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Week of March 9, 2025

SouleBurger Project at The Office

On February 27th, 2023, The Office Lounge and Liquor Store began its SouleBurger project, a weekly endeavor to create unique burger recipes named after the restaurant's proprietors, Teresa and Cory Soule. The idea



THE DILLY DO BURGER

mate SouleBurger, officially beginning in March 2024. Teresa and Cory began by reviewing 38 recipes submitted through their website, 26 of which were selected and featured at the restaurant for one week—

among those selected included, for example, "Maddie's Mac & Cheese,"

"Cinci Chili" and "Put a Ring On It." A loose set of criteria were used to judge these recipes, including affordability and accessibility of ingredients. Additionally, burgers recipes must be original and consist only of beef. Teresa says, "Our rule is not to cook what we to eat but cook for our customers. At this point, we know what they like based on what they order."



THE CORRAL BURGER

was to serve a different SouleBurger each week, a mere concept at the time, yet eventually realized with tremendous success. Last week the restaurant and bar featured it's 100th version of the SouleBurger. Up until then, the restaurant had served a total of 5,169 SouleBurgers.

Since launching the project, customers have recommended and requested various recipes, leading Cory and Teresa to host a competition for casual patrons and loyalist alike to craft the ulti-



CRAB RANGOON BURGER

The top three selling burgers, listed below, will now be featured during a three-week playoff series slated to begin March 24th.

- March 24th to March 30th: Crab Rangoon Burger (Erin Harris) placed 3rd with 76 sold.
- March 31st to April 6th: The Corral (Chris Frelich)

placed 2nd with 83 sold.

- April 7th to April 13th: Dilly Do Burger (Vicky Petry) placed 1st with 91 sold.

The participant with the highest-selling burger will be awarded a free SouleBurger every week for one year. Please stop by The Office, located at 128 S. Main Street in Livingston, and try a SouleBurger!

Work-Based Learning at Park High

During her junior year of high school, Janine Ensign, a prototypical 20th century American student grappling with the ambiguity of youth, intended to pursue a college education after graduating—with little insight regarding her trajectory from secondary education into the workforce.

When an opportunity arose to join a work-based learning program offered at her high school for students interested in exploring potential career paths, Ensign chose healthcare education, shadowing doctors and earning her Certified Nursing Assistant

(CAN) license, eventually developing a passion for emergency medicine to later become an Emergency Medical Transporter (EMT). This amazing experience, she says, changed her life in a positive way.

Ensign has since worked in the Park County school district for 22 years. During her longstanding tenure, few opportunities have existed for Park County students. Most recently, public school districts were afforded work-based learning through Job Services Montana, a relatively successful state-sponsored program eliminated

as a consequence of COVID19 and decreased funding. Other prospects for work-based learning were limited on a per-class basis.

Yet when the district received a four-year Transformational Learning grant in 2023, a work-based learning program at the high school was once again made possible—and Ensign, a proponent of practical learning experiences, desired to lead the effort.

Now in her second year as coordinator, the program has grown tremendously.

Supported in part by Montana's

Chamber Foundations and the Department of Industry and Labor, work-based learning is offered to junior and senior-level students at Park County High School who register for the course through their guidance counselor and are eligible to receive credit upon completion of the program, in addition to numerous benefits both personal and professional—reflected on scholarship applications and official transcripts, including dual credit through Miles City Community College.

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Jesse Logan, Emigrant, MT

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Bozeman Symphony Presents Iconic Beethoven's Violin Concerto

The Bozeman Symphony invites audiences to experience a weekend of extraordinary music as Concertmaster Carrie Krause takes center stage to perform Beethoven's legendary Violin Concerto on March 22nd-23rd at the Willson Auditorium in downtown Bozeman.

Renowned for its soaring melodies and profound lyricism, Beethoven's Violin Concerto is one of the most celebrated works in the repertoire. Krause, praised by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for her "elegant" and "sparkling" performances, brings her exceptional artistry to this masterwork. An acclaimed soloist, she has performed with the Fairbanks Symphony, Casper Symphony, String Orches-

tra of the Rockies, Battle Creek Symphony, and Billings Symphony.

Beyond her role as the Symphony's Concertmaster, Krause is a sought-after guest concertmaster, collaborating with Bravo! Big Sky, Helena Symphony, and Billings Symphony. She has also performed with the Montana Chamber Music Society, Strings Music Festival in Steamboat Springs, and the Grammy



Award-winning PBS series 11th & Grant. A dedicated advocate for music education, she is the artistic director of Baroque Music Montana and the founder of the Second String Orchestra and Bozeman Chamber Ensembles for youth.

The program continues with George Walker's deeply moving Lyric for Strings, a heartfelt tribute to the composer's grandmother, who escaped slavery. The

evening concludes with Felix Mendelssohn's vibrant Symphony No. 4 (Italian), a musical postcard from his travels through Italy, brimming with energy and warmth.

Performances are on Saturday, March 22nd, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 23rd, at 2:30 pm. Tickets start at \$29 and are available at <https://www.bozeman-symphony.org/beethovens-violin-concerto> or by calling 406-585-9774. Discounted student tickets are offered and tickets may also be available at the door.

The Bozeman Symphony extends its gratitude to the generous sponsors who made this concert possible: Cal & Tricia DeSouza, Gary Kunis & Connie Wong, and ERA Landmark-Robyn Erlenbush.

Scholarships Available for Park County Students Pursuing Vocational Education

The Park County Community Foundation is accepting applications for the David Gibson Memorial Scholarship, created in honor of a lifelong rancher, inventor, and community mentor. This scholarship aims to support Park County students who plan to attend vocational or trade school, continuing David's legacy of hands-on learning and craftsmanship.

Mr. Gibson was born on July 25, 1941, in Livingston, MT, and received his education at Springdale School and Park County High School. Known for his generosity and deep knowledge of agriculture, he was always ready to share his expertise with others—whether they were eager to learn or simply needed guidance in the cowboy way. A mechanical genius and an inventor, David held a patent on the Gibson Round Bale Feeder. He constantly had a project underway or was assisting others with cattle, fencing, and farming.

To honor his memory and passion for hands-on

work, David's family established this scholarship after his passing in 2020. The scholarship will be awarded annually to two students, each receiving \$1,000, to assist them in pursuing vocational or trade education.

Applications are due by April 16th and require one letter of recommendation. Students who have graduated from a Park County High School or were homeschooled in Park County are eligible to apply, as are students who are currently enrolled in a career or technical education program and seek funding for their ongoing education.

For more information or to apply, please visit <https://find.pccf-montana.org/gibson-scholarship> or by calling the Park County Community Foundation at 406-224-3920.

For those interested in starting a scholarship to support Park County students, email or call Tricia Erikson, PCCF Philanthropy Director, at Tricia.Erikson@pccf-montana.org or 406-224-3920.

Call for Nominations: The Westerly Award

Park County Community Foundation invites all Park County 501(c)3 organizations to nominate one individ-

ual (or couple) whose exemplary commitment to Park County nonprofits makes them eligible to receive "The Westerly Award."

The Westerly Award is a Park County Community Foundation Award that celebrates philanthropy and the spirit of generosity in Park County.

Community-inspired and community-led, The Westerly Award—named for the westerly winds—speaks to the spreading of goodwill, positive change, and generosity across distances, much like the westerly winds shape weather patterns and influence the climate across our region.

Each year, The Westerly Award recognizes a Park County philanthropist with a distinguished record of generosity and service to the local nonprofits who help keep our community livable and loveable.

The recipient will be honored at the annual Paradise Ramble event on Thursday, July 10, 2025.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 18, 2025.

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Register Now for the 2025 Summer ART Camp at the Livingston Center for Art and Culture!

Join us as we celebrate 25 years of ART for ALL! Registration is now open for our 2025 Summer ART Camp, where young artists can explore diverse art forms while enjoying gallery shows that inspire community creativity.

Camp Sessions & Dates:

Week 1: Music & Art: Synesthesia-Inspired Art

- Dates: June 9-13
- Ages 5-8: 9 am - 12 pm | Ages 9-12: 1 - 4 pm
- Tuition: \$165 | Member Price: \$150
- Campers will explore the exciting world of synesthesia by creating vibrant paintings and sculptures inspired by sound and color. Learn about famous artists who blended music with visual art.

Week 2: Sculpture: Clay, Wire, and Recycled

- Dates: June 16-20
- Ages 5-8: 9 am - 12 pm | Ages 9-12: 1 - 4 pm
- Tuition: \$165 | Member Price: \$150
- This hands-on camp focuses on 3D art, where campers will use clay, wire, and recycled materials to create abstract and representational sculptures inspired by local artists.

Week 3: Rooted: Nature-Inspired Art and Eco-Friendly Practices

- Dates: June 23-27
- Ages 5-8: 9 am - 12 pm | Ages 9-12: 1 - 4 pm
- Tuition: \$165 | Member Price: \$150
- Celebrate nature through eco-friendly art practices. Campers will use natural materi-

als like leaves, flowers, and recycled objects to create sustainable art, drawing inspiration from a nature-inspired gallery show.

Week 4: Plein Air: Outdoor Landscape Painting and Drawing

- Dates: July 7-11
- Ages 5-8: 9 am - 12 pm | Ages 9-12: 1 - 4 pm
- Tuition: \$165 | Member Price: \$150
- Campers will learn the art of plein air painting and drawing outdoors, capturing the beauty of the local landscape. This camp is inspired by classic and local artists who painted in natural settings. With a local guest artist demo.

How to Register: Visit livingstoncenter.org.



Hello March! From the National Day Calendar

March... in like a lion, out like a lamb, or so the saying goes. For the Northern Hemisphere, March ushers in spring. That was even true back in the days of the Julian calendar when there were only 10 months and March started off the year. Sayings such as "A bushel of March dust is worth a King's ransom," and "March many weathers," remind us of the swiftly changing and windy weather March brings.

The first three days in March were once considered bad luck. They called them the blind days, or a one would plant; enter into an agreement, or a journey during these days.

Spring makes its appearance in March with the vernal equinox, and with it comes a lot of activity in nature. Birds migrate. Animals begin to mate. Plants begin to grow. Even the full moon gets involved. The full moon in March is called the Worm Moon. It earns this name because of all the insects beginning to hatch. Daylight saving time also adds an element

of tradition and rancor to the season as many (though not all) spring forward and change their clocks ahead one hour.

Five Fast Facts

1. Historically, planting and war go hand in hand in March. Named for the Roman god of War, Mars, March became a time when armies began to march again and farmers tilled their soil. While farming and the military have both dramatically changed since Roman times, March and spring still hold power over both of them.
2. Celebrity birthdays in March: Harry Belafonte, Ron Howard, Alexander Graham Bell, Peyton Manning, Eva Mendes, Jon Bon Jovi, Shaquille O'Neal, Catherine O'Hara, Chuck Norris, Elton John and U.S. Presidents; James Madison, Andrew Jackson, John Tyler and Grover Cleveland. The birthstone is Aquamarine. The birth flower is Daffodil.

3. March Madness kicks into high gear as basketball enthusiasts cheer on their favorite teams. Whether cheering for a local high school team or their college and professional players, fans wear their colors and watch every nail-biting game.
4. Beware the Ides of March. When the world used the Roman calendar, the middle of each month was called the "Ides." What makes March so special? Well, the 15th was always the midpoint in March, and in 44 BC an oracle predicted Julius Caesar's downfall to be no later than the Ides of March.
5. The phrase "in like a lion, out like a lamb" refers to the proverb that says: "If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb." However, it may also refer to the constella-



tions Leo and Aries. Leo rises in the east early in March but Aries sets in the west at the end of March.

Go ahead and celebrate National K9 Veterans Day on the 13th, St. Patties Day and Corned Beef and Cabbage Day on 17th, Let's Laugh Day on the 19th, Single Parents Day on 21st and Doctor's Day on the 30th.

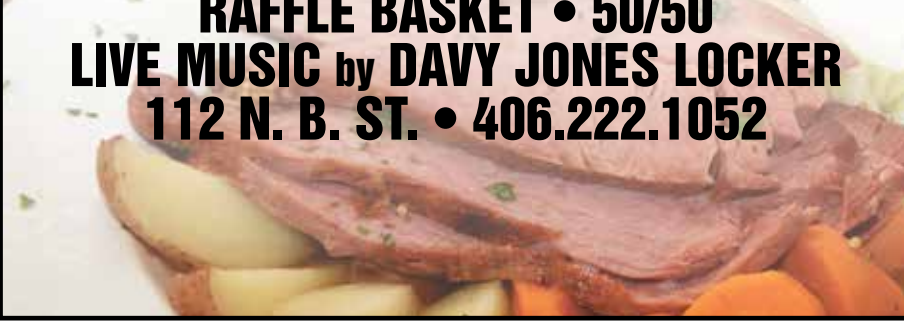
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March 9th
State BPA Convention in Billings thru March 11th

March 10th
HS Track and Field Practice begins at 4:15 pm. Clyde Park Council Meeting at 7 pm

March 12th
Health presentation for grades 4th, 5th & 6th starting at 2 pm. Live Fit & Strong Fitness Challenge Bootcamp in Wilsall at 6 pm. School Board Meeting at 7 pm

March 13th
3rd Quarter ends

March 14th
Shields Valley Schools Campaign Kickoff Event at Shields Valley Community Hall in Clyde Park from 4 to 6 pm. Come see the campaign progress and learn more about the upcoming bond election for renovations and upgrades to SV School facilities.

Shields Valley Mobile Pantry
Second Friday of every month in Wilsall from 10:45 until 11:45 am located in the Wilsall dance hall parking lot. In Clyde Park at the High School parking lot from 12:30 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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Key Decisions for Retired Couples

Once you and your spouse retire, you'll have some decisions to make—decisions that could affect your quality of life in your retirement years. What are these choices?

Here are a few of the most important ones:

- **How much should you withdraw from your retirement accounts?**

By the time you retire, you may have contributed for decades to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-spon-

sored retirement plan. But once you retire, you'll probably need to draw on these accounts to help pay your living expenses. Consequently, both of you will need to be sure that you don't withdraw so much each year that you risk running out of money later in your retirement. One common guideline is to aim for an annual withdrawal rate of 4%, but everyone's situation is different based on age, pre-retirement income, lifestyle, health, travel plans and other factors. (Once you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later, you will have to take certain

amounts, based on your age and account balance, from your traditional IRA and traditional 401(k) each year.)

- **When should you take Social Security?** The answer to this question depends on many factors, such as your age and other sources of income. You can take Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will typically be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be age 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. And if you can afford to wait even longer, your payments will "max out" when you reach age 70. Your decision on when to take Social Security can affect your spouse—and vice versa. If the lower-earning spouse claims Social Security before their full retirement age of 67, their own retirement benefit and any potential spousal benefit will be reduced. (Spousal benefits are given to the lower-earning spouse if their full retirement benefit is less than half the other spouse's full retirement benefit.)

- **Should you downsize?** If you live in a big home and your children are grown, you may find it economical to downsize. Of course, this is also an emotional decision, but you may find

that you can save money by moving into a smaller home.

- **Where should you live?** Some states are far more expensive to live in than others. You'll want to weigh your decision carefully, considering the cost of housing, food, income and real estate taxes, transportation and health care in whatever state you choose.
- **Have you finished your estate plans?** If not, now is the time. You'll want to work with your legal professional to create whatever documents are needed such as; a will, living trust, power of attorney or to help ensure your assets go where you want them to go, and that your financial and health care choices will be protected if you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

Of course, many of these same issues will apply if you are single, divorced or widowed. But if you are married, you and your spouse will want to discuss all your choices and then decide which steps to take. Once you've got your plans in place, you may well find that you can fully enjoy your retirement years.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Elk River Arts & Lectures Presents Lisa Baril

On Thursday, March 27th at 7 pm, Elk River Arts & Lectures will host Mammoth-based environmental journalist Lisa Baril as part of their ongoing Arts & Lecture Series. The event will take place at Elk River Books, 122 S. 2nd Street in Livingston. It is free and open to the public.

Baril will be reading from her recent book *The Age of Melt: What Glaciers, Ice*

Mummies, and Ancient Artifacts Teach Us about Climate, Culture, and a Future Without Ice. Described as an entertaining pop-sci narrative investigating ice patch archaeology and the role of glaciers in the development of human culture, Baril's book explores the deep-rooted cultural connection between humans and ice through time.

Glaciers figure prominently in both ancient and contemporary narratives around the world. They inspire art and literature. They spark both fear and awe. And they give and take life. In entertaining and enlightening prose, Baril travels from the Alps to the Andes, investigating what these artifacts teach us about climate, culture, wilderness, and what we gain when we rethink our relationship to the world and its most precious and ephemeral substance—ice.

The Elk River Arts & Lectures is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating and celebrating the literary arts

in Park County. Since 2013, Elk River Arts & Lectures has hosted dozens of poets, novelists, science writers, memoirists, journalists, visual artists, historians, and other innovative thinkers. Our goal is to expose the Park County community to new voices and ideas, while showcasing the talent our home ground has nurtured. The 2025 Arts & Lecture series is made by the AMB West Community Fund, the Park County Community Foundation, and through the generous support of individual donors.

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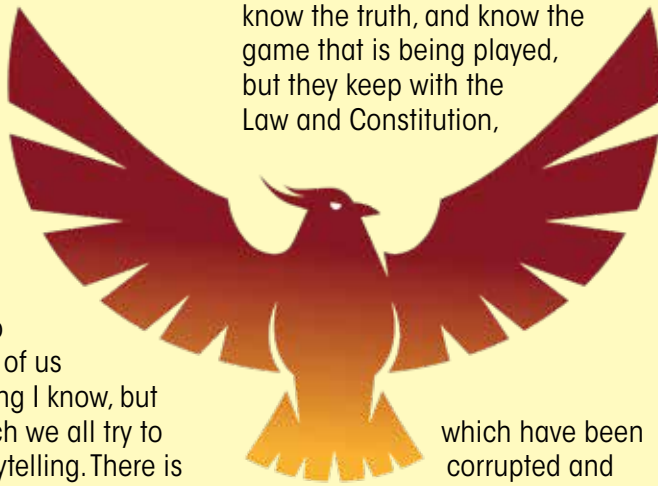


Boy do I long for spring right now, in more ways than one, or at the very least the melting of the snow in the hood, so I can walk around again with Duke, my dog. On the occasional day when the sun shines on us, everyone gets happy and when they walk by with their dogs they have spring in their step.

I want to use my writing skills to also express real concerns of all of us... or just blow the dust off the some things, to let the crystal core of us shine. Woo sounding I know, but so is the Truth which we all try to express in our storytelling. There is a countering Force that opposes truth, that we are beginning to see and understand, at last exposed shockingly here in the USA, and around the world, and as I said to Ron this morning, feels sometimes paralyzing, such a downer, we don't talk about it, except those public

voices who bravely give their hope of correcting wrongs: the game changers of and in us, despite diverse views and personalities, and, the endless whining, blame projection, and criticism.

I believe that the new Administration, [tough skins all of them] know the truth, and know the game that is being played, but they keep with the Law and Constitution,



which have been corrupted and misused by a force

of power way older than we know. On deeper global levels, there is evil intent. Be very glad the present Admin is dealing with it big time, and our well being is the goal, no matter what you hear otherwise. I close my ears to thoughts of the

horrific facts we hear about because to really comprehend, would be to bear grievous sobbing pain of the exploitation of all life, here, and it would, as stress does, sicken us.

I felt sick with it just now. Duke sticks his cold wet nose under my hand on the mouse. Very well timed—I think. He thinks we are idiots to sit here hour after hour, too distracted to give him attention, and he's right. He flips my hand off the mouse, rests his chin on my lap, and waits for me to pet him. So of course I love him back, and got up and walked a few laps, with him. I feel good again. Interesting isn't it how it all boils down to love, if you let it, and give it back. (and exercise!) Dogs know we feel good when we pet them. It's a win/win thing. I keep promising him he will run free... soon as he masters the recall command, and the sun comes out and dries up the schlopp some. I give him hope. His endless being in the NOW gives me hope.

I am also compelled to write about positives in the community, or lack of them. Why else write, but try to amuse you in-between. I wrote this piece today, because there is something one going on that is not the will of the majority of people, but continue because of power and money... and absence of

love which is never far from any issue is it? I mention with reluctance, then, the wildlife trapping and skinning industry in Montana, which is way overboard extremely inhumane and unnecessary, performed by a tiny percentage of residents. Please search and read online about the brave men and women of Trap Free Montana. They have facts and majority, but are ignored by our leaders. You can help with simple emails and phone calls. Yes, you.

There is an ancient Native story told by the Grandmothers, which is about a mountain lion watching a bird dip his beak in the stream and fly into the forest fire and then back out, and dipped his beak in the stream again and flew back in. When he came out the big cat asked, "What are you doing?" The bird answered that he is helping to put the fire out. The big cat laughed of course at the foolishness. The bird said, "The forest is my home, and we are One, and I am just doing my small part." The Forest Spirits heard this, and soon a massive rainstorm came and put out the fire.

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Tuesday, March 11th - Pea soup, ½ ham sandwich, crackers, mandarin oranges, milk

Wed., March 12th - Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit cocktail, cake, milk

Thurs., March 13th - Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, oranges, milk

Friday, March 14th - Fish fillet, tartar sauce, fries, coleslaw, pineapple, cake, milk

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Proceeds from this sale support our mission to restore, protect and enhance Montana's rivers and wetlands

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Through a partnership with Great Bear Native Plants in Hamilton, Montana Freshwater Partners (MFP) has selected plants that can be found along our local rivers, wildflower meadows, and prairie grasslands. Why native plants? Because native plants are adapted to our local weather, soil and water conditions. Native plants also provide important shelter and food sources for wildlife and pollinators.

What's new this year?

As the plant sale has expanded, we're unable to pre-pack orders for all of our customers. Starting this year, we'll only pre-pack orders exceeding \$100. For orders below \$100, customers are kindly asked to bring their own box or bag and we will provide them with a packing slip and help them to pack their orders on the day of pick-up.

We'll have extra inventory available for purchase later in the day on May 10th from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Park County Fairgrounds. Please note that these plants



will not be available for purchase before that time. During this period, we'll also be joined by experts with resources from our organization, as well as the Park County Environmental Council, MSU Extension, and others, offering guidance and tips on gardening.

How to order

Order now through April 15th on our online store <https://freshwaterpartners.org/shop/>. Hurry as inventory is limited!

How to Pick Up

Mark your calendars for order pickup at the Park County Fairgrounds:
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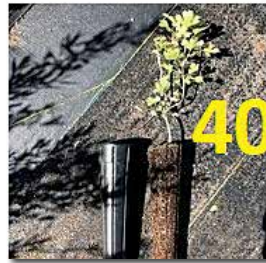
or 60 cubic inch plugs or 1 gallon containers. A 7 cubic inch plug, for example, has a 1.5 inch soil diameter and 5.5 inch soil depth. These are very small plants, but they're a great way to try out new species in your yard at an affordable price and they often grow pretty quickly. Please watch

this quick video put together by Aimee at Great Bear Native Plants to get a better idea of the various plant sizes.

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your plants for you. Unfortunately, we cannot hold plants for customers and care for them beyond May 4th as we don't have the staff/volunteer capacity and space to do so at our office in Livingston.

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How much do you know about Park County?

Sustainable Seafood – It’s a Movement

by Jill-Ann Ouellette

Doesn't everyone love a delicious grilled salmon steak, a deep-fried cod fillet, shrimp cocktail, herb-encrusted halibut, or a perfectly fried crab cake?

How about a decadent tuna melt or tasty sardines on saltines? I remember back when I was at college in the eighties, I learned about commercial fishing practices, and how dolphins were caught up in the massive "purse seine" fishing nets and would drown. It's common for yellowfin tuna to swim with dolphins. The fisherman knew if they saw dolphins—they found tuna. It was estimated back then that over 215,000 dolphins were killed annually by the fishing industry.

In 1972, a Marine Mammal Protection Act was passed into law for that purpose. The industry was granted a two-year grace period to refine and change fishing practices. In two years, they designed a new net that allowed dolphins to escape, which reduced the annual number of dolphin deaths to around 80,000.

In 1987, biologist Sam LaBudde went undercover for five months on a fishing vessel and videotaped footage showing the mistreatment of marine life. This foundational work led to the awareness campaigns for fisherman to follow even stronger, dolphin-safe practices, which brings us to sustainable seafood in general.

The Sustainable Seafood Movement is an initiative born through the realization that the marine ecosystems of the world were being overexploited and were destroying marine life. The movement began in the 1990s and was driven by social marketing through Ecolabel and awareness campaigns as described by Marine Resource Economics. Through social marketing (when we first saw dolphin-free on tuna labels),



the collaboration between environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the fishing industry allowed for the consumer to make informed choices, potentially contributing to the conservation of marine biodiversity.

What exactly is sustainable seafood? It is caught or farmed in ways that consider



Weighing a tuna on commercial boat in San Diego

the long-term vitality of harvested species and the well-being of the oceans as well as the livelihoods of fishery-dependent communities. Sounds really good!

The movement has gained momentum as more people become aware of both overfishing and destructive fishing methods. Fish farming can also have negative environmental effects, such as the destruction of natural wetlands and marine pollution, according to *The Scientific World Journal*.

However, research suggests that fisheries are able to recover or stabilize their populations when responsible management and regulations are in place. Unfortunately, most seafood is obtained through "irresponsible fishing practices that continue to modify some marine ecosystems." This has resulted in record depleted stocks. For example, "85 percent of the world's fisheries are fished at or beyond their maximum sustainable limit," reported in *The Scientific World Journal*. Considering the rising global population and the pressure that it

has, and will continue to exert on the Earth's resources, a more sustainable method of fishing is necessary if humans wish to utilize its natural abundance.

Let's talk about the methods of commercial fishing (other than pole, trolling, harpooning).

Spearfishing is an ancient method of fishing that involves using a spear to catch fish underwater. Unlike some modern fishing techniques that can be harmful to marine ecosystems, spearfishing can be practiced in a sustainable manner when done responsibly. The Tagbanua people use spearfishing along with seasonal fishing to ensure their fisheries are sustainable

Turtle Exclusion Devices are focused on minimizing environmental effects. Because of this, gear modifications can be made, such as Turtle Exclusion Devices. In catfish surveys in Missouri, turtle bycatch has shown to be a large issue. The Journal of Wildlife Management recently reported that with modifications to the devices used to capture catfish, there was an 84% decrease in turtle bycatch, with no decrease in catfish-capture rates.

Seasonal Fishing Practices can play a crucial role in promoting the sustainability of fisheries by allowing fish populations to reproduce and replenish. By implementing seasonal restrictions, fisheries management can ensure that fishing activities are carried out when fish are most abundant and actively spawning, thus reducing the risk of overfishing. Additionally, seasonal fishing can help protect vulnerable life stages of fish and avoid harming spawning habitats. These practices can contribute to the long-term health of fisheries and support ecosystem resilience.

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are areas where fishing is prohibited and offers a chance to enhance biodiversity conservation. Over the past 20 years, the world has



Shrimp trawler coming to shore.

increased the global MPA areas from about 5 million square kilometers to about 28 million square kilometers. Out of all sustainable fishing practices, MPAs have the most potential for positive ecological effects, showing significant increases in fish biomass.

Purse Seining is a large net used to surround fish. The bottom of the net is pulled to push the fish to the middle.

Gilnetting uses a system of nets with floats and weights. The nets are anchored to the sea floor and allowed to float at the surface.

Trawls and Dredges use huge nets that can either drag on the bottom of the sea floor or in the middle of the seas.

It's easy to understand that using nets will generally catch everything in the water at the time and how it causes issues for dolphins, turtles, octopuses, and other marine life. When you are shopping for seafood—check the origin of the fish.

Go to this website: Wikipedia.org/wiki/sustainable_seafood for a list of the best, most sustainable choices for many types of fish and best fishing method.

No matter how you like your fish, always choose wild-caught over farmed-raised, when available, for your healthiest option while considering the sustainable concerns of the planet and our future.

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RECIPE CORNER Baked Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Breakfast Cups

Ingredients:

- 1 cup old fashioned rolled oats
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 large egg
- 6 Tablespoons milk
- 2 Tablespoons + 2 teaspoons unsalted butter melted & cooled
- 1/4 cup mini chocolate chips plus more for topping, if you want (I used Ghirardelli mini chips)



Photo Credit: persnicketyplates.com

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F and spray a muffin pan with non-stick spray and set aside.
2. In a large bowl, add the oats, baking powder, and salt and stir together.
3. Add the honey (tip – spray your measuring cup with non-stick spray before adding the honey so it slides out easily) and stir to combine.
4. Add the egg and then pour in the milk and the melted butter. Mix together until fully combined.
5. Add in the chocolate chips and stir.
6. The mixture will be pretty thin so using a cookie scoop comes in handy. Divide the batter evenly among the 6 muffin cups.
7. Sprinkle the tops with more

chocolate chips (if you're me) and bake for 25-30 minutes until the edges are golden brown. Let cool in the pan then remove.

Notes:

Baked oatmeal cups will keep in an airtight container in the fridge for 4-5 days or up to 6 months in the freezer.

Heat them in the microwave for 10 seconds before enjoying.

Recipe easily doubles if you want to make a larger batch.

If you are out of eggs or short on eggs, use may use one of these substitutes:

- 1/4 cup of applesauce
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup mashed banana



Night at the MuseumS: An Evening of Park County Historical TRIVIA—Test Your Knowledge!

The Yellowstone Gateway Museum and the Depot Center are joining forces AGAIN to test Park County residents' knowledge of their backyard. **Night at the MuseumS is a fundraiser to benefit BOTH museums.** The Livingston Depot Center and Yellowstone Gateway Museum need your support to continue



sharing the history and culture of the region with residents and visitors.

Contribute to your local historical institutions and purchase a ticket for Night at the MuseumS on Tuesday, April 1st. Special guest hosts Quinn Conley and Maggie Henderson are back to provide a boost of comedy and guidance for Park County Historical trivia. Leave the fools at home, and just bring your smarts and good humor to the Livingston Depot Center on April 1st.



A GRAND PRIZE of \$800.00 awaits

the winning team, as well as bragging rights, and a memorialization of your achievement on plaques to be hung in both The Yellowstone Gateway Museum and the Depot Center. Last year's winning team "WIN-I-GAN" may be back to try to defend their title!

Doors open at 5:30 pm with Bad Burger, Gil's Goods, and Foodworks

ready to serve up brain food and Katabatic Brewing will be offering refreshments. Trivia begins at 6:30 pm.

The evening will be familiar to those who have entered trivia contests with additional prizes and raffles. Categories for questions may include: Railroad & Industry; Historical Characters of Park County; "Name this Place" from old photos; Ranching; Yellowstone National Park; Geology; Hollywood and Park County; Archeology; and Surprise Wild Card Questions. Come prepared to demonstrate your command of Park County History!

Tickets on sale now at Livingston-Depot.org/trivianight.html. Test your knowledge of Park County Trivia as a team or go it alone. \$50 per player. Teams up to 8 members. Sponsorships are available with additional perks and prizes. Bring yourself and your team to

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There are Only Two Seasons: Winter and Baseball

Livingston Recreation Department and the Livingston Baseball and Softball Association Registration for Youth Baseball and Softball is Open for Ages 4-15

Park County Dugout
By: Jeff Schlapp

Hey what do you know, the Cubs are 8-1 so far in Cactus League play! I know it's spring training but baseball is back. This can mean only one thing, time to register for Livingston Recreation Department's Youth Baseball and the Livingston Baseball and Softball Association Baseball and Softball Leagues.

The Rec Department offers T-Ball and Coach Pitch for kids aged 4-8 while the Livingston Baseball and Softball Association offers games for kids from 9-15.

T-Ball and Coach Pitch Registration Open: Open March 1 - April 1, 2025.

Late registration will be accepted if there is still space on teams.

League Details:

- The season runs April 21 - June 7, 2025.
- Tee Ball - Saturdays Only
- Coach Pitch: is a 2-weeknight commitment

Livingston Baseball consists of three leagues, Minors, Majors, and Babe Ruth.

Sign-ups are OPEN UNTIL MARCH 8th!

Who Can Play:

- Baseball: Players must be 9 years old by May 1, 2025.
- Softball: 8U / 10U and 12U Girls Teams

For more information on what to expect in the SOFTBALL PROGRAM go to <https://www.livingstonbaseball.org>

ball.org/page/show/3765510-softball-2020-?subseason=463622

2025 Baseball Registration Fee Schedule and Information

- Minors 10U \$120
- Minors is for 9 and 10 year old players. Age is determined by the players age on May 1st, 2025.
 - Expect 2-3 days a week with practice and games, mainly on weekdays.
- Majors 12U \$130
- Majors is for 11 and 12 year old players. Age is determined by the players age on May 1st, 2025.
 - Expect 3-4 days a week with practice and games, mainly on weekdays.

- Babe Ruth 15U \$130
- Babe Ruth is for 13, 14, and 15 year old players. Age is determined by the players age on May 1st, 2025.
 - Expect 5 days a week with practice and games, mainly on weekdays.

Baseball practices will start in late March, and the regular season ends in late May.

2025 Fastpitch Softball Registration Fees & Game Schedule

- 8U Fastpitch
 - \$80
 - Games scheduled typically on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (occasional games



- 10U Fastpitch
 - \$120
 - Games scheduled typically on Monday and Wednesday evenings (occasional games on Friday or Saturday may be expected).
- 12U Fastpitch
 - \$130
 - Games scheduled typically on Monday and Wednesday evenings (occasional games on Friday or Saturday may be expected).

If anyone is interested in coaching visit the rec department Volunteer

Interest Page and we'll get you connected to our National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) coaching curriculum and background check. ALL Coaches receive free training and reimbursed registration for the child they are coaching.



For more photos and great articles, check out the ParkCountyDugout.com.

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.

Thank you for considering a donation to our newspaper. If a gift falls within one of the following sponsorship levels:

- Bronze: \$250 • Silver: \$500**
- Gold: \$1000**

Donors will be recognized monthly in the newspaper. Qualifying business donors will be awarded discounted advertising rates during the warm season (June – September.)



Donations can be made using the QR code or mailed to PCCJ, PO Box 1851, Livingston, MT 59047. Thank you for your consideration in helping us to continue our mission!

Chico Hot Springs Resort, EOS Hospitality Management Group, Launches Community Impact Program

Chico Hot Springs Resort is proud to announce the launch of its new Community Impact Program, an initiative designed to support local nonprofits and strengthen the communities where EOS Hospitality operates. As part of this effort, Chico Hot Springs has awarded \$10,000 to The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts in recognition of its impactful work in the region.

EOS Hospitality, a New York-based management group, was brought on by DiamondRock Hospitality in August 2023 to oversee operations at Chico Hot Springs. The company is committed to making a meaningful difference through Generosity, Kindness, and Service, the core values that drive its Community Impact Program.

Through this initiative, each participating hotel selects a cause aligned with EOS Hospitality's Impact Pillars:

- Environment
- Youth & Education
- Community Services
- Arts & Culture

Beyond financial contributions, the pro-

gram fosters service opportunities and guest education, ensuring that charitable efforts create immediate and lasting impact at the local level. Organizations are carefully vetted and selected based on demonstrated impact, local expertise, and sustainable programming.

"We are deeply inspired by the incredible work of The Shane Center and feel strongly about supporting their efforts to uplift our community,"

says Brigette Shope, Marketing Manager for Chico Hot Springs Resort. *"We are*



From L-R, Dewey Kemp (Production Manager, SLCA) Kate Britton (Development Coordinator, SLCA) Russell Lewis (Executive Producer, SLCA), Erika Adams (Executive Director, SLCA), Andrew Reichert (Technical Director, SLCA), Ching Ling Coleman (Director of Sales, Chico Hot Springs), Ethan Leuzinger (Operations Manager, SLCA), Brigette Shope (Marketing Manager, Chico Hot Springs Resort), Joel Meyer (General Manager, Chico Hot Springs Resort), and Sarah Kelly (Education Director, SLCA)

proud to contribute to their mission and look forward to strengthening this partner-

ship for years to come."

Chico Hot Springs has played a leading role with the organization since the earliest days at the Firehouse 5. Mike Art, one of Chico's former owners and local legend, was an active participant in productions, and today, the very room where Shane Center actors rehearse is named in his honor: The Mike & Eve Art Rehearsal Hall.

Former owners Colin and Seabring Davis have also been steadfast supporters, playing a crucial role in the organization's growth and been champions for The Shane Center.

Erika Adams, Executive Director of the Shane Center, is grateful for the continued partnership:

"It's inspiring to see this long-standing relationship thrive and to have EOS recognize the role our organization plays in the community."

For more information about EOS Hospitality's Community Impact Program, visit: www.eoshospitality.com/about/community-impact.

Livingston Film Series Presents: Mollie's Pack

On January 12, 1995, wolves returned to Yellowstone 50 years after their extirpation. Mollie Beattie, the first female director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, carried the first Canadian born wolf, Alpha Female Wolf No. 5, into the Park's experimental acclimation enclosure. From that day forward, their lives would be forever connected. This is the true story of Mollie's Pack.

Mollie's Pack is a thrilling feature documentary derived from primary 16mm film footage recovered and restored for the first

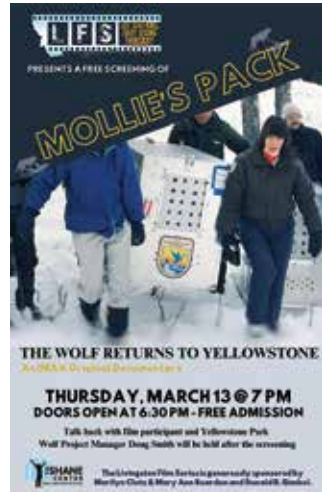
time and in-depth interviews with the key players at the center of the historic Yellowstone Wolf reintroduction. The narrative follows the eternally interconnected stories of Mollie Beattie and Wolf #5. Mollie Beattie's unprecedented journey included a brief stint as a fashion model in New York and a life changing Outward Bound expedition that inspired her to pursue a career in environmental science and conservation. Mollie initiated the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone, one of the most controversial and ambitious

wildlife restoration projects in recorded human history. It was a "Grand Experiment." You do not want to miss this experience.

Join us on March 13th.
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Screening begins at 7:00 pm
Admission is Free

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

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

Mondays

WEEKLY GAME OF UNO at the Park County Senior Center, 206 S. Main St., Livingston on Mondays at 1 pm. Free for members, \$5 per game non-members.

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

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.

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

Saturdays

FREE YOUTH ICE FISHING Ages 8-16, one adult per 3 children needed. Every Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm, weather permitting, on Daily Lake. To sign up go by Yellowstone Sporting Goods at 1106 W. Park St. #22, 406-222-5185, or Hatch Finders Fly Shop at 5237 US Hwy. 89 Suite 12, 406-222-0989. All other inquires can be made with Brewer at 410-919-3391 or Eric Strader at 816-591-3535. Free Youth Ice Fishing is sponsored by the Living Life Fund mentors and fishing guides.

March 13 - LIVINGSTON FILM SERIES presents *Mollie's Pack* at The Shane Center Dulcie Theatre, 415 E. Lewis Street. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and screening starts at 7 pm. Admission is free.

March 14 - CALL FOR BEAVER ART To Celebrate International Beaver Day, we invite artists/non-artists of all ages to sink their teeth in and create their best-dam beaver inspired artwork. All mediums welcome! Pencil, scratch art, watercolor, painting, collage, photography—Let your creativity run wild! Submit your art by 5 pm on March 14th. Prizes awarded to top selected pieces! Artwork will be displayed at the Lincoln School, 215 E. Lewis. Join for a reception at 5 pm, Thursday, April 10th, to announce awards. Drop off artwork at Room 207, Lincoln School. Email high-resolution photos and questions to: WendyWeaver@freshwaterpartners.org or call (406) 579-2355.

March 14 & 15 - RANCHO DELUXE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY Join us Friday, March 14th at Katabatic Taproom, 117 W. Park Street, for a free evening of live music, commemorative beer release and drink specials starting at 6 pm. Saturday, March 15th, join us at Empire Theatre, 106 N.

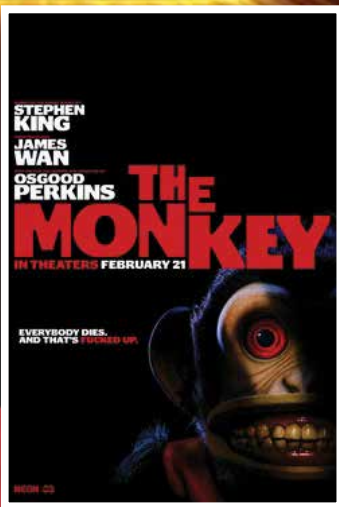
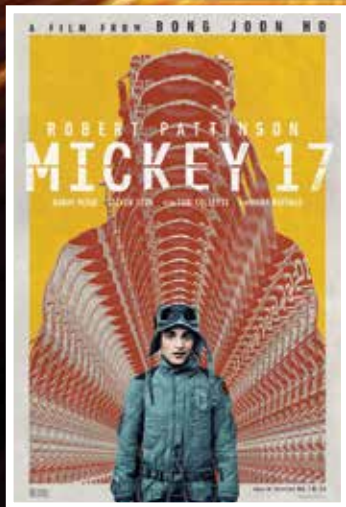
2nd Street, at 7 pm for a showing of Rancho Deluxe with beer & wine served on site. Tickets available at LivingstonMovies.com.

March 15 - 10TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER with the American Legion Riders, Chapter 23, 112 N. B St. from 5 pm until all the food is gone. Tickets are \$10 per plate, kids 10 and under \$5. Live music by Davy Jones Locker, raffle basket and 50/50 raffle.

March 24 - CRAFT MOVIE NIGHT - This unique series invites community members to gather with us and combine their love for crafting and cinema in a welcoming and creative setting at the historic Empire Twin Theatres. Attendees are invited to bring their stitching, knitting, or other portable craft projects. Craft Movie Night welcomes all, from seasoned crafters to anyone looking for an enjoyable night out. Admission is \$10. Presale tickets are available now at cactusblossomcollective.com. The film for this night is *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* starting at 7 pm. This event will feature a special Tea + Chat hosted by Coffee Crossing, offering an opportunity for thoughtful conversation about the film. For additional information, please get in touch with Emily Johnson at director@empiretwintheatre.com.

March 27 - COMPOSTING PANEL - Whether you are a farmer, backyard gardener or growing in pots come join our lively discussion! Get your questions answered from people with lots of composting experience! Plant-based snacks provided. This free event will take place from 6 - 7:45 pm at the Livingston Library, 228 W. Callender Street. Sign up at ParadisePermaculture.org or call Mona at 406-222-9999.

April 10 - OUT WITH THE TURF in with the Bloom, Abiya Saeed 5:30 pm - 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office, 119 S. 3rd St, Livingston. Meadowscaoping, xeriscaping, pollinator habitat - Abi will guide you through methods of turf removal, plant selection, and care when creating your (and a pollinator's!) dream landscape. Please RSVP to 406-222-4156 or park@montana.edu.



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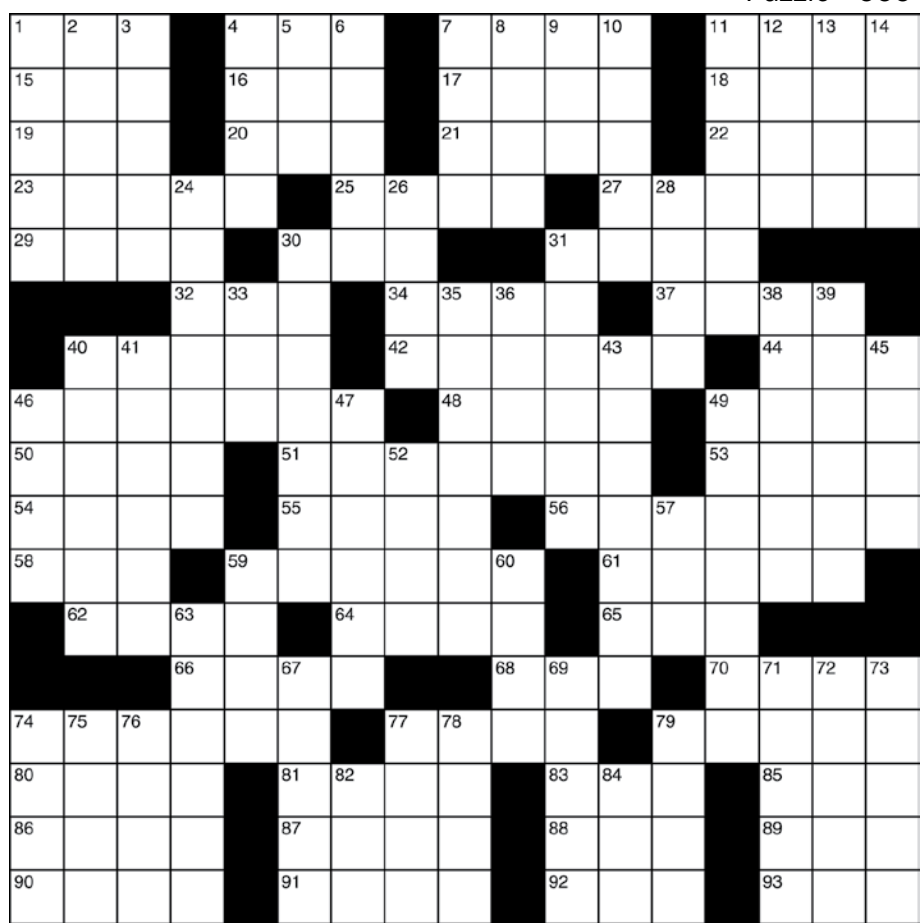
Puzzle #388

Montana Fun Facts!

Extremely **beautiful and fine blue sapphires** are found in the Yogo Gulch in Montana. There are four main sites where rich deposits of sapphires can be found in this state.

Coal lies underneath about thirty-five percent of Montana, part of what may be the largest coal basin on earth. If all of Montana's coal reserves were mined and the mines continued production at their current rate, the coal would run out in about 3,000 years.

- ACROSS**
- Crow sound
 - Rotary disk
 - Disapproving sound
 - Covenant
 - Your and my
 - Be less than truthful
 - Elaborate solo
 - Far East nanny
 - Summer drink
 - Everybody
 - Unyielding
 - Theatrical part
 - Coward
 - Vittles
 - Belt fastener
 - Carry along
 - Animation frame
 - Diner
 - It comes after pi
 - Entree list
 - Butterine
 - Refuge
 - Munchies
- DOWN**
- A way the wind blows
 - Shady porch
 - Polynesian image
 - Grand ____ (bridge term)
 - Achieve
 - Greek E
 - Creche figures
 - Censor
 - Doubtful
 - Policeman
 - Vroom
 - Consume
 - Judge's demand
 - Gather
 - Dueler's tool
 - Ship's record
 - Carnival feature
 - Certain lodge member
 - Fidgety
 - Sheep's coat
 - Slosh through surf
 - Breathe loudly
 - Oxidize
 - Club for Trevino
 - ____ media
 - Grizzly's lair
 - Irish river
 - Hide-and-____
 - Bobble the ball
 - Come and ____ it!
 - Enlarges
 - Engage, as gears
 - Oahu necklace
 - Letter from Athens
- DOWN**
- Glide
 - Pertaining to sound
 - Take by force
 - Loam
 - Hurt
 - Ruckus
 - Knife handle
 - Eye part
 - Salutation word
 - Brazilian dance
 - Package



- Frenzied
- Contact
- Quaker word
- Butler or maid
- Donations
- Sci-fi transports
- Blame
- ____ clock
- Quag producer
- Qualify
- Brad
- Intertwine
- Wild donkey
- Window topper
- Reach
- Jethro's relatives
- Kuwaiti leader
- Shift course
- Highest point
- Jot
- Minestrone, e.g.
- Companion of to
- Heroic tale
- Fodder
- Sharp crests
- Belief in God
- Flat
- Duck
- Hail
- Busybody
- Costing nothing
- Sneak
- Anglo-Saxon peon
- Difficulties
- Egyptian symbol
- Indian garb
- Female ruff
- Bad temper

Sudoku

Puzzle #124

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

Sudoku - #123

SOLUTIONS

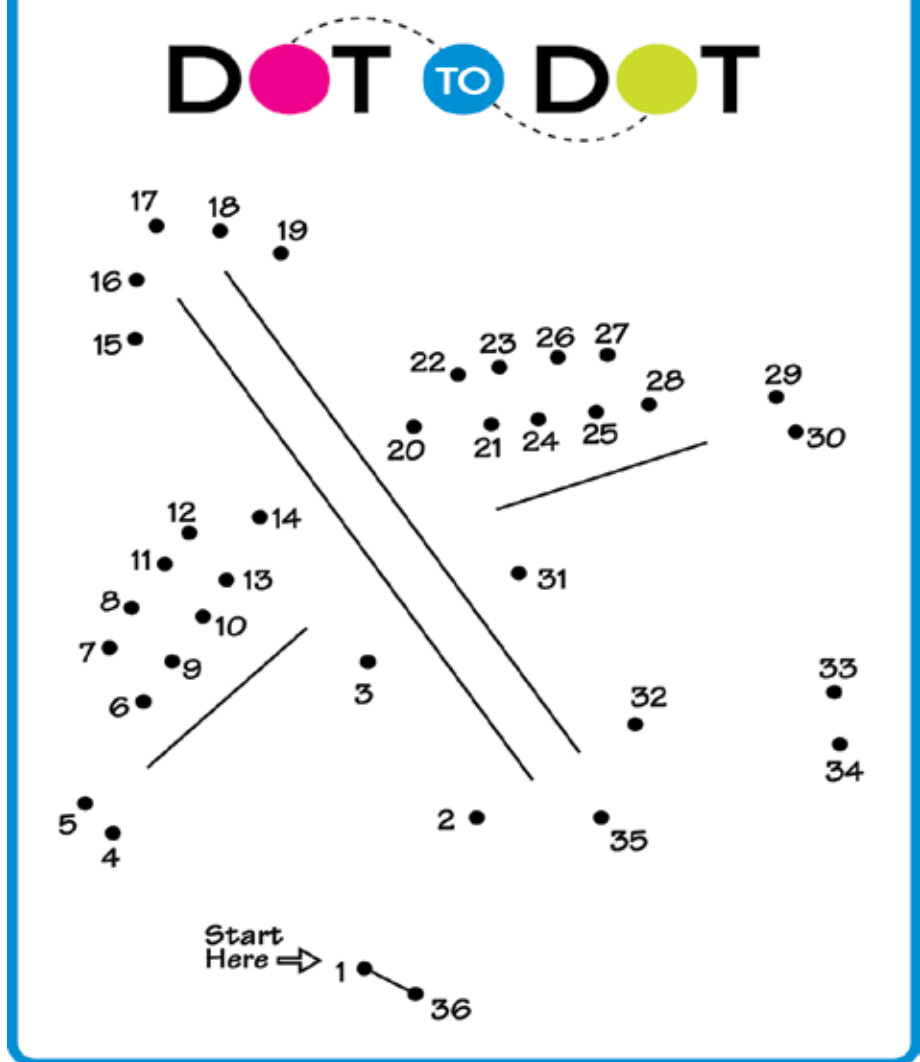
Crossword - #387

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

B	E	S	T		R	A	W		S	C	U	F	F						
E	X	P	O		H	A	L	O	S		S	T	A	P	L	E			
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Arrowhead Elementary School is looking for a Food Service Cook. Hours are eight hours a day, 4 days a week, with some Fridays. Starting pay is \$20/hour.

- Experience with Commercial food preparation (Menu planning, Food Production, Serving Food (offer vs serve)
- Point of Service, Purchasing/ Procurement, Receiving and Storage, Food Safety and HACCP
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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.

2024-2025 Vacancies Arrowhead School District #75

- **Paraprofessional** Monday-Thursday some Fridays, \$18/hour, health, dental, and/or vision
- **High Needs Paraprofessional** Monday-Thursday some Fridays, Hourly Wage D.O.E., health, dental, and/or vision
- **After School Assistant**

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

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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 School has openings for the following coaching positions for the fall of 2025: **Head Jr. High Volleyball, Assistant Jr. High Volleyball, Head Jr. High Football, Assistant Jr. High Football.** The coach's responsibilities include developing practice plans and leading practices, providing motivation and advice during competitions, and fostering good mentorship with the Bruin athletes and staff. Outstanding candidates are highly motivated, committed, disciplined, and patient. Please send a letter of interest to Carmen Harbach at carmen@gardiner.org or call the Gardiner School at 406-848-7563.

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!

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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



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Baylor & Carolina Carter | 406-223-7903



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3 beds 3 baths | 2,772 sq ft
#397719 | \$810,000
Tammy Berendts | 406-220-0159



1296 US Hwy 10 W
Commercial Sale | 10,160 sq ft
#397843 | \$2,500,000
Ernie Meador | 406-220-0231



107 Elliot Street N
Comm: 3,104 sq ft | Res: 704 sq ft
C #398072 R #398098 | \$600,000
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#398691 | \$685,000
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49 Two Dot Highway
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#389858 | \$300,000
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#395132 | \$1,950,000
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New Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation License Year Begins March 1st

The Deer and Elk Permit Application Deadline is April 1st

You can buy your 2025 hunting, fishing, and conservation licenses and begin applying for permits and special licenses. The deadline to apply for deer and elk permits is April 1st.

Applications for most species; deer, elk, antelope, deer B licenses, elk B licenses, antelope B licenses, moose, sheep, goat, and bison can be made beginning March 1st.

Applicants can reapply for the same offerings as last year with a single click, eliminating the need to search through previous applications.

Hunters and anglers can buy licenses and apply for permits on the FWP website beginning at 5 am on March 1st; click "Buy and Apply." Most FWP offices will be open from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

The licensing call center will be open from 7 am to 7 pm from March 1st through April 1st. After April 1st, its hours will return to 8 am to 5 pm. The call center can be reached at 406-444-2950.

Hunters and anglers can also take advantage of the MyFWP mobile app. The app holds and



displays licenses, permits, and E-Tags, which can be downloaded and used in the field without cell service. To create a My FWP account, visit the MyFWP login page.

Tips and reminders

- Don't wait until the last day to apply.
- If you're applying for a special license or permit, you will need to have a valid email address.
- Make sure to double-check the regulations before applying. Some permits/licenses have changed.
- The Online Licensing Service is available from 5 am to 11:45 pm.
- Everyone 12 and older needs a Conservation License to access most state lands, including fishing access sites, wildlife management areas, and wildlife habitat protection areas (WHPA). Montana State Parks do not require a Conservation License.
- A separate and rotating moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat SuperTag lottery for resident hunters will be conducted annually. Montana residents will receive one free chance in the lottery for every General Elk or General Deer License purchased.

Application deadlines

- Smith River Super Permit – April 1st
- Paddlefish (white tag) – April 1st
- Deer and Elk • Permits – April 1st
- B Licenses – June 1st
- Bighorn Sheep – May 1st
- Bison – May 1st
- Moose – May 1st
- Mountain Goat – May 1st
- Antelope – June 1st
- Sandhill Crane – June 1st
- Swan – June 1st
- SuperTags - Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat, and Mountain Lion are due by June 30th
- NR Winter Hound Licenses – Sept. 1st

For more information on Montana hunting licenses and permits, go to fwp.mt.gov/buyandapply/hunting-licenses.

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