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1). How long have you lived in Livingston (if not a native, what brought you here)?

When my son was 8, he and I visited friends living here. So ready for Montana life, we moved from eastern Pennsylvania to Park County in the summer of 1987. My husband and I met in Paradise Valley in 1989 then married in the spring of 1990. That year we moved to a Livingston address. Realizing our new family roots were planted firmly here, my parents and grandmother decided to move across the country to also make Livingston their home.

2). How do you spend your time (at work & play)?

At work, I'm the manager of the Livingston Area Chamber and Visitor Center. I was fortunate to get the position in September 2003. The majority of time spent at work is promoting member businesses and providing information to local residents and traveling visitors. The highlight of the year is coordinating the July 2nd Livingston Roundup Parade sponsored by the Chamber. At play, my husband and I go boating....not fishing, just boating. We hit lakes on the Missouri River and in the Seeley Swan Valley. We also travel for good water at the Yellowtail Dam past Hardin and over to the northern Idaho panhandle.

3). What do you like the most about our community?

I appreciate its perennial hometown qualities. People are very genuine and don't hesitate to share their views. Folks here are also very friendly and caring. Livingston offers up a slice of "pure Americana" from its century old Western origins, its railroad history and rodeo to its internet cafes and arts community. It's contemporary and diverse, yet maintains the virtues more readily sustained in a small community. It offers a warmth and charm that's uniquely "Livingston". It's more than words can express, it needs to be experienced.

4). Favorite Movie & Most recent book that you've read?

Besides enjoying Frank Capra movies, an all time favorite in our household is "The Natural" with Robert Redford. As you can tell, we really enjoy the classic movies, the oldies and the musicals.

5). What is most pressing issues/need in our Community?

Going "green" is a universal goal. Renewable energy and alternative energy sources are important to all citizens here in the city and across the country. Everyone needs fuel and power for vehicles, homes, businesses, public buildings and medical facilities. Sources need to be reliable and reasonably priced.