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Opportunities & Challenges in the West's Oldest State

BRINGING KNOWLEDGE AND COMFORT TO THE CLASSROOM

Montana is the oldest state west of the Mississippi, and demographic projections show the state growing collectively older as more Montanans enter their senior years. The economic, cultural, and personal impacts of that trend present the state and its residents with new challenges and, with those challenges, opportunities.

Graying Pains is a series of weekly stories and broadcasts exploring those challenges and opportunities in communities statewide. By investigating how other communities have responded to the issues raised by aging, Graying Pains hopes to point the way toward policies and innovations that can help Montana, and Montanans, improve with age.

The series is produced by the Montana Fourth Estate Project, a collaboration among 13 Montana newsrooms and the University of Montana School of Journalism under the auspices of the Montana Newspaper Association and the Solutions Journalism Network. See montanafourthestate.org for the collected Graying Pains stories and more information.

Pearl Hawkins colors with preschooler Kaylee Homen Jan. 10, 2020. Hawkins said she finds coloring relaxing, and enjoys the activity with students because she learns about them while they work together. Photo credit: ANDI BOURNE/SEELEY SWAN PATHFINDER

By ANDI BOURNE,
Seeley Swan Pathfinder

"Don't bring in a rocker — I don't need those kinds of things," Pearl Hawkins told Seeley Lake Elementary preschool teacher Sheila Devins on her first day as a foster grandparent. "I'm going to get down in the beanbags with the kids."

Sixteen years later, "Grandma Pearl," nearly 78, is the longest-serving foster grandparent in Missoula County, having volunteered more than 17,400 hours in the preschool classroom. Hawkins laughed when she said she missed her calling as a preschool teacher, but said she cherishes the opportunity during this stage of her life.

Hawkins grew up in a children's home without much support from adults. She got married and was a stay-at-home mother of two children.

Devins approached Hawkins to work as a foster grandparent with her preschoolers after Hawkins resigned her position in the lunchroom. Devins appreciated her even temperament and connection to the students and felt she would be an asset in the classroom.

"I think it is important to have people of different abilities and people of different ages and show that they make contributions to our society," Devins said.

"I said 'OK' because I needed something to do after my husband passed away [in 2001]," Hawkins said, remembering her initial hesitation. "I just couldn't bear to stay at home all the time and look at four walls."

The Foster Grandparent program is a volunteer opportunity to help adults age 55 or older stay active and serve children and youth in their community. The program has been offered through the National Senior Corps for more than 50 years and is regulated and funded by the Corporation for National and

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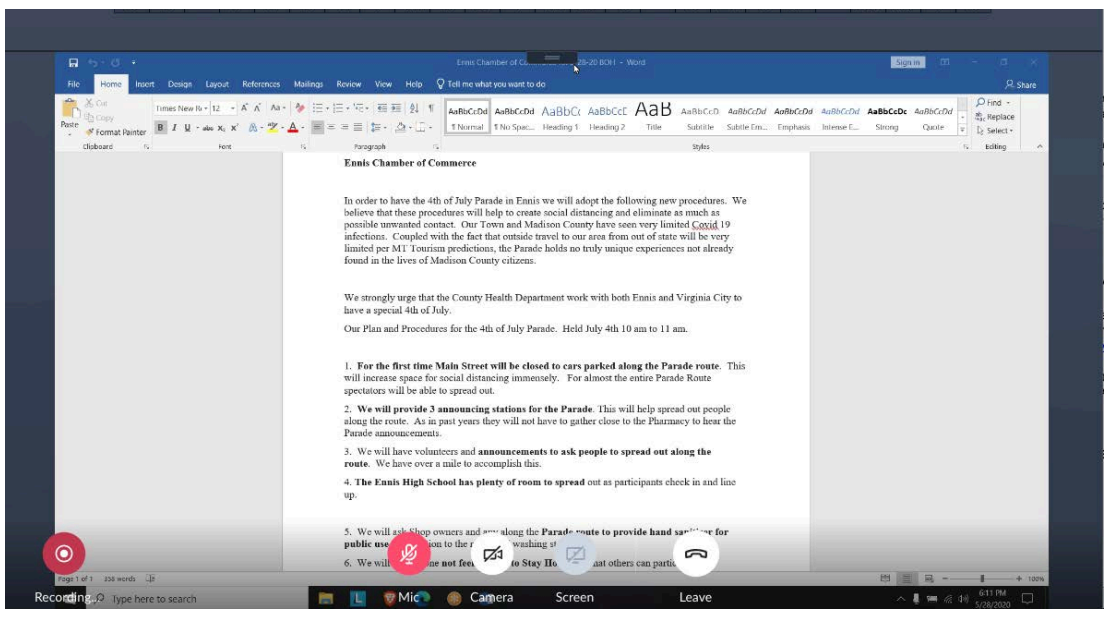
Events of 50 people



The Ennis Chamber of Commerce submits a first draft of their plans for a Fourth of July Parade to the Madison County Public Health Board May 28.

By HANNAH KEARSE
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Private and public events over 50 people in the county will have to go through the Madison County Public Health Department, but expectations are unclear.

The governor's directive specified that "groups larger than 50 people should be canceled unless physical distance can be maintained." Local public health departments will make the decision. One event dominated the conversation, Ennis' Fourth of July Parade.

"My job is to review the plan," Brummel said. "The Public Health Department will not come up with a plan."

The Ennis Chamber of Commerce [ECC] submitted a broad outline of their plans for a Fourth of July Parade in the MCPHD meeting May 28. It was the first time most members of the MCPHB and the ECC were seeing the document. Plans included efforts to spread out spectators, such as removing cars from Main Street, having three separate announcing stations and using volunteers and announcements to ask people to spread out along the route. Handwashing and sanitizing opportunities will be implemented with the help of businesses along the parade route.

"We will support any policies they [local businesses] want," Ennis Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Marshal Bettendorf said.

Main street businesses expressed concerns for both outcomes. The Fourth of July is a significant economic driver for Ennis. Amy Kelley, owner of the Gravel Bar, understands the financial gains of the Fourth of July weekend in Ennis.

"In three days, we earn more than three months in the winter," Kelly said.

But Kelley, like some other main street businesses, is concerned with Ennis' ability to enforce physical distancing and safely have a parade. Individual responsibility remains the most important factor in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, which is a concern for some and a reassurance to others.

The ECC plans to provide the opportunity for physical distancing but does not have plans to enforce it. The planned regulators are volunteers for the parade and individuals taking responsibility.

"There is no way to prosecute people for not adhering to social distancing," Madison County Sheriff Phil Fortner said. "And I worry about people telling other people what to do."

Other main street businesses owners, like Plain Janes and Average Joes owner Cindy McKitrick, said that she believed the community can maintain the safety measures required to conduct an event over 50 people.

"We just need to give people a little more credit," McKitrick said. "I think you're going to be shocked that if we do have this parade that people will automatically socially distance themselves at that parade. People are going to police themselves and we shouldn't have to tell people to be 6 feet apart."

The ECC is continuing plans for the parade but will abide to any decision that the MCPHB makes and the Town of Ennis makes on June 11. The Lions Club lunch and the Madison Valley Fire Department pancake breakfast have both been canceled. According to Bettendorf, those cancelations make sense, but the Fourth of July Parade has more of an ability to be creative and room for physical distancing.

"If there is no one to enforce social distancing for events over 50 people, then how can we approve something like that?" MCPHB member Dayna Thergensen asked.

Madison County adopts Governor's Phase Two

GRADUAL REOPENING OF MONTANA

By HANNAH KEARSE
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The second phase of reopening Montana's economy in a COVID-19 world went into effect June 1. Madison County aligned with the governor's executive orders.

The Madison County Public Health Board did not adopt any stricter regulations than the governor's directive but may at any time if needed. The board agreed to form a working definition of what would push the county back to Phase One or stricter regulations.

"I think the governor's directives are strict enough," MCPHB member Melinda Tichenor said.

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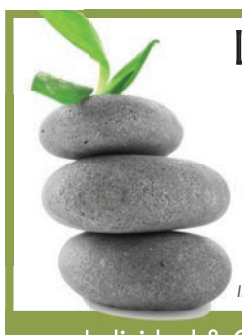
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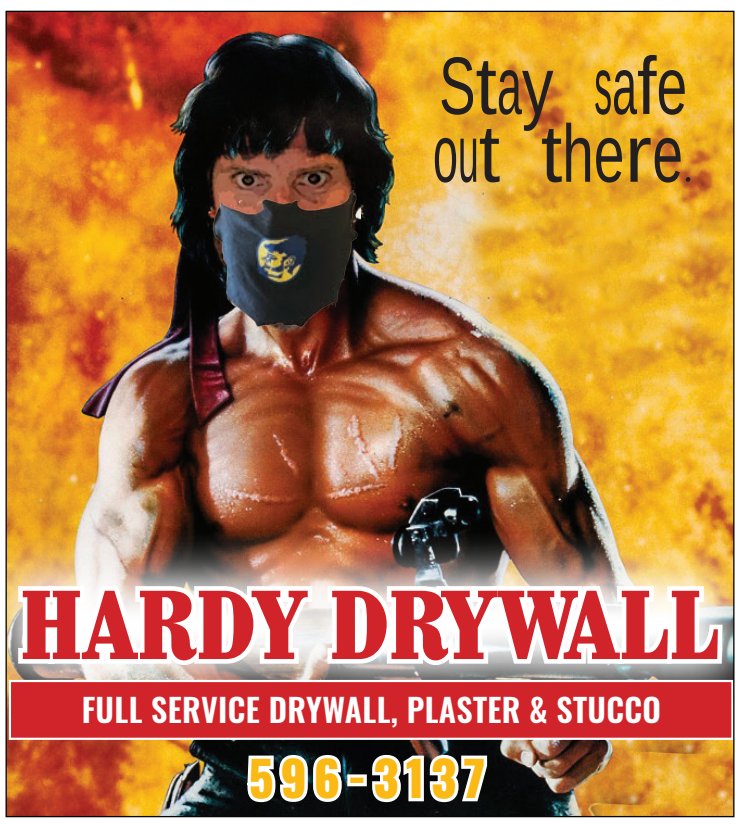

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Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through national initiatives including AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.

While the program has existed in Missoula County for about 50 years, Missoula Aging Services (MAS) has administered the program for 37 years. In addition to the federal funding, MAS covered 37% of the cost of the program in fiscal year 2019-2020 and will cover 35% percent in 2020-2021 through local funding sources and donations.

Hawkins worked with individual students and led small groups. She read to the students, helped with art projects, played with them and offered assistance as needed. Because Hawkins' love of hunting, fishing and being outdoors has equipped her with an understanding of the natural world, Devins worked her into a leadership role in place-based science lessons.

"I'm with the kids, playing house and dolls and whatever they want to play. I dance with them and I get down on the floor with them," Hawkins said. "If that doesn't keep you young, I don't know what does."

After Devins moved to teaching kindergarten five years ago, Hawkins remained in the preschool and continued to share her knowledge and skills with the class.

"I love to ask Grandma Pearl what her experience or opinions are on certain topics. I let her add ideas to projects and give perspective to situations," current preschool teacher Jama Mauldin said. "She is a bright woman and we would miss out on so many nuggets of truth and wisdom if we discounted her due to age."

Students gravitate toward Hawkins not just for academic support, but as another trusted adult in the classroom. She has become a source of comfort, especially for students who are struggling. This is one of Hawkins' favorite roles, and one she feels well suited to excel at because of her own childhood.

"If they needed a hug, or loving, or if one was having a hard time and crying, then I am the one that soothes them," Hawkins said.

Devins said because Hawkins is so approachable, thoughtful and patient, she has taught students to be "socially bilingual." Through their positive interactions with her, they begin to understand that while some older people may seem gruff and unapproachable, others are relatable and loving.

For Hawkins, the Foster Grandparent program not only allows her to serve an active, purposeful role in the community, but the financial benefits are also helpful.

Foster Grandparents who meet income guidelines and serve a minimum of 15 hours per week earn a tax-free hourly stipend of $2.65 per hour. While it isn't much, and foster grandparents are considered volunteers, Hawkins — a single woman living primarily on Social Security benefits — said it is enough to pay her rent. The two free daily meals she receives five days a week at the school also minimize her personal food costs.

The Foster Grandparent program came to a screeching halt after the coronavirus pandemic reached Montana. On Friday, March 13, MAS notified their foster grandparents they were not allowed in the schools until further notice in an effort to protect their health and safety, as well as the children's.

Colleen Baldwin, MAS volunteer services program manager, said the Corporation for National and Community Service decided to continue the stipend allowance for foster grandparents for 10 weeks following the suspension of the program.

"I'm very pleased that a federal oversight agency would take that step," Baldwin said, adding that the continuation will help support foster grandparents and keep them engaged with the program. "Missoula Aging Services is doing everything we can to support our Senior Corps volunteers."

While Hawkins said her family has been supportive through everything, and a member of the community bought her groceries one day, which helped her financially, she misses the kids.

"It is depressing," said Hawkins, who added that she's been sleeping a lot. "[Quarantine] has literally driven me up the wall … that is why I like to go to school. The kids help me, but I was so afraid of getting coronavirus."

While the preschool class meets bi-weekly on Zoom, Hawkins doesn't have access to the technology to join in, nor does she think she could use it effectively.

Baldwin said MAS is aware of the technology gap for seniors, and is working on various programs for Senior Corps members to connect through technology. They have already started conversations with superintendents about what the program will look like for the fall.

"It's not going to be normal. That is gone. It is not good for the grandparents or the children," Baldwin said. "We are diligently searching. We do expect the programs to survive, and Missoula Aging Services will be dedicated to that."

Hawkins hopes she can rejoin her students in the classroom this fall.

"It gives me something to look forward to. I just love being with the kids and teaching them," she said. "I feel when they learn something, I had a part in it."

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Over 50 community leaders and members joined the MCPHB meeting online or by conference call May 28. It was the first time the board met in a public meeting since Gov. Bullock issued Montana's Phase Two Directive May 19.

The governor did not provide specifics on what would call for a return to stricter regulations. But quantifying a limit of an increase in COVID-19 cases, which would push a county back to Phase One, may not be applicable.

"In a small county it's really hard to give a threshold," Madison County Public Health Nurse Melissa Brummell said. "With our population size being so small a specific number or percentage doesn't really show the whole picture."

A 50% increase for Madison County would be four new COVID-19 cases, which is not necessarily an outbreak. More available testing could result in more potential for positive cases, which would skew the early numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Madison Valley Medical Center and Ruby Valley Medical Center are currently doing surveillance testing in nursing homes but not in the community. Madison County is conducting only viral tests, which detect current infection through a nasal swab. Madison County is testing all pre-surgery patients and symptomatic people. According to the MCPHD, about 200 nasal-pharyngeal tests have been conducted in Madison County.

The next MCPHB meeting is June 11 at 4:30 p.m. The agenda will be posted on the Madison County website prior to the public meeting, which can be attended online or conference call.

"It is important to know that just because we are moving into Phase Two," Brummel said, "it doesn't mean it's the right time to throw a BBQ party. It is not a free for all."

Sheridan High School class of 2020

Scholarships and awards

Submitted by LAURIE BARTOLETTI

Sarah Anson, Army National Guard
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Walsh Family Scholarship- $750
Rotary Scholarship - $800
Math and Drama Award
Tia Hill, Northern Idaho College
Rotar Scholarship - $800
Raymond Silve Memorial - $500
Craig Woodson Memorial - $500
FFA Alumni Scholarship - $400
Sportswoman of the Year and Government Award
Grace Larson, MT Tech
Babcock Memorial Scholarship - $500
FFA Memorial Scholarship - $100
Zoe Lee, Washington State University
Washington State University - $11,000
Visit Scholarship - $1000
VC Preservation Alliance - $1000
FFA Alumni Scholarship - $750
Blue Shows through FFA - $500
Sheridan Scholarship Foundation - $500
Justin Ebel Memorial - $500
Masonic Lodge - $300
FFA Memorial Fund - $100
Craig Woodson Memorial - $500
Advanced Science Award, National Honor Society, FFA Citizenship Award
Michael McCormack Jr., Workforce
Cade McParland, UM Western
George Grant Trout Unlimited - $2500
Greg Day Memorial - $1000
Walsh Family Scholarship - $750
FFA Alumni Scholarship - $750
Vera Schulz Memorial - $600
Morningstar Scholarship - $500
FFA Memorial Fund - $100
Garnet Mining USA - $500
Sportsman of the Year
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FFA Scholarship - $250
Madison Van Houten, College of Southern Idaho
Sheridan Scholarship Foundation - $500
Imerys Talc - $500

Madison County Public Health COVID-19 update

Submitted by BONNIE O'NEILL

As of Monday, June 1, 2020, Madison County has had no new cases of COVID-19, with the last positive being in April. Madison County has had a total of eight positive cases (ages 20-79), with seven recovered with one death.

On Thursday, May 28, 2020, the Madison County Board of Health held a public meeting to discuss Governor Bullock's Phase 2 Plan, which is set to begin on June 1, 2020.

The Board of Health encourages everyone to follow Governor Bullock's plan to gradually-reopen the state through a three-phase process. We all need to do our part for the greater good of our community.

The Madison County Board of Health has scheduled their next meeting to review the phased plan and the state of COVID-19 in Madison County. The meeting will be held via computer/phone on Thursday, June 11, 2020, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The agenda will be posted prior on the Madison County website: https://madisoncountymt.gov/.

The Madison County Health Department is available during normal business hours to answer questions about COVID-19 by phone at 406.843.4295. For additional information concerning COVID-19, visit the Public Health's website: https://madisoncountymt.gov/230/Public-Health.

You may also contact the Madison County Sanitarian Department at 406.843.4275 for additional information relating to business licensures and sanitation.

Your healthcare professional will work with the local public health department and CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19. See CDC at:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html for additional information.

Yellowstone seeks additional public comments on proposal to provide Wi-Fi for park visitors and employees

Submitted by YELL PUBLIC AFFAIRS, NPS

The National Park Service (NPS) seeks additional comments from the public about the impacts a Wi-Fi proposal may have on Yellowstone National Park's historic properties or other cultural resources. The proposal from AccessParks includes the installation of indoor Wi-Fi networks and associated equipment for park visitors and employees at select park lodging facilities and employee housing.

On November 14, 2019, the park asked for public comment on affects to historic properties from a proposal by AccessParks. At the time of the original announcement, typical photo-simulations of a limited number of installations were included for public comment. On March 18, 2020, AccessParks released a proposal that showed significantly more photo-simulations of the proposed installations. The park is asking for additional comments because the public has not had the opportunity to view and comment on the additional photo-simulations.

Proposed Project Details

• This proposal would replace, improve, and expand existing Wi-Fi service provided to Xanterra Travel Collection restaurant and lodging patrons and employees.

• The project would be funded by Xanterra Travel Collection.

• No new towers would be installed under this application.

• No antennas would be installed in, nor would service be provided in, backcountry areas, park roads, campgrounds, or picnic areas.

• The new wireless equipment would only be installed on existing structures in existing developed areas.

• The Wi-Fi service area would be limited to the general footprint of each facility included in the proposal.

• This is not a 5G or cellular communications proposal. Voice communication over the internet would be available, as it is with all Wi-Fi services.

• Commercial Wi-Fi use can be considered a utility and, like other utilities on NPS lands, will be authorized using the right-of-way permit process described in Reference Manual 53. The authority to permit telecommunication antenna sites is 16 U.S.C. 5. The NPS will recover all costs associated with the application. No government funds will be expended whether the installation is approved or denied.

• This proposal allows for the installation of up to 484 small (10 x 10 inch or 7-inch diameter) antennas installed in or on employee housing and visitor lodging facilities at Canyon Village, Grant Village, Lake Village, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Old Faithful.

• To link the local antennas to the internet service outside of the park, a network of 39 additional antennas would be required. The purpose of these antennas would be to deliver service directly to the developed areas and not to broadcast Wi-Fi signals. The antennas would include:

o Twenty-seven antennas installed at various locations in the developed areas (Canyon Village, Grant Village, Lake Village, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Old Faithful). These antennas will be a combination of 29 x 7-inch and 27 x 9-inch units.

o Three microwave antennas (one 2-foot-diameter and two 3-foot-diameter) would be mounted to the existing antenna support structure on Mount Washburn. Three additional microwave antennas (all 3-foot-diameter) would be installed in concealed vaults below the Mount Washburn fire lookout.

o Three 2-foot-diameter microwave antennas would be installed on existing towers at Old Faithful (1) and Lake Village (2).

o Three 6-foot-diameter microwave antennas would be installed on existing towers (one each at Old Faithful, Grant Village, and Fishing Bridge).

• All exterior antennas would be located out of view wherever possible and, if visible, the installations would be painted to match the buildings on which they are installed.

• To have no adverse effect to historic properties or districts, most (more than 75%) of the antennas on National Register of Historic Places eligible structures would be located in attic spaces or under eaves.

• Photo-simulations and location details for all proposed antennas are available at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/ap.

• This proposal is consistent with the Yellowstone National Park Wireless Communications Services Plan.

• Wi-Fi services could eventually be installed in facilities at other developed areas such as Norris, Madison, and Bechler for administrative and employee use only. Under the park's current wireless plan, the public would not be given access to the Wi-Fi service in these areas.

• A complete list of affected properties, the proposal, and associated materials are available at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/ap

• The proposed project is an undertaking as outlined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (36 CFR § 800). On March 20, 2020, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office concurred with the park's determination of no adverse effect. However, consultation will continue on this project given the public release of this proposal with more photo simulations.

• AccessParks is the Wi-Fi service provider that is requesting a permit to locate their equipment in Yellowstone National Park.

Comments must be received by June 10, 2020. Comments may be submitted online at: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/ap, or by mail. Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or by any other means.

Mail comments to: Compliance Office, Attention: AccessParks Broadband Proposal, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190.

Public Comment Considerations

• Bulk comments in any format submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted.

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OPINION

Expressing appreciation

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation for the compassionate and professional care my wife is receiving at the Madison Valley Medical Center. My wife Audrey fell on Mother's Day, May 10, and injured her left leg. She is still receiving excellent care for her injury. Audrey has been in numerous hospitals in the past for medical problems. She has been in Phoenix, Mesa, Scottsdale and Payson, Arizona but here in Ennis, Dr. Marks, Dr. Davenport, Dr. Newton and the nurses and staff, in my opinion, are the best and second to none. The people of Madison County should be as proud as I am of the Madison Valley Medical Center.-

H. John Davis of McAllister

Population Biology: Evolution of CV19

Dear Editor,

Louis Pasture, the father of "The Germ Theory of Disease" once said: "Although small, microbes have a disproportionately large impact on humanity." Look what happened when the Spanish Conquistadors introduced a smallpox pandemic into the New World; leading to a 90% depopulation of millions of Native Americans. Opening the door for the Pilgrims and the rest. Or what happened in Jules Vern's "War of the Worlds," when high tech Alien Martians, were decimated by Earths germ infested Biosphere.

Because research has shown CV19's natural history is that of a "common cold" among Bats, (98% genetic match) the SARS-2 novel corona virus's evolutionary behavior can be reviled:

During the millions of years of bat/virus co-evolution, the virus learned to adapt to parasitizing the entire bat colony. In vast bat caves the virus need only travel an inch or two, outside its host, to infect the next bat! (Close breathing)

According to the basic laws of evolutionary biology, (parsimony) natural selection would not build a heavy protein outer coat, capable of traveling over 6 feet, when it could get by with a lighter protein coat, able to survive a few inches to the next bat. If it doesn't infect the next bat immediately, it becomes denatured (non-infectious) by drying in the air, or by landing on the ground/surface; where it sticks like "snot"; also denatured.

Virons (single virus particles) are not considered to be alive. It carries information to replicate itself, but has no cellular machinery to do so. It must "pirate" the host cell's DNA to produce new viron particles. Outside a host, the particle becomes non-infectious after traveling a distance of about 6 feet (globally accepted safe social distancing policy).

Very weak virus:

In addition to its brief survival time outside the host; social distancing, combined with wearing a mask, is a simple way to kill the pandemic. But each of the 95% of Americans not so far infected, must prove themselves to be a "dead end host;" and not pass the bug along to others; possibly sparking the next outbreak or prolonging the "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome" (SARS-2) in the remaining susceptible 300,000,000 Americans.

Robert Lindstrom
Hebgen Lake

OBITUARIES

David Lawrence Butler
April 3, 1941 to May 26, 2020

David Butler's love of southwestern Montana began in the summer of 1975. His brother, Michael, had been chosen to be the cinematographer to film, The Missouri Breaks, starring Marlon Brando and Jack Nicholson, and directed by Arthur Penn. Michael chose his elder brother David as his cameraman and they were off to Montana. Early filming was done in the Virginia City area and then moved on to sets in and around Billings. David was captivated by Virginia City with its wildness and historic flavor. After filming ended in late summer, he returned and with his charm he managed to buy land from Sue Bovey. That was quite a feat as she hardly ever sold anything. He married Mundey Armon, his high school sweetheart, expert equestrienne and talent agent from Hollywood, and they made their home in Virginia City where they raised their son Brendan.

David's abilities with the camera were life long and of great note in the movie industry and he came by them naturally, while adding years of hard work and determination. His father, Lawrence Butler, was a director of photography and an innovator in the field of Special Photographic and Optical Effects. He was recognized by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for his ground breaking work on The Thief of Bagdad and The Caine Mutiny. David's grandfather, William Butler, was the head of Special Effects for Warner Bros. during the 1920's. David and his brothers Michael and Tony grew up in an exotic household with the biggest stars of the era stopping in for dinner. As cited in Millimeter Magazine, there were "constant discussions of bold new ideas for a new filter, camera mount or film process." David and Michael both worked for their father in his newly acquired Special Photographic and Optical effects at Columbia Pictures.

David eventually specialized in aerial photography beginning with his work on the movie The Sandpiper. Later he was enlisted for the aerials on Tora, Tora, Tora. He went on to film some of the most famous movies of the last 40 years: Apocalypse Now, Terminator 2 Judgment Day, True Lies, The Firm, A View To A Kill, Birdy, Missouri Breaks and Rancho Deluxe. He hung outside many planes and helicopters in his day and had the upper body strength to prove it.

David once said, "People in Hollywood, actresses and actors, are just a bunch of glorified Carnies," and took a hiatus from it all and lived a secluded life in Hawaii for a brief time.

Prior to his life in Montana, David held a pilot's license and later told a friend about one of his most daring escapades. He flew a P-51 Mustang at very low level along Sunset Boulevard in LA.

David, a seasoned Hollywood veteran, never stopped working and in his later years loved to help out Montana filmmakers with his last project as Cinematographer and Co-director with Elizabeth Cox for soon to be released The Tinderbox. The fantasy comedy will be dedicated to David for his innovative vision, commitment and loyalty to the project. Twenty years ago, David generously gave his mellow kindness, dry humor and expertise as Cinematographer and Aerial Cameraman for Peace is a Woman's Job directed by his dear friend, Allyson Adams. Side by side, David and Allyson spent months driving all over his beloved Montana countryside filming the docudrama about Jeannette Rankin. David always said, "Don't worry if you don't know what the dialogue is. Fellini never knew, so he just had his actors count and dubbed it in later."

David was always a searcher and philosophical man and after his son's death in 2012, became a very active participant with the Jehovah's Witnesses.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Tony Butler, wife Mundey Butler and son Brendan David Butler. David is survived by his brother Michael Christopher Butler, granddaughters Kaylie and Brieanna Butler, Daughter-in-law Michelle Butler, Sister-in-law Suzanne Moyer, and longtime loving partner Judy Taylor.

Ernest "Bing" Ashcraft
January 19, 1937 to May 26, 2020

Bing Ashcraft died at his home in Twin Bridges May 26, 2020. He was born to Ernest and Fern Ashcraft on January 19, 1937 at Fort Peck, Montana. He graduated from high school in Twin Bridges and held the state class C javelin record for many years. He sang in the high school choir. His team won a tournament after their coach insisted they all drink a shot of whiskey before singing.

He married Jackie Hopper. They had two sons, Barry and Ron.

Bing was a boy scout leader and it didn't matter if there were no fish in that lake, the scouts were still going to hike up to it and go fishing.

Bing worked for the Bayers Ranch for 22 years. He showed cattle all over the west. Then he worked for George Swan, and finally for the Hamilton Ranch. He retired after he wore his knees out.

He loved to hunt, fish, drink and tell stories. That continued after his knees were worn out. He was an expert teller of many unprintable poems.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jackie, son Ron and siblings Eleanore, Norman, Martha and Maida Lee.

He is survived by Barry, two grandchildren Jenny and Kevin, six great grandchildren, brother Dwight (Sally) Ashcraft and sister in law Gay Ashcraft.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no services. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

More obituaries on page A5

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Obituaries continued from A4

Ron Miller
January 25, 1946 to May 23, 2020

On May 23, 2020 Ron Miller passed away peacefully at the Madison Valley Hospital surrounded by family.

Ronald Edmund Miller was born on Jan. 25, 1946 in Groton, South Dakota, the eighth of ten children born to P.A. and Mildred Miller. When Ron was 14 his family relocated to Everett, Wash. where Ron attended high school graduating in 1964. During high school Ron worked at his dad's gas station. After high school Ron went to trade school to become a machinist. He went to work for Boeing. He was very proud of his work on the Boeing 737 and witnessed the maiden flight of the aircraft at the Everett plant.

In January 1966 his son Dean was born. His daughter Colleen was born in June 1969. In 1973 Ron moved to Bozeman, Mont. with Dean and Colleen; shortly after they moved to Belgrade. Ron found his first job and career at Kenyon Noble Lumber Co. He started in the Bozeman at the lumber yard and in a career of 33 years worked his way up to Manager of the Roof Truss plant. There are many homes in the Gallatin Valley that can credit their roof lines and snow load to the work of Ron Miller.

It was while he was working in the lumber yard in Bozeman that he met the love of his life and life partner Judy. Ron and Judy were married in March of 1979. And Ron, Dean, Colleen, Judy and her daughter Ann became a family. Ron and Judy enjoyed 41 years together filled with many memories including camping trips, floating on the Madison river, hunting and fishing.

In 1994 Ron and Judy bought their little piece of paradise in McAllister, Mont. They planted many trees before any work on the house began. Ron loved his trees. Ron and Judy built their house in McAllister themselves and took great pride in their cabin. They moved into it permanently after retirement in 2009.

Ron was active in the Ennis community delivering Meals on Wheels, working in the Madison Valley Caring and Sharing Food bank and helping with Madison Valley Public Library events.

Ron always had a great laugh and will be remembered for a great work ethic, knowing how to have a good time and taking care of his family.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Dale and Owen and his sister Judy.

Ron is survived by his wife Judy, son Dean (Judy) Miller, daughter Ann (Keith) Hokanson, daughter Colleen (Troy) Walker and their children. He is also survived by his brother Alan (Jackie), Joel (Pam), sisters Ellen (Les), Margie, Nona (Don), and Jolene.

Cremation has taken place and a casual gathering in remembrance of Ron will take place on June 13 in Norris, Mont. at A.M. Welles, Inc's conference room at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ron's name made be sent to Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation PO Box 993, Ennis, MT 59729, or MV Public Library Friends of the Library PO Box 427, Ennis, MT 59729.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the staff - doctors, nurses, cnas, aides and administration - of the Madison Valley Medical Center. We are a very lucky community to have such a caring, dedicated crew of medical professionals in our valley. They took amazing care of Ron in his last days...offering compassion to Ron and his whole family in our hardest hours. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,
The family of Ron Miller
Judy Miller
Ann & Keith Hokanson
Dean & Judy Miller
Colleen & Troy Walker

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Dillon BLM releases East Pioneers, Madison environmental assessments

The Dillon Field Office has released environmental assessments for the East Pioneers and Madison watershed and the public is invited to comment on them through July 15.

The documents have been placed on the BLM's ePlanning webpage. The East Pioneers Watershed EA is also on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Service webpage since it proposes projects on adjacent Forest Service lands.

Comments may be made in writing and submitted to the Dillon Field Office at 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT 59725, or via email at MT_Dillon_FO@blm.gov.

Both EAs were developed to address resource concerns and issues on BLM-managed public lands in their respective watersheds. The East Pioneers Watershed EA also includes proposed treatment on approximately 900 acres of Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest lands. Resource concerns and issues were identified following the release of the watershed assessment reports and through public comments received earlier this year. The Madison Watershed is in Madison County and covers more than 39,000 acres of BLM-managed public land. The East Pioneers Watershed is in Beaverhead County and covers about 37,000 acres of BLM-managed public land. In addition, approximately 900 acres of Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest lands were included in the East Pioneers EA.

Both EAs review current livestock grazing management, along with proposed changes to management where needed, proposed rangeland improvement projects, as well as vegetative management projects to address conifer encroachment. In addition, commercial timber harvest projects, travel management, recreation and wilderness-related issues are addressed in the Madison Watershed.

Once the public comment period closes, Dillon Field Office staff will review comments and take them into consideration during the decision-making process. Decisions are expected to be issued this Fall for both watersheds.

For questions regarding the EAs, please call the following individuals:
Madison Watershed: Tucker Porter (406) 683-8048
East Pioneers Watershed (BLM-related questions): Dusty Crowe (406) 683-8044
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest: Jamie Tripp (406) 683-3988 or Molly Ryan (406) 689-3243.

Pet of the Week

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Water release from Hebgen Dam to flush Madison River sediments

Submitted by JODEE BLACK

NorthWestern Energy will release water from Hebgen Dam to flush fine sediments from Madison River gravel to maintain the quality of spawning gravels that support the healthy wild trout fishery.

The Madison River Flushing Flow Program was designed during U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licensing to augment natural flows with surplus water in good snowpack years. The 2020 flushing release from Hebgen Dam is a cooperative effort planned by NorthWestern Energy, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Hebgen Dam outflows will be gradually increased to maximize releases for a minimum of three days coinciding with peak runoff in the West Fork Madison River and other tributary streams. To protect the outlet of Quake Lake from erosion, the Madison River flows will be maintained at about 3,500 cubic feet per second at the Kirby Ranch stream gage.

The flow releases should increase in early June with the exact timing based upon weather and snowmelt runoff. River recreationists should be aware of the changing conditions and take appropriate precautions. After the flushing event, the flow will be gradually tapered down to protect small fish and river life at the margins of the stream.

Questions about this flushing flow operation may be directed to NorthWestern Energy Manager Hydro License Compliance Andy Welch at 406-444-8115.

NorthWestern Energy owns and operates Hebgen and Madison dams on the Madison River under a license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The operation of the hydroelectric facilities play a significant role in managing streamflow on the Madison River.

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GMA Mining Scholarships awarded

Submitted by LAURIE BARTOLETTI

Tyler Haag (R)is studying engineering at MSU and Cade McParland (L) will attend UM-Western to study environmental sciences. GMA Mining has awarded both students $500.

Montana families able to find free summer meals via text message

Submitted by
JON EBELT, DPHHS

Many of the same meal programs that served families during COVID-19 school closures will continue throughout the summer months, and they just became easier for families to find thanks to the opening of a texting service.

The Summer Food Service Program, a USDA program overseen by the Montana Office of Public Instruction at the state level, expanded to provide food to kids when regular school breakfast and lunch options weren't available during the coronavirus emergency. Now that the school year is officially coming to a close, most of those Summer Meal sites will continue to serve families June through August as they do every year.

According to the Montana Office of Public Instruction, there are currently 350 Summer Meal sites operating throughout the state. "I appreciate the local school and community organizations that have shifted the way they are providing meals for Montana's children in a way that is more accessible and safe during this difficult time," says OPI School Nutrition Director, Christine Emerson.

The easiest way to find detailed information on the nearest Summer Meal site is via the No Kid Hungry Summer Meal Text Line. The service is free, and open to anyone. A parent, grandparent or caregiver can simply text the word "FOOD" to 877-877 and the system prompts them to provide their address or zip code, which is used to provide the location and service times of up to three nearby summer meals sites.

According to Danielle Anderson, Summer Meals and Nutrition Coordinator for Montana No Kid Hungry, the text messaging option has been available in the summer months in the state since 2017 and continues to provide a critical service.

"This has been an excellent way to get the word out about where the numerous summer meal programs are located in communities all across the state," Anderson said. "And, this summer, it'll be even more important that families know where they can find these sites."

Montana No Kid Hungry, as part of the national non-profit organization Share Our Strength and the Department of Public Health and Human Services, is dedicated to putting an end to child hunger in the state. One in six Montana children live in households that experience food insecurity. The mission of Montana No Kid Hungry is to connect families to healthy food today and build up communities to end hunger for the future.

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program please contact Kim Lloyd, SFSP Manager – OPI School Nutrition, at Kimberly.lloyd@mt.gov

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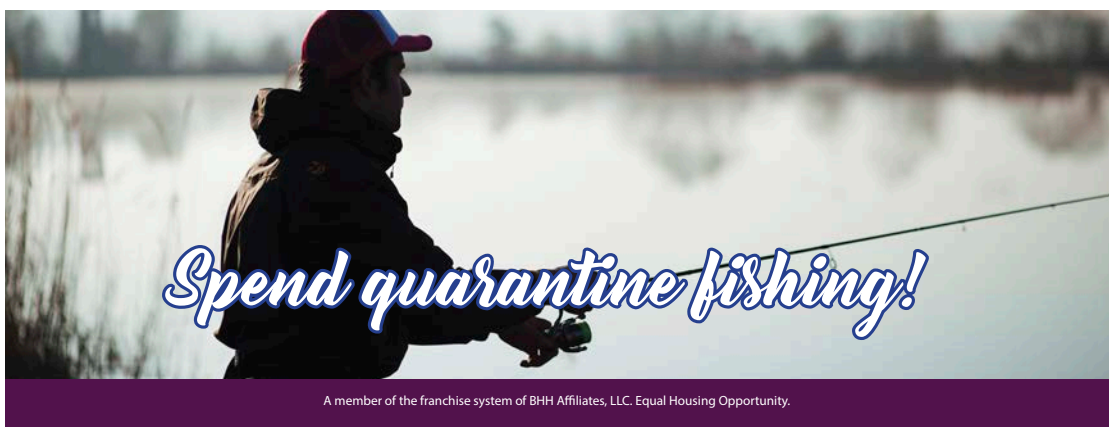

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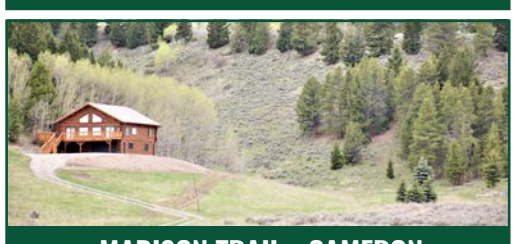

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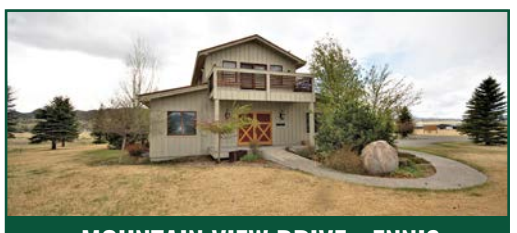

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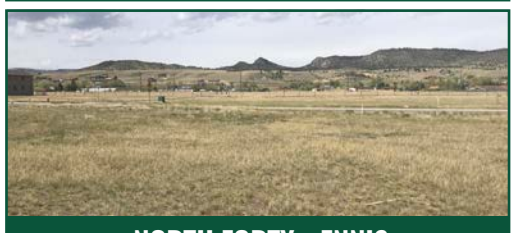

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Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

Cloudy early with thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 68F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Sunday

Partly cloudy. High 81F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph.

Monday

Partly cloudy. High 81F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph.

Quote of the Week:

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RON HARDWICK AND THE SKILLS ONE DEVELOPS AS TIME ROLLS ON

Ron and Susan Hardwick traveled around the country for nine years after Ron retired. Ron worked at the Ennis RV Village when the couple first came to Ennis, and Susan continues to work there now. PHOTO COURTESY OF RON HARDWICK

By KEELY LARSON
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It is true that you never really know someone's whole story.

Ron Hardwick is 75 years old, but over the phone, and arguably in person, you would peg him in his early sixties tops. Over these 75 years, he has learned, seen and discovered much, some aspects well-known to those around and others more on the back burner.

He described himself as a professional photographer in the sense that people have paid money for pictures he took. Drawn to ghost towns or landscapes, his photographs hang in his home like wallpaper.

Hardwick has a 27-foot vertical antenna in his backyard. His wife, Susan, shares her quilting room with him so he can work on his radio in the same area. As a HAM, a colloquial name for an amateur radio enthusiast, he took a qualification test under controlled conditions and worked on transmitting frequencies within set parameters.

His voice flies on sound waves to different corners of the world. "For me, it's being able to talk and find somebody that I can find and contact. Generally, it's just a salutation," Hardwick said of what these radio conversations consist of.

This hobby is more in line with Hardwick's career. He went into the Navy as an electronics technician, which evolved into a job with the Department of Defense.

This interest was attributed to a great high school teacher, like the beginning to many coming of age movies. "She just cued my interest and it stuck with me my entire career," Hardwick said.

During this period of his life, Hardwick was a self-professed 'working stiff.' He worked hard to provide for his family and to be able to later retire and support his community. At the DOD, Hardwick worked on aircrafts and weapon systems—M1 Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and support weapons. This job took him around the country and he eventually retired in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 2000.

"We all come from different areas," Hardwick said, a theme from this conversation. Sometimes peoples' backstories do not always match what the eyes can see.

The Madison Valley Caring and Sharing Food Bank votes on its Board members each year and Hardwick has been elected president multiple times. The couple first came to Ennis in 2000 and stayed a month, then longer and eventually full-time after Hardwick's 38-year working career. He got involved with the food bank because he recognized its importance in the community.

All elected Board members put in the work to keep the food bank running. Hardwick maintains dairy products, replacing eggs, margarine and bread and makes sure those options are always available. "He keeps all of the produce on a weekly basis. He works with Madison Foods to keep all the perishables available," Jennifer Doney, board member, said about Hardwick. "He's our go-to guy to make sure everything is in good repair."

Replacing light bulbs, changing lock combinations, replenishing batteries and training volunteers to their level of comfort fall under the volunteer description, too. The latter component became particularly important as the coronavirus set in. Hardwick wanted to make sure volunteers were participating in ways they felt safe.

"We were ramped up ready to go for about a 300% increase, but it did not happen," Hardwick said, figuring the increase was closer to 10 or 20%. The pride of the Madison Valley may be the culprit here. People tend to not want to ask for help if they can avoid it.

"We're here," Hardwick reminded them.

Madison Valley Sharing and Caring extends from Pony to Virginia and Nevada City and aims to focus its efforts on the Madison Valley. Of course, they would not turn anybody away if they were hungry. Hardwick noted that occasionally they offer sustenance to those just passing through.

"We're sort of mandated by that community to support everybody in it," Hardwick said.

That community is the community of the Madison Valley—generous, gracious and humble—that the food bank is indebted to for its ability to provide. It is almost a 'which came first, the chicken or the egg' scenario. The food bank would not exist as it is without the valley and the valley would not have the provisions available without the food bank.

"The neighbor helping neighbor thing in our community is so outstanding. It is absolutely fantastic," Hardwick said.

To emphasize this, he told a story about the owner of Montana Trout Stalkers and Madison River Fishing Company donating a drift boat, worth $10,000, to the food bank. The plan was to use it as an auction item, but the state of Montana labeled that gambling, Hardwick said.

Hardwick had already signed the paperwork and was about to turn it back to the owner, when he was presented with a check for the amount. "That's typical," he said.

"It's such a unique place that you wanted to be part of it. You wanted to be part of the community and this was one thing I could do on an individual basis to support the community."

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HARDWICK SAID, SPEAKING OF HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE MADISON VALLEY CARING AND SHARING FOOD BANK.

Where are you? What are you doing? What is your signal strength? Hardwick typically transmits 100 watts, a small amount. If he connects with someone putting out 1,500 watts, "that's a big deal," he said. PHOTO COURTESY OF RON HARDWICK

Hardwick has been taking photos for 20 years. PHOTO COURTESY OF RON HARDWICK

BE WELL

A word from a mental health professional

FINDING TREASURES IN THE MIDST OF AN EPIDEMIC

JUDY WEITZEL, PMHNP-BC
Ruby Valley Medical Center

It's easy to feel frustrated and discouraged watching the news lately. It's difficult to maintain your bearings with all the gloomy forecasts and devastating statistics. You may wonder if it will ever be safe to go out considering the possible consequences of getting sick, infecting someone else or even dying. We've been very fortunate in Southwest Montana with relatively few cases of Covid-19. But everyone is still facing risks, especially as tourists start coming into the area. Fortunately over the past few weeks, I have been recognizing some of the benefits of staying at home, being forced to do certain activities and taking care of things in my life that I've wanted to do for a long time. I don't recall ever having so much free time and space in my life!

I am the worst of cooks. Usually, I eat out as many meals as I can manage. Before the shutdown, the idea of staying at home was unthinkable since I couldn't imagine cooking one meal, let alone three! However, I have been able to find joy in cooking because I'm not rushed. Also, I have to cook or have nothing to eat!

I started small, trying some new recipes and adding spices and fresh herbs that I hadn't used before. I've added sour cream to dishes and fresh basil, rosemary or even cilantro. I was pleasantly surprised with the results! I actually can make great meals with a bit of effort. I also tried some new ideas from cookbooks. These recipes were always appealing to me but I would never have taken the time to try them out. I've also started baking and my kitchen always has some goodies. I even made strawberry shortcake from my Mom's old recipe and it was heavenly – fresh and creamy!

I am celebrating spring this year in a big way because, when you think about it, you don't know if it might not be your last. It has been lovely to watch the new leaves open before my eyes! I have birdfeeders that I attend to carefully. The profusion of birds is a real treat when I'm sitting outside enjoying the Montana spring. I have quail, a pair of them, attracted to my bird food. My other feathered visitors include chickadees, wrens, redheaded nuthatchers, robins and a blue bird. I love sitting outside to hear the music of the birds.

For the past couple years, one of my winged visitors has been a beautiful butterfly. It's the same species every year (obviously not the same butterfly). I wish I could identify the species. I was finally able to take the time this spring to really examine and enjoy it's presence on my patio.

Being at home has also taken on a whole new dimension about what a home is. I have had time to reflect on how my life is going and what I want to do differently. This is a good time to focus on what you like best about the people you live with. We have much to be grateful for.

Turning off the phone and the TV is another way to enjoy your home. An evening walk is a great way to get some exercise and check out your neighborhood. I like to take in the beauty all around me. It helps me focus on the treasures all around us. We are fortunate to be in Montana with the prospect of another summer.

While I have found new joys and perspectives during the shutdown, I am aware that many have endured extreme difficulties and sad experiences during this time. This is a good time to reach out, talk to an old friend or family member. It's alright to share your burdens. This is a stressful time. Finding a sense of balance and security is necessary in this new environment. If you are feeling overwhelmed, isolated, or deeply sad, please seek professional help.

Safe driving

PROTECTING YOURSELF BEHIND THE WHEEL

Submitted by NIH

Driving a car can give you freedom. But it's also one of riskiest things you do every day. More than 36,000 people died in car accidents in the U.S. in 2018. Millions more are injured each year.

Many things can make driving risky. Speeding, not paying full attention to the road, and driving while tired all increase your chances of a crash. Drinking or using drugs can be especially dangerous.

Fortunately, there are things you can do to keep yourself and others safe while in the car. Researchers are working to understand what causes crashes and how to prevent them.

Distracted Driving

You've likely seen ads reminding you to keep your eyes on the road. With cell phones and screens everywhere, distracted driving has become a major problem.

"Because we're so phone driven, the tendency is when somebody calls us or texts us, we want to respond immediately," says Dr. Bruce Simons-Morton, an NIH expert on teen driving. To drive safely, we have to overcome that powerful impulse, he explains.

Texting can take your eyes off the road for seconds at a time. In just five seconds, you travel the entire length of a football field at 55 miles per hour.

Distraction isn't limited to phones. It's anything that takes attention away from driving the car. Eating, playing with the radio, and adjusting your navigation system all distract from safe driving.

"Reaching for objects is also a big problem," says Simons-Morton. You may take your eyes off the road when you reach for your sunglasses or something in the seat next to you.

People of any age can give in to distractions while driving. Many adults admit to texting, answering calls, and other dangerous behaviors. That's a problem because teens are modeling their parents' actions as they learn to drive.

Teen Drivers

Studies show that teen drivers are at greatest risk for crashes. Crashes are higher among 16- to 19-year-olds than any other age group. That's because some driving skills get better with experience. Teens are also prone to distraction, especially with friends in the car.

"The first six months of driving on their own is the most dangerous," says Dr. Ginger Yang, a teen driving expert at Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University. The risk of getting in an accident remains high until at least their early 20s.

To help keep new drivers safe, all states now use a graduated licensing system. The system has three stages. Teens first get their learner's permit, where they are supervised by an adult driver. After passing their driving test, they receive a license that comes with restrictions, like limits on nighttime driving and passengers. After maintaining a safe driving record for a set period, they can get a standard driver's license.

Yang explains that parents can sometimes become less engaged when their teens first start driving independently. But even after being handed the keys, teens are still looking to their parents.

"Parents need to be good role models, because teens are still watching and learning from how parents behave," Yang says. She is currently researching how parents can communicate with their teens to help improve their driving.

Yang and her colleagues have been studying ways to help teens who already have a traffic violation. Her team teaches parents ways to strengthen their child's motivation to drive more safely. Parents learn to use open-ended questions and be active listeners. This technique is called motivational interviewing.

Yang advises parents that "conversations about safe driving need to be small topics each time but be brought up multiple times."

Timing is important. Both parent and teen need to be calm for conversations to be effective.

Her past studies suggest parents can make a difference. By motivating their teens to engage in safe driving behaviors early on, parents can help teens establish safe driving habits that they carry into adulthood.

Older Drivers

Younger drivers aren't the only group at greater risk of crashes. As you age, physical and mental changes can make driving more dangerous.

"There's a number of changes that happen in our vision as we grow older," says Dr. Cynthia Owsley, who studies the impact of aging on vision at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Eye diseases, such as glaucoma, naturally get worse with age. Older adults are also more likely to have certain eye conditions that affect sight, like cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.

Problems distinguishing an object from its background, called contrast sensitivity, are also common. "Think of looking through a dirty windshield: Everything looks kind of washed out," Owsley says.

Vision problems can also affect your ability to see to the side, or peripheral vision. This can make it harder to see cars in the lanes next to you.

For older adults, changes in the brain can make driving riskier, too. Owsley and others have shown that cognitive decline—problems with memory and other brain functions—increases the likelihood of a car crash.

Changes in physical ability, such as strength and reflexes, can also make driving more dangerous as you age. But getting older doesn't necessarily mean you have to stop driving.

"I think the public worries about older drivers, but actually most older drivers are quite safe," Owsley says. It's older drivers with visual and cognitive impairments that are at greatest risk.

If you're concerned about an older person's driving, it's important to start a conversation with them. Experts advise watching for the signs that driving is getting unsafe, like getting lost on familiar routes, experiencing a near-miss, or receiving a traffic ticket.

You can contact a driving assessment clinic as well. These clinics can provide a professional evaluation of a person's driving ability. If driving is no longer safe, work with the older adult to develop a plan for getting around without a car.

Safer Driving

Whether you're a new driver or have been driving for decades, it's important to think about safe driving.

The good news is that advances in car design and safety technology are helping protect you behind the wheel. You can also do several things to reduce your risk of an accident. Always stay alert. Resist the urge to text or talk on the phone. For more safe driving tips, see the Wise Choices box.

WISE CHOICES

Safe Driving Tips

- **Always keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel.**
- **Don't multi-task, like talking or texting, eating and drinking, or fiddling with the stereo, entertainment, or navigation system.**
- **Wear your safety belt.**
- **Drive at the speed limit. It's unsafe to drive too fast or too slowly.**
- **Obey all traffic signs.**
- **Keep enough distance between you and the car in front of you to avoid a crash.**
- **Don't drink and drive.**
- **When you take a new medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist about side effects. Some can affect your driving.**
- **If you have glasses or contact lenses, make sure you have a current prescription and wear them while driving.**
- **Don't wear sunglasses or tinted lenses at night.**

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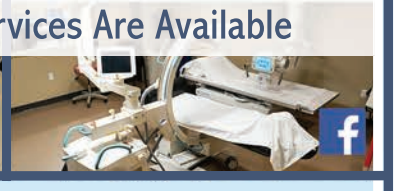

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COLUMNS

A word from the BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

By HANNAH STIFF, Montana State Director, BBB Northwest & Pacific

In breaking news on May 19, Governor Steve Bullock announced the Treasure State is steamrolling toward Phase II of re-opening. On June 1, bars, restaurants, breweries, fitness facilities and others can increase customer capacity to 75%. Places of worship and bowling alleys can also welcome more guests. Out-of-state visitors will no longer have to quarantine for 14 days before enjoying Montana. These shifts are unfolding rapidly, and businesses are readying themselves.

On the endless list of considerations for employers, a central question remains. Will employees come back to work? For some out-of-work employees, federal and state unemployment benefits combined make up a greater sum than the employee made previously at their job. More than the financial bottom line for furloughed staff members is another conundrum: what if I don't feel safe returning to work? The gray area engulfing both employees and employers during these phases of re-opening is enormous.

In the past weeks, as the Better Business Bureau has connected with thousands – yes thousands – of businesses. We have heard loud and clear that businesses are worried about the bottom line. Funding can't come through fast enough. We heard worries about whether customers will show up if businesses re-open. And we heard from owners and managers worrying about whether their staff will come back. Though employees technically must return to work when summoned (and hence stop receiving unemployment payments), several good managers have opted for the carrot instead of the stick when it comes to retention in a pandemic.

Recently Mike Nelson, General Manager of the Northern Hotel in Billings, spoke to a group of Montana businesspeople gathered (remotely) to talk about engagement among employees during COVID-19. Since the pandemic began, Nelson says he has had to lay off many of his staff members. That is not an unusual story in today's landscape. But what came next was.

Nelson enlisted the help of remaining hotel staffers to cook takeout meals for any of the staff – on payroll or furloughed – who needed it. The free, hearty meals were offered three times per week.

For the staff who remained at the hotel, many suddenly found themselves without childcare. Instead of sending them home to file for unemployment, Nelson allowed them to bring their children with them to work. The happy sounds of children at the office brought joy during stressful times and added a layer of perspective to the situation.

Next, Nelson leveraged the shutdown to catch up on overdue projects and keep staff at work. To knock out the hotel's honey-do list, Nelson said he "rotated folks through the roster," meaning accountants were spackling walls and maintenance engineers were cleaning artwork, among other nontraditional duties.

Nelson said he was also zealous about communicating with his staff, whether they remained on the skeleton crew at the hotel or furloughed at home. He gave regular company updates, offering as transparent as possible.

The Northern Hotel offers one of hundreds of stories of great management under pressure. At Better Business Bureau, we advise businesses to guide and reassure employees by keeping them up to date to prevent unnecessary panic or undue stress. As a business owner, it is important to arm yourself with the most current information and share it with your workforce to show leadership and calm fears. And then, be human. Be kind to your staff. Because as owners across Montana prepare to re-open or welcome more customers, having the staff to do so is vital.

Take a page from Nelson, and so many other great business owners' playbooks. Show empathy for employees, be transparent about the state of your business, and take proper precautions before re-opening. Heeding that advice means you will not only be doing the right thing, but you'll be building the kind of loyalty it takes to survive a pandemic. It's the kind of loyalty that brings good people back to work when they're called.

HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

Murderous-hornet invasion

By Art Kehler

Some thoughts on the disadvantages of global trade

Recently, I read on the Internet that a species of very large (average 2-inches long) hornets have somehow managed to emigrate from Japan into the state of Washington. Worse yet, the article referred to the insects as---"murderous-hornets!" Not being particularly fond hornets of any kind in the first place, I found that information to be deeply troubling. My concerns were not diminished when, upon moving down the Internet page further, I found a picture of one of the behemoth bugs. It was all I could do not to yell, throw my hands in the air and run out of the room.

After regaining my composure somewhat, I clicked further down the page and saw a picture of one of the hornets' sting wounds on a person's finger. It looked as though a gold miner had drilled and blasted a gaping crater ¼ inch wide by ¼ inch deep in the middle of the poor slob's digit. Moreover, according to the article that accompanied the pictures, the sting from one of these winged behemoths is seven times more potent (painful) than that of a honeybee. Even worse, they can sting each victim repeatedly – – as much as 200 times per attack. Therefore, the aggressive insects can and do kill human beings in Japan every year. And last but not least, entomologist predict it's only a matter of time before they spread across the United States. Yet again, I had to overcome the urge to dash out of the room while blithering incoherently.

With those sobering facts in mind, I began to imagine what life would be like in the Tri-Cities (Harrison, Pony and Norris) region after the arrival of these unvetted immigrants. Consequently, as a public service, I have drawn up the following list of possible murderous-hornet coping tips:

• If a gust of Norris wind blows one into the side of a citizen's head, he or she will likely suffer a concussion.

• Because of its size, a murderous-hornet must sound somewhat like an Apache attack helicopter approaching a target. Thus, they're not likely to sneak up on anybody.

• When one lands on a person's neck, the poor miserable wretch will no doubt think a great horned owl just chose his neck for a nesting sight.

• The bad news is, it's going to take something considerably heftier than a hat to dislodge the murderous monster.

• If a Tri-City resident happens upon a bees' nest the size of a hot air balloon, it will probably be best not to throw stones at it.

• The State may have to open an upland bug hunting season on them. if anyone is nuts enough to actually head afield, forget hornet spray. It'll take a 410-gauge shotgun to bring one down.

After completing the above coping tactics, I began to question the benefits of global trade. There's no denying that global trade has resulted in cheaper products being available for consumers around the world. However, it has also brought to our shores a multitude of unvetted nonhuman residents.

In fact, today's murderous-hornets were preceded by killer bees from South America that now inhabit the southwestern U.S. Folks in Florida can now experience the thrill of stepping on an-18-foot-long boa constrictor while out for an afternoon stroll. Motor boaters are being bombarded by Asian flying carp while speeding up the Mississippi River. And the list goes on and on. One thing I know for sure, when the humongous, murderous-hornets arrive here in substantial numbers, no one will have to tell me to isolate in my house.

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A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

Cheatin' on the Food

For three days we'd been on the trail, now the corrals a welcome sight. I swear I lost a pound or two. My wranglers weren't as tight.

At times I've gone without some food, but never on the trail. So, I'll tell you folks about the ride. This trip was bound to fail.

A so-called friend asked, "Can you pack into the Yellowstone?" My father said, "We've packed for years. I'd say that's how we're known."

The friend said, "There are ten of us." He sounded kinda shrewd. He asked, "If you will pack us in, we'll furnish all the food."

My father said, "We usually furnish food and all the gear. For you we'll make exceptions, but I want to make this clear.

"There'll be food, enough for everyone, a cook at every meal. If you can make that promise, then you've got yourself a deal."

They made a handshake on the deal. For Dad, that's good enough. The other fellow wasn't true. His handshake was a bluff.

We taught them how to pack the food and weight it down just right. But when we loaded up the mules those packs were sure 'nuff light.

At dinner we ate tuna fish. Someone forgot the bread. So then we had some mac and cheese, don't think we all got fed.

For breakfast we had cheerios and they were soggy too. They even mixed up powered milk. I've tasted better glue.

The cook said we'd have scrambled eggs. That sounded great to me. But he'd only brought a dozen, said, "We'll have to wait and see."

I don't remember having lunch, at night more tuna fish. So, I robbed some spam and crackers. I would call it, "Starving dish."

We weren't allowed to keep the trout. But I didn't give a #&*@! I caught a half a dozen, then I mixed 'em with the spam.

For three whole days my stomach cried, "Ain't had enough to eat!" But I learned a darned good lesson. It sure doesn't pay to cheat.

So, I made a promise to myself and never to exclude. When I'm out there on the trail I'll have a saddlebag of food.

By Richard Stouffer*

The highlights for the Montana night sky in June include Mercury being visible in the evening sky early in the month, Jupiter and Saturn rising in the evening sky as the month progresses, Mars continuing to brighten in the early morning sky and brilliant Venus climbing rapidly upward in the morning sky in the latter part of the month after its departure from the evening sky at the end of May.

As June begins and darkness falls, look for speedy Mercury low in the western sky. As the month begins, Mercury doesn't set until a few minutes past 11 p.m. Look for Mercury well below Castor and Pollux, the two brightest stars in the constellation Gemini, on the evening of June 5. By about the middle of the month, Mercury is lost in the solar glare. Next up in the night sky are Jupiter and Saturn. As the month begins, the giant planet Jupiter rises about 10 minutes after midnight, followed by the ringed planet Saturn about 15 minutes later. Look for Jupiter and Saturn well to the left of the teapot shape of the constellation Sagittarius. By the end of the month, Jupiter rises a mere 45 minutes after sunset, followed by Saturn about 20 minutes later. The next planet to rise is the Red Planet Mars, which rises at 2:20 a.m. as the month begins and about 1:10 a.m. as the month comes to a close. Mars brightens noticeably as the month progresses and Mars continues its path toward its next close approach to Earth later in the year. Last up in the night sky is the brilliant planet Venus, Earth's nearest neighbor, which just departed the evening sky at the end of May. Look for Venus low in the eastern sky about the tenth of the month when it rises only about a half hour before sunrise. By the end of the month, there is no problem sighting Venus as it appears dazzlingly bright in the early morning hours when it rises about 3:55 a.m. as the month comes to a close.

As for the moon, the moon is full on June 5. On June 8, the moon forms a line with Jupiter and Saturn as it passes to the right of Jupiter that morning. The moon then passes to the lower left of Saturn the next morning. The thin crescent moon makes a close conjunction with Venus on the morning of June 19. Look for the moon to pass below and to the left of Pollux and below and well to the left of Castor on the evening of June 22.

For meteor shower watchers, there are no significant meteor showers this month. Even so, a sporadic meteor can flash across the sky at any time. From a dark site, meteors typically can be seen at a rate of about 5 meteors per hour.

The Sun arrives at the summer solstice at 3:44 p.m. on June 20, the longest day of the year, when summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere.

**Life-long amateur astronomer and former member of Delaware Astronomical Society and National Capital Astronomers*

COMICS & PUZZLES

CROSSWORD

THEME: OUTDOOR FUN

ACROSS
1. Sacred song
6. Chowed down
9. Acoustic repetition
13. Capital of Vietnam
14. 4 qts.
15. Teamsters' group
16. Affair, in Paris
17. Bit of binary code
18. Part of TNT
19. *Sleeping under the stars
21. *Horticulturist's hangout
23. Articulate
24. Combustible pile
25. Joe Louis move
28. Epiphany guests
30. Forgo
35. WWII side
37. *Bonfire fodder
39. Royal topper
40. Tiny river
41. Pond buildup
43. Miners' passage
44. Best not mentioned
46. *What seekers do
47. Fairytale beginning
48. Same as "slow down"
50. Upper hand
52. Toni Morrison's "____ Baby"
53. Threads
55. Pie ____ ____ mode
57. *a.k.a. shuttlecock
60. *Flying saucer
64. 2 halves of a diameter
65. Pilot's deadline
67. *Fire starter
68. Triangular road sign
69. ____ Luis Obispo
70. "Die Lorelei" poet
71. Other than what is
72. One laid
73. Poker stakes

DOWN
1. First-rate, slangily
2. Ditto
3. Soon, to a bard
4. They are usually drunken
5. Biblical prophetess
6. Full of excitement
7. *Sun kiss
8. Funereal lament
9. "National Velvet" author ____ Bagnold
10. Give a ticket
11. Sound warning
12. Lennon's wife
15. State of agitation
20. African antelope
22. "Who ___ we kidding?"
24. a.k.a toes
25. *Banned lawn darts
26. Type of rotation
27. "The Hobbit" hobbit
29. *Played with a driver
31. Bye in Palermo
32. Lacked, for short
33. The oldest Goldberg sibling
34. *Skier's turf
36. Snail-like
38. *Volleyball turf
42. Painter Degas
45. Beat the Joneses
49. Interesting person, acronym
51. Eli Manning's first name
54. Ganders' companions
56. *Famous ski town
57. Get-out-of-jail money
58. ____ of March
59. Make someone angry
60. Jack London's "White ____"
61. *Fisherman's supply
62. Marine eagle
63. Augments
64. Pastrami partner
66. *"You're it!" game

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The Town of Ennis has a full-time position opening in the Public Works Dpt. The position includes, but is not limited to, work in Water, Sewer, Parks and Streets. Applications may be picked up at Ennis Town Hall during normal business hours. Applications and resumes may be dropped off at, or sent to: Ennis Town Hall/ Public Works Dpt., 328 W. Main St., Ennis, MT. 59729. Starting wage DOE. Applications accepted until position is filled. Questions regarding the position may be directed to Kelly Elser, Director of Public Works, @ 406 682-4287. EEOC Blake Leavitt Mayor, Town of Ennis

Ennis Schools is seeking an enthusiastic, dedicated, and passionate High School Science teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Pay is DOE with excellent benefits. Ennis Schools offers quality teaching experience and the opportunity to work with outstanding students and staff. If interested in applying, please contact Superintendent Casey Klasna @ 406-682-4258.

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Part-time bookkeeper/clerk needed for the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department. Will be responsible for payroll, payroll liabilities & reporting, claims, recording capital asset and depreciation, deposits, as well as budget preparation. Candidate will take minutes at the regular meeting of the board of trustees and special meetings when necessary. Preference will be given for experience with QuickBooks. An understanding of county tax revenue would also be helpful. Approximately 15-25 hours per month, starting at $17.76/hour, position to begin immediately. Please send a letter of interest and resume to MVRFD, PO Box 849, Ennis, MT 59729, or email to mvrfd-books@3rivers.net.

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PUBLIC NOTICES
JUNE 4, 2020

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
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INVITATION TO BID
Separate sealed bids for construction of the Giem 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 or 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: relliott@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)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ILyman H. Bennett, III BENNETT LAW GROUP, PLLC P.O. Box 337 Virginia City, MT 59755-0337 Telephone: (406) 843-5650 Facsimile: (406) 843-5651 E-mail: lymanhbennett@montana.net Attorney for Personal Representative MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN RICHARD TOMLINSON, Deceased Probate No. DP-29-2020-9 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to Patricia Ann Miiller, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at 116 Two Bumps Road, Ennis, MT 59729, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 13th day of May, 2020. /s/ Patricia Ann Miiller Personal Representative
(Pub. MAY, 28. JUNE 4, 11, 2020)
BENNETT
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PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE
LOST CABIN LLC (Luana Dowling, Owner(s)) has applied to transfer Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 25-754-4586-001 to be operated at LOST CABIN BAR, 109 S Main St, Twin Bridges, Madison County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law. Who can protest this transfer? Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Madison County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4)(d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met. What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 25-754-4586-001 and the applicant's name LOST CABIN LLC; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter. What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected. How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before June 14, 2020. What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Twin Bridges. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing 's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protester's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protester's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied. How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Vickie Zincke, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue 's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-0713 or VZincke2@mt.gov "mailto:VZincke2@mt.gov"
(Pub. MAY, 28. JUNE 4, 2020)
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
EAST BENCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Please take notice that election for Commissioner for Precinct 5 of the East Bench Irrigation District will be held at the annual meeting thereof at the District Office, 1200 Highway 41, Dillon, MT on June 9, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.
(Pub. MAY 28, JUNE 4, 2020)
EAST BENCH
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MADISON COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD 2020 SESSION
In accordance with 15-15-101(6) MCA, the Madison County Tax Appeal Board will be in session from July 1st through December 31st, 2020 for the business of hearing appeals of property valuations set by the Montana Department of Revenue. Any taxpayer who disagrees with the appraised value of his or her property may file an appeal with the Madison County Tax Appeal Board within 30 days of the date on the Notice of Classification and Appraisal or Notice to Change Valuation (assessment notice). Appeal forms are available at the Madison County Commissioners' Office, the Madison County Clerk & Recorder's Office, or at www.mtab.mt.gov . Upon receipt of the appeal form, the Board will notify the appellant and schedule a hearing. The Madison County Tax Appeal Board consists of three members, Monty Simonsen, Don McCune, and Kristi Millhouse. For further information, contact the Madison County Tax Appeal Board's secretary at 406-843-4277. Dated this 21st day of May, 2020.
(Pub. MAY 28, JUNE 4, 2020)
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Pursuant to Section 85-2-233(6), MCA, Barry and Danielle McCoy filed a Motion to Amend their 1960 Beaverhead River Surface Water Claim 41B 120767-00. The requested amendments are to amend the place of use to include an additional 33 acres (1.50 acres in section 8 T8S, R9W; and 31.5 acres in section 17 T8S, R9W) in addition to the current 34.62 acres in section 8 T8S, R9W, and to reduce the priority from March 1, 1960 to April 17, 1973. The entirety of Claimant's motion may be viewed on the Montana Water Court webpage at: https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/Notices-and-Information/public-notices-andinformation. Direct any questions concerning this requested amendment to attorney Ross P. Keogh at (406) 333-0520. Response or Objection Filing Deadline Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed in Case 41BA500, Montana Water Court, PO Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771-1389. A copy of any response or objection must be served on counsel for Barry and Danielle McCoy at: Ross P. Keogh Parsons Behle & Latimer 201 South Main Street, Suite 1800 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed within 45 days of the last publication of this notice. Therefore, the filing deadline is: July 26, 2020.
(Pub. MAY 28, JUNE 4, 11, 2020)
PARSONS, BEHLE & LATIMER
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TRUSTEE VACANCY
There is a vacant trustee position in Sheridan School District No. 5 for an Alder trustee. Anyone qualified and interested in filling this vacant position until the May 4, 2021 Annual Election may contact Superintendent Mike Wetherbee at 406-842-5401 or Rebecca Larsen at 406-842-5302.
(Pub. MAY 28. JUNE 4, 2020)
SHERIDAN SCHOOL
MNAXLP

NOTICE OF CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Variance Request for Sunroom/Porch Addition On June 11, 2020, 6:45 p.m., at Ennis Town Hall the Zoning Board of Adjustment will review, take comments and make a decision on a variance request. The request is for and 8' x 32' sunroom/porch addition to a home, of which, is currently 25 feet from the property line. The addition would cause the home to be 17 feet from the front property line. The property is located at 410 S. First Street, Ennis, Montana. The Variance request was submitted by Eloise James, Terri James and Kim James Pittman. Information, including site plans, related to this Variance request may be viewed at Ennis Town Hall, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT. 59729. Public Comment may be given at the public hearing. Written comments can be sent to Town of Ennis Variance, 328 W Main Street, Ennis, Montana 59729 and must received no later than 2:00 p.m. on June 11, 2020.
(Pub. MAY 28. JUNE 4, 2020)
TOWN OF ENNIS
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PUBLIC NOTICE - COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE
3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., filed with the Federal Government, a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Utilities Service that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, sex, age, color, or national origin, or on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in its program and the operation of its facilities.
Under the Assurance, this organization is committed not to be discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, sex, age, color, or national origin, or on the basis of handicap, in its policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at or any participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of this organization.
"Any person who believes himself or herself or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may by himself or herself, or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or the Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20205, or the organization, or all, written complaint. Such complaint must be filed no later than 90 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Utilities Service extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purpose of the Rules and Regulations."
3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
/S/ Tyler P. Cobb - Secretary
(Pub. JUNE 4, 2020)
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REQUEST FOR BIDS
The Harrison Rural Fire Department is accepting sealed bids until June 30th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the following items: 1. 1966 Ford Wildland Brush Truck, 132,000 miles, good water pump, 150 gallon water tank, Vin # 2FTHF26114TCA63299. 2. 1983 Freightliner Water Tender, 3000 gallon, Vin # 1FUEYDYB9DP216169, operational 3. 1975 Mack CF-600 Fire Engine; Vin # CF686F1099; yellow with white top, operational 4. 1990 Pierce (dash) Rescue Rig; all wheel drive; Vin # 4P1CT01F0LA00531 unsuited for Harrison fire department use, operational. 5. 1964 Crown engine pumper; 500 gallon; operational Vin # F1341, mileage 35605 Bids should be delivered to: Harrison Fire Department; Pete Armstrong P.O. Box 200, Harrison, MT 59735. Vehicles can be inspected at the Harrison Fire Department or its sub-stations. If you have questions or would like to schedule an inspection contact Pete Armstrong at 406-491-2079. These vehicles are being sold "as is" with no warranty or guarantee. The Harrison Fire Department reserves the right to either accept or reject any or all bids.
(Pub. JUNE 4, 11, 2020)
HARRISON FD
MNAXLP

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
MONTANA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT The Madison Conservation District is having its annual budget meeting on Friday, June 5th at 5pm. It is open to the public. Please contact the office for details. 406.682.3181.
(Pub. JUNE 4, 2020)
MCD
MNAXLP

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DRAFT PER AND EA FOR THE JACK CREEK ROAD BRIDGE
Madison County will hold a Public Hearing for the draft PER and EA for the Jack Creek Road Bridge (JC4) at 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 at the Madison County Commissioner's Office in Virginia City, Montana at 103 West Wallace Street. The purpose of the hearing is for obtaining comments from the County residents regarding the Preliminary Engineering Report and the submittal of a Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) application and also obtaining comments regarding the Environmental Assessment for the replacement of the Jack Creek Road Bridge (JC4) over Jack Creek located approximately 11.6 miles east along Jack Creek Road from the Highway 287 intersection. At the public hearing, the proposed project will be explained, including: the purpose and proposed area of the project; activities; budget, possible sources of funding; and any costs for local citizens that may occur as a result of the project. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions regarding the proposed project and any environmental impacts. The County is considering submitting an application to the Montana Department of Commerce for a TSEP Grant and wants to obtain public comment on the proposal. A decision will be made on both the Preliminary Engineering Report and the Environmental Assessment. Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing before 5:00 p.m. local time June 8th, 2020. Written comments should be sent to the Madison County Commission, 103 West Wallace Street, PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755. For further information on the Preliminary Engineering Report, Environmental Assessment, project impacts, or questions, contact the Madison County Commission, 103 West Wallace Street, PO Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755 or at (406) 843-4277. Copies of the draft Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Assessment will be available online, at the public hearing or by request.
(Pub. JUNE 4, 2020)
MC COMMISH
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
There is a vacant trustee position in Sheridan
MADISON VALLEY STORAGE, ENNIS, MT
On Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 5076 US Hwy. 287 N., Ennis, MT, at 10:00 am, there will be a sale of storage unit contents on duly defaulted tenants as follows: Mike Carroll ETC #13, MVS #22 and #75

Joanie Shortridge	MVS #151 & #153
Robert Hatlee	MVS # 188
Alex Rundella	MVS #297
Arita Haldorsen and Mark Blumhaden	MVS #345
Shannon Hamilton	MVS #381

The terms of the sale are:
1. Each individual unit shall be sold in bulk. There shall be no prior previewing. The unit doors will be opened by the Operator. Attendees will be allowed to enter, but not to move or remove any of the contents.
2. Each unit shall be bid upon by attendees. The highest bidder shall be entitled to the entire contents of the storage unit. The contents must be removed within one week of the date of sale by the winning bidder (June 27th).
3. Sales are cash or certified check only.
(Pub. JUNE 4, 11, 2020)
MADISON VAL. STORAGE
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Advertisement for Public Comment and Review of Environmental Review Record Project Name: Virginia City Schoolhouse Inn and Conference Center Montana Lifestyle Experience, LLC will hold a public meeting/hearing on June 5, 2020 through a virtual presentation for the purpose of obtaining comments regarding the environmental review record for the proposed adaptive reuse of the former Virginia City School for the purpose of an inn and conference center including general building restoration and repair, construction of eight new lodging rooms and meeting and event space.
Access to the on-line virtual meeting is via the following web-link: Topic: Virginia City Schoolhouse Inn and Conference Center Time: Jun 5, 2020 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88379154036?pwd=azg3bTRmWDZJVHlMc0NtU1dRT3hJUT09 Meeting ID: 883 7915 4036 Password: 813841 One tap mobile Dial by your location
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At the public meeting/hearing, the proposed project will be explained, including the purpose and proposed area of the project, activities, budget, and possible sources of funding. A decision/finding will be discussed and made on the environmental assessment. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions regarding the proposed project and any environmental impacts. Comments may be given orally at the meeting or submitted in writing via email before June 8, 2020, at 12:00 noon. Anyone wanting to review the environmental review record and project impacts or submit questions and comments should contact Pat Jacobs via email at pljacobs60@gmail.com or by phone at 317-418- 6933. Copies of the draft environmental record is available at Virginia City/City Hall or the Thompson Hickman Library and will also be available at the public hearing.
(Pub. JUNE 4, 2020)
MARK JACOBS
MNAXLP

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD
Name: MHC Residential Restoration Projects in Virginia City Per the Montana Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) the Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) will hold a public meeting on Friday June 5, 2020 at 3 pm at the Madison County - Virginia City Public Library (217 E. Idaho Street, Virginia City) to present three proposed restoration projects and request public feedback on potential environmental impacts. The general public is invited to attend and discuss the environmental review record for proposed restoration activities directed at the Jack Taylor Cabin (S. Jackson Street), Hickman House (W. Idaho Street), and the Gilbert House (N. Hamilton Street). These currently vacant residential properties are owned and managed by the MHC. At the public meeting, the proposed projects will be discussed in detail and the initial findings of the environmental assessment presented. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions regarding the proposed projects and any environmental concerns. Comments may be given orally at the meeting or submitted in writing via email (attention: Elijah Allen MHC Ex. Dir. eallen@mt.gov) before Monday June 8, 2020, at 12:00 noon. Copies of the draft environmental record are available for review at MHC's office in Virginia City (intersection of Wallace and Jackson Streets) and will also be available at the public meeting.
(Pub. JUNE 4, 2020)
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MADISON COUNTY DISPATCH

In areas with low cell phone coverage, you can now text 911 in case of emergency.

May 17, 2020

- Traffic complaints were reported in Sheridan, Whitehall and out of county.
- An accident occurred in Silver Star.

May 25, 2020

- An accident occurred in Pony.
- A fire call was made in Pony.
- Lost/found property was reported in Ennis and Silver Star.
- A trespass complaint was made in Ennis.
- Citizens were assisted in Ennis and Sheridan.

May 26, 2020

- A fire call was made in Cardwell.
- An ambulance was called in McAllister.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.
- Lost/found property was reported in Ennis.
- A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis.
- A coroner was called in Twin Bridges.
- An accident occurred in Sheridan.
- A citizen was assisted in Ennis.

May 27, 2020

- An ambulance was called in Twin Bridges.
- Criminal mischief was reported in Harrison.
- An abandoned vehicle was reported in Cameron.
- Citizens were assisted in Ennis.
- Accidents occurred in Virginia City and Ennis.
- A protection order was violated in Ennis.
- Traffic complaints were made in Sheridan and Norris.
- A dog complaint was made in Twin Bridges.
- A disturbance was reported in Ennis.

May 28, 2020

- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.
- An ambulance was called in Ennis.
- A curfew violation was reported in Ennis.

May 29, 2020

- A traffic complaint was made in Ennis.
- A scam complaint was reported in Norris.
- A traffic complaint was made in Silver Star.
- A citizen was assisted in Sheridan.
- Lost/found property was reported in Ennis and Twin Bridges.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.

May 30, 2020

- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis and Harrison.
- An ambulance was called in Sheridan.
- Domestic disturbances were reported in Ennis.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 125 calls for service between May 24 and May 30.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office will be closed until further notice. Issuing and renewing concealed carry permits and fingerprinting services provided on a LIMITED basis. Please call 406-843-5301 with questions.

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Contact your place of worship for current guidelines.

Christian Science Services

Sunday Service & Sunday School 10 a.m.

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Each week a Bible lesson full of healing Christian concepts is read aloud in our Sunday service.

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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

6 Blocks South of City Complex
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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 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

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

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP
September - April ~ 11 a.m.
May - August ~ 9:30 a.m.
Everyone Welcome, Fully Accessible
In communion with ELCA, UCC, RCA
Rev. STEVE HUNDLEY
682-4355 ~ Ennis
Corner of S. Charles & W. Hugel

Phil 2:16
Holding forth the word of life:
Dr. Ray Teston
Pastor
Peter Rosenberger
Minister of Music

Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.
Weds. Nights ~ prayer meeting 6 p.m.

5050 Hwy 287, *PO Box 668, Ennis, MT*
Phone 682-4244 SBC
MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
Aides for the hearing impaired

THE BAHA'I FAITH

The principle of the Oneness of Mankind, as proclaimed by Bahá'u'lláh, carries with it no more and no less than a solemn assertion that attainment to this final stage in this stupendous evolution is not only necessary but inevitable, that its realization is fast approaching, and that nothing short of a power that is born of God can succeed in establishing it.

www.bahai.org | 406-451-3923
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. Deshner
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.

Ruby Valley United Methodist Parish

Invites You To Worship With Us

Reverend Tonya 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

Madison County Episcopal Churches

In full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Join Us for Sunday Worship!

Trinity
Jeffers/Ennis
10 *a.m.* **adult forum**
11:00 *a.m.*

St. Paul's
Virginia City
Sunday
9:00 *a.m.*

Christ Church
Sheridan
Sunday
10:00 *a.m.*
Bible Study
9:00 *a.m.*

www.rvec.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

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call 682-7755 to make a plan.

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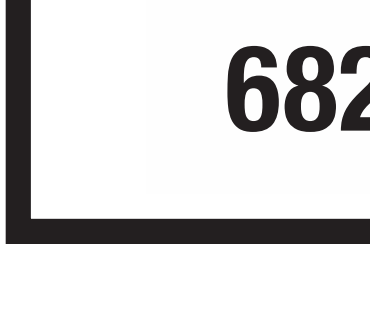
10:00AM at the Alder School
ALDER, MT
Sunday School 9AM

Christ-Centered • Bible Based Teaching
Open Question Forum

(406) 842-5915
Pastor Tom Luksha



— **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

"Keep it Simple."
A.A. MEETING
Bethany Hall, Sheridan
(behind Methodist Church)
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

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
GET THE MEETING GUIDE APP
OR
GO TO AA-MONTANA.ORG
FR VIRTUAL AND FACE-TO-FACE MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

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.ennisseniorcenter.org
MOW delivery area expanded: S. to Cameron, W. to Virginia City N. to McAllister E. to lower Jeffers.
Due To Food Product Shortages menu items may change.

Thursday, June 4 – Chef salad, roll, dessert
Friday, June 5 – Fried cod, fries, coleslaw dessert
Monday, June 8 – Beef fajitas, spanish rice, dessert
Tuesday, June 9 – Baked mac bacon & cheese, salad, roll, dessert
Wednesday, June 10 – Egg salad sandwich, chips, pickle spear, fruit, dessert
Thursday June 11 – Pot roast, mashers, veggies, dessert
Friday, June 12 – Cranberry chicken salad, croissant, 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, June 4- Hamburger casserole, roll, dessert
Tuesday, June 9- Chicken strips, 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

HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS

Pony, Harrison and Norris. The Hollowtop Senior Center will be open for pickup meals starting on May 4, at 12 noon. Any questions call: 685-3460.

Wednesday, June 10 - Roast pork dinner
Wednesday, June 17 - Hamburgers
Wednesday, June 24 - Golden Gate Chow Mein

Did you know?

682-7755

· Our obituaries are FREE up to 450 words. (25¢ for each word after 450)

· We offer 20% off non-profit advertising

· Lost and Found classifieds are FREE!

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EDITOR'S NOTE* Let's keep our public involved. As you schedule virtual meetings, please post at 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.
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

WEDNESDAYS

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Wednesday, June 3

3 p.m.
Madison County Democrats Delegate Selection Convention
Register for a chance to attend the State Presidential Delegate Selection Convention. All Democrats registered to vote in Madison County are invited. This event will be held online. There is no cost to participate but registration is required. To register and for more information contact Cindy Gockel, redrockcin@cox.net or 406-682-7285.

Friday, June 5

8-9 p.m.
"Earthquakes & Faults of Montana" with Mike Stickney
Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park's annual Friday Summer Speakers Series.
This online event will take place using Zoom Meetings. Participants will join in by clicking on the Zoom link on the "Earthquakes & Faults of Montana" Facebook event post on Lewis and Clark Caverns' Facebook page (@LewisandClarkCaverns) or by contacting emily.dickerson@mt.gov

Friday, June 6

4-6 p.m.
Cave Formations in a New light
Join Park Ranger Julia Smit in the campground for an informal, drop-in program at the Lewis & Clark Caverns Campground.

Thursday, June 11

4:30 p.m.
Madison County Board of Health Meeting
The board will be meeting on Gotomeeting.com. Sign in information will be released at a later time.

Thursday, June 18

5:30 p.m.
Madison County DUI Task Force Meeting
The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend the meeting at the Ennis Town Hall.

Saturday, July 18

11 a.m.
Alder Daze. A summer car show and fun for the whole family at the Alder Fire Hall on Upper Ruby Road.

FWP TO OPEN OFFICES, VISITOR CENTERS TO CUSTOMERS JUNE 3

Submitted by MT FWP

As the state moves into Phase 2 of Gov. Steve Bullock's Reopening the Big Sky Plan, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices and visitor centers will open to the public June 3.

FWP offices have been closed since late March due to Montana's COVID-19 pandemic response. As the public returns, strict adherence to Phase 2 guidelines will be critical: stay at home if you feel sick, make sure to frequently wash and sanitize your hands, and maintain at least six feet of distance from other people.

FWP front offices around the state will be set up to help facilitate these simple guidelines, including marking floors to help keep people spaced out, providing hand sanitizer for customers, and glass dividers between front counter staff and customers.

"We're looking forward to having our customers back in our regional and local lobbies and visitor centers," said FWP Director Martha Williams. "We've worked hard to prepare our buildings to keep our public and staff safe."

Please note that many FWP employees are still working remotely, so for business beyond front desk license purchases and other related information, please plan to reach out to the appropriate staff member directly by phone or email or ask front desk staff for contact information.

For more information on FWP's COVID-19 response, please go online to fwp.mt.gov/COVID19.

LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK ANNOUNCES WEEKEND PROGRAMMING

Submitted by by EMILY DICKERSON

Montana State Parks (stateparks.mt.gov) and Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park will host two interpretive programs during the weekend of June 6.

Join us for the free online event "Earthquakes and Faults of Montana" on Friday, June 5 at 8 p.m. via Zoom.

Join Mike Stickney as he discusses the unique underground activity patterns of Big Sky country. Montana is a seismically active state with a long history of damaging earthquakes. The state's largest and most destructive earthquakes occurred more than 60 years ago. Ongoing small- to moderate-magnitude earthquakes and about 80 recognized potentially active faults in Montana indicate that the potential for significant future earthquakes is very real.

This is the third presentation in Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park's annual Friday Summer Speakers Series, which will continue each Friday at 8 p.m. throughout the summer.

This online event will take place using Zoom Meetings. Participants will join in by clicking on the Zoom link on the "Earthquakes & Faults of Montana" Facebook event post on Lewis and Clark Caverns' Facebook page (@LewisandClarkCaverns) or by contacting emily.dickerson@mt.gov

Mike Stickney operates the Montana Regional Seismic Network for the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, where he has worked for the past 40 years studying earthquakes, active faults, and seismic hazards. As a student at the University of Montana, Mike worked in the Earthquake Research Lab and as a graduate student, spent two summers working at the U.S. Geological Survey's Office of Earthquake Studies in Menlo Park, CA.

On Saturday, June 6 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., join Park Ranger Julia Smit in the campground for an informal, drop-in program.

Check out samples of cave formations at a booth near the campground kiosk, where you can get an up-close look at how these fantastical rocks grow. Learn more about how the dramatic decorations form inside the cave, taking an inside look at the chemistry of crystals.

Stop to chat for a minute or as long as you like, whether you're camping, enjoying the park's 10 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails, or just passing through. Just remember to maintain six feet of social distance between staff members and other visitors.