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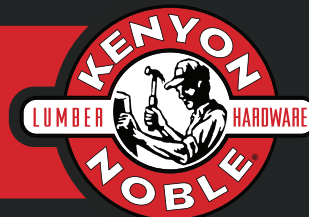
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Growing Special Olympics Team Needs Your Support

By Tony Crowder
Managing Editor

The Livingston Lightning, one of two community Special Olympics teams based in Park County, is seeking donations from sponsors to fund continued expansion, training, and future travel to compete in various events hosted throughout the state.

The team formed in 2023 after a drought without Special Olympic representation in Livingston and tripled in size from four to thirteen participants during 2024, partaking in events like basketball with future aspirations to compete in bowling and swimming. Since experiencing this recent bout of growth, the team competed this year at the

regional area games on April 25th and the State Games hosted May 15th through May 17th in Billings, where all Lightning contestants medaled in their events!

The team has recently begun preparing to compete in basketball on October 27th.

Up until now, the local chapter raised funds primarily through raffle programs and private donations. Community members have also donated facility access and local businesses have contributed to the state organization's general fund by participating in various fundraising activities.

Local program coordinator Audrey Winfrey and our local chapter is seeking sponsorship by local businesses and individuals, an effort to both raise

money and spread awareness of the organization's mission:

"Providing year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."

All donations are appreciated, sponsorships of \$100, \$250, and \$500 achieve bronze, silver and gold-level



Special Olympics Montana

statuses, respectively. Checks may be written to "Special Olympics Montana" and must contain "Livingston Lightning" in the memo. All contributions are tax-deductible, and a receipt will be issued to donors.

Please consider supporting the team with your generosity and compassion. You can make a difference in someone's life through your contribution by creating an opportunity for them to channel their competitive spirit and experience success in pursuing meaningful goals, a basic human desire for fulfillment and, ultimately, justification for life's challenges.

Megan Brenna Is a Final-Four Finalist for the Montana Teacher of the Year Award

By: Jeff Schlapp - Park County Dugout

I never had a teacher who inspired me during the 12 years of school leading up to my high school graduation. Part of it was my doing; I wouldn't say I liked school too much; I'd rather be off playing sports. However, teachers never attempted to make a connection with me.

East Side Elementary School Fifth Grade Teacher Megan Brenna would have viewed me as a challenge worth taking on and at least tried to connect; more than likely, she would have been successful—after all, she is a Final Four Finalist for the Montana Teacher of the Year Award.

I stopped by East Side Elementary School on Friday to meet with Brenna. I have known her for four years and have covered many East Side educational



events. I have seen her bring her students to the Livingston-Park County Public Library to help plant trees and volunteer for three summers at Dan Bailey's Wild Heart Kids Camp.

In February 2023, Dale Sexton and his team at Dan Bailey's Outdoor Co. devised an idea to promote compassion and reward East Side Elementary School

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The 2024 Stories of a She-Tribe Art Affair

You're invited to the second annual Stories of a She-Tribe Art Affair, popup show and sale, to be held Sunday, September 15th from noon until 6 pm, in the backyard sanctuary of 812 East Lewis St. in Livingston.

The soulful art of Beverly Axelsen, Nicole Masters, Po Hall, Namma Masters, and Monica Anderson will be showcased on the wooden fence, and the inner and outer walls of the home. Refreshments will be served.

"Stories of a She-Tribe evolved as several of us gathered in my backyard to work on a few paintings together in 2021. After three years of regularly painting together we have created hundreds of works in each of our



The She Tribe from left to right: Nicole Masters, Po Hall, Beverly Axelsen, Monica Anderson, and Michele Namma Masters.

distinctly unique styles," explains Beverly, "When we run out of space to house them all, it's time to sell these treasures—the Art Affair was born."

These ladies highly encourage others to come together for small group, regular meet-ups to indulge in

shared creativity. "It nourishes the soul," says Monica, "We love our paint-days together and purposefully keep them just us because of the intimate sharing and trust that has developed between us." Together they've created an ever-evolving canvas of playful vulnerability and uninhibited self-expression.

The second annual Art Affair will be weather permitting.



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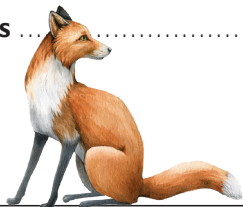
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Yellowstone Experience School a New

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding received during the pandemic is set to expire this year, creating concerns amongst local educational professionals and parents regarding the Park County school district's ability to support scholastic programs by retaining staff and coursework provisions financed by the grant.

As of 2023, at least 400 Park County students have opted out of the public school system. Whether due to inadequate resources, bullying in public schools, or incompatible learning styles across individuals, parents seeking alternative education for their children are limited to costly private schools with religious affiliations, or commuting to nearby districts. Home education may force parents to vacate the job market with potentially harmful economic implications for the community at large and families alike. And for some, the only viable option is to reluctantly relocate from Park County.

In response to these challenges, a group consisting primarily of women local to the Livingston area led by former Educatio executive director Emily Post, formed earlier this year to expand options for public education in Park County by applying to charter, the Yellowstone Experience School (YES) an alternative school for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Charter schools are publicly funded and accredited yet operate somewhat independently from the public school system at large in that educators and staff have greater flexibility to modify how core curriculum is taught—adhering to state-imposed accreditation standards and in compliance with established student outcome goals for accountability purposes. The prevalence of charter schools in the United States has risen drastically from 5,300 in 2010 to 7,800 in 2021, indicating a need for an alternative to the public school system.

The new Yellowstone Experience School (YES) would merge a research-based instructional methodology called Montessori with Project-Based Learning—resulting in an innovative child-led approach to education underscoring each individual student's needs and interests by developing important life skills in various areas using a combination of hands-on experience and traditional subject-based education to maximize student outcomes and promote goal attainment.

One parent explained that limited resources in the public school system promotes a one-size-fits-all approach whereas the Montessori style enables educators to tailor methodology according to individual factors like personal experience.

Students would be organized into classrooms based on age groups spanning three grade levels (e.g., 4th, 5th and 6th graders attend class together and are taught in multi-age group settings), a cooperative learning strategy with demonstrated benefits for enhanced social development and improved educational outcomes.

The school initially aims to enroll ten students in each grade for a total of 30 students per classroom (120 total comprising the student body) which will be led by two educators licensed to teach public school in Montana with Montessori and Project-Based certification, garnering a 15:1 student-teacher ratio. Grades will be expanded annually using a combination of rolling and lottery enrollment strategies as necessary with a projected maximum

capacity of some 360 students (30 per grade level) matriculating over a five-year period.

Curriculum is intended to be highly integrative and draw from multiple educational disciplines, including STEAM—an extension of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), educational programming developed to facilitate the acquisition of skills relevant to success in the modern workplace, but with special focus on the arts for creative measure.

Through community partnerships with local businesses, internships and other civic opportunities for fostering life and entrepreneurial skills will be offered to students in grades 7th through 12th.

Similar to other public institutions, students will be in attendance from August until May and can, like their parochial counterparts at St. Mary's, participate in sports sponsored by the Park County school district. The school will also accept students with special educational needs and work in partnership with the district to provide paraprofessional support in addition to counseling and occupational and speech therapy for all students.

Though benefits extended to charter schools are expansive, oftentimes, as is the case with the Yellowstone Experience School, they are independently funded, non-tuition, and require grant money or private donations for initial development and continued operating costs. Thus, whether the group succeeds largely depends on securing financial resources

and fulfilling staffing needs, a challenge unique to charter institutions with limited funding through state tax dollars.

Costs to lay groundwork amount to roughly five million dollars with an estimated 2.4 million dollars budgeted annually to fund operations. Organizers must begin by securing, through acquisition or construction, a facility—potential options for a site include the Washington school and former Enterprise building located at the intersection of Main and Geyser.

Program goals to adequately compensate highly qualified candidates so as to offset exorbitant housing costs and other economic barriers, presents an additional budgetary consideration as members attempt to address one of many suggested causes attributed to the school district's staffing needs—the challenging state of Livingston's economy, evidenced by soaring costs of living and relatively low wages across job industries. Organizers intend to offer highly competitive salaries through supplemental funding sources, a strategy to retain teachers who are expected to form longstanding relationships with students.

YES organizers have attended recent Park County school board meetings to not only justify the need for an alternative educational program in the area, but seek financial support through state funding, which would include a portion of the district's overall education budget: per student entitlement, essentially the amount received per student in attendance, contingent on grade level and scaled according to school size—for instance, school districts with smaller average

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Yellowstone Park Elk Rut Alert

WARNING: Stay away from bull elk in Yellowstone National Park, especially during fall mating season! The elk mating season, commonly referred to as the rut, has begun in Yellowstone National Park. Elk can be aggressive to humans and vehicles. They will charge anything between them and a female elk. Remember—You are responsible for your own safety!

Stay alert, stay away, and stay safe! Bull elk are unpredictable and much more aggressive during this time of year and people have been severely injured. Elk run quickly and may change direction without warning.

Attacks can be unprovoked and unpredictable.

Best rules to follow:

- Always keep at least 25 yards, or the length of two full-sized buses, from elk.
- If an elk approaches you, back away immediately.
- Look around corners before exiting buildings or walking around blind spots.
- Give them room, use your zoom (lense). Never approach or pursue animals to take their picture. Lenses with focal lengths of 300 mm or greater are recommended for adequate reach.



Photo from Montana Outdoor Magazine.

If an elk charges or runs toward you:

- Find shelter in your vehicle, behind a tree or boulder, as quickly as possible. Protect your head and neck.

- If nearby shelter is not available, run away.
- As always when you are in the Park—follow directions from park rangers.

September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

Hey readers whether you want to update skills, scout for knowledge and information, or connect with other avid readers, a library card is your key to an arsenal of resources. That's right. We have the Livingston Park County Public Library (LPC) in downtown Livingston and the Gardiner Community Library that are ready for you to spark your creativity and savor your thirst for nonfiction and fiction gems; to mine the library's stacks and databases for exciting new adventures; improve your critical thinking

skills, or to defeat misinformation lurking online with facts and real data.

Either way you like to explore the literacy—digital or paper...

Visit your library today. See what's new. Do you have friends who don't have a library card? Bring them yourself to sign up during September. The LPC Library offers many programs like *Books and Babies* on Wednesdays starting at 10:30 to 10:50 am, *Preschool Story Time* on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 am. Really popular is the *1000 Books before*

Kindergarten online program. Contact your library for an updated program list.

Try something new at your library during September.

If you regularly stop in to use the public computers, try a downloadable audiobook, or ebook. LPC Library has a lot to offer: Mango languages, DK Findout for Kids, Montana History portal, many homeschooling resources, the public computers, photocopying (for a small fee) and scanning is free, learn a new skill, or come and get your very first library card, *Just Do It* as Nike would say.

Help Spread the Word. Follow your library on social media or check out the LPC Library Bookmobile, which is in Clyde Park at the Town Hall on Mondays



at 9:30 am and in Wilsall at the Senior Center at 10:45 am. On Thursdays, they offer drop off and pick up service to Mammoth Hot Springs in YNP at 9:30 am then they go to Arch Park in Gardiner from 10 to 11 am and in downtown Emigrant from 12 to 1 pm.

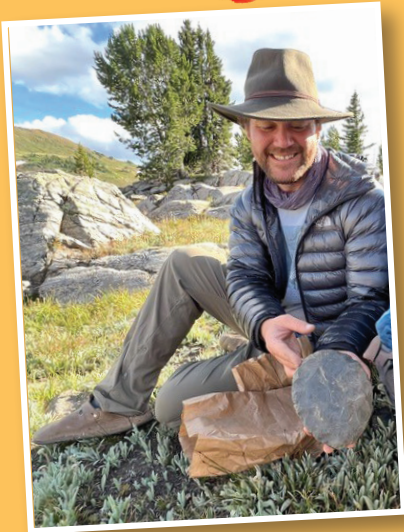
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Principal Investigator and Principal Researcher of the Alpine Ecosystems Research Institute. Dr. Dersam holds a PHD in Anthropology from the University of Montana and has spent many years in archaeological research related to high-elevation North American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



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

Mallard's Rest Fishing Access Reopens

Construction has been completed and the much-anticipated re-opening of Mallard's Rest has arrived! Many of us locals and visitors alike use this popular fishing access site year-round. Take a spin on down (or up) U.S. Hwy. 89 So and see the new, spacious access road. Erosion and destabilization of the entrance road from the flooding event on the Yellowstone River in 2022 made the access road prone to collapse and the site had been closed since then

for public safety. This summer, crews built a new entrance road and a new point of entry from the highway. Securing the extra land for the new road required Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) to negotiate a new lease on a parcel that had an existing lease through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. This took time. The new road has safety upgrades from the original entrance, including a more gradual slope and more direct access,

eliminating the sharp curve from the previous entrance. The new section of road is about 950 feet long, moving the new point of entry north of the old entrance along the highway. Mallard's Rest is a beloved site for many recreationists on the Yellowstone River south of Livingston. It offers river access, day use and camping sites. FWP staff appreciates the public's patience while the department worked to restore and improve its safe public access. Enjoy!



Explore Accessory Dwelling Units in Livingston: Free Tour and Workshop

The Park County Housing Coalition is excited to announce a free Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) tour in Livingston on the evening of Wednesday, September 11th. This self-guided tour invites participants to visit the Coalition's booth at the Farmer's Market to receive a map and guide to the ADUs. In addition to the tour, we are hosting a free workshop

for homeowners interested in building an ADU on their property. The workshop will cover essential topics such as financing, design, construction and permitting, and property management. Registration is open on the Coalition's website (parkcountyhousing.com). Dates, times, and locations will be determined based on availability and

preferences shared during registration. For more information or to express interest in either or both of these events, please visit the website or contact the Park County Housing Coalition directly. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about ADUs and how they can benefit your property and the community!

ADU Curious?

Join the Park County Housing Coalition for a free, self-guided tour of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in Livingston!

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2ND ANNUAL STORIES OF A SHE-TRIBE ART AFFAIR POPUP SHOW AND SALE

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Nicole Masters: I feel super blessed to come home to Paradise Valley and swim in the creativity of my She Tribe sisters, where we blend art, wellbeing, kindness, acceptance and landscapes together. I've always played with different art forms from clay to glass, welding, sewing, oils and watercolors. Right now I'm loving the exploration of the visceral depths of animal coats and expressions.

Michele Namma Masters: The expansive Universe inspires me--so everything does! The urge to paint, or not, is the stream I follow. Any medium, any style and any color can take me and lead me to places I've never been. Art is for everyone, and I love it. As for me there are no rules, just Joy.



Po Hall: I didn't start painting until I was 71. I was a fiber artist not a painter. During the Covid lockdown I took an online painting course with a small group of friends and really liked it, and just kept going. What I paint often are animals, and faces, mostly intuitive abstract.

Monica Anderson: I find that the less sense a painting makes to my mind, the more soothing it is to the soul; the senses; and the psyche. My art, much like my life, is an unstructured, uncensored creative expression intended for the people who are most drawn to it.



Beverly Axelsen: I dabbled in art throughout life... never feeling enough passion to pursue it at length. While gathering with a few friends in online painting classes during and following Covid isolation, my creative desires began to emerge. A favorite piece of wisdom I have related to over the years: Leave everything undefined, including yourself... befriend uncertainty, fall in love with mystery... kneel at the altar of not knowing... give your questions time to breath... and the answers will find you. As I reflect on the paintings I have created in the past several years, I feel they are, in ways, the answers. Rarely do I sit with a blank canvas and know what is going to emerge. It is exciting and daunting.



Create a Family-Friendly Grazing Board

(Family Features)

A beautifully designed charcuterie board may feel more like a grown-up treat, but with the right ingredients, delicious grazing boards can provide fun and nutrition for the whole family.

No matter what you call it, charcuterie boards, grazing boards and snack platters are all basically the same thing. The boards make a trendy addition to an entertaining menu, but a platter or kid-friendly board can be equally pleasing.

What you serve on a grazing board is entirely up to you. Most include a selection of meats and cheeses, and many incorporate nuts, crackers, dips and jams. Some also incorporate fresh fruits and vegetables. Creating your own board means there really are no rules; you can add just about anything you want.

To build a successful board, keep these tips in mind:

Choose ingredients and elements that don't require temperature control. The idea of a grazing board is that it sits out for a while. Avoid anything that needs refrigeration, heat or will lose its shape or flavor if it rests for an extended amount of time.

Select a surface large enough to hold a variety of food. It can be a simple cutting board or a cute platter. There's no specific size requirement but err on the side of bigger; spacing out



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your goodies can be more attractive and less messy.

Use high-quality ingredients to ensure every bite is delicious and nutritious. While shopping, remember to look for your favorite items in the produce department, as adding these flavorful fruits and veggies along with proteins like meat and cheese will create a healthier board. A variety of olives is great too.

Build your board around a theme to add an extra element of fun. Use mini cookie cutters to make fun, kid-friendly shapes out of cheese and meats. Be mindful of colors; a rainbow platter is vibrant and appealing, and colorful fruits and veggies offer a strong mix of nutrients.

Remember it doesn't have to be elaborate. Classic favorites are all you need. Even kid favorites like sections of mandarin oranges, carrot sticks and chocolate chips are fair game for a family-friendly board. If age appropriate, include your children when creating the board.

Find more ideas for creating family-friendly treats at healthyfamilyproject.com.

Taco Tuesday Board

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project's "Come Graze With Us" e-cookbook.

- Guacamole
- Salsa
- Queso
- Hard and soft taco shells
- Ground turkey, seasoned and browned
- Lettuce
- Diced tomatoes
- Shredded cheese
- Chopped onions
- Chopped peppers
- Sour cream
- Cilantro
- Lime wedges

On grazing board or platter, arrange guacamole, salsa, queso, taco shells,

ground turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, shredded cheese, onions, peppers, sour cream, cilantro and lime wedges.

Weekend Breakfast Grazing Board

"Come Graze With Us" e-cookbook

- Hard-boiled eggs
- Cooked sausage links
- Mini frozen waffles, toasted
- Mini frozen pancakes, toasted
- Mini muffins
- Yogurt
- Fresh fruit
- Syrup
- Jelly

On grazing board or platter, arrange eggs, sausage links, toasted waffles, toasted pancakes, muffins, yogurt, fruit, syrup and jelly.

Be creative and have fun!



Recipe by
Carla Williams

RECIPE CORNER

Walking Taco Casserole

Ingredient:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 packet taco seasoning mix
- 1 can (10 oz) diced tomatoes with green chilies (Rotel), undrained
- 1 can (15 oz) black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup corn kernels (canned or frozen)
- 3 cups corn chips (like Fritos)
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup sliced black olives (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro (optional)
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 1 cup shredded lettuce

Directions:

Cook the Ground Beef:

- Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). In a large skillet, cook the ground beef over medium heat until browned and fully cooked. Drain any excess fat. Add the taco seasoning mix, diced tomatoes with green chilies, black beans, and corn. Stir to combine and let the mixture simmer for 5 minutes.

Assemble the Casserole:

- In a 9x13-inch baking dish, spread a layer of corn chips on the bottom. Spoon the beef mixture evenly over the chips.



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- Sprinkle shredded cheddar cheese over the top.

Bake the Casserole:

- Place the casserole in the preheated oven and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and bubbly.

Add Toppings and Serve:

- Remove the casserole from the oven and let it cool slightly.
- Spread the sour cream over the top of the casserole, then sprinkle with sliced black olives, chopped green onions, chopped cilantro, chopped tomato, and shredded lettuce.

Serve:

- Scoop portions of the Walking Taco Casserole onto plates, making sure to include all the layers.
- Enjoy your Walking Taco Casserole with extra sour cream, salsa, or guacamole on the side!

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Looking Back *with Lindie*

This article is from the March 22, 1890 issue of the Livingston Enterprise:

Hunters Hot Springs, nineteen miles east of Livingston, produces the largest flow of hot water in Montana (more than 1,300 gallons per minute) that flows from three principal springs and a dozen smaller springs. With temperatures averaging 139F, the Crow Indians had long used these springs for their healing powers.

In 1864, Kentucky surgeon Dr. Andrew J. Hunter observed an encampment of Crow tribal members bathing in hot water. Recognizing the potential opportunity of a lucrative therapeutic spa and resort business, Hunter staked claims around the springs, traveling there often from his home in Bozeman. For the next four years, he practiced medicine and began developing the property.

Hunter's family eventually thrived at the hot springs, and by 1873, he had constructed a hotel and bathhouses at the springs. Word spread about the facilities as guests came seeking the much-touted medicinal properties of the waters. Over the next twelve years, improvements were continually made including the addition of a two-story hotel in 1883.

Dr. Hunter's resort flourished with claims of miracle cures. Hunters Hot Springs' reputation expanded and the spa entertained guests and customers from across the United States and Europe. The Northern Pacific Railroad

was just a mile and a half south from Dr. Hunter's resort. His son-in-law, Frank Rich, eventually built another hotel approximately one hundred yards east to handle the overflow of customers. This was called the Rich Hotel, or the Lower House, while Dr. Hunter's hotel was referred to as the Upper House because it was on slightly higher ground.

In 1885, Dr. Hunter sold Hunters Hot Springs to former Iowan Cyrus B. Mendenhall. Mendenhall expanded and improved the resort and managed the property for ten years. A new frame hotel was built on the property, and by 1887, plans were made for an even larger hotel and a plunge which would only be matched by the Broadwater Hotel in Helena in size and elegance.

In 1897, wealthy Butte-based businessman James A. Murray purchased the property at auction. He leased the property to Charles W. Savage, an hotelier based in Livingston.

The 454-foot-long elegant Hotel Dakota opened in 1909 with five separate wings to accommodate up to 300 guests. This stucco-covered building in a Moorish design had a two-story verandah that stretched more than 400 feet. The Dakota was luxurious, boasting steam heat, electric lights, and telephones in its rooms. The east wing contained the bathing department complete with a solarium, a 103-foot swimming pool, and gymnasium, sweat room, and vapor baths.

The Dakota's reputation as one of the leading social centers lasted 20 years. The automobile and the newly rerouted road to Yellowstone greatly reduced its numbers of patrons. Prohibition added to its demise, as it was a social place where liquor flowed freely. A fire broke out at the Dakota Hotel in 1932 and it, along with many other structures, burned to the ground. The town never recovered and was gradually abandoned.

As a young girl, I remember the Johnson family owned Hunters Hot Springs. They eventually sold it and things went downhill from there.

Many people think that Chico Hot Springs, south of Livingston was/is Park County's only Hot Springs Resort but I heard Hunters Hot Springs is making a

comeback and in 2019 the LaDuke Hot Spring was transformed into Yellowstone Hot Springs & RV Park north of Gardiner...Lindie



City of Livingston Parks Master Plan

Your Chance to Shape the Future of Our Parks

The City of Livingston is excited to announce the kickoff of its Parks Master Plan, a forward-looking initiative designed to ensure our park system meets the needs of our growing community for the next decade and beyond. This comprehensive plan will serve as a critical tool in guiding future improvements and helping us create sustainable amenities that reflect the needs of Livingston.

As part of this initiative, a team of consultants specializing in parks planning will be in town during the



week of September 16th. They will be conducting a thorough assessment of our existing parks and facilities, engaging with city staff, and introducing themselves to the City Commission at its

meeting on the 17th.

Most importantly, they will be reaching out to you, the residents of Livingston, to gather your thoughts and feedback on what you want to see in your parks. A survey is forthcoming to help gather your thoughts and input!

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- **September 11th** Beyond the Fit Academy. Bootcamp every Wednesday at 6 pm details contact DeeDee at 406-570-8718
- **September 12th** JH Volleyball at White Sulphur Springs 3 pm, JV and Varsity 5 pm
- **September 13th** JH and Varsity Football vs Absarokee 4 pm
- **September 14th** JH Volleyball at Belgrade Tournament
- **September 14th** JV/V Volleyball at Sheridan Tournament

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

Meals for September 9th - 13th

- Monday, Sept. 9th** - Beef stir fry over rice, eggroll, fruit, milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 10th** - Lasagna, garlic bread, veggie, fruit, milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 11th** - Taco on tortilla shell, refried beans, Spanish rice, fixings, fruit, dessert, milk
- Thursday, Sept. 12th** - Turkey soup, roll, fruit, milk
- Friday, Sept. 13th** - Beef Pasties, gravy, veggie, fruit, dessert, milk



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2024 GIVE A HOOT Campaign Tops \$2.4 Million Raised for Park County Nonprofits

The Park County Community Foundation (PCCF) proudly announces the 2024 GIVE A HOOT Community Giving Challenge has once again surpassed all previous benchmarks by inspiring over \$2.4 million from more than 4,700 individual donations, benefiting 93 Park County nonprofits.

Since its inception in 2019, the GIVE A HOOT campaign has helped provide needed funding to Park County nonprofits, raising over \$10.2 million through nearly 20,000 donations in support of over 100 local organizations. This year's campaign further illustrates the strong spirit of generosity and commitment within Park County and beyond.

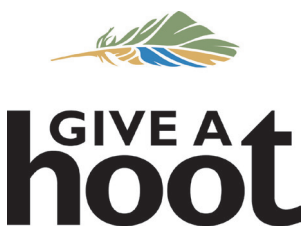
"Once again, our community has demonstrated extraordinary support for our local nonprofits, contributing at record levels," said Gavin Clark, Executive Director of the Park County Community Foundation. "The success of GIVE A HOOT underscores the dedication and generosity of our community, and we are thrilled to see such robust engagement in supporting these essential local services."

Funds raised during the 2024 campaign will provide participating nonprofits with crucial unrestricted resources to address the

most pressing needs within Park County. Insights from the Park County Community Foundation's We Will Park County community visioning initiative have highlighted economic challenges and community well-being as top concerns, guiding the allocation of these funds to enhance local support systems.

Notably, the North Yellowstone Education Foundation (NYEF) will use the funds to advance affordable teacher housing, classroom support, and student/teacher well-being. Laura Chastain, Executive Director of NYEF, emphasized the impact of the campaign, "GIVE A HOOT has significantly raised awareness of our mission during peak tourism season and has been instrumental in addressing local needs."

The 2024 campaign also welcomed 11 new organizations, including the Friends of Park County Search and Rescue (FPCSR), a newly established nonprofit. Chris Brookhart, Director at FPCSR, stated, "Participating in GIVE A HOOT has been a fantastic start for our organization, helping us raise funds



and increase awareness of our mission to support Search and Rescue efforts."

This year's GIVE A HOOT campaign featured a partial matching pool of over \$463,000, the largest in the campaign's history. Contributions from donors and matching pool supporters were distributed to participating organizations based on their fundraising totals. Ten organizations received the \$15,000 maximum match amount; five organizations received a partial match of \$10,000; and the remaining organizations each received \$0.32 cents for each dollar raised.

Megan Watts, Livingston Branch President of Opportunity Bank and Matching Pool supporter, shared, "Supporting the GIVE A HOOT Matching Pool is incredibly rewarding. Our contributions not only amplify community generosity but also inspire others to join in making a difference."

The Park County Community Foundation extends gratitude to its sponsors, the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, Montana Rail Link, and Willow Creek Ranch whose support made this campaign possible. The 2024 Matching Pool Supporters include: the Jaket Foundation (Phil & Liz Gross), the

Solso Family Foundation, the Arthur M. Blank Foundation, Diana & Bruce Rauner, John & Bernice Gillespie, the Harvey & Carol Massey Foundation, Frontline Ag Solutions, Livingston's ACE Hardware, Donald B. Gimbel, Highcamp Compliance, Fishcamp Custom, Sibanye Stillwater, Opportunity Bank of Montana, the Community Closet, Sal & Carol Lalani, PFL, Joe Phelps, glassbaby, the Office, and First Interstate Bank.

Keva Ward, Program Coordinator at the Park County Community Foundation, reflected on the campaign's success, "GIVE A HOOT is a treasured event that unites our community in a unique way, celebrating the collective support for our local nonprofits and reinforcing the spirit of giving that defines Park County."

For more information about the participating organizations and the GIVE A HOOT campaign, please visit the GIVE A HOOT website.

Nonprofits interested in joining the 2025 campaign can contact Keva Ward, PCCF Program Coordinator.

For further details or to arrange interviews, please contact Barb Oldershaw at (406) 570-4580 or via email at Barb.oldershaw@pccf-montana.org

Yellowstone

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classroom sizes are rewarded proportionately larger entitlements per student.

If per student entitlement funding is to be shared, the school board must first vote to support submission of the charter application. If the application is approved, the district would have authority over the Yellowstone Experience School to enforce state policies and regulations, manage funding, and provide administrative guidance—all in accordance with title XX, the legislative doctrine for public education in Montana.

If the board denies the school admission to the district, organizers must form an independent governing body and apply directly to the state for chartership and funding. The school board is expected to vote just prior to the chartership application deadline.

Organizers commented that though school board members have been somewhat receptive to the idea, the primary issue is money, now further complicated by the recent loss of ESSER funding. School board superintendent

Chad Johnson provided commentary on this topic, further clarifying that general state funding has remained largely unaltered despite minor fluctuations in enrollment numbers across districts, but that the budget must first be rebalanced in response to loss of emergency funding and then supplemented by pursuing creative avenues for generating future revenue.

Without a state-sanctioned voucher, program organizers must consider other funding sources and have applied for 1.2 million dollars in private grant money designated specifically for charter schools while simultaneously devising strategies to seek private donations and endowments through fundraising efforts. The group is currently accepting monetary donations at American Bank and seeking public support through participation in various committees purposed with marketing, fundraising, social media promotion and charter writing.

Other ways to get behind the effort include joining the mailing list and attending school board meetings to voice support.

Charter applications are due October 28th with an anticipated decision released by the beginning of next year. If approved, the school will begin open enrollment to all students in Park County for the 2025-2026 academic year soon

thereafter. Organizers are currently accepting intent-to-enroll applications on their website and have received 40 commitments from local parents of elementary and middle school students.

The target demographic, according to organizers, are those students currently underserved within the school district

with parents committed to a cooperative learning model.

For more information or to contact the organization regarding student enrollment or volunteering opportunities, visit YesLivingstonKids.com or email director Emily Post at emily@education.life.

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Inaugural Livingston Songwriter Festival—October 4 & 5, 2024

Dear Livingston Music Fans,

We are excited to include Livingston into our family of songwriter festivals. There are a lot of great musicians and songwriters in Livingston and Paradise Valley.

Many have played, or are playing our other festivals, in Red Lodge at the Red Lodge Songwriter Festival and/or in Cody at the Yellowstone Songwriter Festival.

Our festivals create opportunities for local songwriters, Sean Devine, Mercedes Carroll, Quenby Iandiorio, Ashly Holland, John Lowell and Montana based songwriters Hannah King, Jackson Holte, Matt Strachan, Michele Rivers, Haeli Allen, Chad Okrusch, Almeda Bradshaw, Christy Hays, Al Cooper, Jessica Lechner, Kalyn Beasley, Tom Catmull, Mellisa Forrette, Jo Smith, Annalisa Rose among others to network, share the stage and make lifelong friendships with

songwriters from Nashville and all over the country.

These friendships evolve into co-writing, performing shows together, expanding their audiences and improving their craft. Any local songwriter is welcome to apply to perform as a paid songwriter at any of our festivals for 2025 including Livingston.

<https://rockymtnsongwriterfestivals.org/festival-songwriters/>



In addition to promoting songwriting, proceeds from our festivals have paid for over \$130,000 in college scholarships, choir uniforms, music lessons, and instruments for our local kids.

We look forward to celebrating the art of songwriting with you in October.

Mike Booth, Executive Director
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American Legion & VFW Hosting 9/11 Memorial Event

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Members of Livingston's American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapters are hosting a 9/11 memorial event at Sacajawea Park on Wednesday, September 11th at 9:11 am to



commemorate first responders—law enforcement officials, fire department volunteers, and emergency medical transporters—for their commitment to public safety. The event will commence with a three-volley salute performed in tandem with a color guard, followed by short remarks

from local Honor Guard Commander Eric Bradley and others. Off-duty first responders are expected to attend the event in dress colors with on-duty counterparts present

contingent upon availability. The event is expected to be brief, yet event organizers are

hopeful for widespread participation from the community to show appreciation towards the men and women who bravely risk their lives for the protection of others during times of peril. Please join the effort and encourage friends and family to partake in the event, if possible.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Big Brothers Big Sisters



Meet **Scott Schaefer**. Scott moved to this area in 2005. His employment background is in construction and he is an avid outdoorsman. Since 2018, Scott finds time to support this incredible program. He says, "It's a great way to see the world through the eyes of your Little."

Scott currently works as a Concessions Management Specialist for Yellowstone National Park, keeping him

there Monday through Thursday each week, but looks forward to having quality time with his Little on weekends. They keep a flexible visit schedule, which works perfectly for Scott and his Little's sports schedule. When asked what he finds most rewarding about being a Big, Scott says, "Developing new, true, and lasting relationships."

BBBS OF BIG SKY COUNTRY serves Park and Sweet Grass Counties. Their mission statement: *"Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth."*

BIGS AND LITTLES NEEDED! Currently, they need volunteers (BIGS) and children (LITTLES) for their community-based program as well as the school-based program in Livingston. We encourage you to find additional information and our application form at BBBS-BigSkyCountry.org. Also, if you're a local business owner and would like to offer discounts for Bigs and Littles, we want to hear from you! Call BBBS of Big Sky Country at 406-587-1216 or 406-222-1930, ext. 701. Office hours are Mon-Thurs, 8-5.



City of Livingston Reservoir Park



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.

Key Dates to Remember:

September 4th

Livingston Farmers Market
At Miles Park Band Shell
229 River Dr, Livingston, MT 59047
4:30-7:30pm Introductions + Survey Q&A

September 18th

Livingston Community Room
414 E Callender Street
5-7pm Survey Response Review & Discussion

October 23rd

Livingston Community Room
414 E Callender Street
5-7pm Workshop #1

November 12th

Livingston Community Room
414 E Callender Street
5-7pm Workshop #2

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

COMMUNITY PLANNING

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PARTICIPATE IN OUR ONLINE SURVEY AND JOIN US FOR A SERIES OF COMMUNITY PLANNING WORKSHOPS.

PROJECT LOCATION



WHY?

- Be part of a community driven planning exercise to improve Reservoir park in Livingston, MT.
- Participate in an online survey and planning workshops to share your ideas. Scan the lower left!
- Want to stay in the loop? Scan the lower right for more info.

WHEN/ WHERE?

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Awana is the acronym for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," which comes from II Timothy 2:15: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker

reaching kids with the gospel, watching them grow as long-term disciples.

The three youth groups are: Cubbies for preschool kids in ages 3-5 years-old (potty-trained);

who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Kids represent the greatest opportunity to make a long-term impact on our world for Christ. Awana reaches kids where they're at, and walks alongside them in their faith journey. Those kids who come to faith at an early age discover God's purpose for their lives and hope for the future. Ministry leaders and parents witness the profound impact Awana has in



Sparks for Elementary kids in kindergarten thru 2nd grade, and T&T's for kids grades 3-6.

Join them from 4 to 6 pm on Sundays for 26 weeks of learning God's word. The Livingston Christian Center is located at 1400 Mount Baldy Drive, Livingston (across from the Town & Country supermarket). For more information call 406-222-3144 or visit their website LivingstonChristainCenter.org.





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Poetry Spotlight

THE MINSTREL

Written by: Robert Nehls

There's a dream I've had, now and then through the years,
And I wonder if it could be true.
The vision is vividly etched in my soul,
Of the places and people, I knew.

My home was the road that I rambled each day.
A traveling minstrel my trade.
My pockets weren't filled with much silver or gold.
My wealth, stacked with friends I had made.

I'd sing and I'd play for the working-class folk.
Their smiles and tears were sincere.
They'd feed me, and house me, and show me respect,
And share family stories and beer.

But, the lords and the ladies, kings and the queens,
Would compete for whose bard was the best.
So, they stole me away from the people I loved,
And displayed me at royal behest.

Now, all that is left of the dream I have had,
Is a lonely, enslaved troubadour.
Who cannot remember the joy he once knew,
Or the friends that he'll see, nevermore.



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The Wise Ones on Silence—and Wabi Sabi

by Joyce Johnson



"I was born under a wand'rin star," sang the actor, Lee Marvin in that deep baritone of his. He ended it, "When I get ta heaven better tie me to a tree, cuz I was born under a wand'rin star." I was born under one too, and boy did I wander all over the planet in my youth. I was born with what is called a Leo "Rising" which in me was a clowny little girl until adolescence shifted me into the moody Capricorn. With both, I'm sometimes too direct, say friends. But, Leo tickles the crabby, practical Capricorn with humor and saves my sanity, I think.

But today my column is about a list of wonderful quotes, which I share at the end. They are by our Wise Ones, and a lot about the wisdom of silence, but they all had "outee" features and spoke up, wrote books, gave speeches, taught us endless wisdom, and are still icons, honored after many 100s of years. They cared about mankind, nurtured hope, and soul growth. Some asian strong but silent types, Voice-Fasted, an ancient spiritual practice of not speaking for a few days, or a year, which is said to nurture strength of spirit/mind. I um... have not even attempted a voice fast. But you try it! Pin a sign on your shirt that says "Voice Fast" to tell people you are not going to speak a word for a day or two. You will stimulate less nonsense from others; you just smile and nod or shake your head and point to your sign. Or start impromptu charades! [email and tell me how you do.]

Truly, however, I think that those who live with minimum speech, mostly watching and listening, like our animal life, teach us something vital about the serene power of silence. In contrast, suppression shoots out sideways I find. Some of our great minds strongly compelled from mind/heart, spoke up and defended the truth, as understood by them, and took risks doing it. They discussed ideas. Brave minds question cracks or glitches in mankind, cultures/governments, and many defend the down-home, traditional goodness of the people... and fix the cracked pots.



by the Wise Ones which you could start a discussion group around that would never end:

We suffer more in our imagination than in reality... Seneca

Our life is what our thoughts make it... Marcus Aurelius

Thinking is difficult, that's why most people judge... Carl Jung

Care about what people think and you will always be their prisoner... Lao Tzu

A fool is known by speech and a wise man by silence... Pythagoras

If you are the smartest person in the room, then you are in the wrong room... Confucius

The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear... Rumi


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Essential Tips to Support Your Immune System

The immune system is made up of organs, tissues, cells and proteins. It is your body's personal defense system against bacteria and viruses, helping ward off illness and infection. Because of the vital role it plays in keeping you healthy; it's important to take steps to keep your immune system strong.

Consider these healthy habits that can go a long way toward supporting your immune system and maintaining your health.

Practice Proper Hygiene

Good hygiene and avoiding close contact with people who are sick is a key component of maintaining a healthy immune system. Practices such as washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or your elbow when coughing or sneezing; and disinfecting off-touched objects and surfaces like doorknobs, light switches, counters and remote controls can help remove germs and reduce their spread.

Consider a Nutrient-Rich Supplement

The body requires many essential nutrients to form the foundation of a healthy immune system. Consider adding a nutrient-rich supplement like Airborne, which has been reformulated with seven key essential

nutrients: vitamins A, C, D and E; zinc; manganese; and selenium. Available in effervescent tablets and chewable gummies, with flavors varying from Zesty Orange to Very Berry and Citrus, the addition of vitamin D and increased levels of zinc mean the improved formula provides the most essential nutrients of any Airborne immune-supporting supplement.

Maintain a Healthy Diet

Because a poor diet can weaken the immune system, according to research published in "Science Direct," giving your body the nutrients it needs is key to helping your immune system thrive. Including a variety of fruits and vegetables, which are rich in antioxidants and vitamins, as well as whole grains, lean proteins and healthy fats as part of your meals can help strengthen your immune system. Also remember to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and limit processed foods, sugary snacks and beverages high in added sugars that can weaken your immune system

and have a negative impact on your health.

Engage in Regular Physical Activity

Not only can maintaining a regular exercise routine help build muscle and improve endurance, it helps improve circulation, too, which allows immune cells to move more freely through the body. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week, such as brisk walking, cycling, swimming or dancing. This activity

also promotes the production of endorphins and can help reduce stress, further benefitting to your immune system, according to the Mayo Clinic. Just be sure not to push yourself too hard, as excessive exercise can have the opposite effect and put your body under more physical stress.

Get an Appropriate Amount of Sleep

Sleep and immune health are intertwined. In fact, inadequate or poor-quality sleep can lead to a higher susceptibility to illness, according to research by the Sleep Foundation.



During sleep, your body repairs and rejuvenates itself, so aim for the expert-recommended 7-9 hours of quality sleep each night. Establish a regular sleep schedule by going to bed and waking at the same time each day, even on weekends, and create a relaxing routine to signal to your body it's time to wind down. This may include limiting screen time an hour before bed, reading or practicing relaxation techniques. A comfortable, cool and dark sleep environment can also improve the quality of your sleep.

Manage Stress Levels

Stress, both physical and mental, can weaken your immune system and lead to a higher risk of infection, particularly if it leads to sleep disturbances, reduced water intake, less frequent exercise or unhealthy eating habits. To effectively manage stress, practice relaxation techniques such as meditation, yoga or deep breathing and prioritize self-care through activities you find relaxing like reading, listening to music, journaling, exercising or spending time outdoors.

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Rangers' Valiant Efforts Fall Short on the Scoreboard but Not on the Field

Lose Season Opener in Defensive Struggle 14-9 to Billings Senior

By: Jeff Schlapp
Park County Dugout



On Friday night, the Park High Rangers opened their 2024 football season with a home game against the Billings Senior Broncos Junior Varsity team. The Rangers dressed 18 players, while the Broncos had 16 coaches on the sideline. You can see where I'm going with this.

Park High welcomed back the Rangers fans with a free barbecue of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, and drinks before the game courtesy of the Ranger Booster Club and grill master Tasha Bell. The Ranger Booster Club had merchandise for sale and memberships ready for fans to sign up. Booster Club President Brook Weimer put in a yeoman's day effort as she worked the concession stand alone in the morning when Park High hosted a cross-country meet, and she was back to supervise the BBQ and the concession stand throughout the night.

Garrett Standard had his Pep Band in the student section of the stands, ready to play. Senior Jon Durgan, wide receiver/cornerback/punt and kickoff returner, and sophomore kicker/punter Paxon Sikkink, practiced under special teams coach Bill Fox's watchful eyes.

And then it was game time. The Ranger's defensive team was announced as they ran through the tunnel, fired up by the crowd's cheers. The captains met with the officials at midfield for the coin toss, and the Broncos elected to receive the kick.

The Ranger's defense flexed their muscles early as Liam Edwards pressured the Broncos freshman quarterback, Wright Edwards, into errant throws and a 12-yard sack on the Broncos first three offensive series.

Starting for the Rangers at quarterback, senior Logan Jergenson led the Rangers down the field on their first possession using his feet and his right arm as he connected with Durgan on a perfect 32-yard pass completion down to the Broncos 20-yard line. The drive stalled, and Ranger head coach Nick Coate called upon Sikkink to attempt a 29-yard field goal. The kick was true, and the Rangers led 3-0 with 5:56 left to play in the first quarter.

The Rangers led 3-0 heading into the second quarter when the Broncos went on a long drive that started at their 27-yard line. Mixing up the play calling, the Broncos were able to hit on short passes and chunks of yards on the ground until they reached the Ranger's 10-yard line with 9:26 left in the second quarter. The Broncos called a dive play for their bruising running back, Brendan Koch, who was

hit by Jaxson White, Adam Taitelbaum, and Sundling, forcing him to fumble, and the loose ball was recovered by Liam Edwards, haunting the Broncos scoring drive and preserving the Rangers 3-0 lead.

The teams traded possessions until the Broncos moved the ball down to the Rangers 8-yard line. This time, Koch had better luck as he bulled his way to the goal line and in for the touchdown. The Broncos went for two, and Edwards found Josiah Coelho open in the right corner of the end zone to give the Broncos an 8-3 lead, which held into the third quarter.

The Rangers took the lead in the third quarter with 5:21 on the clock, with Jergenson scoring on a 1-yard keeper. The ensuing two-point try by the Rangers failed, but they led 9-8. Taitelbaum began finding a little running room up the middle to keep the drive alive, and Jergenson found Grady Shifley and Ryder Clayton on crossing patterns for drive-sustaining completions.

On their next offensive possession, though, the Broncos took a 14-8 lead when Tre Yrio Gisler scored from 6 yards out on end around.

The fourth quarter was a train wreck of officiating and a lack of sportsmanship on behalf of Billings Senior. First, the officials missed a clear pass interference call when Jergenson attempted to connect with Durgan on a go-route down the sideline. The cornerback grabbed Durgan's arm as the pass was floating down to him.

Then, three players for the Broncos were targeting the Rangers; one, in particular, was the Broncos strong side corner. He was a good football player, fast and tough at only 5'6" and 130 pounds, but during the fourth quarter, he couldn't control his emotions.

As the Rangers were putting together an incredible drive in an attempt to regain the lead in the middle of the fourth quarter, Jergenson broke free during a 6-yard scramble only to be illegally horse-collar tackled and slammed down on the Rangers sideline by the Broncos cornerback, who then stood over Jergenson and flexed. So, on one play, he committed two, possibly three penalties. No yellow flag was to be seen. On the drive, the same defensive player flexed after four tackles; none drew a look from the official. (The same official had the Shields Valley game on Saturday night, where both team's coaches vocally challenged missed calls. That official told me before the Shields game he doesn't call flexing [even though it is a penalty under MHSA rules] because, to him, it's just part of the game. I told him that the next time a Ranger player flexes on the football field will be the first I've witnessed in four years of covering them.)

The Ranger's drive in the fourth quarter was the game's highlight. It featured successful two-fourth-down calls by coach Coate, one of which was a 34-yard pass completion from Jergenson to Taitelbaum. When the Rangers scored from the 4-yard line, the Broncos were finally hit with an unsportsmanlike conduct call for hitting Durgan, who wasn't involved in the play after the touchdown. Then, after the touchdown, a referee threw a second flag from the far side of the field to negate the touchdown on a phantom offensive penalty.

From there, the Rangers could not punch the ball in, and the Broncos controlled the final 5 minutes of the game for the win.

The 18 warriors who dressed for Coach Coate put in a fantastic effort. And that's just what they were, as they hung tough against a Class AA JV team with depth, as Billings Senior dressed 47 players.

"I thought the team played with a lot of resilience," Coach Coate said. "Their effort and response to challenges was outstanding. We had some especially troublesome injuries due to our lack of depth, which threw a wrench in the game plan. To the player's credit, they adapted and kept playing hard, which kept us in the game. The real problem that we had was a lack of offensive efficiency. That is something that we coaches will work to fix and an issue that is ours to take the blame for. I felt I could have done a better job putting our players in a better position to succeed on both sides of the ball."

Coach Coate had a great game plan and a nice mix of offensive plays. Jergenson was 8-15 for 135 yards through the air in his first varsity game as the Ranger's starting quarterback. He was in control the whole game and had the knowledge, foresight, and skill to scramble when the times called for it, but he showed great patience at the quarterback position.

Durgan, who seemed banged up from cramps throughout the game, caught two passes to lead the Rangers in reception yards for 48 yards. He also shined on defense, registering two solo tackles and an interception.

"Jon is fine. He just had cramps," Coach Coate said. "We had only one injury of concern



Adam Taitelbaum broke three tackles for a gain against Billings Senior JV on Friday night at McLeod Field in Livingston.

with Paxon. We will see how he progresses over the next week. Everyone else was fighting cramps."

Eric Ueberuaga caught a pass for 10 yards, Ryder Clayton hauled in two receptions, and Grady Shifley, in his first football game for the Rangers, grabbed two passes from Jergenson.

On defense, Edwards (1), White (2), and Taitelbaum (1) each got to the Broncos quarterback for a sack. For a defense that lost its linebacking corp to graduation, they clogged the middle and mostly made tackles at the point of contact. I'll say again it was an outstanding effort by the Rangers.

"Adam is a dynamic player that we have to get the ball to more often," Coach Coate reflected. "I think we saw the same from Jon Durgan. After the game, I watched the film to confirm things I saw on the field; we had many players who put tremendous effort together. Jaxson White put together one heck of a game at Middle Linebacker, his first game playing that position. He had a lot of impact plays. Jaxson (White), Grady (Shifley), Liam (Edwards), and Ryder (Clayton) stood out on that side of the ball. But, most important was the total defensive effort. Anytime you hold an opponent to 14 points, you should be in or win the game. We will work to fix our minor problems, get healthy, and be ready to take on Conrad in Helena on two Fridays. I know the players are looking forward to that experience."

The Rangers will hopefully take 21 players and their Coaches, Coate, Linton Jett, Bill Fox, Quinten Counts, and Ryan Marks, on the road to play Conrad High at Nelson Stadium, home of the Carroll College Fighting Saints in Helena, on Friday, September 9th, at 7 pm.

For more photos and great articles, check out the [ParkCountyDugout.com](https://www.parkcountydugout.com).

Toby Willner Rushes for Six Touchdowns & Braden Tuning Takes a Punt 74 Yards to the House

as Gardiner Dominates Fromberg 58-8

Park County Dugout
By: Jeff Schlapp



The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry. Robert Burns wrote "The Best Laid Schemes o' Mice an' Men" in his poem To a Mouse (I want to be precise for the person who wrote and referred to me as a hack journalist); it sounds more accurate and crisper adapted into everyday use.

Anywho, the best-laid plans of mice and reporters often go awry, as mine did on Saturday. I was planning to drive down to Fromberg on Saturday for the Gardiner Bruins season opener and then, after that game, circle back and watch the Rebels play their home opener in Wilsall. Instead, I found myself behind in publishing stories. So I decided to stay home, work, and watch the Bruins game on NFHS Network, but their feed went out (or mine, I'm not sure) two plays into the first quarter.

So, I was stuck at home and could not learn of the score until Sunday morning when I texted first-year head coach Matt Lumley. I was shocked

when he replied that the boys had won 58-8!

What a turnaround from last year. Although the Bruins did end their five-year losing streak when they beat Alberton 34-32 last season, the remainder of their season (five games) was canceled as they didn't have enough healthy players to field a team.

At the start of practice three weeks ago, coach Lumley had 15 players come out for Bruins football. Along with assistant coaches Mike LePage and Joel Tuning, they set about crafting a football team. The results were unveiled on Saturday, which was different from night and day.

This should be a fun year down in Gardiner. Thanks to Coach Lumley, let's look at the game stats.

Toby Willner – was a beast with 237 yards rushing. I saw games in the past where Gardiner didn't have 237 yards rushing as a team. He scored six touchdowns on the ground and one more on a 20-yard touchdown reception. Willner accounted for 44 of the Bruin's 58 points. Last year, after Willner suffered a broken collarbone early in the season, he was ruled out for the year. We now know what fans missed.

Colter Lumley – he threw for a score and ran

one in for another. On the day, Lumley had 58 yards rushing.

Braden Tuning – turned in an electrifying punt return (Coach Lumley's words) for a 74-yard touchdown, and he registered ten tackles on defense.

Garret Klien – was the team's second-leading tackler with nine, and he had two fumble recoveries.

Cayden Sharrow-Hoppe – had 60 yards passing with one touchdown, 10 yards rushing, and scored an extra point of offense. Defensively, he blocked a punt and registered two solo tackles.

Bridger Lumley – scored a touchdown and received 30 yards, six rushing yards, and two extra points.

Franklin Lewis – had an interception and four solo tackles on defense. On the offensive side of the ball, Lewis ended the game with 40 yards on the ground and another 15 yards through the air.

Joel Stermitz and Alex White – Stermitz had four tackles and a pass breakup, while White came



Toby Willner running the ball and avoiding a tackle on Saturday against Fromberg.

up with four solo tackles on the day.

The resurrection of the Gardiner Bruins football program has begun, and Saturday was a great start. The Bruins get a week off before facing the White Sulphur Springs Hornets at home on Saturday, September 14th, at 1:00 p.m.

The Hornets were winners of their season open 45-0 over Harlowton-Ryegate.

Editors Note: Many thanks to Katie Willner and Katie Willner Photography (<https://katiwillnerphotography.com/>).

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Public Input Coming Up 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. Please join them on either Wednesday, September 18th or Tuesday October 8th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the Gardiner School's multi-purpose room. Cake and light refreshments will be provided.

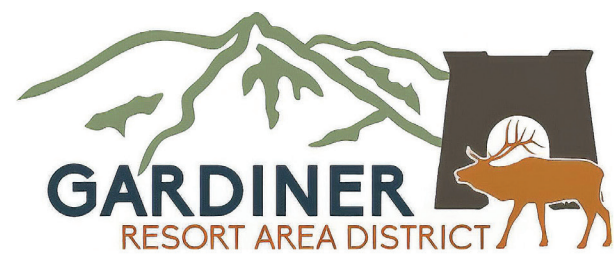
The Gardiner Resort Area and a 3% resort tax were approved by qualified electors on April 8, 2014, and became effective on June 1, 2014. Qualified electors on May 5, 2015, approved the creation of the Gardiner Resort Area District and elected members to its Board of Directors on November 3 of that year.

What Is this Tax? The Gardiner Resort

Tax is collected on all applicable sales. The tax is collected from June 1st to September 30th. Funds are used for property tax relief, community services, cultural grants, community infrastructure, and visitor services. For each year until 2034, the tax is split as follows: 50% to an infrastructure and community development grant account 5% for property tax relief, 5% to rebate fees that that appear on the property tax bill (equal amounts to each taxpayer), 5% to a Community Services and Cultural Grant account, 5% to fund the operational expenses of the resort tax, 15% to a Visitor Center Capital Grant account, which will revert to the general infrastructure account once the Visitor Center is fully funded,

10% to the Visitor Center operations and maintenance account, and 5% for reimbursement of administrative fees to establishments.

An additional 1% was approved by qualified electors on December 8, 2020, and became effective on all lodging reservations from June 1st to September 30th, taken on and after January 1, 2021. For non-lodging taxable items and services, the new rate of 4% was applied as of June 1, 2021. This tax will be applied until the infrastructure project is complete or until



2030, whichever comes first.

Pick which of these two input meetings works best for you. Grab your neighbor and let your voice be heard. Head over to the multi-purpose room at Gardiner High School to celebrate the first ten years of the resort tax and enjoy some light refreshments. Be sure and check out their website at GardinerResortTax.com.

Mark Your Calendars EVENTS

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.

September 14 - 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.

September 17 - JOHN HENRY HASELTINE AT ELK RIVER BOOKS, 122 S. 2nd St., 7 pm with book signing and reception following reading. For more information, send an email to info@elkriverbooks.com or call (406) 333-2330.

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

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.

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“Enjoying the Journey”

by Lois Olmstead

This time of year, memories of my mom’s Green Tomato Raspberry Jam give me joy! If you have green tomatoes out in your garden this recipe is for you. Actually, some stores sell green tomatoes. This is what I wrote about the last time my mom and I made it together. Enjoy!

We are making my mom’s Green Tomato Raspberry Jam. This year it was hard finding green tomatoes. Mom and I were asking everyone if they had any green tomatoes? The responses we got were “This wasn’t



a good year for tomatoes around here,” or “The deer ate most of them.” We got a box full of green tomatoes from Bev Quinton and a few from their daughter Kerri. Julie Jardine and Kay Hunter gave us some. Some just appeared on my desk at work.

We made two batches but wanted more. We had to find more green tomatoes. A jar of jam is a great gift. Mom gives them to the kids and grandkids. People expect a jar with the label “Gram’s Green Tomato Jam.” So I went out hunting. You might have seen me and not known it was me. I was in Harlan Durgan’s tomato patch. The deer ate the front ones, but back underneath, all along the fence there

were lots they missed. So down on my hands and knees, with a bucket, and Alma helping me, we got lots. Others let me do the same in their yards.

Then we had to go begging for jars. Post-covid canning got really popular. Jars are like hunting for gold this year. We got 56 jelly jars of jam. Then I said my three favorite words “Now that’s done!” What a joy to do this together.

So here’s the recipe: You need six cups of ground green tomatoes, 6 cups of sugar, and one large and one small package of raspberry Jello.

The directions say... oh just a minute. Do you have an antique metal grinder that fastens on the edge of the counter, and you turn the handle? Maybe a modern thing has been invented. We use our old grinders. Then you stir the ground tomatoes and the sugar together

in a pot and bring them slowly to a boil. Then add the Jello and cook on medium 20 minutes. Then you pour the jelly into sterilized warm jars, put the lids on and let them seal. That’s it.

I did think about those tomatoes with a spiritual lesson. Were they happy to be jam? They could have been lying forlorn in a snowbank soon. My next thought was forlorn “like us?” Many of us feel that way. We don’t get the job, the diet didn’t work, the check isn’t in the mail. Maybe a little silly, but part of the joy was choosing green tomatoes! Let’s read Psalm chapter one this week.

Kinda like Jesus chooses us? Not waiting for us to be perfect or to get our ducks in a row, before He loves us. Hallelujah! Our Bible verse this week is 1 John 4:19 “We love Him because He first loved us.” Thank you, Jesus. It does take a village doesn’t it?



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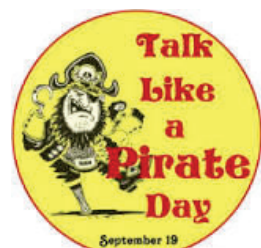
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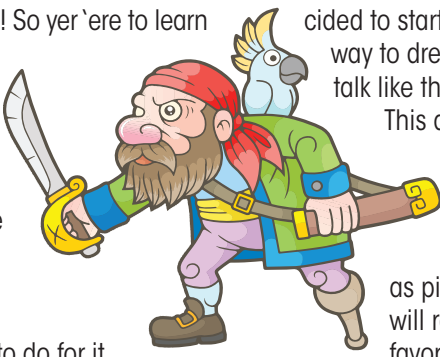
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International Talk Like a Pirate Day on September 19th



Argh... me hearties! So yer `ere to learn the vast secrets of this sacred day that soon be upon us!? You guessed it; we're referring to 'International Talk Like a Pirate Day.' If you're here to get all the deets about when it is, why it is and what to do for it, then keep on reading!



cided to start the holiday as a fun way to dress up as pirates and talk like them too!

This day offers an opportunity to not only mess around but to give something back. People can dress up as pirates and some folks will raise money for their favorite charities with a collection jar, what's better

than that!?

What Do I do?

This part is easy. Make sure you grab yourself an eye patch, bandana, baggy shirt and a little toy parrot or monkey. Make sure you use awful grammar and

jump right into that accent. You could even have a pirate-themed party with edible gold coins and balloon sword fights! Don't forget to get out Treasure Island or Pirates of the Caribbean if you're not feeling as academic.

Public Service Announcement

Though this is a pirate imitation day, please do not pillage, steal or brawl. Actual pirates aren't that great, so best to



go for the parody version! Have Fun and Be Safe!

Excerpted from Awareness Months website.

Elk River Books Celebrates Publication of Art Book by John Henry Haseltine

Livingston artist and author John Henry Haseltine joins the select list of writers published by Elk River Books with his monograph of paintings and narratives,



exhibitions in Livingston, including The Green Door Gallery, The Frame Garden, and Raised By Wolves Studios. It's part regional history, part folklore, part Western my-

thology, but, Haseltine notes, "mostly it's a book of lies... lies equally benevolent as they are pernicious."

Betsy Gaines Quammen, author of *True West: Myth and Mending on the Far Side of America*, describes the book as "an irreverent rollick, dismantling myths and gonzoing Western history. Haseltine illustrates his outrageous collection of

tall tales and spirited yarns with originality, charm, and joyfulness."

Comedian, filmmaker and Saturday Night Live alum Rich Hall notes, "Haseltine's visual style falls somewhere between those 70s Keane paintings of the kids with the debilitating myopic condition and bathroom wallpaper from that same era. The text accompanying each illustration is sly, precise and remarkable, considering—as far as I can tell—it has nothing to do with the actual illustration it prefigures. It would seem to me that Mr. Haseltine has produced this somewhat phenomenal book with no marketing strategy beyond launching a single copy into the ocean, hoping it washes up on a remote shore and generates a cargo cult."

Elk River Books is located at 122



S. 2nd St. in downtown Livingston. The free event begins at 7 pm, and a book signing and reception will follow. For more information, send an email to info@elkriverbooks.com or call (406) 333-2330.



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Across

1 "The Circle Game" writer --- Mitchell
5 Features of old phones
10 Ran off the margin
14 Germany/Poland border river
15 Private movie maker, informally
16 Uncommon
17 She-bears
18 Bizet's "The Pearl Fishers" heroine
19 Bearded bloom
20 "48 --- " (1982 Nolte/Murphy movie)
21 Retreating
23 Significant Tombstone name
25 Falling off a log is as easy as this
26 Winner of the first Pulitzer Prize for Fiction
27 1995 Masters Tournament winner
32 Dumb cargo vessel
33 --- Vista, Mexican War battle
34 Self-esteem
35 "I'm --- here!"
36 Prohibition-era gangster Bugs ---
37 "Aw, gee!"
38 Powdery residue
39 In great shape
40 Military cap
41 Actress/singer Debbie
43 Stout box
44 "--- Daba Honeymoon", sung by 41

Down

56 Group of three
57 Skin eruption
58 If hungry, --- Joe's
59 Substance
60 Opposite to 46 Down
61 Hazy
62 Encourage in wrongdoing

Crossword Puzzle Number 346 Solutions

1	A	W	A	D		5	C	I	R	C	A		10	O	P	U	S	
14	B	A	L	I		15	O	M	A	H	A		16	N	A	S	A	
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63	S	E	T	S		64	N	O	S	E	S		65	K	I	D	S	

Wordsearch

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H	O	U	Y	R	F	H	D	O	B	W
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A	C	F	N	S	A	I	L	U	N	O
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Sudoku Puzzle Number 321 "Easy"

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Sudoku Puzzle Answers 320

6	5	1	7	8	2	4	3	9
3	7	4	1	6	9	2	5	8
8	9	2	4	5	3	7	6	1
4	3	5	6	7	8	1	9	2
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2	1	8	9	4	5	6	7	3
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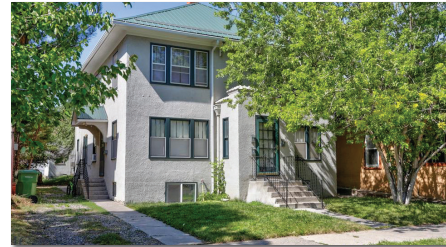
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Teacher of the Year

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students for showing compassion to other students. They created the "Cycles for Compassion" project, which consisted of 21 bicycle winners and 20 winners of the best essay, each receiving a \$100 cash prize.

Sexton told me that Megan Brenna was instrumental in helping the plan pass the school and, of course, was a leader in the project.

"We developed this model where the students would compose an essay, and so it's like a writing exercise," Sexton said. "And they would make an expression of acknowledging compassion. We selected what we felt were the best ones, and we selected essays from each class. And each of those essays received \$100. Two or three in each class stood out as the ones who showed compassion towards their friends. It's emotional and powerful, which will affect the school somehow. So rewarding that behavior again next year, we'll continue it for sure."

Born in Livingston, Montana, Brenna always wanted to be a teacher. She had inspirational teachers since the second grade. After graduating from Park High, she went to Coker University in South Carolina.

"I wanted to teach, and Coker had what was known as one of the best Education programs," Brenna said. "I didn't know anyone or have any connection to anyone living in South Carolina, but it was a great experience."

Brenna, tearful and emotional, explained the pride she and her family felt when she graduated with her education degree.

"My family has always valued education, and they've always been proud of me," Brenna told me. "I am a first-generation college graduate, which was a big deal for my family. They always taught us kids to pursue a job in the field that would make us happy. My grandmother, who has since passed away, was super proud of me for being a teacher, which always made me very happy."

After graduation, Brenna returned to Livingston, where she worked at Park High, overseeing study halls to get her foot in the door. She then worked for the Livingston School District doing Public Relations, but she had a strong desire to teach, so she returned to South Carolina, where she began teaching fourth grade for Brunson-Dargan in Darlington.

"I loved my first teaching job, but I missed my family," Brenna said. "I got married and had my daughter, and we moved back to Livingston after a couple of years. I was able to find a teaching position at LaMotte School, which is a rural K-8 school off Bear Canyon Road. It was unique because it was so small, but I again enjoyed my students so much."

After Brenna had her son, she took a year and a half off and went to work for the United Way in Bozeman as the Program Director of the afterschool Links program for 11 years.

Brenna found her job with the United Way rewarding. She explained that she loved working for a nonprofit, working directly with kids, and rewarding grant

money so others could also work with children, but she found herself itching to get back in the classroom. She learned of an opening at East Side and jumped at the opportunity. She's been teaching the fifth grade now for seven years.

I wondered what it is about teaching that Brenna loves.

"I enjoy finding ways and strategies to help children learn," Brenna explained. "I try to give them the feeling of taking a role in their education, a sense of empowerment. I get excited when a student is excited about a subject and then starts to pursue it, move beyond what we learn in the classroom, and create a self-study guide. I've always felt it's cool when a student desires more information about a subject. I love teaching kids to learn, but I also love the opportunities I have to learn. I think that when you prepare every day for a year, it's the new and fresh ideas that you have that help you feel reinvigorated every year. Even though you teach the same subject matter in the classroom, there are different dynamics, and I enjoy that personally."

Brenna was first anonymously nominated for the Montana Teacher of the Year Award and then notified by a selection committee member that she was invited to apply. She had to fill out a lengthy application, including essays that caused her to think a lot about her profession.

"I recall when I returned to teaching after working at the United Way, some people told me that teaching and students had changed," Brenna said. "I didn't notice the change, though."

Every school has its own culture. There are behavioral changes among the students; computer and phone screen time have created the need for instant gratification among some students and the ease some kids seem to find in quitting when they are challenged. However, I found ways to help students overcome that with encouragement and praise."

In September, Brenna will go to Helena to participate in meetings and interviews with the selection committee. They started with 90 teacher nominations and whittled that number down to 19, which then became four teachers: Brenna, Dawn Sievers, a seventh-grade teacher from Power School District, Jordan Capp from Missoula, and Jennifer Fleek Airne, who teaches at Billings Senior High School.

If she wins, Brenna will attend the 2025 National Teacher of the Year Program in Washington, D.C.

Everyone I mentioned the award to, and Brenna as the teacher representing Livingston and East Side, was so happy for her. Dorothy Jett, a first-grade teacher at Winans Elementary School, told me that Brenna deserved the award, as did Sleeping Giant Middle School Principal Becky Ayler.

The happiest was East Side's principal, Leah Shannon. "When I think of Brenna, a couple of things come to mind. I am always impressed when I go over to East Side to cover some innovative program they have designed or a guest speaker or when they have invited the actors from Montana Shakespeare in the Park to perform. I always notice Brenna, who seems to be the most actively immersed teacher in the room."

"She is caring, nurturing, challenging, and, as she said, empowering with her students. She is what a teacher should be."

Brenna doesn't need this award for me and many others to know how valued educators like her are. Our teachers ought to inspire all our kids to reach for the stars, as Megan Brenna has instilled in her students.

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