

the SANDERS COUNTY  
**Ledger**

# 2024 Holiday Pictorial



**A special holiday publication of  
The Sanders County Ledger and  
the community of Sanders County**

*Photo by Ed Moreth*



# *Happy Holidays*



Photo by Ed Moreth

Baldy Mountain and the Clark Fork River give an autumn scene a bit more brilliance.

*The Sanders County Ledger* has been publishing the annual Holiday Pictorial for 57 years. This special publication is brought to you by the included businesses and organizations that extend their best wishes for the holiday season.

Producing the pictorial and looking back at the year in photography reminds us how grateful we are to live in beautiful Sanders County. We truly believe this is the best place to be. We're proud of our continued relationship with our communities, and we're thankful you continue to trust us to provide you the best in local news.

Enjoy this look back at this magical place we call home. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbors. Be kind to one another.

*The Ledger Staff*

*Annie Wooden, Melissa Haugen, Marshall Barker, Ed Moreth, Sherry Hagerman-Benton, Stephanie Molzhon, Skye Barker-Hill, Sandra Rauthe, John Udenberg and Luke Dahlke*





Photo by Linda Elliott

A trio of bighorn rams is lined up like Santa's reindeer.

*Happy Holidays from*



**Blackfoot**  
Communications®

*GoBlackfoot.com/Community*



**TROUT CREEK TRUSS**

*993 Hwy. 200, Noxon*

*Wishing all a blessed holiday season!*



Photo by Annie Wooden

Autumn begins to show its colors as a stand of larch turns various shades of yellow.



Thank you to all of the wonderful people here in Sanders County. May you find peace and joy this holiday season. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



Photo by Blake Sherwood

A trio of bighorn sheep runs across a field.



Photo by Ed Moreth

A whitetail buck keeps a careful watch on a photographer near Plains.



*We hope you have  
a very Merry Christmas  
and a blessed New Year!  
Blessings from:*

*Clearwater Montana Properties  
Jeannette Carr-Smith,  
NW Region Manager*





Photo by Ed Moreth

A tired fly takes a break on a garden flower.



*Merry Christmas from*  
**Lundgren Chiropractic  
& Wellness Clinic**

*Thank you to our patients & friends for the privilege  
of serving your health needs this past year!*



*Merry Christmas!*  
*Judy, Todd, Ronda, Sue,  
Brandon & Maria*



A bald eagle perches on a log near the Thompson Falls reservoir.  
Photo by Linda Elliott





# *Seasons Greetings*

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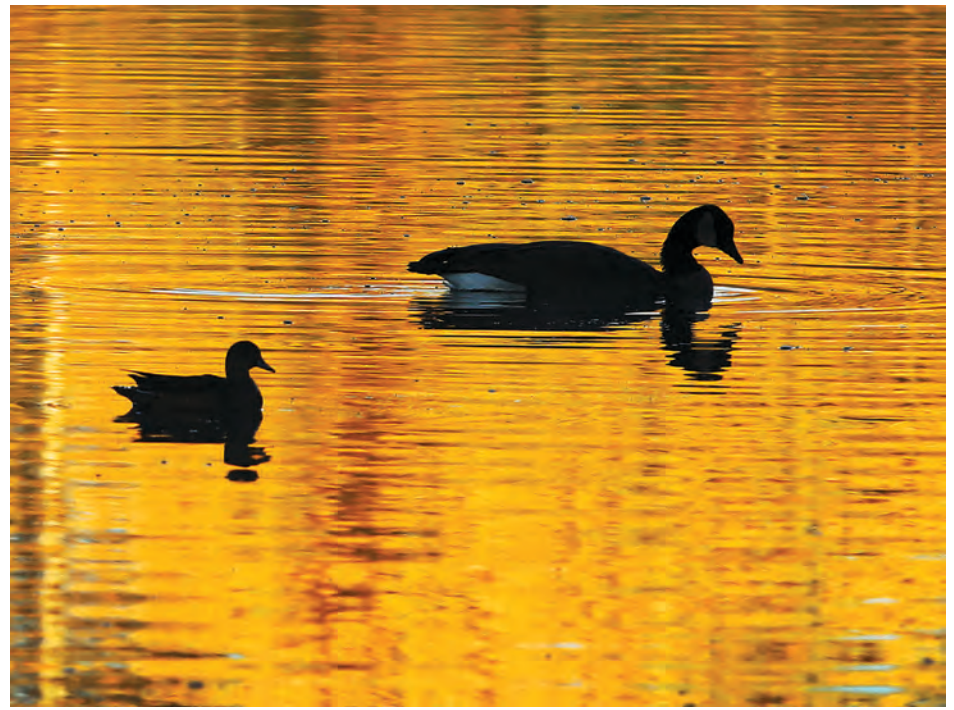


Photo by Ed Moreth

Birds take in the sunset on the Flathead River.



Photo by Annie Wooden

The Noxon Reservoir in Trout Creek glistens in the summer sun with not a boat in sight.



*Happy Holidays from*

***Thompson  
River Lumber***





Photo by Linda Elliott

Goslings follow a Canada goose along the shoreline.

# Beagie's

*Bakery — Espresso — Gifts*

*4896 MT Highway 200, Thompson Falls  
Happy Holidays! Thank you for all  
your wonderful support.*



Clark Fork Valley  
Elks Lodge #2757

*Best wishes for a joyful holiday  
season and a happy new year!*

A festive Christmas-themed advertisement. At the top, a Santa Claus figure is shown from the chest up, wearing a red suit and white gloves, with his hands clasped. The background is red with white and gold Christmas ornaments, candy canes, and pine branches. A white banner across the middle contains the text "Clark Fork Title & Thompson Falls Escrow". Below this, a message wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. At the bottom, contact information is provided in a white box.

**Clark Fork Title  
& Thompson Falls Escrow**

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year! We appreciate  
your business and look forward to  
working with you next year!

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Photo by Ed Moreth

A bee collects pollen in a small row of flowers on a farm southwest of Plains.





Photo by Ed Moreth

A bull moose wanders back into the woods after numerous vehicles stop to take photographs.



*Have safe and happy holidays. We appreciate your business.  
REMEMBER, your auto policy does not cover reindeer collisions!  
Dennis Spurlock, Dan Sherwood & Kelli Baker*





Photo by Annie Wooden

The sun casts brilliant rays of light over a hayfield as it rises over Cougar Peak.

*A Happy Holiday to all from*  
**McGowan's Mall**



**McGowan Grocery**  
mcgowangrocery.com



*Merry Christmas  
from  
Kim, Marian,  
Theresa  
& the crew*



406.827.2034

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas.*

*Ryan & Joanne*



Photo by Ed Moreth

A whitetail doe gives her young fawn a little cleaning behind the ear.





*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Thank you for your patronage this past year.  
We look forward to serving you in 2025.  
May you have a joyful holiday season  
and a prosperous new year.  
Ben and Erin Traver*



Photo by Ed Moreth

Aspens show off their brilliant colors at the peak of autumn.



Photo by Linda Elliott

Coral bells give a burst of contrasting color on a mossy rock.



**Sanders County**  
**Harvest Foods**

*We Honestly Care*

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
from all of us at Harvest Foods  
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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*from*

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Photography by Noah Couser Photography



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*Thank you for all your support this year.  
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



Photo by Linda Elliott

Fall leaves cover the ground like a crimson blanket.



Photo by Linda Elliott

A frosty spider web is a fantastic work of art on a chilly morning.



**KOO KOO SINT**  
COFFEE COMPANY

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



*Merry Christmas from the crew  
at East End Fuel LLC*





Photo by Linda Elliott

Power Park in Thompson Falls is shrouded in the colors of fall.

# GusZ Barber Est.

*All the world needs a barber and I am grateful for you! Happy Holidays!*

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*Peace and joy this holiday season!*

## Bernie's Auto Repair

*Wishing you the happiest of holidays.*

*Bernie, Bonnie, Dalton & Taylie*

## Sunset Hills Funeral Home

*Merry Christmas!*

## Rimrock Lodge

*Happy Holidays!*

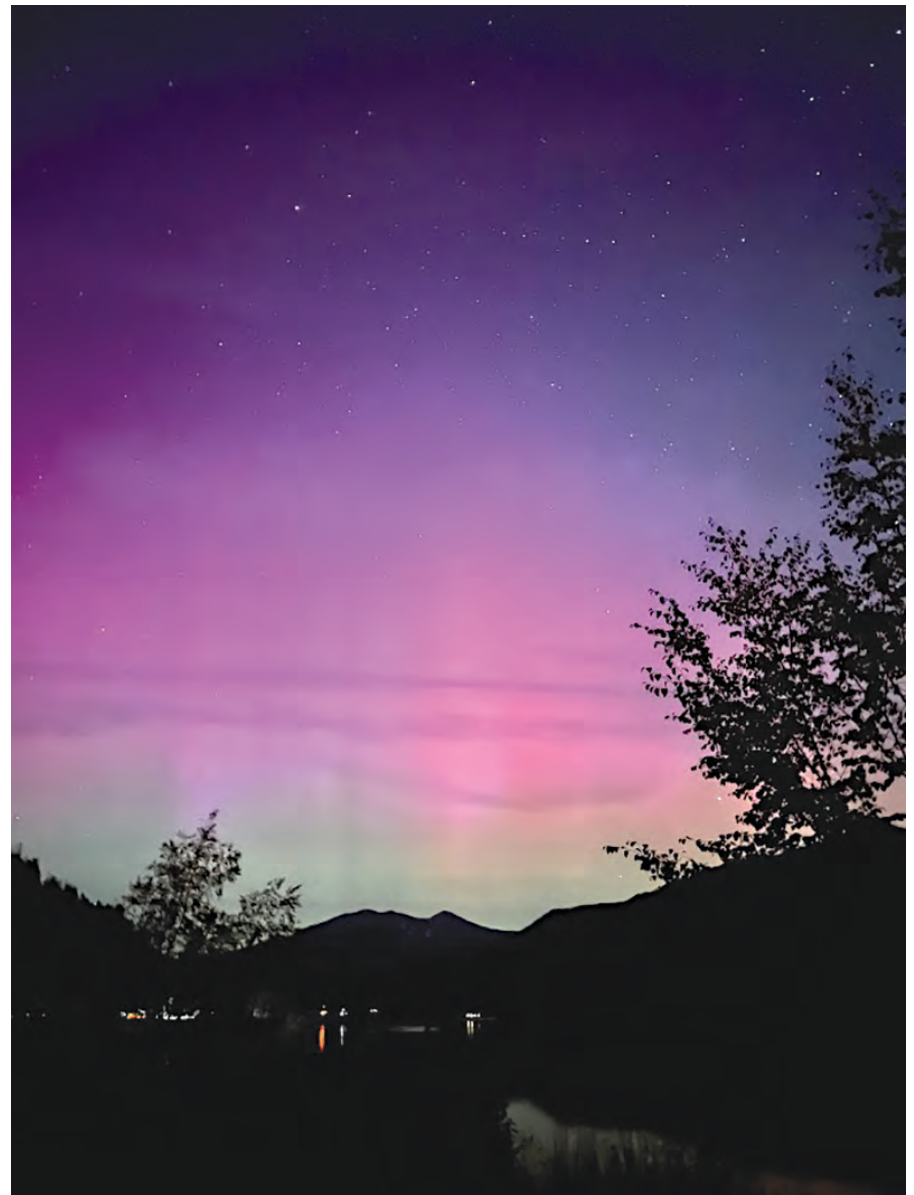


Photo by Annie Wooden

Residents were treated to brilliant light shows in 2024 courtesy of the aurora borealis.



*Merry Christmas from*



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*Season's Greetings*  
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& Lumber**

*Plains 826-3212*

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Photo by Linda Elliott

A fresh dusting of snow on Mount Silcox frames Prospect Creek near Thompson Falls.



Photo by Ed Moreth

A grasshopper takes refuge in the cup of a flower.

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Ameriprise Financial!*

*Happy Holidays from  
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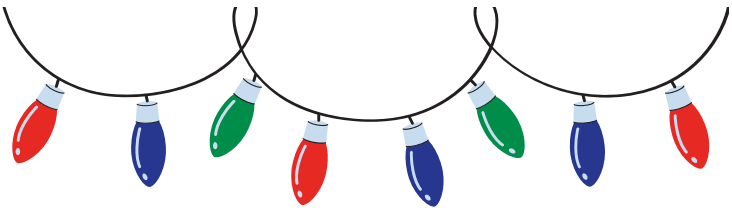


A pair of bucks stops to check out visitors in a meadow near Trout Creek.

Photo by Annie Wooden



*Seasons greetings.*



Merry Christmas

*from all of us at*



PLAINS, MONTANA



Frosty mountaintops meet a colorful sky at Thompson Pass.

Photo by Pete Normandeau



*Wishing all  
a Merry Christmas and  
a safe, healthy New Year from  
Healthylifelines  
(Shaklee Distributor)  
& Keystone Herefords  
Gail & Shane Brown*

*Happy Holidays from the staff at*

**Main Street Medical**

*"Your Hometown Doctor"*

406-827-4307



Photo by Ed Moreth

A hummingbird zeroes in on a likely food source.



A foggy October  
sunrise casts a misty  
glow on the Clark  
Fork Valley.  
Photo by Linda Elliott

**Edward Jones<sup>®</sup>**

*Merry Christmas  
from our team!*

*Deb, Morgan  
& Cameron*

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# We're with you.

**May your holidays be warm and bright.**  
From your friends at Avista and Noxon Rapids Dam.

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*Merry Christmas from  
the crew at Easy Street*

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Thompson Falls, MT  
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### The Local Store

*Merry Christmas! Ross & Michelle Fitchett  
2954 MT-200, Trout Creek, MT*

*Merry Christmas from  
Blaine's Auto Body*

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Photo by Annie Wooden

Ice clings to the Thompson Falls dam in early 2024.



Photo by Ed Moreth

A turkey decides to look for food elsewhere after several other turkeys fill the crabapple tree near Plains.

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Christmas and  
Happy New Year!

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## The Printery

*Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year to  
our wonderful customers!*





Photo by Linda Elliott

A male northern flicker perches on a post.



*Merry Christmas  
& Happy New  
Year to each of  
you from all of  
us at Studs!*

# Vaught Trucking Inc.

*Happy Holidays!  
Duane & Marilyn,  
Kevin & Shawni*



*Merry Christmas*  
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A swallowtail butterfly finds nectar in a flowery shrub.  
Photo by Ed Moreth





*Photos by Natalie Kratz*



*Merry Christmas from  
Harlow Ranch Bison Company*

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Red belted polypore mushrooms extend from a log.  
Photo by Linda Elliott



*Merry Christmas to you and your family! May the New Year bring you peace, good health, and happiness.*

*Allison Aumiller*

*Clearwater Montana Properties  
REALTOR® - Trout Creek*



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Photo by Annie Wooden

A herd of elk beds down in a Belknap field.



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from*

# Cabinet Mountain Counseling PC



Photo by Annie Wooden

A trio of goats enjoys a snack at the Sanders County Fair.



Photo by Linda Elliott

Painted turtles climb on a log in the Clark Fork River.





# The Trout Creek Community Improvement Association (Trout Creek CIA)

would like to once again thank all our community members, volunteers and businesses that make our events and improvements possible in Western Sanders County and our beautiful Trout Creek Park.



In 2024 the Trout Creek CIA successfully hosted and completed the following projects: The 9th Annual Trout Creek Cabin Fever Redneck Ball, the 10th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza, the Paddlin' Poker Run, our Trout Creek Farmer's Market was once again a huge success. Through grant money received and thanks to Nate Block and Crew from 2B Land Management, Phase 2 of the park sprinkler system was completed. Thanks to Jared Haas with West Ridge Electric and our partnership with Huckleberry Inc. and the NLI crew, a major electrical upgrade was completed in the Trout Creek Park. We once again sold another record amount of huckleberry ice cream at the Huckleberry Festival, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks put on another amazing performance of Hamlet, the Trout Creek CIA



donated money to assist local organizations and sports teams, planning for a Community Kitchen in the park has begun, the Christmas tree lighting was a success, and we are looking forward to the Christmas Bingo Event.

All the above projects and events would not be successful in 2024 without community support and the following individuals: our CIA Board Members Don Manning, Debb McNary, Monte Nesbitt, Theresa Miner, Rick Robinson, Melissa Porcaro and Liz Stender. Todd Meagher did another amazing job keeping our park beautiful for residents and visitors to enjoy, Kathy Regier is our wonderful Farmer's Market Manager who keeps it running smoothly, thank you to countless volunteers who go above and beyond to keep the wheels turning volunteering their time to help with all the above events and park activities.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Trout Creek CIA's biggest fundraiser of the year "The Trout Creek Cabin Fever Redneck Ball" is March 1, 2025, at the Lakeside Motel and Resort.

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*







Photos by Kate Baxter

*Happy Holidays*  
*from*



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