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## MONTANA COVID-19 UPDATE

### Governor Bullock announces Montana to enter Phase Two of reopening plan on June 1

Submitted by MARISSA PERRY, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Governor Steve Bullock recently announced the state will move to Phase Two of the Reopening the Big Sky plan and will lift the 14-day out-of-state travel quarantine beginning June 1 as Montana continues to have the lowest number of positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations per capita. This news broke at press deadline. For the full story, see [madisoniannews.com](http://madisoniannews.com)

### Testing for the virus in Madison County

Low cases and low testing needs

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A critical aspect of states' phased reopening due to the COVID-19 pandemic is the ability to diagnostically test its populations. The ability to test Madison County's small population appears to be on the right track.

All the things needed to test people for the coronavirus - swabs, gloves, masks, gowns, transporting vials, shipping material - are not at sufficient levels

to handle the crisis nationally. Montana's testing capacity is not yet adequate nor is Madison County's. But supplies are increasing.

"We are not seeing COVID-29 symptoms lately," Madison Valley Medical Center CEO Allen Rohrback said. "There is no need to do a bunch of testing."

According to Gov. Steve Bullock, Montana's testing capacity needs to be at 60,000 tests a month to ensure symptomatic Montanans could receive a

diagnostic test. As of May 19, Montana has conducted nearly 30,000 tests.

Active cases are on the decline in Montana, but summer traffic is increasing. Out-of-state travelers will be a concern throughout the emergency. Bullock issued a 14-day quarantine requirement to travelers which will expire June 1. Individual responsibility will be key in keeping positive cases low.

"We don't have a sick community," Rohrback said.

## Yellowstone began the first phase of reopening on May 18

Submitted by YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Following guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local public health authorities, Yellowstone National Park reopened on a limited basis on May 18. The park has been closed to visitors since March 24, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yellowstone has outlined a three-phased plan that initially opens the South and East entrances of Wyoming and limits visitor travel to the lower loop of the park. The lower loop allows visitors to access Lake, Canyon, Norris, Old Faithful, West Thumb, and Grant Village.

Wyoming has lifted out-of-state travel restrictions and has requested the state's entrances open the week of May 18. Montana and Idaho continue to have out-of-state restrictions in

place and the park is working closely with these states and counties to open the remaining three entrances as soon as possible.

"I want to thank Yellowstone Superintendent Sholly for his thoughtful communication with all interested parties about the park's plan for reopening," Governor Gordon said. "This measured approach will help protect employees, visitors, and neighboring communities. It will also give us useful experience as we look ahead to opening other areas of the park, provide a boost to Wyoming's tourism industry, and help get America's economy up and going again."

This limited opening approach will accomplish three objectives in the short term: 1) allow the park to continue buffering with states that are maintaining restrictions; 2) help the park and internal business partners improve and

refine mitigation actions with lighter levels of visitation; and 3) allow for an assessment of how returning visitors affect COVID-19 curves within surrounding Wyoming counties.

The park's reopening priorities center on protecting employees and the public from transmission risks through a variety of mitigation actions consistent with local, state, and federal guidance. The park will actively monitor changing conditions (in the park and in surrounding counties); and will maintain flexibility to expand, adjust, or contract operations as conditions warrant.

"The park's goal is to open safely and conservatively, ensure we take the right actions to reduce risks to our employees and visitors, and help local economies begin to recover," said Superintendent Cam Sholly. "I appreciate the cooperation we've had with our surrounding governors,



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## Pedestrians of Twin Bridges

Fixing the commute

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Twin Bridges is improving its sidewalks, crosswalks and gutters around the Twin Bridges School.

Construction is planned to last for about seven weeks. Lane and shoulder closures

around 5th, 6th and 8th avenues, and Bridge Street and Wray Streets will be minor throughout construction, according to the Montana Department of Transportation.

The improved conditions will provide Americans with Disabilities Act compliant sidewalks and curb ramps to

and from the Twin Bridges School. The town addressed the flooding issue around the school with about 1,000 feet of gutter to improve drainage.

The MDT and Twin Bridges matched funds for the project which White Resources Group from Butte is constructing.

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counties, communities, and health officials in working through these challenging decisions. Our goal is to get the remaining entrances open as quickly and safely as possible.”

The park has developed a range of mitigation actions that include: providing protective barriers where needed, encouraging the use of masks or facial coverings in high-density areas, metering visitor access in certain locations, increasing cleaning frequency of facilities, adding signage on boardwalks and other public spaces, and messaging to visitors through a variety of methods.

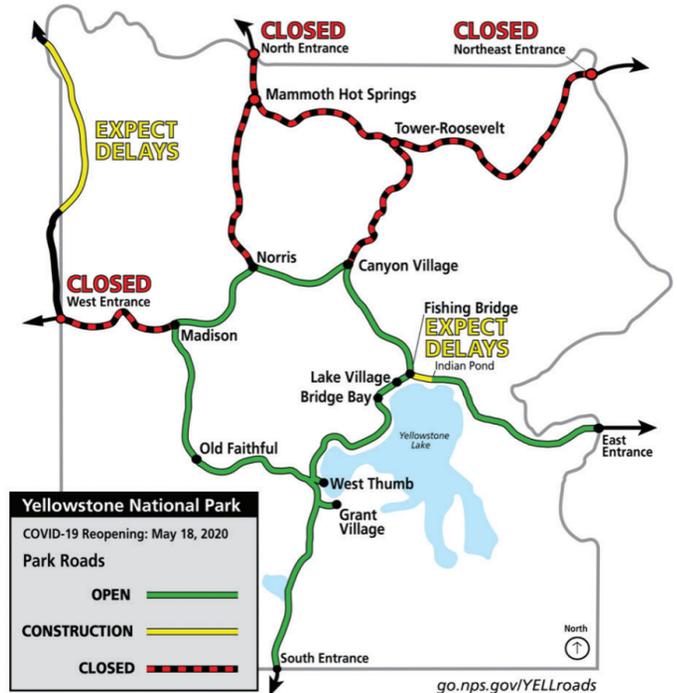
Visitors should come prepared and follow all CDC and local health guidance by practicing good hygiene and social distancing. Face coverings are recommended where social distancing is not possible. People who are sick should stay home and not visit the park. The CDC has provided specific guidance on visiting parks and recreational facilities.

“I’m asking the public to partner with us to prevent the spread of COVID-19,” said Superintendent Cam Sholly. “Visitors can protect their family and friends by skipping areas that are too crowded and always maintaining social distance from other people, including rangers. The National Park Service can’t do this alone and will continue to work with all stakeholders to best protect the public and our employees.”

Previously-scheduled road construction projects will continue this summer. Normal annual bear management area closures will be in effect.

**WHAT WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL LATER PHASES OF THE PLAN?**

- The Montana entrances (North, West, and Northeast) will remain closed. The park is consulting with the Governor of Montana to establish reopening dates for the Montana entrances.
- Commercial tour buses will not be allowed in the early phases of opening.
- Overnight accommodations will be unavailable until later in the season.
- Campgrounds, backcountry permits, visitor cabins, additional stores, expanded tours, takeout food service, boating, fishing, and visitor centers will remain closed. These Phase 2 services and/or facilities will open when safe and appropriate mitigation measures are in place. This will happen at different times.
- Hotels, full-service dining, commercial tour buses, and ranger programs will remain closed. These Phase 3 services and/or facilities will reopen when health conditions allow.



Many areas of the park are still experiencing winter conditions. The park will provide details

and updates for operations as they change on <http://www.nps.gov/yell> and on the park’s social

media channels. Updates about NPS operations will be posted on [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).

# Montana Free Press 2020 election guide

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Montana Free Press created a comprehensive guideline to inform voters about candidates and races in the June 2 primary. Links to candidate websites and social media accounts, answers to questions on key issues, campaign finance data and

elections headlines from around the state were compiled.

On the website homepage, <https://apps.montanafreepress.org/montana-2020/>, voters get an overview of who is running for each office--Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Auditor, Montana Supreme Court and

Public Service Commission--with the option to click on each candidate. From there, information concerning the four above categories may be found specific to each individual.

Additionally, a frequently asked questions section is listed as the fourth heading on the website. Voters may review when elections are, what offices are up for election, find information on

registering to vote and read why polling places cannot remain open. Information entry boxes are available to find specific voting districts, ballot drop-off locations and county election office phone numbers.

Winning party candidates will advance to the general election Nov 3.

The four headings—overview, races, candidates and how to vote—offer comprehensive information regarding Montana’s 2020 election. PHOTO COURTESY OF MONTANA FREE PRESS

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## Sign at large - No questions asked

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The sign that mounted the old Varney Bridge for over 120 years is missing.

Montana Department of Transportation and Madison County intend to preserve its historic place in the Madison Valley. The roughly 2 ½-foot-long metal sign was removed before deconstruction of the bridge began.

“My educated guess would be the evening that there was a gathering on the old Varney Bridge prior to the beginning of construction,” Madison County Commissioner Jim Hart said. “I

bet someone saw it and thought that would be a waste to end up in the dump.”

People gathered to farewell the old Varney Bridge, as if commemorating an old friend’s life, on a March 2019 evening. The \$5.2 million project to construct a suspension bridge in its replacement followed shortly after. The day MDT planned to remove the sign before deconstruction, it was noticed missing.

The mark of the construction company, King Bridge Co., had perched on the outer trestle of the Varney Bridge since 1897. The sign is a piece of history. The plan is to display the



The old Varney Bridge sign reads 1897 THE KING BRIDGE CO. CLEVELAND O. PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE.

silver emblem in the Madison Valley History Museum or an MDT onsite historical plaque, according to Hart.

The county is asking for the old Varney Bridge sign back. If the sign’s possessor wants to

remain anonymous, the sign can be dropped off at the Madison County District 3 Road Shop on Varney Road.

“No questions asked,” Hart said. “Just be greatly appreciated.”



# Gubernatorial candidate Greg Gianforte

Greg Gianforte. PHOTO PROVIDED FROM GIANFORTE'S CAMPAIGN WEBSITE GREGFORMONTANA.COM.

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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Greg Gianforte is stepping out of the United States House of Representatives for a shot at the governor's house.

Greg Gianforte sold his software company Brightwork Development in '86 and moved to Bozeman in '95, where he raised his four children. He and his wife, Susan, founded another software company, Right Now Technologies, in Bozeman. It sold for \$1.8 billion in 2012. According to a Roll Call, Gianforte is worth an \$135.7 million, making him the richest man in Congress.

Gianforte grew up in the Valley Forge suburbs in Pennsylvania. He started his career as a software engineer in New Jersey and his political career in Montana. The U.S. Congressman of Montana was elected in a special election to replace Ryan Zinke, who was appointed as the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. He has been in office for nearly three years.

Two pieces of Gianforte-sponsored legislation have become law during his time in office. The East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act designated segments of the East Rosebud Creek in Montana to the National Wild and Scenic River System,

which protects the free-flowing nature of rivers while allowing their use and development. Gianforte's second piece of legislation became law in Dec. 2019, naming a Missoula Post Office after the first woman to hold a federal office in the United States, Jeannette Rankin.

Gianforte wants Montanans to be able to prosper in Montana. He created 500 jobs in Bozeman with average salaries of \$90,000, according to Gianforte. He wants to bring the same opportunity to Montana.

"We've been exporting our kids for decades," Gianforte said. "I'm running for governor to create more good paying jobs."

Gianforte is one of three Republican governor candidates running in the June 2 primary elections.

## PUBLIC LANDS

Gianforte said there was a health crisis in Montana's forests.

Almost 30% of the state is public lands. According to the Montana Wilderness Association, the U.S. Forest Service manages most of the public lands in Montana with about 16.9 million acres.

According to Gianforte, Montana's forests are being mismanaged in federal ownership. He believes the mismanagement to be the main contributor to Montana's intensifying wildfires.

"Public lands brought me to Montana in the first place," Gianforte said.

He has been a part of several pieces of legislation dealing with the management of public lands, the access of public lands and transfer of public land classification. He sponsored the Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act, which would eliminate the northern entrance area of Yellowstone National Park from mining.

"Voice of the local community is the most important," Gianforte said. "It's the way I approach issues."

Gianforte has supported expanding public access in introduced bills through releasing wilderness designated areas, such as the Protect Public Use of Public Lands Act and Unlocking Public Lands Act. Gianforte has a long list of Wilderness Study Areas that he believes have fulfilled their purpose as wilderness designation. WSAs limit activity that could impair the wilderness characteristics of the land, like logging or road construction, but many types

of recreation are allowed.

## GRIZZLY BEAR MANAGEMENT

Gianforte looks at the progress of grizzly bears under the Endangered Species Act as a success.

The Yellowstone Grizzly Bear population has expanded into areas like the Gravelly Mountains of Madison County. As their population has grown past the ESA designated threshold of 500, the increasing threat to grizzly bears' habitat and trophy hunting have spurred a debate.

"They need to be delisted and returned to the states," Gianforte said.

Gianforte supports grizzly bear management to return to the states for them to implement their individual management styles.

## HEALTHCARE

Gianforte has sponsored and supported bills to preserve federal funding to elements of rural healthcare. He has focused on the Rural Emergency Medical Service Training and Equipment Assistance Program, which is

under the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Gianforte prioritizes lowering the cost of healthcare and accepting people with preexisting conditions.

Telehealth is another point of interest, which has recently become an urgent task due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Telehealth, which allows healthcare professionals to care for their patients over phone or live video, could alleviate several strains on Montana's healthcare system.

"We can't have specialists in every rural community," Gianforte said.

Rural residents often have to travel far for specialized treatment. Telehealth would make healthcare more accessible to everyone in Montana, if everyone in Montana had adequate broadband internet. Access to broadband is bonded to telehealth's potential improvements in Montana's healthcare system.

Gianforte understands that introducing new technology could take a long time. He would like to see the federal government set up standards for telehealth and allow states to rapidly adopt the practice.

"It's one way we can continue to reduce the cost of healthcare while improving

quality," Gianforte said.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing is a national issue, but Madison County has a unique perspective as a tourist hub. Full-time residents struggle to earn enough to afford adequate housing in Madison County.

"One way we afford better housing is better jobs," Gianforte said.

Technology has created more remote jobs that could be done in Montana. According to Gianforte, those remote jobs pay into Montana's economy because it places people here. He said that a strong private sector combined with the Montana work ethic is a formula for prosperity. The private sector in Montana is not strong enough to afford good paying jobs, but Gianforte wants to bolster employers' abilities. Gianforte also linked the affordable housing issue to burdensome regulations.

"We need to streamline our permitting process," Gianforte said. "The Department of Environmental Quality has become the project prevention program."

# SCHOOL BOARD ROUND UP

## ALDER SCHOOL BOARD: Reopening next year discussed

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Alder School Board met May 14 to discuss reopening next school year and ending an unprecedented one.

Alder School is looking to implement a summer school program for interested students.

This would be the school's first time doing so as a way to assist those who struggled with distance learning. To aid families that live a substantial distance away from the school, one full day per week was suggested.

Policies were reviewed, Board Chair Wayne Baker was reelected in an uncontested run

and insulation was chosen. The insulation project is to begin in June.

Each month, conversations about reopening the school have been on the agenda. Different options, problems, procedures and sanitation changes are considered. "What do we need to do to get ready to

go in August?" is the question county superintendent Pam Birkeland asked, especially if the coronavirus remains a health concern.

Out of District and Running Start students were approved. Next year's calendar was adopted and the first day back for students will be August 26.

May's board meeting was the first in-person meeting Alder School held since the coronavirus crisis began. "They were happy to be back to see each other," Birkeland said of the Board members. Members chose to use less paper at meetings and iPads took the place of many paper products. "It worked well so they

want to continue," Birkeland said. Students will wrap up remote learning on Friday, turning in the last of the assignments this week. Teachers are working on a plan to celebrate each student and honor the end of a unique school year. Reopening conversations will continue into the summer.

## SHERIDAN SCHOOL BOARD: Graduation to be held on the football field May 24

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Sheridan School Board met Tuesday, May 12 to discuss rehiring, summer school, driver's education and graduation. The Board was reorganized to introduce a new president and vice president.

Fall and winter coaches, Future Farmers of America and Family

Career and Community Leaders of America directors, pep band positions, classified staff and the summer cook for the Palz program, if that is to occur under COVID-19 restrictions, were rehired.

Driver's education will not be offered this summer. The Board is looking into online options to supplement the written test that students may take advantage of for

preparation. The summer school program is currently anticipated to run at the same time as the Palz program.

Summer school will consist of options for juniors to reinforce English and Math skills, and for those with a failing grade on the semester report. It will also serve as a way to assist students who were not successful with distance learning.

Graduation will be held at 1 p.m. on May 24 outside on the football field. If weather permits, the audience may include more than just parents and teachers, social distancing and sanitation procedures withstanding. "Everyone in the world should be praying for good whether in Sheridan that day. Maybe even (everyone) in the universe," Superintendent Mike Wetherbee

said. At the end of the meeting, the Board was reorganized. The meeting was adjourned and reopened to seat new members and appoint a president and vice president. The new Board president is Kendra Horn and vice president is Therese Sutton.

The Alder Trustee position has yet to be filled and the county superintendent, Pam Birkeland,

will hold the seat a new appointee is selected. A resolution was signed for mail in ballots in 2021. Throughout the coronavirus crisis, the board held weekly Sunday meetings to discuss COVID-19 changes. The last Sunday meeting is anticipated to be May 17. In June, a possible increase in lunch prices will be a discussion topic. Typically, the board does not meet in July.

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# OPINION

## Montana men consider women their equal

Dear Editor,

The allure of Montana men is the values they embrace. Montana men consider women their equal. Our history reveals this; Montana gave women the right to vote long before the United States saw the wisdom in doing so. The current slate of statewide and local political races is full of female candidates. This reflects the objectivity and fair-minded values held by Montanans.

So when the CEO of Montana State Fund writes an Op-Ed dripping with sexism against the sole female candidate in the Auditor's race, all Montanans should take note

and summarily reject the contents. Montanans own the State Fund, and the CEO should represent Montana values. Yet, as most chauvinists do, Mr. Hubbard attempts to conceal his sexism by listing his "concerns". Notably all of his "concerns" have nothing to do with Ms. Nicol; they are about her father. And similar to how women were treated historically in other states as having no identity separate from their husbands, Mr. Hubbard continues to believe that women like Ms. Nicol are carbon copies of their fathers. The absurdity of this promoted belief by a CEO in 2020 is astounding. No Montanan believes children should pay for the sins of their

parents, and our independent nature informs us that every candidate should be viewed objectively by their personal records and resumes. To lump female candidates in with their parentage, all the while failing to condemn one of the male candidates in the same race-Troy Downing- for his criminal record, smacks of cronyism and 18th Century misogyny. Nelly Nicol should be judged by her professional resume, not her parentage. Since the Auditor position is the insurance regulator for Montanans, the best candidate should have a strong insurance industry or consumer protection background. Troy Downing might be the most

unqualified candidate ever for such a position. Nelly Nicol and her other opponent have credentials that align with the position they seek. Judge them for their credentials, not the sexism laced editorial from the CEO of Montana State Fund.

Indeed, now that Mr. Hubbard has transparently revealed his predilection toward sexism, perhaps his Board of Directors should consider whether Mr. Hubbard's values align with the Montanans the State Fund serves.

Tammi Fisher  
Former Mayor of Kalispell

## Respect

Dear Editor,

I don't pretend to speak for anyone but myself. It's been suggested that businesses wanting to reopen, people not wearing masks, and parades being held, is disrespectful to those of us who are at high risk. It's been stated in opinions that these businesses and non-mask wearing people should be ashamed. No, they shouldn't. Not at all! Governors and other elected officials

should be ashamed of foolishly thinking it's their job to protect us with idiotic shutdowns. It's our job as ordinary citizens to protect ourselves and each other. We'll do far better at it than government can. I'll take my own precautions. That's my responsibility and mine alone.

Having underlying conditions myself, I say open up your businesses whether people like it or not. Business owners aren't stupid. They know that

if they don't take reasonable precautions they won't get much business. People at risk aren't stupid either. It's called free will and common sense. I will not vote for anyone who messes with small businesses and abuses authority. Enough with the vote buying handouts as well. People need work and there is no real work that is non-essential.

People need to lose the narcissistic notion that the world will end if we, in all our self

important glory, pass on from it tomorrow.

After we've left the sun will still come up and life will go on, guaranteed. That is what's truly important. I want my countrymen to have work, a good economy, good health and a smidgen of common sense. Know and accept the risks and get on with it. The sun is up!

Mat Nottingham  
Sheridan, MT

## We support Ken Walsh for HD #71

Dear Editor,

Ken, a banker and businessman, has helped families and businesses to achieve success and to fulfill their dreams.

Ken, a community member, has volunteered countless

hours and business expertise to improve our communities.

Ken, a rancher who grew up on a ranch, understands our reliance on natural resources in our economy and their importance in our district, our state, and our nation.

Ken understands the need to encourage individual initiative, to avoid excessive bureaucracy, and the importance of using and preserving public lands and resources. He will work to protect our rights. Ken is the person we need

in the Montana Legislature. Ken will represent our district well.

Please vote Ken Walsh for House District #71.

MaryAnn and Loren Tucker  
Virginia City, MT

# OBITUARIES

## Sherry Ruth (Armstrong) Henry January 18, 1950 to May 10, 2020

Sherry Ruth (Armstrong) Henry died at home in McAlistler on Sunday, May 10, 2020 following a long illness. Sherry was born to James and Ruth (Baker) Armstrong in Bozeman, Mont., on January 18, 1950. Her childhood and youth were spent in Seattle, Wash. where she graduated from Tyee High School in 1968.

Each summer during her girlhood, her family would make the trek to Montana and the Madison Valley, where her mother and father were raised, to visit family. In 1982, Sherry left Seattle, a place that she had no real affection for, to make her home in the Madison Valley where her family roots were. Shortly after arriving in Montana she met her future husband John Henry. They married on her birthday, Janu-

ary 18, 1987.

Typical of Sherry's need for order and a simplified life, she chose her wedding date for a specific reason. As she told her husband, John, "It will be easy to remember that way." Perhaps she meant for John not to forget either date; but more probably it was because she thought one date for two life events simplified her own life. It was a date already available, and one she knew. Not only did it simplify her life; but she could see no reason that anyone should bother with two annual events to celebrate in her name and remembrance. She had that sense of modesty about herself. Saying "It will be easy to remember that way," may also say something of her direct and honest approach to life. Most of us would say something

like this as a joke to our new spouse, and let it pass. And although saying it was a part of Sherry's humor, it was also her completely honest and true reason for choosing that marriage date. She had that honest knack of speaking honesty, truth and laughter in the same sentence.

As per her wishes, no services are planned. The family is planning a gathering this summer to remember her, her modesty, her generosity and goodness of heart. We will share stories such as the one where she handed a single mom a handful of cash saying "I don't have kids, never had kids, don't want kids; so consider this my contribution to child support." And we will all hear her voice saying this in just the way she would say it with her cigarette-graveled voice.

And we will all know that it is a story she would never have thought important enough to tell about herself. To tell it would have been too complicated and she wouldn't have thought it something anybody needed to know anyway. And perhaps most truly we will also remember her humor, her telling a story seasoned by that deep, honest chuckling laughter.

Sherry is survived by her mother, Ruth (Baker) Armstrong of Seattle, Wash.; her brothers, Jim Armstrong of Seattle and John Armstrong and Joy, his wife, of Seattle, Wash., and two nieces their spouses, Katie and John Cutts of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Kelsy and Trenton Brawdy of Kennewick, Wash. Her father, Jim Armstrong, predeceased her.

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Submitted by  
EMILIE SAYLER AND  
KE'LAH SAVAGE-WILLAUER

In 2013 Doris Fischer and a handful of other volunteers established the Madison County Mental Health Local Advisory Council (MHLAC). The MHLAC meets monthly to promote mental health services and educational opportunities within Madison County. Doris is a passionate advocate for mental health services in our county and has worked tirelessly to promote services, education, and resources to support this cause.

Doris has not only poured her incredible and selfless efforts into our communities to support everyone, but she has also shared her passion with many other volunteers and recruited a team of allies who all enjoy her efforts, perseverance and kindness. Her work ethic and dedication are rarely matched by others.

Doris is known to many in the community as she was often the brave soul who would graciously conduct surveys, lead meetings and would reach out to multiple agencies throughout the county assuring everyone was included at all times - all with a smile!

Doris worked to create a community where all were seen, heard and valued. Through inspiring others, Doris has been instrumental in establishing a movement of compassion and support for all affected by mental health.

Doris has been a strong member of the Mental Health Local Advisory Council and recently resigned her post after serving two full terms to enjoy her many hobbies and explore other interests. Her absence is felt by all on the council and in the community, but her hard work continues through the inspiration she shared, supported and sparked in others.



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SCHOOL BOARD ROUND UP continued from A3

# TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL BOARD: Middle school to include fifth-eighth grade

By KEELY LARSON  
connect@madisoniannews.com

The Twin Bridges School Board met May 12 to discuss graduation, summer programs, the senior trip and a new middle school model.

The Board met three times since April to discuss graduation in a coronavirus world. "Administration came with a proposal to have graduation in the gym with limitations and we ended up approving a version of that," Board Chair Steve Janzen said.

Seniors and their families, people they cohabitate with, will be able to sit next to each other at the ceremony, but must remain six feet apart from other 'pods.' All four entrances to the gym will be used in an effort to space people out as they enter and exit.

"So, it's going to be fairly scaled back but as good as we can do at this time," Janzen said. Options for livestreaming or filming the ceremony are being considered.

Driver's education and the summer Pride program were brought up, but no final decisions made on whether or not they will occur. The strength and conditioning program, offered to all students, was approved to continue this summer. Participants will use the football field and be given their own equipment, negating any need to share.

Dr. Nancy Males, the senior class advisor, proposed a trip to Fairmont Hot Springs and a barbecue to compensate for the loss of the senior trip to Salt Lake City. The venue is open to a limited audience and options for keeping students spaced out, like taking multiple buses, were discussed. The board approved this idea as long as it remained in compliance with other COVID-19-related policies.

Dr. Males, a high school science teacher, also proposed changes to 8th and 9th grade textbooks and curriculums and received approval.

Public attendance of board meetings was approved during the monthly meeting. As the coronavirus progressed, public interested in participating were invited to attend via phone. The phone option will continue to be available despite physical allowance of community members at meetings.

The Twin Brides School Foundation, an independent foundation to receive and allot donations, was approved along with its bylaws, mission statement and five new board members. The strategic plan, in the works for two years, was also approved.

The new middle school model, designating middle school as fifth through eighth grade, was approved, though it was the only item of the evening that did not receive unanimous approval.

The Board member who voted against the decision worried about the timing of the decision in relation to a changing coronavirus world.

Many members of the public, who had the opportunity to express opinions during a community forum hosted by elementary principal Cindy Brown, were concerned about dropping the age to the fifth-grade level. "It was definitely a mixed bag," Janzen said.

CBA negotiations with the Teacher's Union were completed. In renewing health insurance, the board was able to obtain substantially lowered premiums. A few classified hires were made, one student hired for summer grounds work, the athletic director and maintenance custodial position rehired and a new fourth grade teacher added to the staff.

No election was required for the Twin Bridges School Board this year. Three positions were open for three different lengths of time, and the three total applicants all applied for unique position lengths. The board did not submit for any levies next year.

Gary Konen, trustee since 2014, decided to not run for his position again and was replaced by Jamie Wood

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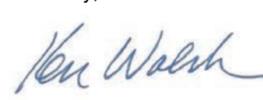
By the time you see this letter, you should have your Primary Ballot in hand. Voting is a privilege and a responsibility that is not enjoyed worldwide. Many women and men have served and sacrificed their lives so that we can remain free and can continue to have this opportunity. Please exercise your right to vote.

I had hoped to be able to spend the better part of April and May out on the campaign trail meeting and visiting with as many of you as possible. I wanted to hear and learn from you regarding your concerns and issues, and also provide some insight about myself and my values. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic changed all our 'normal' day-to-day activities and brought an abrupt end to personal socializing. Socializing is both important and healthy for our society. To us Montanans, it is a big part of our culture to be around family, friends, neighbors and meeting and greeting newcomers. As we begin to 'open' back up, we need to do so in a responsible manner, but we must take steps to reinvigorate our community.

This election will send a new Representative to the State Legislature. My passion is for our rural communities to be prosperous, not only now, but for future generations. Our natural resource-based economies, agriculture, timber, mining, and recreation need to be protected and promoted for sustainability. Only then can we maintain and support our education and healthcare systems, and Main Street businesses.

I feel confident in my abilities to represent your interests. I have lived, worked, and raised my family in our District. I have been involved in making our communities a better place to live through service on Boards and volunteer efforts. I understand our industries and have experienced both difficult and prosperous times. The 2021 legislative session will be challenged with a revenue shortfall. My financial budgeting experience will be one of the assets I can contribute in resolving the issues faced during this legislative session. Additionally, I have developed a network of former and current policy makers which enable me to be prepared and able to work effectively on your behalf from day one. I have lobbied both in Washington, D.C. and Helena as a businessman and community volunteer. I understand and appreciate the commitment that these lawmakers make to serve their constituencies. I am committed and look forward to being your Representative.

Sincerely,





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## Madison County Nursing Home Foundation purchases equipment for Madison County nursing homes

Submitted by NONDI HARRINGTON

The Madison County Nursing Homes Foundation Board of

Directors is pleased to announce that we recently purchased three state-of-the-art electric beds for the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center in Sheridan and

three state-of-the-art beds for the Madison County Manor in Ennis!

Our Foundation is also providing window coverings/shades for the sun room in the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis.

The Madison County Nursing Homes Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, established in 2005. Our Foundation provides financial support for activities, programs and services to directly benefit residents and staff at The Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center (TRMCC) in Sheridan and the Madison Valley Manor (MVM) in Ennis.

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# Madison Valley Manor Auxiliary update

Submitted by GAIL ELSER

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However, selling raffle tickets face to face this summer does not seem like a wise choice at this time while we are remembering social distancing. So there are now 2 different ways you may help the auxiliary help our residents.

First, we are registered with Amazon as a nonprofit. When you place an order, go to AmazonSmile and enter Madison Valley Manor Auxiliary. Amazon will donate a percentage of your cost to the auxiliary.

Second, if you would like to

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# Yellowstone Park re-opening

By MATT KELLEY and LANDER COONEY

The National Park Service's decision to begin re-opening Yellowstone National Park brings with it economic opportunity, along with significant risks to public health. Balancing those risks and opportunities will be a major challenge for our region during the summer of 2020.

This week's re-opening of Yellowstone on the Wyoming sides of the park will put pressure to swing the gates in Montana at West Yellowstone, Gardiner, and Cooke City. The awakening of the park will bring tens of thousands of visitors from all over the U.S. and international destinations. (The park attracts as many as four million people from all points of the globe in a typical non-pandemic year.) Those visitors will spend money in hotels, restaurants, and gift shops, and some are also likely arrive carrying the virus that causes COVID-19.

The risks and rewards of re-opening are magnified in West Yellowstone, traditionally the busiest entrance to the park and also one of the most remote with limited healthcare services. The population of West Yellowstone grows exponentially in the summer, from a remote town of roughly 1,300 year-round residents to a bustling tourist hub with up to 15,000 people during high season. Even during non-pandemic times, the single health care clinic in West Yellowstone can, at times, be challenged to meet community needs during

high season.

Those challenges will be much bigger during this pandemic. The obvious (and justified) concern is that some of the many thousands of visitors will bring new cases of COVID-19. Three people in West Yellowstone have tested positive for the disease so far in May. The challenge will be heightened by visitors suffering from altitude sickness and dehydration, both common ailments in the summer with some symptoms similar to COVID-19. Also concerning is that some seasonal workers live in close quarters, an environment that could accelerate an outbreak.

Those challenges help explain Montana's cautious approach to re-opening.

To be sure, work is well underway to manage risks and respond to the challenge. The Town of West Yellowstone is working with Gallatin County, local public health officials, and local health care providers – Community Health Partners and Bozeman Health – to expand local capacity for COVID-19 testing and clinical services. Those partners also are planning for isolation and quarantine of new cases.

Officials inside the park also are taking important steps. Those actions include laudable decisions to ensure that employees are provided single-occupant housing that avoids shared sleeping quarters. The Park Service will also prohibit large tour buses during its phase 1 and 2 of re-opening, limiting the potential

problem of quarantining dozens of people who have spent hours or days in close quarters with someone who has the disease.

The Park Service also committed in its re-opening plan to stepped up cleaning and disinfection and sharing information regarding infection rates, testing capacity, and the ability to isolate infected employees. The phased re-opening of park services is also an important part of the park's plan for managing the opening in a responsible way.

Looking ahead, certain other steps will be critical to opening the park as safely as possible. Those steps include:

- Expanded, ongoing and coordinated testing and public health surveillance inside the park and in gateway communities. This will require frequent and regular communication between health officials in Montana, Wyoming, and inside the park to share data on new cases, testing capacity, and healthcare access. This can be achieved through shared commitment from local public health, state health departments, health care providers, and the National Park Service.

- Continued limitations on the size of groups entering the park. It is well-established that large tour buses entering the park bring with them increased risk for outbreaks of diseases such as norovirus. In recent years, norovirus outbreaks have impacted hundreds of park visitors and staff at Yellowstone and other national parks, and tour buses have played a role in disease transmission. Local communities do not have resources to provide isolation and quarantine to dozens of tour bus passengers at one time. Prohibiting tour buses during phase 1 and 2 is an important first step to preventing disease transmission during the summer of 2020. Any move to allow large buses in 2020 should only happen if the Park Service and companies that run

the buses have a clear plan for caring for sick passengers and their co-travelers.

- Shared commitment to a unified response and coordinated decision-making in the event that we detect sustained community spread of COVID-19 in the park or in the surrounding communities. This should include collaborative efforts to manage known cases and decision making on progressing through the park's phased re-opening plan, or re-closing operations if necessary. This should also include clear protocols for tourists who are diagnosed and who may be unable or unwilling to isolate or quarantine locally.

- Federal or state funding will be necessary to support the expanded testing and healthcare needs within some gateway communities. Even with the park's re-opening, the gateway communities will be cash-strapped and will need financial assistance to respond to the public health and safety challenges created by the park's re-opening. Without support from state or federal partners, the efforts to expand health care services will be constrained and risks will grow.

Our best chance to manage the risks and opportunities of re-opening Yellowstone relies on a unified effort of local, state, and federal partners to increase testing, coordinate the use of limited healthcare resources, conduct careful surveillance, and take prompt and decisive action to prevent disease spread. The health of our communities, and the ability to keep the park open, depend on the success of this shared effort.

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## MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

**Thursday**

Cloudy with occasional rain showers. High around 55F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 50%. Higher wind gusts possible.

**Friday**

Rain showers in the morning becoming a steady light rain in the afternoon. High 48F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 70%.

**Saturday**

Mostly cloudy with snow showers around in the morning. High 51F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 40%.

**Sunday**

Sunshine and clouds mixed. High near 60F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.

**Monday**

Partly cloudy. High 68F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.

**Quote of the Week:**

**BELIEVE YOU CAN AND YOU'RE HALFWAY THERE.**

THEODORE ROOSEVELT



## SALUTE TO THE CLASSES OF 2020

*And the communities that raised them*

By KEELY LARSON  
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Zoe Lee played all the sports—basketball, volleyball and she ran track at Sheridan High School. Her mom, Abbigail Lee, has been to at least one million games.

"She's like the involved mom who's been involved in everything," Sheridan Superintendent Mike Wetherbee said about Abbigail, who is currently the Booster Club President. "If your kid's doing something, I kind of think you should be there," Abbigail said.

Sheridan has had a tough time sports-wise, but Abbigail commended the school's sportsmanship and good attitudes. "There's a lot of lessons that can be learned from high school sports and winning is at the bottom of the list," she said.

Next school year, Zoe will move to Pullman, Wash. to attend Washington State University and study biochemistry with medical school ambitions. Medical school has been Zoe's plan for most of high school, and Abbigail was impressed with WSU's communication. Despite a student body of over 26,000, it felt comfortable to a family from a small town.

This graduation marks the beginning of Abbigail's empty nest syndrome. "That is a thing for sure. I used to make fun of people for it," she said, but is starting to realize how hard it hits.

What is more, she appreciated having the Sheridan community involved in her daughter's well-being. Someone was

always watching her even if it was not Abbigail, though it sounded like Zoe did not need much supervision.

"She's a good kid. She's like one of those girls that most people dream about," Abbigail said.

Wyatt Fredson, Ennis High School graduate, also had a very involved high school career. He was busy with track, cross country, basketball, the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, volunteering at church and performing in school plays even before he signed up for the Marines the day before his Senior year.

"He was literally going to two nights a week for EMT class, one night a week for the Marines in Bozeman and then whatever school sport he had going on. So it was kind of crazy," Nicole said.

"I'm so proud of him. His sophomore year my husband passed away, and so he lost his dad like four weeks into his school year and never skipped a beat," she continued. Before heart surgery, Wyatt's dad told him that should the worst happen, he wanted Wyatt to follow his dream of becoming a Marine and not feel pressured to stay in Ennis to care for his family.

"I've always felt like I needed to help people in some sort of way and serve my country, and I kind of have that calling for that. My great grandfather was a Marine and that also helped," Wyatt said, his Marine aspirations beginning in the seventh grade.

Wyatt was supposed to leave for boot camp in San Diego at the end of June, but with coronavirus restrictions, his

departure got pushed back to October. After boot camp, he will continue combat training in San Diego then travel to North Carolina for combat engineering education.

"I feel bad for him that he doesn't get to go at the end of June, but I'm grateful we get to spend more time with him," Nicole said.

Harrison High School has four graduating Seniors this year—Kayley Christensen, Angela Cain, Carson Clark and Vern Homner. Andrea Christensen, Spanish, Art and Tech teacher for K-12, is also Kayley's mother.

Andrea was really looking forward to Kayley's track season this spring. Last year, she made it to state with discus and she was ready to do the same again.

"It was fun to see her excited about getting into the college she chose," Andrea said. Kayley will be attending Montana Tech in Butte to study radiology with the goal of becoming a radiology technician. She looked into schools in Kalispell and Billings, but decided to stay closer to home.

Parents and teachers sympathize with graduating students who are not getting the last year of high school they expected. Prom was canceled, Kayley did not get to place at State, Zoe did not get to compete at State for Future Farmers of America, banquet and award ceremonies were canceled, Wyatt's boot camp was postponed, and graduation is going to look different than ever before.

"We're still going to do a small graduation at Harrison and they'll be socially



# Is pain or procrastination stopping your workout plan?

## SIX TIPS TO REACH YOUR GOALS

Submitted by ASHLEY PONTIUS, PRnewswire.com

With everyone spending more time at home, a lot of people are making new exercise resolutions to try and stay in shape. But for many people, their resolve to get in shape fizzles before the snow melts.

If you're one of those with good intentions but poor follow through, there are ways to get back on track.

"Many of us resolve to exercise more, but as with making other resolutions, we don't create habits that last," says Dr. Suhyun An (www.drshyunan.com), an expert on regenerative medicine and co-author of *Demystifying Stem Cells: A Real-Life Approach To Regenerative Medicine*.

Dr. An says that once people commit to staying on a fitness plan, it's important not to push too hard, which could cause pain and injury. Some pain may be manageable, though, and there are ways to address it between workouts in order to stay on track.

She offers tips to help you stick with a workout plan as well as ways to prevent pain from sidelining you:

### HOW TO STICK WITH IT

Create an action plan. If you've been a consistent couch potato, you might not want to set a goal to run a marathon in just a few weeks. So, create a sensible action plan that contains the steps you need to reach incremental goals, then bigger ones. "Making small goals at first and celebrating your success along the way enables you to build confidence and look forward to working out, rather than dreading it and skipping it," Dr. An says. "Then, as you feel stronger, increase the duration and frequency of your workouts over time."

Create a support network. When you tell your family members, friends, and colleagues about your resolutions, you might find others who have set goals that align with yours. "These are the people who can help hold you accountable and motivate

you to succeed," Dr. An says. "You might also inspire others through your actions. If you find exercise partners, you'll reap the benefits of positive social experiences and inspiration."

Make small adjustments that add up. Waking up 30 minutes early to tackle a workout is great, but what if that doesn't fit within your busy day? Schedule your workouts like you would schedule meetings and commit to sticking with them. "You can fit in mini-workouts throughout your day," Dr. An says. "These may include walking up and down stairs, stretching or marching in place while you're on the phone. Small changes lead to big results."

### HOW TO ADDRESS THE PAIN

Massage. "From deep tissue work to more gentle techniques, massage can help you relax," Dr. An says. "Its therapeutic benefits include relaxing muscles and sore tissues as well as easing chronic pain."

Physical therapy. "You'll

learn how to gently and effectively move and stretch your muscles while working to strengthen your joints," she says. "Physical therapy can help the cause of your pain and may include exercises, stretching, or even water therapy that works your muscles in a pool."

Hot and cold therapy. "Heat from a heating pad, a hot bath, or other source boosts blood flow and allows muscles to relax," Dr. An says. "Cold from ice or a cold pack slows circulation and reduces swelling, slowing the body's ability to send pain messages."

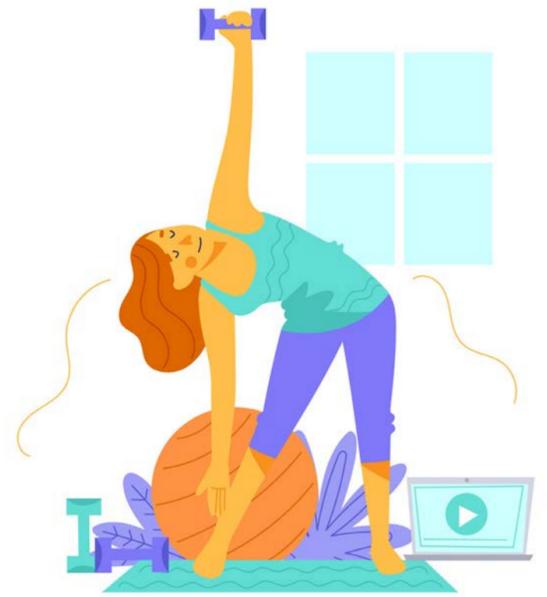
"Don't get discouraged," Dr. An says. "We all have off days. It's advisable to take days off from working out to rest or heal or if you're not feeling well. You can emerge refreshed while reaffirming your commitment."

### About Dr. Suhyun An, DC, MSN, NP-C

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Science from the University of Houston, graduated cum laude from Parker College of Chiropractic, and got her master's in nursing science from Samford University.



# The Risks of vaping

## A LOOK AT SAFETY

Submitted by NIH

You've probably heard a lot about vaping lately. You might also know about the recent outbreak of lung injuries and deaths linked to vaping in the

U.S. But those aren't the only risks that come with vaping. Here's what you need to know.

Vaping devices, also known as e-cigarettes, vape pens, and e-hookahs among other terms, come in many shapes and sizes.

Some look like traditional cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. Others are shaped like every-day objects, such as pens or USB memory sticks.

While they may look different, most vaping devices

work in a similar way. Puffing activates a battery-powered heating device. This heats the liquid in a cartridge, turning it into vapors that are inhaled.

Vaping exposes the lungs to a variety of chemicals. These may include the main active chemicals in tobacco (nicotine) or marijuana (THC), flavorants and other ingredients that are added to vaping liquids. Plus, other chemicals can be produced during the vaporizing process.

"If the liquid has nicotine in it, then the user is inhaling nicotine along with the other ingredients in the liquid," explains Dr. Thomas Eissenberg, an expert on tobacco research at Virginia Commonwealth University.

While vaping devices work similarly, some are more powerful than others. They create more vapor and deliver more chemicals.

So how safe is vaping? Studies suggest nicotine vaping may be less harmful than traditional cigarettes when people who regularly smoke switch to them as a complete replacement. But nicotine

vaping could still damage your health.

"Your lungs aren't meant to deal with the constant challenge of non-air that people are putting into them—sometimes as many as 200 puffs a day—day after day, week after week, year after year," Eissenberg says.

"You're inhaling propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, flavorants that were meant to be eaten but not inhaled, and nicotine," he explains. "And all of those are heated up in this little reactor, which is an e-cigarette. When they get heated up, those components can turn into other potentially dangerous chemicals."

One harmful chemical may be a thickening agent called Vitamin E acetate, which is sometimes used as an additive in THC-containing vape products. The CDC identified it as a "chemical of concern" among people with vaping-associated lung injuries. They recommend avoiding any vaping product containing Vitamin E acetate or THC, particularly those from informal sources like friends, family, or in-person or online dealers.

Vaping is now more popular among teens than smoking traditional cigarettes. One in four high school seniors say they vaped nicotine in the past month. And studies have found that teens who vape nicotine may be more likely to go on to smoke traditional cigarettes.

Marijuana vaping has also increased dramatically among teens. About 20% of high school seniors vaped marijuana in the past year. The rates have more than doubled in the past two years.

New laws are aimed at curbing vaping among teens. People must now be 21 to buy any tobacco product, including vaping products. And companies can no longer produce and sell flavors that appeal to children like fruit and mint.

If you've already started vaping or smoking cigarettes, it's never too late to quit. See the Wise Choices box for tips on stopping.

## WISE CHOICES

READY TO QUIT?

Here are some tips to help you stop using nicotine:

- Know why you're quitting. Ask yourself if nicotine is getting in the way of what matters to you.
- Quit completely. If you use different tobacco products, now is a good time to quit those too.
- Set your quit date.
- Understand your triggers, so you can avoid them.
- Imagine your life without nicotine. Picture the positives of quitting.
- Build a team of people who will support you while you quit.
- Get free help online at [smokefree.gov](http://smokefree.gov), at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669), or by texting QUIT to 47848.

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# COLUMNS



## COMMODITY INSITE: THIS YEAR IS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES

By JERRY WELCH

The largest grossing film of 1994 was, "Forrest Gump" starring Tom Hanks. The film cost \$55 million and made \$678 million at the box office. The film won the Academy Award for Best Picture and Best Actor for Hanks. And the line uttered by the Hanks character is now considered one of the all-time great quotes from any movie. He muttered, "Mama always said, 'Life was like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna' get.'"

Lately and more often than not I have been saying, "the year 2020, is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna' get." Allow me to touch on just a few of the scenarios that have surfaced this wild and crazy year

when it comes to markets of all kinds. The year is relatively young and from one week to the next, "you never know what you're gonna' get."

Earlier in the year, Russia and Saudi Arabia got into a price war causing crude oil to collapse from \$61 a barrel in January to minus \$37 a barrel in April. Coronavirus became a pandemic causing an enormous amount of pain, suffering and deaths across the globe, crippling every economy in the world. Last month's Employment Report for the United States was the worst in history with the highest jobless level since the Great Depression of the '30's. Yet, it was announced this week, U.S. grocery prices rose to a new, 46 year high led by meat and eggs.

There are so many mind

twisting and head spinning scenarios going on it is impossible to forecast what will unfold. But here is a story that fits the times. It involves a man trying to "bottom pick" in the crude oil market. The following information comes from MarketWatch.com with a glaring headline, "He started the day with \$77,000 — by midnight, he owed \$9 million." The article begins by stating, "That's Syed Shah, a 30-year-old daytrader in Toronto whose ill-fated attempt to dip his toe into the oil pits was covered in a recent story by Bloomberg News.

"On April 20, Shah started with about \$77,000 in his account. He put \$2,400 toward buying crude, first at \$3.30 a barrel, and then more at 50 cents. From there it got interesting. Ultimately, as the his-

toric plunge in oil prices took hold, he was able to load up on futures at a penny each."

Before going further let me say this about any market that appears cheap. There is a reason a market is cheap. It is cheap because it belongs there. The same can be said for the stock of Berkshire Hathaway, founded and run by Warren Buffett, one of the richest men in the world. Stock in Mr. Buffett's company sold this week for \$257,172 per share which is pricey. The reason that particular stock is pricey is because it belongs there.

Anyway, back to Mr. Shah. According to Market Watch, "Mr. Shah thought he was buying crude at \$.01 a barrel but the market was already trading at negative -\$3.70 a barrel — not at one cent — but the minus sign wasn't recog-

nized due to a glitch in the Interactive Brokers Group's software. By the end of the day, Shah got the message: His \$77,000 had turned into a \$9-million debt.

However, the billionaire chairman and founder of Interactive Brokers took the blame for the computer issue that affected Mr. Shah and others. The Chairman said, "It's a \$113-million mistake on our part and traders will be made whole. We will rebate from our own funds to our customers who were locked in with long positions during the time the price was negative any losses they suffered below zero." I tip my hat to the Chairman. Mr. Shah came out of the day with zero funds in his account which was the good news. The bad news was he could have owed the firm

\$9 million.

There are many lessons to be learned from Mr. Shah. First, never add to a losing position. Second, understand that there are reasons a market is where it is at any particular time. Jesse Livermore, a legendary speculator once said, "nothing is too cheap it can't be sold, nor, too high to be bought" But the big lesson to be learned regarding Mr. Shah is that this year, "is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna' get."

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## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

### Facemask follies

By Art Kehler

### Reflections on problems encountered while abiding with current restrictions

The other day, I went to a local eatery on the first day it opened since the coronavirus pandemic isolation restrictions began. In keeping with the newer, less imposing restrictions, I wore a facemask. Upon entering the business, I saw some people coming

toward me. Just then, I exhaled into the mask and my glasses fogged up badly. Not only could I not see how many folks were coming, I had no idea how close they were. So much for social spacing.

Undeterred, I groped my way to an open stool at the counter with an empty stool next to it and sat down. It took me a while to figure out that there's not much use in smiling at someone if you are wearing a mask. The waitress (who was also wearing a mask) handed me a menu. It was then that being hard of hearing became even more problematic than usual. After a boisterous

but fruitless attempt to communicate through our masks, I finally pointed to the desired selection on the menu. At that, I was served a cup of coffee to savor while I waited for my meal.

As might be expected, it wasn't long before I discovered that drinking coffee, while wearing a device that covers one's mouth, is tricky business. For starters, I tried snaking a bendable plastic straw from the coffee cup up under the mask. My brain storm worked swell until, during one particularly hearty sip, the straw slipped from my mouth which sent scalding coffee surging up my nose.

While waiting for my meal to come, I looked around the café to see if I recognized anyone. Because of the social distancing rule, the joint was only about one-third full. Nearly everyone was wearing a facial covering. Moreover, due to the previous state-mandated restrictions, many of the guys and gals had been unable to get a haircut for the last month. To make matters even worse, to go with their shaggy hair, a number of men had grown beards. Hence, they looked somewhat like a gathering of barbarians. One fellow in particular looked like an unkempt Sasquatch. Between the shaggy hair, beards and masks it was nearly

impossible to recognize anyone.

Just then my breakfast arrived. With my mask still in place, I could smell neither the coffee nor the breakfast. I also soon discovered that it's not good to burp while wearing a mask. Even if the gaseous eruption isn't loud, the abrupt burgeoning of the facial covering device alerts everyone who sees it to your unpardonable social gaffe. After a short period of lowering my mask for each bite of food or to take a sip of coffee, I was beyond exasperated. I wasn't alone in my exasperation. The tension level in the joint was palpable.

Finally, I discreetly slipped the bothersome mask under

my chin and — left it there. After doing so, I noticed that, by that time, nearly everyone else had done likewise. Folks were chatting amiably and even laughing. Not surprisingly, before very long, the tension level had subsided significantly. In keeping with the mood, I finished eating breakfast at my leisure. Naturally, being the law-abiding citizen that I am, upon leaving the restaurant, I put the mask back on.

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### A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

### The Circle of Life

They both were seventeen years old when starting life together. Their love was strong. They got along. They'd make it last forever.

The ranch was eighty acres and the cows all needed tendin'. The fences were so full of holes.

They always needed mendin'.

The cabin was a cozy warm with a fire always aflame. She could cook a meal when groceries were 'bout on the side of lame.

The drifts and snow had melted. Now a daughter blessed their home. They couldn't believe the bliss received. A parent could only know.

Her mother taught her how to cook. But she loved to work the land. Her father said there was no doubt. She was his best cowhand.

The ranch was now one section and it kept them on the move. Their daughter turned to seventeen with nothing left to prove.

The cute cowgirl soon caught the eye, a young man over the hill. Was it really time to let her go? They understood God's will.

At seventeen she married, and they too would last forever. Their land and his were joined as one. They'd run the ranch together.

God blessed the union with two boys. To them, there was no strife. The years were good. The family grew. They had a wonderful life.

So, the old man and his sweetheart would help out to work the cows. And neither one regretted years of promising their vows.

Their lives had gone full circle, but some things just never change. Those fences still need mendin' when you're livin' on the range.

And when they take that final step to God's divine procession. The old man thinks he'd like to say, "Hello, we came from Heaven!"



### NATURAL RESOURCE NEWS

### WEED SEASON HAS ARRIVED

Submitted by MELISSA GRIFFITHS — Project Coordinator, MVRG Weed Committee

For those of us in Montana, spring brings an excitement that is almost palpable. The burgeoning green tinge across the landscape and more regular warmth from the sun is something we certainly look forward to each year. One thing we need to remember though is that everything that grows is not necessarily good or desirable. On a recent walk, I was enjoying all the fresh new growth popping out of the ground, but as a "weedie" I got slightly agitated at the number of noxious weeds I could see along the path. "Weedies" are folks who have an interest in invasive species and are often known to be quite passionate about controlling them. We have a hard time blocking out the weeds on the landscape sometimes to the extreme of not being able to enjoy ourselves in a particularly infested spot — even resorting to pulling weeds in public places!

Common weeds are one thing, those undesirable plants that are out of place in your garden or yard. Noxious weeds

are those 36 plant species listed by the Montana Department of Agriculture as having "a destructive impact on Montana landscapes". Noxious weeds are detrimental to the health of our environment. They disrupt native plant communities and, in some cases, affect both water quality and quantity. Invasive species can also degrade rangelands for wildlife and livestock alike. Their management can be one of the most challenging issues facing land managers today.

There are many ways that you can help manage and prevent noxious weeds. First, you can manage your property to the best of your ability. This can be done several ways. Being aware of which plants are invasive and working to control or eliminate them is a great step and can be accomplished utilizing a variety of tools including spraying, pulling, mowing or releasing specialized biological control insects. Secondly, preventing the establishment of new weeds is critical and the importance can't be overstated. This can be done by cleaning vehicles, tools, clothing and pets after spending time enjoying our wonderful outdoors. Noxious weed seeds hitchhike

many ways so after being in areas where weeds are present, decontamination is key! Prevention also means not introducing invasive species when planting or landscaping your property. Unwittingly seeding a pretty wildflower mix can result in major problems as seed mixes often contain unwanted species. Many of our problematic noxious weeds have been introduced and spread because they are seen as beautiful garden flowers. Also, bird feeders are well known sources of weed problems as birdseed can be tainted with unwanted seed sources as well. This doesn't mean that you shouldn't plant new things or feed the birds — it just means that you should take the time to read labels and make sure that your purchases are made from reputable sellers.

If you're not sure what noxious weeds you might have, or how to best treat them, there are many local resources to help. For more information contact the MVRG Weed Committee (406) 682-3731, the Madison County Weed Board (406) 842-5595 or check out the MT Weed Control Association at mtweed.org.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

THEME: TONY WINNERS

**ACROSS**

1. "A Visit from St. Nicholas" beginning
5. Clock std.
8. U-\_\_\_\_\_
12. \*Webber's "Evita" collaborator
13. Away from wind
14. Boy Scout rank
15. Picnic invaders
16. Digestive aid
17. Change, as in the Constitution
18. \*Like Tony Awards 2020
20. Entry document
21. Fill with spirits
22. 10 decibels
23. \*"Kiss Me, Kate" composer/lyricist
26. Sound of leaves in wind
29. Before, archaic
30. Admirer
33. "My bad"
35. Garments
37. Barbie's beau
38. Annoy a bedfellow
39. Result of too many drinks
40. Type of tunic
42. F in FWIW
43. Brown's beagle
45. \*M in "M. Butterfly"
47. Bar association
48. "Mack the \_\_\_\_\_"
50. \*Tony winner David \_\_\_\_\_ Pierce
52. \*Musical with the most wins, with The
56. \*Jellies' cries
57. Vietnam's neighbor
58. Flu symptom
59. Pond buildup
60. Sunrise point
61. "Just \_\_\_\_\_"
62. \*4-time winner Tom Stoppard's output
63. Tap choice
64. Tallest volcano in Europe

**DOWN**

1. Catch-22, e.g.
2. Brown bagger
3. \*Before and after intermission
4. Final six lines of a sonnet
5. Sparkle
6. More than a scuffle
7. Like a ball ready for a drive
8. \*Musical with most nominations
9. \*Tony nominee, "Rock of \_\_\_\_\_"
10. Longer forearm bone
11. Bulb type
13. "All \_\_\_\_\_"
14. Roof overhang
19. Humble requests
22. Pesky, clingy plant
23. Cribbage pieces
24. Un-written exams
25. Old episode
26. \*"La Bohème," reimagined
27. Shower accessory

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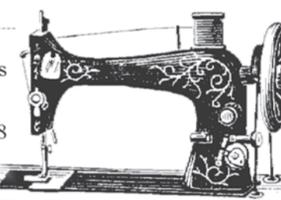
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**May 10, 2020**

An agency was assisted in Whitehall. A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis. A coroner was called in McAllister. Medical aid was administered in McAllister.

**May 11, 2020**

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cardwell. Medical aid was administered in Ennis. A rescue call was made outside of Alder.

**May 12, 2020**

A disturbance was reported in Ennis. A wildlife complaint was made in Alder. A fire call was made in Ennis.

**May 13, 2020**

A fraud complaint was made in Silver Star. Warrant service was performed in Sheridan. Theft complaints were made in Ennis and Virginia City. A prisoner was transported to Gallatin County. Medical aid was administered in Ennis. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Norris.

**May 14, 2020**

A prisoner was transported to Gallatin County. A welfare check was performed in Ennis. An accident occurred in Alder.

Dog complaints were made in Sheridan. A citizen was assisted in McAllister. An order of protection was violated in Ennis. A threat complaint was made in Sheridan. A traffic complaint was made in Nevada City. A harassment complaint was made in Twin Bridges.

**May 15, 2020**

A public safety complaint was made in Sheridan. Coroner calls were made in Norris and Virginia City. A missing person was reported on Bear Trap Trail. Medical aid was administered in Ennis, Sheridan and Cameron. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Alder. A citizen was assisted in Ennis. Warrant service was performed in Sheridan.

**May 16, 2020**

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Harrison and Norris. An animal complaint was made in Twin Bridges. Warrant service was performed in Ennis. A fire call was made in Sheridan. A prisoner was transported to Gallatin County. Vandalism/criminal mischief was reported in Pony. An accident occurred in Twin Bridges.



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## MAY 21, 2020

### NOTICE OF ELECTION, CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that regular voter registration for the Madison County Primary Election scheduled for JUNE 2, 2020 will close at 5:00 p.m., MAY 26, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the deadline has been extended by three weeks in order for Montana voters to be able to register to vote by mail for a longer period of time, and to shorten the length of time afforded for "in-person" late registration and voting. You may request and submit a voter registration application by mail by calling the Election Office at 843-4270, by e-mailing your request to [clerkandrecorder@madisoncountymt.gov](mailto:clerkandrecorder@madisoncountymt.gov) OR you may find the form at Madison County's website: [madisoncountymt.gov](http://madisoncountymt.gov). This election will be conducted by MAIL! No regular polling places will be available! \*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register and vote by appearing in person at the county election office at 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, beginning on May 27th through May 29th from 8 am to 5 pm, on Monday, June 1st from 8 am to noon; and on Election Day, June 2nd from 7 am to 8 pm. Please Note: Strict distancing restrictions will be in place for any in-person voting. All active and inactive electors in Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election. HOWEVER, INACTIVE VOTERS WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A BALLOT IN THE MAIL due to outdated information or lack of response from voters who have not recently cast a ballot in Madison County. Please call the Election Office at 843-4270, as soon as possible so that we can assist you in updating your information, \*\*if you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office. Call our office at the number above. DATED this 24th of APRIL, 2020 Madison County /s/ Kathleen D. Mumme, Election Administrator (Pub. APRIL 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2020) MCR MNAXLP

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

MONTANA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY. CAUSE NO.: DV-29-2020-28 In the matter of the name change of STACEY ABRAMS, Petitioner This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from STACEY D. ABRAMS to STACY D. AVRAHAM. The hearing will be on JUNE 1, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County. Date: APRIL 23, 2020 Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court /s/ Carmin Hill Deputy Clerk of Court (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 21, 2020) ABRAMS MNAXLP

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

MONTANA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY. CAUSE NO.: DV-29-2020-29 In the matter of the name change of FRANZ K. ABRAMS, Petitioner This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from FRANZ K. ABRAMS to JOSIAH FRANZ KERNAA AVRAHAM. The hearing will be on JUNE 1, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County. Date: APRIL 23, 2020 Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court /s/ Carmin Hill Deputy Clerk of Court (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 21, 2020) ABRAMS MNAXLP

### NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES:

The Madison County Board of Commissioners has vacancies on the Big Sky Transportation Board; the DUI Task Force; the Fair Board (representing the Ennis area); three vacancies on the Mental Health Local Advisory Council; one vacancy on the Planning Board (representing the Silver Star/ Twin Bridges area and/or Harrison/Pony/ Norris Area); two vacancies on the Board of Health; one vacancy for a Substitute Member on the Tax Appeal Board; and one vacancy on the Madison Valley Cemetery District Board. If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, or by email at [madco@madisoncountymt.gov](mailto:madco@madisoncountymt.gov). PDF application forms can be found on the county website at <https://madisoncountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/833>. Please return completed applications to: Madison County Commissioners' Office P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755 (Pub. May 14, 21, 2020) MADISON COUNTY COMMISH MNAXLP

### MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CANCELS 2020 4TH OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Madison Valley Rural Fire Department Cancels 2020 4th of July Pancake Breakfast. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, The Madison Valley Rural Fire Department has determined that, for the health and safety of the public and our members, it is prudent for the department to cancel the 2020 Annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast. Under current and foreseeable mandated restrictions, it is impossible for us to maintain adequate social distancing and proper disinfection measures during this event. If the situation stabilizes and circumstances permits, we will again sponsor the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast in 2021. We truly regret this action and apologize for the disappointment, but our concern for the health and safety of our citizens and our members is foremost in our minds. (Pub. MAY 14, 21, 2020) MVRFD MNAXLP

### PUBLIC NOTICE - TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

Individual transportation contracts for the 2020-2021 school year are available upon request at the Alder School. Parents/

guardian of any student attending the Alder School that are at least 3 miles from the school and who are district residents may be eligible for transportation reimbursement. Contracts are due to District Clerk Kathleen Wuefling, no later than June 1, 2020. (Pub. MAY 14, 21, 2020) ALDER SCHOOL MNAXLP

### NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE - MINOR CHILD

MONTANA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY. CAUSE NO.: DV-29-2020-31 In the matter of the name change of TRISTA KAMAILE SARLES, Child's full name now . AMANDA REDFIELD, Petitioner. This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court to change a child's name from TRISTA KAMAILE SARLES to TRISTA KAMAILE REDFIELD. The hearing will be on JUNE 29, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County. Date: MAY 6, 2020 Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court /s/ Carmin Hill Deputy Clerk of Court (Pub. MAY 21, 28, JUNE 4, 11, 18, 2020) REDFIELD MNAXLP

### PUBLIC NOTICE

SK Construction, Inc. PO Box 18276, Missoula MT 59808 (406) 546-8759 has made an agreement with Granger Ranches, Limited Partnership, PO Box 691 Ennis, MT 59729; 406-579- 3434 to purchase up to 36,000 gallons of water per day for use on Madison County's Ennis Airport construction project diverted from the Cameron Ditch in SESWSE of Section 10 Twp. 7S, Rge. 1W. Water subject to this agreement (41F 9002-00) is appurtenant to lands irrigated by Granger Ranches; such lands will be reduced by a commensurate number of acres for the duration of the 2020 irrigation season to offset water being used by SK Construction. Water usage will begin as soon as practicable after contract approval and end in early September. (Pub. MAY 21, 28, 2020) LASZLO MNAXLP

### INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for construction of the Gien Bridge Replacement Project will be received by the office of the Madison County Commission at 103 West Wallace Street, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana 59755 until 2:00 P.M. local time on June 9th, 2020 and then publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of the construction of a new bridge located approximately 6.5 miles south of Twin Bridges in Madison County, Montana. The new bridge will replace the existing single-span, overhead steel truss bridge on Silver Bow Lane over the Beaverhead River. The proposed, 136-foot single-span bridge will be constructed of precast prestressed concrete bulb tee beams on a driven pile foundation. Improvements consist of but are not limited to: removal of the existing bridge structure, structure excavation, supply and installation of random riprap, supply and drive steel pipe piles, construction of cast-in-place concrete pile caps, wingwalls & end diaphragms, supply and installation of the bridge superstructure, install cast-in-place concrete bridge barrier rail & approach guardrail, structural backfill, roadway excavation, roadway embankment, gravel surface & base course, fencing, and other miscellaneous items. Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at [www.greatwesteng.com](http://www.greatwesteng.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Current Projects Bidding" tab. The contract documents, consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined or obtained at the office of Great West Engineering, located at 2501 Belt View Drive, P.O. Box 4817, Helena, Montana 59604, phone 406-449-8627 in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required fee of \$50 per set, which is not refundable. In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations: Billings Builders Exchange Great Falls Builders Exchange Bozeman Plan Exchange Helena Copy Center Butte Builders Exchange Missoula Plans Exchange There will be a Pre-Bid Conference at the bridge location on June 3rd at 10:00 A.M. Interested Contractors are encouraged to attend. Available parking at the site can be found on the east side of the bridge on the shoulders of Silver Bow Lane, do not block existing gates. Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by Montana Prevailing Wage Rates. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Madison County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. This project is partially funded by the Montana Department of Commerce - Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP). Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in section 16.02 of the Instructions to Bidders after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities,

to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Contract Documents are to be submitted in writing to and must be received by Great West Engineering no later than 1:00 PM local time on June 5th, 2020. Questions received after this date will not be answered. Oral questions will only be accepted at the Pre-Bid Conference. Written comments may be submitted to Ryan Elliott of Great West Engineering by mail at: P.O. Box 4817, Helena, MT 59604 or email at: [rellott@greatwesteng.com](mailto:rellott@greatwesteng.com). Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda delivered to all parties recorded as having received the Bidding Documents. Only questions answered by Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Published in The Madisonian on May 21st, May 28th, and June 4th, 2020 Madison County Commission 103 West Wallace Street P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, Montana 59755 (Pub. MAY 21, 28, JUNE 4, 2020) MC COMMISH MNAXLP

### PUBLIC NOTICE

DAYLIGHT VILLAGE DEMOLITION PERMIT The Montana Heritage Commission and the Virginia City Town Council has given permission and approved the demolition permit application for the Daylight Village Cabins (Northern side, backrow) with a physical address of 200 Block E. Wallace Street Virginia City, Montana. Block # 158 Lot # 1-9 The conditions of these structures were deemed unsalvageable, unsafe and uninsurable and the Montana Heritage Commission is in process to replace the structures with a scenic park and additional parking at the location. We are notifying local and state residents that those wanting to salvage some of the materials for historic or nostalgic sentiment will have permission to do so May 15th through the 31st. To access the facility and because of the dangers of the decay and condition a hold harmless agreement must be signed and permission given through the Montana Heritage Commission Executive Director at [ellen@mt.gov](mailto:ellen@mt.gov) or call at 406-369-8147. (Pub. MAY 21, 28, 2020) MHC MNAXLP

### INVITATION TO BID

ENNIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 52 Propane Notice is hereby given that the Ennis School District will receive bids until noon on June 8, 2020 in the clerk's office at the Ennis High School, Ennis, Montana. The bid will include delivery of propane (including all hazardous, safety and fuel recovery fees) and service to all district owned facilities beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The bid must include one price for the entire year and be delivered in a sealed envelope. For details and specifications on this project or to schedule a walk through, contact Superintendent, Casey Klasna at 682-4258. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals, and waive any irregularities or informalities. (Pub. MAY 21, 28, 2020) ENNIS SCHOOL MNAXLP



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Montana Child Care Resource and Referral Network

# TOGETHER WE ARE WINNING THE WAR AGAINST COVID-19

The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is continuing to protect the Blackfeet Reservation against COVID-19 and reminds all residents the details of Resolution 181-2020/ Ordinance 121. The Blackfeet Tribe has called for the continuation and implementation and enforcement of the curfew, social distancing, curtailing of businesses activity and stay-at-home rules, etc. in the ordinance.



The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council members are Minnow Gervais, Carl Kipp, Vice-Chairman Scott Kipp, Terry Tatsey, Mark Pollock, Chairman Tim Davis, Roland Kennerly Jr., Vera Weaselshead and Secretary Stacey Keller.



Jim McNeely, Public Information Officer

## WE MUST LISTEN AND ACT NOW!

The Blackfeet Tribe is at war with an invisible enemy identified as COVID-19. It is the mission of the Blackfeet Tribe to follow all cultural, medical and scientific recommendations in an effort to reduce public infection on the Blackfeet Reservation. It will take the effort and inclusion of the entire community and visitors to the Blackfeet Reservation to fight this threat to the public health of the Blackfeet Reservation.

## PLEASE ADHERE TO THE COVID-19 ORDINANCE ORDERS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF OTHERS.

Violation of the orders have the following penalties:

**ALL TRIBAL OFFICES WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL MAY 31, 2020.**

**ALL ROADS WITHIN THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION ARE CLOSED TO REGULAR PUBLIC TO NON ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC.** Stay at home except for essential travel, such as grocery shopping and for medical reason.



**PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE MASKS WHILE OUT IN PUBLIC.**

**CRIMINAL INFECTION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.** It shall be unlawful for a person to knowingly or recklessly expose another person to a contagious disease.

**IF YOU TRAVEL TO AN INFECTED AREA OR YOU HAVE COVID-19, YOU MUST QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS.**



**GLACIER NATIONAL PARK.** All entries to Glacier National Park from the east entrances (located on the Blackfeet Reservation) are still closed.



**BUSINESS CLOSURE, STAY AT HOME, SOCIAL DISTANCING OR QUARANTINE.** Any person to be found in violation of a current Stay at Home or Quarantine Order without a valid defense shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed six (6) months incarceration and/or \$5,000.00 fine in addition to those penalties prescribed in the Blackfeet Law and Order Code.



**CURFEW:** Curfew is still in place from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. It shall be unlawful for any person to be in public areas during the prohibited hours prescribed in a current curfew order.

**ALCOHOL:** Alcohol sales are allowed from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Any person found to have committed an alcohol offense while the Blackfeet Reservation is under any order under this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or more per offense in addition to those penalties prescribed in the Blackfeet Law and Order Code.

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distanced on the stage, and then each of the families in the gym will be socially distanced," Andrea said, adding her family was hosting a small barbecue after. Sheridan is crossing its fingers for good weather for a

ceremony on the football field, and Abbigail is collaborating with some families to host a celebration at the fire hall. "Their graduation won't be normal, but it will be a graduation," Abbigail said.

Even in a normal year without a pandemic, public education needs some type of closure. Thirteen years of schooling is the majority of a 17 or 18-year-old's life. In Madison County communities, it

does not take 13 years to learn every classmate's name. "I think everybody realizes this was a pretty hard year for them," Abbigail said. Banks in Sheridan put up Senior pictures. A banner for each

graduating Harrison Senior was displayed in front of the school. Ennis teachers threw assorted hats off their heads to honor their 2020 class. While it may be hard to count lucky stars right now,

students, teachers and parents alike should take comfort in the places their graduates have roots. Not everywhere would go to such great efforts to make sure these kids understand how loved and cherished they are.

" I will miss Sheridan for so many reasons. The teachers are amazing and each one cares so much about the student's education and well-being. The classes push students and create creative and critical minds. The entire community cares about the students and aids in their successes, and the students are supportive of each other. Sheridan will always be my home. I am so proud of where I grew up and thankful for everyone who helped me get where I am and where I'm going."

- Zoe Lee, Sheridan

" What were some of your favorite moments/accomplishments this year? My favorite moments were playing sports with my friends and having fun during trips to and from games. What are your plans for next year? After high school I plan to attend the University of Montana Western to become a music teacher. What will you miss most about your high school? What I will miss most about Twin Bridges High School is being able to see my friends in my classes and talk to them during lunch time."

-Jazmin Kelly, Twin Bridges

" Throughout high school, I have been involved in basketball, volleyball, BPA, FFA, National Honor Society and I traveled to Spain with my Spanish class. Some of my favorite memories from high school were the bus trips to and from events, and the many overnight stays for school competitions with my friends. I will be attending Gallatin College in Bozeman in the fall where I will be studying Health Information Coding. The best part about my high school experience was having the opportunity to participate in the many school functions like homecoming, sports events and prom, all while being surrounded by my best friends."

- Ashleigh Guinnane, Twin Bridges

" Some of my favorite events this year were attending FFA Nationals, cheering at basketball tournaments and homecoming week. My plans after high school are to attend Concordia University in Nebraska to major in biology/nursing. I will also be on the cheer team. But before that, my plans for this summer are to work and spend as much time as I can with friends, family and my pets since I'll be moving so far away. I'll miss the fact that I knew everyone in my school. It can be nice when you're walking down the halls to know that you know everyone in them. But on the other hand, I'm really excited to start fresh and meet new people."

- Kenna Millhouse, Twin Bridges

" What were some of your favorite moments/accomplishments this year? My favorite accomplishment was completing the AP Calculus test. Do you have plans for graduation celebrations? I plan to spend time with family and essentially just catch up with my siblings. What are your plans after high school? I plan on going into a medical field, whether it be nursing or some other program, and I plan on attending Montana Tech. What will you miss most about Harrison High School? I will miss my teachers the most, as connecting with teachers and becoming friends is the best part of living in a small town and going to a close-knit school."

- Angela Cain, Harrison



Madison Fabel, Tia Hill, Zoe Lee and Kenna Millhouse at a volleyball game. PHOTO COURTESY OF ABBIGAIL LEE



L-R, Maddie Barsness and Wyatt Fredson. Ennis is having a closed graduation—each graduate can bring four guests to the ceremony in the gym. The Fredson's will have a celebratory barbecue with family afterwards. PHOTO COURTESY OF NICOLE FREDSON



Kayley Christensen during track season last year. PHOTO BY ANDREA CHRISTENSEN



(L to R) Kenna Millhouse, Ashleigh Guinnane and Avery George did a prom photo shoot even though the dance was canceled. They had the dresses already, so why not, right? PHOTO COURTESY OF KENNA MILLHOUSE



Jazmin Kelly(R) and friend Tabitha taking a fun picture before a tournament. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAZMIN KELLY



Ashleigh Guinnane and friends at State Business Professionals of America in Billings this year. PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEIGH GUINNANE

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**Christian Science Services**  
 Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.  
**ALL WELCOME**  
 Each week a Bible lesson full of healing Christian concepts is read aloud in our Sunday service.  
 4983 US Hwy 287 N. • Ennis, Montana  
 www.ChristianScience.com

**Rocky Mountain Baptist Church**  
 Will Stevens, Pastor  
 682-4949  
 Sunday School 9:45am  
 Morning Service 11am  
 Afternoon Service 1:30pm  
 Tuesday Womens Bible Study 6pm  
 Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pm  
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**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
 Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome  
 Sacrament Meeting Sundays, 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 11:20 a.m.  
 R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.  
 Mutual (Youth Group) Weds. 7:00p.m.  
 3560 | MT State Hwy 287 Sheridan 842-5860  
 Bishop Shaw 684-5255

**HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Harrison, Montana  
 Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.  
 Pastor Joe Miller  
 Come Worship & Sing Praises To Our God. Spread the Word!

**Madison Valley Presbyterian Church**  
 WORSHIP  
 September - April ~ 11 a.m.  
 May - August ~ 9:30 a.m.  
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 Rev. STEVE HUNDLEY  
 682-4355 ~ Ennis  
 Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

**MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Saturday 4pm at St. Joseph's, Sheridan  
 Sunday at 11 am St. Patrick's, Ennis  
 Sunday 9:30am at St. Mary's, Laurin  
 Sunday at 8 am Notre Dame, Twin Bridges  
 Saturday at 4 pm St. Joseph's, Sheridan  
 Weekday Mass: Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am at St. Joseph's Wednesday 9am at St. Patrick's  
 Please call the Rectory for the daily Mass schedule at 842-5588  
 Father John Crutchfield, Pastor

**FISHERS OF MEN**  
 MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 Phil 2:16  
 Holding forth the word of life:  
**Dr. Ray Teston**  
 Pastor  
**Peter Rosenberger**  
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 Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.  
 Weds. Nights ~ prayer meeting 6 p.m.  
 5050 Hwy 287, P.O. Box 668, Ennis, MT  
**Phone 682-4244 SBC**  
**MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
 The Church of Word and Sacrament  
 Visitors Welcome  
 Pastor Ken Stensrud  
 • Sunday Service 9:00 am  
 • Bible Study 10:15 am  
 • Sunday School 10:15 am  
 Corner of Madison and Armitage St.  
 Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

**THE BAHAI FAITH**  
 O ye friends of God! True friends are even as skilled physicians, and the Teachings of God are as healing balm, a medicine for the conscience of man. They clear the head, so that a man can breathe them in and delight in their sweet fragrance. They waken those who sleep. They bring awareness to the unheeding, and a portion to the outcast, and to the hopeless, hope.  
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 Bahá'ís of Madison County

**ENNIS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 Loving God, Loving People  
 Sunday School 9:30 AM  
 Worship Service 10:30 AM  
 Wednesday Ministries  
 Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM  
 Family Dinner 5:30 PM  
 Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM  
 Pastor Greg Ledgerwood  
 402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT 682-4197

**Valley Assembly**  
 Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley  
 114 N. Main, Sheridan 842-5845  
 Pastor Duane B. Dethner  
 Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Valley Kids - after school to 6:45 p.m.  
 Ruby Valley Food Pantry - Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon  
 Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love People, and Reach the Valley.

**Madison County Episcopal Churches**  
 In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
**Join Us for Sunday Worship!**  
**Trinity** St. Paul's Christ Church  
 Jeffers/Ennis Virginia City Sheridan  
 10 a.m. adult forum Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  
 www.rvecc.org  
 Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

**Ruby Valley Baptist Church**  
 Tony Shaw, Pastor 842-5602  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.  
 One block behind IGA, Sheridan

**Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish**  
 Invites You To Worship With Us  
 Reverend Tony Whaley  
 Office: (406) 842-5934  
 Church of the Valley Twin Bridges  
 Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Bethel UMC Sheridan  
 Worship 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Ready Set Grow Preschool  
 Contact Donna Gilman 596-0456

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**GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**  
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**(406) 842-5915**  
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## AREA SENIOR MEALS

**ENNIS SENIOR CENTER**  
 315 W Main Street  
 Closed Dine-in & Activities  
 315 W Main Street: TAKE OUT PICK-UP: M-F NOON TO 1 P.M.  
 To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance:  
 682-4422 or www.enniseniorcenter.org  
 MOW delivery area expanded: S. to Cameron, W. to Virginia City N. to McAllister E. to lower Jeffers

Thursday, May 21 - Orange chicken, fried rice, veggies, dessert  
 Friday, May 22 - Potato corn chowder, croissant, veggie sticks, dessert  
 Monday, May 25 - Chicken parmesan, garlic bread salad, dessert  
 Tuesday, May 26 - Italian chopped salad, roll dessert  
 Wednesday, May 27 - Hot dog, macaroni salad, fruit, dessert  
 Thursday, May 28 - Baked fish, rice pilaf, 3-bean salad, dessert  
 Friday, May 29 - Pork roast, mashers, gravy, veggies, dessert

**RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN**  
 Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Located at 114 N. Main St., in Valley Assembly (formerly New Beginnings). Serving the Ruby Valley from Silver Star to Virginia City. Contact Doug 842-5587 or Jim 842-5573 for more information.

**SENIOR CENTER, SHERIDAN**  
 The Sheridan Senior Center offers meals for seniors 60 years and older. Seniors may choose to eat at the Senior Center, family style for \$4 or have their meals delivered for \$4.50 (Meals on Wheels). Meals on Wheels are within the city limits of Sheridan and should be called in by 10 a.m. Contact Shirley Sand at 842-5966. 201 Crofoot Street (the former Ruby Valley Medical Clinic).

**VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ**  
 Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.  
**Delivery in VC if seniors call between 10am and Noon on those days.**  
 Thursday, May 21 - Sloppy Joe with cold slaw, dessert  
 Tuesday, May 26 - Fish and chips, fries, dessert

**TWIN BRIDGES SENIOR CENTER**  
 The Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center provides meals for seniors every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at the Twin Bridges Senior and Community Center.

**COVID UPDATE: Still serving meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Center as Take Out Only.**  
**All meals are served with fresh home baked rolls, veggie/fruit, and dessert**  
**ALL GATHERINGS AND CLUB MEETINGS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Wednesday, May 13 - Salisbury steak, mashed potato, veggie salad, gingerbread / lemon sauce  
 Friday, May 15 - Ginger-peach chicken, rice, Top ramen salad, dessert  
 Monday, May 18 - Beef enchiladas, tortilla chips, corn, orange-avocado salad, dessert

**HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS**  
 Pony, Harrison and Norris. The Hollow Top Seniors meet at the Senior Citizen Center in Pony every Monday and Wednesday at noon. Call 685-3323 for more information.

May 20 - Ham and scalloped potatoes  
 May 27 - Mexican Mix up

**King Crossword**  
 Answers  
 Solution time: 25 mins.  
**ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP**  
 100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)  
 For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction  
 Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
 Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges  
**ALANON MEETING**  
 Same Time - Same Place

**ALANON**  
 Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley  
 Thursdays, 8 pm  
**ALANON**  
 Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm  
 Suzy 685-3692

**Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group**  
 Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.  
 SUN. - 10 a.m., Elks Club  
 MON. - Open, 7:00 pm Call numbers below for on line Zoom meeting directions  
 WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers  
 FRI. - Open, 7:00 pm Call numbers below for on line Zoom meeting directions  
 406-596-5000 Ennis  
 406-925-0371 Virginia City  
 916-316-2824

DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? CONTACT A.A. - WE'RE ALCOHOLICS HELPING OTHER ALCOHOLICS STAY SOBER.  
 CALL 1-833-800-8553 TO TALK TO AN A.A. MEMBER  
 OR  
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**EDITOR'S NOTE\*** Let's keep our public involved. As you schedule virtual meetings, please post at [Outpostevents.net](http://Outpostevents.net) so our public stays active and informed. If you have a fun online event, please share that as well. We're in this together!

## REGULAR EVENTS

### MONDAYS

10 a.m.  
Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing  
Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789>  
Access Code: 289-992-789  
Join by phone: +1 (872) 240-3311

### TUESDAYS

9:30 a.m.  
:30 a.m.  
Madison County Board of Commissioners Meeting  
This Meeting will be available by Webex.  
Meeting link: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>  
Meeting number (access code): 295 441 840  
Password: VCMadison  
Host key: 289925 or  
Join by phone +1-408-418-9388

10 a.m.  
Art Lessons with Miss Katie  
EIA's own Katie Coyle is teaching art on Facebook Live. Tune in and get creative!

### WEDNESDAYS

10 a.m.  
Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing  
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### THURSDAYS

10 a.m.  
Art Lessons with Miss Katie  
EIA's own Katie Coyle is teaching art on Facebook Live. Tune in and get creative!

2 - 3 p.m.  
MSU Extension offers webinars about the coronavirus and its effects on the economy  
<http://farmpolicy.msuextension.org/covid19/>

### FRIDAYS

10 a.m.  
Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing  
Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789>  
Access Code: 289-992-789

Join by phone: +1 (872) 240-3311

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

5:30 p.m.  
The Madisonian hosts a Virtual Madison County Candidate Forum  
Who: House District 71 Candidates and Madison County commission candidates  
Register here:  
[https://uso2web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEufuqqz0rHteXBYuEUGnDC\\_1lmFZyUpV](https://uso2web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEufuqqz0rHteXBYuEUGnDC_1lmFZyUpV)  
Please send questions for the candidates to: [editor@madisoniannews.com](mailto:editor@madisoniannews.com)

7 p.m.  
Madison County Fair Board Meeting  
Join the discussion of this year's county fair. The meeting is open to the public via conference call. Call 406.596.0194

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

Madison County Fair Board Meeting  
Join the discussion of this year's county fair. The meeting is open to the public via conference call. Call 406.596.0194

1 p.m. Sheridan High School's graduation will be held outside on the football field. If weather permits, the audience may include more than just parents and teachers, social distancing and sanitation procedures withstanding.

2 p.m. Ennis High School's graduation will be holding graduation for its 27 seniors in the school's gym. Changes have been made for public safety due to COVID-19.

2 p.m. Harrison High School's graduation will be held the school gym. Less people than usual will accompany Harrison's four seniors on stage to maintain the proper social distancing needed due to COVID-19.

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## Ceremonies....What you need to know:

### **ENNIS**

Ennis High School will be holding graduation for its 27 seniors in the school's gym at 2 p.m. May 24. Changes have been made for public safety due to COVID-19. The Madison County Public Health Department approved Ennis Schools' graduation ceremony plan.

Each graduate is limited to four guests. Graduates whose immediate family – parents and siblings – are larger than four will be allowed additional guests to accommodate those individuals. Families will sit in groups, separated by six feet from other family groups. The school will provide masks for guests as well.

Graduates will also be spaced six feet apart. The traditional handshake and diploma handoff will not take place this year, but speeches are planned.

Guests will not be allowed to reposition themselves to take photos of their graduate at different angles. But guests will not need to take such efforts because Ennis Schools' hired people to take pictures and video of the ceremony, which the school will provide later to parents. The graduation video will also be live-streamed on Ennis School's website for guests watching at home.

### **HARRISON**

Harrison's high school graduation will be in the school gym at 2 p.m. May 24. Less people than usual will accompany Harrison's four seniors on stage to maintain the proper social distancing needed due to COVID-19.

Guests are limited to family members who will sit together. Family group seating will be distanced six feet apart from other family groups on the gym floor. The school will provide masks and hand sanitizer for all in attendance to use. A livestream video of the ceremony will be available on the Harrison Schools website for people to watch from home.

The community will celebrate Harrison's seniors after the graduation ceremony. Community members and friends can meet in the school parking lot for a drive-by commemoration. Seniors will stand outside the school at 3 p.m. as people to honk and cheer their accomplishments.

Harrison School will not include the eighth-grade graduation ceremony nor recognize its 50-year high school graduates, as it traditionally does. Plans were made to celebrate these groups at different times.

### **SHERIDAN**

Graduation will be held at 1 p.m. on May 24 outside on the football field with no restrictions on guests. It will be broadcasted live on channel 100.7 FM and will be on Youtube shortly afterward.

"Everyone in the world should be praying for good whether in Sheridan that day. Maybe even (everyone) in the universe," Superintendent Mike Wetherbee said.

### **TWIN BRIDGES**

Graduation will be held at 2 p.m. in the gym.

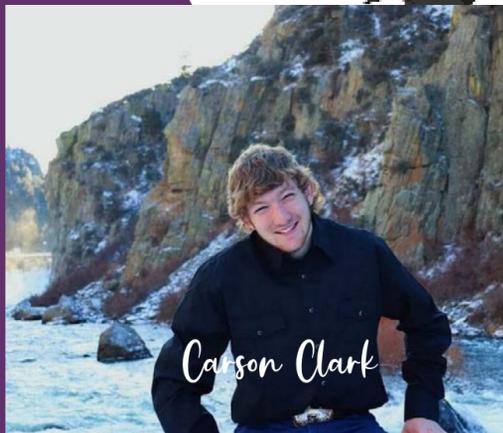
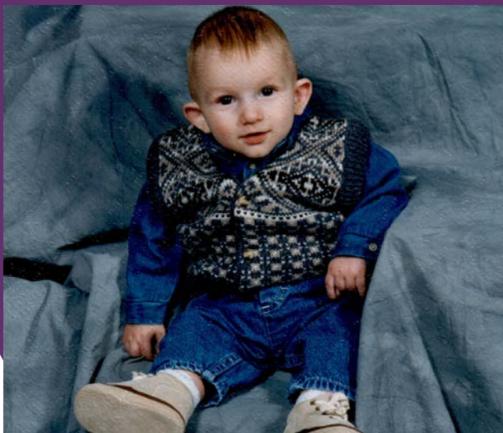
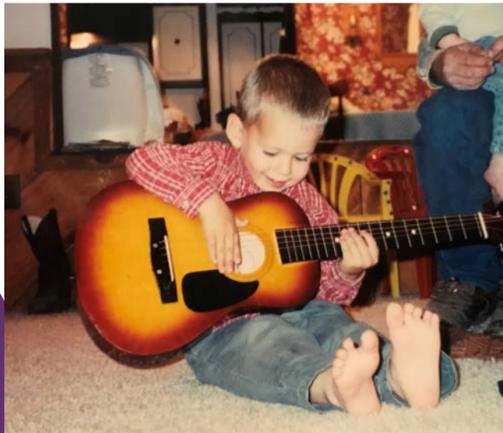
"Administration came with a proposal to have graduation in the gym with limitations and we ended up approving a version of that," Board Chair Steve Janzen said.

Seniors and their families, people they cohabitate with, will be able to sit next to each other at the ceremony, but must remain six feet apart from other 'pods.' All four entrances to the gym will be used in an effort to space people out as they enter and exit.

"So, it's going to be fairly scaled back but as good as we can do at this time," Janzen said. Options for livestreaming or filming the ceremony are being considered.



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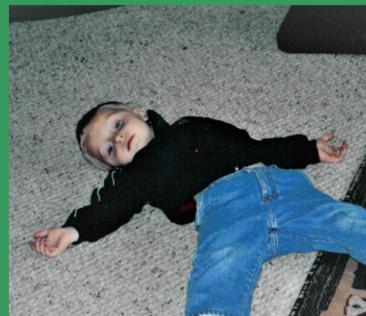
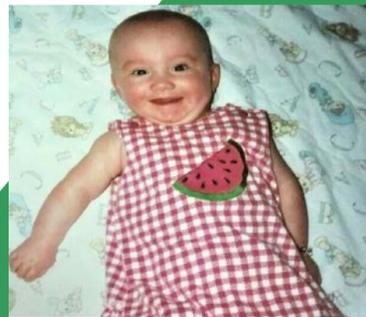
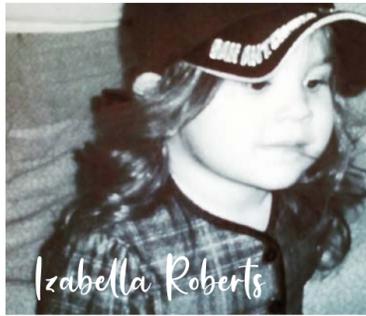
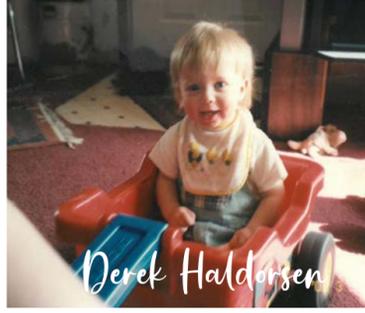
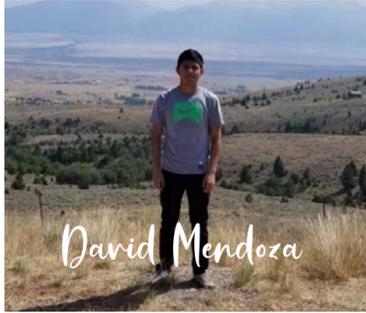
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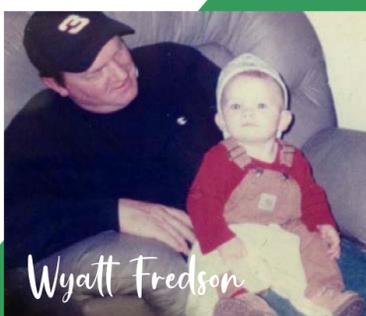
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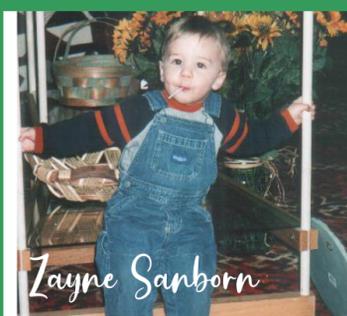
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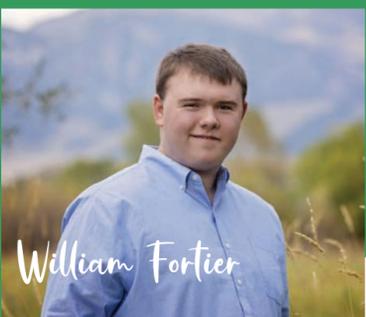
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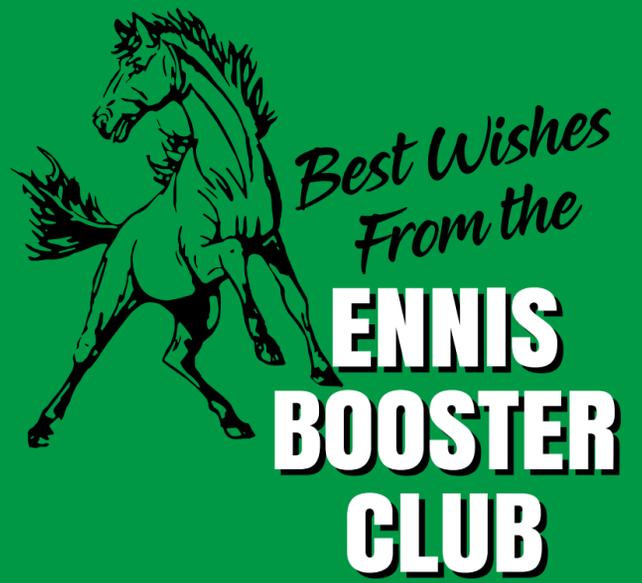
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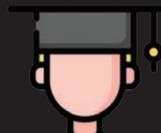
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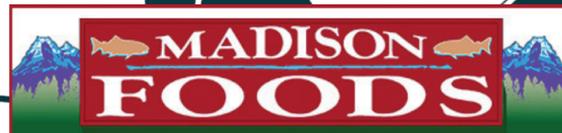
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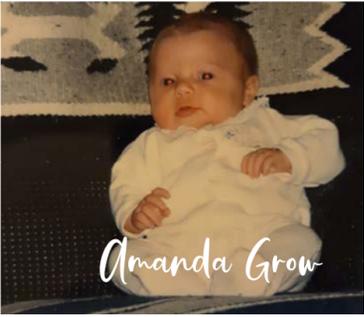
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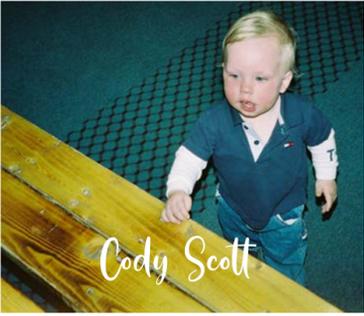
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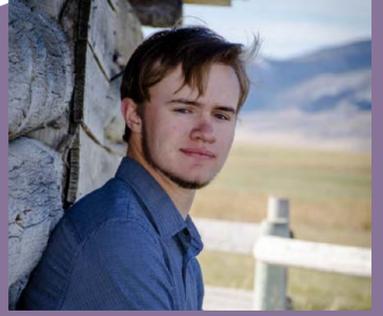
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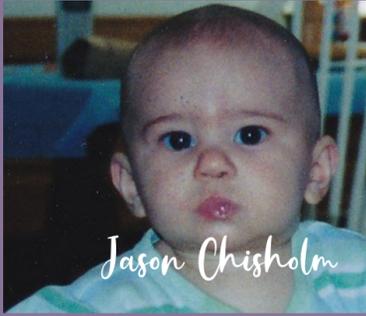
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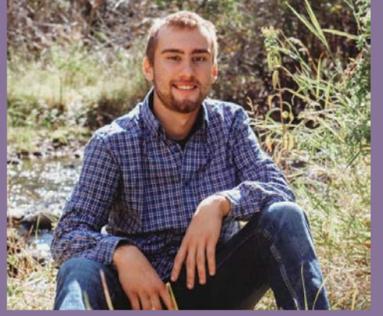
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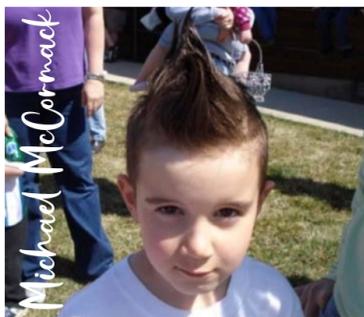
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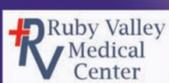
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Submitted Laurie Bartoletti

Zoe Lee – Valedictorian

Zoe Lee will attend Washington State University to pursue a degree in bio-chemistry. She was awarded the following scholarships: \$11,000 Western Undergraduate Exchange, \$1000 - visit scholarship, \$1,000-VC Preservation Alliance, \$1000 - VC Chamber of Commerce, \$750.- FFA Alumni, \$500 - Blue Shows through State FFA, \$500. Sheridan Scholarship Foundation, \$500 – Justin Ebel Memorial, \$300 - Masonic Lodge (SSF), \$100 – FFA Memorial Fund. Congratulations Zoe!

Amanda Grow – Salutatorian

Amanda will attend UM Western to pursue an undergraduate degree in psychology. She was awarded the Horatio Alger Scholarship of \$10,000 along with the following scholarships: \$500 Morningstar Scholarship, \$500-Sheridan Scholarship Foundation, \$200-Masonic Lodge (SSF), \$600-Vera Schulz Memorial, \$750 -Walsh Family Scholarship, and \$800- Rotary Club scholarship. All the best Amanda!



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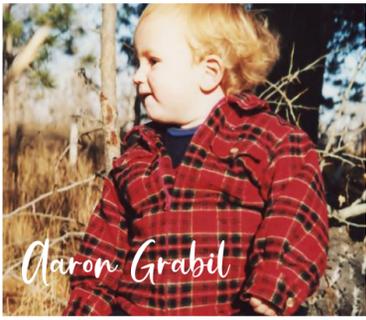
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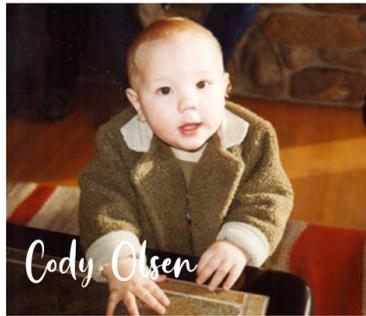
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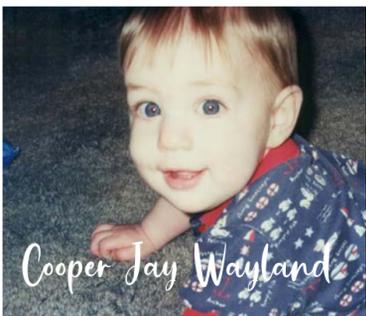
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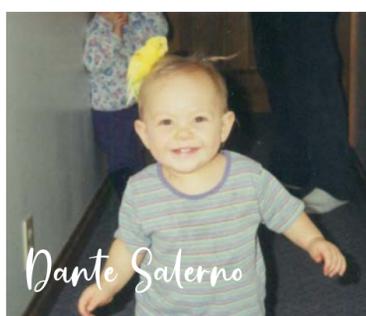
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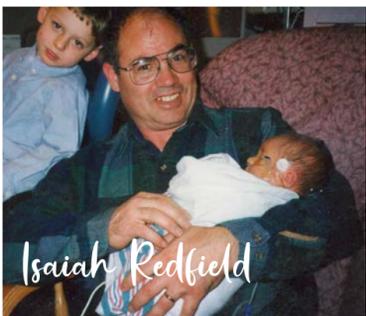
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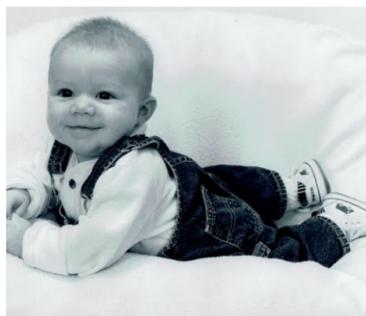
Cooper Jay Wayland



Dante Salerno



Isaiah Redfield



Jake Hughes

## A list of accomplishments...

Submitted by Twin Bridges High School Faculty and Jody Sandru

Collectively, the Twin Bridges Class of 2020 was responsible for a two-mile stretch of highway between Twin Bridges and Dillon as a part of the Adopt-a-Highway program. The Seniors were highly involved and took advantage of all opportunities available. The 2020 Class excels in the classroom, is a force athletically and shines in extracurricular clubs. Their enthusiasm, involvement and positive attitudes have made the high school buzz with excitement since they were Freshman.

Michael L Baughn achieved high ratings for a vocal solo at the State Music Festival his Junior year.

Shayna E Brunet transferred to Twin Bridges High School her senior year and took part in Yearbook.

Robinson C Dale took second place in the Academic Olympics written test. He was the BPA State Vice President, National Torch Ambassador and State Merit Test Champion. He placed third at State cross country, was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in Yearbook.

Avery A George was the BPA Chapter President and National Torch Ambassador. She qualified nationally in the Digital Media Production for three years. She played volleyball and basketball for four years, was a member of the National Honor Society and the Yearbook editor.

Aaron M Grabil was the FFA Officer for Team Sentinel, a BPA member, ran track for four years and participated in Yearbook.

Ashleigh M Guinnane was the FFA Officer Team President, BPA Chapter Parliamentarian and member for four years. She played volleyball and basketball for four years and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Lydia D Harbor placed seventh at a state drama competition in pantomime her Sophomore year.

Trystan T Harmon was the Student Council Treasurer, received All-Conference, Bob Cleverly 8-Man All-Star Selection and Team Captain football awards. He was a BPA member for three years, played basketball for four years as the team was District Champions for four years and Divisional Champions one year. He was a member of the National Honor Society.

Jake G Hughes was a Student Council representative at school board meetings. He received Bob Cleverly 8-Man All-Star Selection and Team Captain football awards. He was a BPA member for three years, played basketball for two years with the team making All-Conference, four years on the team as District Champions and one year as Divisional Champions. He was a member of the National Honor Society.

Jazmin K Kelly performed in the Twin Bridges Choir and Band for four years. She played volleyball and basketball for four years.

Nathan P Konen was the Student Council Vice President. He received All-Conference, All-State, East/West Shrine Game Selection, Bob Cleverly 8-Man All-Star Selection and Team Captain football awards. He was a BPA member

for 3 years and the Chapter Secretary. He played basketball for two years when the team received All-Conference, two years as the team received All-State and was on the team during District Champion and Divisional Champion years. He ran track for two years, was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in Yearbook.

Brooke R Mehlhoff was the FFA Officer Team Vice President, an elected Montana State FFA officer, recognized as the runner-up for Montana's Teen Entrepreneur and a National Qualifier in Advanced Interview Skills. She was a BPA member for four years, on the Yearbook staff and a member of the National Honor Society. She placed fourth in state for a classical duo her Sophomore year in Speech and Drama, first in Division and fifth in State for informative speaking her senior year.

Kenna L Millhouse was the FFA Officer Team Secretary, a BPA member for 4 years, the BPA National Torch Ambassador and National Qualifier all four years. She was a cheerleader for four years, the captain her Junior and Senior years and a member of the National Honor Society.

Bryce A Nye was the Student Council Secretary. He received All-Conference, Bob Cleverly 8-Man All-Star Selection and Team Captain football awards. He was a BPA member for three years and a national qualified in interview skills. He played basketball for four years receiving All-Conference for three, All-State, four years as a District Champion and one as a Divisional Champion. He was a member of the National Honor Society.

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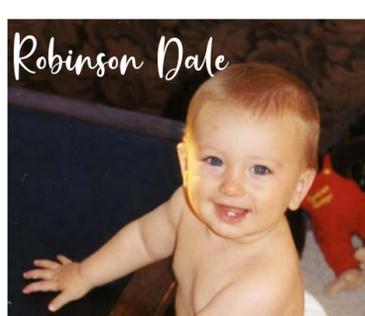
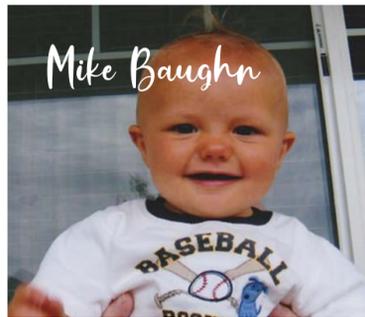
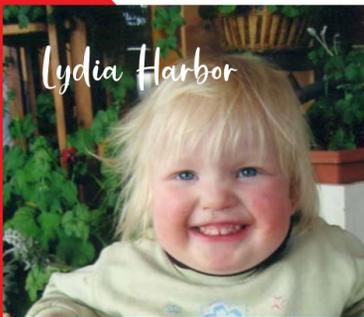


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Geodie C Olsen played football and was a member of the FFA.

Isaiah R Redfield always entertained his close friends and peers with a cheerful personality. He performed with the band on the Djembe drum.

Dante L Salerno received a High Division rating on her saxophone solo at State Music Festival. She placed first in division, drama category, and fifth in state, classic duo category, her Junior year. She was a member of the National Honor Society.

Cooper J Wayland was the team captain of the Robotics Team that was a part of the second-place alliance at the Montana State Robotics Competition. He was part of the cross-country team that placed third at state. He was a member of the National Honor Society.

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