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On Sept 6th, come to the historic Roosevelt Arch entrance to Yellowstone Park in Gardiner. Run a challenging 5k or 9k at an average elevation of 6,200 feet, with climbs to challenge any level. There is also a 5k Walk and a fun 1k Kids' Run.

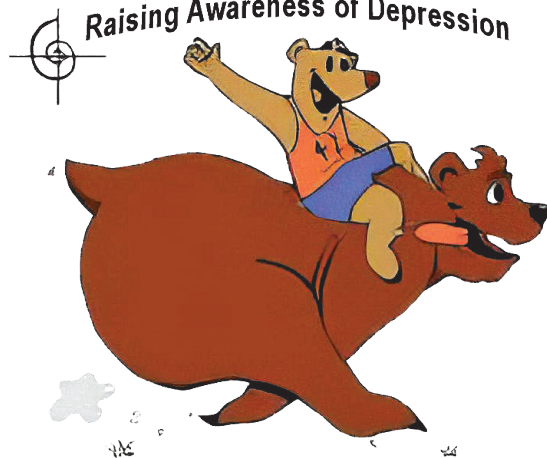
Your day will be packed with challenge, amazing views and fun! You can be part of this effort to raise awareness of depression as a life-threatening illness.

The Big Bear Stampede is pleased to have Bozeman Trail running legend Nikki Kimball back in attendance at this year's Big Bear Race to discuss depression awareness and help hand out awards.

Nikki is an accomplished runner with membership on 14 US national teams, 3-time winner of both North American and US Track & Field

### **BIG BEAR STAMPEDE**

Raising Awareness of Depression



**"Great obstacles can be overcome  
by passionately pursuing your dreams."**  
Geoff Faerber

Association's Ultra Runner of the Year awards, several National Championship titles, and a World Cup team gold

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## Yellowstone River Cleanup— Give Back to the River!

Montana Freshwater Partners (MFP) invites you to pitch in and keep our playground pristine through their beloved annual Yellowstone River clean after another fantastic summer season. Whether you're a floater or a walker, there's a place for everyone to pitch in. Join them as they work to remove trash from the Yellowstone River and its fishing access sites throughout Paradise Valley, and celebrate with them afterwards with food, beer (if over 21 years old), and raffle prizes!

There are two locations to choose from Livingston or Gardiner on Saturday, September 13th. The Livingston event will be based at the band shell in Sacajawea Park. The Gardiner event will be based at Paradise Adventure Company, located at 212 W. Park. Both locations will be open from 9 am – 4 pm. The Barbeque and Neptune's Beer following cleanup at 4 pm is located in Sacajawea

park in Livingston. If you are busy that day and would like to donate to *Give Back to the Yellowstone* scan the QR code.

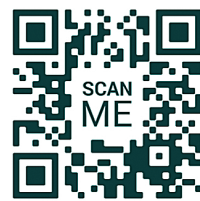
You pick—float, boat or walk! River sections will be assigned. Walk in areas are available too. A shuttle will be provided courtesy of B&G and Digger Driver shuttle

services. Filled trash bag drop off is in Livingston for disposal courtesy of Park County Public Works.

Participating in one of MFP events is a meaningful way to get involved and learn more about our precious aquatic resources.

Whether you're interested in hands-on restoration efforts, connecting with fellow conservationists, or simply want to have fun, we have an event for you. Join MFP and make a difference!

MFP is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to restoring, enhancing, and protecting Montana's rivers, streams, and wetlands. For more information contact them through their website at: [MontanaFreshwaterPartners.org](http://MontanaFreshwaterPartners.org).



*Protect the Yellowstone*

## Creekside Revival Three-Day Music Festival

Pine Creek Lodge is hosting the Third Annual three-day music festival August 22nd to 24th. The Creekside Revival Music Festival features three days of jamming by the creek with 19 bands from New York, to Chicago, to Salt Lake City—to right here in beautiful Montana. Bands range from up-and-coming new talent to well-established artists and from bluegrass to alt rock, and even a brass band, offering something for everyone. A few bands are returning, but most are new to the event. The music runs continuously from alternating stages throughout the festival.

This year's artist are: Kyle Tuttle, Buffalo Galaxy, High Country Hustle, Scott Stewart of Floodgate Operators, The Pickpockets, North Fork Crossing, Max Davies of The Kitchen Dwellers, Pixie & the Partygrass Boys, Honeyholler, Three



on the Tree, Armchair Boogie, Jack Cloonan, Blue Point, Front Porch, Silas Herman of Silas Herman and the Tone Unit, John Mailander of Bruce Horsnby

and the Noisemakers, Lowdown Brass Band, Matt Wallin and Wes Urbaniak.

Friday's headliner is High Country Hustle. The music begins at 5 pm and

ends at 11 pm.

Saturday's headliner is The Pine Creek All-Stars; John Mailander, Silas Herman, Jack Cloonan, Scott Stewart and Max Davies will combine forces and call up other special guests throughout the performance. Music will start at noon and ends at 11 pm.

Sunday's headliner is Armchair Boogie. Music will start at noon and ends at 11 pm.

Food tents will be serving dinner options all three nights, and brunch options on Saturday and Sunday. A pay-in-advance shuttle from town will be available from downtown Livingston through Party Bus Rentals to ensure the safety of the patrons.

Pine Creek Lodge, a local Montana institution, was built in 1946 by Wayne

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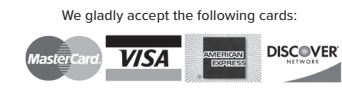
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In Loving Memory of  
*Mildred (Toodie) Lindman*

October 28, 1933 — August 10, 2025

Mildred (Toodie) Lindeman passed away August 10, 2025, at the age of 91 after a long battle with dementia.

She was born in Roberts, Montana, to Kenneth and Fletah Weidman. She was one of five children.

Toodie married Duane Lindeman in 1953. They had two children, Sherri and Timothy.

She is survived by: her brother

Larry and his two children, Lowell and Leslie; her daughter, Sherri Jacobsen, three grandsons; Brian Reinsvold, Tony and Joe Lindeman. Plus great-grandsons; Devin, Gunner, Waylon and Lincoln.

She worked at John's IGA for many years and Montana Power until retirement.

No services are planned. Condolences can be sent to 114 W. Front Street, Livingston, MT 59047.

Creekside

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Crosby and has evolved over the years, starting as a rustic stop for travelers, and becoming a popular destination for music lovers. Originally known for its general store, restaurant, and cabins, the lodge has seen various owners, including Chip Hurt and Jenny Arr—your current hosts. They transformed the lodge into a unique live music venue with a beer garden, food stand, camping sites and cabins attracting over 30,000 music enthusiasts annually. The Lodge is located at 2496 East River Road, south of Livingston in Paradise Valley.

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# Big Timber Adopts Bulk Water Policy Ending CMR Controversy

The Big Timber city council and Mayor Greg DeBoer gathered once again at Carnegie Library on Monday, August 18th to discuss and approve a bulk water sales policy drafted by water subcommittee members Karri Baird and Justin Ferguson in consultation with city attorney Jim Lippert and Public Works Director Kris Novotny—the final installment to a three-part series in neighboring Sweetgrass County.



**Tony Crowder**  
Managing Editor

The policy stipulates unprecedented guidelines on bulk water sales by Big Timber municipal—a public offering for nearly 30 years recently subjected to public scrutiny following multiple large-scale transactions with the Crazy Mountain Ranch (CMR), a self-proclaimed private membership experience near Clyde Park, purchased by CrossHarbor Capital in 2021—proprietors of the Yellowstone Club in Big Sky and other major real estate development projects throughout the United States.

In July, CMR was accused of water rights violations in the Shields Valley, resulting in a lawsuit filed by the Department of Natural Resource Conservation (DNRC), since settled via consent decree filed in the Park County district court. The initial lawsuit sought to impose civil ramifications after an investigation by the DNRC revealed that CMR had appropriated water to irrigate a 112-acre golf course using claims historically purposed for agriculture. The settlement mandated that CMR cease irrigation using existing claims and seek water for purchase elsewhere—eventually acquired through the public works department in Big Timber.

Within three weeks, the city sold 1.66 million gallons of treated water to CMR, profiting over \$20,000 and arousing controversy within the ranching community located just 30 minutes east of Livingston. The uproar culminated in city council members and DeBoer temporarily halting bulk water sales (with the exception of emergency services) pending the adoption of a formal policy to regulate future transactions.

"This is probably the fastest policy we have ever done. I know it's a lot of work and kind of rushed, but we feel it's pretty comprehensive" said DeBoer during opening statements.

Councilman Ferguson then introduced the new policy prior to council discussion and public commentary, outlining a set of procedures to both optimize bulk water sales and soothe concerns expressed by constituents at recent city council meetings. For instance, requests for "transactions involving multiple sales or those exceeding 20,000 gallons within 14 days" must be submitted to and approved by city council (with exemptions for emergency services upheld from the recent moratorium)—a clause created to prevent transactions such as those to CMR without public notification or consideration by the council.

The new policy also contains a tiered pricing system, as previously proposed by citizens and council members alike: \$14, \$15, and \$20 per 1,000 gallons for Big Timber residents or businesses within city limits, Sweetgrass County residents or businesses located outside of city limits and anyone outside of Sweetgrass County, respectively.

However amenable, the policy was not without reproach, initiated in part by councilman Jeff Davis, who had called for suspending bulk water sales during a special meeting arranged the previous week on Monday, August 11th.

During council discussion, Davis endorsed adding surcharges for offsetting facility strain caused by large-volume transactions, likening this cost structure to increased rates for city residents who use more than 20,000 gallons within a billing period. He further insisted such charges were only reasonable given that bulk water is treated using city facilities—as opposed to using untreated sources, which would otherwise require installing costly infrastructure not readily accessible nor affordable

at this time.

"When we engineered this water treatment plant... there should be something that tells you so many hours of running all the mechanisms or so much water volume. Every single part should contain a rating," remarked Davis.

This proposition, though duly considered, was ultimately met with resistance from the water subcommittee. Ferguson, for example, argued that the existing rate accounted for maintenance and repair costs, confirmed by city Clerk and Treasurer Hope Mosness. Baird, on the other hand, commented that raising rates any further may "price us out of the market," a concern shared by Novotny, who was absent from the meeting.

DeBoer furthermore clarified that the rate of deterioration to equipment like membranes and pumps is contingent on a number of factors and varies from month to month, creating challenges for totaling damage-related costs at any given time. Both Woehler and DeBoer agreed that because voluminous sales like those to CMR were unusual, these concerns were largely unwarranted and could be addressed through provisions related to purchase requests reviewable by the council.

Woehler insisted that the policy, subject to revision as stated therein, be approved as amended and, revisited if deemed necessary—a statement supported by Lippert, who said, "frankly, the policy can be changed at any time."

Davis also questioned whether water stations were monitored by public works employees during filling and suggested, for accounting purposes, issuing daily rather than weekly invoices to each purchaser. Though DeBoer reassured Davis that meters were regularly supervised, the latter topic received no further attention and is not addressed within the policy, regardless of its potential merits.

Other issues raised during public commentary included, for instance, unchanged bulk water rates for Big Timber city residents at \$14 per 1,000 gallons (compared to city usage increases, such as those approved during the meeting, expected to result in a marginal \$1.47 increase per billing cycle); enforcing restrictions on the resale of bulk water; specifying criteria used by the council for approving large-scale transactions (water supply conditions, system capacity, etc.); and increasing rates for recreational users.

The council, specifically Woehler, explained that the bulk water sales rate established in 2008 had likely exceeded market standards and were now appropriate in light of inflation and increased operations costs for extracting and treating surface water—competitive with neighboring counties, according to Baird. DeBoer stressed that city usage and bulk sales rates were wholly distinct and should be dissociated.

City attorney Jim Lippert warned against designating specific decision-making criteria to protect the council from limitations. Instead, he recommended that council members be afforded the liberty to consider a wide variety of factors. Both he and DeBoer reminded attendees that purchase-related resolutions would take place within a public forum open to commentary from city residents.

"Putting restrictions on the council is counterproductive," opined DeBoer, "I think this [policy] covers more than the basics... So far, the council has done a good job weaving through these issues."

"We are more interested in the Boulder than anybody here. Fishing included. Because that's where are drinking water comes from. We don't want to see it to the point where the fish don't thrive. Where it's hurting tourism. It will affect the most critical infrastructure we have, which is water. The council is not going to let that happen," he continued.

Slight modifications were made to the original document before councilman Woehler motioned to approve the bulk water policy as amended, seconded by Baird who voted in favor alongside Ferguson, leaving Davis as the lone dissenter in a 3-1 decision, preventing any further delay.

"... this policy gives us latitude to dictate how we use and sell our water down the road and a legal leg to stand on," said DeBoer.

Per multiple sources, Crazy Mountain Ranch is currently purchasing bulk water from the City of Boulder, as well as Utility Solutions, a privately-owned company in Bozeman providing water and sewage services to Four Corners. Dan Astin of the Livingston Enterprise reports that Utility Solutions is supplying CMR with 145,000 gallons weekly.

DeBoer and Woehler speculate that CMR will likely not return to purchase bulk water from the City of Big Timber.

DNRC approval of Change of Appropriation Water Right applications submitted by CMR in May will determine whether the ranch continues purchasing bulk water for golf course irrigation following this season.

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# Bozeman Symphonic Choir Invites New Volunteer Members to Audition for the 2025-26 Season

The Bozeman Symphonic Choir, the esteemed vocal arm of the Bozeman Symphony, is welcoming experienced singers of all voice types to audition for its 2025-26 season.

This all-volunteer ensemble of more than 100 voices performs alongside the Bozeman Symphony in a variety of concerts each season. Choir members are expected to maintain a high level of musicianship and commit to weekly rehearsals on Mondays from 7 – 9 pm, with additional rehearsals scheduled before performances.

“Being part of our choir requires dedication, but the rewards are immense—sharing the stage with the Bozeman Symphony and some of the nation’s finest guest artists, and


performing for our vibrant community,” said Choir Conductor Conor Whalen.

Auditions for new members will be held on the evenings of Monday, September 15th, and Tuesday, the 16th, at Hope Lutheran Church. The process includes sight-reading and aural skill exercises, vocal exercises to assess voicing and agility, and a prepared excerpt from Morten Lauridsen’s *Sure on This Shining Night*. Audition times can be reserved at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548A9AC-2DAAF4C07-57758574-season#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548A9AC-2DAAF4C07-57758574-season#/).

In addition, the Choir will host an open rehearsal on Monday, September 8th, from 7 – 9 pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Singers of all backgrounds—as well as friends, family, and community members—are invited to experience a working rehearsal, explore the season’s repertoire, and learn about the choir’s rehearsal process.

The Bozeman Symphonic Choir will be featured in the following 2025-26 performances:

- Night & Light: The Music of Lauridsen & Shaw – November 13th – 15th.
- Holiday Spectacular – December 12th – 14th.
- Cinematic Legends: The Music of Hans Zimmer & Ennio Morricone – February 13 – 15, 2026
- Lyrical Landscapes: Mahler, Walton, & Clair de lune – April 25–26, 2026



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## Big Bear

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medal. Nikki is also a multi-time winner and the women’s course record holder for the Bridger Ridge Run.

**The mission of the Big Bear Stampede is threefold:**

1. **To create awareness that depression can be an acute illness, which needs to lose the stigma that surrounds it.** A portion of their funds will go toward Park County educational, Gardiner School, and community efforts concerning education of the signs of depression, as well as suicide prevention. They will work with



**Nikki Kimball**

NAMI and AFSP and Western Montana Mental Health Centers, and the State of Montana’s Suicide Prevention Plans in this effort.

2. **To share the belief that great obstacles can be overcome by passionately pursuing**

**dreams and by setting goals, which stretch one’s capabilities.** This was a belief of the late Geoff Faerber of Emigrant, MT, and our goal is to fulfill this by using a portion of the funds to sponsor bringing persons to Gardiner who are facing great obstacles in life: Handicaps, cancer, depression, and the underprivileged, with the help of Bozeman’s Eagle Mount and the Western Montana Mental Health Center.

3. **To have a fun and challenging competitive event in**

**Gardiner, Montana, which brings the community together and encourages visitors to join their cause.** In order to maximize the financial return for their mission, they are no longer offering monetary awards. They do have non-monetary awards for 5k and 9k and the top three male and female runners. The age groups are as follows 17 and under, 18 to 39, and 40 and over.

To register or for more information go to: [BigBearStampede.org](http://BigBearStampede.org). To learn about volunteering email [BigBearStampede@yahoo.com](mailto:BigBearStampede@yahoo.com) or call/text 404-664-6624. To donate: [BigBearStampede.org](http://BigBearStampede.org).

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# "I'M YOUR HUCKLEBERRY!"

## Montana Huckleberries: Treasures of Nature's Pharmacy & Kitchen

by Jill-Ann Ouellette

What did Doc Holliday mean when he said, "I'm your huckleberry" to Wyatt Earp? The real Doc Holliday was reported to have uttered those words, although this was arguably made more famous by Val Kilmer's Doc Holliday in the 1993 movie, *Tombstone*. The statement has intrigued and puzzled audiences for years since.

In 19th-century American vernacular, the term "huckleberry" had several meanings in the south and the New West. One interpretation suggests that a "huckleberry" refers to a person *who is the right fit for a particular job or challenge*. Doc Holliday's character in the movie was always ready to take on a challenge, especially in a gunfight, showcasing Holliday's confidence and willingness to engage in conflict.



Another interpretation from that era implies that a "huckleberry" is someone who is insignificant or of little consequence. This meaning could be subtly mocking, as Holliday might be downplaying his role, while confidently stating his readiness to confront danger. The dual meaning adds a layer of irony to the phrase, which aligns with Holliday's sharp wit and sardonic demeanor. It can also be a term of affection or camaraderie, similar to saying, "friend" or "buddy."

Meanwhile, back in Montana, huckleberries (*Vaccinium membranaceum*) are a treasured, powerful and tasty part of our summer. They are wild relatives of the blueberry that thrive in the untamed forests and meadows on shrub-like plants of the American Northwest, particularly in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming. They offer a sweet-tart flavor profile, sometimes with a hint of earthy notes, with small, edible seeds that add a slight crunch when eaten raw. Huckleberries are the official state fruit of Montana and Idaho. From huckleberry-flavored ice creams (Wilcoxsons!) and syrups, to the famous huckleberry pie, the fruit is woven into the fabric of many Montana tables and enjoyed by our many tourists—found in every airport gift shop!



So, the huckleberry is much more than a sweet-tart fruit—it's a symbol of Montana's untamed spirit. Let's delve into the botanical description, harvesting, history, health benefits, and culinary uses of this remarkable fruit.

### Botanical Features

The Montana huckleberry is a deciduous shrub growing up to 6 feet tall, typically at elevations between 2,000 and 11,000 feet. They thrive in acidic, mountain soils, often in coniferous (pine) forests and open areas. Huckleberries share genetic ties with blueberries and cranberries. Their leaves are oval, with a leathery texture and serrated edges. The plant produces small, pale greenish-white, bell-shaped flowers in spring, followed in summer by berry clusters known for their vibrant colors, ranging from red, to dark blue, to black. These berries have a soft, almost impercepti-



ble seed, making them a delight to eat.

Huckleberries have resisted cultivation, thriving in the wild, which requires handpicking, contributing to their higher cost compared to blueberries. Additionally, huckleberry bushes can take up to 10 years to mature, making them a less appealing crop for commercial farming.

### Harvesting Season

Montana Huckleberries typically ripen from late July to mid-September, depending on elevation and weather conditions. The ideal time to harvest is when the berries are fully dark-blue and plump, easily plucked from the stem. Keep in mind that these berries are perishable, so consume them or preserve them soon after picking.

Many animals enjoy eating huckleberries, including grouse, quail, and songbirds, while black bears and grizzlies rely on them as a crucial food source. (Be bear aware while out picking berries!) Other animals that eat huckleberries include deer, elk, chipmunks, mice, and squirrels. Even some livestock like goats and sheep will browse on the foliage.



### History and Folklore

The Montana huckleberry has a rich history and folklore among Native American tribes and early settlers. They were a significant food source for these tribes, and some even practiced controlled burns to enhance huckleberry growth. The Nez Perce, for instance, used the berries for food and medicine, believing they had healing properties. Indians often used huckleberries in their pemmican. This traditional food preserves



dried meat mixed with various ingredients, including dried fruits, for year-round use. The name huckleberry is believed to have originated from the Algonquin "hohcockberrie." Early settlers adopted the use of huckleberries in their cooking and remedies, further perpetuating their value.

### Health Benefits

Montana huckleberries are packed with nutrients, antioxidants, and medicinal properties. They are high in vitamins C, B and K, manganese, potassium, and fiber. Their vibrant color indicates the presence of anthocyanins, powerful antioxidants that support heart health, improve cognitive function, and may have anti-cancer properties. Traditionally, these berries have been used to treat digestive issues, inflammation, and urinary-tract infections.

The anthocyanins in huckleberries help reduce inflammation and oxidative stress, both of which are significant contributors to

heart disease. These antioxidants also improve blood-vessel function, lower blood pressure, and reduce cholesterol levels—all crucial factors in maintaining cardiovascular health. Huckleberries (and blueberries alike) do not raise blood sugar, so they're an important food for pre-diabetics and diabetics.



### In the Kitchen

Huckleberries are a versatile culinary choice, with their tart-sweet flavor shining in both sweet and savory dishes. You can be creative wherever you want to add a delicious, culinary twist to your plate. In desserts, from pies, cheesecake, cobblers, ice cream, cakes/buckles, crumble bars, muffins, scones, breads, syrups, and compotes, to savory sauces, chipotle, barbeque sauce, chutneys, vinaigrettes, and as add-ins for salads, cheese spreads, and burgers. Hands down, they

are most commonly used in jams, pies, and cobblers. Here are a few new ideas to try out Montana huckleberries:

- 1. Huckleberry Chia Pudding** (*sugar-free, gluten-free, dairy-free*): Combine 2 cups of fresh huckleberries, 1/2 cup chia seeds, 1 can of full-fat coconut milk, and a stevia-based sweetener to taste. Blend until smooth, then refrigerate overnight. Enjoy a creamy, nutritious breakfast or snack.
- 1. Huckleberry Balsamic Glaze** (*gluten-free, dairy-free*): Reduce 1 cup of huckleberry juice, 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar, and 1–2 tablespoons of honey (or a sugar-free substitute) in a small saucepan over medium heat until syrupy. Drizzle over salads, meats, or cheeses (if not dairy-free).
- 1. Huckleberry Compote** (*gluten-free, dairy-free*): Simmer 2 cups of huckleberries, 1/4 cup water, and a sweetener of your choice until thickened. Blend until smooth, then chill. Serve over pancakes, yogurt, or oatmeal.

The Montana huckleberry is a symbol of nature's abundance and a powerful tool for personal health and culinary creativity. Explore the wilds of Montana, and reap the benefits of this remarkable berry. Your body, taste buds, and outdoor spirit will thank you. Let them "be your huckleberry" in the kitchen!

Recipe by  
Carla Williams

Recipe Corner

Quick & Fresh Tomato Corn Salad Recipe

Vegetables & Herbs

- 6 ears corn, shucked (4 to 5 cups cooked corn kernels)
- 12 ounces cherry tomatoes, halved or quartered (2 to 3 cups)
- 2 cups diced English cucumber
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced, plus a few whole leaves for garnish

Dressing & Seasoning

- 2 Tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 clove garlic, grated
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
- Fresh ground black pepper, to taste!

Homemade Sweet and Sour Sauce Recipe

- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water
- 6 ounces pineapple juice
- 6 ounces water
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cups apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

Optional:

3/4 cup crumbled feta cheese, or to taste

Instructions:

1. Steam the Corn:

Add one cup of water to a large pot that can accommodate the corn ears. Bring the water to a boil, then add the

shucked corn ears. Cover the pot and steam the corn for 3 minutes or until just tender. Remove the corn using tongs and transfer to a cutting board to cool for a few minutes.

2. Prepare the Salad Base:

Once the corn is cool enough to handle, cut the kernels off the cobs using a sharp knife. Place the corn kernels in a large mixing bowl and add the cherry tomatoes, diced English cucumber, diced red onion, crumbled feta cheese (if using), and thinly sliced fresh basil.

3. Make the Dressing:

In a small bowl or jar, whisk together the red wine vinegar, honey, extra virgin olive oil, garlic powder, grated garlic clove, dried oregano, kosher salt, and freshly ground black pepper until well combined.

4. Toss and Season:

Pour the dressing over the salad ingredients in the large bowl. Toss gently to combine all flavors evenly. Taste and adjust salt and pepper as needed.

5. Serve

immediately for the best freshness, or refrigerate leftover salad for up to 2 days

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# ARTY PARK COUNTY

by Joyce Johnson



**I**t's a gorgeous Montana summer. Everywhere you look is a jaw-dropping, ever-shifting, show-offy landscape from [all the recent sprinkles] the valley floor to the foothills—still green. It's easy to take pictures now that phones have pretty good cams in them. You can play with the edit tools and learn how to enhance and sharpen them. There is to me, so much to see and capture, and write about... faces, (hero tales) flowers, sunrises set on the peaks, river play, wildlife, grandkids, and pets, oh my!

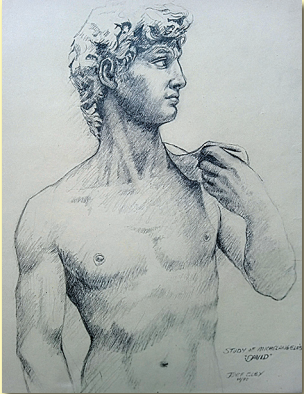
**We have many hands-on artists and artisans** in Park County. Multi-media creatives reside here in more numbers, per capita, than anywhere else in the country, said art suppliers in the 90s. But regular folks are the salt of the earth, the stabilizing focus of the "painting." Earth school students all of us, sez me.

I believe Montana draws *its own* home to stay, then draws the best out of us. When I drove up from L.A. and through the scorched Park, alone, late in the fall of '88, the scary wildfires of that summer had fizzled out under a miraculous early layer of snow in the park. I slowed down to take in the terrible beauty of acres of countless burnt, blackened lodge-pole pines still standing in the pure white carpet of snow. Montana was another world to me, a standard weather-spoiled L.A. girl. But Park County picked me up by the scruff of

the neck, and tossed me in the workforce to see how I'd do. It wasn't easy, but the challenges kept me busy, while in retro I was growing some serious roots of character. Many winter months later and weeks of 40 below, the spring brought new life to the land and new tree saplings and colorful wildflowers poked up through the scorched earth. Montana is so graphic and rejuvenating, and testy!

After I was... um... "let go" by a few jobs, I exhaled, got a big art history book out of the library and copied a photo of Michelangelo's "David," just for the pleasure of drawing which is to me, a healing meditation. The symbolism of the mighty shepherd is a pretty good fit for the times too. He is getting ready to use a slingshot to kill the giant. He frowns more angrily in the photo of the sculpture, but I was hung up on the

beautiful lines of face and form. A friend saw my sketch and asked if I would sketch from a little photo to give her sister for her birthday and I said sure, and so it began. I was a server at the then Gateway Cafe, now Loaves & Fishes, when my boss, knowing I liked to draw suggested I become a "cafe artist." I simply sat at a table near the door and demo'd sketching portraits, now and then had a live sitting. I did the same in two more cafes and starting a weekly drawing spot for youth in the restaurant across from



the Livingston P.O., which was named Rumours before it became the Wok, but then called "Amadeus." Parents sat and had coffee and their kids drew whatever they wanted over in a corner. A bright young valley-raised teen, Chris Paolini, joined us. He was into drawing dragons, and you know the rest. Park County nurtures her Artists.

Livingston has attracted moviemakers, screenwriters, actors, novelists, poets, wildlife photogs, musicians, opera and symphony players, painters, sculptors, artisans, ballet dancers, and country western/bluegrass masters. Excuse me if I forgot anyone. It's endless though, isn't it? I shall add creative cooking, baking, building, gardening and child raising. But just for the "out there" artists, we seem to have more galleries here, per capita, than other business/services.

Many locals besides me, juggled multiple jobs and did trades to pay the rent. My favorite job was in a sign shop which also did stage drops. It was just great fun to paint big. Very soon I moved to the valley with Ron, and joined him at gemstone jewelry sales at shows and festivals. I drew quick sketches of wiggling kids and customers sent photos to me to draw. And still do.

My neighbor and I went to Emigrant People's Market in Emigrant last Saturday and chatted our way up the row of tents and tables, past the fun mix of wonderful offerings of jewelry, antique Park imagery, paintings, craft and quiltery, and I braked hard at Kiera Smith's wonderful sterling



creations: abundant choices of rings and jewelry made from antique spoons—artistic up-cycling at it's funnest and finest, just for starters. I had to take a pik to show you. Please support your friends and neighbors and buy special gifts for yourself and loved ones for holidays at our local markets and many unique shops and galleries. If you want a rock painting or sketched portrait, or to schedule a sitting, just holler! Well, um... better to just call or text me at 406-224-0192, or email 2jaysplace@gmail.com.

**But oh get out! :-D**... and get up in the hills on hikes or on the river and breathe in the healing ions at Pine Creek waterfalls. Pack a picnic, and bear spray just for insurance or make a lot of noise, and enjoy the heart of our summer and take pictures please. Share your captures and stories here at PCCJournal.



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## Life insurance: Protecting What Matters Most

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month and the perfect time to consider whether you have adequate coverage to protect your loved ones. While no one likes to think about what would happen if they weren't around, doing so is an act of love.

Life insurance is fundamentally about protecting your loved ones should something happen to you. If you pass away, your family will not only face the challenges of grief and loss but they could also find themselves financially strapped. Life insurance can help provide them with financial security in the event you no longer can.

**Who needs life insurance:** You're a good candidate if you have a spouse or partner who depends on your income or if there are children or other loved ones whom you support. Insurance protection can also be a solution if you have outstanding debts like a mortgage, credit cards or a car loan, or if you simply don't want to burden your loved ones with your final expenses.

**Insurance through work:** While many people have life insurance through their employers, this coverage may not be enough for you, depending on your situation. Among employers who offer group life insurance,

only 2% offer more than two times the employee's annual salary—essentially just two years of income—according to the Guardian's 2023 Workplace Benefits Study. And remember that it's only good as long as you're employed there. With all this in mind, many people purchase individual insurance as a supplement to their workplace coverage.

**How much:** You might hear that you need life insurance equal to about seven to 10 times your pretax annual salary. That's not a bad "ballpark" figure, but not everyone is playing in the same ballpark. To get a true sense of how much of a death benefit is right for you, use the "L-I-F-E" guide to calculate your needs:

- **Liabilities:** Will your family need to pay off a mortgage, credit cards, car loan or other debt?
- **Income:** Will your family need to replace your income for a period of years?
- **Final expenses:** Do you have the resources to cover funeral and burial expenses?
- **Education needs:** Do you need to put children through a private school or college?

**Which type:** You can choose between two basic types of life insurance: term and permanent. As its name suggests, term insurance is designed to provide coverage for a designated period, such as 10, 15 or 20 years. In general, term insurance is quite affordable for most people, especially when they buy policies as young adults. On the other hand, permanent insurance, such as whole life or universal life, is usually considerably more expensive because in addition to providing a death benefit, your premiums build cash value. In choosing between term and permanent insurance, you'll want to evaluate several issues, such as how long you think you'll need coverage and how much annual premium you can afford to pay.

*Life insurance needs can change over time, so it's important to review your coverage every three to five years or after major life events like marriage or birth of a child. Consider working with a financial*

*advisor who can look at your complete financial situation and help you choose a policy that truly fits your family's needs. Taking action sooner rather than later could be one of the most important gifts you give your loved ones.*

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**August 27th** - JH/HS Open House at 6:30 pm

**August 28th** - School Picture day for K-12th

**August 30th** - JH/Varsity Football at Roy/Winfred at 4 pm

**September 1st** - Labor Day (No School)

**September 2nd** - JV/Varsity Volleyball at Manhattan Christian at 5 pm

**September 5th** - Friday School  
• JV/Varsity Volleyball against West Yellowstone at 1 pm

- JH Football against White Sulphur Springs at 4 pm
- HS Football against Hot Springs at 6 pm

**September 6th** - Varsity Volleyball at Gardiner Tournament

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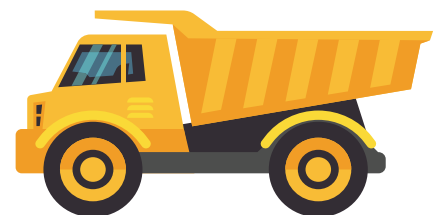
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# Rally for the National Park Service and Public Lands

The National Park Service (NPS) was created on August 25, 1916, to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of all generations.

There are more than 430 national parks across the country, including battlefields, seashores, recreation areas, and historical sites and monuments that preserve American history and landscapes. NPS employs 20,000 people. Close to home are Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and Glacier National Parks.

To celebrate the founding of NPS and support our national parks and public lands, *Indivisible Park County* and

the *Women's Action Project*, two local organizations, are sponsoring a rally at the Roosevelt Arch at the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park in Gardiner on August 23rd, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Our national parks and their employees face serious threats, according to a recent analysis by the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA). Utilizing data from the Department of the Interior workforce database, NPCA found, "Since the Trump administration took office, the National Park Service has lost 24% of its permanent staff, a staggering reduction that has left parks across the country scrambling to operate with bare-bones crews. The park staff who remain are being asked to do


more with less, and it's simply not sustainable." The analysis also found that seasonal hiring "is lagging far behind the nearly 8,000 positions pledged by the administration, with only roughly 4,500 seasonal positions filled so far." NPCA concludes that with these staff cuts; there will be fewer rangers to protect visitors and resources, fewer staff to provide interpretation and education to visitors, slower emergency response times, and more strain on staff—all this while visitation to national parks surges.

Other public lands are also under threat. According to The Wilderness Society, threats include oil and gas interests asking the Trump administration to reopen illegal leases in a stretch of the Rocky Mountain Front. Congress is considering proposals that would strip protections from hundreds of thousands of acres of wilderness study areas, potentially opening them up to mining and destructive forms of recreation without public input.

The August 23rd rally at the Roosevelt Arch will begin with a speech from Dave Ueberuaga. Before assuming the position of Superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park, Dave served as the superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park in Washington State for nine years. During that time, he also served for more than a year as acting

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superintendent of Yosemite National Park. Dave will share his views on the threats to NPS and how to support national parks and public lands.

The organizers invite all those who want to learn about this issue and support NPS and public lands to bring their signs, their voices, and their friends to the hour-long rally. A core principle behind all *Indivisible Park County* and *Women's Action Project* events is a commitment to nonviolent action. All participants are expected to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with the views presented.

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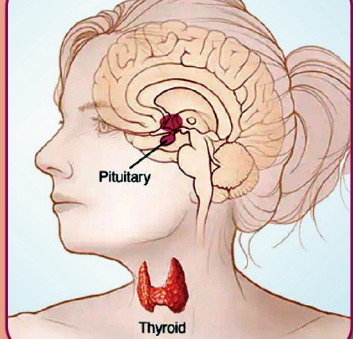
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# Your Ageless Wellness Column

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

## Polarization Part 4: Intention and the Crowned Bird

In the last two articles, we introduced the image of the bird to talk about the mind and how it finds balance. The mind is the bird itself, and the two wings are what allow it to fly. Each wing is vital. Neither is more important than the other. Without both, the bird cannot get off the ground.

Think of one wing as the left brain—the logical, structured, rational side. The other is the right brain—the creative, intuitive, imaginative side. Both are needed. If one wing dominates or the other is ignored, flight becomes impossible. The same is true for us as individuals, and as a society.

Unfortunately, many of the voices around us—media, politics, and even social pressures—tell us we must choose one side. We are encouraged to see one way of thinking as “right” and the other as “wrong.” This polarization makes the opposite side the enemy. But when the wings are fighting, the bird cannot fly. When we deny the attributes of one side of the brain or the other, our thinking becomes rigid, limited, and incomplete.



### The Crowned Bird

In many traditions, symbology of the bird shows a **crown on its head**. This crown is not about worldly status or control. It is a symbol of *mastery*—the mastery that comes from integrating the two wings and using them in harmony. When the wings move together, balance occurs and the bird earns its crown. It becomes sovereign, whole, and free. The

crown represents clarity, wisdom, and the authority of balance.

This is why extremes can be so damaging. One who insists that *only science* matters, while rejecting all spiritual insight, cuts them off from a vital dimension of what it means to be human. They reduce life to mechanics and measurements, missing the depth of wonder and mystery. On the other hand, one who lives only in the *spiritual realm* while ignoring science and the material world can drift into impracticality, becoming what some have called “so spiritually minded that they do no earthly good.” Both positions are imbalances—one wing flapping without the other.

Life requires integration. There is no light without darkness, no male without female, no good without its opposite. Each polarity has its place, and the goal is not to choose one and demonize the other, but to learn from both. The crowned bird is a reminder: **mastery comes not from choosing sides, but from uniting them**. When we integrate the rational with the intuitive, the material with the spiritual, the left with the right, we claim our crown. We become balanced, whole, and capable of flight.

So, when you feel pressured to choose one extreme, remember—the bird can only fly when both wings work together. And your crown, the reward of balance—awaits when you live with intention. This is what it means to follow the **middle pillar**—the middle or the balanced way.

Ancient wisdom understood this. In the great temples, there weren’t just two pillars. There were three: left, right, and center. That middle pillar was the key—it represented balance, harmony, and wholeness. Not choosing one over the other but allowing both to exist while walking the steady center path. This is where **intention** comes in.

### What Is Intention?

At its simplest, intention is the direction of your energy.

- It is the “why” behind an action.



- It is the invisible compass that steers behavior, whether you are aware of it or not.
- Unlike goals, which tend to look outward (a finish line to cross, a weight to lose, a number to hit), intention looks inward. It begins with presence: *What is the energy I bring to this moment?*

Here’s the paradox; intention is always active, whether you notice it or not. You already live by intentions—they’re just sometimes unconscious. For example:

- You reach for a snack. The intention might be nourishment, or it might be comfort.
- You skip your walk. The intention might be rest, or it might be avoidance.
- You speak sharply to yourself in the mirror. The intention may not be deliberate, but it still shapes your mood and your body’s chemistry.

### What Intention Does

Intention works like a seed.

- A conscious intention, planted with awareness, grows in the direction you choose.
- An unconscious intention, left unchecked, grows wild—often leading you somewhere you didn’t mean to go.

Think of the difference between saying:

- “*I want to move more because I should.*” versus

- “*I intend to move today to feel light in my body and clear in my mind.*”

The first carries guilt. The second carry’s purpose. Both shape behavior, but only one aligns with wellness.

### Intention and the Collective

Just as stillness and movement ripple out from the individual into the whole community, intention also scales upward. Whole groups—even whole nations—can live by intention without realizing it. When the collective intention is fear, division grows. When the collective intention is curiosity or compassion, unity emerges.

Next week, we’ll explore intention more deeply. Learn how setting intention is synonymous with being present, and how it shapes everything from the way we eat, to how we check in with our body, to the way we begin and end each day. Intention, after all, is the prerequisite for every form of manifestation!

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The shop will be accepting ballots during business hours from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. You can also mail your ballot to PCCJ at PO Box 1851, Livingston, MT 59047.

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website [PCCJournal.com](http://PCCJournal.com) up until the polls close. We ask that each person submit only one ballot and complete at least 50 percent of the form for it to be valid. Results will be published in the edition scheduled for release on Sunday, September 28th in a special edition with exclusive stories on select businesses and people. PCCJ will present winners with award certificates in each category for the 2025 season.

Take a few moments to vote for your favorite folks and businesses in Park County to show your appreciation!

1. Best New Business

13. Best Desserts

25. Best Massage Therapist

2. Best Breakfast

14. Best Caterer

26. Best Auto Repair

3. Best Lunch

15. Best Vegetarian/Vegan/  
Gluten-Free Options

27. Best Salon/Barber Shop

4. Best Dinner

16. Best Bar/Tavern/Pub

28. Best Dental Office

5. Best Restaurant Service

17. Best Wine List

29. Best Chiropractic Clinic

6. Best Salads

18. Best Draft Beer List

30. Best Veterinarian Clinic

7. Best Sandwich

19. Best Cocktail Menu

31. Best Art Gallery

8. Best BBQ

20. Best Retail Wine Selection

32. Best Fly Fishing Shop

9. Best Burger

21. Best Retail Beer Selection

33. Best Live Music Venue

10. Best Pizza

22. Best Retail Liquor Selection

34. Best Local Festival/Event

11. Best Coffee

23. Best Hardware Store

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# "The Shane Center Presents" Brings Funk & Soul Revue to the Blake Pavilion

The Shane is changing up their popular Shane Center Presents program by moving the September 6th program from the Dulcie Theater to the Henry E. Blake Pavilion at 7:30 pm, located at 415 E. Lewis St. in Livingston.

John Roberts' Soul Skillet is a vibrant, vocal-led soul and blues project that fuses the rich sounds of traditional Soul, NeoSoul, Funk, Blues and Jazz, creating a musical experience that resonates with all audiences. Led by Roberts (songwriter, lead vocalist and B3 organist) the band is known for its energetic performances, heartfelt lyrics, and original compositions that draw inspiration from legendary artists.

"John Roberts blew the roof off the Pavilion this summer at our SOCS concert with his Latin salsa band," says Erika Adams, Executive Director of the Shane Center. "So many people were dancing, and we realized the pavilion is the perfect place for this

show. We'll be able to seat more people and leave lots of room for a dance floor."

Formed in 2024, Soul Skillet consists of a talented rhythm section and dynamic horn players, each musician bringing their unique influences and styles to the table. Their sound is characterized by soulful melodies, tight arrangements and powerful instrumental solos, influenced by a deep respect and love for bands like Ray Charles, the O'Jays, Chaka Kahn, Al Green, Bobby Womack and the Temptations—many that Roberts has performed with.

Tickets are available at The Shane Center box office or at [www.theshanecenter.org](http://www.theshanecenter.org). All Season tickets and previously purchased tickets will be honored at the Pavilion, which will be set up with chairs for this event. Bike parking will be available at the Shane Center, with overflow vehicle parking available at the Lincoln School at 215 E. Lewis St. There will be libations for all



ages available at the event.

"It may be the end of summer," Adams added with a grin, "but John Roberts will keep us dancing—he's bringing a four-

piece horn section and his B3 organ. It's going to be a big band playing music we all love. Bring your family and your friends and come on down to The Shane!"

## Bozeman Symphony Exclusive Preview of the 2025-26 Season

The Bozeman Symphony invites the community to a special presentation with Music Director Norman Huynh on Wednesday, September 10th, from 3 to 4 pm at Bozeman Health's Hillcrest Senior Living, 1201 Highland Blvd. in Bozeman.

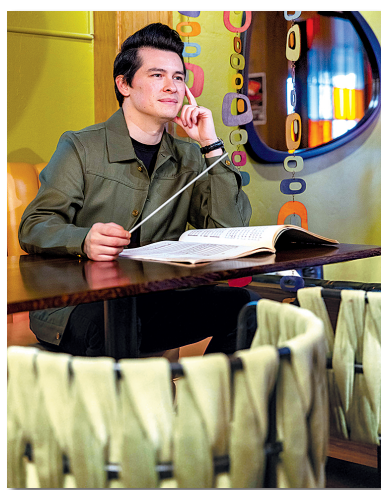


Join Huynh for an exclusive, behind-the-scenes preview of the Bozeman Symphony's 2025-26 season, *Music that Moves Us... to Join Together*. He will share highlights from the Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Choir's upcoming concerts, along

with exciting updates on the Symphony's strategic growth plan and new education and community engagement initiatives.

This free, public event promises to be both informative and inspiring—perfect for music lovers of all ages who want to connect more deeply with the Symphony's work on stage and in the community.

For more information, visit [www.bozemansymphony.org](http://www.bozemansymphony.org) or call 406-585-9774



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Tues., Aug. 26th - Broccoli & cheese soup, crackers, fruit cocktail, milk

Wed., Aug. 27th - Salisbury steak, gravy, baby baker potatoes, scalloped corn, cake, watermelon, milk

Thurs., Aug. 28th - Club sandwich, (build your own in-house), macaroni salad, chips, watermelon, milk

Fri., Aug. 29th - Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed spinach, pears, cake, milk

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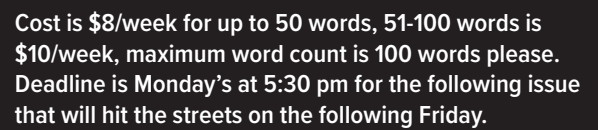
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# BREAK time

# CROSSWORD

Puzzle #413

## Montana Fun Facts!

The Great Falls on the **Missouri River** is actually in Montana. It is the biggest waterfall on this river.

Montana has the largest County Park in the United States. This park is the Beaver Creek Park located in Hill County, Montana.

The Sioux word for "bad earth" or "hell" gave us the name for Montana's largest state park, Makoshika, near Glendive in eastern Montana. The park features badlands, hoodoo formations, and fossils, including Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops.

Montana is also home to the largest ICBM field in the U.S. covering 23,500 miles.

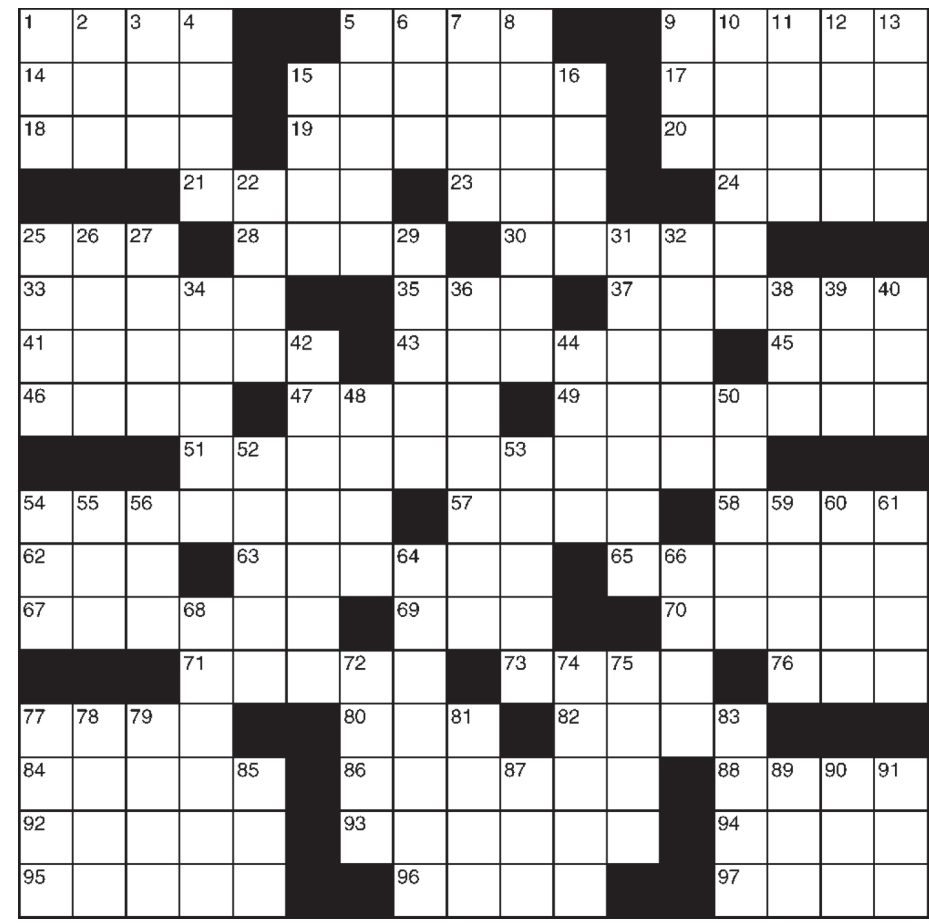
### ACROSS

- 1. Gate
- 5. Defeat
- 9. Gather up
- 14. Blackthorn fruit
- 15. Baby's attire
- 17. Card of the future
- 18. Trig term
- 19. Tempt
- 20. Piano exercise
- 21. Whey source
- 23. Cashew
- 24. Mosque priest
- 25. "Cleopatra" viper
- 28. Phonograph record
- 30. Find out
- 33. Jeweler's glass
- 35. Timber tree
- 37. Close again
- 41. Brunch quaff
- 43. Certain salt
- 45. Pasture mom
- 46. Sharp hit
- 47. Large wading bird
- 49. Stream

- 51. Literary brackets
- 54. Friendly
- 57. Castle feature
- 58. Israeli circle dance
- 62. Military conflict
- 63. One of two
- 65. Football number
- 67. Nonprofessional
- 69. Ampersand
- 70. Burst
- 71. Corundum mixture
- 73. See
- 76. Bird no more
- 77. Early light
- 80. French peak
- 82. Mexican moola
- 84. Close by
- 86. Peanut
- 88. Eye cosmetic
- 92. Sad song
- 93. Drifting
- 94. Cathedral part
- 95. Icy forecast
- 96. Rend

### DOWN

- 1. Initial for a superhero
- 2. Caesar's 41
- 3. Electrically charged atom
- 4. Overrun
- 5. Golf course
- 6. Kind of meal
- 7. Revolve
- 8. Of worldly things
- 9. Pleased the chef
- 10. Morning prayer
- 11. Calla lily, e.g.
- 12. Carbonated beverage
- 13. Zinnia stalk
- 15. Hero shop
- 16. Anatomical mesh, as of veins
- 22. March 15
- 25. Donations to the poor
- 26. Contaminate
- 27. Wild cat
- 29. House in the woods
- 31. Performer
- 32. Pass a rope through



- 34. Momma's partner
- 36. Letter carriers
- 38. Shocking swimmer
- 39. Fearful admiration
- 40. Allowed
- 42. United, e.g.
- 44. Territory
- 48. Sugar root
- 50. Wedding party
- member
- 52. Nautical position
- 53. Multitude
- 54. Hole-making implement
- 55. Flight-safety org.
- 56. Saute
- 59. Gamete
- 60. Default result
- 61. Rectangular
- pilaster
- 64. Straw storage
- 66. Roman coins
- 68. French household
- 72. Indian melody
- 74. Fishing weapon
- 75. Bouncy
- 77. Seniors, to juniors
- 78. Dye chemical
- 79. If I \_\_\_\_ you ...
- 81. Pillar
- 83. Give approval to
- 85. Steep hemp
- 87. Squeezing serpent
- 89. Ajar, in poems
- 90. FDR's successor
- 91. Ring around the collar?

# Sudoku

Puzzle #148

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

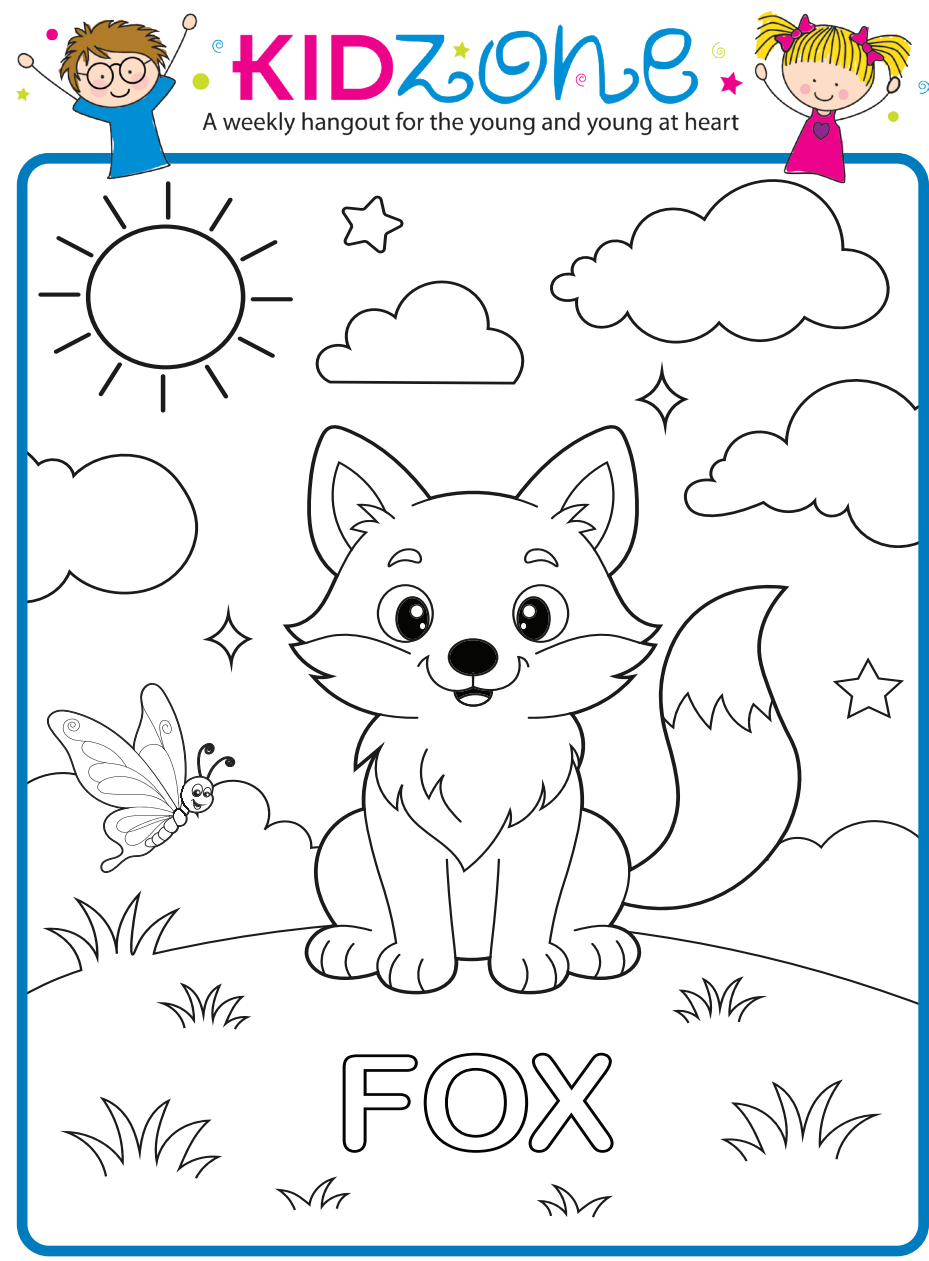
Sudoku - #147

## SOLUTIONS

Crossword - #412

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

S	K	E	W		O	B	I		A	R	C		P	R	E	P
T	A	R	O		L	U	G		P	E	A		L	O	L	L
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**Shields Valley School District** is now accepting applications for **two High-Needs Paraeducator** positions, beginning August 18th, 2025.

**Position Overview:**  
Are you passionate about making a meaningful difference in the lives of students? Shields Valley School District is looking for dedicated, compassionate individuals who are excited to support students with diverse academic and behavioral needs. In this rewarding role, you'll go beyond traditional paraeducator duties by providing focused, one-on-one support that truly impacts a student's daily success. Comprehensive training will be provided to ensure you feel confident and equipped to meet the unique needs of each student you work with. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow professionally while making a lasting difference!

**Schedule:** (as outlined in the board-adopted academic calendar)

- Up to 9 hours per day, Monday through Thursday
- Occasional Fridays

**Starting Wage:** (Includes single health insurance)

- Applicant with a HS Diploma or equivalent: \$15.36
- Applicant with an Associate's Degree or equivalent: \$16.41
- Applicant with a Bachelor's Degree or higher: \$17.47

Effective: August 18, 2025  
Closing Date: until filled  
For applications, please contact Danny Johnston at djohnston@shieldsvalleyschools.org or 406-578-2535. Access the Classified Application Packet at [www.shieldsvalleyschools.com](http://www.shieldsvalleyschools.com).

Shields Valley School District is an equal opportunity employer. Job-specific training will be required as a condition of continued employment.

### The Gardiner Food Pantry needs volunteers!

We are looking to add two drivers for our Meals4U program. This program delivers healthy meals to our community seniors. If you can use your lunch hour one day, every two weeks to help us deliver, please contact Kathy at (404) 664-6624. We can't do this program without the help of our wonderful volunteers!

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### 911 Communications Officer

The City of Livingston, Montana, is seeking full-time 911 Communications Officers to perform dispatch duties for first responders across Park County. The position offers an hourly rate of \$24.48, with additional pay for nighttime shifts, and requires working variable shifts, including nights, weekends, and holidays. Benefits include paid on-the-job training, state retirement, vacation and sick leave, parental leave, and comprehensive health insurance. Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent and possess strong communication, multitasking, and customer service skills. Familiarity with Livingston and Park County geography is advantageous, as is prior emergency services experience. Successful candidates must pass a background check and acquire certifications, including Montana Emergency Medical Dispatch, Public Safety Communicator Basic Academy, and Basic Life Support (all employer-paid), within specified timeframes. Applications require a completed form, resume, and cover letter, which can be submitted via email or mail to Livingston's Human Resources Department. Full details and forms are located at <https://www.livingstonmontana.org/hr/page/911-communications-officer-1>

### Airport Facilities and Maintenance Technician in Park County

**Position Overview:** Technician is responsible for maintaining the **Mission Field Airport's** runways, taxiways, facilities, and equipment. This position involves seasonal duties with more hours required during the summer months compared to winter. **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:** Facilities & grounds maintenance is made up of runway and taxiway maintenance, light and equipment maintenance, building maintenance, general terminal maintenance, as well as security monitoring. Please apply online at [jobs.parkcounty.org](http://jobs.parkcounty.org).

### Motor Vehicle / Tax Clerk

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**Detention Officer -- Are You Trustworthy, Self-Motivated and Punctual?** The Park County Sheriff's Office is looking for two new full time team members interested in a career in a law enforcement capacity with our Detention Center. Take pride in performing excellent public service to your community thru providing inmate care. Be formally trained in integral aspects of your field such as PPCT-pressure point control tactics, tactical handcuffing and CIT- Crisis Intervention Training. Shifts are bid by seniority, as follows: 7am-3pm, 3pm -11pm, 11pm-7am. Benefit package includes Sheriff's Retirement System; 3 vacation weeks, 12 sick days, holidays, Health and Life insurance, AFLAC, discounted local merchants/vendors, etc. Become part of the Park County Detention Staff and serve the community with compassion and caring in the capacity of a Detention Officer. Click on the Job Description for qualifications and additional information. To apply please download the application package, print it out and submit with your updated resume and cover letter by mail to:  
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414 E. Callender St.  
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Applications and signatures **MUST** be originals for consideration. **NO ELECTRONIC, FAXED or EMAILED** applications will be accepted.

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- To write reports, testifies in court and conducts investigations
- To assist the public
- To assist any and all Law Enforcement agencies as needed
- To perform other duties as maybe assigned by the Sheriff
- Individual is required to be a union member.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Emigrant People's Market, located at 8 Story Road in Emigrant on the lawn of St. John's Church. Every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm June through October, weather permitting. Locally created goods, local honey, jams and eggs, eclectic curated items. New vendor inquiry please email [emigrantpeoplesmarket@gmail.com](mailto:emigrantpeoplesmarket@gmail.com) for information.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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On May 8th, House Bill 192, increasing County Clerk and Recorder fees for recording documents, was signed into law.

Effective October 1st, the fee for recording the first page of a document will increase from \$8.00 per page to \$20.00 for the first page and \$10.00 for each subsequent page. The additional cost for recording a document which does not meet the standard requirements of 7-4-2636 will remain at \$10.00 per document.

Additionally, beginning July 1, 2027, these fees will be subject to biennial adjustments based upon an inflation factor determined by the consumer price index.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This adjustment will bolster the Records Preservation Fund, the County Land Information Account and the Montana Geospatial Information Account, which are crucial for maintaining the integrity and accessibility of public records.

If you have questions regarding this change, please contact your local Clerk and Recorder's office.



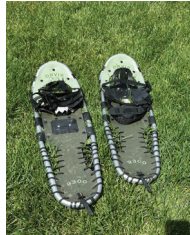
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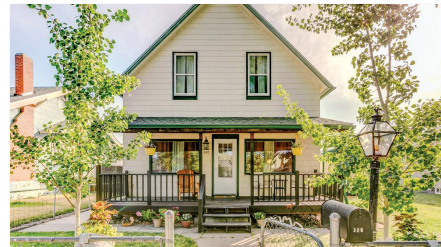
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## Meet the Team...

Ernie was born and raised in Park County, a third generation small business owner. He previously owned The Sport in Livingston from 1976-1980. Ernie received his license in real estate in 1979, and he has been active full-time since 1980. He has a lifetime of knowledge about Park County

and Livingston. Ernie knows the local real estate market as well as the small business climate in this area. He graduated from Park High School in 1971 and the University of Montana (GO GRIZ!) in 1976 with a BA in Economics and Sociology.

### Ernie Meador

Broker

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Ernie has served as the President of the Park County Board of REALTORS for over 25 years, and he has volunteered for numerous non-profit boards.



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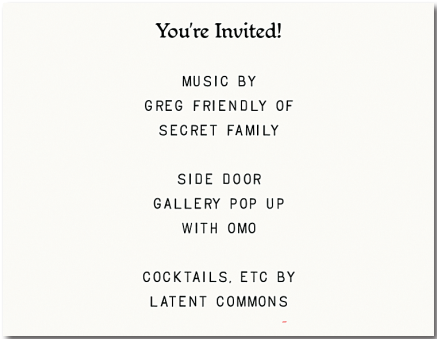
# It's a Birthday Party for The Cactus Blossom Collective

Cactus Blossom is turning 10 years old, and they're throwing a week-end-long birthday celebration full of creativity, connection, and community, right in the heart of downtown Livingston. Mark your calendars and come celebrate with us.



- When: Friday, August 22nd from 5 – 8 pm
- What: 10-Year **Birthday Bash** at Cactus Blossom Collective
- Where: 111 West Callender

Street, Livingston, MT  
Kick off the weekend with our signature **Art Walk block party**, a street-style celebration filled with local flavor and handmade magic. Free and open to all. Featuring live music by Greg Friendly of *Secret Family*, an art pop-up by OMO x Side Door Gallery, as well as craft cocktails and refreshments by Latent Commons.



The party doesn't stop when the sun goes down. Head over to The Hiatt House, a beloved local watering hole celebrating over 50 years, for our official anniversary after-party, including late-night spins by DJ Saltlick, drinks, dancing, and good company. Join them

as they raise a glass with friends, neighbors, and fellow creatives to celebrate a decade of heart-led collaboration and community. A joint toast to 10 years of Cactus Blossom and 50 years of The Hiatt House.

- What: **After-Party** at The Hiatt House
- When: Friday, August 22nd from 10 pm – Close
- Where: 127 West Callender Street, Livingston

Close out the birthday weekend with a quiet, reflective gathering in the park. *Poems for the Soft Hours* invites us to slow down and savor language, silence, and the natural world. We'll begin with a gentle meditation, followed by writing, journaling, and sharing poetry—your own or the words of beloved poets. Bring a notebook, a poem, and your soft summer self. Open, casual, fun, and free. All are welcome.

- Sunday, August 24th from 4 – 5:30 pm
- **Poems for the Soft Hours**
- With poet and editor Yetta Rose Stein
- Sacajawea Park | 299 River



Drive, Livingston  
Here's to 10 years of creativity, and to all that's still to come.

The Cactus Blossom Collective was born in Livingston, Montana, in 2015 by creatives Jess Konley and Kristi Reed. The collective is part thoughtfully curated retail shop and part collaborative maker's space, utilized by a handful of creative businesswomen and artists in our community.

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# High Tea Tales: A Beginner Book Club for Story Lovers

Wheatgrass Books presents a brand-new kids' book club this fall: **High Tea Tales: A Beginning Book Club for Story Lovers**, a whimsical, story-centered gathering for kids ages 6–10 who love imagination, laughter, and great tales—whether they read, listen, or enjoy them as a family read-aloud.

Led by Hannah Roseberry of the Curious Camps Company, this beginner-friendly book club meets at Wheatgrass Books on the second Thursday of each month from 3:45 to 5:45 pm, located at 120 N. Main St., in Livingston.  
Kids are invited to dress the part with top

hats, mustaches, gloves, boas or jewelry as we sip tea, nibble treats, and explore story structure through fun discussions and themed activities.  
The books are chosen for humor, heart, and approachable novella length, so they're fun and easy to enjoy without adding too



much to a busy schedule. Each title is available in print and as an audiobook through LibroFM, and we're offering 10–20% off all book club selections in-store.

Here's the fall lineup:

- September 11th – *Mrs. Piggle Wiggles* by Betty MacDonald
- October 9th – *Appleblossom the Possum* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- November 13th – *Freddy the Detective* by Walter R. Brooks
- December 11th – *Skunk and Badger* (Book 1) by Amy Timberlake

Families will also receive optional prep materials before each session—discussion questions, creative prompts, and more—to help kids engage with the story in whatever way works best for them. No reading level required, just a love of stories (and maybe a little pinky-up silliness!)

Developing a love of good stories—with-out the pressure to read perfectly—can reignite excitement about books, even in reluctant or struggling readers. When reading becomes playful and social, it opens the door to deeper confidence and lifelong enjoyment.

**About the Host:** Hannah Roseberry is an experienced educator and curriculum designer who runs Curious Camps Company with her family of curious and creative collaborators. Together, they create immersive, themed experiences that spark learning and imagination. They're also the team behind Hey Homeschooler, a thriving local community serving more than 50 homeschooling kids and their families here in Park County.

**Registration:** Sign up at thecurious-campscompany.com.

Cost is \$30 per session or \$80 for all four sessions.

**Each session includes:**

- All prep materials and supports
- A full high tea (sandwiches, sweets, and tea)
- A themed craft or activity

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