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## GRAYING PAINS

Opportunities & Challenges in the West's Oldest State

A MONTANA FOURTH ESTATE PROJECT

## THE RETURN OF 'GRAYING PAINS'

### STATEWIDE REPORTING PROJECT ON AGING DEMOGRAPHICS TO RELAUNCH

By BRAD TYER, Montana Free Press

On March 12, a collaboration of 16 Montana newsrooms launched the first story of a series titled Graying Pains, months in the making, exploring Montana's status as the demographically oldest state west of the Mississippi.

The next day, Montana Gov. Steve Bullock announced the state's first four documented cases of COVID-19. If you read, watch, or listen to Montana media, you know what happened next.

The collaborating newsrooms responded by doing what newsrooms do best, immediately dispatching reporters, editors and photographers to cover the multifaceted and rapidly unfolding public health story. Small-town weeklies, urban dailies and broadcasters alike realigned their priorities to deliver critical coverage of the pandemic's sweeping influence on seemingly every aspect of readers' lives, at work, at home and at play.

They did so even as stay-at-home restrictions and safety precautions replaced face-to-face interviews and direct observation with phone calls and teleconferencing, even as the crisis expanded beyond the bounds of public health to become an ongoing story about profound economic disruption, and even as that economic disruption landed squarely in their own newsrooms.

As Montana media adapted to face the flood of can't-wait coronavirus news, certain pre-COVID priorities had to be shelved. One of those was Graying Pains. The collaborative published the second article of the series on March 19 and made the decision to put the project on hold.

We're ready now to bring it back. Starting next week, there will be a new Graying Pains story weekly through the end of summer.

The story of COVID-19 in Montana is far from over. Even if Montana were to never record another case of the disease, its influence on health care and state revenues and tourism and agriculture and housing and recreation — pretty much everything — is likely to reverberate in policies and planning for years.

Just as the pandemic has had an indelible impact on Montanans' lives, it's had a heavy hand on the Graying Pains project as well. Several newsrooms had to withdraw from the project as reporters or editors changed jobs or had their hours reduced by furloughs. And the entire premise of the project — subtitled "Challenges and Opportunities in the West's Oldest State" — underwent a forced readjustment. The coronavirus is opportunistic, but it is not an equal-opportunity threat. It poses the greatest risk to elderly populations, as shown by the deadliest of Montana's local outbreaks, in rural Toole County, where 29 positive cases and 6 of the state's 16 recorded COVID-19 deaths — all people over the age of 70 — centered on an assisted living facility and affiliated hospital in Shelby.

For the state's elderly population especially, the virus is an acute threat. Several Graying Pains stories that made sense when they were planned in February had to be reimagined for relevance in a changed world.

What hasn't changed is the fact that Montana is getting grayer. That fact continues to present compelling opportunities and challenges for the state and its citizens. As we return to Graying Pains, we look forward to sharing those stories in the coming weeks.

## MEMORIAL DAY IN Madison County



American Legion Post 89 give a 21-gun salute to honor veterans buried at the Taylor Cemetery in Alder May 25. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

## HONORING MILITARY SERVICE

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American Legion Posts honored veterans at cemeteries throughout Madison County for Memorial Day May 25.

Commander Cliff Morgan of American Legion Post 89 led five Memorial Day ceremonies from Sheridan to Virginia City. According to Morgan, 519 veteran graves in Post 89's service area were honored with the American flag and a 21-gun salute. American Legion Post 31 conducted a ceremony at the Twin Bridges Cemetery and American Legion Post 65 had ceremonies at the Ennis and McAllister cemeteries.

The warm Memorial Day was a welcoming contrast to the several cold years in a row. American flags waved in the wind on the occasional gravestone. Flags clustered in some spots, where military service was a family tradition. Generations of veterans are represented in Madison County, both in the cemeteries and in communities.

Madison County is home to more than 1,000 veterans, nearly an eighth of the county's population, according to the Veteran Affairs Office.

For more photos from Memorial Day, go to page A2

## Madison County recycling A RETURNING SERVICE

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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Recycling will return to Madison County June 1.

Cans, plastics, cardboard and paper have piled up for over two months for some Madison County residents due to COVID-19. Some had to forgo recycling because there was nowhere else to put their recyclable waste but the dump. The Madison County Commissioners closed its recycling programs to mitigate COVID-19 exposure to onsite employees in March.

"It was unfortunate that we had to close it down," Madison County Solid Waste and Recycling Board member Tikker Jones said. "But we've decided to reinstitute recycling with Phase Two."

According to Jones, the commissioners were concerned about the possibility of the novel virus lingering on the recyclable waste, such as the surface of a plastic bottle.

Recycling containers at the Pony, Ennis, Nevada City, Sheridan, Twin Bridges and Cardwell dumpsites will resume scheduled pick-ups.





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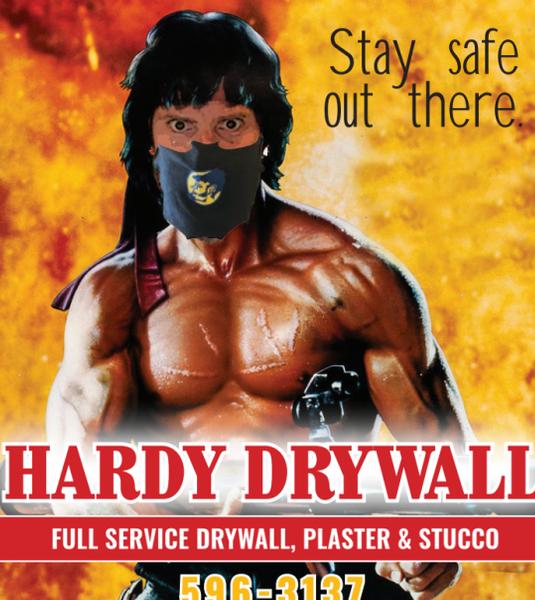
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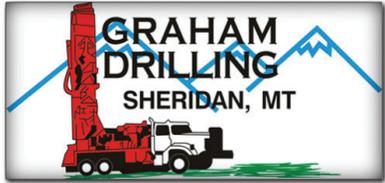
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American Legion Post 89 prepares for their second Memorial Day ceremony of the day at the Laurin Cemetery May 25. (L to R) Commander Cliff Morgan, Greg Franken, Charlie Rossiter, Mike Morgan, Ray Shaw and Mike Berry.



American Legion Post 89 prepares for a Memorial Day ceremony at the Taylor Cemetery in Alder May 25.



Generations of the Simonsen family's military service on gravestones in the Laurin Cemetery. Martin Simonsen fought in World War I and John Klaus Simonsen served in Korea.



An American flag at half-staff at the Laurin Cemetery for Memorial Day May 25.



Commander Cliff Morgan of American Legion Post 89 begins the Memorial Day commemoration at the Laurin Cemetery May 25.

# DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

## JACK CREEK ROAD GATES DAMAGED

Justin Paul Neil of Ennis pleaded not guilty to criminal mischief loss of more than \$1,500, a felony, criminal trespassing and reckless driving, both misdemeanors, May 18.

Neil admitted to Gallatin County Sheriff Sergeant that he had pushed through both road gates on Jack Creek Road the night of March 2, according to the affidavit. The front license plate of Neil's 1991 Chevrolet truck laid next to the damaged top gate the next morning. According to Moonlight Basin Security, it will cost \$15,000 to replace both gates.

Madison County Judicial District Court set his bail at \$1,000, which Neil posted.

## 2017 DRUGS IN MCALLISTER

Kristofer Jon Hatlee from McAllister was sentenced to three years to the Montana Department of Corrections, with 656 days of credited time served, in Madison County Judicial District Court May 21. Hatlee appeared electronically from the Gallatin County Detention Center.

Hatlee was arrested after a search warrant of a residence on North Ennis Lake Road in 2017 revealed possession of several forms of marijuana, methamphetamine, and different types of prescription drugs, according to court documents.

He was convicted of a felony charge and misdemeanor charge of possession of dangerous drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor. The court advised that he complete treatment, be screened for chemical dependency and have a mental health evaluation prior to his parole.

## Opening Parks - Explore safely

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Memorial Day weekend brought a wave of openings in Montana State Parks May 22.

COVID-19 closed many features of Montana's state parks in April. Certain park-services remain limited to prevent the spread of the novel virus, which remains a threat in every community.

In southwest Montana, the historic ghost town of Bannack State Park reopened, and Lewis and Clark Caverns started offering tours. Visitor centers and park offices are opening at different rates, but visitors can still explore the parks.

Bannack State Park will open its visitor center June 1. The annual historic display in July, Bannack Days, was canceled for 2020 due to COVID-19, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Most of the ghost town's preserved buildings of the old west are closed to the public. People can stroll the streets of the ghost town and use its campsites on a first-come-first-serve basis.

"Some buildings with

blocked openings and no surfaces are open," Park Director Dale Carlson said. "Ones with surfaces are closed."

According to Carlson, about a third of the visiting cars on the park grounds through Memorial Day weekend had out-of-state license plates. He said that he expects user traffic to increase when the 14-day quarantine directive for visitors coming into Montana lifts June 1.

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park started offering Paradise Cave Tours, which guides visitors to the largest and most decorated rooms in the cave. Face coverings are required for the tour and handrails will be disinfected between tours. People who would like to visit the cave must register and pay prior to arriving at the park. Tickets will be limited to comply with group size restrictions.

Campgrounds and hiking trails are open to the public under Centers of Disease Prevention and Control guidelines. The CDC recommends that the public should not visit parks if sick or recently exposed to COVID-19.



COVID-19 information graphic designed by the National Recreation and Park Association. nrpa.org/Coronavirus

## Recreation openings

Developed recreation areas of Madison County

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Developed recreation areas in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest are slowly reopening. The Madison Ranger District opened five of these sites May 22.

Cliff Point, Madison River, Potosi, Wade Lake and West Fork campgrounds are open for public use in the Madison Ranger District. Services, such as bathrooms, may be limited as well as camping spaces, according to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Service.

The United States Forest Service advises visitors to stay as local as possible when choosing a place to recreate due to the risk of spreading coronavirus.

Other southwest Montana Ranger Districts also reopened recreation areas on the eve of Memorial Day weekend. Another group of recreation sites in the Dillion Ranger District will open May 29. June 1 marks the opening of another several recreational sites in the Dillion, Wisdom and Butte Ranger Districts.

## Processing meat in Montana

Small in comparison

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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States with predominant ranching industries may see opportunities for new markets due to COVID-19. However, Montana's meatpacking capacity remains limited.

A kink in the food supply chain is affecting livestock sale prices and the availability of certain meet-cuts for wholesale and retail customers. Meatpacking employees have been afflicted with the blunt of this impact, with at least 5,000 infected and dozens dead from the virus. But meatpacking employees were put back to work as part of the country's critical infrastructure. President Trump ordered meatpacking facilities to continue operation April 27.

The large meat packing plants across the United States were not designed for social distancing. Shoulder-to-shoulder assembly lines process tens of thousands of animals a day, increasing the rate of COVID-19 spread in the facilities. Coronavirus outbreaks lead to plant closures, which caused America's immense meat and poultry production to halt. A backlog of animals ready for slaughter swiftly formed.

Montana U.S. Senator Jon

Tester introduced a piece of legislation, New Markets for State-Inspected Meat and Poultry, for the next coronavirus relief package. The act would allow meat and poultry inspected by Food Safety Inspection Services approved State Meat and Poultry Inspection programs to be sold across state lines. According to Tester, the opportunity would allow Montana ranchers to use state facilities to get their product on the market, which would reduce backlogs in the bigger federal inspected meatpacking plants.

"I'd be surprised if they did that," Ranchland Packing Company owner Justin Fisher said. "But in theory, they should be allowed to because they [state inspected meatpacking companies] follow the same Code of Federal Regulations for meat and poultry."

Fisher owns a federally inspected meat packing plant in Butte. He employs 26 people at his Ranchland Packing Company, who are trained to process most parts of cattle and hogs. The assembly lines of the U.S.'s major meat packing plants process more animals in a few weeks than Montana processes in a year.

Ranchland Packing Company slaughters about 60 cattle a week, processing about 45 and shipping

the remaining carcasses to retail customers like butcher shops.

Wyoming will start an extension of the Federal Food Freedom Act, which allows customers a share of an animal or herd for meat distribution, in July. The act imposes several conditions on creating a share and specific contract provisions, so it meets the exemption standards of the Food Freedom Act.

But processing capacity remains a key component to creating these new meat markets for Montana ranchers and consumers. Montana's smaller independent processors have struggled for years to compete with the four big meat packers that hold 80% of the beef market. The result has been fewer local processors.

Large processing plants do not operate like the smaller processing companies, such as Ranchland Packing Company. Assembly lines can train individuals to do a single task of animal processing. But small processing companies have fewer employees, who need to be trained on fully processing an animal. According to Fisher, it takes a few years to become a sufficient processor.

"There is not a lot of capacity in the state for growth," Fisher said.

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# OPINION

## Thank you for your message

Dear Mat,

Thank you for your message in *The Madisonian* last week. It was contemplative and thoughtful. So nice to see some reason, when we see so much fear and rage. Thank you.

Sylvia Carpenter  
Ennis, MT

## Twin Bridges cemetery concerns

Dear Editor,

We visited the Twin Bridges cemetery on May 23, 2020. I was and am appalled at the condition it is in. It doesn't look like it has been watered yet this year. It used to have trees, shrubs and green grass. Now it looks like headstones lined up on the windswept prairie overrun by gophers. One headstone has what looks like a badger hole in front of it, the rest has gopher holes all over. This is a disgrace to anyone visiting their loved ones and even more disrespectful and disgraceful to all who are buried there.

Jim McLaughlin  
Columbus, MT

# OBITUARIES

Leta Marie Hayden  
August 17, 1935 to May 5, 2020



Leta Marie Hayden died May 5, 2020, in San Jose, Calif. from complications of Parkinson's disease. Leta was born in Sheridan, Mont. on August 17, 1935.

Leta graduated from Twin Bridges High School, received her undergraduate degree from

Montana State College in Bozeman and Masters degree from San Jose State College in San Jose, Calif.

In 1958, California became her home for the next 62 years even though she always stated she was a Montanan at heart and that the Montana pioneering spirit was key to her adventurous life. Also in 1958 her first son, Ted, was born followed by Tom in 1961 and Tim in 1963.

During her working career, she was a dietician for the County of Santa Clara, started a sandwich shop chain called "The Earl of Sandwich" and drove a food truck. She cherished being a national spokesperson for the American Cancer Society after surviving double breast cancer in her forties.

Volunteering and travel became her hobbies during retirement. She volunteered in Houston for Katrina victims, started a weekly luncheon program on Guemes Island, Washington where she had an island getaway for many years and served on many community boards.

Leta traveled constantly to either family celebrations throughout the Western United States or to one of the seven continents. She had adventures with the penguins in Antarctica, rode a one horse cart to Timbuktu in the middle of Africa, visited the Braach family home in Germany, fed pigeons in St Petersburg Square, Russia, rode in the outback of Australia, toured many South American countries, hiked the Great Wall in China and toured

49 states in a motorhome.

Leta continued her faith most recently worshipping and volunteering at Fallbrook, Calif. United Methodist Church.

Leta is survived by sons Tom Levin and Ted Levin, daughter-in-law Elissa, grandsons Teddy Levin and Walker Levin, granddaughters Kelly Levin and Taylor Levin, daughter-in-law Amy, brothers Craig Hayden (Shirley) and Bernard Rosling.

She was preceded in death by her dad Glenn, stepdad Evert Rosling and mother, Nettie Rosling, son Tim Levin, grandson Scott Levin, daughter-in-law Zoe and sister in law Eldora (Dodo) Rosling.

Cremation has taken place. At a later date the remains will be interred in the family plot at Twin Bridges, Montana cemetery.



## Scholarship winners announced

Submitted by KAREN TOWN

The Walsh Family of Twin Bridges is pleased to announce the following recipients of a scholarship award in the amount of \$750 to 2020 area graduates. These students were selected based upon leadership, work and community service, goals and aspirations. Even in these days of remote learning, students still need financial

support and encouragement so the Walsh Family is happy to be able to help students pursue their dream of higher education.

**Amanda Grow** - Sheridan High School Amanda will be attending the University of Montana Western this fall studying Psychology. Amanda is the daughter of Matt & Wendy Grow of Sheridan.

**Cade McParland** - Sheridan High School Cade is the

son of Emily & Brian McParland and has chosen Fish & Wildlife Ecology as his major at the University of Montana Western.

**Nate Konen** - Twin Bridges High School Nate will be attending the Montana Technical University (aka Montana Tech) this fall with planned study in Electrical Engineering. Gary and Bobbie Jo Konen are Nate's parents.

This scholarship program

was formally known as the Ruby Valley Bank Scholarship and, including this year's winners, since 2003, this scholarship program has recognized 74 area high school graduates with \$53,000 in scholarships. The scholarships are facilitated through the Twin Bridges School and Community Foundation. Congratulations to all the area graduates and good luck in your higher education pursuits!



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## Department of Livestock proposes Designated Surveillance Area boundary adjustment in Madison County

Submitted by CHELSI BAY

The Montana Department of Livestock (DOL) is proposing a change to the boundary of the Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) for brucellosis. The proposed administrative rule change is in response to the discovery of two brucellosis exposed elk in the Ruby Mountains, outside of the current DSA boundary. The boundary adjustment will ensure

that cattle and domestic bison at risk of exposure to infected wildlife are included in disease surveillance efforts. A public comment period is open until 5 p.m. on June 18, 2020.

Wild elk and Yellowstone National Park bison are the last known reservoirs of brucellosis in the U.S. Periodic. Transmission from infected wildlife to livestock occurs with infected wild elk determined to have been

the source over the last 10 years. The potential for transmission to livestock is why Montana has an established DSA with surveillance and traceability requirements for cattle and domestic bison.

Cattle and domestic bison that utilize ground within the DSA have brucellosis testing, identification and vaccination requirements. These requirements include brucellosis testing

prior to change of ownership or movement out of the DSA. Disease surveillance requirements maintain the marketability of Montana cattle by assuring the brucellosis-free status of Montana livestock.

"This is the fifth boundary adjustment in the 10 years that the DSA has existed," says Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian. "Each year, Livestock partners with Fish, Wildlife & Parks to

conduct live elk captures for brucellosis surveillance. Information from these captures help us determine where and if an expansion to the DSA is necessary in response to the presence of brucellosis positive wildlife on the landscape."

Additional information and the proposed rule can be found on the DOL website at [www.liv.mt.gov](http://www.liv.mt.gov). Comments can be submitted via email to [MDOLcom-ments@mt.gov](mailto:MDOLcom-ments@mt.gov). Please submit comments no later than close of business on June 18.

The mission of the Montana Department of Livestock is to control and eradicate animal diseases, prevent the transmission of animal diseases to humans, and to protect the livestock industry from theft and predatory animals. For more information on the Montana Department of Livestock, visit <http://liv.mt.gov/>.

## CAUTION: Elk calving season has begun

BEWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS!

Submitted by YELL PUBLIC AFFAIRS, NPS

- Elk calving season has started in Yellowstone National Park.
- Cow elk are much more aggressive towards people during the calving season and may charge or kick.
- Stay alert. Look around corners before exiting buildings or walking around blind spots: cow elk may bed their calves near buildings and cars.
- Keep at least 25 yards from elk at all times.
- If an elk charges you, find shelter in your vehicle or behind a tall, sturdy barrier as quickly as possible.
- You are responsible for your own safety.
- Visit <https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/nature/elk.htm> for more information.

## Madison Ranger District implements 'Pack In, Pack Out' policy

Submitted by JESSICA SCHICK

Effective immediately, the Madison Ranger District will begin implementing a "Pack In, Pack Out" policy at one day-use area and several campgrounds.

As a result of this policy change, trash service will no longer be available at Wade Lake Picnic Area and Cliff Point, Hilltop, Wade Lake,

Riverview, Madison and West Fork campgrounds.

"Forest users packing their own trash out enables us to focus our limited time and funding on projects that will improve these sites," said Madison District Ranger Dale Olson. "With this change, summer crews will be able to spend more time addressing a backlog of deferred maintenance issues at these sites."

Instead of collecting and hauling visitor garbage, crews will have more time for repairing broken table planks, replacing rusted out fire rings, rebuilding diminished tent pads, maintaining trails, and addressing signage and safety issues.

For additional information about this policy change, please call the Madison Ranger District at 406-682-4253.

## Ruby Valley Conservation District welcomes new faces

Submitted by AUDRA BELL

Dominique Shore joined the Ruby Valley Conservation District in May as the new Stewardship Director. She is eager to begin working on a wide range of conservation tasks to improve water quality and quantity in the Ruby Valley. She received a B.S. in Geology from Fort Lewis College and is completing a M.S. at Utah State University studying landscape response to a growing mountain

range in southern Taiwan. In 2019, she interned for the Ruby Habitat Foundation where she fell in love with the Ruby Valley and its waters and wildlife. In her free time, she enjoys anything that keeps her outside and active including mountain biking, running, backcountry skiing, and fly fishing.

Audra Bell is the new Big Sky Watershed Corps member. She was born and raised in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Bell received her bachelor's degree in Geo-

science emphasizing in Hydrology and a minor in Geospatial Analysis from Boise State. After three years in Boise, she returned home to take a position with Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality as a stream technician. She greatly appreciates the wilderness after spending the summer camping and collecting stream data throughout the Idaho panhandle. On her off time, she enjoys skiing, hiking, biking, fishing and merely being outdoors.



Audra Bell



Dominique Shore

## A creative way to help

GRADUATES ACROSS THE NATION DONATE GOWNS TO FRONTLINE WORKERS



By JANA BOUNDS  
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Montana has weathered the COVID-19 storm well with regard to maintaining safety in healthcare facilities. The personal protective equipment (PPE) shortages plaguing facilities in other areas of the nation mean that some doctors and nurses have had to resort to using trash bags in an attempt to protect themselves and patients.

Graduates can now upcycle their gowns to help healthcare workers in need of PPE. Gowns4Good was established in April to facilitate the donation of graduation gowns – which according to the organization's website are more effective PPE alternatives "given their length, sleeves and easy zippered access" – to healthcare workers.

There are currently 86,370 gowns requested by medical facilities and 10,045 donated. Visit [gowns4good.net](http://gowns4good.net) to fill-out a form, select the medical facility to be helped and for shipping instructions.

Over 80,000 gowns have been requested by healthcare facilities.  
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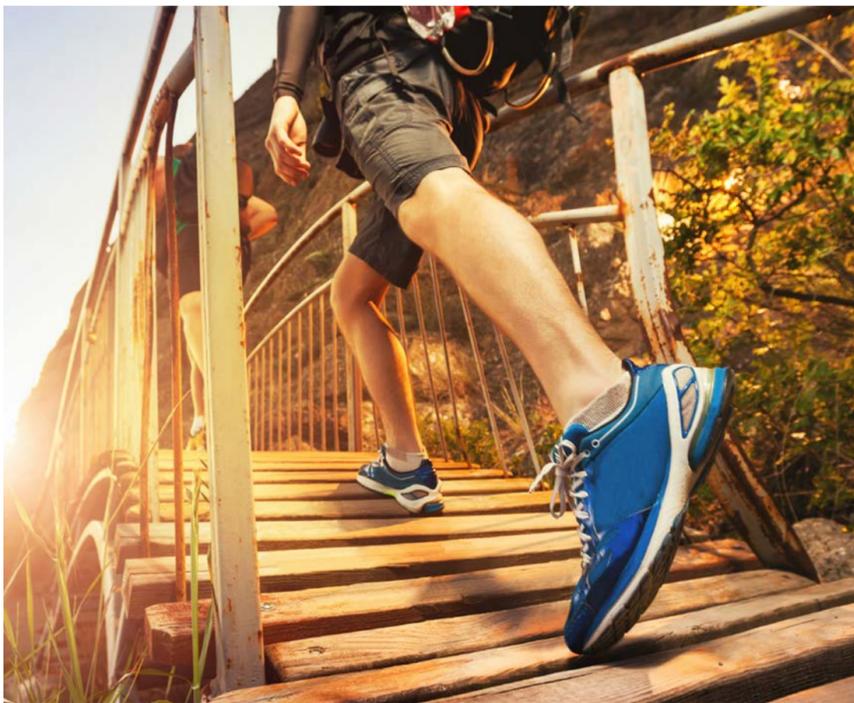
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## Food security

By WALTER SCHWEITZER  
President, Montana Farmers Union

When I looked up "food security" this definition made the most sense to me. "Food security incorporates a measure of resilience to future disruption or unavailability of critical food supply due to various risk factors including droughts, shipping disruptions, fuel shortages, economic instability, and wars." Covid19 has revealed that we do not have food security in the USA.

It does not make sense that our local grocery stores are rationing dairy and meat products while family farms are being forced to dump milk and euthanize livestock. Our food supply chain is broken. How did we get to this surreal place in America history? Over 70 years ago American leaders started pursuing a cheap food policy. I listened to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue brag in his speech at the National Farmers Union Convention that American farmers produce the cheapest food in the world. He is proud that less than 10% of household income goes toward buying food in America.

American farm policy encourages large corporate farms and centralized processing facilities. Montana and American farmers have become good at producing cheap food commodities for the world, but ironically the Covid19 crisis

demonstrates that we struggle to feed ourselves. Most ag products are shipped 1000 miles to mega processing plants to be processed and packaged and then shipped back 1000 miles to be put on our local grocery shelves. This is a recipe for disaster. Many of these multinational plants are being forced to shut down because their workers have Covid19. This has caused a disruption in supply. Because of the disruption farmers have too much of their production left on the farm at the same time consumers are being rationed.

History has proven that we can reverse this trend. In 1920, five packers controlled 75% of the beef trade. The Federal Trade Commission with the threat of enforcing antitrust laws forced the packers to sign the 1920 Packers Consent Decree and 18 months later the President signed into law the Packers Stockyard Act. "The act makes it unlawful for any packer (1) to engage in unfair, unjustly discriminatory or deceptive practices; (2) give undue or unreasonable preference or advantage in commerce to persons or localities; (3) purchase or sell as between each other for the purpose of (a) apportioning supply, (b) manipulating or controlling prices, (c) creating a monopoly, or (d) restraining commerce; (4) engage in practices or commit acts which in effect result in creating monopolies or restraint of com-

merce; (5) conspire, combine or otherwise arrange with other persons to apportion territory for business purposes, allocate purchases or sales, manipulate or control prices, or (6) aid or abet in doing any of the things made unlawful by the act." Congress had to force the Attorney General to enforce the law and eventually the five packers control of the beef trade was reduced to 25%.

In 1981, Clark Willingham filed a lawsuit to end the Packers Decree and he won. He later became the first president of the NCBA, the packers lobbying group. Gradually four packers were able to gain control of 84% of the beef in America. In 2017 the USDA eliminated the Grain Inspection Stockyard Agency and moved it under Agricultural Marketing Services effectively gutting the agency.

However, the laws are still on the books and could be enforced. We need to act now to encourage Congress and USDA to enforce these laws and

break the stranglehold that the packers have on consumers and producers. We should be using some of the Covid19 dollars to invest in regional processing plants. Smaller processing plants located near the production spread throughout rural America would create a more resilient food supply. These small regional plants would create good paying jobs for the underemployed in small cities across America. With just a few workers in each plant we would not run the risk of a disease outbreak shutting down a plant that that processes a quarter of our meat supply. It would give producers more options to market their production, and consumers would have a secure supply of locally produced and processed food. I suggest during the Covid19 crisis we should take this opportunity to make lemonade from lemons.

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**Thursday**



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**Friday**



Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. High 82F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday**



Partly cloudy. Near record high temperatures. High 82F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.

**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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## HIGH WATERS

### RIVER CONDITIONS IN THE SPRING

#### CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

**WATER FLOW TERMS. ... CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS) - A RATE OF THE FLOW, IN STREAMS AND RIVERS, FOR EXAMPLE. IT IS EQUAL TO A VOLUME OF WATER ONE FOOT HIGH AND ONE FOOT WIDE FLOWING A DISTANCE OF ONE FOOT IN ONE SECOND. ONE "CFS" IS EQUAL TO 7.48 GALLONS OF WATER FLOWING EACH SECOND. COURTESY USGS**

By KEELY LARSON  
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Memorial Day weekend is often viewed as the beginning of camping season in Montana. More often than not, it snows the very same weekend. In some ways, the end-of-May holiday embodies many of the factors that make rivers in the area more dangerous in the spring. Water is moving faster with runoff from melting snow and added precipitation in terms of rain or snowfall accumulating.

"When the water's really high like that it usually is pretty muddy," Sara Smith, boating education coordinator with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP), said. Mud adds an opaqueness to the water, making it difficult to see debris or hazards below the surface.

Smith advised water recreators to check with local FWP wardens and river guides before planning a trip. "Especially this time with high water, they've probably been out there more than anyone else," she said of the specialists.

Shane Brozovich, FWP game warden in Ennis, mentioned a debris buildup that occurs almost every year near the Smiling Moose Bridge, a private bridge located near the Smiling Moose Ranch outside of Ennis. He sees 'stringers' in that area, logs that get washed into the river, likely from the West Fork of the Madison.

"Seems like every year we get a couple and people don't see them until the last minute and it causes them problems," Brozovich said, some cases involving capsized boats.

He brought up the Madison Powerhouse project below Ennis Lake. In order to upgrade turbines and generators, water is redirected through the bypass to reach the Madison Dam and Powerhouse.

Water is not expected to run through the pipe until this time next year, Brozovich explained. As a result, water levels in the canyon will be higher this spring below the dam and he cautioned fishermen and floaters to take heed.

River channels change naturally over time, especially if a lot of water is flowing through. These changes are part of the reason why different debris show up and get stuck in the river.

"Right now with the big flows, a couple have moved some trees around," Elliot Budney, shop manager at Four Rivers Fishing Company in Twin Bridges said, referring specifically to the lower Big Hole area. Four Rivers has not sent many boats down there recently due to high water levels.

"Sometimes if there's a lot of water and a certain part of the river gets washed out, the river could be going in a different direction than usual," Smith said.

Safety tips from experts boiled down to using common sense and checking with local guides and FWP wardens before getting on the rivers.

"If there's high water and you're not familiar with an area, maybe wait a week or so before you go out unless you're really experienced," Smith said. Wearing life vests are always advised, but especially this time of year when the river flows are so high. A reminder that life vests for each adult are required on your watercraft and children 12 and under must be wearing them. "If you have to think twice about something or question the safety of the activity, there's probably some risk associated with the activity that you don't need to take," Budney said.

Currently, the Madison River below Ennis Lake is above the 76-year average discharge measured in cubic feet per second (cfs). On May 20, the river reached 3,500 cfs while the average lay near 1,900 cfs.

Smith recommended carrying a throw bag filled with ropes that can be tossed out to a person gone overboard. Additionally, she recommended river users to seek medical attention if exposed to cold water for an extended period of time.

As of May 12, the Ruby River near Twin Bridges was 53.2 degrees, the Jefferson near Silver Star 42.3 degrees and the Madison below Ennis Lake 52.7 degrees. "If someone does go over and they're in the water for very long, hypothermia is always something to be aware of," Smith said.

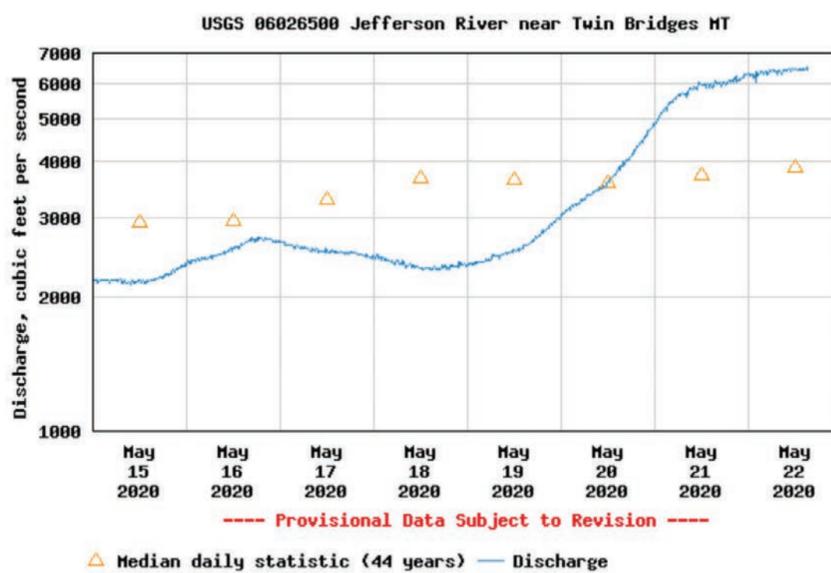
"Every summer it seems like we get problems with people not having a life jacket on a paddle board," Brozovich said. Deemed an approved vessel by the Coast Guard, paddle board users age 11 or younger must wear a life vest while on the vessel, and those older must have one strapped to the board.

In terms of wildlife, Budney saw the first couple of rattlesnakes on Burma Road in Twin Bridges a couple of weeks ago. Moose should be calving pretty soon and can get defensive, he said, encouraging people to keep an eye on their dogs.

Perhaps an obvious statement to make but an easy one to forget, if a popular area on any river is completely deserted the day you decide to go, Smith recommended it may be best to wait for another time.

#### Discharge, cubic feet per second

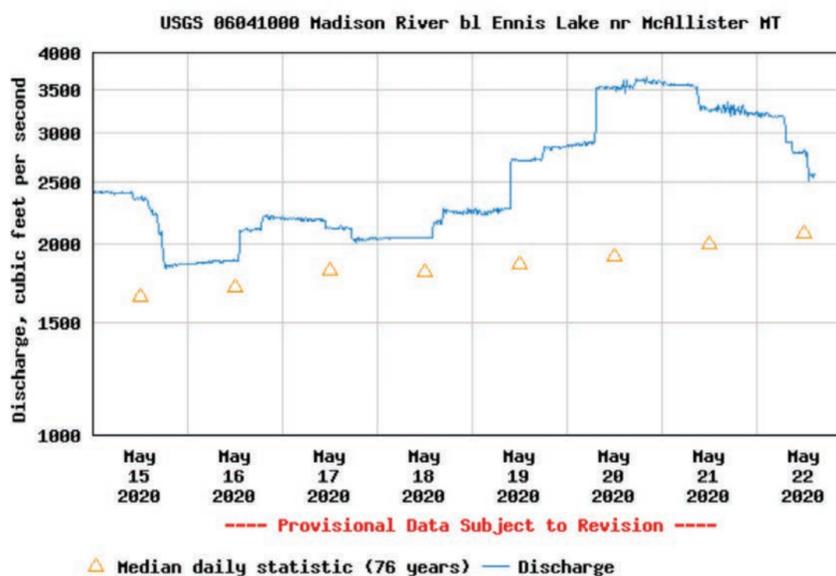
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This graph shows the cfs measurements recently compared with a 44-year average of the Jefferson River near Twin Bridges. PHOTO COURTESY OF USGS

#### Discharge, cubic feet per second

Most recent instantaneous value: 2570 05-22-2020 14:45 MDT



This graph shows the cfs measurements recently compared with a 76-year average of the Madison River below Ennis Lake near McAllister. PHOTO COURTESY OF USGS

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# Shape your family's habits

## HELPING KIDS MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

Submitted by NIH

Many things can influence a child, including friends, teachers, and the things they see when they sit in front of the TV or computer. If you're a parent, know that your everyday behavior plays a big part in shaping your child's behavior, too. With your help, kids can learn to develop healthy eating and physical activity habits that last throughout their lives.

Healthy eating and physical activity are essential for children of any age. "They can have many health benefits for children, including promoting heart health and improving mood," says Dr. Voula Osganian, a child obesity specialist at NIH.

Getting active and eating right may also prevent excess weight and childhood obesity, a growing concern in this country. Today, nearly 1 in 3 children in the United States is overweight or obese. "If someone develops obesity as a child or adolescent, there's a very high likelihood that they'll remain obese or overweight as an adult," Osganian explains. "But studies also show that if you start eating healthy and being active early,

you tend to maintain those habits over time."

Although most of us know that it's a good idea to eat healthy food and move more, it isn't always easy to do. Children aren't likely to change their diet and activity habits on their own. It's up to you to make it easier for your family to make healthy choices.

"Parents are very important in terms of arranging an environment and setting a model for healthy or unhealthy behavior," says Dr. Leonard H. Epstein, an expert

on childhood obesity at the University of Buffalo. "Parents bring foods into the house. They control how much time a child can watch TV. They control what kinds of social activities are paired with foods. And kids learn a huge amount about eating and physical activity from watching and imitating their parents."

Epstein's research shows how important parents can be. In NIH-funded work, his team assigned obese children, ages 8 to 12, to different types of weight loss programs. All the groups were taught about healthy diet, behaviors, and exercise. For

some groups, positive feedback and encouragement for weight loss and behavior changes were given only to the child. Other groups focused on both the child and an obese parent. Comparison groups received little feedback.

The researchers found that when obese parents and children worked together, both were more successful at losing weight and making healthy changes. "Our studies suggest that getting the whole family working together really benefits the child," Epstein says. "Even after 10 years, when these kids were 18 to 22 years old, the ones who had the parent working with them had lost more weight and maintained more weight loss than the ones treated by themselves, and obviously more than the comparison groups."

Over time, most parents gradually began to regain their lost weight, the researchers found. But after 10 years, more than 40% of the kids who worked with their parents had maintained a weight reduction of at least 20%. "The finding suggests that even if the parents go back to their old behaviors, many of the kids will not," says

Epstein.

While it's never too late to start making healthy changes in your family, research suggests that the earlier your kids learn healthy behaviors, the better.

Dr. Julie Lumeng, a pediatrician at the University of Michigan, focuses her NIH-funded research on the factors that affect eating behaviors in young children—especially preschoolers and infants. That's an ideal time to start exposing your children to a variety of healthy foods, such as fruits and vegetables, so they develop a liking for them.

Getting young ones to accept fruits and vegetables can be a challenge, but some parents give up too quickly if a child rejects a new food. Research suggests that the more times you offer a food, the more likely a child will be to warm up to it. "Kids typically have to taste a new food 9 to 15 times to begin to like it," Lumeng says.

If your child doesn't like a new food right away, stay positive and keep trying over time. Encouraging kids to take just one bite of a new food can help. But avoid creating conflicts and stress over it.

"Trying a new food can be exciting and also stressful in general," Lumeng says. "Several studies show that kids are more likely to try a new food if they're eating in a setting that's relaxing and pleasant."

Children under the age of three tend to stop eating on their own when they're full. "But after age three," Lumeng says, "the more you put on their plate, the more they'll eat." So make sure to give your kids child-size portions.

Take opportunities to teach young children about feelings of fullness. "If your child asks for another helping, instead of saying, 'No, honey, you've had enough,' try saying something like, 'You must really be hungry tonight,' to raise their awareness of their feelings," Lumeng suggests. "Or when they stop eating, say, 'Oh, you must feel full now,' to help teach about hunger and feeling satisfied."

Several studies show that parents can effectively influence healthy behaviors by talking in a positive way or avoiding certain situations altogether. "Instead of telling your children, 'No, you can't have any more cookies,' just

keep cookies out of the house altogether," says Lumeng.

When you bring unhealthy food and sugary drinks into the house, "parents essentially become the food police," adds Epstein. "It's easier to create an environment in the home where there's limited access to unhealthy foods and lots of access to healthy foods."

Experts recommend that most kids get at least an hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day. Parents can help by limiting TV and computer time to no more than one or two hours per day.

"Small changes in the home environment can also have a huge effect on physical activity," says Epstein. You can make sports equipment like balls and jump ropes more accessible by putting them next to the door. Walking fast, bicycling, jumping rope, and playing basketball, soccer, or hopscotch are all good ways for kids to be active.

When it comes to food and physical activity, what you say and do around your children can have a lasting effect. Work together as a family to make healthy habits easy and fun.

# Why you need a good night's sleep

Submitted by NIH

We have so many demands on our time—jobs, family, errands—not to mention finding some time to relax. To fit everything in, we often sacrifice sleep. But sleep affects both mental and physical health. It's vital to your well-being.

Of course, sleep helps you feel rested each day. But while you're

sleeping, your brain and body don't just shut down. Internal organs and processes are hard at work throughout the night.

"Sleep services all aspects of our body in one way or another: molecular, energy balance, as well as intellectual function, alertness and mood," says Dr. Merrill Mitler, a sleep expert and neuroscientist at NIH.

When you're tired, you can't

function at your best. Sleep helps you think more clearly, have quicker reflexes and focus better. "The fact is, when we look at well-rested people, they're operating at a different level than people trying to get by on 1 or 2 hours less nightly sleep," says Mitler.

"Loss of sleep impairs your higher levels of reasoning, problem-solving and attention

to detail," Mitler explains. Tired people tend to be less productive at work. They're at a much higher risk for traffic accidents. Lack of sleep also influences your mood, which can affect how you interact with others. A sleep deficit over time can even put you at greater risk for developing depression.

But sleep isn't just essential for the brain. "Sleep affects almost every tissue in our bodies," says Dr. Michael Twery, a sleep expert at NIH. "It affects growth and stress hormones, our immune system, appetite, breathing, blood pressure and cardiovascular health."

Research shows that lack of sleep increases the risk for obesity, heart disease and infections. Throughout the night, your heart rate, breathing rate and blood pressure rise and fall, a process that may be important for cardiovascular health. Your body releases hormones during sleep that help repair cells and control the body's use of energy. These hormone changes can affect your body weight.

"Ongoing research shows a lack of sleep can produce diabetic-like conditions in otherwise healthy people," says Mitler.

Recent studies also reveal that sleep can affect the efficiency of vaccinations. Twery described research showing that well-rested

people who received the flu vaccine developed stronger protection against the illness.

A good night's sleep consists of 4 to 5 sleep cycles. Each cycle includes periods of deep sleep and rapid eye movement (REM) sleep, when we dream. "As the night goes on, the portion of that cycle that is in REM sleep increases. It turns out that this pattern of cycling and progression is critical to the biology of sleep," Twery says.

Although personal needs vary, on average, adults need 7 to 8 hours of sleep per night. Babies typically sleep about 16 hours a day. Young children need at least 10 hours of sleep, while teenagers need at least 9 hours. To attain the maximum restorative benefits of sleep, getting a full night of quality sleep is important, says Twery.

Sleep can be disrupted by many things. Stimulants such as caffeine or certain medications can keep you up. Distractions such as electronics—especially the light from TVs, cell phones, tablets and e-readers—can prevent you from falling asleep.

As people get older, they may not get enough sleep because of illness, medications or sleep disorders. By some estimates, about 70 million Americans of all ages suffer from chronic sleep problems. The 2 most common sleep disorders are insomnia and sleep apnea.

People with insomnia have trouble falling or staying asleep. Anxiety about falling asleep often makes the condition worse. Most of us have occasional insomnia. But chronic insomnia—lasting at least 3 nights per week for more than a month—can trigger serious daytime problems such as exhaustion, irritability and difficulty concentrating.

Common therapies include relaxation and deep-breathing techniques. Sometimes medicine is prescribed. But consult a doctor before trying even over-the-counter sleep pills, as they may leave you feeling unrefreshed in the morning.

People with sleep apnea have a loud, uneven snore (although not everyone who snores has apnea). Breathing repeatedly stops or becomes shallow. If you have apnea, you're not getting enough oxygen, and your brain disturbs your sleep to open your windpipe.

Apnea is dangerous. "There's little air exchange for 10 seconds

or more at a time," explains Dr. Phyllis Zee, a sleep apnea expert at Northwestern University.

"The oxygen goes down and the body's fight or flight response is activated. Blood pressure spikes, your heart rate fluctuates and the brain wakes you up partially to start your breathing again. This creates stress."

Apnea can leave you feeling tired and moody. You may have trouble thinking clearly. "Also, apnea affects the vessels that lead to the brain so there is a higher risk of stroke associated with it," Zee adds.

If you have mild sleep apnea, you might try sleeping on your side, exercising or losing weight to reduce symptoms. A CPAP machine, which pumps air into your throat to keep your airway open, can also help. Another treatment is a bite plate that moves the lower jaw forward. In some cases, however, people with sleep apnea need surgery.

"If you snore chronically and wake up choking or gasping for air, and feel that you're sleepy during the day, tell your doctor and get evaluated," Zee advises.

NIH is currently funding several studies to gain deeper insights into sleep apnea and other aspects of sleep. One 5-year study of 10,000 pregnant women is designed to gauge the effects of apnea on the mother's and baby's health. Zee says this study will shed more light on apnea and the importance of treatment.

Good sleep is critical to your health. To make each day a safe, productive one, take steps to make sure you regularly get a good night's sleep.

### WISE CHOICES GETTING QUALITY SLEEP

- Go to bed the same time each night and get up the same time each morning.
- Sleep in a dark, quiet, comfortable environment.
- Exercise daily (but not right before bedtime).
- Limit the use of electronics before bed.
- Relax before bedtime. A warm bath or reading might help.
- Avoid alcohol and stimulants such as caffeine late in the day.
- Avoid nicotine.
- Consult a health care professional if you have ongoing sleep problems.



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# COLUMNS



## COMMODITY INSITE: AN EMBARRASSING SCENARIO

BY JERRY WELCH

Though the stock market fell 30% in 8 weeks it quickly bottomed and headed north. Now, the market has rallied by more than 35% in 8 weeks, the best rally in 80 years and recouping 65% all that was previously lost. The CRB Index, weighted towards grains and livestock remains 35% lower for the year. Stocks have recovered impressively over the past few months but the U.S. ag-markets remain the weakest of the weak.

According to CBSNews, "... Goldman Sachs, the investment bank predicts in a new report that unemployment, which surged to nearly 15% in April, could soar to 25% this year. That would equal the peak jobless rate during the Great Depression." And, "Although the financial giant expects economic growth to pick up in the second half of 2020 as business resumes, it

forecasts that unemployment will remain at 10% by year-end — matching the high reached in 2009 during the Great Recession. A return to the pre-virus rate is likely years away."

To describe me as befuddled and confused regarding what I posted in the two paragraphs above would be a gross understatement. Here we have a historic rise in unemployment the likes of which has not been seen since the 1930's and the stock market ignores the bad news. Yet, the same news keeps commodities wallowing in red ink.

Here is an embarrassing rub regarding raw commodities per se showing unusual weakness. The Labor Department reported that prices U.S. consumers paid for groceries jumped 2.6% in April, the largest one month gain since 1974, 46 years ago.

CNBC news is quoted as stating, "The spike in supermarket prices was broad based...The price of the meats, poultry, fish and eggs category rose 4.3%, fruits and vegetables climbed 1.5%, cereals and bakery products advanced 2.9%, and dairy goods gained 1.5%."

In other words, those that actually produce grains and livestock, U.S. farmers and ranchers, are not benefitting from a rise in the value of their products. But the commodities ranchers and farmers produce are selling at the highest levels in 46 years in grocery stores across the nation. How can grocery prices be at a 46 year high yet raw commodity prices remain under heavy selling pressure? I am embarrassed by such an economic scenario.

But that also reminds me of a story from, "Haunted By Markets" in a chapter entitled,

"Uncomfortably Embarrassed." "A gorilla walks into a nightclub, strolls up to the bar, slaps a \$50 bill down and says to the barkeep, "Gimme a beer!" The barkeep, startled, nods his head, picks up the \$50 and goes to the end of the bar to get change and a beer. While filling a frosty mug the bartender says to a friend sitting close, "Hey. Did you see that gorilla gave me \$50 for a beer? Was that amazing or what?" His friend, glancing out of the corner of his eyes at the gorilla, replies in a very subdued voice. "Yea, I saw that. It was amazing." Lowering his voice to a whisper he goes on to say, "But only give him back \$5 in change. Gorillas are notoriously bad with money. Notoriously bad."

"The barkeep, head tilting slightly with an eyebrow arching replies, "Really! They're bad with money?" Carrying the beer in

one hand and change in the other the barkeep approaches the gorilla. Placing the \$5 bill and the beer on the bar the barkeep says, "Here you go. Enjoy and here's your change."

"As the gorilla was sipping his beer and slowly looking around the club, the barkeep says, "I'm sure glad you came by. We don't get many gorillas in here for some reason." Turning back to the barkeep the gorilla says, "I bet you don't. Not with beer at \$45 a glass." The barkeep was uncomfortably embarrassed.

Embarrassed is how I feel looking at how easily the stock market can rally when the Fed, White House and Congress embark on a plan to help the economy when all they actually aid and comfort is the stock market. Why can't they, or, why don't they push hard for a

stimulus policy that benefits U.S. farmers and ranchers? Why is it raw commodities are struggling to improve in value when compared to the paper markets, stocks, bonds and the dollar?

According to the Financial Times, the Consumer Price Index in April fell by more than any month since December, 2008. The Times also states what is, "more worrisome is the (downward) trend with commodity prices and virtually all commodities are seeing declines." But once again, such weakness is not showing up in the stock market. Or, with the prices being paid at grocery stores that are now at a 46 year high. I am embarrassed by such a lop-sided economic scenario.

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## THIS, OUR VALLEY *Chess lessons in life*

By Keith Axberg

**Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.**

-Arthur Ashe

I have been teaching my grandson how to play chess. He's eleven years old and sharp as the proverbial tack. We sat down, set up the board and identified the various pieces and the rules of the game. I told him that I wasn't playing to win, but was going to play well enough to help him learn how the pieces move and some things to watch for.

Chess is a fun game. We played. I let him take backslashes whenever he blundered into something catastrophic, and with each succeeding game he has gotten better, smarter, and has become more strategic in his choices. He still hasn't won, as of this writing, but his play has improved enough that I approach each game more carefully so that now I AM playing to win.

One of the things I don't like about playing games is that they tend to bring out a killer instinct in me. I want to play for fun, but when danger lurks, the adrenaline squirts into my veins, my heart races, my face flushes and suddenly I go into kill-mode. It is instinctive. I have virtually no control over it. I don't just want to win; I want to annihilate my

opponent.

That's an attitude I don't like, and a reason I tend to decline invitations to play cards or board games. I don't worry about losing. Far from it, I couldn't care less. But I am a horrible winner. It inflates my ego far beyond all reason. Why should a man near seventy gloat in victory over his eleven year old grandson?

It's unseemly; that's what it is. I also know that it is important to pass along life-lessons to the latest generation, so as we play, we talk. Developing strategies in chess helps us develop strategies in living. The next move is important, but so is looking a few more moves "down" the board. Sacrificing a pawn to gain a rook teaches the value of making a sacrifice for

the benefit of gaining something better. Overcoming the loss of a queen with the better coordination of knights and bishops helps us learn to make do with what we have, which is better than moaning over what we don't have.

We don't always get backslashes and do-overs in life, but sometimes we do. I think it is important to learn about grace, for too many of us have been squeezed dry by judgment and a lack of charity.

A young lad was chastised by his parents for being so miserly in his weekly gifts to his church's Sunday school offering. They knew he had a very generous weekly allowance from which to give. What they didn't know was that he was saving up much of his allowance to buy a coat for a classmate who didn't have a

decent winter-coat to wear. They didn't know his plan because they didn't ask. They judged him in ignorance. After the heated exchange (for that's what it had been) and discovering his (previously hidden) generous heart, they took him to the store, chipped in to help buy the coat, and bought several others for the school's coat and gloves program.

Getting back to chess: at the end of each game, I always extend my hand to compliment my adversary for a game well-played. Win or lose, good sportsmanship is important.

I don't just tell him he played a good game. I identify the moves he made that gave me pause or forced me to change what I was doing. I focus on the things done right and ignore the things done wrong.

I think we often spend too much time rehashing what we or others have done wrong, whether at home, work or the world of politics. I tend to improve when I am told what I've done well. A pat on the back is nice, but I really appreciate it when someone identifies what, specifically, I have done that was meaningful, right, well or good.

I don't believe life is a game wherein God moves us all about the board. In ignorance, we strive to avoid checkmate, only to discover in the end that God's only desire is to BE our Check-Mate in this, our valley.

*Keith Axberg writes on matters concerning life and faith. He can be reached at kfaxberg@gmail.com*



## A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

### The Class of 2020

I take my cowboy hat off to the graduating class. This year has been peculiar. Doubt that any will surpass.

But one thing is for certain. It's a gamble worth the bet. The year of 2020 you will dang sure not forget.

Some have given up and sure to cause them certain strife, but you have reached your first achievement in your many days of life.

You're young and full of spirit, like a filly shakes her tail. Never give up dreaming 'cuz you're afraid that you might fail.

A cowboy's life ain't cheap and with equipment comes expense. A healthy education brings you more than just horse sense.

So be diligent when studying. You've got no time to shirk. And if you plan on making bank, for sure it's worth the work.

There's more to life than money, but it takes a lot to live. So, choose an occupation where you'll have some left to give.

To someone who'll be starting out, the way you are right now. You'll soon find out that everyone can use a break somehow.

Remember, in this life there's not a single thing for free. Somebody's got to pay it and it's usually you and me.

Exhibit deeds of kindness. Cowboys have a Golden Rule. You'll treat each other with respect. If not, then you're a fool.

Some days will be discouraging. You won't know what to do. But this cowboy's telling you there'll be a light come shining through.

Your best years are ahead of you. Be ready for each task. Your God is there to help you. All you gotta do is ask.

So, congratulations seniors. You are gonna love the world. Take a step and cowboy up. You're about to be unfurled.



### SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES – HOW WARMING WEATHER BRINGS WATER DOWNSTREAM

Submitted by  
AUDRA BELL – Ruby Valley  
Conservation District

Each season, we witness aspects of the water cycle in action. During the summertime we observe water supply evaporating from our lakes and rivers and transpire through fields of wheat. In Montana, most of this water is delivered in the winter as snow. Over the last few weeks our local rivers have been showing signs of runoff – the weeks in which our snowpack begins to melt and is transported down-valley in streams and shallow aquifers. Cayan, a climate researcher says, "Over 50% of the water supply in the western US originates from mountain snowmelt and 73% of these basins have seen an advanced snowmelt of 1-3 weeks."

Snow water equivalent (SWE) and ecological properties are two variables that determine the quantity of spring snowmelt. Snow water equivalence is the amount of liquid water found in snow. It is important to know the SWE for hydrologists to

calculate the amount of water that can be expected to run into the streams and reservoirs. Winter enthusiasts are always eager to get into the mountains after a storm that delivers light and fluffy snow however, heavier, denser snow delivers more water to the watershed. Soil properties also impact the amount of water moving to the rivers. Different soils and vegetation types can be better at absorbing water until they become saturated and allow water to run over their surfaces into streams.

Temperature and weather play a large role in the timing of runoff. Over the last few decades the temperatures have been rising by 1-2 degrees Fahrenheit each decade. Global climate models and data indicates that temperature will continue to rise at this rate, suggesting that we will continue to see runoff occurring earlier, and in a shorter period of time. Weather is another driver for runoff timing; spring rain on snow events have been linked to flooding, which may become more common in the future. "In a warmer future, the contribution of rain on snow

to flood runoff will generally increase at high elevations in the Western United States" (Li, 2019).

Calculating snowmelt runoff is important for decisions makers as it can impact flood control, fresh water supply, agriculture production and recreational use. Flooding occurs when there is rapid snowpack melt due to temperature and weather variables. Hydrologists can model the timing and quantity of snowmelt runoff to help water managers oversee water storage for the summer. Reservoir release timing needs to be controlled for multiple stakeholder groups: municipal uses, irrigators, recreationalists, wildlife and many more. Runoff events are especially essential for trout which rely on runoff-controlled cycles of deposition and erosion for habitat and reproduction. Trout use runoff as timing for spring-spawning and runoff controls the timing of aquatic insect hatches. While some of the variables are out of human control, it is essential for communities to understand so we can adapt in the future.

# COMICS & PUZZLES

THEME: LAWYER LINGO

- ACROSS**
- Requests
  - Pub dispenser
  - Feline sound
  - HGTV's "\_\_\_ or Flop"
  - Ferdinand, e.g.
  - Like a ghost
  - \*Pro \_\_\_, or in proportion
  - Miscellany
  - \*Elsewhere
  - \*Response to #51 Across?
  - Cher has one
  - Marine enchantress
  - Not tac nor toe
  - \*Not underwear!
  - \*Battery's companion
  - Literary "even"
  - "\_\_\_ it \_\_\_," or go full force
  - Quartet minus one
  - Greyish brown
  - Common conjunction
  - Ban from school, e.g.
  - Homesteader's measurement
  - Complete failure
  - "Stand and Deliver" singer
  - Relating to breastbone
  - Spectacle venues
  - Marcia's jealous sister
  - Type of assistant, for short
  - Sudden and brilliant success
  - \*Courtroom protest
  - Like blue sky
  - Twins, e.g.
  - Was a passenger
  - Shirking work
  - Volcano in Sicily
  - All over again
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  - Bear's hangout
  - Quiet attention grabber

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  - Eastern European
  - Toy with a tail
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  - Cripple
  - Major European river
  - Ancient Chinese dynasty
  - Stock exchange, in Paris
  - Mollify
  - Anisette, for short
  - Often precedes through, to search
  - Cough syrup amt.
  - Greek Bs
  - Don't just stand there!
  - Habituate
  - Gives a hand
  - Of a city
  - Tarzan's swing rope
  - \*Reasons to sue
  - Peacock's pride

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- \*Lie made under oath
- Pre-Ionic
- Belieber or Parrothead, e.g.
- Usually not allowed in court
- Back of the neck
- \*To lure into a compromising act
- \*To annul or suspend
- Jinn or genie
- Old Russian autocrat
- Anis-flavored aperitif
- Newspaper piece
- Atom that lost an electron, pl.
- Words from Wordsworth, pl.
- Type of salamander
- European peak

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## Ruby Valley Medical Center

The Ruby Valley Medical Center is accepting applications a Full-Time Registered Nurse, benefits available. We have a dynamic and supportive nursing team. Join us! Please visit www.RVMC.org/career-opportunities for more information and to apply on-line.

Substitute Teacher Wanted Alder School will be in need of a long-term substitute teacher from about the middle of September until the end of October. Persons holding a certified educator license preferred. If you are interested in applying for this position, please call Teresa Murdoch at 406-660-1006.

**COACHING POSITIONS**  
Harrison public school is accepting letters of interest for all coaching positions, junior high and high school. Current coaches do not need to reapply. This is an annual advertisement. While all coaching positions are technically open, we currently have no candidates for JH/HS cross country, JH volleyball or JH girls basketball. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to Harrison AD, Heather Hjelle at ad@harrison.k12.mt.us and/or Mr. Hofman at fhofman@harrison.k12.mt.us. You can also mail your letter to Fred Hofman, Harrison Public School, PO Box 7, Harrison, MT 59735. We will review application letters for coaching the last week in May. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school at 685-3428.

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.

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.

## FOR RENT

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For Rent or Sale  
For Rent or Sale in Ennis Unit 1D Lone Elk Mall, 900 sq'. Previously Montana Wellness Center. \$600 per month, plus \$600 deposit. Can also do Lease w/option to purchase, contract for deed. Call 406-490-9464.

### BARKER VILLAGE APARTMENTS:

1 bedroom furnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 4 month lease, \$750 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737.

For Rent: Retail/office space located in the Lone Elk Mall off Main street in Ennis. 1,250 square feet of open space on ground level, downtown. \$950/month plus utilities and common area maintenance dues. Call 640-1351.

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1 bedroom unfurnished apartments available in Ennis. A/C, washer/dryer equipped, private location. 1 year lease, \$700 per month plus security deposit, utilities included, non-smoking, no dogs. Call Erich Vogeli, Manager at 406-682-5737.

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- Communications Officer, Madison County Sheriff's Office-Full-time \$17.24 to \$21.22 hourly;
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- Temporary Custodial Worker-Part-time, Short-term \$14.88 to \$18.60 hourly;
- Weed Program Coordinator-Full-time \$18.61 to \$23.26 hourly; and
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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 made in Virginia City, Cameron and Norris.  
Medical aid was administered in Sheridan.  
Citizens were assisted in Sheridan.  
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Norris.  
Animal complaints were made in Sheridan and Norris.  
A disturbance was reported in Ennis.

**May 18, 2020**

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan and Ennis.  
A dog complaint was made in Ennis.  
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cameron.  
A fire call was made in Ennis.

**May 19, 2020**

Traffic complaints were made in Sheridan and Ennis.  
A prisoner was transported to Gallatin County.  
A citizen was assisted in Ennis.  
A theft complaint was made in Sheridan.  
An accident occurred in Sheridan.  
A dog complaint was made in McAllister.  
A disturbance was reported in Ennis.

**May 20, 2020**

Medical aid was administered in Ennis and McAllister.  
A fraud complaint was made in Ennis.  
A stolen vehicle was reported in Harrison.  
Traffic complaints were made in Sheridan, Ennis and Whitehall.  
A disturbance was reported in Sheridan.  
An accident occurred in Cameron.  
An animal complaint was made in Silver Star.  
A DUI arrest was made in McAllister.

**May 21, 2020**

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan.  
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges.  
A fire call was made in Twin Bridges.  
A traffic complaint was made in Silver Star.

**May 22, 2020**

A citizen was assisted in Ennis.  
A traffic complaint was made in Ennis.  
A public safety complaint was made in Harrison.

**May 23, 2020**

Traffic complaints were made in Ennis.  
A citizen was assisted in Ennis.  
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.



## Pet of the Week

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**M**y mom brought me here for boarding and then abandoned me. I'm so sad. I've been to the vet recently and am tested and negative for FIV/FelV, now up to date on my shots, but to stay healthy I'll need my boosters each year. I'm neutered and a big love. Always been indoors and am friends with Chica. If you want double the play and attention you can take us both. I'm a guy that likes to be petted and loved on and I'll give you loves back. Please make my day and call Misty at 439-1405 and ask for me, It will be purrfectly grand for me. Thanks. Oscar

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MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

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Paid for by Ellis "Eli" Thompson for Madison County Commissioner District 1, P.O. BOX 241, Virginia City, MT 59755

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## MAY 28, 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  
MNXALP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
SK Construction, Inc. PO Box 18276, Missoula MT 59808 (406) 546-8759 has made an agreement with Granger Ranches, Limited Partnership, PO Box 691 Ennis, MT 59729; 406-579- 3434 to purchase up to 36,000 gallons of water per day for use on Madison County's Ennis Airport construction project diverted from the Cameron Ditch in SESWSE of Section 10 Twp. 7S, Rge. 1W. Water subject to this agreement (41F 9002-00) is appurtenant to lands irrigated by Granger Ranches; such lands will be reduced by a commensurate number of acres for the duration of the 2020 irrigation season to offset water being used by SK Construction. Water usage will begin as soon as practicable after contract approval and end in early September.  
(Pub. MAY 21, 28, 2020)  
LASZLO  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
Separate sealed bids for construction of the Glem Bridge Replacement Project will be received by the office of the Madison County Commission at 103 West Wallace Street, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana 59755 until 2:00 P.M. local time on June 9th, 2020 and then publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of the construction of a new bridge located approximately 6.5 miles south of Twin Bridges in Madison County, Montana. The new bridge will replace the existing single-span, overhead steel truss bridge on Silver Bow Lane over the Beaverhead River. The proposed, 136-foot single-span bridge will be constructed of precast prestressed concrete bulb tee beams on a driven pile foundation. Improvements consist of but are not limited to: removal of the existing bridge structure, structure excavation, supply and installation of random riprap, supply and drive steel pipe piles, construction of cast-in-place concrete pile caps, wingwalls & end diaphragms, supply and installation of the bridge superstructure, install cast-in-place concrete bridge barrier rail & approach guardrail, structural backfill, roadway excavation, roadway embankment, gravel surface & base course, fencing, and other miscellaneous items. Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at [www.greatwesteng.com](http://www.greatwesteng.com) or [www.questodn.com](http://www.questodn.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: [reliott@greatwesteng.com](mailto:reliott@greatwesteng.com). Interpretations

or clarifications considered necessary by Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda delivered to all parties recorded as having received the Bidding Documents. Only questions answered by Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Published in The Madisonian on May 21st, May 28th, and June 4th, 2020 Madison County Commission 103 West Wallace Street P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, Montana 59755  
(Pub. MAY 21, 28, JUNE 4, 2020)  
MC COMMISH  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
DAYLIGHT VILLAGE DEMOLITION PERMIT  
The Montana Heritage Commission and the Virginia City Town Council has given permission and approved the demolition permit application for the Daylight Village Cabins (Northern side, backrow) with a physical address of 200 Block E. Wallace Street Virginia City, Montana. Block # 158 Lot # 1-9 The conditions of these structures were deemed unsalvageable, unsafe and uninsurable and the Montana Heritage Commission is in process to replace the structures with a scenic park and additional parking at the location. We are notifying local and state residents that those wanting to salvage some of the materials for historic or nostalgic sentiment will have permission to do so May 15th through the 31st. To access the facility and because of the dangers of the decay and condition a hold harmless agreement must be signed and permission given though the Montana Heritage Commission Executive Director at [eallen@mt.gov](mailto:eallen@mt.gov) or call at 406-369-8147.  
(Pub. MAY 21, 28, 2020)  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
INVITATION TO BID ENNIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 52 Propane Notice is hereby given that the Ennis School District will receive bids until noon on June 8, 2020 in the clerk's office at the Ennis High School, Ennis, Montana. The bid will include delivery of propane (including all hazardous, safety and fuel recovery fees) and service to all district owned facilities beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The bid must include one price for the entire year and be delivered in a sealed envelope. For details and specifications on this project or to schedule a walk through, contact Superintendent, Casey Klasna at 682-4258. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals, and waive any irregularities or informalities.  
(Pub. MAY 21, 28, 2020)  
ENNIS SCHOOL  
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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: [ilymanhbennett@montana.net](mailto:ilymanhbennett@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 Miller, 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 Miller Personal Representative (Pub. MAY 28, JUNE 4, 11, 2020)  
BENNETT  
MNXALP

**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? Protests 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/](http://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) "mailto:VZincke2@mt.gov"  
(Pub. MAY 28, JUNE 4, 2020)  
DEPT REVENUE  
MNXALP

**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  
MNXALP

**NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES**  
The Madison County Board of Commissioners has vacancies on the Big Sky Transportation Board; the DUI Task Force; the Fair Board (representing the Ennis area); three vacancies on the Mental Health Local Advisory Council; two vacancies on the Board of Health; one vacancy for a Substitute Member on the Tax Appeal Board; one vacancy on the Solid Waste Board; and one vacancy on the Madison Valley Cemetery District Board. If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, or by email at [mado@madisoncountymt.gov](mailto:mado@madisoncountymt.gov). PDF application forms can be found on the county website at <https://madisoncountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/833> Please return completed applications to: Madison County Commissioners' Office P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755  
(Pub. MAY 28, 2020)  
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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](http://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-and-information>. 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 59711-1389. 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  
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**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 be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on June 11, 2020.  
(Pub. MAY 28, JUNE 4, 2020)  
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# TOGETHER WE ARE WINNING THE WAR AGAINST COVID-19



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

**WE MUST LISTEN AND ACT NOW!**

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

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

Violation of the orders have the following penalties:

- ALL TRIBAL OFFICES WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL MAY 31, 2020.**
- ALL ROADS WITHIN THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION ARE CLOSED TO REGULAR PUBLIC TO NON ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC.** Stay at home except for essential travel, such as grocery shopping and for medical reason.
- CRIMINAL INFECTION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.** It shall be unlawful for a person to knowingly or recklessly expose another person to a contagious disease.
- IF YOU TRAVEL TO AN INFECTED AREA OR YOU HAVE COVID-19, YOU MUST QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS.**
- ALCOHOL:** Alcohol sales are allowed from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Any person found to have committed an alcohol offense while the Blackfeet Reservation is under any order under this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or more per offense in addition to those penalties prescribed in the Blackfeet Law and Order Code.
- ALL VACATION RENTAL SITES** on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation are hereby closed to non-residents of the Blackfeet Reservation until further notice.
- CURFEW:** Curfew is still in place from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. It shall be unlawful for any person to be in public areas during the prohibited hours prescribed in a current curfew order.
- BUSINESS CLOSURE, STAY AT HOME, SOCIAL DISTANCING OR QUARANTINE.** Any person to be found in violation of a current Stay at Home or Quarantine Order without a valid defense shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed six (6) months incarceration and/or \$5,000.00 fine in addition to those penalties prescribed in the Blackfeet Law and Order Code.

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

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

**CLOSED TEMPORARILY**

Sponsored by:

**Blackfeet Tribal Business Council and the Blackfeet Tribe**

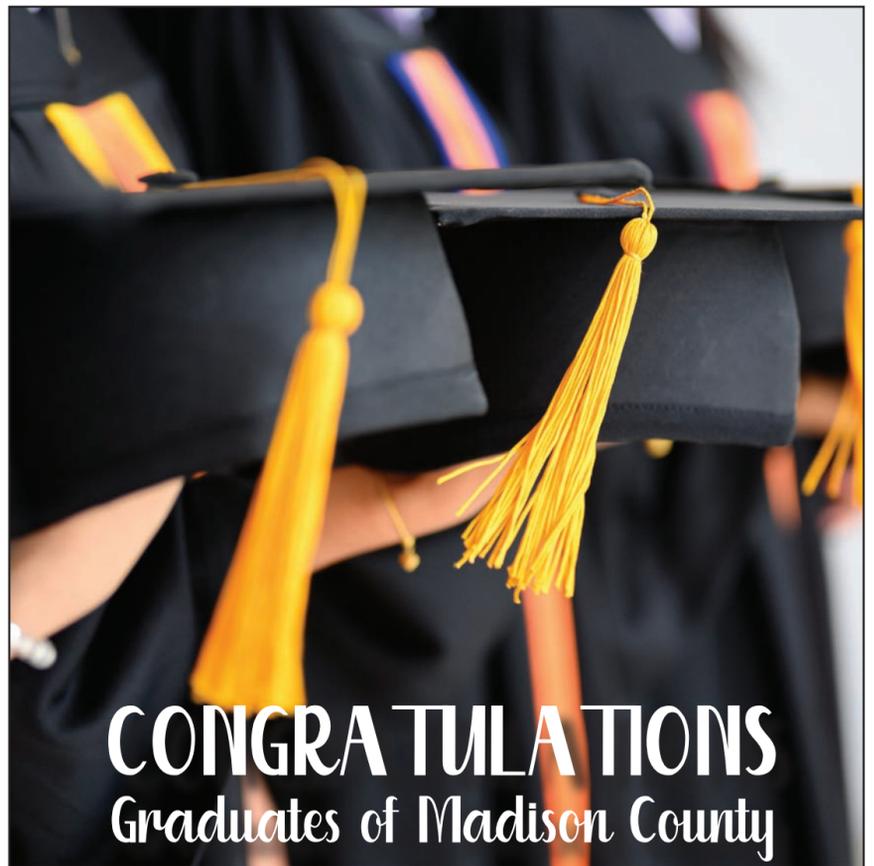



# NOTICE

BELOW IS A SAMPLE OF THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION PUBLICATION BALLOT FOR JUNE 2, 2020

This publication is a REPRESENTATION of ALL Party Ballots. Only those in Commission Dist # 1 (VCR/Shining Mtns, Virginia City, Alder and Sheridan) will vote for Commissioner OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION PUBLICATION BALLOT MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA - JUNE 2, 2020

| MADISON COUNTY                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | STATE OF MONTANA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | JUNE 2, 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
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| <b>FEDERAL AND STATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |  | <b>FEDERAL AND STATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | <b>FEDERAL AND STATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <b>FOR PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                |  | <b>FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | <b>FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| <input type="radio"/> JOSEPH R. BIDEN DEMOCRAT<br><input type="radio"/> BERNIE SANDERS DEMOCRAT<br><input type="radio"/> ELIZABETH WARREN DEMOCRAT<br><input type="radio"/> NO PREFERENCE DEMOCRAT |  | <input type="radio"/> JOHN GIBNEY GREEN<br><br><b>FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b><br><input type="radio"/> JOE DOOLING REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> JOHN EVANKOVICH REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> DEBRA LAMM REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> MARK J. MCGINLEY REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> MATT ROSENDALE REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> COREY STAPLETON REPUBLICAN |  | <input type="radio"/> BOWEN GREENWOOD REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> CHRISTI JACOBSEN REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> BRAD JOHNSON REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> KURT JOHNSON REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> FORREST J. MANDEVILLE REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> SCOTT SALES REPUBLICAN |  |
| <b>FOR PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                |  | <b>FOR GOVERNOR &amp; LT. GOVERNOR (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <input type="radio"/> NO PREFERENCE GREEN<br><br><input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> NO PREFERENCE REPUBLICAN                                                |  | <input type="radio"/> COONEY/SCHREINER DEMOCRAT<br><input type="radio"/> WILLIAMS/MATTEIJN DEMOCRAT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | <input type="radio"/> KIMBERLY P. DUDIK DEMOCRAT<br><input type="radio"/> RAPH GRAYBILL DEMOCRAT                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <b>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                    |  | <b>FOR GOVERNOR &amp; LT. GOVERNOR (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <input type="radio"/> STEVE BULLOCK DEMOCRAT<br><input type="radio"/> MIKE KNOLES DEMOCRAT<br><input type="radio"/> JOHN MUES DEMOCRAT                                                             |  | <input type="radio"/> BARB/THOMAS GREEN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | <input type="radio"/> ROY DAVIS GREEN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                    |  | <b>FOR GOVERNOR &amp; LT. GOVERNOR (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <input type="radio"/> DENNIS DANEKE GREEN<br><input type="radio"/> WENDIE FREDRICKSON GREEN                                                                                                        |  | <input type="radio"/> FOX/KNOKEY REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> GIANFORTE/JURAS REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> OLSZEWSKI/BOGNER REPUBLICAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | <input type="radio"/> SHANE A. MORIGEAU DEMOCRAT<br><input type="radio"/> MIKE WINSOR DEMOCRAT                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                    |  | <b>FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | <b>FOR STATE AUDITOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <input type="radio"/> STEVE DAINES REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> JOHN BRIAN DRISCOLL REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> DANIEL R. LARSON REPUBLICAN                                         |  | <input type="radio"/> BRYCE BENNETT DEMOCRAT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | <input type="radio"/> TROY DOWNING REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> NELLY NICOL REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> SCOTT 'LUX' TUXBURY REPUBLICAN                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                             |  | <b>FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | <b>FOR STATE AUDITOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <input type="radio"/> KATHLEEN WILLIAMS DEMOCRAT<br><input type="radio"/> TOM WINTER DEMOCRAT                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |



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| MADISON COUNTY                                                                                  |  | STATE OF MONTANA                                                                                                                                                 |  | JUNE 2, 2020 |  |
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| <b>FEDERAL AND STATE</b>                                                                        |  | <b>FEDERAL AND STATE</b>                                                                                                                                         |  |              |  |
| <b>FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                            |  | <b>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 71 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                       |  |              |  |
| <input type="radio"/> MELISSA ROMANO DEMOCRAT                                                   |  | <input type="radio"/> IAN FOOT DEMOCRAT                                                                                                                          |  |              |  |
| <b>FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                            |  | <b>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 71 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                       |  |              |  |
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| <b>FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                            |  | <b>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 71 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                       |  |              |  |
| <input type="radio"/> ELSIE ARNTZEN REPUBLICAN                                                  |  | <input type="radio"/> KENNETH M WALSH REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> CINDY YOUNKIN REPUBLICAN                                                               |  |              |  |
| <b>FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                |  | <b>NONPARTISAN - STATE</b>                                                                                                                                       |  |              |  |
| <input type="radio"/> TOM WOODS DEMOCRAT                                                        |  | <b>FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #5 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                               |  |              |  |
| <b>FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                |  | <input type="radio"/> MIKE BLACK<br><input type="radio"/> LAURIE MCKINNON<br><input type="radio"/> MARS SCOTT                                                    |  |              |  |
| <b>FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                |  | <b>FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #6 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                               |  |              |  |
| <input type="radio"/> JAMES BROWN REPUBLICAN<br><input type="radio"/> ALAN H. GEORGE REPUBLICAN |  | <input type="radio"/> JIM SHEA                                                                                                                                   |  |              |  |
|                                                                                                 |  | <b>NONPARTISAN - COUNTY</b>                                                                                                                                      |  |              |  |
| <b>FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 36 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                             |  | <b>FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                         |  |              |  |
|                                                                                                 |  | <input type="radio"/> DAN W. ALLHANDS<br><input type="radio"/> DAVID BACON<br><input type="radio"/> ROBERT "DUDE" ERDALL<br><input type="radio"/> ELLIS THOMPSON |  |              |  |
| <b>FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 36 (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                             |  | <b>FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>                                                                                                                   |  |              |  |
| <input type="radio"/> JEFF WIELBORN REPUBLICAN                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |              |  |



## MADISON COUNTY ELECTIONS

### NOTICE TO VOTERS

The machines shown below will be used for the 2020 Primary Election

The ExpressVote is a ballot marking device and is used primarily for voters who require assistance in marking their ballot. It is not tied to the internet, is equipped with Braille keypads, touch screen and headphones. It is set up at the Election Office in the Admin Building in VC and replaces the old AutoMark system. The M650 shown below on the right is our optical scanner used to tabulate Madison County's ballots. It is a completely independent system which is not attached to any other devices or to the internet. It is used by the Madison County Counting Board and is tested before and on Election Day to insure its accuracy. This year we are conducting an all-mail Primary, therefore, ballots will be ready to begin counting at about 6 pm on June 2nd. All election processes are open to the public, but any observers in the Public Meeting Room where the count will take place will be required to sign in and remain sequestered there until voting ends at 8 pm.



EARLY PREPARATION of MAIL BALLOTS will begin at approximately 8 am on Monday, June 1st. Madison County election staff and Judges will open the ballot secrecy envelopes, remove the voted ballots, reconcile and place them into secure ballot boxes until counting begins. The public is invited to observe this process. Those who do must sign in and observe COVID-19 distancing precautions.

Observe Democracy at Work!

Madison County Elections 843.4270

# FIND FELLOWSHIP WITH US



Contact your place of worship for current guidelines.

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

**Rocky Mountain Baptist Church**  
 Will Stevens, Pastor  
 682-4949  
 Sunday School 9:45am  
 Morning Service 11am  
 Afternoon Service 1:30pm  
 Tuesday Womens Bible Study 6pm  
 Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pm  
 6 Blocks South of City Complex  
 Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
 Sheridan Ward - Visitors Welcome  
 Sacrament Meeting Sundays, 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 11:20 a.m.  
 R S & Priesthood 12:10 p.m.  
 Mutual (Youth Group) Weds. 7:00p.m.  
 3560 | MT State Hwy 287 Sheridan 842-5860  
 Bishop Shaw 684-5255

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

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

**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 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

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

**FISHERS OF MEN**  
 MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 Phil 2:16  
 Holding forth the word of life:  
**Dr. Ray Teston**  
 Pastor  
**Peter Rosenberger**  
 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, P.O. Box 668, Ennis, MT  
**Phone 682-4244 SBC**  
**MADISON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Aides for the hearing impaired

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

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
 The Church of Word and Sacrament  
 Visitors Welcome  
 Pastor Ken Stensrud  
 • Sunday Service 9:00 am  
 • Bible Study 10:15 am  
 • Sunday School 10:15 am  
 Corner of Madison and Armitage St. Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

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

**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.rvecc.org  
 Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

**GET RESULTS.**  
 advertise in The Madisonian. call 682-7755 to make a plan.

**GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**  
 WEARING SHARING  
 The Full Armour of God

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
 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

## AREA SENIOR MEALS

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

Thursday, May 28 – Baked fish, rice pilaf, 3-bean salad, dessert  
 Friday, May 29 – Pork roast, mashers, gravy, veggies, dessert  
 Monday June 1 – Turkey pastrami sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert  
 Tuesday, June 2 – Ham & scalloped potatoes, veggies, dessert  
 Wednesday, June 3 – Crispy chicken & gravy, biscuits, veggies, dessert  
 Thursday, June 4 – Chef salad, roll, dessert  
 Friday, June 5 – Fried cod, fries, coleslaw dessert

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

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

**VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ**  
 Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.  
**Delivery in VC if seniors call between 10am and Noon on those days.**  
 Thursday, May 28 - Pot roast, potatoes, carrots, roll, dessert

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

**COVID UPDATE: Still serving meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Center as Take Out Only.**  
**All meals are served with fresh home baked rolls, veggie/fruit, and dessert**  
**ALL GATHERINGS AND CLUB MEETINGS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
 Wednesday, May 27 - Lasagna, foccacia, veggie, italian salad, pound cake  
 Friday, May 29 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! Beef stroganoff, veggie, salad, cupcake

**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, May 27 - Mexican Mix up  
 Wednesday, June 3 - Tuscan chicken  
 Wednesday, June 10 - Roast pork dinner



— 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**  
 (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  
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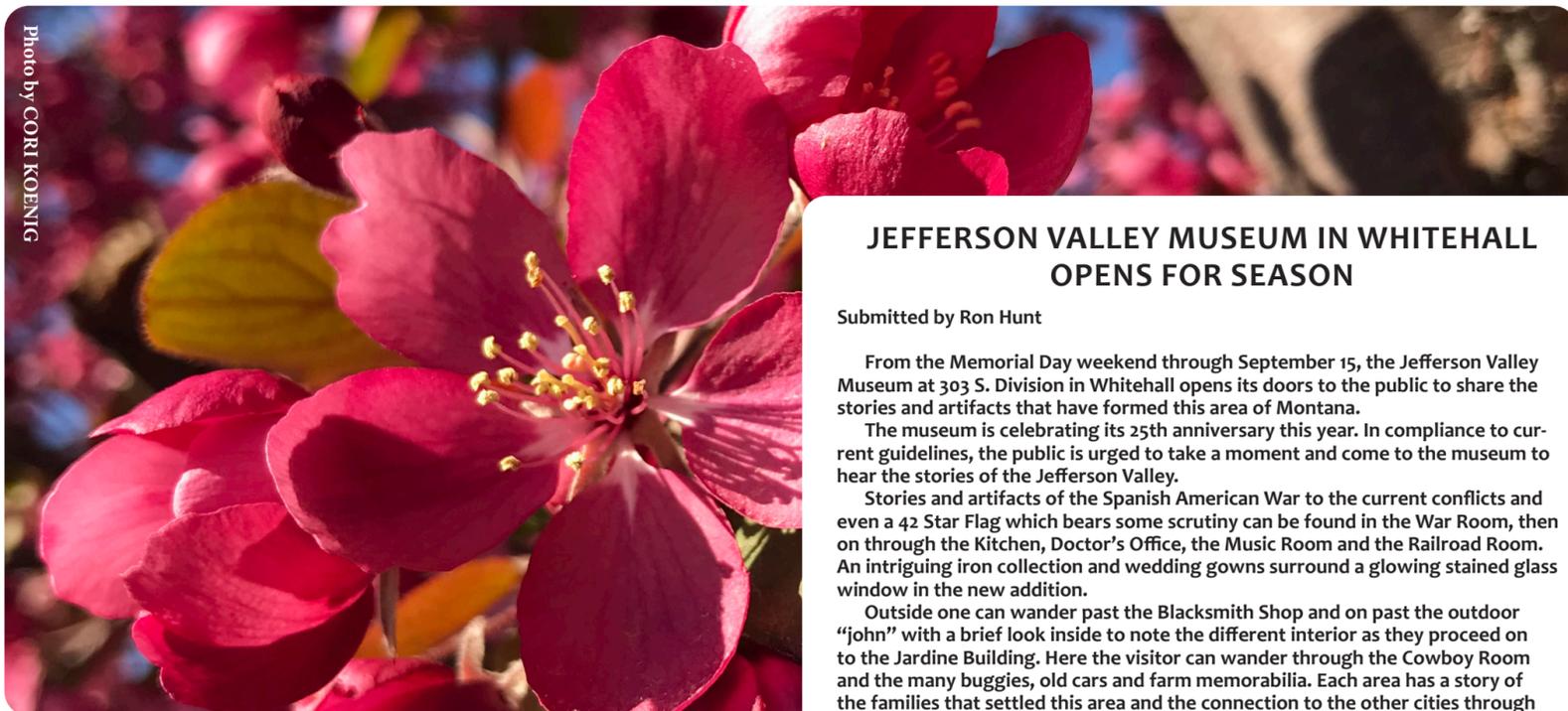
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## REGULAR EVENTS

### MONDAYS

10 a.m.

Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing

Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789>

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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>

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### THURSDAYS

2 – 3 p.m.

MSU Extension offers webinars about the coronavirus and its effects on the economy

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### FRIDAY, MAY 29

"The Birds of Lewis &amp; Clark Caverns State Park"

with Montana Audubon

Lewis &amp; Clark Caverns State Park Summer Speakers Series

8 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Montana Audubon

Where: Via Zoom Meeting

Participants will join in by clicking on the Zoom link on the event post on the Lewis & Clark Caverns Facebook page or by contacting [Emily.dickerson@mt.gov](mailto:Emily.dickerson@mt.gov).

### 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](mailto:redrockcin@cox.net) or 406-682-7285.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

National Trails Day Cryptid Hunt at the Caverns

### 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.

## JEFFERSON VALLEY MUSEUM IN WHITEHALL OPENS FOR SEASON

Submitted by Ron Hunt

From the Memorial Day weekend through September 15, the Jefferson Valley Museum at 303 S. Division in Whitehall opens its doors to the public to share the stories and artifacts that have formed this area of Montana.

The museum is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. In compliance to current guidelines, the public is urged to take a moment and come to the museum to hear the stories of the Jefferson Valley.

Stories and artifacts of the Spanish American War to the current conflicts and even a 42 Star Flag which bears some scrutiny can be found in the War Room, then on through the Kitchen, Doctor's Office, the Music Room and the Railroad Room. An intriguing iron collection and wedding gowns surround a glowing stained glass window in the new addition.

Outside one can wander past the Blacksmith Shop and on past the outdoor "john" with a brief look inside to note the different interior as they proceed on to the Jardine Building. Here the visitor can wander through the Cowboy Room and the many buggies, old cars and farm memorabilia. Each area has a story of the families that settled this area and the connection to the other cities through mining, music and politics.

This history museum has hosted visitors from all 50 states as well as Canada, Mexico and Europe. Many come to search the genealogy files and gather historical family information. This free museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 12 p.m. (noon) to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come share the stories contained within this historical building. Perhaps even adding a few of their own!

## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CRYPTID HUNT AT THE CAVERNS

Submitted by Emily Dickerson

Montana State Parks ([stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov)) will host a "Cryptid Hunt" scavenger hunt at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In this social-distancing event to celebrate National Trails Day, hikers will explore the short Nature Loop Trail located at the upper picnic area (a pleasant quarter mile walk) and use their "Guide to Montana Cryptids" booklet to identify the monster plaguing the park. Play the part of a cryptozoologist from a secret society and use your knowledge of animal adaptations to puzzle out which paranormal entity is responsible for the destruction.

Participants will learn about hoop snakes, dingmauls, thunderbirds, bugbears and other supernatural beasts on a scavenger hunt designed to keep parkgoers safe and healthy. Monster hunters should wear comfortable hiking clothes and bring hand sanitizer for safely handling the trail clues. The monster booklet and "Assignment Briefing" document can be found and downloaded on the park's "Cryptid Hunt!" Facebook event post (@LewisandClarkCaverns). With the book's guidance, which comes in both child and adult versions for different levels of challenge, hunters will find clues along the trail that will help them name the monster and save the park. Once you think you know which monster it is, check in at the Cave Visitor Center to see if you got it right!

For more information call the park visitor center at (406) 287-3541.

<http://stateparks.mt.gov/lewis-and-clark-caverns/>

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## SEE TWO COMETS AND ALL THE VISIBLE PLANETS

Submitted by Joe Witherspoon, Director Cottontail Observatory

### COMET PANSTARRS T2

Although Panstarrs T2 is said to be a naked eye comet you will probably will need a small telescope or a pair of binoculars. The comet is appears in the night sky and the bright stars show up in the night sky about a half hour after sunset. Sunset on May 19 is about 9:30 p.m. MDT. Wait until you can see all of the stars in Ursa Major (The big bear). On a line between The North Star and the eye of the big bear go about one third the distance of the line, starting at the eye of the big bear. A small telescope or a pair of binoculars will show it a fuzzy pale blob. Nearby are two other FFOs (Faint Fizzy Objects) they are two galaxies M81 and M82. This comet will be around throughout June.

### SEE ALL THE VISIBLE PLANETS

In the evening of May 19 and lasting for another week or so the planets of Venus and Mercury will be visible. To find them go out about half an hour after sunset. Look where the Sun sat and come up from the horizon about 30 degrees. You will see a bright star looking object, that is Venus. Below and to your left of Venus will be dim little Mercury.

In the morning of May 20 about 90 minutes to 1 hour before sunrise looking south – southeast the other three visible planets are up. These planets are next to the constellation Capricornus (The Sea Goat). Jupiter and Saturn on the left and Mars on the right. Sunrise on May 20 is 5:52 a.m. MDT.

The brightest of the planets is Jupiter. To the left of Jupiter is Saturn followed by Mars. Mars is left and lower than Saturn and about six times the distance between Jupiter and Saturn. These three planets will be visible for most of the year. Mars will be closest to Earth on Oct. 8, 2020.

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