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**S**ewers of Madison County have mobilized in the wake of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began advising the public to wear face coverings in public settings where social distancing is hard to maintain, like at the grocery store. Simple masks can be made at home using cloth sewn into a particular pattern. Madison County residents plan to make 5,000 masks.

"It is not just for us," Ruby Valley Medical Center Chief Nurse Officer Lyn Baughn said.

Studies have shown that a significant portion of coronavirus cases have lacked symptoms, according to the CDC. It is possible for an individual to transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. The use of simple masks could help prevent people from unknowingly transmitting the disease to others and help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The high demand for N-95 masks needed to fight the pandemic has created a worldwide shortage. All respirator masks need to be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Madison County sewers aim to provide its communities with proper simple masks and a reserve for healthcare workers.

"I've never met a community in my entire life that has come together so fast," Baughn said. "This community is utterly amazing."

Instructions to make a simple mask from cotton or cotton-polyester blend fabric can be found on the CDC and local healthcare provider websites. [http://www.explevi.com/RVMC/RVMC\\_FaceMaskDirections.pdf](http://www.explevi.com/RVMC/RVMC_FaceMaskDirections.pdf)

Materials, drop-offs and pick-ups are at the Ennis Town Hall and Walter's IGA in Sheridan.

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## MADISON COUNTY

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**T**wo more people tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus in Madison County over the weekend.

As of the April 7, there are 319 confirmed cases of the virus in Montana. Eight Madison County residents have contracted the virus. A ninth person tested positive in a Madison County facility but is a resident to a neighboring county. The ninth individual's case has been transferred to that county, according to the Madison County Public Health Department.

Fifty-seven Montanans have recovered from the virus and six have died as of April 27. As the country gets a grip on the virus, community social distancing remains an important and effective way of slowing the spread.

### MADISON COUNTY HOSPITALS

Madison County's two critical access hospitals are open and prepared to treat patients' medical needs while battling the novel coronavirus.

The Ruby Valley Medical Center and the Madison Valley Medical Centers have taken precautions to significantly limit patients' chances of contacting the virus in their facilities.

Already rigorous cleaning routines have been heightened. All incoming patients are screened. It is safe to get needed medical attention, other than for the coronavirus, in Madison County's critical access hospitals.

"It's important to encourage people to seek help if the need it," Madison Valley Medical Center Chief of Staff Maura Davenport said.

Upon entering MVMC, individuals are screened and separated into different rooms based on their circumstance. Respiratory concerned patients are given a mask and separated from potentially transmitting the virus to another.

MVMC doctors have been doing more home visits during the pandemic. The hospital has increased telemedicine, treating patients on Facetime.

"We get a lot of information by looking at someone," Davenport said.

RVMC screens people outside its doors. If conducting a COVID-19 test, a physician can swab the individual outside or from the car. That patient is directed to return and quarantine at home until the test results are back.

Patients who need hospitalization have options of receiving medical care. Several variables determine where one will be hospitalized. Each Madison County hospital has the ability to safely hospitalize between one and four patients in a negative pressure room. An individual with a severe case of the coronavirus will be transferred to a larger hospital in the area. MVMC and RVMC have patient transferring contracts with larger facilities, but all the hospitals in the state are working together during the pandemic.

A MVMC staff member tested positive for the coronavirus March 30. All employees and community members who had close contact with the staff member test negative.

Both hospitals have required their staff to wear N-95 masks at all times. MVMC and RVMC both reported that there is not a shortage of N-95 masks in their hospitals. RVMC CEO Landon Dybdal said that they will need more simple masks in the near future. The community has begun to make cloth masks that work as simple masks to make up for any shortage.

MVMC and RVMC have responded to the pandemic according to the Control Center of Disease and Prevention guidelines.

"When we come out of this thing," MVMC CEO Allen Rohrbach said. "We'll be a better organization."

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## School days

### Madison County schools adjust to remote teaching



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**M**adison County schools have been closed for three weeks due to the coronavirus. Gov. Steve Bullock extended the closures to April 24 on Tuesday.

Teachers, students and parents are adjusting to new schedules and means

of K-12 education. Madison County's students are completing their course load from home in a plethora of ways. Communication has been key in continuing the school year during the pandemic.

"We're blessed to have technology right now to continue teaching our students," Harrison first and second grade teacher Kathleen Jorgenson said.

Jorgenson has been teaching for 32 years. In a COVID-19 free world, she values a face-to-face education in the elementary classroom. Technology is one of her many teaching tools, but never as much as in the last three weeks.

Elementary students tend to require a lot of assistance to do most things especially schoolwork. Jorgenson praised her parents' positive





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approach in assisting the process. But she spends a good portion of her days on Facetime, teaching her 13 students one-on-one.

"This is not an easy time," Jorgenson said. "We're not really home schooling, we're crisis schooling."

Madison County's elementary students are being taught primarily through weekly packets, which are returned to teachers to be graded. Harrison's first and second graders are learning measurements. Pieces of string and rulers were included in Jorgenson's packets.

"Getting them everything they need, so they can do what is expected of them is very important," Jorgenson said.

By high school, technology has been integrated into student education. High school students are more capable of using technology to complete their

schoolwork. Teenagers might not always admit they need help, which makes available assistance for high school students during school closures crucial.

Most high schools are using online platforms like Google Classroom to post lessons for their students. Twin Bridges' high school math teacher Brett Nordahl posts weekly lessons on Google Classroom. The lessons include assignments and video instructions.

Twin Bridges High School teachers have also designated times to meet with their classes on Google Hangout. Most Madison County high schools have arranged times to meet with their classes digitally.

"It has been nice to talk with the students in real time and check in with them face-to-face," Nordahl said. "We are lucky to have smaller class sizes, which has allowed me to

have contact with 100% of my students."

Though students are not confined inside the walls of formal education, school is still in session. Sheridan Schools' music and drama teacher, Anthony Johnson, made a weekly Google Hangout mandatory for his students. The few families without internet access are excused and other accommodations have been made.

Sheridan School's spring production of Clue and the District Music Festivals were canceled due to the coronavirus. The performing arts class will not produce a recreation of Travel Channel's Ghost Hunters for people to enjoy on the school's website. Johnson's performing arts class instead made video diaries of a day in the life of quarantine. See some examples on The Madisonian's

Facebook page later this week.

Sheridan School teachers arranged a parade to drive by students' homes March 26. Students stood on lawns and porches to wave to their teachers. The idea came from social media, and Dillion Schools followed suit.

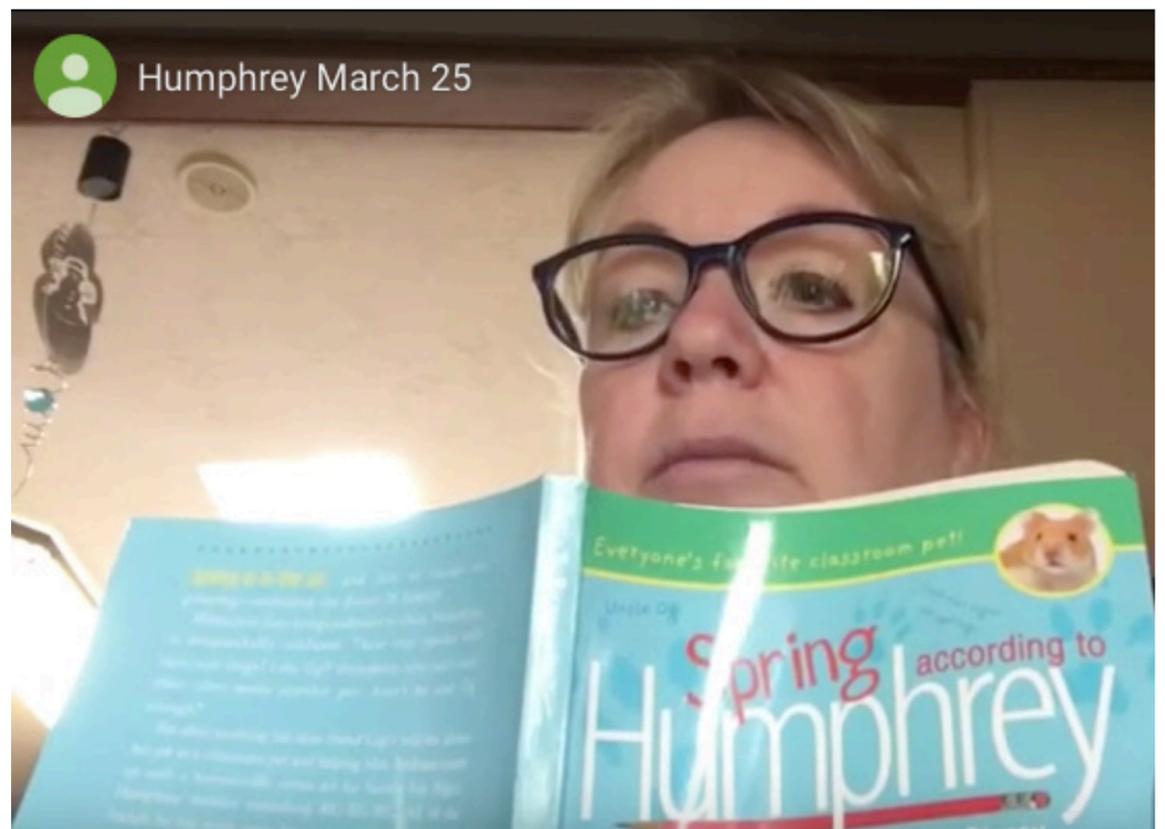
"We wanted to show them, we know you're there and we care," Johnson said.

Jorgenson continues to read to her first and second graders every day. She records and posts the video on Wakelet.

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# Hot spring hangouts

## PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

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Gatherings in a hot spring off of the Jefferson River has become a public safety concern. Montanans are ready to enjoy the warmer days, which have coincided with a statewide stay-at-home order. The novel coronavirus has caused many states to issue stay-at-home orders. Isolated outdoor exercise has been exempted in most cases. Some people have translated the exception to include a warm soak outdoors among friends and strangers.

According to the Madison County Sheriff's Office, they broke-up around 30 people in a Madison County hot spring last week. Nearby residents have contacted the sheriff's office with concerns about the amount of people traveling to the hot springs amid the pandemic.

"I don't know how to keep them out of there other than parking there 24/7," Madison County Sheriff Phil Fortner said.

The hot spring is advertised on several websites. Pictures of people enjoying its convenient warm waters next to a county road are scrolled on the Renova Hot Springs Facebook page.

People have stacked rocks to collect the water into a few pools ranging in size and depth.

"The piece of property has been a problem for a long time," Fortner said.

Montana state land nearly surrounds an old, 20-acre mining claim that crosses a slough and extends onto an

island. The springs release hot water on the property's shoreline. It is unclear if the high-water mark makes the spring accessible to the public.

The hands-off property owner is elderly and lives out-of-state, according to state records. Without permission from the property owner, law enforcement cannot post

trespassing signs. The Madison County Sheriff's Office hopes that the Madison County Public Health Department can take measures to keep people from gathering at the hot spring during the stay-at-home order.

It is MCPHD's power to enforce closures because of a public safety hazard.



People gather at the Renova Hot Springs April 5. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

# Varney Bridge

## OPEN TO TRAFFIC

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The new Varney Bridge opened to traffic April 3.

After over a year of construction, the Varney Bridge is nearly complete. Minor construction will linger for a short time, but cars can cross on the bridge's two lanes and boats can float under on the Madison River.

The previous 122-year-old bridge was deconstructed over the summer of 2019. The new suspension bridge eliminated the middle piling that once parted the water and caused ice jams. Its transformation to two lanes and guard rails make the bridge safer for all travelers.

The new bridge crosses the river a little downstream from the

where the original bridge used to cross. Alignment and sight were adjusted to improve the line of sight of oncoming traffic, according to Brandon Coates, the public involvement consultant from RB Consultant, Inc.

Construction workers will be on site doing minor concrete work and seeding the hill sides with natural grasses in the upcoming weeks.



# Letter to the editor policy about elections

Readers,

Welcome to the opinion page. In light of the May 5 school board election, and the fact the primary election is right around the corner on June 2, The Madisonian would like to reiterate our policy pertaining to political letters. This policy is in place to maintain fairness for everyone and to protect the integrity of the election process. It is not intended to stifle conversation or prevent anyone from having his or her voice heard. Generally speaking, candidates cannot campaign on the opinion page.

In the edition immediately preceding the election, the first of which is April 30, 2020, we will not publish letters about the school board election because they do not allow candidates time for rebuttals. That means the April 23 paper is the last one to place a letter pertaining to the May 5 election.

There is one exception to the no letters policy the week before the election. If a letter runs this week and specifically challenges a candidate, that candidate is allowed to run a rebuttal letter, addressing only that specific issue, in the April 30 edition of the paper. We understand the technicalities

and the dates are a little difficult to understand, so anyone with questions should call the paper at 682-7755 and we can talk you through it.

The last issue letters pertaining to the June 2 primary election will be printed is May 21, which allows only rebuttals during the May 28 paper.

As always, letters may be edited by The Madisonian staff for length and content. We reserve final decision on what runs – this applies to advertisements and letters. We are more than happy to work with those placing advertisements or writing letters to ensure submissions adhere to our policy.

All that being said, we do encourage discussion on this page of the paper – that is why it is here! We want our readers to use this page to discuss important issues and engage one another. So, please

interact!

A general reminder: Letters to the editor must be kept to 350 words. A verifiable author's name, address and phone number must accompany the letter – though

only the name and resident's town name will be printed. Citizens can have their letters published twice per month.

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# SOCIAL DISTANCE DIARIES

## A reporter's Sunday



ABOVE: Your Madisonian reporter. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID DETRICK

INSET: Eggs benedict—a weekend tradition for Hannah and David. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

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**What time did you get up?** 9 a.m.  
**What was your first thought?** What's for breakfast?

**What was the first thing you did?** I fed the pup and read some news while my boyfriend made eggs benedict.

**How did breakfast go?** I poured an Emergen-C packet in glasses of water. My boyfriend fed us salmon eggs benedicts with hash browns and roasted vegetables. It was amazing. The sun was out and an adventure was planned. I felt rested.

**Describe your hours between breakfast and lunch.** I worked for almost two hours after breakfast. Then we packed up our fly rods and headed to the Ruby River.

**Pick three words that explain how you are feeling.** Energized. Happy. Content.

**Did lunch happen?** I grazed my way through a large portion of

a potato chip bag. Upon having to reach shockingly too far into the bag of chips, the realization of how out of control my potato chip addiction has gotten struck me. I quickly tossed the bag and grabbed an orange. In my head, an orange canceled out eating nearly an entire bag of chips. With each slice, I convinced myself for the time being that I was the pinnacle of healthy-food eating.

**What was the afternoon like?** David and I hopped fishing holes and low hanging banks in a narrow stretch of the Ruby River. It was a good afternoon—David caught some fish, his 8-year-old son didn't lose his pocket frisbee in the river, the puppy found a bone, I had a flash and a bite. We saw a moose, lots of sandhill cranes and at no point, a pair fishing in the distance. It was partly sunny, and the wind was not constant. It took the normal half-hour and three bends later to convince David that it was time to go around 7 p.m.

**What is your evening routine?** We got take-out from the Sportsman in Ennis. My

Sunday evening routine is eat and relax. I like cooking but David likes it more and is better at it. Most nights he is cooking something delicious for dinner. Some nights it is all about taking it easy. I am not a picky-eater other than being anti-factory farming, which means I only eat meat and dairy if I'm certain the animal has been treated humanely. Ice cream and pizza have been known to cause me to stray from my own philosophy. I dragged myself to bed at 11 p.m. after watching a tense battle between good and evil in the Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. IT WAS INTENSE and stressed me out a little bit. I had to go to bed.

**Pick three words that explain how you are feeling.** Tired. Slightly stressed.

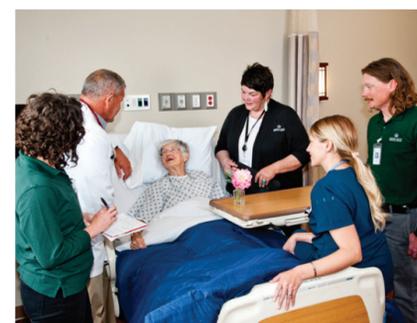
**What are three things you are grateful for?** Montana's wildlife. Having a job that I can still do in the morning. Oranges.

**Anything different tomorrow?** My work-play ratio will be completely flipped.

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# OPINION

## Together from a Distance

ELAINE HUNDLEY  
MARCH 18, 2020

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Accepting the mandates  
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Muddles mind and soul,  
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Not resonating with reality.

So, feed your children,  
Hold your children, cherish your children  
As they carry  
Fears of family insecurity.

Show young adults affectionate attention,  
Remembering to renew  
The frail with hope,  
Casting aside despair  
And defeat.

Initiate impromptu doorstep visits,  
Connect with the community  
As faces flood your consciousness.  
Permit fingers fondling keys of phone and  
Keyboard to share love, kindness and contentment.

Share smiles all around, sending self-confidence  
On its way to unsuspecting faces, places, situations.  
Simply become beacons of tranquil assurance  
And you, too,  
May discover realms of restful renewal  
In these uncertain days.

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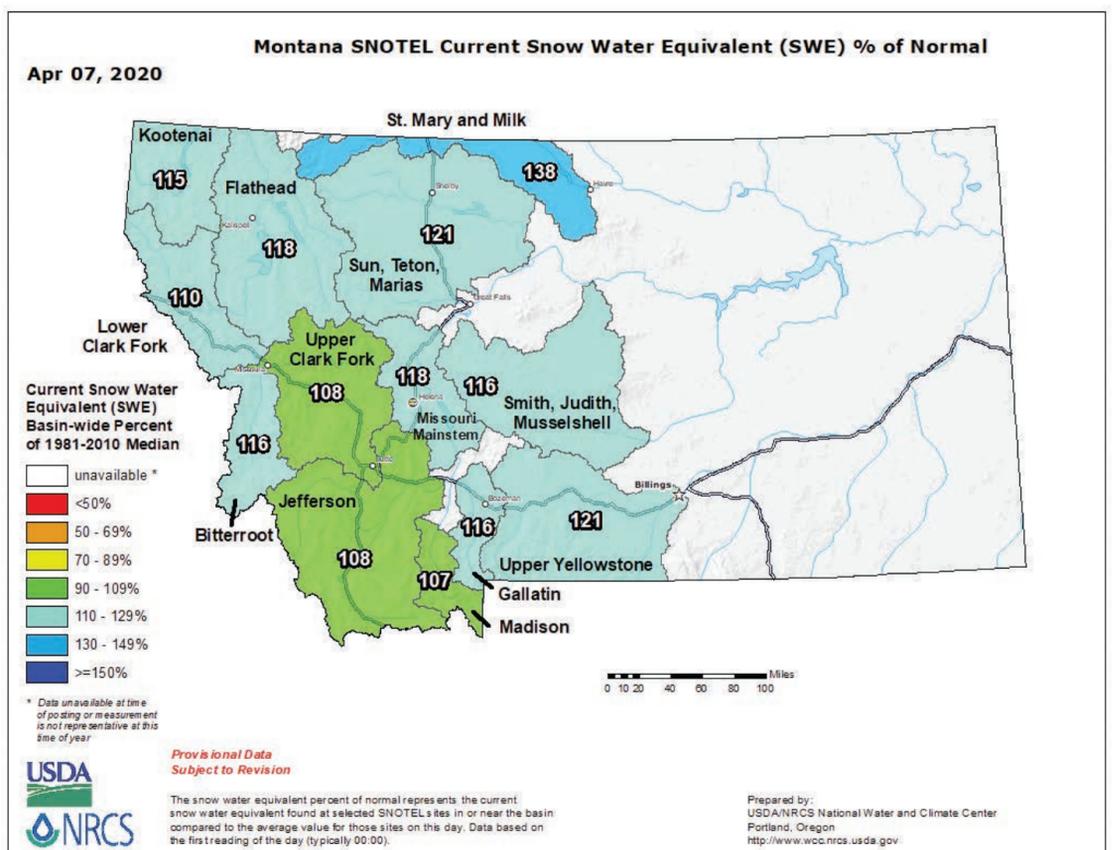
Thank you,  
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# OBITUARIES

## Alice M. Schmieding

Alice M. Schmieding age 86 of Sheridan Montana passed away at her home March 20, 2020. She loved family, friends, and the senior center. Services will be at a later date because of the Covid-19 virus.

## SNOTEL



Snowpack across Montana has made a significant recovery since January 1st. Although March was below normal for snowfall in some locations, the abundant January and February snowfall and below-average temperatures during the month have resulted in snowpack on April 1st that is holding strong across the state. Water users are encouraged to view their specific river basin of interest to better understand the relationship between snowpack, water year precipitation, and streamflow forecasts for their area of interest this year. COURTESY LUCAS ZUKIEWICZ, NRCS



## Working for the people

The government rolled out some much-anticipated business relief programs last week and many local lenders have found themselves stretched to balance rapidly changing guidelines, high demand from applicants and a desire to promptly help their local business communities.

Paul Kramer, (L), commercial and agricultural lender at Opportunity Bank of Montana's Sheridan branch, and Bob Briggs, (R), commercial relationship manager at First Interstate Bank's Ennis branch, manage to keep smiles on their faces on Friday, April 3, as their respective banks navigate the program's changes and a high volume of applicants. Friday was the first day small businesses and sole proprietorships could apply for and receive loans relative to the Paycheck Protection Program and participating lenders found themselves learning on the fly.

Kindness and hard work are visible nearly everywhere as our communities manage the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Madisonian would like to thank our local participating lenders for their efforts to help their local business communities and we invite you all to come back next week for an expanded feature on the topic.

## Primary election to be run by mail this year

Submitted by KATHLEEN MUMME

The Madison County Commissioners and Election Administrator, with input from the Madison County Director of Public Health have taken the option to run the Primary Election this year BY MAIL. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Bullock issued an Executive Order on March 25th which gave each

county this option in order to help safeguard our workers, our poll judges and Montana voters.

The ballots will be counted on Election Day, June 2, but NO POLLING PLACES will be open. **Ballots will be mailed from all Montana counties participating in this option on MAY 8.** Postage will be included for returning your ballots.

The County Election Office is currently closed to the public,

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CLOSE of registration for the Montana Primary Election is MAY 26! This is three weeks LATER than our normal date

to give voters a longer period to register BY MAIL, rather than in person and here in the election office. Please, do not delay! Registrations postmarked by May 25 will be accepted. We will mail ballots to these voters as quickly as possible.

If you miss the May 26 deadline, LATE REGISTRATION IN PERSON WILL BE AVAILABLE here at the Administrative

Building beginning on May 27. The governor's directive for the six foot rule WILL be implemented. We urge all new voters to register by mail before that deadline in order to maintain safety for all of us.

Sheridan School District is also running an election for trustee. Everything will be conducted in by mail, also: Ballots will be mailed on April 17, Close of Registration will be April 26, 2020.

## Alder School wins awards at the Rural School Science Fair

Submitted by TERESA MURDOCH

On Friday, March 13, nine rural schools competed against each other at the Rural School Science Fair held in Dillon at the University of Montana-Western. Students ranged from kindergarten through eighth grade and competed in many different science categories.

**Chemical Science:** Kindergarten, Maverick Beebe and Eion Davis won second. Third and Fourth grades, Max Gilman won first.  
**Biology:** Kindergarten, Avery Tetrault and Anaiah Davis won first. Stella Bieler and Charlie Rowberry won second. First and Second grades, Tristan Root won second. Third and Fourth grades, Rowdy Root won first.  
**Physical:** First and Second grades, Jaiden Voll won first. Ian Davis won second. Reagan Sprinkle won third. Third and Fourth grades, James Brook won first.  
**Technology:** Third and Fourth grades, Maggie Baker won first.  
**Earth:** First and Second grades, Lily Beebe won second.



First and second grade (L to R) Reagan Sprinkle, Jayden Voll and Eli Ubaldo with their medals and trophy. PHOTO COURTESY TERESA MURDOCH

## MSU Extension to offer weekly webinars about the coronavirus and its effects on the economy

Submitted by JOEL SCHUMACHER

Montana State University Extension will offer several webinars that discuss economic effects from the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The webinars will be offered from 2 to 3 p.m. each Thursday from April 2 until April 23. The courses will be presented by MSU Extension specialists and economists from the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research and the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research to provide insight to how the coronavirus is currently impacting the economy in their areas of expertise. The webinars are free and open to the public.

Topics that will be covered in week one include "Assessing the Impacts of Coronavirus in Montana, the U.S. and the World" presented by Pat Barkley from the BBER; "Small Business, Coronavirus Stimulus" by George Haynes from MSU Extension; and "Individuals and the Stimulus" by Joel Schumacher, associate specialist with MSU Extension.

Week two will feature presentations that cover travel and recreation, agriculture and health care by Norma Nickerson from the ITRR, Kate Fuller of MSU Extension and Robert Sonora from the BBER. Topics for weeks three and four are to be determined.

To register and participate in the webinars, visit <http://farmpolicy.msuextension.org/covid19/>. For more information, contact Joel Schumacher at [jschumacher@montana.edu](mailto:jschumacher@montana.edu).



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# Arts & Entertainment

## SIMPLE SUBSTITUTES



### Making donuts out of sour milk

By KEELY LARSON  
connect@madisoniannews.com

Instead of making lemonade out of lemons, Sue Dado made donuts out of sour milk. And Lava Cake out of Miracle Whip. The first thing to report is don't knock it until you try it.

Her grandparents, growing up in meager times, made use of everything, even sour milk. This characteristic runs strong through family lines. My mother used to, and still does, make dinners out of basically any leftovers in the fridge and washed out Ziploc bags to reuse them. I have to look the other way when my boyfriend throws

out food that has only been in the fridge for a week...

"When all of this was happening, I was just thinking, okay let's dig back into some of the stories my parents had told me," Dado said.

She was cruising online through articles on how to use sour milk in a recipe after her husband almost threw out a carton. She came across a donut recipe, which checked not one, but two boxes. Dado had been wanting to take out her mom's old donut maker and give it a whirl before this search warranted it.

Frugality is a characteristic lost now and again, but one

that may feel more relevant as grocery store trips are stunted. Dado shared an example of another way to use up a common household item that tends to go to waste.

She grew up going to an 'old school family doctor' who saw patients out of his basement. This doctor recommend boiling a lemon in water for 20 minutes and adding sugar to create a sort of immunity elixir. Dado does the same thing now using the rinds of citrus fruits.

"It's a typical waste product, so if you're going to throw out the rinds, why not boil it first," she explained. Dado sometimes adds raw honey instead of

sugar for different health benefits.

Dado's grandparents lived through the Depression and World War II. The family and the nation were struggling, and women had to be creative cooks. Depression Cake was named for its era and made up of ingredients that were affordable, easy to come by and not rationed as harshly. Eggs, butter and milk were scarce, so vinegar, oil and water were substituted by Dado's grandmother and others.

When Miracle Whip became available in 1933, it was added to the same cake recipe and renamed World

War II Cake. Miracle Whip encompassed the oil, eggs and vinegar needed in Depression Cake and added a thicker texture and richness to the product, resulting in a simpler recipe.

"My grandmother was very, very crafty," Dado said. She tweaked the Depression Cake recipe and made her own Miracle Whip Chocolate Cake. Dado has not tried this variation but would not pass up an opportunity to make it.

Over the weekend, she brought the Miracle Whip chocolate cake recipe through another generation and another crisis to become a Pandemic

Lava Cake. Her son, who is four and on a gluten-free diet, devoured his.

Dado's grandma would love her resourcefulness in tweaking the recipe to fit another situation and her desire to hear others' stories from their pasts about frugality, recipes, history or anything that comes to mind. She called it an 'oral traditions challenge' on her Facebook page and asks those who see it to volunteer stories.

Maybe now, as we see more of the insides of our homes and our cupboards, it would be the perfect time to do some family history digging and create some recipes lost to the ages.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Dado's donut recipe can be found on the Ask Ennis Facebook page. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUE DADO

CAP 2: Citrus fruits boiling to create the immunity elixir, especially poignant in these times. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUE DADO

CAP 3: Pandemic Chocolate Cupcakes on the left and Pandemic Lava Cake on the right. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUE DADO

## PANDEMIC LAVA CAKE BY SUE DADO

AN ADAPTATION OF MY GRANDMOTHER MILDRED HAMMOND'S WWII MIRACLE WHIP CHOCOLATE CAKE.

### INGREDIENTS:

#### CAKE:

- 1 cup warm water
- 1 cup flour
- 4 tablespoons cocoa (Dutch process if available)
- 1/8 teaspoon espresso powder or leftover coffee if available (to intensify chocolate flavor)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla (whiskey or bourbon can be used as a substitute if no vanilla is available)
- 1 cup Miracle Whip
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

#### HOT FUDGE SAUCE:

- 2/3 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter

- Pinch of salt
- 1/8 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa (Dutch process if available)
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla (whiskey or bourbon if vanilla is not available)
- 2/3 ounces bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate

### DIRECTIONS:

#### CAKE:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Combine Miracle Whip, water and coffee, if using, in a bowl.
3. In a separate bowl, combine all dry ingredients (flour, cocoa, sugar, baking soda, salt and espresso powder if using).
4. Slowly sift the dry ingredients into the wet and blend well.

5. Butter and sugar-dust baking containers, dessert bowls or ramekins recommended. This helps the cake to release and makes a nice crust to break through.
6. Fill the baking container 3/4 full of batter.
7. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours.
8. Bake for 10-12 minutes after refrigeration until the top has a dry, crusty later but a toothpick still comes out 'dirty.'
9. Let cool for 5-10 minutes. Use a knife to loosen the cake around the edges.
10. Invert onto a plate and dust with powdered sugar, espresso powder, ice cream or whipped cream. Serve warm.

#### HOT FUDGE SAUCE:

1. In a double boil or on a stove top at medium heat, combine cream, butter, salt, brown sugar,

- granulated sugar and whisk until smooth.
2. Add chocolate and continue whisking until melted.
3. Add vanilla, or substitutions, and cocoa powder.
4. Continue whisking until all lumps are gone and the sauce has a silky, glossy appearance.

Use the hot fudge sauce as topping for the lava cake for extra chocolatey goodness.

To make 'regular' cake or cupcakes, pour batter into a greased and floured pan or cupcake liners. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick in the center comes out clean. Adjust as needed for high altitude baking.

## SPORTS

### Gaucha Derby Montana woman wins

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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A storm rolled in bringing snow to the high elevations of the Andes Mountains on the third day of the Gaucho Derby.

Of the 24 contestants from around the world, two rode out of the mountains on their horses - two southwest Montanans. Corie Downey's and Marie Griffis' experience riding in the Montana mountains proved to be an advantage.

"Not bad for a couple of Montana girls," Griffis said.

The whole race changed after the storm. Five contestants were helicoptered out, and gauchos and locals led the other 17 contestants out of the mountains.

Griffis and Downey were held up at a

competition station for three days. They explored a nearby river, rested and stayed out of the way as the others were rescued. But the Montanans lost a lot of their momentum over the three days.

"It took the wind out of our sails," Griffis said.

The Gaucho Derby was deemed the test for horsemanship and wilderness survival, but dangerous conditions altered the path. Much of the 500-kilometer extreme horse race through the Andes Mountains was detoured.

With three days to go in the race, Griffis and Downey had a significant lead on the group. Griffis placed first March 23. Downey took fifth place.

"It was tough," Griffis said. "The race was more about riding the terrain and getting your horses through."



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**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

**Chalk Challenge**

Keely Larson  
 THE MADISONIAN

It is difficult to sing from the rooftops in support of essential workers in Madison County. Not many rooftops lend themselves to safe lounging and people are quite spread out. Ashton Olson had been brainstorming ideas to come up with something similar county residents could do to get outside and say thanks. Her husband's coworker, Darcy Wheeler, said a group of people were going to write kind words in chalk around the hospital. "Chalk! That's perfect because no one has to touch it," Olson thought. No one has to touch it and it provides a way to interact with others while still practicing social distancing. Chalk Challenge participants could decorate an area together, but easily remain six feet apart. Currently, chalk artwork can be seen outside Madison Foods. Olson considered decorating

around the library, pharmacy and other establishments populated by essential workers. Those wishing to spread gratitude and good wishes could visit similar areas or simply display in their driveways. "I was raised in a family where gratitude is so important and I was grateful for my mom who always said, 'write your thank you cards,'" Olson said. Giving thanks is healing for parties on both the receiving and delivering ends. The Chalk Challenge is flexible and free form. Those wanting to participate need only sidewalk chalk and a bit of time. Write a message at your home or at a business of your choosing thanking those for their continued worked in this difficult time. Or, write a message on your driveway to family members socially distanced elsewhere. Keep it on the sidewalk, or take a picture and post to your own social media pages, the Ask Ennis Facebook page or send to connect@madisoniannews.com to share in the paper. Any way, it is up to you.

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**MADISON COUNTY WEATHER**

**Thursday**

Sunny skies. High 57F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday**

Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High around 55F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday**

Snow showers in the morning will give way to a mixture of rain and snow in the afternoon. High near 40F. Winds WNW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precip 50%. About one inch of snow expected.

**Sunday**

Partly cloudy skies. High 24F. Winds NNE at 10 to 15 mph.

**Monday**

Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 32F. Winds W at 10 to 15 mph.

Quote of the Week:

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## SOCIAL DISTANCE DIARIES

We wanted to create a feature in the paper called 'The Social Distance Diaries.' This is not a unique idea, but we loved it. We reached out for people who would be interested in documenting a day of their life in the 'new normal,' creating a time capsule of sorts. This week, we have Mr. Michael Wetherbee, Superintendent of Sheridan Schools, on B1 and Hannah Kearse, Madisonian reporter on page A3.

Curious? Email [connect@madisoniannews.com](mailto:connect@madisoniannews.com) for more information.

### A day in the life of a Superintendent with a closed school

BY MICHAEL WETHERBEE

It's Tuesday morning around 5:30 a.m. and we have been on school closure for three weeks. Tuesday doesn't mean the same thing now as it did then. This is our exchange day, so we have to get packets in boxes, get them on buses and to kids so they can get their stuff back to school.

The first thing on my mind today is, can I make it to the shower? Step one is good. Step two is good. Step three and, yep I am going to make it. This is my ritual every day. Three steps to check things out. After breakfast I get the keys, let the cats out or in and get to the car. On the drive my thoughts are about making sure packets are appropriately put into boxes.

I get to school. The awesome part of being me is that I have an amazing

administrative assistant who usually arrives just prior to me and makes coffee. Today is no different. It is there and hot, so I pour a cup and wipe down surfaces in my office, even though the custodian did it last night and Lois before I arrived. That's done and it's off to the gym to load packets in totes for the bus.

Now I know how Santa feels.

Lois comes and helps and we get that done by eight, and the boxes are ready for travel. Some of the items teachers think will fit in a manila envelope are amazing, and it's obvious the shop teacher didn't understand what a manila envelope is because he has drafting boards that are 18x24 and drafting tools to go to his students.

Just the same, we are

a patient group and get all of the things loaded. Dave, my lead bus driver, and I are on one of the longer routes. I am glad he knows where to go because I sure don't. It is these times when I appreciate what our bus drivers and transportation directors know and do on a daily basis. Two hours later Dave and I are done.

Summing up this day, we have been successful as 90% of the folks who needed to get stuff back are doing so. Today was a different delivery system than we practiced the two weeks previously so we were interested to see if it would go smoothly. I check the other 50 emails prior to leaving at 5:00 pm or so. If you ask me, email is the scourge of the earth and we might be better off without it. I wipe my office down and embark

on the trip home.

I have an 80-year-old mother who lives across the street from Sheridan School and when this thing started, I quit going to her house and began checking on her each day by phone. She's fine, but isolated due to this event we find ourselves in. I encourage anyone reading this to call their elderly friends and take time to talk to them and see how they are doing.

Getting home, I wade through the dogs, who are some of my best friends in the world, by greeting each one of them. I ask the family how the day was and check to see what's for dinner, and then because I am mentally drained, some brainless TV for the evening. While watching brainless TV I am also watching my email and answering

any questions from staff or students. As each of my staff check in, I leave them a positive comment for the day, and at about 10:00 p.m. I roll off to bed for the evening to start the process over again tomorrow. The saving grace is that it is not a packet delivery day.

If I can pick three words to explain how I feel as the day winds down it would be, I AM TIRED. Yep, that's how it goes, and I will wake up tomorrow refreshed and ready to go. I happen to work because I want to, not because I have to. I find my work rewarding and frustrating at the same time. These times for me are frustrating as I signed up to work with kids and their families, and this is not providing that opportunity.

Another word in this

whole thing is adjustment. This process has been an opportunity to adjust for kids, parents and teachers along with every other human in the United States. We are going to stumble our way through this mess and make some collective order of it. We will push through to the other end and come out more prepared if this type of event should happen again.

I would like to take the opportunity to make a special thanks to a few people who have kept our school in the game. Thanks a million Lois, Rod, Emily and Becky. One thing I can truly say is that I work with some AMAZING people who care deeply for children and their success! Thanks to teaching staff and custodial staff for continuing on.



Two of my favorite individuals in the whole world, my wife Kristi and her dog Hershall—Michael Wetherbee. PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE WETHERBEE



## Don't postpone your medical needs due to Covid-19

Submitted by DEBRA MCNEILL

The Ruby Valley Medical Center urges patients who have chronic issues such as asthma, heart disease, diabetes, hypertension and other health concerns to continue to see their healthcare providers. These conditions require ongoing evaluation to provide optimum healthcare outcomes.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to pay attention to our existing health conditions,

take all prescribed medications and see our primary care providers regularly. Patients whose medical issues are not well controlled are at the highest risk of contracting the coronavirus and will be most adversely affected by Covid-19. Social distancing does not mean that non-Covid health concerns have taken a vacation or have stabilized. Periodic evaluation is absolutely necessary, especially under these circumstances.

Ruby Valley Medical Center has designated the Twin

Bridges clinic with Dr. Molly Biehl as a primary facility for patients seeking healthcare with non-respiratory issues. However, patients can make an appointment to see whichever healthcare provider they prefer. "We're trying to keep the non-sick people in Twin Bridges. However you can see your regular provider wherever they are available," said Dr. Roman Hendrickson, Medical Director for Ruby Valley Medical Center. "If you think you are sick, please call ahead so we can see you in the most

appropriate setting, which may include your car or an isolation room."

Ruby Valley Medical Center can arrange for healthcare visits from home via tele-medicine employing your smart phone or home computer. Certain evaluations will require a visit to Ruby Valley Medical Center or the Twin Bridges clinic for blood pressure or other tests. However, for some health conditions, tele-medicine may be a good option for meeting with your primary care provider. Please call (406) 842-5453 if

you are interested in discussing how to set up a tele-medicine appointment.

Dr. Hendrickson and the healthcare providers at Ruby Valley Medical Center are concerned that with the focus on Covid-19, patients may not realize that their chronic healthcare conditions require attention. "That's why we need to see these patients periodically. We discover problems before the patient knows that they have them," said Hendrickson.

If you have a chronic healthcare condition and

haven't seen your healthcare provider recently, or you would like to discuss tele-medicine options, please call the Ruby Valley Medical Center at (406) 842-5453 for an appointment or consultation.

Ruby Valley Medical Center is actively evaluating their procedures to ensure that our community stays healthy and receives excellent healthcare. Please visit our Facebook page and website ([www.RVMC.org](http://www.RVMC.org)) for news of any changes to procedures or updates related to the coronavirus.

## Ruby Valley Medical Center named to Top 20 Critical Access Hospital list

Submitted by RUBY VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER

Ruby Valley Medical Center was recently named one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) for Best Practices in Quality in the country.

The Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals, including Ruby Valley Medical Center,

scored best among critical access hospitals as determined by The Chartis Center for Rural Health for Best Practices in Quality. The rankings were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). An awards ceremony will be held during NRHA's Critical Access Hospital Conference in September in Kansas City, Mo.

The Top 20 Critical Access Hospital "winners" are those hospitals who have achieved success in the overall performance based on a composite rating from eight indices of strength: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge and financial efficiency. This group was selected from The

Chartis Center for Rural Health's 2020 Top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this year.

Those hospitals that have been recognized as Top 20 Critical Access Hospital "best practice recipients" have achieved success in one of two key areas of performance:

Quality index: A rating of hospital performance based

on the percentile rank across the indicators of Hospital Compare Process of Care measures.

Patient perspective index: A rating of hospital performance aggregated and ranked across 10 domains of the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS).

"Ruby Valley Medical

Center is proud of the efforts of its healthcare providers and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation," said Landon Dybdal, Chief Executive Officer. "Our results as a top critical access hospital with regard to quality means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future."

## Worried about your immune system?

### TRY THESE 5 NATURAL REMEDIES

Submitted by ASHLEY PONTIUS, PRNEWSWIRE.COM

Body aches, fever, chills

and nasal congestion, common symptoms of the flu, can stop you in your tracks, leaving you bedridden for days. "Complications arising from these illnesses can become serious," says Dr. Suhyun An ([www.dr-suhyunan.com](http://www.dr-suhyunan.com)), an expert on regenerative medicine

and co-author of *Demystifying Stem Cells: A Real-Life Approach To Regenerative Medicine*.

Dr. An says there are ways to prevent the symptoms from reaching that serious point. To feel better and get back on your feet, she recommends numerous natural cold and flu remedies to alleviate your symptoms:

**Vitamin C.** Some studies indicate that Vitamin C can shorten the lifespan of a cold and boost your immune system. "The best way to get it is through your diet; the fresher the food, the better," Dr. An says. "Oranges, limes, lemons, grapefruits, leafy greens, and bell peppers are all good sources of vitamin C. Be careful with supplements because they can lead to upset stomach and kidney stones."

**Honey.** Honey has natural antiviral and antimicrobial properties. "Drinking honey in tea with lemon can ease sore throat pain," Dr. An says. "Research suggests that honey is an effective cough suppressant, too. Honey often contains Clostridium bacteria, so never give honey to a

child younger than 1-year-old because infants' immune systems aren't able to fight them off."

**Chicken soup.** This popular cold and flu remedy helps because hot liquids reduce mucus buildup and keep you hydrated. "Chicken soup, in particular, has anti-inflammatory properties, which help reduce a cold's unpleasant side effects," Dr. An says. "Keep some in the freezer or even canned for flu season. It's quick to prepare that way and soothing to eat."

**Aromas.** "When you have congestion from the flu, applying camphor or menthol salve around your nose can help break up mucus," Dr. An says. "Aromatherapy oils, such as peppermint and eucalyptus, can have a similar effect. Also, vapor rub can reduce cold symptoms, especially in children older than 2 years. It helps open air passages to combat congestion, reduce coughing, and improve sleep. It's a good alternative to over-the-counter cold medicines in young children because of unwanted side effects."

**Probiotics.** These are friendly bacteria and yeast found in the body, some foods, and supplements.

"They can help keep your gut and immune system healthy, and they may reduce your chance of getting sick with an upper respiratory infection," Dr. An says. "For a delicious and nutritious source of helpful bacteria, include probiotic yogurt in your diet."

"Colds and the flu are threats to us every year, but they don't have to get us down for long," Dr. An says. "Natural home remedies can reduce symptoms so you can be more comfortable and get the rest you need to get better faster."

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

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## COMMODITY INSITE: UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

BY JERRY WELCH

The United States and rest of the world is enduring the most dramatic economic bombshell, thunderbolt or disturbance in history. The coronavirus coupled with the crude oil price war between Russia and Saudi Arabia has changed the global economies of the world for years to come. It has been a one-two punch in the gut and at the very least, and a prolonged period of stagflation is likely. At worse, a bout of inflation the likes of which has not been seen since the early 1970's to the late 1980's is at hand. History is about to repeat itself.

Investopedia describes stagflation as, "a seemingly contradictory condition described by slow economic growth and relatively high unemployment, or economic stagnation, which is at the same time accompanied by

rising prices (i.e. inflation). Stagflation can also be alternatively defined as a period of inflation combined with a decline in (GDP) gross domestic product."

The only other period in American history where stagflation and or inflation roared sharply higher was in the 1972 to 1989 period. Inflation doubled in 1973 and hit double digits in 1974. There was upward pressure on all ag-markets into the final decade of the 1900's. And now due to coronavirus and collapsing crude oil prices we are on the cusp of dynamic bull markets for U.S. agriculture similar to back then, 30 to nearly 50 years ago.

At the least, the entire world will experience significant economic dislocations in the years ahead. From CNBC News. "A food crisis looms as coronavirus forces farms to

stay idle and countries hoard supplies." And here are the two main points the article drives home. One, "Large-scale lockdowns to contain the coronavirus outbreak have hurt the supply of manpower and disrupted supply chains in the agriculture industry." The second point is, "As of now, disruptions are minimal as food supplies have been adequate. But price spikes are more likely for higher value products like meat and perishable commodities rather than for major staples which are still in adequate supply, said the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

Moving forward, I strongly urge U.S. ag-producers to hone their marketing skills. I urge all my readers to get their hands on solid information to help with marketing decisions. The key to success in agriculture has always been marketing

and that is how it is going to be moving forward. However, the big difference between now and only a few months ago is the historic economic disruptions that have hit home like a bombshell.

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The world is certainly different today but likely to revert to how it was in the early 1970's to late 1980's when inflation was the topic on everyone's lips. During such unprecedented times, there will be numerous and exciting opportunities for those well informed and bold. In particular, for those in agriculture where spot shortages for a host of various commodities will most certainly surface sooner than later. Unprecedented times indeed!

## A WORD FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

### STIMULUS SCAMS

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

As job losses continue to rise with the spread of the Coronavirus, people are looking to the passing of the stimulus bill to bring some relief. The United States Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service announced that the distribution of economic impact payments will begin soon.

Individual taxpayers can expect up to \$1,200 from the

government thanks to the stimulus bill. Couples would receive \$2,400 plus \$500 per child. How much you get will be based on how much you make, which will be determined by your 2019 or 2018 tax returns. BBB's tip is always to file your taxes early to prevent information breaches and especially now, so the IRS has your most current information. If you are still filing your taxes, elect to receive your refund via direct deposit, as that will speed up the time it takes for you to receive your stimulus

money.

Unfortunately, news of financial relief undoubtedly leads to an increase of scam phone calls, text messages, or emails asking for personal information and claiming you need to provide it to receive the benefits. BBB is warning everyone not to give out any information through these fake appeals, as these checks are being sent out automatically, according to the IRS.

Seniors are especially vulnerable to these kinds of scams.

As many of us are social distancing, it is imperative during this time to check on elderly neighbors and others who may need help, to be sure they are made aware of the most recent scams relevant to the coronavirus crisis.

The Better Business Bureau has some recommendations to make sure you know the correct information so you can be informed and understand how untrustworthy people may get your information. First, no payment or personal data is required to

receive a recovery check. The IRS has your tax information and will mail the check directly to you or use the direct deposit information they have on file from your tax return.

If you receive Social Security and typically do not file a tax return, you will no longer need to file a simple tax return or any other paperwork to receive the stimulus. You will automatically get the payment. The IRS will use your tax return for your address and to calculate and send payments. If you filed in 2019,

that information will be used. If you have not filed your 2019 return yet, 2018 filing information will be used.

Something to be very clear on, no one will call or email you from the government regarding your check. If you get a text, phone call, or email asking you for your personal information, do not respond. For more information on this topic, you can visit bbb.org or go directly to irs.gov, which has all the most recent information on these economic impact payments.



## A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

### Destined to Cook

I made an observation, standing back behind the grill. I stirred the pancake batter. Thought, "This job sure ain't no thrill."

When the cowboys get together for a week out on the trail. I'm designated as the cook. At times, I'd like to bail.

Now let me take you back, let's say, some fifty years or so. I wrangled for my father. I was young and fit to go.

We were out of bed 'fore daylight feeding horses hay and grain. And cinching up the saddles, praying hard that it don't rain.

The smell of eggs and bacon put my nose up in the air. My father was the cook, back then, none better I could swear.

But time has forced her change on me. I never thought I'd cook. Now I'm flipping eggs and bacon. Sometimes feel like I've been took.

Cuz I watch the younger cowboys work all day and not complain. I only lift one saddle, but my back sure feels the pain.

Young cowboys make it easy when they step up on their horse. I need to stack a rock or two, get help from any source.

But one thing is for certain. All those cowboys sure can eat! I'll fill em full of spuds and maybe apple pie to treat.

I've seen old western movies. Every camp cook looks like me. They're short and bald and grumpy. Dang near fits me to a tee.

Do I even need to wonder what my job is after cook? I heard one older feller say, "That's one I'd overlook."

A cowboy's life is simple, but it seems to fly by fast. You're timed by Mother Nature. No use wishing for the past.

So, I hope they're not complaining cuz my cooking's mighty slow. And please don't think I'm useless. I was you not long ago.

## HOLLOWTOP SMOKE SIGNALS

*A few fond elementary school memories*

By ART KEHLER

I remember it as though it was yesterday -- my first day of school. Actually, it was kindergarten. I was standing at the entry door to the classroom holding my mother's hand. My first glance around the room convinced me that I was about to be thrown into the midst of a bunch of ruffians. So, I let go of my mother's hand and dashed for the exit. Even at that tender age, I was pretty fleet of foot. Nonetheless, Mom caught me before I could make a successful escape. And on that dubious note, I began my school experience.

One of the first things I noticed about the classroom was a box on the floor in the corner that was full of sand and toys. Regrettably, one of the boys in the class swiped my toy horse to put it in his sandcastle. So, as vengefully as I could, I kicked his treasured sandcastle into nonexistence. Unfortunately, just as my shoe reached the apex of the kick, the kindergarten teacher looked my way.

Despite my protests of mitigating circumstances, she began to hit my hand with a ruler. That smarted considerably. So, using the same athletic form I had learned while playing football in the street, I kicked her in the ankle as hard as I could. The

next thing I knew, I was being dragged down the hallway to the principal's office.

After arriving at the dreaded destination, the principal asked my name. When I replied, "Artie Kehler," strangely enough, I thought the old boy was going to cry. However, he soon recovered his composure long enough to threaten me with all manner of punishment if I dared again to so much as touch one of his teachers. I took him at his word, and maintained a peaceable attitude for the remainder of the day.

Naturally, word that one of the Kehler kids had been taken to the principal's office (from the first day of kindergarten class no less) spread through the school like wildfire. At the time, I thought I had accomplished a "first in school history" event. After school, my older brother fairly flew home to rat me out. With barely contained glee, he blabbed to my parents the juicy details of my outrageous misbehavior and consequent trip to the principal's office.

As might be expected, my mother was aghast. Dad proceeded to chew me out roundly for berating the family name in such a public manner. Unfortunately for my father, his dad (my paternal grandfather) was living with us at the

time. Grandpa listened to Pop read me the riot act until he just couldn't hold his tongue any longer.

After loudly clearing his voice to get everyone's attention, the family patriarch announced that my dad, while attending the same school, had slugged his first-grade teacher for stretching his sweater. As a result, my dad had also been hauled all to the exact same principal's office (albeit many years earlier). To say the least, my father was less than pleased with grandpa's dramatic revelation. On the other hand, I took great comfort in what grandpa said.

Lastly, I found out later that my older brother had thrown a wooden block at one of his first-grade classmates and, in the process, chipped one of the windows. Thus, yet another of the Kehler boys had made an untimely trip to the principal's office. When I heard that, I knew why the principal looked as though he wanted to cry after hearing my surname. After all, I was carrying on a family tradition.

*Art lives in Harrison, Montana. His essays, stories, and poetry have been published in newspapers, journals, literary magazines, and on-line magazines.*

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**ACROSS**

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- 6. Delivery service
- 9. Gallup's inquiry
- 13. Madison Square Garden, e.g.
- 14. One of the Tudors
- 15. Pinkerton's gallery member
- 16. Beneath, to a poet
- 17. Bird-to-be
- 18. Not slouching
- 19. \*Koko or Digit
- 21. \*George or Marcel
- 23. Langley agency
- 24. Can of worms
- 25. Pine juice
- 28. Up to the task
- 30. Most recent
- 35. Furnace output
- 37. Gives a helping hand
- 39. Veranda in Honolulu
- 40. \*European sea eagle
- 41. Waterwheel
- 43. Ladder crosspiece
- 44. \*Valued for its down
- 46. Steelers's Chuck
- 47. Genealogical plant?
- 48. Treat for Dumbo
- 50. Hoofbeat sound
- 52. "To \_\_\_ is human"
- 53. Jim Carrey's 1994 disguise
- 55. Garden cultivator
- 57. \*Roger or Peter
- 60. \*Rocket or Rascal
- 64. "Random" audience member
- 65. Mozart's "L' \_\_\_ del Cairo"
- 67. Resin-producing tree
- 68. Like haunted house
- 69. Time delay
- 70. City in Germany
- 71. Not a bee
- 72. Pilot's deadline
- 73. Not those

**DOWN**

- 1. Pirates on a plank?
- 2. Black and white treat
- 3. \*Papa or Mama
- 4. Clown act
- 5. Perennial garden flower
- 6. Iris holder
- 7. \*Babe or Wilbur
- 8. Fraternity letter
- 9. Politician's barrelful
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- 12. "\_\_\_ the wild rumpus begin!"
- 15. Hertz offering
- 20. Labanotation founder
- 22. Doesn't mix well with water
- 24. Wilma and Fred's hometown
- 25. \*Dolly
- 26. Eagle's nest
- 27. \*Giant or Red
- 29. \*Simba or Elsa
- 31. Queen of Hearts' pastry

- 32. Accustom
- 33. Not so crazy
- 34. \*Detroit mascot
- 36. Not quite an adult
- 38. Perfect houseplant spot
- 42. Luau greeting
- 45. S. E. Hinton's "\_\_\_ Fish"
- 49. Chi precursor
- 51. Place for a square
- 54. Furry scarf

- 56. What's in your e-wallet?
- 57. Actress Perlman
- 58. Runs, as on TV
- 59. Radar flash
- 60. Indian music
- 61. Yorkshire river
- 62. Lode deposits
- 63. Supreme Court number
- 64. Make a seam
- 66. \*Tom or Sylvester

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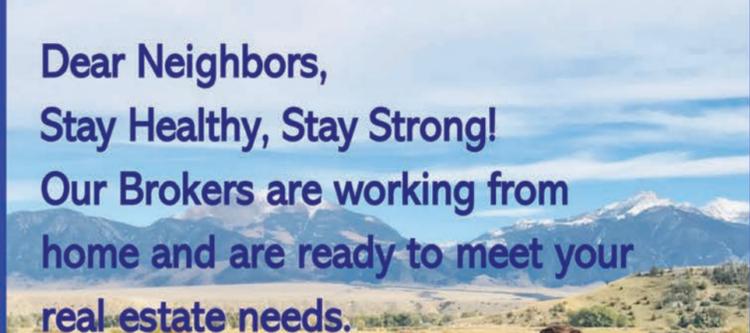
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<p><b>March 29, 2020</b></p> <p>A traffic complaint was made in Melrose. Medical aid was administered in Ennis. A citizen was assisted in Alder. A trespass complaint was made in Ennis. Fire calls were made in Twin Bridges. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Twin Bridges.</p> <p><b>March 30, 2020</b></p> <p>Medical aid was administered in Ennis. A dog complaint was made in Twin Bridges. A wildlife complaint was made in Ennis. A curfew violation was reported in Ennis.</p> <p><b>March 31, 2020</b></p> <p>A public safety complaint was made in Virginia City. A welfare check was performed in Ennis. Medical aid was administered in Ennis. A rescue was performed in McAllister. A fire call was made in Ennis. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis. A disturbance was reported in Sheridan.</p>	<p><b>April 1, 2020</b></p> <p>Accidents were reported in Ennis and Cameron. A welfare check was performed in Sheridan.</p> <p><b>April 2, 2020</b></p> <p>A coroner call was made in Ennis.</p> <p><b>April 3, 2020</b></p> <p>An abandoned vehicle was reported in Twin Bridges. Medical aid was administered in Ennis. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Pony. A theft complaint was made in Twin Bridges. A trespass complaint was made in Ennis. A public nuisance was reported in Ennis.</p> <p><b>April 4, 2020</b></p> <p>A fire call was made in Ennis. A citizen was assisted out of county. Medical aid was administered in Pony. An accident occurred in Alder. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Whitehall and Ennis. A wildlife complaint was made in Cameron.</p>
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## APRIL 9, 2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

UPDATED: The Madison Conservation District will revise natural streambed and land preservation act rules governing the administration of the district's stream permitting program. The revision will include changing the time frame for an applicant to appeal a Board's decision from 15 days to 30 days per HB383 that became law during the 2019 legislative session. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30pm at the Ennis Public Library or via conference call to provide an opportunity to present views and submit written comments on the proposed rules. Copies of the draft rules are available by contacting the district at [info@madisoncd.org](mailto:info@madisoncd.org) or 406-682-3181. The monthly meeting will follow the public hearing that evening. Please contact the office for a call-in number.  
(Pub. MARCH 19, 26, APRIL 2, 9, 2020)  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Montana Fifth Judicial District Court, Madison County In the matter of the estate of Connie Ann Richards, Deceased Probate No: 29-2020-5 Judge Assigned, Luke Berger 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 (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Malia M. Miller, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of A. Suzanne Nellen, Attorney at Law, PLLC, 1800 W. Koch, Suite #7, Bozeman, MT 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated this 5 day of March, 2020 /s/ Malia M. Miller Personal Representative of the Estate of Connie A. Richards, Deceased  
(Pub. APRIL 2, 9, 16, 2020)  
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**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION 2020 SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the SCHOOL Election to be held on MAY 5TH, 2020 will close at 5:00 p.m., APRIL 27TH, 2020. Only School District #5, Sheridan will be conducting an election this year. ALL OTHER DISTRICT ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. THIS TRUSTEE ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MAIL ONLY! NO POLLING PLACE WILL BE AVAILABLE! DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION, THE GOVERNOR HAS INSTRUCTED THAT THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THIS ELECTION WILL BE EXTENDED, and in-person Late Registration be limited to the ten days prior to Election Day. BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL ACTIVE VOTERS OF SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 ON APRIL 17TH. All active and inactive electors of Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered, OR are inactive may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office BETWEEN APRIL 28TH AND NOON ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, MAY 4TH. If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and prior to APRIL 28TH NOTE: Late registration is available, but voters must appear IN PERSON at the Madison County Election Office (103 West Wallace Street

(Admin Building), Virginia City) in order to register and have their ballots issued to them. LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MADISON COUNTY ADMIN BUILDING BEGINNING ON APRIL 28TH. Hours for late registration are: Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5pm until the Friday before the election (APRIL 28TH - MAY 1ST) From 8 am until NOON on the day before the Election (MAY 4TH) From 7 am until 8 pm on Election Day. Inactive electors may reactivate by: \*\*notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county. DATED this 6th day of APRIL, 2020. Madison County Kathleen D. Mumme Election Administrator (Pub. APRIL 9, 16, 23, 2020)  
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**MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD - NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

In response to constraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic the Madison County Planning Board will conduct a virtual/online public hearing on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:15 pm. The public hearing will be conducted via Webex video conferencing platform. - Meeting link: <https://meetingsamer.webex.com> - Meeting number (access code): 622 381 163 - Meeting password: VCMadison (826234766 from phones) - Host key: 558886 - Or join by phone at 1-408-418-9388 The Planning Board will consider the following agenda item and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners who will take final action: A request by Lone Mountain Land Company on behalf of MB MT Acquisition LLC for Preliminary Plat approval of Lee's Pool Subdivision and Planned Unit Development (PUD), a 132-unit residential/commercial development that would divide the 233.78-acre subject property into five Condo lots, one future development lot, and two Open Space lots proposed to be developed as follows: Condo Lot 1 (35.60 acres) - four lodge buildings with 81 units, a spa facility, restaurant, and 13 detached guest cabins; Condo Lot 2 (14.95 acres) - a Ski Lodge, one chairlift terminal, and two detached residential condominiums; Condo Lot 3 (14.08 acres) - 17 detached residential condominiums; Condo Lot 4 (9.19 acres) - 9 detached residential condominiums; Condo Lot 5 (7.57 acres) - 10 detached residential condominiums; Lot R (89.72 acres) - to be re-divided and developed in the future; Open Space A (40.40 acres); Open Space B (9.91 acres). Accessed from Jack Creek Road via Lone Mountain Trail and Moonlight Trail, the subdivision would be served by an extension of existing public water and sewer services operated by Moonlight Basin Water & Sewer LLC. The proposed PUD regards a requested modification to standards outlined in Section IV-B-1(c)(3) of the Madison County Subdivision Regulations, to reduce the applicable construction setback from onsite waterways from 100-ft to 40-ft. Located within the Moonlight Basin Overall Development Plan area, the subject property is legally described as Tract A1 of Certificate of Survey 2508 in the NE1/4, SE1/4, SW1/4 & NW1/4 of Section 12, Township 6 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana. Public participation is encouraged. Written comments provided prior to the public hearing, should be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2020, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; Fax to (406) 843-5229; E-mail to [planning@madisoncountymt.gov](mailto:planning@madisoncountymt.gov); or telephone staff at (406) 843-5250. Verbal comments may be given during the 'public comment' segment of the public hearing. Additionally, upon request received by 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2020 the Board will attempt to contact you via telephone

during the 'public comment' segment of the public hearing. The preliminary plat and supplemental information pertaining to this proposed subdivision is available for review at: • <https://madisoncountymt.gov/307/Planning> • Entrance foyer of Madison County Administrative Building, 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City with appointment (406) 843-5250 M-F 8:00 AM-5:00 PM; • M a i n Street entrance of Madison Valley Library, 210 West Main Street, Ennis on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Call (406) 843-5250 for more information. Darlene Tussing, President, Madison County Planning Board (Pub. APRIL 9, 16, 2020)  
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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

WHEREAS, the number of candidates for the position(s) on the Alder School Board of Trustees, District No. 2 is equal to the number of positions to be elected. THEREFORE, the Alder School Trustees Election originally scheduled for May 5th, 2020 is hereby cancelled. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2020. Wayne Baker, Chairman of the Board Kathleen F. Wuelfing, District Clerk (Pub. APRIL 9, 2020)  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE AND GENERAL FUND LEVY ELECTION CANCELLATION**

WHEREAS, the number of candidates filing a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy for the open trustee positions on the Ennis

School Board of Trustees, District No. 52, Madison County, State of Montana is equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the trustee election is not necessary. In addition, the Ennis School Board of Trustees, District No. 52, Madison County, State of Montana decided the election for approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the General fund for FY 21 is not necessary. THEREFORE, the necessary 30 day notice is hereby given that the Ennis School District No. 52, Madison County,

General Fund Levy Election is cancelled. DATED this 3rd day of April 2020  
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(Pub. APRIL 9, 16, 2020)  
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**HEALTH CARE**



**Q:** A couple weeks ago, my doctor said I need a C-reactive protein blood test. Given the current crisis, I'm considering whether it might be safer to postpone the blood test. What is your opinion?

**A:** The C-reactive protein test will help your doctor determine if your body is fighting an infection. A high level of the protein can indicate a number of healthcare problems including inflammation of the arteries, cancer, infection, inflammatory bowel disease, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, or tuberculosis. I recommend that you have the blood test taken as soon as possible and do not delay meeting with your healthcare provider regarding the results. If you have an emerging or chronic health condition, please do not postpone a visit with your healthcare provider. Make sure you take your medications. Get laboratory and radiology tests done as soon as possible. By waiting, you are risking your own health and could be stressing the healthcare system with an avoidable problem.

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**Q:** What happens to the body when you fall or after surgery?

**A:** A fall or surgery causes discomfort with one part of the body. This initially may be the cause or result of the fall, i.e. torn meniscus in your knee. What happens if only one part of the body is treated? Does the body magically work without problems? The body as I have described in prior articles is a machine that is mapped out by Western Medicine as pieces and parts put together that work systematically together. The machine as a whole is similar to a spring. When we are younger, the spring bounces back with any small trauma or injury. Treatment of one part of the body i.e. the shoulder or the knee and forgetting the rest of the body can cause problems down the road. It is like fixing the strut on a one-sided vehicle causing wear on the opposite part of the car. Treatment of the human body as a whole balances both sides. Holistic treatment is an art. There are very few physical therapists in the U.S. and I am the only one in Montana with this type of training. Since the body has 206 bones, determining what part of the spine or part of the shoulder or arm is the problem, is an art as well as a science, that can only be taught by few practitioners.

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**A:** Now that spring is officially here, it is time to think about spring cleaning! Pick a task for the day and get it done! Your home will love you for it. Here are a few tips to help get you motivated. The garage is a good place to start. Organize the tools, and workbenches, so when you need something, it is easy to find. Garden tools and lawn equipment should also be checked to make sure they are in good working condition. Repair or replace them before you may need them. Mowing the yard and planting flowers are in the not too distant future (Yay!). Another good thing to do is check your gutters and downspouts for old winter debris, so when the rain comes, they're not plugged and are able to work properly. Gutters that are not working correctly can lead to roof damage. Also, power-wash your home's exterior and deck; restain or repaint if needed. Check your sidewalks and driveways for cracks, and patch them to ensure they won't create bigger problems down the road. Take a step back and look at your house as if you were purchasing it. How is the curb appeal? Do you need to trim trees, fix the yard fence, or make a flower bed? If so, these simple projects are an easy way to spruce up the outside of your home. Home maintenance is essential, and your home is your most substantial asset. If you consistently maintain your home, it will pay dividends if you ever decide to list it.

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**Q:** How can I seek help when I have to stay home?

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

  
**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

**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*

**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!**

**Monthly Open Bible Study & Discussion**  
 Families, kids & everyone welcomed!  
 4th Saturday each month 2-5pm  
 Twin Bridges Senior & Community Center  
 March 23 topic: Book of Esther  
 Info (406) 684-5181 Scott or Dawn

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

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

  
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 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  
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 Aides for the hearing impaired

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[www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org) | 406-451-3923  
 Bahá'ís of Madison County

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

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

**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](http://www.rvecc.org)  
 Prayer requests: 682-4199 843-5296 842-7713

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

**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

## AREA SENIOR MEALS

**ENNIS SENIOR CENTER**  
 315 W Main Street  
 Ennis Senior Center – Closed Dine-in & Activities  
**TAKE OUT PICK-UP: M-F NOON TO 1 P.M.**  
 To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance: 682-4422  
 or [www.ennisseniorcenter.org](http://www.ennisseniorcenter.org)  
**MOW delivery area expanded:**  
 S to Cameron W. to Virginia City N. to McAllister E. to lower Jeffers  
**Thursday April 9** – Sausage tortellini soup, salad, croissant, dessert  
**Friday, April 10** – Fried cod, fries, slaw, dessert  
**Monday, April 13** – Chef salad, roll, dessert  
**Tuesday April 14** – Fish tacos, rice, beans, dessert  
**Wednesday April 15** – Meatball sub, pasta salad, veggie sticks, dessert  
**Thursday, April 16** – Chicken lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert  
**Friday, April 17** – Cheesesteak, jojo potatoes, veggie sticks, dessert  
 We may also need additional volunteers to deliver meals, call the senior center or send email to [ennis.seniorcenter@gmail.com](mailto:ennis.seniorcenter@gmail.com).

**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, April 9** – Hamburger casserole, roll, dessert  
**Tuesday, April 14** – Fish & chips, 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.**  
**Friday, April 10** - Pub Style Battered Cod, tater tots  
**Sunday, April 12 - EASTER SUNDAY** 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Ham, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad, angel food cake/strawberries  
**Monday, April 13** - Stuffed pork loin, 3 bean sald  
**Wednesday, April 15** - Chicken enchilada, cornbread, dessert

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

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 call 682-7755 to make a plan.

**GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**  
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 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

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

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

**ALANON**  
 Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley  
 Thursdays, 8 pm

**ALANON**  
 Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm  
 Suzy 685-3692

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

**LIFERING**  
 A Life Ring group is starting in Ennis. Lifering is an abstinence-based, worldwide network of people seeking to live in recovery from addiction to alcohol or non-medically indicated drugs.  
 In Lifering, we offer each other peer-to-peer support to encourage personal growth and empowerment. Those interested in participating, can call 682-4463.

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**ENNIS**

*Restaurants*

Alley Bistro—open Tuesday-Sunday for takeout. Use the takeout window adjacent to takeout parking. Lunch from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m., dinner from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. App available for orders. 406-682-5694. <https://alleybistro.com>

Blue Moon Saloon—closed. RV Park and Cabins open.

Burnt Tree Brewing—closed, growler fills on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 p.m. till 7 p.m. 406-682-5552

Ennis Pharmacy and Yesterday's Soda Fountain—open daily from 6 a.m. till 3 p.m. Delivery, takeout and curbside delivery offered. 406-682-4246

Ennis Senior Center—Meals on Wheels can deliver to McAllister, Ennis, Jeffers Flats, south to Blue Moon Saloon, Shining Mountains Subdivision, Virginia City Ranches and Virginia City. Call 406-682-4422 or order online at [enniseniorcenter.org](http://enniseniorcenter.org), preferably a day ahead.

Gravel Bar—open 12 p.m. till 6 p.m. with a menu changing daily. Take out offered with credit card only. 406-682-5553. <http://www.gravelbarmt.com>

Nacho Mama's—open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. No delivery or curbside takeout. 406-682-4006

Tavern 287—open and offering curbside takeout. Daily specials are published on Facebook. 406-682-7287

McAllister Inn—closed

Sportsman's Lodge—open for takeout 12 p.m.-8p.m., Thursdays-Mondays. Curbside pickup available. Menu available at [sportsmanslodgemt.com](http://sportsmanslodgemt.com). 406-682-4242.

Willies—open. Offering walk-up bottle service. Hand sanitizer production to begin. 406-682-4117

The Daily Grind—coffee delivery and curbside pickup Monday through Friday 8 a.m.- 11 a.m. 406-682-5336. Free delivery within a three mile radius of Ennis.

*Businesses*

Blue Sky Cleaning—closed. 813-767-4198

Ennis Fish Bowl—closed. 406-682-7406

Ennis Chamber of Commerce—closed. Contact [info@ennischa.mber.com](mailto:info@ennischa.mber.com) for brochures or information.

Ennis Physical Therapy—call for appointments. 406-682-3112

Ennis Trading Post—open. 406-682-4329

Ennis True Value—open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 406-682-4015  
Ennis Veterinary Hospital—People not allowed inside hospital. Food and medications are available for delivery and team members will collect pets at curbside for appointments. Boarding and grooming

still offered. Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. 406-682-7151

Finish Factory—open. 406-570-5404

First Interstate Bank—open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at drive up only. Safe deposit box accessed by appointment. Notary access by appointment. Call for CD's maturing. Visit the website for new accounts and loan payments. 406-682-3124. <https://firstinterstatebank.com>

Gossack Creative—open. Available for online menus for stores. Discounts on menu design for businesses. <https://www.gossackcreative.com>

Lateral Electrical Services—open for electrical service and maintenance troubleshooting, 24/7. 406-595-2915

Madison Foods—open. Full service grocery store. Delivery and curbside pickup available. 6 a.m.- 9 p.m. 406-682-4306

Madison River Propane—Open 8 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. 406-682-7001

Madison Theater—closed. 406-682-4023

Madison Valley Plumbing—open. 406-682-7913

Magic Mirror—closed. 406-682-4700

High Peaks Federal Credit Union (Dillon)—all three branches closed to walk in traffic. Staff available by appointment only. Online banking at [highpeaksfcu.com](http://highpeaksfcu.com). Drive up in Dillon open 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Friday from 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Montana Healing Arts—Call or email to schedule appointment. 406-551-3536

Northern Energy Propane/Amerigas—Walk-in service suspended. Propane delivery and service is business as usual. Available by phone 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. locally. 406-682-4230

Parts City Auto Parts—open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. 406-682-4261

Plain Janes—open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. 406-682-5252

Pure Window Cleaning—open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. 406-660-0421

Service All Heating and Air—open. 406-491-4089

Shedhorn Sports—open Monday Through Saturday 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. 406-682-4210

Whispering Willow—closed

Trenz Salon and Day Spa—closed

Madison County Sheriff's Office—closed. Renewing concealed carry permits and fingerprinting services will not be performed. Please call 406-843-5301 with any questions.

Golf course—usual hours. Call for tee time and payment. Walking only. Pro-shop closed. 406-682-7468

**VIRGINIA CITY**

*Restaurants*

Bob's Place—open for take and bake. Email order by 9 a.m. Wednesday of each week to [kirkbelding@gmail.com](mailto:kirkbelding@gmail.com) and [bdyna.m.icspilates@gmail.com](mailto:bdyna.m.icspilates@gmail.com). Pizzas will be ready for pick up from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on Thursdays. Deliveries available if needed. Cash, check or Venmo accepted. 13" choices include cheese (\$13), pepperoni (\$15), pepperoni and sausage (\$16) chicken alfredo (\$19), greek (\$19), classic combo (\$19). Bake on oven rack at 450 degrees for

10-15 minutes. Family style take and bake—meat lasagne, \$42. Serves 6. Gluten free crust available for \$1 more per pizza.

*Businesses*

Rank's Mercantile—open 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

**GREATER RUBY VALLEY**

*Restaurants*

The Shovel and Spoon (Sheridan)—temporarily closed.

Bread Zeppelin (Sheridan)—open for takeout. Monday-Tuesday, 7 a.m.- 2 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. Serving pizza 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. Call 406-842-7777 to order.

Ruby Valley Brewery (Sheridan)—open for growler fills. Daily, 3 p.m.- 7 p.m. 406- 842-5977

The Shack—open, Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Delivery available in Twin area. Curbside pickup. 406-684-5050

Chick's (Alder)—takeout from the bar 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. Call Randy at 406-596-0324

Alder Creek Coffee Co (Sheridan): open for take out only. Call for updates. 406-577-6322

The Prospector (Sheridan)—call 406-842-5850

The Shack (Twin Bridges)—open Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. New carryout menu, beer available with order. 406-684-5050

The Wagon Wheel (Twin Bridges)—open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. Call 406-684-5099

*Businesses*

Walters Family Foods and Ace Hardware (Sheridan)—open daily 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. Delivery and curbside pickup available. Call before noon to place an order. 406-842-5417

Main Street Market and Espresso Drive Through (Twin Bridges)—open. Drive through and take out only in coffee shop. Deli food available for takeout only. 406-684-5075

Main Street Market (Twin Bridges)—delivery options for sick and elderly. Call before 11 a.m. Monday-Friday. 406-684-5070

The Old Hotel (Twin Bridges)—closed for dining until further notice. Facebook page offering curbside baked good specials. 406-684-5959

Bartoletti Dental (Sheridan)—open for emergencies, no hygiene at this time. 406-842-5400

Beacon Business Center (Sheridan)—open 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. 406-842-7488

High Peaks Federal Credit Union (Sheridan)—all three branches closed to walk in traffic. Staff available by appointment only. Online banking at [highpeaksfcu.com](http://highpeaksfcu.com). Drive up in Dillon open 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Friday from 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Home Park Assisted Living (Sheridan)—closed to visitors. 406-842-5133

IMOC Building Supply (Sheridan)—406-842-5643

Mountainview Veterinary Service—open with restrictions. Call ahead. 406-684-5831

New Kids on the Block (Sheridan)—closed until April 14. 406-890-8860

Novich Insurance (Twin Bridges)—available by phone and email Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. 406-684-5264. [novich@drivers.net](mailto:novich@drivers.net)

Opportunity Bank of Montana (statewide)—lobbies closed. Drive-ups, walk ups, night drop boxes and ATMs still in service. Sheridan- 406-842-5411. Twin Bridges- 406-684-5678

Ruby Valley Medical Center (Sheridan and Twin Bridges)—contagious patients seen in Sheridan. Non-contagious patients seen in Twin Bridges. Sheridan- 406-842-5453. Twin Bridges- 406-684-5546

RW Outdoors (Sheridan)—open by appointment only. 406-842-5271

Twin Bridges Dental—open with extra precautions. 406-684-5080

Senior Centers—Sheridan- 406-842-5966. Twin Bridges- 406-684-5175

Twin Bridges Kid Country Daycare—406-684-5353

**EDITOR'S NOTE\*** Let's keep our public involved. As you schedule virtual meetings, please post at [Outpostevents.net](http://Outpostevents.net) so our public stays active and informed. If you have a fun online event, please share that as well. We're in this together!

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**

10 a.m. Madison County Disaster Emergency Services hosts community updates via GoToMeeting. How to access these meetings is posted on the Madison County Public Health Facebook page or below: Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3311 Access Code: 289-992-789

**TUESDAYS**

Madison County Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:30 a.m. Notice: This Meeting will be available by Webex. Meeting link: <https://meetingsamer.webex.com> Meeting number: 620 255 224 Password: VCMadison Host key: 136948 or Join by phone +1-408-418-9388

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

**THURSDAYS**

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

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

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**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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