old 78 records off the top! (that probably birthed frisbees)!



We flew over Grandpa Bohleen’s place on the Shields River. Then I hollered into my mouthpiece, “Greg, There’s the Big Hill!” Ron and I hiked to it, it was far away. We’d pack lunch. It took us forever. (Later we learned my mom could see us when we crested the top, from the house!) Flying up the river with my nose pressed to the window, flying smooth as silk, beautiful calm skies, seated next to the pilot in a red and white Cessna, proving to myself dreams can come true. Mom and I invited Greg and Sally Brainerd out for one of our Monday night Soup Suppers three years ago. We learned Greg’s a pilot. I mentioned I’d always dreamed of seeing all the places of my growing up years from the sky. Greg said, “We can do it.” Sally and Mom agreed. It was a great plan. We attend the same church so see each other often. But

then life happened. We sold our houses on the ranch. We moved to Clyde Park. Then Mom went to heaven. And time passed. We’d see each other on Sundays and say, “One of these days... we’re going to fly.” Being happily optimistic, both with busy schedules, and knowing the Livingston wind, we set a date, August 27<sup>th</sup>! And we did it! I hardly slept the night before, I was so excited. Greg said, “I’ll fly over from Bozeman and meet you at the Livingston airport at 9am.” I was there at 8 am. Ross came to get my picture with Greg and the plane. It was a perfectly wonderful morning. Getting up into the plane dodging the wing things was not easy, at my age! With a boost I made it into the seat. Greg said “No,” when I asked if I could bring my coffee mug. He mentioned a hazard of things rolling on the floor getting under his feet... and I quickly handed my cup to Ross. Nope—not taking that. Greg said it had been teeth-jarring coming over the Pass but once he landed at the Livingston airport it was calm. He did all the stuff that pilots must do to get

ready for takeoff and explained safety rules and emergency procedures to me. It was fascinating. He gave me a headset to put on and checked my two seatbelts. Then with a wave to Ross, we taxied off and lifted into the sky smooth as a bird. It was so awesome. We flew right over the Yellowstone River. I saw a ‘tiny’ fishing boat and glanced beside me at Sheep Mountain out my side window. Greg said, “Now you want to fly over the ranch?” I said “Yes.” I was looking for it and realized we were way past it already. Greg circled back pointing to a gauge, “We are going 92 mph right now.” It sure didn’t feel like it. I thought of being on the ground seeing eagles soaring so easily above—I felt like that. Oh, the views to see! There has to be a dent in the plane window where my nose was. We flew for 2 ½ hours. I know I keep saying the same word “Amazing, just amazing.” Next week I’ll tell you about crooked creeks and flying over my Clyde Park house! Isaiah 40.31 is of course our Bible verse this week.



## Local Church Services

**American Lutheran Church**  
129 South F Street, Livingston  
Pastor Melissa Johansen  
Sunday worship 9 am, elevator avail.  
406-222-0512 • alclivingston.org

**Church of Christ**  
919 W Park St, Livingston  
Sunday worship 10:30 am  
406-222-2017 • church-of-christ.org

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
12 White Lane, Gardiner  
David Gilbert branch President  
Sunday worship 10:00 am  
406-848-7509 • lds.org

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
110 West Summit St., Livingston  
Bishop Trevor Strupp  
Sunday worship 10:00 am  
406-222-3570 • lds.org

**Emmaus Lutheran Church**  
801 East Park Street, Livingston  
Reverend Daniel Merz  
emmauslutheranmt@gmail.com  
emmauslutheranmt.org

**Expedition Church**  
27 Merrill Lane, Livingston  
Pastor Darryl Brunson  
Sunday worship 10:00 am  
406-224-1774 • expeditionmt.org

**First Baptist Church**  
Crossing Community Church  
202 East Lewis St., Livingston  
Pastor Bryce Maurer  
Sunday worship 10:45 am  
406-222-1603 • fbclivingston.org

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

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

**Grace Methodist Church**  
302 South 9th St., Livingston  
Pastor Mari-Emilie Anderson  
Call/visit website for worship times  
406-222-1041  
www.methodistsontheyellowstone.org

**Holbrook United Methodist Church**  
424 Lewis Street, Livingston  
Call/visit website for worship times  
406-222-1041  
www.methodistsontheyellowstone.org

**Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses**  
1505 E Gallatin St., Livingston  
Sunday Public talk and Watchtower 10:00 am  
406-222-2012 • jw.org

**Livingston Hope Church**  
226 South 3rd St., Livingston  
Senior Pastor Shad Durgan  
Sunday worship 8, 9:30 and 11 am  
406-222-1577 • livinghope.church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pine Creek United Methodist Church**  
2470 East River Rd., Livingston  
Pastor Mari-Emilie Anderson  
Call/visit website for worship times  
406-222-1041  
methodistsontheyellowstone.org

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
425 West Lewis St., Livingston  
Sunday worship 11:00 am  
406-222-1175  
www.rclivingston.wordpress.com

**The Summit Lighthouse**  
Contact us for worship service and conference times  
63 Summit Way, Gardiner  
406-848-9200  
SummitLighthouse.org

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
1 Guthrie Lane, Livingston  
Pastor Rene Marquez  
406-222-7598  
livingstonmt.adventistchurch.org

**Shields River Lutheran Church**  
105 Ordway St. South, Wilsall  
Sunday worship 9:00 am  
406-578-2212  
srlcwilsall.wordpress.com

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

**St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church**  
310 West Lewis St., Livingston  
Reverend Kristin Orr  
Sunday worship 10:30 am  
406-222-0222  
saintandrewsepiscopalchurch.org

**St. John’s Episcopal Church**  
8 Story Road, Emigrant  
Reverend Kristin Orr  
Sunday worship 8:00 am  
stjohnspv.org

**St. Joseph’s Catholic Church**  
910 McLeod St., Big Timber  
Father Garrett Nelson  
Sunday worship 2:00 pm  
406-932-4728

**St. Margaret’s Catholic Church**  
206 1st Avenue North, Clyde Park  
Father Garrett Nelson  
Service Saturdays 4:00pm  
406-222-1393  
stmaryscommunity.org

**St Mark’s Church Universal And Triumphant**  
130 South D St., Livingston  
Sunday worship 10:15 am  
406-222-2675

**St. Mary’s Catholic Church**  
511 South F St., Livingston  
Father Garrett Nelson, Pastor  
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Sunday 8:00 am October to March  
406-222-1393 • stmaryscommunity.org

**St Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
1116 W Geyser St., Livingston  
Pastor Paul Stern  
Sunday worship 10:15 am  
406-222-3372 • stpaulslivingston.org

**St. William’s Catholic Church**  
705 West Scott St., Gardiner  
Father Garrett Nelson  
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Sunday 11:00am October to March  
406-222-1393 • stmaryscommunity.org

**Valley Shepard Church of the Nazarene**  
Services are presently online.  
Please call for instructions to view a service.  
Reverend Christie American Horse  
Livingston • 406-223-1072

**Wilsall Community Church**  
112 Liquin Hill Rd., Wilsall  
(west of Hwy 89 North; take Clark St to Liquin)  
Pastor Stephen Fanning  
Sunday worship 10:45 am  
406-578-2004 • wilsallcchurch.com

**United Methodist Grace Church**  
302 South 9th St., Livingston  
Pastor Mari-Emilie Anderson  
Sunday worship 5:00 pm  
406-222-1041  
www.methodistsontheyellowstone.org

**If you would like your Church & Leaders to be included on this page, please contact us at pccjournal.com**

### Meet Our Leaders

#### Expedition Church

PO Box 41 • Livingston, MT 59047  
expeditionmt.org

**Expedition Church was established in May, 2018.**

We are affiliated with The Montana Southern Baptist Convention—churches and church-type missions that fellowship and cooperate in order to reach our state for Christ. We are also affiliated with The Southern Baptist Convention. Over 45,000 churches in all 50 states and over a 130 different countries, we cooperate in a national and world-wide effort of evangelism and missions.



Church Planting Pastor  
Darryl Brunson



Associate Pastor  
Joel Murphy

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**Expedition Church**





### 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, 6:30-9:30 pm.

**FAMILY KARAOKE NIGHT** 49er Diner at 404 E. Park Street is hosting Family Karaoke night from 6-8 pm. For more information call 406-222-8204.

### September 23 - LIVINGSTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Rehearsals begin for the holiday season performances. Park High School Choir Room, 7-8:30 pm. Membership dues are \$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 CLOSING ON SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 5 PM MST\*\* If you are registering after 5 pm on September 20<sup>th</sup>, please email [halle@freshwaterpartners.org](mailto: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 NIGHT 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 participate 406-223-2233.

### September 28 - HUNTER EXTRAVAGANZA & END OF SUMMER SALE

at Yellowstone Sporting Goods, 8 am - 5 pm, 1106 W. Park Street, Unit 22. Huge close out sale. Win a bull elk hunt. Lunch on us from Smokin' Moe's BBQ. Parking lot games and prizes, raffle prizes and so much more.

### September 28 - ST MARYS BASH

at the Park County Fairgrounds, 5:30 pm, for tickets call 406-222-3303 or email [stmarys@stmaryscatholicschool.net](mailto:stmarys@stmaryscatholicschool.net).

### October 2 - PARK COUNTY 4-H OPEN HOUSE

Interested in joining 4-H? Come to the 4-H open house from 6-7 pm to learn more. MSU Extension Office, 119 S. 3rd Street.

### October 4-5 - INAUGURAL LIVINGSTON SONGWRITER FESTIVAL

Downtown Livingston, venues include The 1900, The Attic, The Owl, Livingston Center for Art and Culture, Livingston Bar & Grille, Tru North and the Elks Lodge. Apply to perform at: <https://rockymtnsongwriterfestivals.org/festival-songwriters/>.

### 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 - OKTOBERFEST BOWLING/GOLF TOURNAMENT

12 noon to 3 pm, Livingston Golf & Country Club, 44 View Vista Drive, Livingston. Please call the Golf Shop for more details at 406-222-1100.

### 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.

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

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

### October 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 12 - OKTOBERFEST STREET PARTY

The Livingston Tourism Business Improvement District introduces a NEW 2nd Street Oktoberfest, from 4-7 pm with 2nd Street closed for the street party from Callender to Lewis. Shops all along 2nd Street and on the neighboring Callender block will be open late for shopping. Raise a glass and your spirits at Livingston's 2nd Street Oktoberfest. Enjoy beer, autumn drink and food specials, music, kids' activities, and kick off your holiday shopping at great 2nd Street shops. Admission is free and there's fun for all!

### October 14 - VEGAN POTLUCK

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

### October 16 - CANDIDATES FORUM

will be sponsored by the Park County American Association of University Women 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 the candidates.

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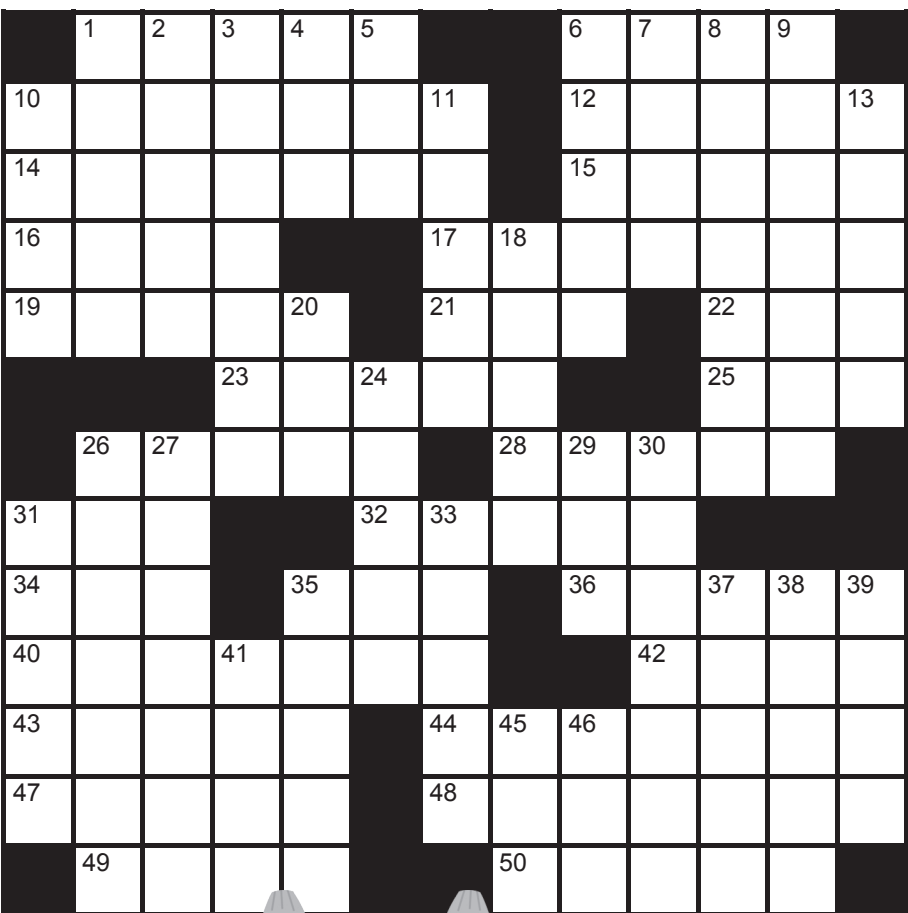
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Crossword Puzzle Number 301



- Across**

1 Painter --- Veronese

6 Gambling token

10 Fake

12 Stash

14 Least worried

15 Open sore

16 Zits

17 Spanish discoverer of Yucatan

19 Leading

21 Possess

22 Coverts rotary motion into linear motion

23 Type of metal or gas

25 Langley grp.

26 Lake Superior fish

28 Relating to birth

31 Flatbread

32 Garbage

34 Type of lamp

35 Personal attention

36 Agreements

40 Egocentric

42 Get lost!

43 Blazing

44 Green
- 47 Shorter type of month

48 Toast

49 Rents out

50 Pens
- Down**

1 Woof-woof

2 Make amends

3 New ---, the Big Easy

4 Sheltered side

5 West Atlantic international grp.

6 Staff turnover

7 Retain

8 Former Chrysler boss

9 Come out on top

10 College sporting org.

11 One over a major

13 Play

18 1936 Berlin Olympics star Jesse ---

20 Medic

24 Plays in alleys

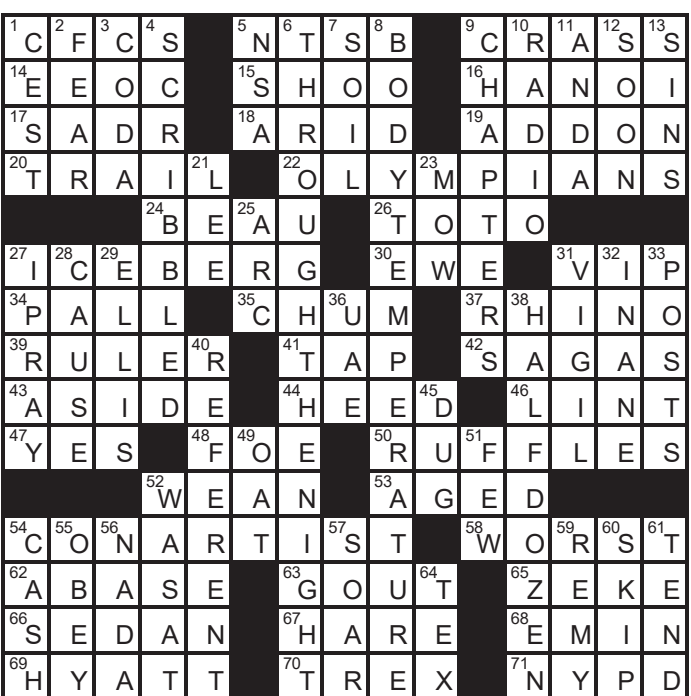
26 Cautious

27 Slope

29 Tennis player's org.

30 Chaffing

Crossword Puzzle Number 348 Solutions



- 31 Of the nose
- 33 Hurt
- 35 Layers
- 37 Throttle
- 38 Tip sellers
- 39 Ho-hum
- 41 Campus house, maybe
- 45 Reactor overseers
- 46 Through



- Abu

Acer

Al

Ben

Blake

Boo

Cleo

Coco

David-

Kawena

Deb

Doc

Dug

Ed

Fauna

Flo
- Gus

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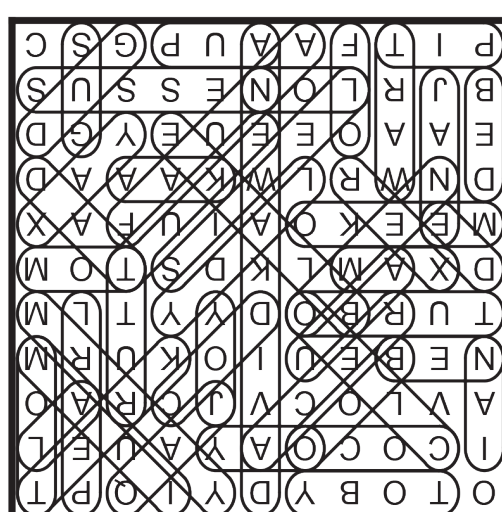
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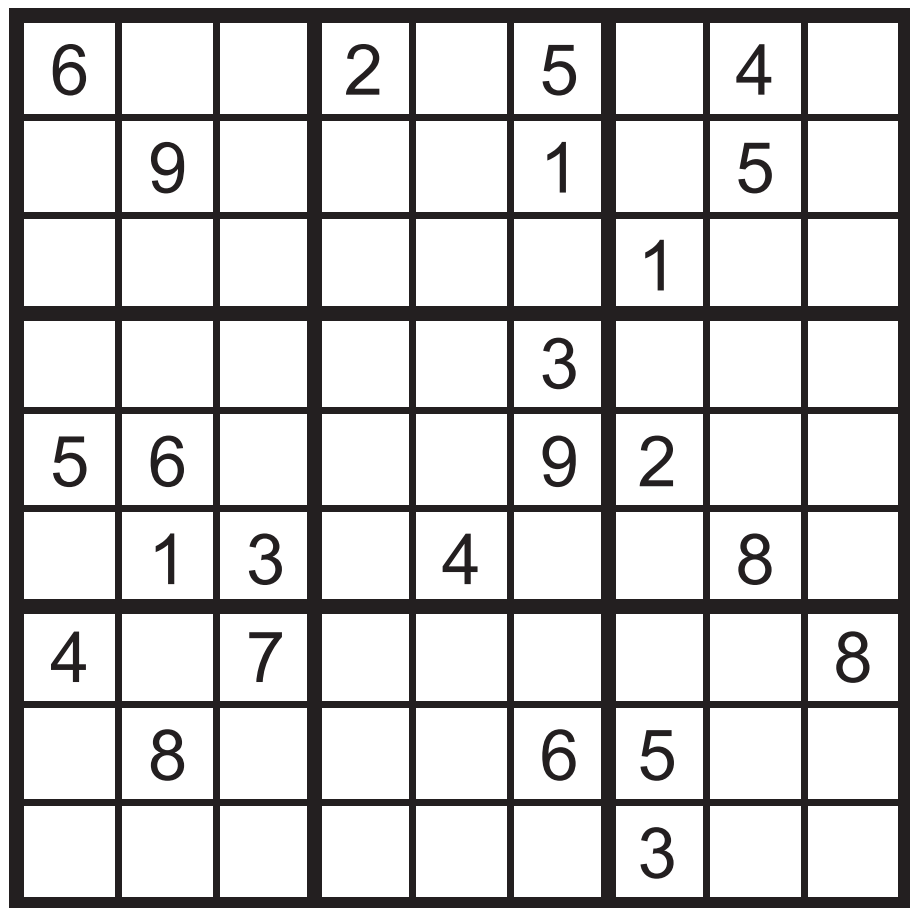
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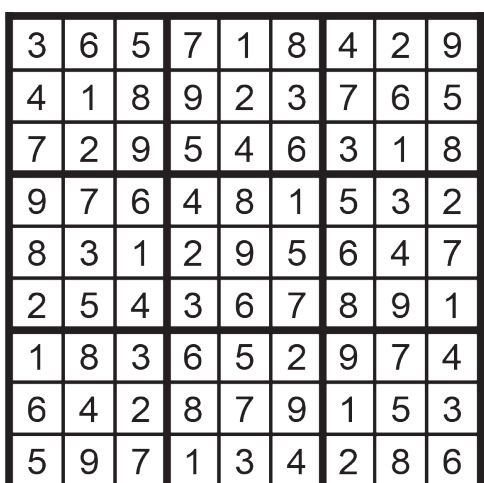
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Sudoku Puzzle Answers 322





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**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.  
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• **After School Coordinator**  
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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](http://Arrowheadk8.com). Questions please reach out to Johanna Osborn, Principal 406-333-4359 or [josborn@arrowheadk8.org](mailto:josborn@arrowheadk8.org).

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://explorelivingstonmt.com/jobs).

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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 areas. Provide public improvements, repair or rehabilitate deteriorated structures, improve infrastructure, facilities, and equipment to enhance the health and safety of the downtown district.  
**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.gardiner.org) and can be sent to [Super@gardiner.org](mailto:Super@gardiner.org) or you may apply at the school (510 Stone St, Gardiner, MT, 59030). If you have any questions, please call 406-848-7563.

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

given to applications received by July 2, 2024. To apply go online to: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

**Museum Curator** - Immerse yourself in the captivating world of history and culture as the Museum Curator at Yellowstone Gateway Museum. Join our dedicated team in preserving and showcasing Park County's rich heritage through artifact collections, engaging exhibits, and educational programs. With a dynamic work environment and opportunities to collaborate with passionate individuals, this role allows you to make a meaningful impact on our community's understanding and appreciation of its past. Apply now to embark on a fulfilling journey with us! This position will be open until filled. To apply go online to: <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

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

## How to Place your Classified Ad!


We have three classified ad packages to choose from, your ad will be displayed for 7 days, will also be added to the Park County Community Journal website.

1-40 words \$10 • 41-50 words \$12 • 51-70 words \$15

To place your ad go online at [www.pccjournal.com](http://www.pccjournal.com) or email [community@pccjournal.com](mailto:community@pccjournal.com) and someone will call you back for payment.

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**FOR SALE**



1957 Model 820, diesel, no PTO, single hydraulic, new inside duals V front tires. \$6,000.

**FOR SALE**



1956 Model 70, gas, standard, rebuilt power steering, single hydraulic, PTO (not live), all good tires. \$4,500.

If interested please **TEXT** Ole at **406-220-0425** (NO PHONE CALLS)

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**1305 W Geyser Street**  
2 beds 1 bath | 949 sq ft  
#396617 | \$390,000  
Baylor Carter | 406-223-7903



**NHN Gallatin Car Park  
Unit #C-15**  
Commercial Sale | 277 sq ft  
#395386 | \$50,000  
Gillian Swanson | 406-220-4340



**Tract 5 Dutch Road**  
Land Listing | 6 acres  
#396678 | \$399,000  
Tom Gierhan | 406-220-0229



**516 North L Street**  
3 beds 1.5 baths | 1,670 sq ft  
#395200 | \$440,000  
Jon Ellen Snyder | 406-223-8700



**512 Miles**  
Commercial Sale | 4,212 sq ft  
#389433 | \$495,000  
Tammy Berendts | 406-220-0159



**1003 Ridgeway Drive**  
4 beds 2.5 baths | 2,150 sq ft  
#392480 | \$399,000  
Jon Ellen Snyder | 406-223-8700



**1013 Pryor Lane**  
3 beds 2.5 baths | 1,824 sq ft  
#395141 | \$630,000  
Julie Kennedy | 406-223-7753



**107 S Main Street**  
Commercial Sale | 7,061 sq ft  
#395132 | \$1,950,000  
Ernie Meador | 406-220-0231



**1218 S Grand Avenue**  
5 beds 2 baths | 1,664 sq ft  
#394035 | \$799,000  
Deb Kelly | 406-220-0801



**107 & 109 S 3rd Street**  
Multi-Family | Multiple Dwellings  
#395100 | \$499,000  
Julie Kennedy | 406-223-7753



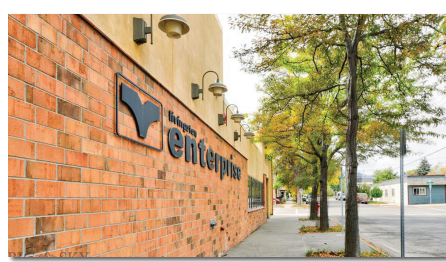
**5 Division Street S**  
3 Commercial Sale | 1.5 acres  
#394518 | \$599,995  
Ernie Meador | 406-220-0231



**12 Lovers Lane**  
3 beds 3 baths | 2,800 sq ft  
#390978 | \$798,000  
Jessie Sarrazin | 406-223-5881



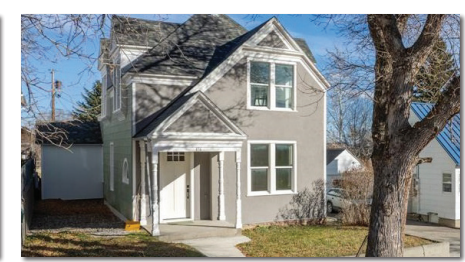
**607 Scott Street W**  
2 beds 1 bath | 1,344 sq ft  
#393927 | \$485,000  
Tom Gierhan | 406-220-0229



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



**701 E. Lewis Street**  
3 beds 2 baths | 1,755 sq ft  
#395352 | \$515,000  
Gillian Swanson | 406-220-4340



**416 N 3rd Street**  
4 beds 2 baths | 2,074 sq ft  
#390051 | \$585,000  
Deb Kelly | 406-220-0801

## Meet the Team...

I am a Montana girl born and raised. I grew up on a family ranch in Two Dot that has been in our family since 1873.

The rugged beauty of Montana has always been a part of my life, instilling

a deep appreciation for its open spaces and the allure of a small town.

I enjoy exploring new places, trying new things, sports of any kind, DIY projects, cooking,

### Rachel Moore

Sales Associate

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and most importantly, Christmas.

No matter what I'm doing or where I'm going, chances are my trusty pups are right by my side.



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# SATURDAY Sept 28th

## HUNTER EXTRAVAGANZA & END OF SUMMER SALE

### WIN A BULL ELK HUNT

**Park County residents ONLY**

A FREE hosted elk hunt on Paradise Valley Ranch will be giving away during our event. Come in and get entered to win. Winner drawn at 5pm. Previous PVR bull hunt winners are welcome to enter, but if drawn they must gift the bull hunt to a friend or relative.

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**SALE**

**8am-5pm**

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11am until gone

**8am - Lunch**



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