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# Comstock Rumble Properties

Comstock Rumble Properties, formerly Kooconusa Realty, has been providing first-rate service to the Tobacco Valley for over 15 years.

Whether you're looking for waterfront land, your first home, or vacation property, their realtors are dedicated to meeting your needs. They are friendly, energetic, and believe in the importance of integrity and honesty in their business and in their lives.

To Terry Comstock of Comstock Rumble Properties, his work is all about building relationships. In the last year and a half, the business has added three new realtors - Jeffrey Loomis, LeRoy Eash, and Colter Comstock, all of whom bring a strong work ethic. Each member of the team brings unique strengths and experience.

Scott Rumble is managing broker and Terry's business partner. Scott moved to Eureka over 20 years ago. He has two decades of experience in the real estate business and a background in the construction industry. As a Certified Appraiser, he can provide the needed expertise to help customers secure a bank loan.

Jeffrey Loomis has a broad range of experience from his years in real estate, general and project management, sales and marketing, administration, customer service and business ownership.

LeRoy Eash grew up in the West Kootenai, and has had experience as a Ranch Manager, training and shoeing horses, working in construction and logging, and is an award-winning saddle bronc rider. He brings the experience of living in the Tobacco Valley from childhood and knowing it well.

Colter Comstock was born and raised in Eureka. He grew up learning all about the area's outdoor recreation opportunities in every season, and can offer that experience to help people find the property that best suits their lifestyle and interests. He is a teacher and coach at Lincoln County High School.

Terry Comstock moved from Idaho to the Tobacco Valley in 1980. He and his wife, Kelley, have raised four children here and have strong roots in the community. Terry has been involved with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks as a volunteer, and was also selected to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee for two terms.

As a licensed Realtor, he's been involved in the responsible development of the community for over two decades.

Let Comstock Rumble Properties help you find your perfect place today. Visit their website at

[www.findmontana.com](http://www.findmontana.com), call the office at 406-297-2005, or stop by the office at 421 Hwy 93 North, Eureka, MT, 59917.



Terry Comstock, Colter Comstock, LeRoy Eash, Scott Rumble, Jeffrey Loomis.



Front row: Jason Moothart, Kevin Hodik, Lireva Wall, Cameron Colvard, John Reynolds, Rob Little.  
Second row: Barb Gwynn, Michelle Schutte, Shani little, Rebekah Apeland, Shanan Truman, Chris Hoerner, Jared Sherwood.  
Back row: Blair Bohn, Tom Rasmussen, Paul Torres, Keith Hill, Rick McCracken, Linda McNicol, Ben White, Ben Traina, Jeremy Roose, Kelly Green, Josh Persson.

# InterBel Telephone Co-op

**I**nterBel was started in 1962 by the community for the community as a member driven cooperative with the original goal of providing telephone services to rural homes and businesses. While the products have evolved, our mission has not. With 26 full and part-time employees and one student worker, we strive to deliver the same exceptional experience we did 58 years ago. As our community and technology may change, our local InterBel team will strive to utilize our diverse experience and technical skill to meet your needs.

While our mission to provide advanced communications remains, we take very seriously our role in supporting local businesses and supporting local traditions like Rendezvous, the Eureka Montana Quilt Show and the Lincoln County Fair while assisting in community projects and events. We will also invest in our future leaders by awarding technical school and college scholarships.

Today, the network has grown to over 600 miles of fiber, connecting our membership to family, friends, e-commerce, telemedicine, work from home careers, entertainment, and applications just discovered. The 2021 construction plan will see us complete a 6 year fiber to the home project and transition from our rural members to the Town of Eureka, with a goal of reaching a 100 percent of the Tobacco Valley with 1G service.

Visit our website [www.interbel.com](http://www.interbel.com), stop by at 300 Dewey Ave, or call at 406-889-3311 to learn more about packages, router options, and other products to keep your family or business connected.

# Chrysalis Therapeutic Boarding School

Chrysalis Therapeutic Boarding School is a place where young girls come to find themselves. Founded in 1998, Chrysalis has nearly 25 years of clinical excellence and expertise helping teen girls effectively conquer their pasts, find joy in the present, and boldly embark into a hopeful future. Our program is a 47-acre haven for girls ages 13 to 18 struggling with a variety of emotional, relational, and academic challenges like anxiety, depression, school avoidance, and poor self-esteem. Our students and their families work 12-18 months to heal and improve their relationship, communication, and coping skills to eradicate unhealthy patterns that no longer serve them. This is done by participating in weekly therapeutic groups, individual and family sessions, as well as family workshops and retreats.

Chrysalis is a part of a group of mental health professionals and programs called Embark Behavioral Health. Our goal as a company is to help drive the all-time highs of adolescent anxiety, depression, and suicide to all-time lows by the year 2028. Our core purpose of existence is to create joy and heal generations.

Our unique holistic approach includes:

- Highly qualified and caring academic and clinical experts;
- A proven comprehensive and individualized program;
- A robust, year-round adventure therapy program;
- A specialization in relational development and family-style living;
- Biannual international travel opportunities and local excursions.

Each student attends school while she is at Chrysalis, giving her a chance to experience small class sizes and experiential learning. Chrysalis students have opportunities to travel internationally to serve abroad. Students are also involved in our adventure program where each girl can try new things, spend time outdoors, and gain a greater sense of self through activity.

Our direct care employees play a vital role in the success of our students and are the reason Chrysalis works for so many families. Some perks of working with us include:

- Great pay and bonus potential, plus benefits included for full time employees- medical, dental, vision, 401k, maternal leave, PTO;
- Meaningful relationships with students and employees that impact generations;
- Full/part time work- short work week/flexible schedules -mornings, evenings, or night shifts;



Students staff and students build relationships through play and quality time.

- Fun work environment, career development opportunities, and so much more!

To learn more about Chrysalis or current job openings, call us at 406-889-5577 or go online to <https://chrysalisschoolmontana.com/> and click 'careers'. If Chrysalis sounds like a place where you can thrive, give us a call today and apply!

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# Mountain Vista Veterinary

We are so blessed; we get to work with all sorts of great animals and their owners. Our staff is committed to providing high quality, honest, and compassionate care for your animal companions. Our clients and patients are the heart of our practice and the reason we are here.

Our two doctors have a long history in the Tobacco Valley, with Dr. Nancy Haugan practicing veterinary medicine here since 1997. Dr. Steve Vredenburg started out in Eureka, moved to Oregon to work with a busy large and small animal practice for some years, then returned to Eureka in 2017 to join the Mountain Vista Veterinary team. Dr. Vredenburg also specializes in embryo transfer and herd health.

Services for small animals include annual exams, pediatric and geriatric exams, vaccinations, soft tissue surgery including spay and neuter, tumor removal, dentistry, in-house blood screening, digital radiology, allergy testing, heartworm prevention, and house and farm calls. We now offer therapeutic Bemer treatments to promote faster healing. Ask about it for more information.

Dr. Vredenburg is available for large animal services, including equine exams, herd health, castrations, obstetrics, equine dentistry, pregnancy checks, and embryo transfers. We have a visiting surgeon available, Dr. Rick Scherr, for orthopedic surgeries such as TPLO, arthroscopy, bone plating.

Mountain Vista partners with Friends of the Shelter and Lincoln County to offer reduced cost spay and neuter procedures for dogs and cats for low income families. The clinic also supports other local rescue groups such as Critter Rescue. These programs have proven to be very successful.

Our great support team at Mountain Vista Vet includes Dina Sherman, Kris Proudfoot, Lori McNicol,



Front row: Jackie Lederman, Dr. Steve Vredenburg, Kris Proudfoot.  
Back row: Dr. Nancy Haugan, Dina Sherman, Kelly Rabidue, Lori McNicol.

Kelly Rabidue, Jackie Lederman, Beth Sandersen and Caitlin Sturdevant. We all work together and share one common goal: giving the very best care and attention to their patients.

Located on Montana Highway 37 just west of the intersection with Highway 93 at Four Corners in Eureka, Mountain Vista is always accepting new clients. We are open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Dr. Vredenburg is available for Saturday farm calls by appointment.

# Eureka Liquor Store

**N**ow in their second year of running the business, Jenny Haidle and Jim Bushfield are the owners of the Eureka Liquor Store on Main Street Eureka.

One day in October of 2019, Jenny and husband Jim walked into the liquor store, and Connie held out her hand to make the deal. The very night before she had told Joe it was time to retire, unbeknownst to either Jim or Jenny who, it turns out, had walked in at just the right time. The deal was set into motion then, and after months of paperwork, Jim and Jenny took over in April, 2020.

Amazing employees run the show day-to-day, and Jenny says of her “stellar staff” that “Cody, Erin and Sue are the best gals in town!”

“Our employees are the greatest! We are working through the last wave of germs to pass through our town and working extra hard to maintain a clean store and healthy employees. Thank you for the customers who have utilized our curbside services. We appreciate the patience it may take and want everyone to know that it is our pleasure to pack your order out to you if that is what is needed,” Jenny added.



The store offers a wide selection of wines, and Jenny is happy to put together an amazing 12 bottles so your evening glass of wine is exciting and new every time! Mix and match cases start as low as \$90 per case, and can be assembled based on any budget. This is a great gift idea for a loved one who has everything!

“We are bringing in new products weekly to liven up your liquor cabinet! There are so many delicious beverages out there. You know, drinking can be quality, not just quantity,” Jenny says.

Think of Eureka Liquor when the holidays roll around. Gift packs arrive in fall, and the store will have new, fun gifts this year. Always remember that we know what they drink! We are the perfect gift stop for the person who has everything. “This year there will be no shortage of hot buttered rum mix,” Jenny says. “Now that’s progress!!”

Eureka Liquor Store is open Monday through Thursday, 10-5:30, Friday, 10-6, Saturday, 10-5:30. Stop by and visit at 201 Dewey Avenue in Eureka, or give them a call at 297-2741. The friendly staff will help you with what ever you need. They are striving to serve everyone’s needs and desires. They pride themselves on taking new product suggestions and following through with them. If it sells then they’ll keep it coming!

The store will soon be livened up with a fresh coat of paint. “It’s all fun and games until you have to choose a paint color,” Jenny says.



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# Bear Hat Ready Mix



Jason Wheat of Bear Hat Ready Mix.

For more than 20 years, the core crew at Bear Hat Ready Mix, Inc., has been providing top quality concrete to the Tobacco Valley and beyond. Whether you are a contractor on a commercial build or a weekend warrior pouring your own patio, Bear Hat Ready Mix is here to help.

Bob Cuffe, also owner of Glacier Excavating Inc., purchased Bear Hat Ready Mix in 2014 as a welcome addition to his already flourishing business.

With the new owner came upgrades to the existing plant. Cuffe installed a hot water system and an automated additive system to the existing concrete batching plant. The upgrade allows the crew to provide their superior concrete even during inclement weather of Northwest Montana, virtually year round.

In addition to concrete, Bear Hat Ready Mix has a variety of quality rock and sand available at our location on 1050 Osloski Rd in Eureka. Also available are 2x2x2 as well as 2x2x4 foot interlocking blocks.

Our experienced dump truck and mixer drivers are available Monday through Friday to deliver to your jobsite or home.

The team at Bear Hat Ready Mix is available to help you choose the appropriate material and provide advice to help your project run smoothly. So stop by and meet the crew or give us a call at 297-3156. We look forward to working with you.

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# Law Office of J. Tiffin Hall

The Law Office of J. Tiffin Hall, PLLC opened in Eureka in February 2007 and has been providing legal services to the Tobacco Valley for over 13 years.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Montana School of Law, Tiffin has 30 years of legal experience working for law firms in Great Falls and Missoula, and operating his own practice in Missoula and Eureka.

During law school, and briefly after passing the Montana and Iowa bar exams, Tiffin clerked for his father's law practice in a small town in Iowa. Tiffin's grandfather started that Iowa firm in 1923 and practiced law for over 50 years.

Tiffin has been fortunate to represent a variety of individual clients and diverse businesses in a wide range of legal matters including but not limited to civil litigation, mediation, employment and labor law, real property transactions and litigation, personal injury claims, landlord/tenant disputes, environmental law, bankruptcy, business formation and business law, commercial transactions and related litigation, drafting contracts and sales agreements, and insurance defense litigation.

As part of his practice, Tiffin has also published articles on employment issues for the Western Montana Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Managers and developed and presented lectures to attorneys on employment and real estate topics.

Tiffin's practice now focuses on real estate transactions, estate planning and drafting wills, business formation and business law, drafting contracts, commercial transactions including assisting clients sell and buy businesses, and providing general legal advice and counsel to a wide variety of



Tiffin Hall, Casey Jacobson.

individuals, homeowner associations and businesses in Northwest Montana.

Tiffin is pleased to have Casey Jacobson on his staff as his legal assistant.

Finally, Tiffin is excited to announce the relocation of his practice to 124 Riverside Drive, Suite 201 in their remodeled offices (upstairs of their old location). Please call 297-7026 to schedule an appointment.



John, Connie and Walt Gibbons.

## Gibbons' Garage

It's been over 30 years since Walter S. Gibbons II began managing Gibbons' Garage after his father, Joe Gibbons, passed it on to him.

Joe had in turn received the shop from his father, Walter S. Gibbons, who started the business in 1923. If you're counting, that's 98 years of service to the Tobacco Valley.

Today, Gibbons' Garage maintains the small town, personal customer service they've always been proud of, while utilizing some cutting edge technology in auto repair.

"It's old fashioned service, with the newest technology," says Walt Gibbons. "We've got a Pro-Cut, an on-car brake lathe that cuts rotors on the car, a coolant flush machine, and a flywheel cutter. We are now able to resurface flywheels in the shop."

Their computer diagnostics now includes the recently added "Modis Ultra," a Snap-On powered computer diagnostic system, in addition to Identifix, a nationwide network of auto repair shops that helps get to the bottom of car trouble. It's a big bank of problems and solutions.

Walt has extensive auto repair experience, having worked at the garage through the changing times; from old school mechanics, where they had to figure out the problem, to computer diagnostics and electronic tools.

Walt takes farm calls, helping to keep the farmers' tractors, balers and trucks going through their busy seasons. Walt and son John both run wreckers and snow plows as well.

John Gibbons is the fourth generation of Gibbons to work at Gibbons' Garage. John earned an associate's degree from Wyoming Tech in auto body/custom fabrication and business management. He is also ASE certified in Engine Repair, Suspension/Steering, and Brakes.

David Totten comes in every day after finishing his schoolwork, to help out in the shop, and gain experience.

Also on staff is Connie Gibbons as office manager. For a small town automotive shop, Gibbons' Garage offers a surprising number of services. Besides vehicle repair, Gibbons' offers tires, wheels, and does snow plowing and sanding in the winter. They have two wreckers and provide towing services with 24-hour roadside service.

"We want people to know about the great crew and range of services we've got here," Connie added. Stop in for anything automotive; hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, 297-2141.



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- On the job training
- Fun work environment
- Great pay and bonus potential, plus benefits included for full time employees- medical, dental, vision, 401k, maternal leave, PTO etc.
- And so much more!

**What is Chrysalis?**

We are a therapeutic boarding school for teen girls. Our bright and engaging students are here to learn to manage anxiety and depression and heal their family systems. Our team provides the highest quality care, safety, and support so we can continue the legacy of creating joy and healing generations.

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Eli Eash and Ryan Miller, Eash and Miller Woodworks.

# Eash and Miller Woodworks

**E**li Eash and Ryan Miller saw the opportunity to start this woodworking company in 2017 with the desire to specialize in custom cabinetry, interior doors and other fine wood products. Since then it has grown successfully to provide quality services to the Tobacco Valley and beyond.

Eash has been a craftsman since late childhood and has always loved it. There is nothing like creating a masterpiece and doing it well, he says. Miller has the artistic gene in his family and brings a professional eye to all the designs. He also loves using his own two hands in creating a well-built piece. Together, Eash and Miller bring a unique set of talents and abilities that result in products of the highest quality.

With a combined 34 years of carpentry experience, Eash and Miller are a team with the skill and experience to bring kitchen dreams to reality. They offer a wide variety of cabinet styles to fit individual tastes, ranging from country shaker to the modern flat panel. The face frames, doors, and drawer fronts are constructed using wood species such as black walnut, rustic cherry, maple, and reclaimed barn wood. The cabinet boxes are built with high quality three-quarter inch plywood, not the cheaper fiberboard materials used by big box stores and cabinet manufacturers. With this combination, these cabinets have the strength and durability to last as long as your home. Eash and Miller offer dovetailed drawer boxes and, as a bonus, their standard drawers and doors are equipped with soft-close slides and hinges.

The abilities of Eash and Miller do not stop with cabinets. They can build custom doors, furniture, and headboards as well. If you have any questions, call or stop in. Eli and Ryan would be happy to talk to you. And more than likely, if it's made of wood, they can build it.

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# Whitefish Credit Union

**W**hitefish Credit Union is growing to meet the needs of its members in the Tobacco Valley and across Montana.

In the summer of 2021, Whitefish Credit Union hit a major milestone when it reached \$2 billion in total assets.

Whitefish Credit Union provides unparalleled support for Montana homeowners. They do not sell their loans to third-party servicers, which means members work with local staff for the entire life of the mortgage. The credit union offers low rates, flexible terms, no lender origination fees, and dedicated service from local lenders based in the communities they serve.

Whitefish Credit Union recently improved its online loan application and launched a new online membership application. Some loans can now be processed almost entirely remotely up until a final in-person meeting with the title company.

In 2020, those tools contributed to nearly 2,700 net new accounts opened, \$265 million in new home loans, and \$25 million in home equity lines of credit.

As Montana continues to see significant growth, Whitefish Credit Union remains committed to supporting its communities and helping members do more with their money through its range of banking products and services.

In 2020 and 2021, the credit union opened up membership to residents of Broadwater, Gallatin, Lewis & Clark, Missoula and Ravalli counties. More than 200 team members are employed across eight branch locations.

Their Eureka branch is located at 105 Dewey Avenue, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with drive up available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A coin counter, public notary and 24-hour ATM are available.

Whitefish Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial institution and the largest credit union in Montana with over 60,000 members and \$2 billion in assets.

As a member-centric financial cooperative founded in 1934, Whitefish Credit Union has been a trusted financial partner to its consumer and commercial customers for generations. The credit union offers a comprehensive suite of financial products and services including online checking and savings accounts, home equity and mortgage-lending services, business, and equipment loans, auto and vehicle financing, and a low fixed-rate credit card.

With an unwavering community focus, Whitefish Credit Union supports countless organizations throughout Northwest Montana every year. For more information, visit [www.whitefishcu.com](http://www.whitefishcu.com).



Whitefish Credit Union is located at 105 Dewey Avenue in Eureka.



A volunteer unloads boxes at a new food bank distribution point in Trego.



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Matt Worthy performs a roof inspection.

The owner of Worthy Inspections, Matt Worthy, is a certified, insured, and bonded home and commercial inspector who will personally inspect your home. His investment in the company will be reflected in the quality of your inspection. He is committed to giving the unbiased information needed to help clients make an informed decision. We understand our services are crucial when executing a real estate transaction, but most importantly, we want to ensure a sense of security and safety in your home. Our goal is to not only make the process as easy as possible but to also provide the most honest, comprehensive inspection possible. Learn more about what we offer by visiting us at [www.WorthyInspections.com](http://www.WorthyInspections.com) or give us a call at 406-607-5424 to schedule your inspection.



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# Big Sky Tire & Auto

It's been over 50 years since Ernie Roo set up shop on Highway 93 on the northern end of Eureka and started to offer the finest customer service and vehicle maintenance in the valley.

Even with his retirement, Big Sky Tire & Auto, formerly Big Sky Exxon, remains the best place in Eureka to find the many services needed to keep your car or truck in good condition.

Big Sky Tire & Auto carries the world's most respected tire brands, including Michelin, Continental, Hercules, BF Goodrich, Firestone, General tires, Mastercraft, Cooper tires, Toyo, Goodyear tires, roadside assistance, shop truck, and many more. With the purchase of four passenger or light truck tires, we offer a road hazard warranty as well as free rotation and flat tire repair for the life of the tires.

In 2011, Big Sky Tire & Auto joined Tire Pros, which is the largest network of independent tire retailers in the U.S.

Tire Pros offers our staff ongoing product and technical education regarding pre-fitting assessments, expert installation, and tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS).

With Tire Pros, we can offer nationwide peace of mind with over 400 locations and coast-to-coast service warranties at a network of over 30,000 different locations across the country.

Please come in and visit Joey and the crew, and let Big Sky Tire & Auto take care of all your automobile needs.



Front row: Ernie Roo, Colette Colvard.

Back row: Clint Anderson, Joey Burgess, Dale Roo, Caleb Hull, Greg Ocamica.

It has been a pleasure to support the Eureka community for over 50 years, and we look forward to supporting it for another 50 years.

# Schnackenberg Funeral Home

Schnackenberg Funeral Home is owned and operated by Steve and Denise Schnackenberg with the help of long-time office manager, Jean Brown. James Schnackenberg and Craig Riddle also work with them.

The funeral home has been in business for over 100 years, and it is the only one of its kind in Lincoln County. Steve has served at the funeral home since May of 1994. He is well prepared to handle the leadership of the business so important to Lincoln County. He feels his ministerial and counseling experience have helped him be able to meet the needs of families in a caring and compassionate way.

When a loved one passes away, Schnackenberg Funeral Home is available to help grieving families through some of the most difficult parts of the process.

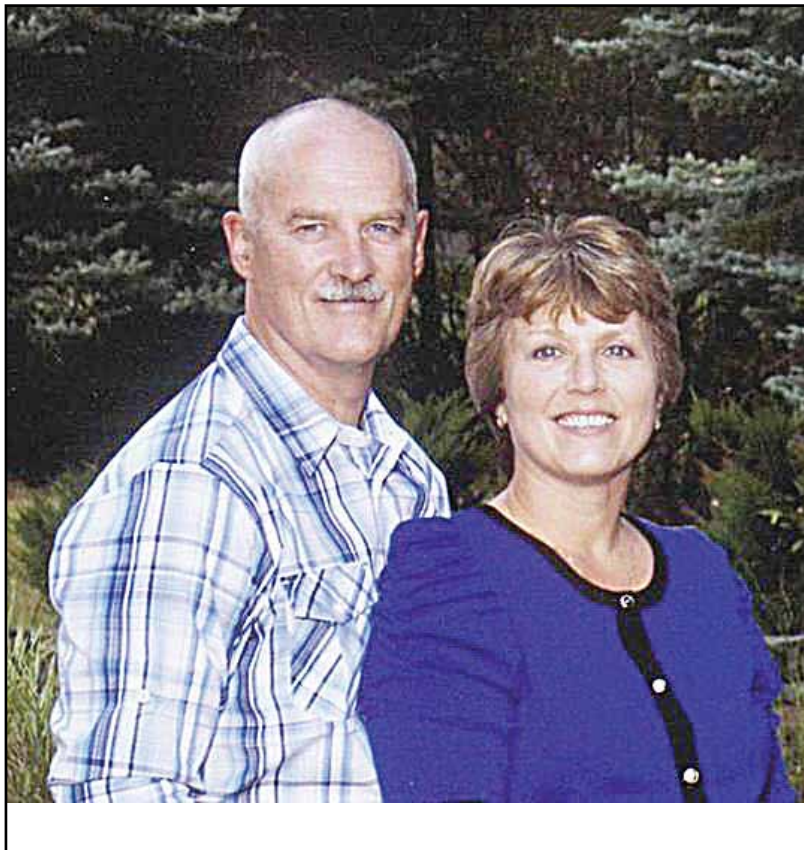
“It’s a time when people are hurting,” Denise emphasized, “when decisions need to be made. It’s good to be there for people and a privilege for us to be able to help families and serve them.”

Every family’s need is different. Some have made prearrangements, some are starting from scratch. Many desire a memorial marker for the grave of a loved one.

“First we learn their needs,” Steve said. “We offer a wide variety of both burial and cremation services. For paperwork, we virtually do everything for them.”

Schnackenberg contacts the churches and pastors, takes care of writing and sending out obituaries, files insurance claims, and more. “Basically, anything we can do to make it easier for the family,” Denise added.

An office in Eureka is staffed on an at-need basis, and conveniently, Steve will meet with and do



Steve and Denise Schnackenberg of Schnackenberg Funeral Home.

visitations with families right here in Eureka. There is no additional charge for mileage in Lincoln or Flathead counties. Steve adds that he often goes to the home of an individual if they are unable to get out. “They don’t have to go anywhere else, down to Libby or the Flathead,” Steve explained.

Steve grew up in Libby before moving to Nebraska for college. There he met and married Denise. Together, they served a church for eight years in Nebraska before returning to Lincoln County eventually joining the funeral home. They have 3 sons: Jared and wife, Christina; James; and Jason and wife, Lauren; and 3 grandchildren.

“We look forward to our continued service here in Eureka,” Steve said. “It is a true pleasure working in the community up here, since I am related to or know so many people here.”



# Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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# Glacier Bank

**G**lacier Bank of Eureka is proud to have a long term presence and commitment to the Tobacco Valley. With 12 dedicated employees, virtually every financial need can be met by the knowledgeable and friendly staff.

Branch Manager Tammy Lawler states: “Our team has a wide and deep ability to help customers with the simplest to the most complex banking needs. Locally we have a team with almost 100 years of combined experience along with a vast network of resources from our main office located in Kalispell. What especially makes me so proud of the Eureka Branch is every employee’s commitment and participation in various organizations and events to make our area a better place to live.”

The Eureka office is one of 16 local branches throughout Western Montana that is operating under the banner of Glacier Bank. Locally, you can have all of your deposit needs confidentially and securely met that has all of the modern amenities such as online banking, user friendly app, person to person banking and remote deposit to name a few. On the lending side of the bank there is a vast array of products that can be offered for consumer, real estate and commercial needs.

Tammy Lawler is the Branch Manager and Chelsie White is the Operations Supervisor. Norma Salminen is the Real Estate Lender and Jon Leonard is the Consumer Loan Lender. Lauri Alcain is the Real Estate Processor and Carla Mikita is a Consumer Loan Processor. Our Customer Service Representatives are: Shelby Fowler, Tanya Anderson, Cheryl Mote, Teresa Dechart, Taylor Harpe and Colette Colvard.

Glacier Bank of Eureka is proud to be part of this community and if you are not already a part of our family, we would love to have you. Simply stop in anytime at 222 Dewey Avenue or give us a call at 406-297-2521. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Front row: Colette Colvard, Tanya Anderson, Teresa Dechart. Back row: Lauri Alcain, Shelby Fowler, Tammy Lawler, Chelsie White, Norma Salminen. Not pictured: Jon Leonard, Carla Mikita, Taylor Harpe, Cheryl Mote.

# Montana Market

**D**ecades of listening to their customers have given Mike and BeeGee Cole and their crew a pretty good idea of what folks need, and which products give the best value for their dollar. At Montana Market, you'll find everything you need to stock your pantry plus some!

No time to stop and shop, or feeling under the weather? Montana Market offers online ordering for pick up and delivery! Order online and Montana Market will bring it to your car or deliver to your home. Pick up and delivery is available Monday through Friday, 9 am - 5 pm. Deliveries are made to outlying areas as well as in town. There is a delivery fee of \$5 for anything over 10 miles one way. They also offer delivery to the West Kootenai on Thursday at 4:00, meeting at the West Kootenai Church.

Like to order in bulk and stock up? Customers receive a discount on case orders. In addition, you can have special items brought in just for you. Montana Market also offers its very own gift card, which is great for gift giving.

The fresh produce section provides not only your standard fruits and veggies but local, organic, or exotic produce as well. The full-service butcher counter lets you choose just which cuts and how much meat you want, alongside a wide selection of sauces, seasonings and rubs. You can make everyone happy and maybe try something different with Montana Market's Mix

& Match beer cabinet. Choose any six bottles of beer featured in the cabinet for one low price.

Montana Market is ever evolving to suit the needs of the Tobacco Valley community, offering traditional brands, plus gluten-free, paleo, keto, organic, and gourmet selections. Up front by the local (and fresh-brewed!) coffee by Cowboy Roasting Company of Eureka, you'll find Genesis Kitchen artisan olive oils and balsamic vinegars made in Whitefish, Mont. Take a gander at the Montana Market greeting cards by Leanin' Tree and Bald Guy Greetings while you stand in line, and then enjoy the friendliest customer service you'll find as you check out. And yes, they'll even carry your bags to your car for you!

Montana Market is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily. Need something that's not quite a grocery store item? Head across the street to Montana Market's sister store, Main Street Variety, where you'll find gifts, balloons, party, craft and office/school supplies, toys, and household goods. Follow Montana Market on Facebook for all the latest news and offerings or give us a call at 297-2113.



LCHS students help install sprinkler heads at the Eureka Youth Sports Park.

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# Lancaster and Company

Lancaster & Company is proud to be the top-rated real estate agency in the Tobacco Valley, with collective experience that is unsurpassed. As a team of local families, Lancaster & Company is committed to supporting the great people of this community. We thrive on the philosophy of giving back to the Tobacco Valley with the mission of supporting our community’s health, growth and progress. We are dedicated to the people who place their trust in us, and therefore, number one in sales also means number one in community involvement.

As the most experienced real estate team in our area, our agents are deeply involved in community service and volunteer on local boards, sports leagues and church groups. Our keystone community service project, the Eureka Youth Sports Park, completed Phase 1 this past

year, and we celebrated the opening of the community outdoor ice hockey rink and roller rink. The park will be the new home of the volunteer-run Eureka Youth Soccer Program, which has welcomed record registrations the past two years. The program provides area youth ages 4 to high school access to affordable, safe, wholesome recreation while giving the players solid, trustworthy mentors who care about and provide a positive influence for the players.

“Our community soccer program is vital to the physical and mental health of our kids,” said Gretchen Lancaster, broker/owner. “Every fall when we run this program, we see the impact we are making on these kids. Providing them with normal, stable activities,

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Children skate at the roller and ice rinks at the Eureka Sports Park and play soccer with the Eureka Youth Soccer league.





Aerial view of the Build the Park Project.

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especially during this time, is more important than ever.”

The soccer program has gained in popularity for its reputation of getting kids outside and keeping them active and socially engaged. The program is currently utilizing the high school track field and the ball fields at the fairgrounds to hold practices and games and hopes to open the new soccer fields at the park in Spring of 2022. Construction for the new fields is underway, with the irrigation recently completed. In addition to volunteer labor, the biggest obstacle is the need for funds to pay for construction and materials which have recently increased in cost.

“Every cent donated to this project goes into building this park,” said Lancaster. “Our vision is grand, and we want to give our community the best park, because our youth, families and members of this community deserve the best.”

Currently in Phase 2, the completely privately-funded park is accepting donations for the completion of the soccer fields along with the construction of tennis and pickleball courts, a playground and a biking and running trail. Your support matters. If you want to make a lasting difference for our community today and for generations to come, please stop by the Lancaster & Company office to make any donation, large or small. For more information, call 406-297-0144 or visit eureka-mt.com. To volunteer, contact Mike Lancaster at 406-291-8622 or info@lancasterand.com.



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## EDR Financial

**D**ale Roo started EDR Financial in 2003, offering employee benefits to large employers, and signed an independent contract with Mass Mutual to sell its insurance and investments. In 2013, Dale created a Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) by the name of EDR Investment Advisors, LLC, held under the umbrella of EDR Financial.

Dale grew up in Eureka but now resides in Kalispell with his wife Colette and children, Tori and Trey. Dale also owns the family business Big Sky Tire & Auto (Exxon) in Eureka.

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In 2019 EDR Financial collaborated with Synergy Financial Management, and hired Joe M. Mass and his team of Charter Financial Analysts to optimize the way we deliver professional money management services to our clients.

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# The Feed Bin

The Feed Bin began in October of 1998 when Delbert Headings, owner and manager, along with his wife, Loretta, and son, Jon, saw a need for quality feeds at competitive prices without driving to Kalispell to buy feed for their animals.

More importantly, they wanted to provide personal service and a connection with the customers that larger chains or Flathead stores cannot offer.

For 22 years now, the Headings family has been offering its brand of customer-oriented service in their location at 166 Riverside Drive at the south end of town.

The Feed Bin provides a full line of feeds for North Lincoln County and supports the 4-H kids by giving them a 10 percent discount on the feed for their 4-H animal.

The Feed Bin offers Lakeland Feeds, a Montana based company that supplies fresh, non-medicated, prepared feed and fresh milled grains. Lakeland

Feeds is completely free of all animal by-products and preservatives. The inventory at The Feed Bin grows by customer demand. There is a line of LMF feeds for horses and Taste of the Wild for dogs and cats. Taste of the Wild is a grain free food and is available either dry or canned. You can find food for parakeets and macaws or wild bird seed and black-oiled sunflower seeds for your wildlife friends.

You name the animal, The Feed Bin will have the feed and the supplies you are looking for. There is a good selection of animal health supplies, including vaccines as well as Glacier Peaks Holistics and Spirit Canyon Herbal pet wellness products for horses, cats and dogs.

The Feed Bin also has added horse shoes and nails, along with some farrier tools. Plus, The Feed Bin has all types of fencing supplies, including gates

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and corral panels. It also has stock tanks and hay feeders in a variety of sizes on hand, and hay and straw are available year round as much as possible. Delivery can be arranged.

This winter, again, RBM wood pellets will be available. These are superior, clean-burning, 100 percent wood pellets made at RBM Lumber out of Columbia Falls.

In the spring, you can special order your poultry or choose from what is already in the brooder. The Feed Bin has organic feed for chickens and hogs, as well as organic alfalfa pellets.

Think that The Feed Bin is just for your animals? Check out the selection of lawn and garden products, including fertilizers, lawn and pasture seed mixes, organic and heirloom garden seeds, onion sets and seed potatoes. For your soil needs you can find compost, potting soils and natural and organic soil amendments.

You can even shop for your own organic groceries and snacks, bulk nuts, dried fruit, and candy, too. The Feed Bin carries Montana raw honey, Wisconsin maple syrup and cheese when available, and Wheat Montana flours and grains. Grind your own wheat with the on-site stone grinder or purchase your own electric or hand Wonder Mill grain and wheat grinder. The Feed Bin



Delbert and Loretta Headings

also carries a large assortment of bulk spices at great prices and canning supplies, as well as bulk food storage solutions.

New items are added monthly, the Headings do all they can to get whatever it is you need or want – just ask and they will see what they can do.

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Painter Matt Ferguson spruces up a business in Eureka.

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# Cheeto's Garage

For almost eight years, Dustin Chalcraft, aka “Cheeto,” has given automotive customers in Eureka another option for excellent service.

Dustin, a long-time resident of the Tobacco Valley, has worked in area automotive shops for over a decade. With a little encouragement from his wife Wendy, in September 2014, he decided to start his own business, and Cheeto's Garage was born.

Well equipped with three automotive bays, new diagnostic tools and a wealth of experience, Cheeto is ready for any vehicular problem you can throw his way. In his shop on West Avenue, Dustin has seen it all, dealing with mechanical issues in all makes and models.

Cheeto's Garage offers a wide variety of goods and services. Chalcraft is ASE certified to do brakes and front end work. Oil changes and general vehicle maintenance are a staple of his workday. And as a dealer for such quality brands as Hankook, BF Goodrich and Michelin, he is the one-stop shop for all of your tire and wheel needs, including mounting,

balancing, and customs.

When you're in a rut (or a ditch, a field, or a lake) Cheeto's Garage offers towing, 24/7. The shop has two tow trucks to address any towing situation. There is a rollback with a 22-foot bed to offer a secure trip for your vehicle and prevent further damage. However, he also has a dual winch recovery truck to reach out when you find yourself far from your intended path. Dustin strives to be available when the customers need him.

“(Customers) can call the shop, or the cell phone,” Chalcraft says. Whether you are broken down on the side of the road or far from it, Cheeto's Garage has the truck to meet your towing need.

Chalcraft is continually looking forward, always on the lookout for ways to meet customer needs and expand the operation in the future.

Stop in and check out the service at Cheeto's Garage, 125 West Ave N. in Eureka, or call for assistance at 406-297-8473 or 406-291-1945.



Jake Fowler and owner Dustin Chalcraft of Cheeto's Garage.

# UPS Store

The UPS Store opened its doors here in Eureka back in April of 2013. A locally owned franchise, we are constantly aiming to satisfy and to surpass the needs of our valued customers. The wide range of services we provide, including packaging, shipping, mailbox services, copy and print services, computer time rental, and more make us your ideal one-stop shop to handle all your small business and individual needs.

Got something to ship? We've got in-house packaging and shipping experts plus a wide variety of services to match your speed and budget needs. Whether it's ground or overnight, within Montana or overseas, we'll help you get your shipments there on time. And if you're shipping something that's oddly sized, oversized, breakable, or even perishable, we can handle it. Here at The UPS Store we are professionally trained to pack your item, regardless of size, shape, or weight.

Our mailboxes do more than just store envelopes. The UPS Store offers you a real street address--not a P.O. Box--and we'll email you when your packages arrive. We hold all your deliveries, even oversized packages, until it's convenient for you to pick them up. And if

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And let's not forget printing. We will print your flyers for posting around town, your business cards, postcards, menus, car magnets, invitations, NCR forms, product labels, booklets, and more. Also, we are excited to announce that this fall we added a new large format printer. This addition will allow us to print blueprints, canvas photos and illustrations, as well as banners with a much speedier turn-around time.

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## Eureka Hardware

**H**ere at Eureka Hardware, we are continually striving to meet or exceed the needs of our valued customers. From the smallest project to all your home repair needs, we are here for you. We offer general hardware, an expanded plumbing and electrical section, along with a full line of Milwaukee power tools and accessories.

Eureka Hardware is proud to be your premier dealer for STIHL products, with chainsaws, trimmers, accessories and more in stock and ready to put a dent in your work load. STIHL makes the No. 1 best-selling chainsaw in America, and we are happy to be able to offer them to our customers. We have a STIHL-certified mechanic on site for tune-ups and repair, too, so you can get the job done with no interruptions.

We have a wonderful housewares section full of appliances, kitchen gadgets, and household cleaning necessities. Check in throughout the year, we are always bringing in new and seasonal products to better serve you.

In our paint department, we have a full line of Valspar

and Integrity paint, along with Cabot stain. Our color match system allows us to help you match any color you bring in. Our paint staff is very knowledgeable and can help you with prepping tips and paint selection.

In the ranch and pet supplies Charlie the Golden Retriever patrols the aisles and welcomes scratches. Eureka Hardware carries a full line of Blue Buffalo and Victor pet foods, known for their natural ingredients. There are several pet food lines to suit any palate plus a large array of toys, treats, and grooming tools to choose from. We are constantly expanding our section to fit the needs of our most loyal, (and furry) friends.

Don't forget your lawn and garden needs. From fertilizer to weed killer, hoses and more, we can help you accomplish any task big or small. From May through June, our garden center is open with a full line of soils.

From Traeger smokers to sheets and towels, from patio furniture to toys for all ages, we dabble in a little bit of everything. We believe that customer input is very important for us to succeed in our business, so come in and let us be a part of your home improvement!

# Outbuilding Montana

Robert “Bob” Etchells is owner, master craftsman, and design principal of Outbuilding Montana, LLC - a Modern Rustic home building company.

With his passion for drawing, designing, and building structures early in life, Bob discovered architecture to be an ideal way to combine all three passions.

Bob believes design and building performance are intrinsically connected. Bob believes that a home's longevity is the true essence of “green” design and building practices.

“My focus is not just on building a high-quality custom home, but on how design affects overall building performance. Over the last two decades I have perfected the elimination of (exterior) trim, soffitt, fascia, caulking and paint,” says Bob.

While Outbuilding Montana uses many of the same materials used by other builders, it's simply how they combine those materials, often in different, more practical ways.

Bob has over four decades of experience working with seasoned rough-sawn lumber and timbers. This allows Bob's experience to shine as his custom home interiors utilize proprietary techniques developed through years of hands-on experience.

Bob is known for his fundamental approach to

design, where rugged materials such as timbers, sawn lumber, concrete, glass, stone and steel are thoughtfully combined into your final custom home.

Quotes from previous clients:

“Working with you on the design, build, and execution of our home is something I reflect upon regularly. Every time our family stays in our house, we preach your praises. The attention to detail, the craftsmanship, and the lasting integrity of this home are unmatched. The home almost requires zero maintenance. For the most part, the house looks no different today as it did when first completed. We were not easy clients to please. You handled our constant communications well and shared our desire to create something unique. Clearly, the end product is just that.” - Jim Abdo

“My husband and I were looking for a rustic modern retirement home in the mountains. When we stepped inside one of Bob's homes, we knew this was OUR home. Bob's vision is second to none, as is the quality of the workmanship. Every detail, from the lighting fixtures to the sawn lumber, is breathtaking. Not only did we buy a home that weekend, but we also made a life-long friend in Bob. We can call Bob with any questions, and he is always willing to help.” -The Mello Family

Contact Bob for your new Montana Home.



Outbuilding Montana homes feature extremely low maintenance exteriors that have been continuously pioneered by Bob Etchells for over two decades. Keith Taylor photo.

# Stein's Market

**W**e are pleased to announce, Stein's Market's new Store Manager Steve Robinson. Steve was born and raised in Bonners Ferry, and knows the importance of buying local and supporting your community. When asked about his first impression of the store, Steve said "I understand it can be challenging to find everything you need in a small town. That's why I was happy to see the wide selection of products, and all the specialty items that we carry."

Steve was the Store Manager at Orofino Marketplace for the last 4 years, another store within the Watson Grocery Group. When asked about Steve's leadership, WGG said "Steve has been a great manager for us, and we feel it's because of his devotion to the store, the employees and the customers. He always wants to make things better, and help people whenever he can. He's a good guy."

Stein's Eureka is a beautiful store that offers a large selection of produce with many organic choices, freshly made baked goods including donuts, a hot service deli with breakfast ready at 7 a.m., clean cuts of fresh meat and seafood, beer, wine, toys, games, and a rotating supply of seasonal products. Shoppers should be able to find everything on their list here.

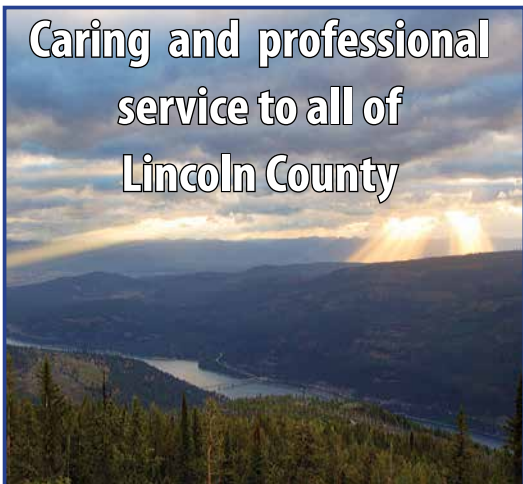
When asked about the future of the store, Steve said "I'm excited. There are things that we can do better, but we have good people that work hard, and want to take care of the customers. If we work on improving the store everyday, we will get there." Steve talked about his family's love for the outdoors, how beautiful Montana is, and all the great restaurants and shops in town. He finished saying "My wife and I, along with our 4-year-old son, want to settle down here. Eureka is a small town that we really enjoy, and we hope this is our forever home. We want to get to know everyone and be a good addition to this community."

Stein's appreciates your business and hopes to see you again soon.



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Brian's family goes back five generations, all born and raised in Montana. Julie enjoys substitute teaching at Eureka schools, while Brian invests his time in their new facility, Park Place Montana. Their 12 grandchildren and three German shepherds add to their active lifestyle.

Park Place Montana is a storage facility for RV's, boats, trailers, or anything you want to keep in a safe, secure location. It offers both covered and open parking, with spaces that are 12'x50'x16'.

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Owners Brian and Julie Smith with canine companions, Bella, Holly and Gunner.



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# Main Street Variety

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The newest addition to their wide variety of goods is a self serve Photo Kiosk. Bring in your cellphone, digital camera, SD cards, or scannable photos to make instant prints in varying sizes! Aside from standard photo sizes, you can make single page calendars, greeting cards for all occasions and seasons, photo collages, passport photos and more. You can even log in at home to upload and create what you need, take your order number to the store and print out your creations. To create an account at home, go to [www.image2prints.com](http://www.image2prints.com).

Main Street Variety carries all your party needs, from birthday to retirement. Pick your piñata, grab some candy, streamers, party favors, and don't forget balloons! You can choose from hundreds of balloon styles and colors, including popular movie characters. Order early and they'll be ready for the day of your party, with pick-up available seven days a week. You'll never run out of gift ideas when you check out the extensive collection of toys, books, puzzles and games available.

The household goods section will outfit any home,

with kitchen utensils, dishes, towels, organizing and storage solutions. You can find baby items, socks, beauty products, and hair accessories for all ages. If pets are part of your family, treat them to a new collar or some new toys. Main Street Variety can help keep them safe and looking good with personalized lifetime-guaranteed tags shipped right to your home.

Crafters of all skills will find quality supplies at Main Street Variety. Along with a wide range of Crayola art supplies are paper crafts, posterboard, sewing notions, dyes, acrylic paints, stencils, quilting notions, and Red Heart yarns.

Office and school supplies are in abundance as well. Businesses will find much needed basic supplies such as copy paper, pens, pencils, paperclips, as well as generic business forms and notebooks. Custom business forms, checks, stamps, deposit books and receipt books can also be ordered through the store.

Save yourself the hassle of running all over and do all your shopping at Main Street Variety and its sister store across the street, Montana Market. You'll never have to go anywhere else again.

Business hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Follow them on Facebook at Main Street Variety Eureka or give them a call at 297-0205.





# Farmers Insurance: Ashley Gullo Agency

I grew up in Eureka and had the opportunity to move back to this amazing community to open a Farmers Insurance agency of my own. I have worked for Farmers Insurance for four years now as one of the top producers in Montana, and was an agent in the Eureka office for Shaine Reece for the past year and a half. I previously worked for Farmers in Missoula, Mont. As your Farmers Insurance agent, I have the knowledge and expertise to help you understand your insurance needs. I personalize your experience, so you know exactly what you are getting, and customize your policies to meet your specific insurance needs. We pride ourselves on our quick responses, and exceptional customer service. We are in the same location, same agent, same great service. Our office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Stop by, call, text, or email us. I am so excited to be your local Farmers Insurance agent. We are looking forward to seeing what we can do for you! -Ashley Gullo

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# Lincoln Electric Co-op

In 1948, electricity to rural areas was only a dream for many. Since the customer density was low, for-profit electric companies did not want to invest in installing the infrastructure to serve so few members. So residents of our communities took matters into their own hands and banded together to create Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc. They received pledges from neighbors to commit to the project and requested funding through the Rural Electrification Act.

Through the hard work and dedication of our members, Lincoln Electric energized our first service in November 1949. In the intervening years, Lincoln Electric has grown to serve over 4,900 members with over 6,200 meters on 984 miles of line in portions of Lincoln and Flathead counties. We remain true to our founders' mission: "To provide reliable energy, at reasonable rates, with exceptional member service and commitment to the communities we serve."

We show this commitment every day in the small and large things we do. We support local non-profits, provide energy efficiency programs, award scholarship and education funding, promote economic growth, our employees and trustees volunteer in the community; all while maintaining a loyalty to our members.

As members, you have a say in your cooperative. All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 4, 2022 at the Lincoln

County High School auditorium. At the meeting, members vote for fellow members to serve as trustees on the board. There is a door prize for each registered membership along with prize drawings throughout the meeting. There will be Luck of the Draw scholarships awarded as the grand prize of 'Free Electricity for a Year' (some restrictions apply). Look for your annual notice of meeting to be delivered in early March.

In 2014, Lincoln Electric created a propane subsidiary, Rural Propane Services, LLC, to give our members another affordable energy choice. Rural Propane is a for-profit company that operates like a non-profit. Propane rates are set to cover expenses; not to make a profit. In fact, any excess revenue collected above the total expense is returned to Lincoln Electric and our members.

Rural Propane provides new tank sets for residential and commercial properties and scheduled tank fills. They perform free annual propane safety checks and troubleshoot problems for their customers. They have a tank fill station at the office for portable tanks. To find out more about what Rural Propane has to offer, please give them a call at 406-297-2055, stop by the office at 2467 US Highway 93 North in Eureka, or visit [www.ruralpropane.net](http://www.ruralpropane.net). Rural Propane is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday through

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Lincoln Electric Co-op lineman.



Rural Propane building.

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Friday.

Lincoln Electric and Rural Propane appreciate our members for allowing us to remain an important part of your lives. As we look for additional ways to benefit our communities, we will always continue to

value the trust and relationship we've built with you, our members.

To contact Lincoln Electric, please call 406-889-3301, stop by the office at 312 Osloski Road in Eureka, email [info@lincolnelectric.coop](mailto:info@lincolnelectric.coop), or go online to [www.lincolnelectric.coop](http://www.lincolnelectric.coop). We are open from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday.

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# Valley Bank



Robert Haidle and Carol Flannery.

**V**alley Bank of Eureka is a loan production office that is part of Valley Bank of Kalispell. Valley Bank of Kalispell is a single location family-owned bank with a charter established in 1911 making it one of the oldest in Montana.

The Eureka location was formed to handle the lending needs of a small community in an era of big bank mergers and acquisitions. Robert Haidle left a regional bank to start the Eureka LPO when he was frustrated with algorithms and out of state decision making. When he left, he took Carol Flannery along to be his processor.

The Eureka location offers a full spectrum of loans to cover all consumer needs including land purchases and construction loans to commercial real estate. Haidle is actively searching for a new location and is planning on opening a full-service branch to better serve the valley.

The current office is located in The Front Street Plaza on the north end of town between Victoria's Salon and Stahl Peak Distillery. It is staffed between 8 and 5 Monday through Friday or by appointment if needed. Please call 406-297-3055 or stop by.

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# Tobacco Valley News

The Tobacco Valley News began a new chapter of its history this year under new ownership. Long-time Tobacco Valley News reporters Krista Nemeroff and Nikki Meyer have purchased the newspaper.

Nemeroff and Meyer learned the trade under the mentorship of former owners Robin and Steve Newman, who retired in June 2021 after publishing the Tobacco Valley News since 1994.

“We have worked for over the past 27 years to produce the best community newspaper we could,” said Robin and Steve Newman, the paper’s longest serving owners. “We are delighted and have long known that under the ownership of Krista and Nikki the Tobacco Valley’s newspaper is in the best possible hands. Now we’re looking forward to a change of pace and taking on new challenges.”

Meyer and Nemeroff intend to keep up high-quality news coverage while providing a strong advertising resource for local businesses and community members.

Nemeroff has been reporting for the Tobacco Valley News since 2007, covering everything from human interest, crime, feature, issues and local government. She particularly enjoys hearing from old-timers about their lives in the valley and featuring the varied interests of the residents here, along with laying out balanced and factual issue coverage. She is a 2000 Lincoln County High School graduate and the daughter of Don and Jannie Tincher, also Tobacco Valley residents. She and husband Keith Nemeroff are raising their two young children in Eureka.

Nemeroff will direct operations for the newspaper and work with customer service specialist Jan McDade to offer top-notch service to the paper’s advertisers and subscribers. Driver Ben McDade will continue to deliver the newspaper.

Meyer has been reporting for the Tobacco Valley News since 2011. Meyer’s favorite stories to report are in-depth features on people talking about their passions, and issue stories that show how decisions made by those in power affect residents of the Tobacco Valley.

She is the descendant of Pinkham Creek homesteaders and since childhood has counted the Tobacco Valley as home away from home. In 2007, Meyer and husband Jeremy Meyer made the valley their chosen home and are raising a daughter in Eureka.

Meyer will work with new reporters Rebecca Nelson and Chris Wilson to provide news, feature and photo coverage.

The Tobacco Valley News was founded by Dick and Joan Shirley 62 years ago.

Nemeroff and Meyer hope to continue to foster the strong community spirit of the Tobacco Valley as it continues to change and grow in the years to come.

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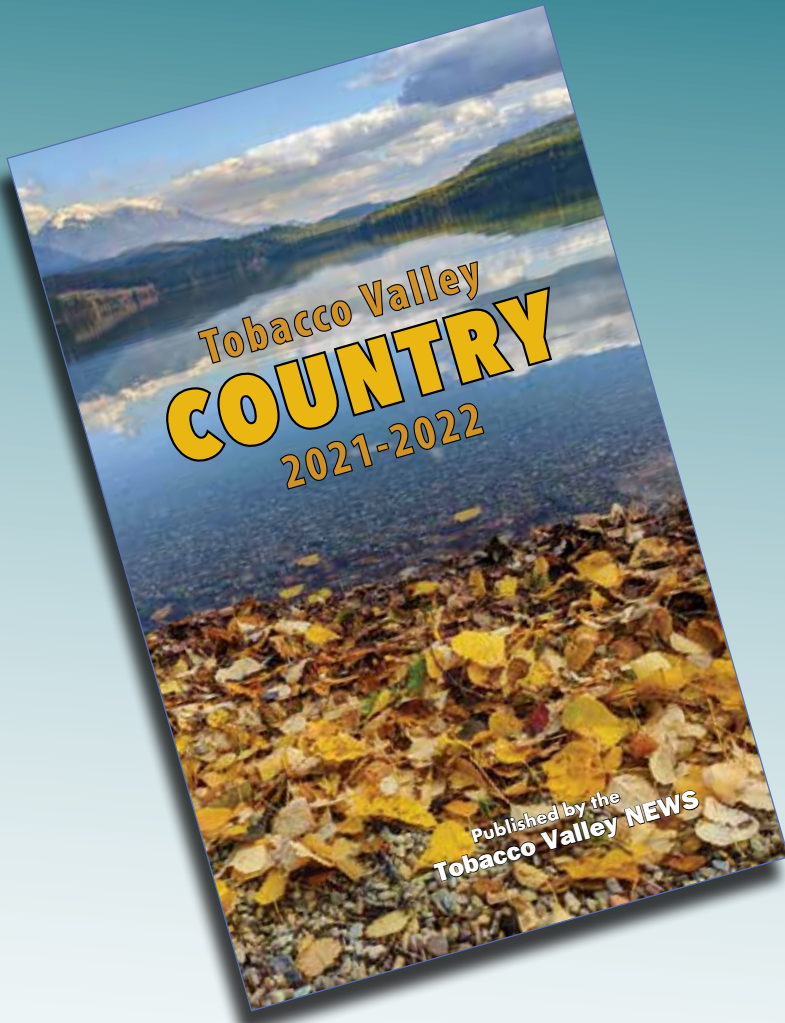


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