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Come bask in the love that the arts can bestow to all hopeless and hopeful romantics and join the Yellowstone Ballet Company for an evening of love songs, famous classical pas de deux and a heartwarming story "From the Streets to the Stage" on Saturday, February 8th at 7:30 pm at the Willson Auditorium in Bozeman.



Spartacus and Phrygia" to the beautiful score by Aram Khachaturian. Former principal dancer of Ballet Argentina and Joffrey Ballet performing excerpts from *Swan Lake* and *Romeo & Juliet*, with principal guest artist Molly Groeschl. A mother/daughter duet with rancher ballerina Annie Valle and her aspiring ballerina Mesa Valle. Former principal dancers of Dance Theatre of Harlem, Fredrick Davis and Paunika Jones, in *Le Corsair* and a world premiere, *The Lark*

The love mélange includes:

Gold medalists Nicole Assaad and Luis Molina performing the amazing "Adagio of

public lands. The Livingston screening will benefit Wild Montana, a grassroots conservation organization that unites and mobilizes communities to keep Montana wild.



Ascending, to the enthralling solo violin by Ralph Vaughan Williams, choreographed especially for the occasion by Fredrick Davis.

Davis came from a life of poverty on the streets of Chattanooga. He didn't have money to join a football team so he went to a free dance audition. With the love and inspiration of his ballet teacher, a church family, and a supporting community, Davis took flight and became that lark ascending through dance. He now gives back by helping under privileged youth.

Last but not least will be *Dancing on the Stars* and *Make Believe* sung by Paradise Valley's distinguished soprano Ciara

Wallace, and *True Love Never Dies* and *Never Doubt My Love* with Michael Koster and soprano Karen Dade.

If you are unable to attend the performance there will be an open house at the Yellowstone Ballet Studio on B Street where you can watch the professionals rehearse their amazing pas de deux. Times for the viewing are Thursday, February 6th from 11 am – 3:30 pm and Friday from 11 am – 5 pm.

Reserved tickets are \$29 - \$79, \$20 for students and are available at yellowstoneballet.info

20th Annual Backcountry Film Festival Comes Back to Livingston

The 20th annual Backcountry Film Festival is headed to Livingston on Tuesday, Feb. 11th, at The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts. Local sports equipment retailer Dan Bailey's will co-host the screening, and ticket proceeds will benefit Wild Montana.

Presented by Winter Wildlands Alliance, the Backcountry Film Festival celebrates human-powered recreation and wild winters. For 20 years, the festival has sparked conversations about the human connection to wild places, encouraged grassroots activism in the face of warming winters, and inspired stewardship of our wild public lands and waters. Festival-goers will enjoy films featuring backcountry experiences, conservation efforts, and personal stories of reflection and discovery while traversing wild landscapes.

The festival raises funds for local groups and nonprofits through a national film tour directly benefiting local projects and programs that promote access and stewardship of

public lands. The Livingston screening will benefit Wild Montana, a grassroots conservation organization that unites and mobilizes communities to keep Montana wild.

At the Livingston screening, attendees will have a chance to win prizes donated by local businesses, including Mystery Ranch, Dan Bailey's, Elk River Books, Neptune's Brewery and more.

Doors open at 6 pm and the screening begins at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at wildmontana.org/bcff/livingston or at the door.

Together, we make a positive impact on decisions determining the management of public lands and waters across the state that sustain the well-being of Montana's people, communities, and wildlife.



Learn more at wildmontana.org. Learn more at wildmontana.org.

Mark Your Calendars for a Valentine's Evening of Jazz!

Join us at The Hub at PCSC (Park County Senior Center) in Livingston, Montana, for the 2nd Annual Valentine Gala on Friday, February 14th!

- **Catered Dinner:** 6-7 pm
- **Mark Murphy sings Frank Santara ft. The Cross Pollinators:** 7-9 pm

Experience an enchanting evening of Sinatra and American Songbook standards, featuring:

- **Mark Murphy** on vocals
- **Augie Stern** on piano (PHS student)
- **Todd Wester** on upright bass
- **Ben Hoover** on trumpet

- **Eric Trapp** on Trombone
 - **Garrett Stannard** on drums
- This event is perfect for couples, singles, and anyone looking to celebrate love and community with incredible live jazz, delicious food, and festive Valentine's Day décor.

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Obituaries

Jerry Arnold Good

Jerry Arnold Good, 71, of Clyde Park, passed away at his home in Clyde Park, MT in the early morning on Thursday, January 23, 2025, surrounded by his wife, Cindy and very special friends, JimBo and Chris Logan.

Jerry was born September 30, 1953 in Greybull, Wyoming, to Albert and Wilma (Collingwood) Good. He attended Greybull High School and graduated in 1973. After graduating, he went to work for Dresser Minerals in Greybull for 12 years. On June 30, 1984, he married Cindy Frederick in Livingston, MT. They lived in Greybull for approximately a year before moving to Clyde Park to work for Elise Donohue who had the Double D Ranch. In 1991, they moved back to Greybull for 2 years. In 1993, they purchased the Shields Valley Hardware & Framing that they owned until 2021. Jerry and Cindy were fortunate to be able to live across the street from Les and Anne Frederick, who were a big part of their lives.

Jerry also worked for Shields Valley Busing for 30 plus years. Transporting the local children to and from school was an important task for him. Jerry took pride in the fact that he was able to transport two generations of students to school. He also worked auction days for Logan Auction Service

for several years.

Some of Jerry's favorite things were camping, fishing, animals, Bronco football, black and white westerns, John Wayne, a good golf game with his friends and a great Margarita. In 2023, Skip and Nancy McIlhattan joined Jerry and Cindy for a trip to Africa. It was the trip of a lifetime. He loved everything it entailed, the beautiful country and amazing animals. Sharing this adventure and his pictures with whoever he could, was such a treat.

Jerry is survived by wife Cindy, siblings Donna (Ron) Dalin, Leonard Good, Cheryl (Dan) Dalin, twin brother Larry (Jane) Good and Tony Good; son Nathen (Krista) Good; grandchildren Zachree Welch, Rachele Welch-Barnett, Malachi Good, Amelia Good and Gracie Good; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Mike and Patty Frederick; special niece Katie, numerous other nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by parents Albert & Wilma Good; sister Bonnie Miller; father-in-law Lester Frederick; and mother-in-law Annabelle Frederick.

Jerry (aka Jazz, Ridge, Jasper, Grumpy Bear) you will be greatly missed by your family and friends.

Jerry's family would like to thank the Livingston HealthCare Hospice for the outstanding care and support that



was shown to him.

A Celebration of Life will be held 11 am on Saturday, March 8th followed by a reception at the Shields Valley Community Center located at 408 Miles Street in Clyde Park, Montana.

Memorials may be directed to the Shields Valley Community Center, Clyde Park, MT; Stafford Animal Shelter, Livingston, MT; Livingston HealthCare Hospice; or to the organization of donor's choice.

To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.stenbergfuneral-home.com

SPECIAL THANKS

to the generous people who celebrated Christmas together in our community. The Mission Statement handed down for almost four decades states our mission: *To celebrate Christmas and to bless our community by honoring Jesus Christ and serving a special dinner in His Name.*



The Mission Statement came to life with joy through the giving of volunteers and through food and fellowship and through the kind-hearted presence of those who came. Each business and organization, each individual and each family who supported the Community Christmas Dinner knows the pleasure and goodwill of donating printing, other goods, money, helping prepare food, decorate, deliver meals, serve, clean-up, and especially being at the Civic Center on Christmas Day for this wonderful celebration.

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Gratitude for a Great Community!

Two weeks ago, I wrote about "Volunteering," and I asked for your help by volunteering to work at the **Class A Duals Wrestling Tournament** that we hosted this past weekend. This week, my focus is on "**Gratitude,**" because I am so grateful to all of the people in our community who stepped up and did so much to make the wrestling tournament such a huge success.



someone, I will hurt their feelings or make them feel like I didn't appreciate what they did or that I don't value them or their contribution to our tournament.

On top of that, I'm 64 years old now. I FORGET THINGS ALL THE TIME!! So I'm hesitant to single out people specifically to thank them.

However, I have decided to go ahead and mention some people individually. I am not going to single out EVERYONE who helped out because I simply don't have enough room to do so, and I'm sure I wouldn't remember everyone.

Having said all that, and at the risk of hurting someone's feelings, I would like to thank the following people and groups of people for all they did to make the tournament a huge success.

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Thank you to:

The entire Livingston community, the Livingston Little Guy Wrestling program and families, and the high school wrestling program, coaches, athletes, and families for all that they did to make it such a huge success. From setting up on Thursday night to all their work during the tournament on Friday and Saturday to all they did to clean up on Saturday night, they went above and beyond the call of duty. I would like to specifically thank Dorothy Jeff from the Livingston Little Guy Wrestling program for all that she did in so many facets and to be point person for the Little Guy wrestling group of parents that did so much work to make this tournament happen.

Sean Dellwo, the AD at Polson High School, for setting up and running the entire tournament. He was instrumental to the tournament running so smoothly.

Ben Hahn, Winans Grade School Dean, for running the girls' tournament at SGMS and making it go so smoothly both days.

The trainers from Carroll College – Kris & Hunter; the trainer from Hardin – Don D; the EMT – Isabelle; and the PT – Andrea for all the work they did keeping all of the

athletes healthy and safe.

The Livingston School District IT Department – Harley, Sarah, & Peter – for all the tech needs that they took care of. We had laptops and TVs at each mat working together, and three TVs showing the matches in the PHS Main Gym and RecPlex (auxiliary gym), among other things.

The Custodial Staffs at PHS & SGMS for taking care of problems (toilets, heat, snow & ice on sidewalks, etc.) that occurred during the tournament, as well as the setup and cleanup of both places.

Our PHS Booster Club for the outstanding job they did with concessions (just like they do for every home contest).

Vicki Petry and her crew at Mountain Air for the extremely popular t-shirts & hoodies that looked so cool!

Sierra Nardella for making the signs for the parking lots & doors and Brent Bealey, PHS AG teacher, for putting them onto pallets and getting them ready for posting on such short notice.

Adria Rodgers, PHS Attendance Secretary, for putting all of the rosters together for programs, as well as getting the lanyards for tournament workers and for getting the ticket takers' cash boxes set up.

Steph at the Main Print Shop for taking the rosters that Adria put together and

creating the programs from them. Also, for creating the brackets that each of the girls' champions received for taking 1st place in their weight class.

All of the families and restaurants that provided the outstanding food for the Hospitality Rooms. I apologize if I forget any of you in the following list: Albertson's, Domino's Pizza, Engine Room Pizza, Fiesta en Jalisco, Foodworks, Lehrkind's Coca-Cola, Matt's Butcher Shop, Perk on Park Coffee, Pizza Hut, Rx Coffee, and Town & Country Food Store.

Finally, thanks to all of the people who volunteered and worked so hard, from set-up, to table workers, to ticket-takers, to hospitality room monitors, and everyone else who helped make this tournament such a huge success. I have heard nothing but compliments from so many people, and it sounds like people would like to see this tournament back in Livingston at some point in the future. It has bounced between a couple of communities through the years, but with the job that our people did this weekend, I think there is a good chance that we will have a shot at getting it back here in a few years.

I am so grateful to all of you who stepped up and helped us put on a great tournament. What a great community we live in!

Upcoming

SHIELDS VALLEY EVENTS

- **February 5th** 6 pm Shields Valley Pre-bond Planning, Wilsall
- **February 6th** 4:15 pm Elementary/JH Boys Basketball at Gardiner
- **February 7th** 2:30 pm HS Basketball at Gardiner
- **February 8th** 9 am Elementary/JH Boys Basketball at Sleeping Giant Middle School 1 pm HS Basketball against Manhattan Christian
- **February 12th** 7 pm School Board Meeting
- **Shields Valley Mobile Pantry** Second Friday of every month in Wilsall from 10:45 am until 11:45 am. Located in the parking lot at Wilsall Dance Hall. In Clyde Park in the parking lot at the High School from 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm.
For more information and to join the program go to <https://livingstonfrc.org/get-food/food-pantry.html> or call 406-222-5335.

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Cactus Blossom Collective February Gather with Us Events

Cactus Blossom Collective invites you to the *Gather with Us* events this February, offering an opportunity to slow down, create, and connect. Curated by Community Art Coordinator Hilary Honadel, our February events thoughtfully highlight the work of local creatives like Chloe Nostrant and Sophie Hewey. The Cactus Blossom Collective was born in Livingston, Montana in 2015 by creatives Jessi Konley and Kristi Reed. The collective is part thoughtfully curated retail shop and part collaborative maker's space, utilized by a handful of creative business women and artists in our community.

Vintage Valentine Boudoir with Chloe Nostrant

Saturday, February 1 | 3 - 5:30 pm
Step into a vintage-inspired setting with photographer Chloe Nostrant for a relaxed boudoir photoshoot that celebrates you. Each \$50 session includes two Polaroid photos, light refreshments, and the chance to make a personalized DIY Valentine. Time permitting, an additional iPhone photo will be taken. Open to individuals aged 18 and older. Space is limited, and reservations are required for this intimate experience.

Body Wise: A Menstrual Cycle Mapping Workshop with Sophie Hewey

Sunday, February 9 | 12 - 3 pm
Join certified Fertility Awareness Educator Sophie Hewey for a hands-on, workshop on menstrual cycle mapping. Learn about the four phases of the menstrual cycle, hormonal changes, and the Fertility Awareness Method for cycle charting. This workshop is open to all and offers a deeper understanding of your body and its rhythms. The cost is \$50 per participant, and space is limited.

To register, visit us online Cactus Blossom Collective.

Craft Movie Night at Empire with Cactus Blossom Collective

In collaboration with Empire Twin Theatre, join us for Craft Movie Night. Bring your current project, knitting, stitching, or anything else, and enjoy an evening of quiet crafting and community. Each session features a film that complements the atmosphere of the night.

Upcoming films:

- Legally Blonde (PG-13, Comedy/Romance) | Monday, February 24 | 7 pm | craft + chat
- The Miseducation of Cameron Post (NR, 2018, Comedy/Drama) | Monday, March 24 | 7 pm | tea + chat

Presale tickets are available online at Cactus Blossom Collective for \$10 each. For more details please email director@empiretwintheatre.com.

Save the Date: Community Gathering at Cactus Blossom Collective

Saturday, February 16, 2025
Join us for a curated gathering at Cactus Blossom Collective, in collaboration with local creatives. This event will bring together makers of all kinds, digital artists, ceramicists, poets, and more to share their work and connect in a relaxed, welcoming space. It's a chance to slow down, engage in real-life conversations, and build meaningful connections with fellow creators. More details coming soon. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for how to reserve your spot and get involved.

We look forward to gathering with you this February. For more details or to RSVP, please email hilary@cactusblossomcollective.com.

PC CJ OPINION

To submit your opinion article, email tony@pccjournal.com.

What Happened at the City/County Board of Health Meeting

The Park City-County Board of Health, in a January 22nd meeting led by chair Dr. Stefanie Lange, voted to scrap a 2014 quarantine and isolation plan previously adopted to supplement the county's emergency response plan. The highly anticipated meeting had been rescheduled from the previous week in reaction to threats allegedly aimed at public officials through the social media platform Facebook.

In a statement provided by Park County Undersheriff Tad Dykstra, Health Officer Laurel Desnick "Approached the Sheriff's office stating that there had been personal attacks on Facebook towards individuals and the Health Department. The Health Department decided that it would be advantageous to cancel the health board meeting and prepare for a larger crowd." Dykstra expanded on this statement saying that, "At this time, no criminal threats have been reported, and no investigation is being conducted."

The Health Department and County Commissioner Bryan Wells were contacted by the Journal and asked to provide additional commentary on the cancellation, though neither responded prior to the rescheduled meeting.

The decision to rescind the plan, recommended by Health Officer Laurel Desnick, came after months of intense public scrutiny surround-

an attempt to wield power over the public or, scrupulously protect the community—depending on, of course, who you asked.

One speaker voiced support for the competence and expertise of health department officials by likening their role of protecting the public as "neighbors performing a service" to civil engineers and mechanics building infrastructure and repairing vehicles. Later that evening a second individual quipped, "No mechanic has ever come to my house and told me there was something wrong my car," insisting instead that consulting professionals is sometimes necessary, yet whether intervention is sought remains a choice.

Though insightful contributions were put forth by Park County's finest, many comments tediously overstated civil liberties infringements, vague and broad language used in legal documents, government overreaches of power, individual autonomy and the like—undoubtedly crucial considerations on any democratic platform, yet in terms of quality, not quantity.

The grossly redundant effort, nonetheless, would prove futile.

Because following nearly two and a half hours of public commentary, the board began its discussion with Desnick declaring the 2014 quarantine and isolation plan outdated due to it containing obsolete language and laws within the Montana

Code Annotated (MCA) no longer enforceable.

Following the cancelled meeting scheduled for January 15th, the health board, according to Desnick, asked that she attempt to gather further information regarding current practices implemented by county health departments throughout Montana and to locate the previous quarantine and isolation plan originally drafted in 2004 (since updated in 2014)—solutions to "address missing information and misinformation," said Desnick.

After consulting other public health officials, she learned that many departments have transitioned to using Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs) as the "standard operating procedure for directing health department staff during situations where the spread of communicable disease puts the citizens of Park County at risk."

Desnick then located Park County's NPI, a document outlining "non-pharmaceutical interventions for disease, injury and exposure control," completed and approved in 2019 as a required assignment from the Montana Department of Health and Human Services. At that time the plan was endorsed by the City of Livingston's police department and Park County's Sheriff's department. The NPI complies with Montana code and DHHS standards.

Desnick stated "It would be reasonable for the board to vote to rescind that plan [the 2014 Quarantine and Isolation plan] immediately." She also insisted that the draft presented on October 8th is "no longer relevant and it is reasonable to withdraw it."

Board member Billy Watson and members of the public then openly questioned Desnick about the NPI, specifically, why it had not been included on the evening's agenda, mentioned prior to the meeting, nor discovered up until recently—reasons cited for questioning the health officer's transparency and the department's operations. Keyes, referring to the code of conduct, proclaimed Watson's statement a personal attack, sparking further controversy regarding the process preventing inquiries and promoting censorship.

Desnick, defending herself as interim director (accepting the position merely 10 days prior to



Tony Crowder
Managing Editor



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ing a separate draft presented at a health board meeting in October 2024. The draft contained controversial language concerning procedural measures for enforcing quarantine and isolation practices in the event of a communicable disease outbreak. Many in attendance at the October 8th meeting claimed that the plan was unconstitutional, illegal and potentially subject to litigation, sentiments since echoed online and during the meeting held on January 22nd.

Last week, Park County citizens began trickling into the district courtroom well before 5 pm. By 5:30 pm the room was packed with nearly 100 people stewing in a palpable tension acknowledged by mediator Mary Anne Keyes, who kicked off the meeting shortly thereafter with opening statements about how Montana's renowned "sunshine laws" enabled and encouraged extensive participation in the political process—especially, at the local level, where the implications of public policy resonate with a special fervor for American democracy.

Keyes then described how the evening's proceedings would unfold in accordance with legal requirements and referred to a handwritten code of conduct plastered to the wall—rules of engagement intended to inspire civil discourse regarding the hotly contested topic, designed to temper public commentary—yet with only partial success.

Much of the ensuing contributions on "items not included within the agenda" (primarily the tabled draft presented October 8th) would go on to blatantly violate a rule prohibiting duplicative commentary in favor of individualized expression—ironically mimicking the issue at hand: obstinately exercising personal freedom at the expense of public welfare, a cynical recalcitrance displayed in response to purported misinformation propagated by federal officials during the COVID-19 pandemic, whether merely perceived or actual being irrelevant to the point.

An onslaught of unrelenting troops—government naysayers and enthusiasts, religious fanatics, conspiracy theorists, professionals from various educational backgrounds, local business owners and the like—feverously charged the podium to launch a grueling barrage of grievances hurled both in support and criticism of the health board for either abusing its authority in

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The "Elusive Accord" Made Less Elusive

by Patricia Grabow

It's no secret this is pretty much a "me first" world. People have to push and shove and claim victory, the frog in the pond that croaks the loudest, the salesperson of the year, cost be damned. And we all know that a lot of TV couldn't exist without conflict. So don't hold your breath that long for the spirit of generosity and service to the well-being of businesses and community if you don't like turning blue.

That said, small miracles, even the kind wrapped together with baling twine and duck tape, are welcome when they happen. The Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center and the city reached a deal and made amends regarding a lawsuit regarding the Convention and Visitor Bureau (CVB) and Tourist Improvement District (TBID) monies that the previous city manager took (I'm trying not to use a stronger word just now) from the Chamber, which created both of those entities for Livingston. The Chamber had spent almost two years filling out forms and going to meetings so that we could create and benefit from a TBID and CVB. For the TBID, all of the hotels and motels in Livingston charge our visitors an extra \$2.00 per booking. The TBID does not come from our taxpayers, but instead from customers to our hotels and motels. This unethical taking understandably became the subject of litigation, pending since 2020. And things in the legal world rarely zip like roadrunners.

Through mediation, however, the City and the Chamber have worked together to negotiate an agreement. I have had a small, local business here for about twenty-five years, and walking in Livingston's downtown, just about everyone I know who was familiar

with this breathed a sigh of relief. The hope is that we all can concentrate more on cooperation in solving our economic problems—especially as some of our businesses were down 20% last year—rather than having to choose sides in a world that these days tends to polarize on a dime anyway.

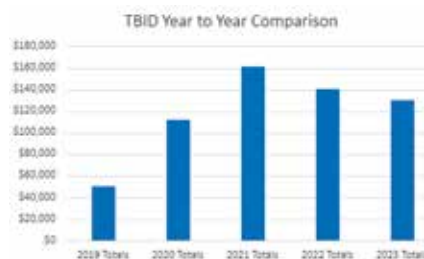
It's at least a promising step. That doesn't mean there's complete clarity on the subject. An apparent error in a different local paper mistakenly reported the conflict as over just \$30,000 in annual TBID funds. This needs to be set straight, as it enormously and unjustly understates the remarkable sacrifice the Chamber made in coming to the table on this.

Were that the case, I doubt that there would have even been a lawsuit, as that figure did not even come close to what our 124 year-old Chamber was asked to relinquish in order to make the deal work.

Fortunately, in another arena, our city manager and city commission, whom I have supported and think very highly of, has remained true to its commitment to transparency in its dealings at city commission meetings, so it was easy to find out how much money the newly formed Explore Livingston managed each year as a result of the city's taking of the hard-earned TBID money from the Chamber.

Explore Livingston is now required to give an annual report to the city regarding their income and outgo—P&L, etc. We can look to the June 18, 2024 city commission meeting packet (pages 74 through 76), and Explore Livingston made a report before our city government, including the P&L for this year's \$144,000 if anyone is interested. You can see what they spent the \$144,000 this

year on. In that report, Explore Livingston fairly included a graph of their year-to-year



comparison of TBID income.

Looking at the above graph, it looks to me that the TBID income for 2020 was about \$110,000, for 2021 the TBID income was \$160,000, for 2022, the income was about \$140,000, the 2023 income was about \$130,000, and the income for FY 2024 was \$144,000. My calculator comes out to about \$684,000 thus far since the lawsuit began or averaging around \$137,000 per year. This money is annual, so the amount the Chamber was willing to settle the lawsuit for grows each year as well.

That seems like a lot of money and, it is. It is hard for many to admit and undo a mistake, but it seems people also realize that refusal to do so creates costly conflict at long ongoing cost to everyone involved. That is where the generosity, if even of the forced kind, of the Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce comes in. The episode leaves you with very mixed feelings, but also great respect for their spirit, for which the community owes them at minimum a serious debt of gratitude.

In my guest opinion of January 3rd of this year, "In Search of the Elusive Accord," I discussed two federal acts our cooperative community can tap into just as an

opener—the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the just signed into law, ironically again, \$1.2 trillion EXPLORE Act, with one of its initiatives being the "Gateway Community and Recreation Enhancement Act."

These are points of significant potential opportunity, where working together we can roll up our sleeves and looking to funding for our dreams for our town now that we have the atmosphere to accomplish our goals.

We just finished a "Master Plan" for our downtown, though that remains just a plan until we do the work to find investors.

Our hope is, in the big picture, that businesses realize that we really have a shot at the amazing possibility of putting our remarkable railroad shops back to work. There is a communication going out entitled "Prosperity for Downtown Livingston," which should appear in a future Park County Community Journal. All of the citizens and organizations are welcome to investigate and participate in whatever way they would feel appropriate.

It's an imperfect world, and sometimes the steps are a little closer to stumbles. But who knows—with a little more peace on earth, maybe good things can be accomplished. At very least thanks are due to everyone for the part they played in seeking out this "Elusive Accord." And if we're honest, the greatest thanks in this process here are most due the Livingston Area Chamber for its vision, its patience, and its sacrifice.

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OPINION

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the meeting), clarified that the document had not come to her attention until very recently, further insisting that though chaotic and confusing, there were no malicious intentions by the health department.

She said, "I cannot defend what others have done before me, but those who have passed through the [health] department were committed, honest and truthful in doing the best they could. In 2014, there were no electronic records



Photo Credit: Jacob Schwarz

or notes; this [quarantine and isolation plan] was in the midst of a paper document that is 278 pages long. There's no funny business, no bait and switch, no trying to keep things from the public. This [what it took to find the document] is hard work."

She also explained that the draft disseminated in October by former director Shannan Piccolo was adopted from another county under the assumption that a new plan must be formulated from scratch, calling it "unfortunate."

Eventually, the board unanimously voted to rescind the 2014 quarantine and isolation plan. Because the tabled draft presented October 8th was not included on the agenda, it could not be considered for further action, though it is currently inactive. Members of the board intend to review the NPI at a future meeting and discussed the possibility of hosting an open forum for the public to provide feedback on developing a new plan. The health department will, for the time being, refer to state guidelines on the issue of

disease prevention.

Though free speech is at the pinnacle of our democracy and should be championed as such, individual liberties were prioritized at the cost of effective and efficient governing—perhaps compensatory for a perceived loss of power during the recent pandemic. The question now is whether this same impulse to reclaim such power will once again override reason when an occasion calling for prudence arises, beckoning grace yet instead forced to welcome rebellion for its own sake.

Just how far will the pendulum swing and at what price? Could and should representative democracy, like the aldermanic form of government, exist within Park County? The founding fathers may have been onto something when they forewent true democracy for republicanism.

A majority of those who spoke abandoned post long before the board began their discussion or arrived at a decision—in my estimate nearly 70% or more of those in attendance at 5:30 pm had vacated the building altogether by 8 pm—inspiring curiosity amongst us remaining faithful as to what motivated this outcry: socio-political activism or self-aggrandizement? And in what other future scenario can we expect the common good be sacrificed for moral grandstanding? I'll defer here to the Aristotelian ethos that virtue lies in moderation, the truest pursuit of democracy.

The Department of Health and its board members are certainly no less responsible for this mess. Lack of open communication channels and knowledge of processes (for example, requiring the presence of a mediator to oversee proceedings) further served to cause dismay and frustration. Whether elected or appointed, public officials are expected to correspond with media sources, engage in transparent public relations and understand basic democratic procedures—that is, if they are interested in promoting integrity amongst their constituents and governing conscientiously with dexterity.

Parakeets and Community Heroes

by Joyce Johnson



My ancient desktop computer tower fell over recently and it's hurt, unconscious. So I am sitting at Ron's laptop to write a column because it's been a few weeks since I have submitted anything to the Journal. Been busy doing... nothing. I'll explain.

Ron's three parakeets are out of the cage and taking turns "buzzing" me here in Ron's office. I love Ron's watch-birds. They are so cheery and chirpy. One cannot be in here without feeling well, chipper, and lightheaded from their constant commenting. One of them just now said "Chewy!" about 16 times. I like to think he is calling our late shizoo, Chewbakka. "Chewy" for short of course. Maybe Chewy's spirit comes to visit. I am by the way, lately nursing a sore rib from when me and Ron threw cut logs off the snow-covered pile outside, and onto the front porch. I way overdid it but it was cold

out there and I was trying to finish fast. Restless off the computer, I had amped up energy from swimming laps at Chico, but my not-twenty-anymore body said, "whoa, slow down or you'll be sorry." Guess what? Ow. So, a little stiff, but I will try to reconnect with our readers here, with this goofy story, while Ron is taking a nap away from his laptop. The keets keep buzzing me, as though saying "You are sitting in Ron's chair, Joyce! This is an unacceptable detour from routine." Tell me about it birds. Here's how the past 3 or 4 weeks have been:

It started with my smartphone acting up, and in short, Ron bought me another better one. Not as cheap as the first one, but not a Star Trek Ground Crew Beam up Communication Gizmo, either. My new one cost a bit over 100 bucks is all. I really only wanted a phone and texting tool. Never mind all the apps, but I weakened and had to surrender to the new phone apps

because I failed the test of being "off" the computer. Wow, was it hard to be disconnected from my Cyber world. Confession: I learned how addicted I am. Add to that, I had serious cabin fever, white stuff kept coming down from the sky; zero temps; there was no walking out there without 10 pounds of clothes, chains on your boots, a hiking pole and ski mask, all of which takes about a half hour to pull on. To my credit, I did walking laps inside in my PJs. I love to read too, which saved my... birds just buzzed me again! Dear reader, try this: Don't use a computer for say, 4 days. I bet you get cranky and weird too.

Meanwhile, our WiFi connection was mysteriously off... it's beam? We needed it's ID and password for phone app things, and connecting the mini computer probably, which we ordered to replace the tower, but which is still not here after two weeks. It could take up to a month to get here because Mini computers are popular and had to be ordered from... Mars, you see. But another kind neighbor offered to mess with the tower and maybe kickstart it to use till the Mini is delivered from Antarctica, or wherever. [I just got bird-buzzed again and the draft they make lifts my bangs.] Anyway I turned the router over and with a magnifying glass saw that the password was worn off. Had to buy another

we thought. Password hell.

Then I discovered a plumbing leak. Waaahh! I couldn't use my bathroom sink but had to keep a heater aimed at it during those deep sub zero days recently. I asked my neighbor, Herbie, to just come over some time and look at the pipes and tell us what he thought was wrong and after looking under the sink, he said, "ya just need a new faucet." And then he left. But came back fast with a faucet he had laying around his shed, and put it on for us. I told Herbie the WiFi mystery story, too, since he's good with computers. He dictated a bunch of numbers, rom memory to search. It took Ron to a site that allowed us to create a new password with the router's ID. Wow! Cyber magic! Soon my new phone was happy and so are Ron and I and the keets because I'm done editing and they get the Boss back in the office. Herbie grew up fixing stuff. I think he should work on the President's cabinet, and I don't mean the one in the kitchen. Herbie gets a least two custom painted rocks for his rescues.

[A special message to The "Heart Lady" at Town and Country last week: Thank you for your kind input! You know who you are. Wanna rock too? It's on the house. Email 2jaysplace@gmail.com.]

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Lemon Water—Should You Drink It?

Lemons (Citrus limon) are among the world's most popular citrus fruits. They grow on trees and are a hybrid of the original citron and lime. There are many ways to enjoy lemons; however, they taste very



When you are squeezing those lemons, some pulp goes into the mix, pectins in the pulp can promote fullness and feed the friendly bacteria in your gut, therein promoting good health and decreased risk of disease.

sour and usually are not eaten alone or as a whole fruit—unless you are a hardcore admirer!

Many people drink lemon water a few times a day. Some like it hot; others prefer cold. Some folks like to kickstart their day with a glass or cup, while others like to unwind with it after their evening meal. Either way, drinking water with freshly squeezed lemon tastes great and does have health benefits. It keeps you hydrated, too!

Lemon water is a rich source of vitamin C and plant compounds, which can enhance immune function, protect against various diseases, and increase your absorption of iron. The citric acid in lemons decreases your risk of kidney stones by diluting urine and increasing its citrate content. [Healthline] They are a great source of fiber and lemons also contain minerals and essential oils.

To top things off, the lemon aroma derived from the essential oils can decrease stress and improve mood. Lemons are also a great source of fiber and minerals. Eating lemons may lower your risk of heart disease and even cancer. But before you head to the store to get your lemon fix and grab a commercially-processed lemonade, recognize that any similar health benefits from the lemons can be offset by the added sugars, which is unhealthy when consumed in excess.

Nutrition Facts

Lemons contain very little fat and protein. They consist mainly of carbs (10%) and water (88–89%). A medium lemon provides only about 20 calories. The nutrients in 1/2 cup (100 grams) of raw, peeled lemon are:

- Calories: 29
- Water: 89%
- Protein: 1.1 grams

- Carbs: 9.3 grams
- Sugar: 2.5 grams
- Fiber: 2.8 grams
- Fat: 0.3 grams

The carbohydrates in lemons are primarily composed of fibers and simple sugars, such as glucose, fructose, and sucrose. The main fiber in lemons is pectin. Soluble fibers like pectin can lower blood sugar levels by slowing down the digestion of sugar and starch. Dietary fiber is an important part of a healthy diet and it's linked to numerous health benefits.

Lemon's Health Benefits



Citrus fruits, including lemons, are associated with numerous health benefits in addition to their well-known assistance with common colds or flu, as a metabolism booster, and their support of healthy skin and bones. Intake of isolated fibers from citrus fruits has been shown to decrease blood cholesterol levels. Also, the essential oils in lemons can protect LDL (bad) cholesterol particles from becoming oxidized.

Heart disease, including heart attacks and strokes, is the world's most common cause of death. Intake of fruits high in vitamin C is linked to reduced heart-disease risk, and it assists the body in collagen production thereby improving skin integrity. [bbcGoodFood.com] Low levels of vitamin C in the blood are associated with increased risk of stroke, especially among those who are overweight or have high blood pressure.

Preventing Kidney Stones

The citric acid in lemons may reduce your risk of kidney stones. [Healthline] However, while some studies have shown that lemon juice and lemonade can be effective at preventing kidney stones, other studies have found no effect, so we can't be 100% sure.

Anemia Prevention

Anemia is often caused by iron deficiency and it is most common in pre-menopausal women. Lemons contain small amounts of iron, but they are a great source of vitamin C and citric acid, which increases the absorption of iron from other foods, which may help prevent anemia.

Cancer

Lemons may help reduce the risk of many types of cancers, including breast cancer. This is thought to be due to the plant compounds they contain, like hesperidin and d-limonene. [Healthline]

Adverse Effects from Drinking Lemon Water?

Lemons are generally well tolerated, but citrus fruits may cause allergic reactions in a small number of people. They may also cause contact allergy and skin irritation in people with dermatitis. If you have tooth-enamel erosion, it's best to skip the lemon water (or sip it with a straw to get it past your teeth). Some folks prone to stomach upset, heartburn, nausea, or GERD (gastrointestinal and acid reflux) might also like to pass.

The Bottom Line...

Lemons are a refreshing fruit usually not eaten whole but rather in water or as a garnish or flavoring. They are an excellent source of vitamin C, soluble fibers, and plant compounds, all of which provide health benefits. If you're interested in trying out lemon water, start with 8 oz. of water and slim wedge of lemon. Add more lemon or toss in a twig of peppermint or honey to your liking. When life gives you lemons...

Recipe by
Carla Williams

RECIPE CORNER

Chocolate Fudge Layered Cake – Indulge in Decadence!

Ingredients

For the Brownie Cake:

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup chocolate chips (semi-sweet or dark)

For the Ganache Topping:

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 8 oz semi-sweet chocolate, chopped

Instructions

Prepare the Brownie Cake:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9x13-inch baking pan.
2. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Remove from heat and stir in the sugar until well combined.
3. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Stir in the vanilla extract.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, salt, and baking powder. Gradually mix the dry ingredients into the wet mixture until just combined.
5. Fold in the chocolate chips.
6. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, spreading it evenly.
7. Bake for 25–30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out with a few moist crumbs. Allow the cake to cool completely in the pan.

Make the Ganache Topping:

1. Heat the heavy cream in a small saucepan over medium heat until it begins to simmer (avoid boiling).



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2. Pour the hot cream over the chopped chocolate in a heatproof bowl. Let it sit for 2–3 minutes, then stir until the mixture is smooth and glossy.

Assemble the Cake:

1. Pour the ganache over the cooled brownie cake, spreading it evenly with a spatula.
2. Let the ganache set at room temperature for a softer texture, or refrigerate for a firmer finish.

Serve:

Slice into squares or rectangles and serve.

For an elegant touch, top each slice with:

- Whipped cream
- Fresh berries
- A sprinkle of powdered sugar

Tips for Perfect Results

Add a Crunchy Twist: Mix chopped nuts like walnuts or pecans into the brownie batter.

Extra Ganache: Double the ganache recipe for an even thicker layer.

Storage: Store leftovers in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days or in the refrigerator for 1 week.

Enjoy this irresistible combination of fudgy brownie and smooth ganache—it's the ultimate chocolate dream!

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Essential Oil Spotlight-Rose

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Symbolic of love, beauty and seduction, Rose is referred to as the queen of oils. It is one of the most precious essential oils in the world. It is highly sought after for its many therapeutic properties. It is the oil of love and all things good.

Producing rose oil is very labor-intensive and produces very low yields. A 5 ml bottle requires about 10,000 freshly picked Damask rose blossoms from Bulgaria. Distillation must begin the same day of harvest. The prize is an essential oil with a sweet, romantic scent that has many health benefits.

This seductive tonic can be used as an aphrodisiac due to its sweet

floral aroma, not only beautiful, but romantic.



Rose is the oil of Divine Love. It can be a powerful healer of the heart space. Alcohols like Citronellol,

present in oils from various aromatic plant species, like Rose, make it a clarifying oil that helps connect the mind and soul to divine love. Rose softens the heart to receive grace and intervention in one's healing process.

When your skin is dehydrated, the body will begin to produce too much oil. Rose aids in balancing the skin's moisture levels. Try adding a few drops to your skincare routine. Because it has astringent qualities, it also is a good choice to help with skin imperfections. Use morning and night on areas of concern to even skin tone and aid in a healthy complexion. Rose is stimulating and elevating

this essential oil has to offer.

Rose can be the perfect natural fragrance for you. Apply to your wrists, neck and heart for a romantic personal scent. doTERRA essential oils are free of chemicals and additives and are the perfect alternative to over the counter perfumes.

Diffuse alone or with other floral essential oils to bring feelings of energy and vitality. Its radiant fragrance brings feelings of love, care and comfort to you and those around you.

Rose essential oil can also help with menstrual cramping, poor circulation, brain health, digestion, facial redness, grief and emotional balance. Roses are famous for their beauty and their haunting aroma. Commonly used in Middle Eastern cuisine, doTERRA's rose essential oil can be used in culinary dishes, as well.

Open your heart to all of the beautiful benefits Rose essential oil can offer you. Good luck in your journey and reach out if you have any questions or if I can help in any way!!

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

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Kristen Grainger and True North in Concert for Shane Center Presents

The Shane Center Presents will offer the first concert of 2025 on Feb. 15th when Kristen Grainger and True North take the stage. Kristen is an award winning songwriter with honors from the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Wildflower Festival, MerleFest, the Hazel Dickens Songwriting Contest, and the Kerrville New Folk Contest. She is joined by her oftentimes cowriter/husband/guitarist Dan Wetzel, who spent some time in Montana playing music in the early 80's. They're joined by Josh Adkins on bass, and Martin Stevens playing mandolin, octave mandolin and fiddle – and everyone sings. The band has so much praise it's hard to wade through – here are some highlights from some of the top writers reviewing music in the Folk, Americana and Acoustic Music genres.

With award-winning songwriting, the utterly honest and endearing voice of Kristen, and a great story, KG and TN are my favorite roots/grass band

discovery of 2023.

She's a former political advisor and speech writer who quit that life in her 40s to pursue music full time with her guitar playing harmony singing husband.

This is not a driving banjo album, but an elegant and thoughtful interpretation of newgrass. —Craig Havighurst, WMOT (From Best Traditional Albums of the Year)

In a world that demands the ability to pigeonhole bands, Kristen Grainger & True North make life difficult. Their album, Fear of Falling Stars doesn't fit easily into a particular box.

Especially since a couple of the songs are sung by Dan Wetzel, who also plays guitar, banjo and mandola. But then Martin Stevens plays mandolin and fiddle while Josh Adkins' bass fills



the bottom end. Their four-part harmonies are exquisite, and the songs feature some of the quirkiest lyrics you're likely to hear. Grainger suggests, "We gravitate towards songs that let us stretch out instrumentally and stack harmonies like cordwood."

Listening to the lyrics of these songs the realization that hits

hardest is that beyond the music that straddles the bluegrass, country and Americana, are lyrics that sneak up and deliver one sucker punch after another. That really shouldn't be a surprise since Grainger has scored top honors at songwriting competitions from the Telluride Bluegrass Festival to MerleFest and the USA Songwriting Contest. She was even acclaimed alongside Dolly Parton and Brandi Carlile as one of the Women Who

Wrote Our 2020 Soundtrack by The Bluegrass Situation.

Over the course of the 10 songs on Fear of Falling Stars Kristen Grainger & True North establish why they deserve to be heard well beyond the confines of the West Coast of the United States.

They are quite simply a band that throws out the rules and plays with the kind of heart and soul that crosses boundaries, striking chords of truth for anyone who cares to listen. —Bill Fish, For Folk's Sake

The four piece Oregon based band is making a rare journey to Montana to bring an evening of award winning original songs to the audience at the Shane Center. The show starts at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are available at www.TheShaneCenter.org. This show has been generously sponsored by Walter & Regina Wunsch and SPECTEC.

The Attic Presents The Sleepless Elite

On Friday, February 14th, The Attic presents an evening of live music by indie rock band The Sleepless Elite and special guest Stephanie Burda.

Audiences can expect a selection of original Sleepless Elite songs, as well as a variety of "sad covers" as an alternative take on Valentine's Day. "Valentine's Day can often be a disappointing holiday for many, but I want to bring some levity by embracing the shared experience of our collective sadness," bandleader Carolina Kehoe shared. "Love is a gut punch we've all felt at some point, and there's something deeply primal about singing about it together."

Inspired by the likes of Blondie, Sia, Paramore, and No Doubt, The Sleepless Elite features Baylor Carter on percussion, Drew Carter on lead guitar, and Mary Makris on bass. The band welcomes vocalist and auxiliary musician Stephanie Burda for additional support. "We aim to create an immersive, miserable experience," Burda joked. "Show up for slow-dancing, horror stories, and a carefully curated setlist that spans decades. No kissing, please." Doors open at 7 pm. Tickets are available at the door, in advance at Whiskey Creek Saloon, or online at theatticmontana.com.



Elk River Books Presents Samuel Western

Wyoming author Samuel Western reads from and discusses his new book, *The Spirit of 1889: Restoring the Lost Promise of the High Plains and Northern Rockies*, on Thursday, Feb. 6th at Elk River Books.



rural America is and could be. *The Spirit of 1889* aims to shed light on how these states have drifted so far from where they began and what might be done to reclaim those original values."

The Cowboy State Daily notes, "If Sam Western's *The Spirit of 1889* ruffles some feathers, good. If it makes some see the state we all love from a different angle, and think about how we can make it look like our founders envisioned ... that's even better."

Western has covered the northern Rocky Mountain region for the *Economist* for 25 years, and also taught economic history at the University of Wyoming. He is the author of *Pushed Off the Mountain, Sold Down the River: Wyoming's Search for Its Soul* and other books. A two-time recipient of the Wyoming Literary Fellowship for fiction, he is also a finalist for the High Plains Books Award for poetry. He lives in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Elk River Books is located at 122 S. 2nd St. in downtown Livingston. The event begins at 7 pm, and a book signing and reception will follow. For those who can't attend in person, the event will live-stream at [YouTube.com/ElkRiverBooks](https://www.youtube.com/ElkRiverBooks). For more information, send an email to info@elkriverbooks.com or call (406) 333-2330.

According to the publisher, "North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho wrote, or rewrote, their state constitutions in August 1889. These documents were remarkably inclusive and progressive: state ownership of water, suffrage for women, curbing the power of the railroads, and an eight-hour workday. These states, the '89ers' as Western calls them, exhibited a spirit of commonweal inclusivity that set them apart.

"Today, legislators in these five states have spurned these inclusive values. Instead, they promote the narrative of exclusion and lean toward authoritarianism. In their current condition, these states are in direct contradiction of the progressive values of their 1889 Constitutions.

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Blake Brightman



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

Tuesdays

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CAREER ASSISTANCE - Livingston Chamber of Commerce and Job Services of Bozeman are collaborating to provide on-site career and employment services once a week in Livingston, MT at the Chamber. Workforce consultants will be available Tuesdays from 9 am to 3 pm in the Chamber's Conference Room at 303 East Park Street. Contact Leslie at the Livingston Chamber of Commerce (406) 222-0850 or Ellen at Job Service Bozeman (406) 582-9237 for more information.

Wednesdays

BINGO NIGHT AT THE OFFICE - The Office Lounge at 128 S. Main Street is hosting Bingo, 6:30-9:30 pm.

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

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

Mondays-Fridays

DAILY COFFEE WITH FRIENDS! Open to all ages 9:15 am to 12:15 pm. Free. Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston. ParkCountySeniorCenter.org

February 6 - CAREGIVER RESPITE RETREAT at MSU Extension Park County. Caregivers are invited to attend this free event from 1-3 pm. Join caregivers from around the area to engage in hands-on activities designed to help you recharge. Call 406-222-4156 or email park@montana.edu to RSVP by Feb. 3rd.

February 7 - NIGHT TO SHINE with the Tim Tebow Foundation and the Livingston Christian Center presents a worldwide celebration event. At this "Red Carpet" event, all guests are Kings and Queens and will be welcomed by a friendly crowd and paparazzi, sparkle stations, gifts, catered dinner, dancing and a crowning ceremony. A sensory room is also provided. This will be a night to remember! For more information or to register special guests (Ages 14+) : www.livingstonchristiancenter.com.

February 8 - WEDDING OPEN HOUSE - The Livingston Depot Center will host a Wedding Open House from 10 am to 5 pm to showcase options available to transform the Depot to reflect each couples unique personalities onto the classic backdrop. Join us at 200 W. Park Street, no RSVP needed and admission is free.

February 8 - SONGS & DANCES OF LOVE - Yellowstone Ballet presents Songs & Dances of Love at the Willson Auditorium, 404 W. Main Street in Bozeman, at 7:30 pm. Purchase tickets online at <https://yellowstoneballet.info>.

February 8 - BOOTS & BUCKLES BALL will take place at the Park County Fairgrounds, 46 View Vista Drive, doors open at 5 pm, prime rib dinner starts at 6 pm, and dancing starts at 8:30 pm. The silent auction is from 5 to 8:30 pm, with live auction starting at 7 pm. Live music by Blake Brightman Band and a no host bar provided by The Owl. Purchase tickets by email at rodeo@livingstonroundup.com or call 406-222-3199 and leave a message.

February 9 - VEGAN POTLUCK - Join them at the Park County Senior Center at 206 S. Main St. at 4:30 pm. You don't have to be vegan, but the food does. Please bring a dish to share that is free from meat, eggs, dairy, honey, and gelatin. You can keep it simple by bringing chips & salsa, fresh fruit, pickles or olives, or a green salad. Sharing delicious food and recipes with fun people who care about their health, the planet and most of all—the animals!

February 13 - THE MAKING OF WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN - The Shane Center Dulcie Theatre, 415 E. Lewis, invites you to join them for a screening *Will the Circle be Unbroken, Volume Two* at 7 pm. Produced by Joanne Gardner and Rosanne Cash, the film captures the band in the studio recording their groundbreaking project. This is a free event and doors open at 6:30 pm.

February 14 - VALENTINE'S EVENING OF JAZZ - Join us at The Hub at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., for the 2nd Annual Valentine Gala! Catered dinner from 6-7 pm, music starts at 7 pm. Tickets are available online or at the door. Seating is limited to 190 guests, so get your tickets early! For more info, contact Garrick Fulmer-Faust, Executive Director at 406-333-2276.

February 15 - FOR THE LOVE OF PARK COUNTY - An evening of music and community for the county we all love! Join us for a silent auction and live music from Marcedes Carrol, Blake Brightman and Rancho Deluxe at the Elks Lodge, 130 S. 2nd St., Livingston. Doors will open at 6 pm, music starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased early for \$25 from Find.PCCF-Montana.org/LivingLife or at the door for \$35.

February 22 - WINTER MAKERS MARKET is back for a THIRD year at the Livingston Depot! Showcasing local artists, artisans, and makers, PLUS delicious homemade goodies, hot drinks and indoor seating. Doors open 9 am to 4 pm. Admission \$1 for adults, kids 12 & under free. More information at www.livingstondepot.org/marketapp.html

Consider a Sponsorship of the Community Journal



The *Park County Community Journal* is seeking help from our followers to continue its mission: promoting positivity in the local community. We do this by publishing stories about the people, organizations, businesses, and events that represent Park County, often times at request, and most importantly, to shine light on what makes this community special.

We promote local businesses and encourage their support; honor non-profit organizations dedicated to philanthropy; celebrate our vibrant arts community by showcasing its contributors and their work; praise the achievements of students and children in sports and education; recognize major developments in municipal and county government; and cover local events to spur participation and advance the concept of community.

Knowledge as power, though a cliché, is undeniably true, and our intention is to inform readers about the community so as to inspire positive change through mutual support and understanding.

The *Journal* currently publishes 2,000 copies weekly for distribution throughout Park County. In response to incoming tourists, this number will rise in the early spring to 2,500 and to 3,000 by summer 2025. Park County depends on tourism to thrive, and the newspaper has a role in sharing information with visitors about what our community has to offer through advertising and editorials

on businesses and events. In addition to compensating staff, this increase in printing is expensive (\$0.45 per copy; total annual printing expenses amounting to roughly \$50,000 contingent upon need), but our goal is to help the community flourish without placing a burden on our readers.

Up until now, the newspaper has been free of charge—a service provided to the community not intended to generate income through our consumers, much like a non-profit organization. Our desire is to continue this tradition via advertising fees, the *Journal's* current business model, and by exploring new avenues for raising money to fund operating expenses without shifting costs to readers. For example, we are currently working alongside non-profit organizations like Prospera and Park Local to consider and develop new strategies for increasing revenue, such as adjusting advertising rates for local businesses through the cool season. However, as we are not technically a non-profit organization, our options are somewhat limited.

We are therefore asking you to please consider the value of our newspaper to this community and to support our cause by making a donation that will be used to extend our outreach and impact to locals and visitors alike. Donations may be made once or on a recurring basis, if possible.

Because we are not a charity organization, your gifts are not tax-deductible. However, any donation, small or large, helps us in our effort to shape this community for the better. Even just two dollars each from a few thousand individuals would be extremely helpful in keeping this newspaper free as we continuously strive to benefit the community.

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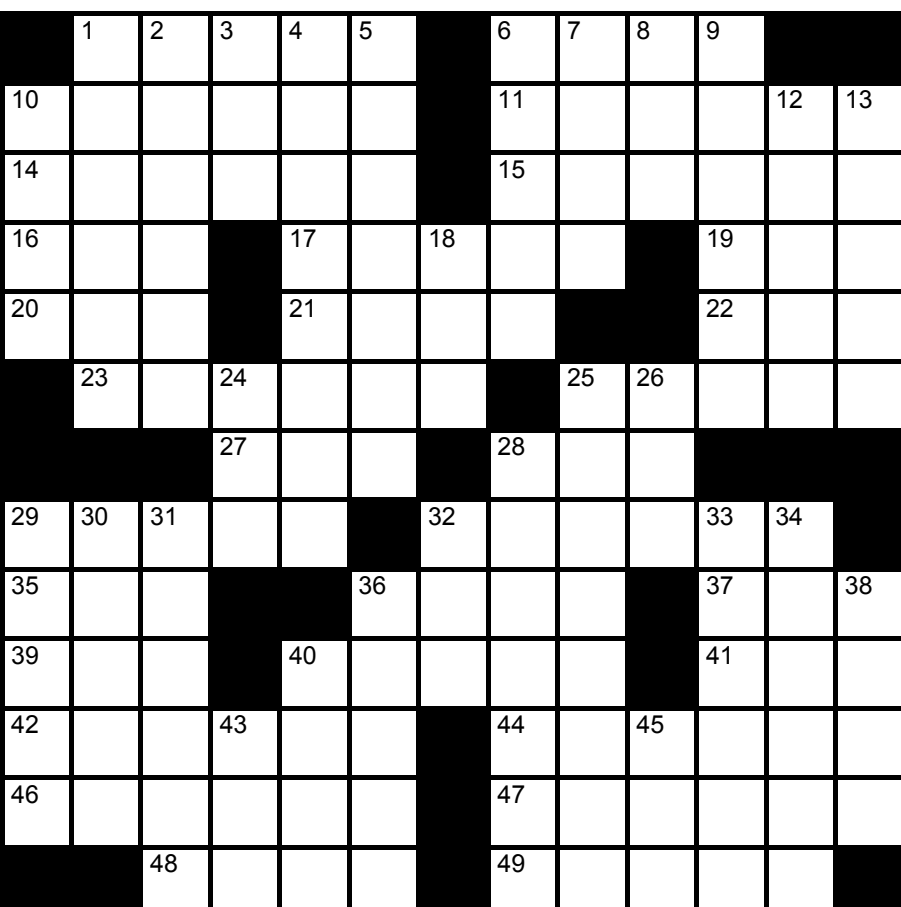
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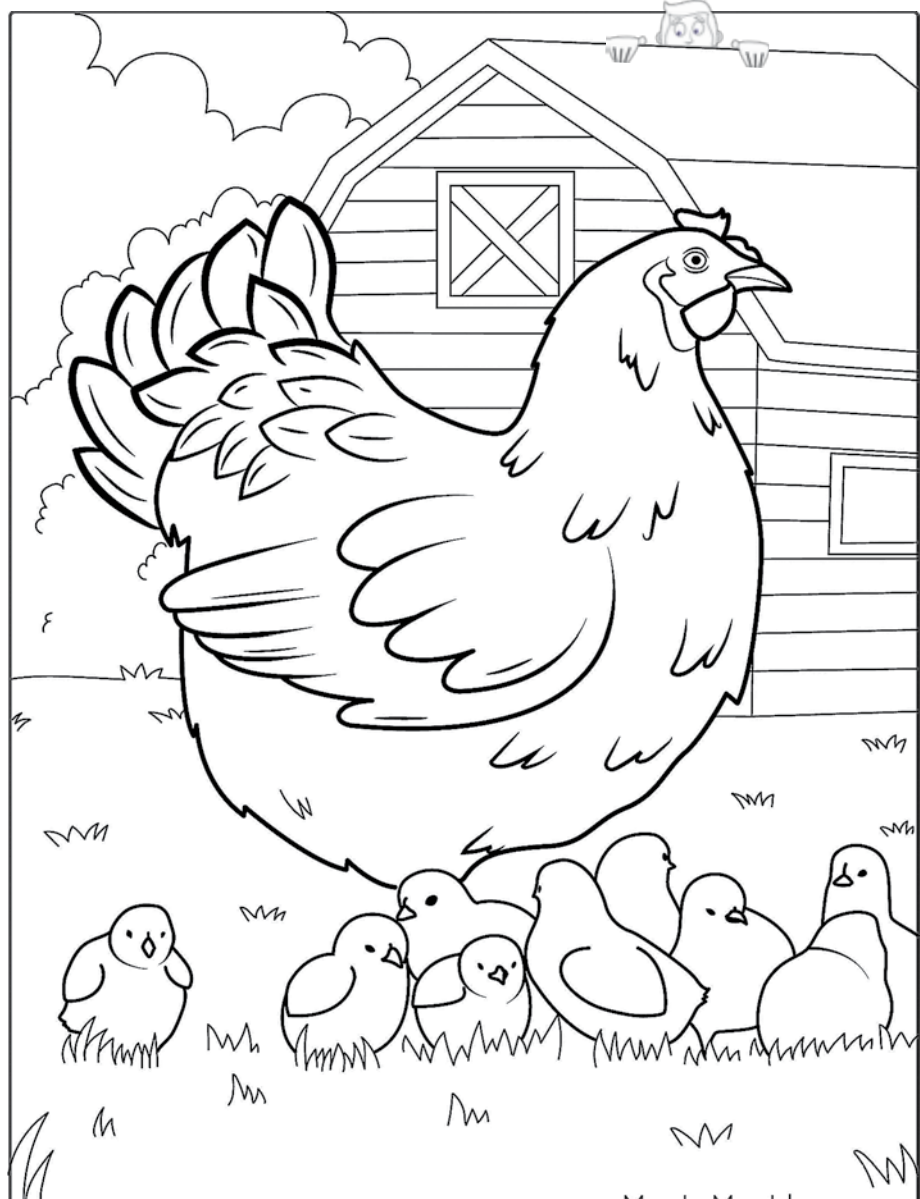
Crossword Puzzle Number 320



- Across**
- 1 Hikers' routes
 - 6 Equal
 - 10 Demonic boy in "The Omen"
 - 11 Of superior quality
 - 14 Seer
 - 15 Base
 - 16 Succeed
 - 17 Shopping plazas
 - 19 Rev up
 - 20 Family guy
 - 21 Cream off
 - 22 Pismire
 - 23 Dragged
 - 25 Suspends
 - 27 For each
 - 28 Show --- (entertainment industry)
 - 29 Like some north-facing tree trunks
 - 32 Over the hill
 - 35 Hallowe'en month
 - 36 Turning point
 - 37 Affirmative signal
 - 39 Very cold
 - 40 Sri ---, formerly Ceylon
 - 41 Cook in hot oil
 - 42 Brunei's head of state
- Down**
- 44 Complete
 - 46 Loyally following
 - 47 Layered
 - 48 Observed
 - 49 Rackets
 - 1 Persona non grata
 - 2 --- Wingfield, mother in "The Glass Menagerie"
 - 3 Twitch
 - 4 Queen of Mean, Leona ---
 - 5 Sports shoe
 - 6 Old Testament song
 - 7 Long slippery fish
 - 8 Large deer
 - 9 40th President
 - 10 Mamie Eisenhower's maiden name
 - 12 Held fast
 - 13 Shades
 - 18 Box top
 - 24 Raises
 - 25 Spanish-speaking person
 - 26 A I D S drug
 - 28 Hoops
 - 29 Damp
 - 30 Happen
 - 31 Touch screen
 - 32 Play on words
 - 33 Feeble
 - 34 Strait north of Australia
 - 36 Law
 - 38 Artificially-colored
 - 40 Tardy
 - 43 Golfer's peg
 - 45 Dumped in Boston harbor

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Sudoku Puzzle Number 355 "Easy"

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Crossword Puzzle Number 319 Solutions

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Sudoku Puzzle Answers 354

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8	9	1	4	2	6	7	5	3
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Submit district application, resume, criminal background investigation form, Equal Opportunity Employer form, and fingerprints to Johanna Osborn, Principal, P.O. Box 37, Pray, MT 59065 or email to josborn@arrowheadk8.org. Application materials may be requested by contacting the District Clerk at 406-924-6865 or cself@arrowheadk8.org.

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More details and Applications for all vacancies may be picked up at the Arrowhead Elementary School in Pray, or visit our district website at: Arrowheadk8.com. Questions please reach out to Johanna Osborn, Principal 406-333-4359 or josborn@arrowheadk8.org.

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Gardiner Public School is looking to hire a **Physical Education (PE) Teacher**, school days are Mon - Thu, part-time for approximately 6 hours a day. Position is exempt, salary DOE with a full benefit package. A bachelor's degree or higher with a major in physical education or a related degree with a physical education student teaching experience is required. Candidates must be certified in the State of Montana or be able to become certified. Candidates interested in this position should contact Jeannette Bray, Superintendent at jbray@gardiner.org or call 406-848-7563.

Gardiner Public School is seeking an experienced individual to fill the position of School Business Manager/District Clerk for our K-12 districts. This position is responsible for overseeing the financial operations of the school district, ensuring compliance with regulations, supporting administrative functions and district clerk duties. This position requires strong organizational, financial management, and communication skills. Candidates must have a Degree in Business/Accounting and/or previous experience as School Business Manager/District Clerk, Montana school district clerk experience is preferred. This is a full-time, potentially hybrid (remote and on-site) position, non-exempt, starting hourly rate \$25 - \$30 per hour (doe), and full benefit package. Please submit the following by email or mail to apply: Current resume, district application www.

gardiner.org; and three letters of recommendation sent to: Jeannette Bray, Superintendent

School Bus Drivers Needed.

Gardiner Public Schools is seeking applicants for School Bus Route Driver Substitute and Activities Bus Driver for the 24/25 school year, with potential for a Regular School Route Driver position for the 25/26 school year. Substitute position is responsible for being on call to drive a morning and afternoon bus route. Activities bus driving would include weekends and evenings or nights on an on call basis. Position requires background check, and drug testing. The school district will assist individuals with training to obtain appropriate licensure. The licensing process is very long and should be started as soon as possible. Individuals must hold a Class B license with a school bus endorsement after training. Individuals interested in the position should fill out the general application for employment on the schools' website, and contact Jeannette Bray jbray@gardiner.org. Application materials may also be picked up at the school district main office.

Firefighter/Paramedic – Full-time

To apply, send an updated resume, a cover letter with your interest in LFR, a completed City of Livingston Application and a copy of your certifications to HR@LivingstonMontana.org
The City of Livingston, Montana is seeking a highly motivated individual to perform the role of Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic within the Livingston Fire Rescue (LFR). This is a full-time, benefit eligible role in LFR with the primary duty assignment in a shift staff role participating in and making a positive contribution to the operations of your assigned shift. This position reports to the Shift Captain, under the direction of the Fire Chief and helps with cross staffing and performs other duties as assigned. Livingston Fire Rescue is a unique fire department nestled in the mountains of Southern Montana with one of the most advanced EMS systems in the state. We are a growing city situated along the Yellowstone River with our own unique challenges in the Montana rural/urban interface. We offer structural fire suppression, all-hazard rescue response, advanced EMS (Critical Care Paramedic and Community Paramedic services), technical rescue opportunities, airport ARFF, HAZMAT, and wildland response teams. Come join our team and live and work in one of the most beautiful places in America. Less than one hour from Yellowstone National Park and the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport. For outdoor enthusiasts this is an amazing destination for hiking, hunting, fishing, skiing and other outdoor winter or summer sports!

Engineer/Firefighter/Paramedic – Full-time, Year-round

The City of Livingston, Montana is seeking a highly motivated individual to perform the role of Engineer Firefighter/Paramedic within the Livingston Fire Rescue (LFR). This is a full-time, benefit eligible role in LFR with the primary duty assignment in a shift staff role participating in and making a positive contribution to the operations of your assigned shift. This position reports to the Shift Captain, under the direction of the Fire Chief and helps with cross staffing and performs other duties as assigned. Performs as lead paramedic in most medical situations, directing crews for proper treatment and triage. Operates all vehicles and pumps, aerial ladder devices, and technical rescue equipment. Livingston Fire Rescue is a unique fire department nestled in the mountains of Southwestern Montana with one of the most advanced EMS systems in the state. We are a growing city situated along the Yellowstone River with our own unique challenges in the Montana rural/urban interface. We offer structural fire suppression, all-hazard rescue response, advanced EMS (Critical Care Paramedic and Community Paramedic services), technical rescue opportunities, airport ARFF, HAZMAT, and wildland response teams. Come join our team and live and work in one of the most beautiful places in America. Less than one hour from Yellowstone National Park and the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport. For outdoor enthusiasts this is an amazing destination for hiking, hunting, fishing, skiing and other outdoor winter or summer sports! The job posting and forms can be located here: www.livingstonmontana.org/jobs

Maintenance 1 Water Department – Public Works

The City of Livingston is hiring a full-time Maintenance 1 team member in the Water Department under Public Works. This entry-level role involves tasks related to the maintenance, repair, and installation of the City water system and infrastructure. The position offers competitive pay, excellent benefits, and opportunities to learn and develop technical skills in various Public Works areas. A valid U.S. driver's license and the ability to obtain a Class B CDL within six months are required. The job posting and forms can be located here: www.livingstonmontana.org/jobs

Windrider Transit Relief Bus Driver

Park County is seeking a Transit Relief Bus Driver to join the Windrider Transit team. This part-time position (10-15 hours/week) involves safely operating buses, providing excellent customer service to passengers, and ensuring compliance with safety regulations. Ideal for those who enjoy interacting with diverse community members. Candidates must have a valid Montana driver's license and

will be subject to comprehensive drug testing. Join us in serving the community with friendly, reliable transportation services! This job will be open until filled with priority given to applications received by July 2, 2024. To apply go online to <https://jobs.parkcounty.org/jobs>.

Registered Sanitarian - Become a vital part of the Park County Health Department Team as a Registered Sanitarian!

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Deputy County Attorney (Entry Level)

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Book Signing with Brittnay Sears, Author of The Left Hand

Wheatgrass Books will host Brittnay Sears for a Saturday signing on February 15th from 11 am – 2 pm.

The Left Hand, her debut novel is a romance thriller based on the author's grandparents. Set in Billings, Montana, in 1948, during the start of the Jazz Club Era, it follows her grandfather's progression in the mafia. The main character, the author's grandmother, assists her husband's path up the ranks, essentially doing the dirty work from behind the scenes. The title, *The Left Hand*, is a reference to their marriage and the fact that Jan, the grandmother, can never visibly be her husband's "right hand man."

Step back in time with this swingin' new thriller that follows the lives of the women behind the men in an American crime family. This romantic period piece will have you falling in love with the characters, even as you witness their darker moments.



Jan Hendricks grew up as a farm girl in rural Montana. She leaves the farm to start college in the "Big City" of Billings, Montana during the Jazz Club Era of the late 1940s. At a party, she meets Lavio Rossano, a dashing, young man who sweeps her off her feet. After a whirlwind romance, they settle down and start a family. Jan begins to learn that there is something unusual about Lavio's profession. He is connected with a crime family, looking to set up a satellite operation at a busy shipping hub in the West. With his

right hand men Frankie and Enzo, Lavio begins working his way up the ranks. But when things start to get dangerous, Jan realizes that to protect Lavio, there are things that his right hand men can't be seen doing. Lavio is going to need someone behind the scenes to do the real dirty work, *The Left Hand*.

About the Author:

Brittnay Sears, was raised by her great grandparents, Lavio & Jan, who instilled a passion for reading in her at a young age, and who she hopes would have been very proud to see where that passion has taken her in life. She currently lives in Montana with her husband and four sons.



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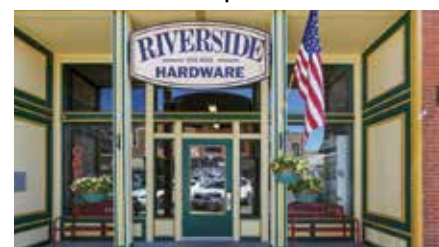
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The Shane Center Secures \$50k Grant for the Blake Pavilion

Grant Awarded by Park County Community Foundation, Facilitated by the Park County Council for the Arts

The Shane Center is proud to announce the receipt of a \$50,000 grant from the Park County Community Foundation, facilitated by the Park County Council for the Arts. This generous funding is in support of the Blake Pavilion at The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, Montana's newest arts venue and cornerstone of artistic and community engagement in Park County.

Designed as a versatile, community-oriented space, the Henry E. Blake Pavilion enhances the region's

thriving arts infrastructure providing a space for a wide array of artistic and cultural events. Beyond serving as a performance space, the Pavilion acts as a community hub, fostering social cohesion and mental well-being through shared experiences and cultural enrichment.

"This project is transformational for our organization and the arts in Park County," said Erika Adams, Executive Director of The Shane Center. "The Blake Pavilion is one of the largest perma-

nent outdoor covered event spaces in Southwest Montana and was in response to the growing demand for accessible cultural spaces. Its development underscores the community's commitment to the arts as a vital component of everyday life, fostering creativity, collaboration, and connection."

The Shane Center extends its

heartfelt gratitude to the Park County Community Foundation and the Park County Council for the Arts for their invaluable partnership and commitment to advancing the arts.



Swamp Dawg performing at the Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series, in Montana's newest performing arts venue. Photo Credit: Larry Stanley Photography



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