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SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

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Out-of-state seasonal employees who are coming to work in Madison County do not have to self-quarantine upon arrival.

According to the State of Emergency Operations Center, people traveling to Montana for work-related purposes are exempt from the 14-day quarantine requirement. Some Madison County employers, such as the U.S. Forest Service, are mandating its out-of-state employees to quarantine, regardless of the exemption. Some employers will legally exempt quarantining their employees coming in from other states. In Virginia City, the Montana Heritage Commission will not be enforcing a 14-day

quarantine for its three out-of-state seasonal workers.

"We will be taking extra precautions for the three to limit their access to the public," MHC Executive Director Elijah Allen said.

Most of MHC's seasonal employees greet visitors with information, stock merchandise, conduct ticket sales, work registers and maintain head counts for venues, according to Allen.

The governor's statewide directive requiring travelers coming into the state to self-quarantine for 14 days is in effect until the end of the emergency. The directive is important to mitigating the spread of COVID-19, since people can be asymptomatic or not develop symptoms for two weeks, according to Madison

County Public Health Department. But if the travel is for work, out-of-state incomers can be absorbed into the Montana communities that they have come to work in.

The exemption benefits the workforce, especially for seasonal economies like Madison County. Employers are required to monitor their employees for symptoms and provide proper sanitation measures for COVID-19.

"We will adjust our concessionaires' schedules and our own operations based on what phase we are in under Gov. Bullock's plan going into Memorial Day," Allen said.

According to the Rocky Mountain Economic District, Virginia City has over 40 businesses that contribute to 1,226 jobs and earn millions

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Incoming signage
VIRGINIA CITY TOWN COUNCIL

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The Virginia City Town Council unanimously approved signage that reminds visitors of responsible social distancing.

The national historic preservation city is approaching its busiest and most lucrative time of year. It is easy for visitors to forget that the city, seemingly stuck in the goldrush era, is home to about 300 people. The town council is taking measures to remind people of Montana's rules in mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.

"It sets the tone coming into town," Virginia City town council member Jon Osborn said.

According to Virginia City Mayor Justin Gatewood, the Montana Department of Transportation would fast track the signs approval on its right of way, and it could be up in the next couple of weeks.



The sign approved by Virginia City Town Council members. PHOTO COURTESY JUSTIN GATEWOOD



Coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic in Madison County interrupted The Madisonian's coverage of the 2020 gubernatorial race. But the primary elections are nearing and our election coverage returns.

In January, we asked Madison County residents what issues they wanted gubernatorial candidates to address. A novel coronavirus has since changed life in Montana, as everywhere, and dominated the conversation. But the issues close to Madison County residents pre-COVID-19 remain. A dispute over Montana's public lands continues, a shortage of affordable housing remains across many parts of the state, grizzly bear conflicts are on the rise and rural healthcare remains a topic of conversation amid the pandemic.

The Madisonian's gubernatorial candidate articles can be seen on The Madisonian's website at www.madisoniannews.com.

Gubernatorial candidate
Mike Cooney

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Montana's 36th lieutenant governor, Mike Cooney, is seeking election as Montana's governor.

Cooney graduated from the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in political science in between working on Max Baucus' campaigns and being elected to the Montana's House of Representatives for Silver Bow County. He was 22 years old.

"I was called to public service pretty young in life," Cooney said. "I also knew how important it was that people should engage with their society and in their government."

Cooney grew up in Butte, playing drums in local bands and working at his family's grocery store, Cooney Food Brokerage. He thought he wanted to be a news broadcaster but found the campaign trail suited him best. He and his wife, DeeAnn Cooney, moved to Washington D.C., where she graduated from Antioch Law School and he worked on Senator Baucus' staff as executive assistant.

Cooney was elected to Montana's Secretary of State in 1989, where he served for the maximum three terms. His first bid for Montana's governor was 20 years ago, losing in the Democratic primary election. He served as Montana's state senator 2003-2010, and until he was appointed Gov. Steve Bullock's lieutenant governor in 2016, Cooney was the Deputy Commissioner for the Montana Department of Labor and Industry.

"We're going to be facing some very new challenges in the next administration," Cooney said. "It's going to take experience; it's going to take leadership in order to make government work. Through all of that, in the end, I want to continue to make Montana something special, leave it in better shape than what was given to me."



Mike Cooney. PICTURE FROM COONEY'S CAMPAIGN WEBSITE

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of dollars a year for Montana. MHC owns about a quarter of the buildings in Virginia City and all of Nevada City's

historic buildings. Businesses pay rent to MHC to operate in those buildings and are a part of the immersive experience.

MHC has waived their tenants' rent obligations if businesses do not open due to health concerns. MHC has also

designated \$10,000 for safety and sanitation supplies for residents and MHC operations and businesses.

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✓

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✓

Sanitation

✓

Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas

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Business travel

Monitor workforce for indicative symptoms. Do not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by a medical provider.

Guidelines for "Opening Up America Again". FROM WHITEHOUSE.GOV COMPILED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CDC

Quarantine for Travelers Arriving in Montana: Through End of Emergency

Do I have to quarantine if I come into the state? What if I'm working?

• Yes, the current requirement for those visiting from out of state is to quarantine for 14 days or for the duration of their visit – whichever is shorter. If Travel to the state is for work-related reasons, then you are exempt. Employees, such as seasonal workers or members of outdoor work crews, are exempt from the quarantine requirement during work hours, but should limit all contact with the public outside of work hours for two weeks. We recommend employers consult with their local health department for additional guidance regarding employee housing,

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sanitation, etc. Local public health departments and boards of health also have the ability to implement more stringent restrictions.

Do people staying at a vacation rental need to self-quarantine?

• Yes, any visitor from another state or country traveling to Montana for non-work-related purposes, must self-quarantine for 14-days or the duration of their stay.

• Self-quarantine means that the visitor or resident must stay within the boundaries of the property they are residing in while in Montana, and cannot leave those boundaries or interact with other people. This includes the visitor or resident being prohibited from grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations/convenience stores, places of worship/churches, schools, and gatherings.

State of Emergency Operations center. FROM STATE OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS WEBSITE.

Clog in the food chain

AMERICA'S MEAT SUPPLY

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Cattle prices are down, and certain cuts of meats are missing from shelves across the country.

COVID-19 outbreaks in meat packing plants have caused a clog in the food chain. Some plants had to stop or reduce production to address the outbreak, which created a delay in supply and feed lots to fill.

"It's like a big pipeline," Madison Valley Rancher John Crumley said. "If something shuts down, you can't just turn off the spigot because it's live cattle."

The cattle industry operates with specific timeframes. Peak market prices for cattle depend on age, weight, muscle mass and fat ratio, among other conditions.

Most of Montana's cattle are processed out-of-state. Cattle are transported from the roaming pastures of Madison County to places like CTI Food LLC in Idaho, JBS USA Holdings, Inc. out of Colorado and Smithfield Foods, Inc. in South Dakota. A few meat packing plants dominate cattle processing in the United States and can each process around 30,000 cattle a day.

Mike Walter at Sheridan Walter's Family Foods noticed the last truckload did not have the prime meat cuts that he ordered for the store. He quickly set up accounts with other wholesale providers, like Sysco and Food Service of America.

"I feel guilty if I start to panic buy and perpetuate the problem," Walter said. "I was completely taken by surprise. All of a sudden it was upon us."

Chris DiMichele from Deemo's Meats

expects that certain cuts will not be available in his butcher shop temporarily.

"Next week will be a horse of a different color," DiMichele said.

Both Walter and DiMichele said that they are committed to holding off on adjusting prices. Meat will continue to stock their cool displays, but some beef cuts will likely be missing.

The federal government has pushed for the meat packing industries to continue operation as a critical infrastructure in America. The Centers of Disease Control reported May 1, that U.S. workers in 115 processing plants in 19 states reported COVID-19 cases. About 5,000 meat packing workers have tested positive for COVID-19. The working conditions of the factories will be a difficult obstacle for public health concerns.



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## PUBLIC LANDS

Cooney served on Montana’s Land Board during his 12-years as Secretary of State. If elected governor, Cooney will return to one of the board’s five seats. During his political career, Cooney has taken a consistent stance on Montana’s public lands.

“I think it is a very important part of who we are and why we need to continue to fight like heck to make sure that our public lands are never under attack,” Cooney said.

Montana’s public lands are an economic driver for the state with its natural resources, recreation opportunities and tourist attraction. According to Cooney, the state’s public lands are a recruitment tool for Montana businesses because they improve quality of life.

Cooney supports expanding access to public lands and state programs, like [i.e.], which work with private land owners to purchase easements. Cooney believes that all Montanans benefit from expanding access to public lands.

“Public lands are one of my major priorities, it’s always been and it will continue to be when I’m governor of this state,” Cooney said. “We need to continue to expand opportunity, we need to be sure to protect our public lands and I totally disagree with the concept that our public lands should be sold to the highest bidder. That will not happen on my watch, when I’m governor.”



## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

**“I think a lot of people look at the housing problem as being an urban problem,” Cooney said. “I have not visited a single place in Montana – I don’t care how big or how small – that they won’t almost immediately identify housing as being one of the greater challenges.”**

Affordable housing is a national and community problem in the United States.

Madison County residents earning Montana’s minimum wage of \$8.50 would have to nearly triple their wages to afford a house in Madison County, according to the Madison County Housing Advisory Board. Cooney believes that there is room for the state to be a part of creative solutions to the housing shortage in Montana.

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Cooney favored setting up a housing trust fund to combat the affordable housing shortage. Interest made from the money set aside could be designated to low-interest loans or assistance to communities. A housing trust fund could aid the affordable housing issue of the future but offers little to the present crisis.

Cooney supports collaborative efforts from the public and departments, like the Montana Department of Commerce housing division, to address affordable housing.

“It is a problem that needs to be address throughout the state,” Cooney said. “There is room for the state to be a part of that discussion.”



## GRIZZLY BEAR MANAGEMENT

Lawsuits over delisting the Yellowstone Grizzly Bear from the endangered species list come to life in southwest Montana.

Grizzly bear conflicts have increased in areas like Madison County. The Yellowstone Grizzly Bear population has dispersed into territories that it has not occupied since before their decline in the late 1800s. But a concern for the secure existence of grizzly bears and its benefits to the ecosystem question the idea of delisting them.

“I think the state has tried to be proactive in dealing with the grizzly bear situation,” Cooney said. Yes, it’s a federal issue right now. There’s a lot of anticipation as to what may or may not happen as far as delisting is concerned.”

Gov. Steve Bullock and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks appointed a 12-member council in 2019 to help prepare Montana for state management. The council is a collective of perspectives in the state.

“It brings people from all sides of the issue together,” Cooney said. “That’s what I really want to stress, this is not a one size fits all.”

Cooney has an inclusive approach to addressing issues. He supports this process of preparedness but does not have a stance on the grizzly bear’s status as a protected species.

“We need to see more of what the state council is going to come up with,” Cooney said. “But if that’s the ultimate decision that comes down, I think that the state will be very quickly prepared to the right steps to have a process in place to best manage the grizzly bear, to make a Montana solution.”



## HEALTHCARE

Rural healthcare has had its challenges before the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Madison County’s critical access hospitals have a secure place in its communities. Critical access hospitals receive full cost-based reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, which is essential for continuing to serve the low volumes of rural communities. Medicaid Expansion, which was approved for another six years in 2019, extends eligibility to the state and federal healthcare coverage to people, such as low-income able-bodied parents and low-income individuals with chronic mental illness.

“One of the things I’m very proud of is the fact that I’ve been a part of an effort that we made sure the we passed Medicaid Expansion in the last legislative session,” Cooney said. “There’s no question that that has helped intact our rural healthcare structure. You look at other states whom have refused to take advantage Medicaid Expansion, those are the states where their rural hospitals are closing.”

Montana has not lost a critical access hospital since the inception of Medicaid Expansion, according to Cooney. His goal is for people to realize the critical benefits that Medicaid Expansion brings to Montanans. When reauthorization of the program comes up in six years, Cooney hopes it will be an obvious decision to continue it.

Other aspects of healthcare have the lieutenant governor’s attention as well, such as the cost of prescription drugs and access to healthcare. Telehealth is a healthcare tool that has been helpful during the COVID-19 pandemic. Montana’s lack of broadband internet speeds cripples its ability to take full advantage of telehealth. Broadband will have to expand to broaden the state’s healthcare structure with telehealth services.

According to Cooney, Montana also lacks enough mental health providers to deal with Montanans’ needs. He wants to find ways to bulk up the mental health workforce in the state.

“It is an epidemic in many respects and the state needs to be focused on looking for ways to address the mental health issue in this state,” Cooney said. “The suicide rate is far too large in this state, we need to address that. We need to address some of the underlying issues that may lead to that, things such as sexual abuse, drug abuse, alcoholism.”

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Readers,

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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, which is May 28, 2020, we will not publish letters about the election because they do not allow candidates time for rebuttals. That means the May 21 paper is the last one to place a letter pertaining to the June 2 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 May 28 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.

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.

The Madisonian

What a disrespectful comment

Dear Editor,

I read your recent article in which a fishing business owner said "the 14 day quarantine rule is a death blow to tourism". What a joke. What a disrespectful comment. You know what an actual deathblow would be, our small town having an outbreak of coronavirus. Our town population is generally older and has more preexisting health problems. Why would you advocate against policies to protect the people here. I walked by that same shop the other day, not a single person there had a mask on, so you won't even do basic things recommended by the government to protect others. What a shame.

To the other businesses not doing there part, shame on you. Shame on your disrespect for the Frontline workers in Montana. Shame on your for risking the lives of our health care workers. Shame on your for putting profits before the safety of people. I certainly won't be shopping in your store.

Angela Boyd  
Ennis, MT

It's time to show we care for people

Dear Editor,

I recently read a thread on internet that the Ennis Chamber of Commerce was proud to be holding the 4th of July Parade even though most all towns have canceled theirs, e.g. Butte and Livingston. Proud to be doing so is incredibly disrespectful to the healthcare workers of Montana and the vulnerable citizens of this town.

It's time the town show it cares more about people than profits, that'd be far more patriotic than hosting a parade that will bring thousands from out of town, risking lives. Do the right thing, Ennis, and make us all proud to be from Ennis.

Donald Clark  
Cameron, MT

May is Mental Health Month

Dear Editor,

May is Mental Health Month, a reminder of the important role our brains, lifestyles, and life experiences play in our overall health and well-being. In this time of COVID-19 risk, income loss, job uncertainty, and reduced social contact, new mental health problems may emerge or existing ones may grow more serious. Whether it's chronic depression or alcohol addiction or a recent trauma, it may be difficult to cope right now.

We are fortunate in Madison County to have several licensed mental health counselors providing services in the Madison and Ruby Valleys. These counselors work cooperatively with local doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, EMTs, law enforcement, pastors and teachers to help people access appropriate care. Tele-health can be an effective tool for connecting people to specialty care when travel and in-person visits are not possible.


Our mental health counselors are among the "essential workers" we rely on to deliver vital goods and services. They remain on the front line to help us stay safe and healthy, not just during this pandemic but every day of the year.

I suggest each of us find a way this month to thank a mental health counselor for her or his skillful and dedicated efforts.

Doris Fischer  
Sheridan, MT

OBITUARIES

Ron Holt



On Easter Sunday, April 12, Ronald Holt, age 60, passed peacefully in his sleep at his home in Oklahoma.

Ron was born in Ennis, Montana. He graduated from Ennis High School and then from Montana Tech with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He held many jobs throughout his successful 32 year career with Schlumberger, an international oilfield services company. He had the opportunity to travel within North America, South America and Africa during his career. He and his family moved often and made their home in five different states and called Canada home for more than six years. He had the great fortune to retire in February of 2019.

Ron and his wife Stephanie spent 29 loving years together and raised two wonderful sons.

The last few years Ron found a passion for bicycle riding and became the President of the Oklahoma Bicycle Society. He rode more than 5000 miles last year and demonstrated his strength and leadership on his last ride the day before his passing.

If you ask Ron's family and friends for words that would describe him as witty, clever, sarcastic, competitive, jokester, smart, caring, loving, life of the party, proud and tough. He sometimes had a hard exterior but had a kind and compassionate spirit.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Earl, and mother, Alice. He is survived by his wife Stephanie, two sons Jake and Noah, beloved dogs Bear and Barkley, brother Gary and his wife Marla from Florence, Mont., sister Vicki and her husband Eric from Palm Desert, Calif., brother Jim from Auburn Wash., and nieces Aubrey, Allie, Shelby, Gaby and great nephew, Landon.


A celebration of life will be held August 7 at the Ennis Homestead, 206 2nd St, Ennis, Mont., 59729. Memorial donations can be made to the Ron Holt Memorial Scholarship Fund at Montana Tech. Contributions can be made online at <https://foundation.mtech.edu/give/> or by mail by sending a check to:

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# Cool April weather prolongs snowpack across Montana

Submitted by Lucas Zukiewicz, NRCS

Weather patterns during the first two weeks of April, while cooler than average, didn't yield much precipitation across the state of Montana. However, the below average temperatures during this period did help to delay snowmelt at many low- and mid-elevation mountain locations during the first half of the month according to data collected by SNOTEL sites maintained by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Both east and west of the Divide, snowmelt was delayed by a week or two at lower elevations because of these weather patterns, which is great news as it keeps that water in the mountain snowpack and prolongs streamflow during the summer when demand is the highest," said Lucas Zukiewicz, NRCS water supply specialist for Montana.

The last week of April brought a major weather pattern change that caused the snowpack to transition towards melt at most elevations in Montana. "The abundant sunshine and above average temperatures that persisted since April 20th took their toll on the snowpack in the mountains. Since then, rapid snowmelt caused rivers and streams in the state to begin the seasonal rise from snow-melt runoff," said Zukiewicz. In some areas the snowmelt is ahead of schedule, raising questions about available water supply later in the summer. "High elevations continue to hold onto snowpack or have just begun to discharge water into the river systems. However, low- and mid-elevation SNOTEL sites have been melting at an accelerated pace since mid-month, and most dramatically since the last week of April and into the first week of May," continued Zukiewicz.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



## \$3,000 to Ruby Valley Food Pantry

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As a chain of Montana banks, Opportunity Bank embodies the Montana spirit of looking out for their neighbors. This spirit winds through a gracious community like the Ruby Valley effortlessly.

On April 30, Opportunity Bank of Montana announced a donation of \$25,000 to Montana hunger-relief organizations, the second round of assistance provided by the bank, totaling nearly \$50,000 in donations to assist those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sixteen communities around the state will benefit from local branches' monetary designations.

"This is a time of urgent need," Pete Johnson, President and CEO of Opportunity Bank, said. "We saw the positive impact of our initial donations and were moved to do more. The most

vulnerable in our communities need help now more than ever. Our goal with these additional donations is to get resources into the hands of these critically important organizations to meet the needs of our fellow Montanans."

Local management selected the Ruby Valley Food Pantry to receive \$3,000 in donations.

The Ruby Valley is a tight-knit community, Cleve Witham, market president for the Ruby Valley market with Opportunity Bank locations in Sheridan and Twin Bridges, said. He felt fortunate to be able to serve the community at a time when the need is so great.

"If our neighbors are suffering from something as fundamental as not having enough food, we felt obligated to help," he said.

Bobbie Jo Konen, retail branch manager at Opportunity Bank in Twin Bridges, was grateful to work for a company who felt compelled to support the community in such a meaningful way.

"We're very fortunate to live where we live and we're happy to do it," Witham said.



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# Attention farmers, ranchers, sportsmen, hunters and those who have been looking for a way to support local agriculture

The USDA and CDC are allowing comments to be made for removing *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella suis*, and *Brucella melitenis* from the Select Agent List and here is why you should care

Submitted by TAYLRE SITZ

First things first, let’s talk terminology. The USDA is the United States Department of Agriculture. This government entity has authority over animal diseases in the United States. The CDC is the Center for Disease Control which oversees human diseases in the United States. Why do both of these agencies care about something named *Brucella*? This is because *Brucella* species represent an infectious (easily transmitted) bacterium that is zoonotic (can be transferred from animals to humans). Lastly, the Select Agent List is a government compilation of severe microbial diseases that have the potential to pose a severe threat to plant,

animal, and human populations (think diseases such as the plague, Ebola, and Smallpox virus ). The problem with having this bacterium on the Select Agent List is that limited research can be accomplished due to the increased biosafety level required and increased government regulation on bacterial cultures. Brucellosis was nearly eradicated from the United States prior to it now being nearly endemic (commonly found in certain populations) to the Greater Yellowstone Area and the regions surrounding it. In Montana, this region encompasses the majority of four different counties, including Madison County, and is called the Designated Surveillance Area (DSA). Bison in Yellow-

stone National Park contracted this disease in the late 1900s, and it was transmitted to the elk thereafter. Bison are relatively confined to Yellowstone National Park while the vast elk herds of the region tend to migrate over a great distance. The elk transmitted the disease to cattle of the ranches in the surrounding area. Cattle and bison in the DSA must undergo blood testing in order to leave the boundaries, and sexually intact cattle and bison over 12 months of age in 10 different Montana counties must be given an official RB51 vaccine (performed by a veterinarian) and given a tattoo as proof that this vaccine has been given. The boundaries of the DSA have been expanded three different times since 2009. Brucellosis is transmitted

to other animals and humans through unpasteurized milk, urine, or aborted fetuses and placentas. In humans, *Brucella* can cause serious disease, but it is usually not fatal. Human-to-human transmission is extremely rare. The most common route of transmission in humans is consumption of unpasteurized milk. The United States is not an area at risk for humans contracting brucellosis, although like other disease agents, certain occupations are at a greater risk than others. In cattle, bison, and elk, this disease causes late term abortions and infertility, making this a costly disease due to reproductive losses. Furthermore, ranches that have an animal test positive for the disease must undergo rigorous quarantining

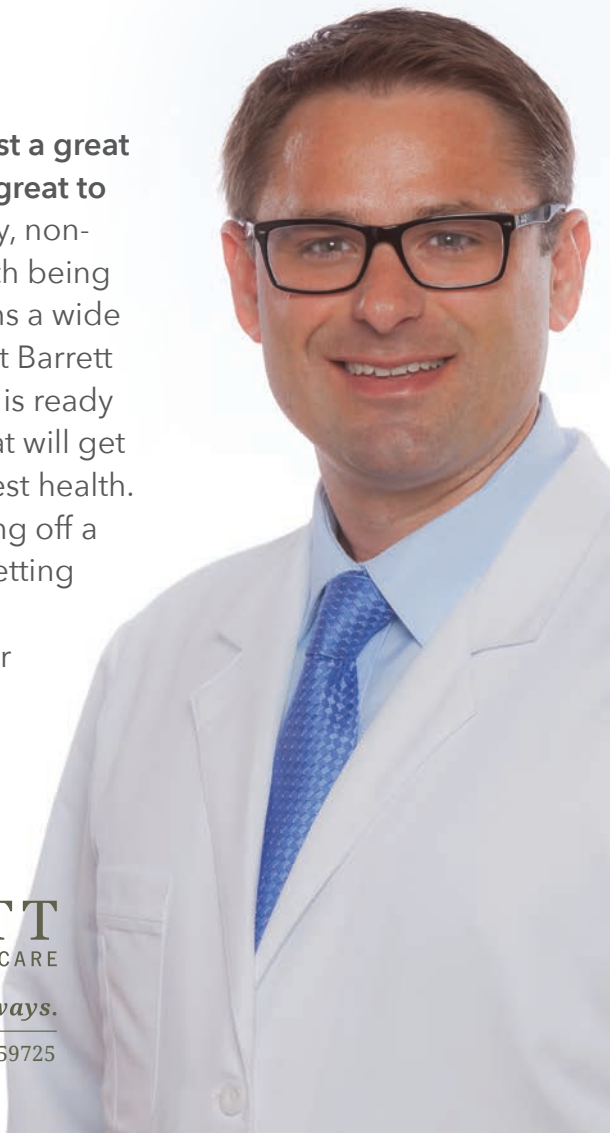
which has tremendous financial effects on when mature cattle can be sold, when cattle can be moved to certain pastures, and the ability to sell weaned calves. So why should you care about a bacteria named *Brucella*? It is my humble opinion that there is a great benefit for farmers, ranchers, sportsmen, and hunters if the *Brucella* species listed above were removed from the Select Agent List. This would allow for increased research into the disease and hopefully the development of a more effective vaccine. Here in the DSA, we are in need of better management strategies to combat this disease not only in domestic cattle and bison, but in our wildlife species as well. Please consider taking the time to submit your comments today

to the USDA and CDC. You can visit the Montana Stockgrowers website ([www.mtbeef.org](http://www.mtbeef.org)) for a template for your comment and to find the respective links for comment submission. Links for comment submission can also be found on the Montana Department of Livestock website (<http://liv.mt.gov/>). Open space is highly valued by all Montana residents as well as visitors to our state. If the burden of being a ranch in the DSA cannot be eased, some of these ranches will cease to exist – and the likelihood of those open spaces not being subdivided and covered with houses is slim. Removal of *Brucella* from the Select Agent List is an important first step to preserving open space in the Greater Yellowstone Area.

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- Despite our efforts, we are certain that many ballots will come back to our office as UNDELIVERABLE. If you believe that your mailing address may not be current, please call our office as soon as possible (843-4270), and expect our office to contact you by mail (if a forward is received from the post office), by phone, or by e-mail --if we have that information-- if your ballot is returned by USPS as undeliverable. Once we have a current address, your ballots will be re-mailed to you.
- Return postage has been paid by the state of Montana in order to encourage voters to MAIL their voted ballots to the election office rather than hand deliver them during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This year, three parties qualified for a primary ballot (Democrat, Green and Republican), but YOU MAY ONLY VOTE ONE. New legislation allows you to RETURN ONLY THE VOTED BALLOT. The two unvoted party ballots should be destroyed by the voter.
- The Governor’s directive also ordered that the CLOSE OF REGISTRATION be moved up three weeks to May 26th. You may register to vote by mail until that date and ballots will be mailed to you. Please call us to mail the voter registration form to you.
- If you miss the May 26th date, those needing to register in person may appear at the Public Meeting Room at the Madison County Admin Building in Virginia City to register and vote between 8 am and 5 pm, May 27th and May 29th (Wed – Fri), from 8 am until noon on Monday, June 1st and from 7 am until 8 pm on Election Day, June 2nd. Look for signs to direct you.
- Registrations post marked May 26th and received by May 28th will be accepted and ballots will be mailed to you. Please, do not delay.
- This period of Late Registration and voting will be held with strict 6 – foot distancing rules.
- If you are unable to mail your ballot, a drop box will be available at the Admin Building. And please be advised, if you are dropping off ballots for anyone other than yourself, you will be required to fill out a BIPA (Ballot Interference Prevention Act) form at that time. Please see the reverse side of your voting instruction sheet for further instructions. Again, look for signs once you arrive at the Admin Building.
- Ballots must reach the election office by Election Day, June 2nd in order to be counted. Please mail back in plenty of time to be received by that date.
- If you did not receive your ballots and feel that you should have, please call the Madison County Election office at 843-4270, and for any other questions you may have. You may also reach us at [clerkandrecorder@madisoncountymt.gov](mailto:clerkandrecorder@madisoncountymt.gov) OR [kmumme@madisoncountymt.gov](mailto:kmumme@madisoncountymt.gov).



# Ask the Expert

Ask the Expert forum appears the second Thursday of each month. If you have questions for these area professionals e-mail us at [info@madisoniannews.com](mailto:info@madisoniannews.com).

Local businesses have the information you need to make a variety of decisions. Best of all, they are here and available to meet your needs. In our “Ask the Experts” section, we went to these local experts for information on topics important to you.

## HEALTH CARE

### CORONAVIRUS QUESTIONS

Are allergy and asthma sufferers more susceptible to contracting coronavirus?  
Allergy sufferers haven't shown a higher level of illness than the general population. However, asthma sufferers are more susceptible to contracting the coronavirus and developing severe complications. The elderly and patients with lung disease, which includes respiratory illness, diabetes, heart disease and smokers are very susceptible to contracting coronavirus and have the highest rate of fatalities.

Are pregnant women at greater risk of complications from Covid-19?  
Pregnant women are vulnerable to serious complications from Covid-19 and they should be extremely vigilant about social distancing, hand hygiene and face masks. Expectant moms should get their influenza shot and, if local coronavirus cases escalate, determine if check-ups can be conducted via telemedicine.

Is coronavirus more contagious than the flu?  
Coronavirus is more contagious than the flu. On average, one person with coronavirus will infect 1.7 people. One person with the flu will infect 0.7-1.2 people.



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## BIRDING

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Feeding Woodpeckers: Offer suet and cylinders to help draw them off your house. It will also attract other birds and increased activity, perhaps persuading the flicker this isn't the best place to nest.  
Scaring Woodpeckers: Be vigilant and tenacious! Hang holographic tape, pie plates, old CD or DVD's or pinwheels near damaged spots or drumming sites. They must be able to move with the breeze while reflecting light to be most effective.  
Excluding Woodpeckers: Cover the site with plastic or nylon netting or hardware cloth. Cover drumming sites with cloth or foam to dampen the resonance. Place a woodpecker/flicker nesting box over the area if it looks like they are making a nest cavity.



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## INSURANCE

**Q:** What are the Top 10 Workplace Injuries

**A:** Disabling workplace injuries cost businesses more than \$58 billion per year with overexertion topping the list as the most common workplace injury. Putting a workplace safety program in place can be essential. But having the correct insurance in place is still the key component in managing employee injury cost on the ranch, at the office, in the restaurant or on the job site. Contact us or your agent for more information on workers compensation.



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## PHYSICAL THERAPY

**Q:** Where does true balance in the body truly come from?

**A:** Over the past 10 years, I have been studying oriental medicine. Tai chi, Qigong, yoga and its relationship to the human body with movement. There are certain key parts of the body that work together to aid in true balance. Majority of treatments of balance by traditional PT is based on standing on 2 leg to one leg. These forms of strengthening for balance are not wrong, although incomplete. True balance comes from a holistic, total body approach of the upper back and hips/legs. Static exercise ie standing on one foot is not movement balance. Moving parts together, correctly creates balance, safe mobility, walking and reaching. The keys to balance are having upper back that moves and hips that are strong and mobile. In other words, you have to have strength with mobility through different areas. A balancing of different parts of the body to create strength stability with movement. A “slinky” stretched out with muscles attached to it is a prime example of the spine. This slinky has a “teeter totter” effect in the real world. It moves shifts depending on what we do. This is suppose to be fluid like to become rigid for strength. At times we can get out of balance. All right handed people turn and twist to the right. They become stuck to the right and need to unwind. This twist gives one side better balance, that creates a fall risk! True balance is related to balancing of the spine, hips and legs. It is very complex. Single simple exercises like standing on one leg are ??? Treatment requires a holistic/total body approach with an evaluation from your neck to your feet.

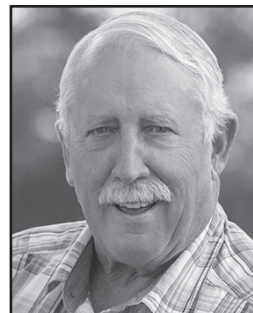


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## REAL ESTATE

**Q:** Will the international pandemic have an effect of Madison County real estate values?

**A:** There is not a day that goes by that area Realtors are not asked this question. The most accurate answer is we do not really know yet. We hear all kinds of predictions from the news media ranging from disaster to some form of normalcy. There are no real experts regarding this topic since we are in uncharted waters with no real comparisons. Most real estate fluctuations have been historically driven by pure economics; remember 2007-08? Our present real estate market has definitely been influenced by investment losses but more importantly it is subdued by consumer confidence and health concerns. In our local markets buyers of affordable residential properties that have a present need have been the most active clients resulting in a decline of that inventory classification. Higher valued second home and recreational properties have been less active due to State mandated travel and lodging restrictions. My best advice: Stay positive, stay safe and have confidence that things will normalize in the not too distant future.



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## PHARMACY

Although we are all excited about the spring weather, for many that also means spring allergies. Spring allergies commonly arise from pollen from trees and other plants. Allergies can cause an array of bothersome symptoms including itchy, red, and watery eyes, and runny or congested nose, sneezing etc. Luckily there are many medications (usually available over the counter) that can help with seasonal allergies. The most common medications that people take for allergies are antihistamines. Benadryl® (diphenhydramine) and chlorpheniramine are first generation antihistamines that can be used for allergy symptoms but should be used with caution in the elderly and because they cause you to be very drowsy. Second generation antihistamines such as cetirizine (Zyrtec®), loratadine (Claritin®), fexofenadine (Allegra®), and levocetirizine (Xyzal®) also help with allergy symptoms such as runny nose, congestion, itchy and watery eyes, and sneezing but have less side effects so they can be taken during the day. Nasal steroids such as fluticasone (Flonase)® and Nasacort® are available over the counter to also help with common allergy symptoms. Nasal decongestant pseudoephedrine is also sometimes combined with second generation antihistamines to help with nasal congestion with allergies as well. An example is Claritin-D®. For allergies symptoms specific to your eyes, eye drops such as ketotifen, and Pataday® are available. Remember to always speak to your doctor and pharmacist before starting a new medication. Your primary care doctor and pharmacist know what medications you are on and what medical conditions you have. Enjoy the spring weather and ask your healthcare provider about which medications will work best for you.



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## MENTAL HEALTH

**Q:** What is Codependency?

**A:** Signs of codependency develop as a way to cope with addiction, mental stresses, or other problems such as underachievement or irresponsibility. Relationship struggles can illustrate difficulties in accepting, trusting and being our true selves. This can lead to continually trying to please others, proving yourself, and seeking validation; these behaviors are a result of feelings of guilt, inadequacy, and shame. People with codependent traits try to fix, help, please, and control other people and situations. Happiness and other feelings are based on what others are doing, rather than on your own internal feelings and values. Thus, people with codependency are not living their own lives; they lose track of who they are, what they want, and how to be happy within themselves. Determining whether you are codependent or not is not about how many traits of codependency you have; it's more about whether the traits are causing you anxiety, pain, or regret, and hindering your health and relationships.



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# Livestock Loss Board loss prevention grants

Submitted by  
GEORGE EDWARDS

Apply now for livestock loss prevention grants. The Livestock Loss Board has \$80,000 available for wolf only loss prevention projects. Applications are available on our website [www.llb.mt.gov](http://www.llb.mt.gov) or by calling our office. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2020. All projects must be for loss prevention

for the following animals: cattle, sheep, horses, mules, goats, swing or llamas. Other animals such as chickens or bison are not eligible for our loss prevention grant funds. Also agricultural crop damage prevention is not covered by our board. There is a 50-50 match requirement for all grants. This can be in the form of cash, in-kind work or a combination of both. None of the required match can include anything

you are already receiving from federal sources. The grant period for wolf only projects is from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Our grizzly bear loss prevention funding is from state sources. The grant period for these grants are one year from when they are approved by the board. Our board will not know how much money is available for grizzly loss prevention grants until mid-July. Board members will be holding a

board meeting either in July or early August to award these grants. Use separate grant forms for wolf and grizzly related projects. They will be reviewed separately as each type of grant has a different funding source. Up to 10% of the total applied for may include administrative costs. Keep in mind that if an excessive value is listed for these costs, the board may reject your administrative costs for matching values.

Please be reasonable if listing these values. The same thing would apply to values in-kind, values for labor, materials, and/or equipment time on projects. Be specific in all aspects in your description of the grant. For example, the number of estimated hours and wages for range riders, type and number of livestock covered or fencing materials. If applying for a grant to purchase a guard dog and/or dog food, include receipts

if already purchased in 2020. Any part of a project occurring before January 1, 2020 is not eligible for grant funding. All projects must be for loss prevention due to wolves, grizzly bears or mountain lions. Loss prevention grants are not available for other predators such as coyotes, fox, eagles, etc... Call George Edwards at 406-444-5609 for more information.

# DLI issues guidance to Montanans returning to work

Submitted by  
LAUREN LEWIS

The Montana Department of Labor & Industry today is issuing guidance to Montanans returning to work during Phase One of the reopening of Montana's economy. "We at the Department of Labor & Industry have been intently focused on getting benefits to the Montanans who have had their employment affected by COVID-19," Acting Commissioner Brenda Nordlund said. "While we continue to focus on that

mission, we also know that many workers and businesses are reopening and returning to work." DLI has launched a new page on its COVID-19 website focused on providing information to Montana employers and employees on the phased reopening of Montana's economy at [dli.mt.gov/return-to-work](http://dli.mt.gov/return-to-work). The new page offers information for businesses and workers on the Governor's reopening directive, health and safety, and recruitment and job search tools. "Returning to work over

the coming weeks and months will involve phases and complexities. DLI is here to help businesses and workers navigate this new environment," Nordlund said. "We are all eager to return to a sense of normalcy, and as we begin that process, new questions are emerging related to employees being called back to work." Returning to work and Unemployment Insurance (UI) DLI reminds Montanans that employees must have a specified reason for refusing an offer to return to work to remain eligible for unemployment

benefits. "If you have a reason that is related to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as you need to care for a child who is unable to attend school or their daycare due to a closure, you may continue to be eligible for benefits," Nordlund said. If an employee refuses available work due to a non-COVID-19 circumstance, such as the amount of benefits they are receiving through unemployment is larger than their former wages, they may not continue to receive UI benefits. Continuing to file for UI

when work is available may constitute fraud. For more information on UI fraud, visit [uid.dli.mt.gov/report-fraud](http://uid.dli.mt.gov/report-fraud). If an individual returns to work, but with reduced hours or wages, they may still be eligible for partial UI benefits. "As outlined in the Governor's directive, employers are obligated to accommodate their employees and ensure a safe working environment," Nordlund said. "We at DLI can assist you with information on workplace safety and health." DLI continues to encourage anyone who believes they

may be eligible for UI to file a claim online at [Montana-Works.gov](http://Montana-Works.gov), or at [mtpua.mt.gov](http://mtpua.mt.gov) for those that fall under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance eligibility guidelines. Those with technical, eligibility or benefits questions are encouraged to view the COVID-19 resource website at [dli.mt.gov/covid-19](http://dli.mt.gov/covid-19). A variety of information for both Montana workers and employers are available, in addition to resources to help claimants navigate the unemployment process.

Thank you!



Madison County Nursing Homes would like to take a moment to recognize our AMAZING staff who are the pulse of our homes. On a daily basis our employees continue to provide loving support to the heart and soul of our households, our Residents. We commend you for your commitment, courage and loyalty to the individuals that we serve and to our teams at Madison Valley Manor and Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center. We would like to take this opportunity to honor each and every staff member and send a heartfelt THANK YOU!!! We all are stronger together!

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# Montana FSA: USDA reminds Montana producers to complete Crop Acreage Reports

Submitted by  
USDA FSA

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in Montana are currently open to phone and virtual appointments only; but can still work with producers on timely filing crop

acreage reports. FSA staff can provide assistance over the phone, by email and through virtual meetings via a software program called Microsoft Teams. The deadline for acreage certification is July 15, 2020,

and applies to crops such as spring alfalfa seed, CRP, perennial forage not covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, annually spring seeded crops, and any other crop not reported by a previous deadline.

# 2020 Rotary Scholarships awarded

Submitted by  
RAND BRADLEY

The Rotary Club of Twin Bridges has announced its 2020 Scholarship awardees. The following graduating students from Twin Bridges and Sheridan High Schools have been awarded scholarships from the Rotary Club of Twin Bridges in the amount of \$800 each. Two scholarships are awarded to two graduating seniors from each high school. One scholarship is for students attending a Montana college in a four-year curriculum. The other scholarship is intended for students attending a college of technology, two-year

curriculum in any state. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, probability of success, service to school and community and financial need.

Twin Bridges High School Awardees:

Kenna Millhouse: plans to attend Carroll College and major in nursing. Avery George: will attend Flathead Valley Community College pursuing a degree in Culinary Arts.

Sheridan High School Awardees:

Amanda Grow: plans to

attend U of M Western and pursue a degree in Psychology. Tia Hill: will attend North Idaho College in Cour d'Alene in general education studies.

The Rotary Club of Twin Bridges is very pleased to present its Scholarship Awards to these deserving graduates and thanks all applicants for their interest in this ongoing scholarship programs. The club also thanks the Ruby Valley communities for their assistance in the Club's fundraising efforts.

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Sunday



Partly cloudy. High around 60F. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.

Monday



Intervals of clouds and sunshine in the morning with more clouds for later in the day. High 57F. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.

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## THE BOTTLE BARN

### Its ties to two beloved Ennis names

By KEELY LARSON  
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Kari Swenson, a biathlete, was kidnapped at gunpoint by two ‘mountain men’ while on a training run in the Spanish Peaks. FBI teams, helicopters, and multiple facets of law enforcement searched for Swenson for months. Local sheriff, Johnny France, was the man who apprehended the captors.

The Frances moved to Ennis for Johnny’s sheriff position, the one that would end up involving a woman named Kari Swenson. When Johnny had a day off, Sue drove if they were traveling. Duty did not take a break and he was always on the lookout for something not quite right outside the car windows.

“It’s never been dull with him,” Sue, Johnny’s wife, said, mentioning if she had not taken over, they probably would have gone off the road.

The couple had three children of their own, but raised more like eight over the years. Johnny had a hard time sending kids in trouble or in need to homes, Sue explained. Coming across these kids on the job stuck with him and so they came home with him. Some stayed for a few days, others a few years.

Chris DiMichele’s, Deemo’s owner, kids work with him at the Bottle Barn, which he purchased from Sue and Johnny late April. Nikki, his daughter, does a lot of the sales and Sam, his son, accomplishes miscellaneous tasks and spends more time working at Deemo’s. Each DiMichele kid has a 1% share in the business.

“I’ll tell you what. I’m a blessed man,” DiMichele said, referring to the fact he gets to work on this project with his kids.

DiMichele grew up in New Jersey and received his meat cutting training there. He moved around a bit, to Wyoming and then eventually to Bozeman in 1989, happy to be in a place that gave his kids greater access to the outdoors. He worked in the meat department at Heebs, a place he described as having a Cheers-complex. In its old building, it pretty much screamed character, something Deemo’s now emulates.

He got a job as a meat manager in Ennis in 1994 and eventually bought the Restvedt building and started his businesses. The building he owned included Deemo’s and the Bottle Barn, which Johnny and Sue rented from him until he bought the business.

“Anything they needed I jumped right on it and made sure the repairs were done,” DiMichele said. “They were always very cordial and easy to deal with and very nice people.”

What is more, DiMichele revered Johnny. “I always looked at him as a legend,” he said.

The Bottle Barn was Sue’s baby for almost 35 years. It was a way for her to stay busy and occupied while Johnny was working. One can only imagine the tension a sheriff’s wife experiences. Being in charge of a business allowed her hands and mind a reprieve.

“I really liked being my own boss. That was an awesome experience and it taught me a lot,” Sue said.

As with most business ventures, being an owner had its buffet of challenges. Recessions, break-ins and Sue’s incomplete knowledge about liquor being just a few. The state sent someone to assist Sue at the store for three days to help her wrap her head around what it took to own a liquor business.

“I didn’t know what Jim Beam meant. I didn’t know what Black Velvet meant. I didn’t know about brands,” Sue laughed. Different malt whiskeys? Yeah right.

But the challenges were part of why she loved it so much. “I just had so much fun in there. It was just pure joy,” Sue said.

“This has been really, really hard to give it up,” she mentioned, her and Johnny now both in their eighties. The Frances’ kids encouraged them to move on from the businesses to enjoy the rest of their lives.

In 2004, Johnny suffered an injury involving a horse and was life-flighted twice. The second time, they put him in a body bag. Friends helped Sue run the Bottle Barn as she spent harried time in between Ennis and Billings, where Johnny was in the Intensive Care Unit.

“He’s a walking miracle,” Sue said. Resilient now as he was



FROM L TO R: Chris DiMichele, Nikki DiMichele, Johnny France and Sue France. PHOTO BY SAM DIMICHELE



FROM L TO R: after and before pictures of the first Bottle Barn renovation. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON



the summer of 1984 when he found the two mountain men and Swenson.

After they decided to sell the store last September, word of mouth resulted in 17 people interested. “We definitely wanted it to be somebody local and not go corporate. To keep Ennis as we all know and love it,” Sue said.

DiMichele is locally loved. A Facebook post identifying him as a volunteer of the week in the Madisonian had more than 90 likes in just over an hour. People commented, expressing their love for Deemo’s, and shared the post so others could see.

“I sure try to be as square and straight as I can, and I can’t see being any other way,” DiMichele said.

“We wish Chris the very best and we’re always there to help,” Sue said. More than likely, she would be thrilled to lend a hand at the store that taught her self-reliance, communication and allowed her to interact with those she loved.

FROM L TO R: after and before pictures of the first Bottle Barn renovation. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON





# Collaborative Southwest Montana Community Health Needs Assessment launches

Submitted by  
LAUREN BRENDEL, M.S.

For more than 110 years, Bozeman Health has been a non-profit organization, dedicated to the health and well-being of Southwest Montana. As part of our non-profit status and federal requirement, Bozeman Health, in partnership with Gallatin City-County Health Department and Community Health Partners, is conducting a health needs assessment for our community. This assessment covers Gallatin and Madison Counties (a Park County assessment was completed in 2019). Results

from the community health needs assessment (CHNA) will help inform the three organizations of where to best focus health, well-being, and medical resources in our community. There are two ways community members can participate in the assessment:

- Over the next several weeks, the national research firm PRC, will be contacting approximately 700 randomly selected residents in Gallatin and Madison Counties to conduct phone surveys. The confidential survey will ask questions about residents' health-related experiences, behaviors, and needs.

- An online version of the survey is also available, in both English and Spanish, for community members to complete. The online survey is confidential, and takes no more than 10 minutes to complete. The survey can be completed by visiting [prcsurvey.com/begin/bozemanregion/](https://prcsurvey.com/begin/bozemanregion/)

"The community health needs assessment is a crucial component of our community benefit work," said Christopher Coburn, system manager of community health improvement and partnerships at Bozeman Health. "Hearing from the community about their health and wellness helps us to best

align planning efforts, develop and strengthen partnerships, and deploy resources in ways that are meaningful, equitable, and transformative. As a non-profit health system, this work is central to our mission."

"This collaborative effort to learn from the communities we serve is imperative to how we structure our services and programs," said Lander Cooney, CEO of Community Health Partners. "Our organization uses this data to help focus our attention on what matters most to keep our communities healthy."

"The data gathered during the CHNA is critical to

Gallatin City-County Health Department's approach to prevention," said Tracy Knoedler, director of human services for Gallatin City-County Health Department. The information is valuable in determining community health needs. It enables us to prioritize and focus our attention and resources on initiatives that can have the biggest impact on public health. The questions being asked help us identify the health issues burdening people in our community, and the information gathered is used to create or seek existing programs aimed at addressing those specific issues."

After the completion of the CHNA, Bozeman Health creates a three-year community benefit/community impact plan that is approved by the health system's volunteer board of directors. This plan forms the foundation used by Bozeman Health to help guide the health system's significant efforts in ensuring our mission of improving community health and quality of life is met. Our current plan and implementation cycle comes to an end in 2020 and you can find the current report here: <https://www.bozemanhealth.org/about-us/community-benefit/>

## Caring for concussions

### More than a bump on the head

Submitted by NIH

Accidents happen. A fender bender. A collision while playing sports. Or a fall at home. Many types of accidents can cause a bang to the brain. Each year, more than 2 million people in the U.S. visit an emergency room for a traumatic brain injury. Many others experience a blow to the head but never see a doctor.

Brain injuries can range from mild to severe. The most common type of mild brain injury is a concussion. Concussions can be caused by an impact to your head or whiplash motion to your body that makes your brain bounce or twist inside your skull. That can stretch your brain cells and cause harmful chemical changes that interfere with brain activity.

Even though they're called "mild," concussions

should be taken seriously, explains Dr. Geoffrey Manley, an NIH-funded traumatic brain injury researcher at the University of California, San Francisco.

Most people heal from a concussion relatively quickly. But some will experience long-term effects on their thinking, mood, balance, and more. "If you're still feeling effects a year after your injury, there's nothing mild about it," he says.

Concussions are particularly common among children and young adults. Older adults—age 75 and up—also have a higher than average risk of concussion because they're at higher risk for falls.

Being able to recognize the causes and symptoms of a concussion is important so you can reduce the risk of getting one and seek immediate treatment if you have one.

Seek Treatment

Some people may briefly lose consciousness right after a jolt to the head. Later symptoms can include headache, nausea, confusion, dizziness, or memory problems. Some people may also have sensitivity to light or noise, feel groggy or slow, or have changes to their sleep patterns.

"No two brain injuries are exactly the same," says Dr. Dorian McGavern, a brain-injury researcher at NIH. Every person's brain is a little different, and each impact can affect your brain differently, he explains.

Doctors have become much better at diagnosing concussions over the last decade, says Dr. Christina Master, an NIH-funded researcher studying children with traumatic brain injury at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

To diagnose a concussion, your doctor will ask how the

injury happened and about your symptoms. They may also evaluate your balance, vision, and eye movements.

Most people with a suspected concussion don't need additional tests. But those with more serious concussions may have bleeding or other damage in the brain. They may need an imaging test, like a CT scan, to detect these issues. A recently approved blood test can help doctors identify adults who need an imaging test.

Manley and other researchers are studying whether blood tests can better, and more quickly, diagnose concussions. "If we can identify who has a brain injury, we can treat them better, and make sure they don't fall through the cracks," he explains.

People with a concussion also need follow-up care. But Manley and others found in a recent study that fewer than half of people diagnosed with concussion in the ER receive such care. This lack of follow-up can prevent people from getting treatment that could improve their quality of life, Manley explains.

Drugs don't yet exist to treat concussion itself. "But we have plenty of drugs and interventions for the side effects of traumatic brain injury," he says. These include medications to help with chronic headache, depression, and sleep problems.

Avoid a Second Blow

The brain is more vulnerable to a second blow after a concussion. That's because a concussion can damage nerve cells in the brain. It can also cause the blood vessels that feed the brain to become leaky.

The body usually repairs these blood vessels over a period of several weeks. But in some people, they don't heal

that quickly—or at all.

"Some vessels will still have cracks in the seals. This lets material from the blood enter into the brain," McGavern says. "These leaks can continue for sometimes months or more after the initial injury."

Material from the blood is not supposed to get into the brain. Its presence can trigger inflammation and other types of damage. This damage may help explain the long-term symptoms some people experience after a concussion, McGavern says.

It may also explain why another blow to the head soon after the first can be so dangerous. McGavern's team found that blood vessels in mice that had a second brain injury within a day had difficulty healing. In contrast, blood vessels in mice that experienced a second injury later repaired themselves normally.

Take Time to Heal

After a concussion, the brain needs some rest. Research has shown that both children and adults benefit from reducing their mental and physical activity for a short time and should return to those activities gradually.

"Visual and balance problems can make it hard to do things like read, write, use an electronic device, or navigate a busy hallway," Master explains. "Early recognition and accommodations for those problems can make a huge difference in the quality of life for people as they slowly return to work or school."

People who have experienced a head injury shouldn't feel frustrated if it takes up to a month to feel normal, she adds. "Rest" for someone with a concussion doesn't mean doing nothing at all, Master says. Doing light physical activity and using your brain in ways that don't make concussion symptoms worse can help you heal faster.

Physical rehabilitation programs can also help those with longer-lasting symptoms, explains Master. Talk with your doctor about how to return to your normal activity after a concussion. If symptoms persist, ask about physical therapy.

As scientists have come to understand the importance of protecting the brain after a concussion, new safety rules have followed, Master says. "In the last decade, every state in the nation has passed 'return to play' legislation," she explains.

These rules, designed to protect youth athletes playing school sports, mandate a period of recovery for young athletes after a brain injury. It also requires a doctor-supervised period of gradual physical activity before returning to sports.

"These rules make sure that

we don't return athletes back to play before they are recovered, where another injury could cause more significant problems," Master says.

Everyone can take steps to decrease their risk of concussion. See the Wise Choices box for tips.

## WISE CHOICES

### LOWER YOUR RISK OF CONCUSSION

Many head injuries can be avoided. Tips to stay safe include:

- Wear a seatbelt when you drive or ride in a car.
- Wear the correct helmet and make sure it fits properly when riding a bicycle, skateboarding, skiing or snowboarding, and playing sports like hockey and football.
- Install window guards and stair safety gates at home for young children.
- Improve lighting and remove area rugs, clutter, and other trip hazards in the hallway.
- Use nonslip mats and install grab bars next to the toilet and in the tub or shower for older adults.
- Install handrails on stairways.
- Improve balance and strength with regular physical activity.



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COMMODITY INSITE: HISTORIC DISCONNECT

BY JERRY WELCH

One of the oldest and most reliable sayings on Wall Street is, “Sell in May and walk away.” The saying is based on the historical tendency for the stock market to produce it’s best returns between Halloween and May Day, the winter months. And over the next six months, the summer months, the average historical return has always been much lower. From a historical standpoint it makes sense to exit stocks in May and return as a buyer on Halloween.

However, we live in unprecedented times which means any old saying can be taken with a proverbial grain of salt. For instance, when the first month of a New Year rolls around it is said loud and clear from the mouths of the boys and girls on Wall Street, “As January goes, so goes

the rest of the year.” But this year, January turned out to be, in my view, the most bearish start to a New Year in history.

To illustrate what I am referring to here is my weekly column from March 6, entitled, “Stocks Are In A Bear Trend.” I described the first month of this year as the most bearish January for commodities in history. The month flashed red ink immediately as commodity values did a swan dive. In the final trading session of January, the Dow fell a few points shy of 600 points, making for one of the most bearish starts to a new year in history for stocks. The weakness with stocks and commodities was shock because so many on Wall Street and Main Street believe deeply that, “as January goes, so goes the rest of the year.”

I went on to write, “Unfortunately, February was more bearish yet. Global equities in the final week of February endured their worst week since 2008 as fears of the coronavirus deepened. Commodities did as bad if not worse than stocks. I believe February was likely the most bearish February in history. If correct, that means the first two months of this year were also the most bearish back-to-back months in history.”

Once February was over and during March, stocks and commodities per se wallowed around aimlessly with a downward bias until April. In April, stocks enjoyed their most bullish month in 82 years. A host of commodity markets also rallied sharply such as crude oil, metals, livestock, most tropical markets

and grains. Thus, all markets declined in January and February, treaded water in March but rallied smartly in April. And then May arrived and with it that old saw that tumbles so easily off the lips of Wall Street. “Sell in May and walk away.”

But on the final day of this week an Employment Report was released and here is how CNBC News described it. “U.S. jobs market suffers its worst month in history,” CNBC went on to state. “A staggering 29 million Americans lost their livelihoods in April as the spreading coronavirus shuttered stores, factories and offices, canceled events, and brought transit around the country to a sudden stop.”

“Payrolls fell by 20.5 million last month, leaving 23 million unemployed, the Labor De-

partment said Friday. Another 6.6 million Americans left the workforce altogether, meaning they were neither employed nor looking for work. The nation's unemployment rate more than tripled, soaring to 14.7% from 4.4% in March — the highest since the Great Depression.”

Despite the dismal jobs report, the Dow Jones gained an eye popping 450 points while the Nasdaq rose even higher and is now up for the year. Yes, up for the year. The economy is in deep trouble but stocks keep moving north. The disconnect between the economy and the stock markets continues. And if that historic disconnect persists, a host of investors and traders will soon be sorely disappointed.

From, “Haunted By Markets” in a chapter entitled, “Sorely

Disappointed” comes this tale. “Following surgery in his sensitive groin area the patient still groggy from sedation looks up at his doctor with half open eyes and says, “That is great news about the surgery being successful. Does that mean I can have sex again?” “The doctor, with a big smile, nods his head and says, “Yes, you can certainly have sex again.” The patient replies, “That’s wonderful. Do you have any phone numbers?” Needless to say, the patient was sorely disappointed. He did not get any phone numbers.”

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THIS, OUR VALLEY The Good Earth

By Kieth Axberg

Is the reward for good [anything] but good? ~ Surat ar-Rahman, Verse 60

I went to the store this week and gassed up the truck. Neither took much. Our home is pretty well stocked (without doing any hoarding, thank you very much) and with the continuing Stay At Home orders in our community, I just haven’t gone anywhere or done anything.

If I go places, it is on foot and just around the neighborhood.

While the early stages of our current crisis felt a bit like Solitary Confinement on a global scale, against which I kicked and bucked like a delirious demon-bull at the rodeo (more like a tired old geezer being told it is time for his Geritol, truth be told), I must admit that the slower pace has begun to feel as warm and comfortable as those old leather dress shoes that have finally softened and conformed to fit your feet just right.

There is something about perambulating at a natural pace that feels good. The backyard has come alive with the flowering azaleas, blue bells, forget-me-nots and hyacinths. The daffodils and tulips are done for the season (they really don’t last long at all), but the roses are budding and will soon be drawing humming birds and honey

bees to their life-giving sweets.

I have mentioned in the past that the land and I are not great friends. I prefer concrete and steel. You don’t need to mow cement; weeds don’t grow on steel. I never have to clean my shoes after walking on asphalt, but when I come in from working in the yard, I track in all sorts of yard debris – dead grass, dirt, slug slime – and then I have to clean up after myself so that the labor never ends. Woe is me!

However, since I don’t have the luxury of hopping into the truck and running hither, thither, and yon like the proverbial chicken sans skull, I do have the time to step outside and walk amongst the various plants like a new-born Adam. They have become my children and I find myself wondering: Who the heck are you? What’s your name?

A friend dropped by last summer and we showed her our yard, and she was delighted by the wonderful variety of flowers and bushes. She would oo and ah, and she identified each and every one by its “proper” Greek or Latin designation. “Oh, what a beautiful Azalea Rhododendron Ericaceae,” or “Hyacinthoides Campanula Rotundifolia!”

I confess I didn’t pay much attention. I find it easier to simply recall them as Azaleas or Blue Bells or Forget Me Nots (on those rare occasions I recall anything at all). Some people have a gift for gardening and are adept at attending to proper details – like how much sun or shade a plant needs, or how often to water, or how much water to apply (and at what time of day). Sadly, I am not one of them. But now that I have time, perhaps I

can begin to at least learn some of the names of these, my children, eh?

Or maybe I should go about my “Adam” business and name these flowers and bushes myself. I mean, why should I have to suffer the slings and arrows of scientists who see the world through their little microscopes and give these living organisms names that come from dead languages?

What’s wrong with naming my children Red Bush By the Birch Tree, Bee Collector Watch-it, Blue Bells Out Front, or Is That a Weed or a Plant?

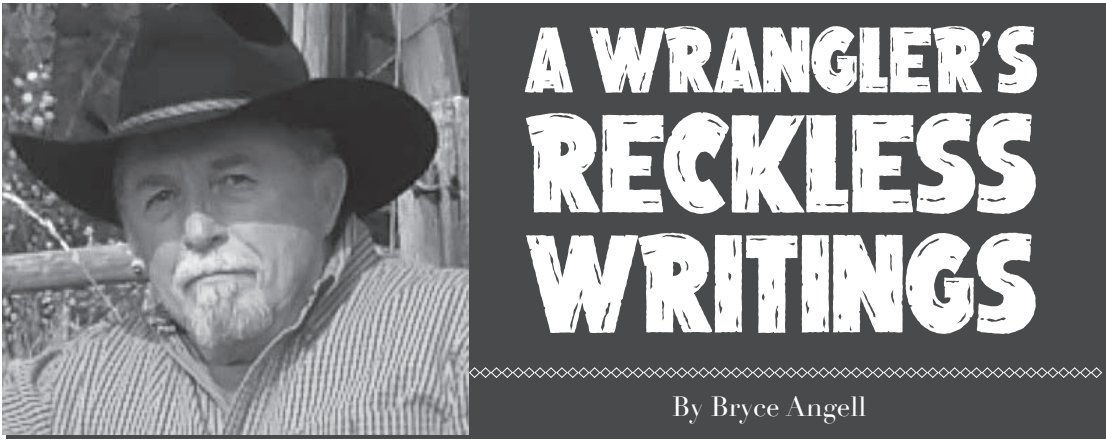
There is no small satisfaction that comes with identifying our outdoor sentinels in a manner that is every bit as orderly and meaningful as that done by scientists in their lairs. The names may not have the panache of scientific nomenclature, but what

does one expect from a Viriditas Bipedal Vulgaris (common two-legged weed)?

If there is anything good to come from this pandemic we’re all struggling with, it may just be our reconnecting with the universe (and the One) who binds us all together.

There is joy in becoming more familiar with the world in which we live. Familiar – family-like – reminds us that we’re all related. Perhaps I shall name the “Forget Me Not” Blessing, for we don’t ever want to forget our blessings here in this, our valley.

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My Grandson’s Loan

My grandson sat down next to me. Said, “How about a loan?” I told him that my pocketbook was dang near skin and bone.

He prob’ly new I had a little money tucked away. I save for those emergencies we call a rainy day. I quizzed my grandson ‘bout the loan. “How much you got in mind?” He said, “I’d like five dollars please. I’m kinda in a bind.”

As grandpas do, I told him, “I can float you extra cash. Let’s look in Grandma’s Bible. That is where I keep my stash.”

I slipped him five new dollar bills, plus five more Ones to boot. I told him I was cleaning out our Bible filled with loot.

My grandson’s smile was almost like he’d won the lottery, or maybe like my silly mug when eating bakery.

But then I told my grandson. “Back when I was eight years old. We didn’t have much money, but our life was rich as gold.

“Each morning we were up at five and out to milk the cows. And some of us were sleepyheads, not easy to arouse.

“We fed the horses, gathered eggs, then caught the bus to school. We always ate a breakfast. Even now it makes me drool.


“We never had allowance, but we had a horse to ride. And bullets for the .22 my father would provide.

“So, no one gave us money. We all learned to do without.” That’s when I said, “Oh by the way, what is this loan about?”



He said, “You’re needing brand new socks. Your toes are sticking through. That’s why I needed money for a pair of socks to you.”

I gazed down at my grandson. Now his purpose came to light. Said, “Let’s head on down to Merckle’s. We’ll have ice cream floats tonight.”

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- ACROSS
1. Smoothing tool
5. Broadband access overseeing org.
8. Attorneys' org.
11. Length times width
12. \*Lined up single \_\_\_\_
13. Lump of stuff
14. Carpet attribute
15. Cut the crop
16. Lingo
17. \*Entire ship's company
19. Toothy wheel
20. Gives a helping hand
21. They're from mars?
22. Language family, includes Turkic and Mongolian
25. Indian spice mix, pl.
29. Bachelor's last words
30. Baby Ruth component
33. One of the Earnhardts
34. She goes by Lo?
36. Actors' grp.
37. Mister in Madrid
38. Colossal
39. With no effort
41. American cuckoo
42. Leave hastily, two words
44. \*Commissioned officer of the lowest rank
46. "\_\_\_\_, drink, and be merry"
47. \*Omaha \_\_\_\_
49. Baby whale
51. \*It's a wall to a civilian
54. Hands, to #12 Down
55. Check out
56. Cambodian money
58. Welcoming sign
59. Went down slippery slope
60. \*Date of Allied landing
61. \*Opposite of stern
62. "For \_\_\_\_ a jolly good..."
63. Dried-up

- DOWN
1. Grammy category
2. Diva's solo
3. Unload
4. Saffron-flavored rice dish
5. Evil one
6. Wears
7. Porcini mushrooms
8. Aquarium scum
9. Uncouth one
10. Address abbreviation
12. Spanish dictator, 1939-1975
13. \*Throwing weapon
16. Ice, dark, and middle, e.g.
18. Pittsburgh Steelers' \_\_\_\_ Field
21. Dojo turf
22. Was sick
23. Parkinson's disease drug
24. African antelope, pl.
25. Gaspar, Balthasar and Melchior
26. Veranda in Honolulu
27. "\_\_\_\_ came a spider..."
28. European finch

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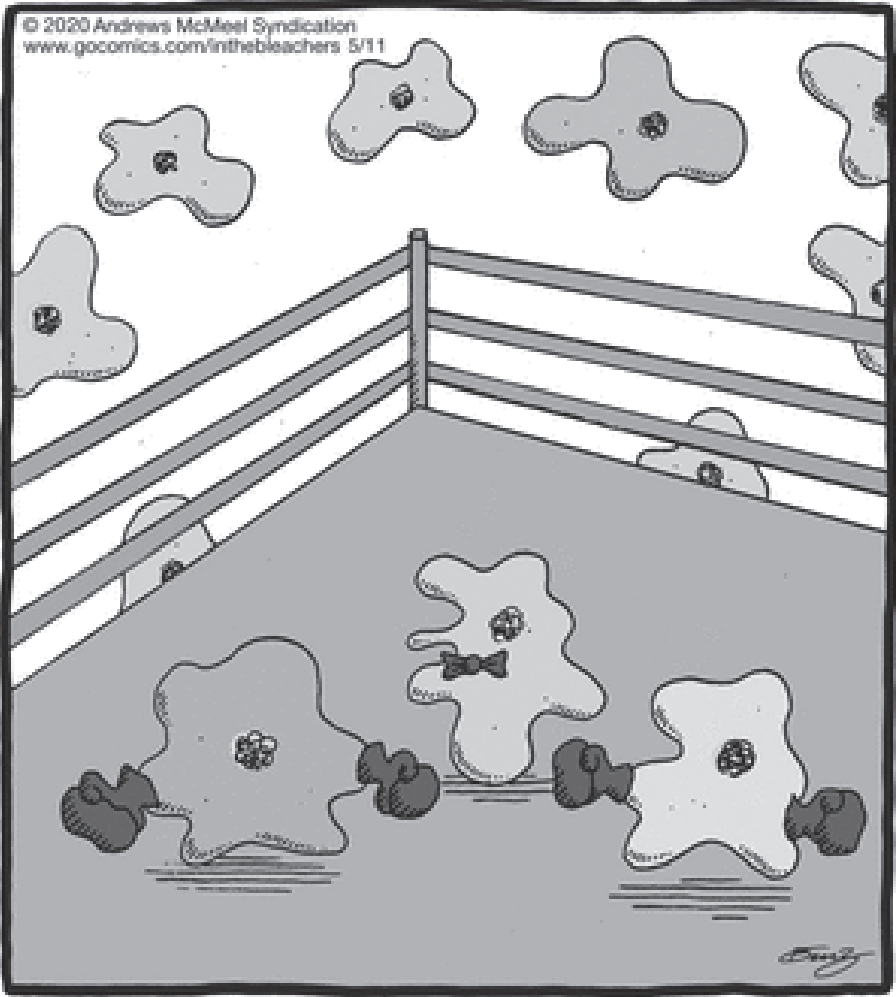
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40. What Deep Throat did
43. Stumblebums
45. Type of shards
47. \*Announcement device
48. Island off Manhattan
49. Head of family
50. All over again
51. Silly talk or writing
52. \* \_\_\_\_-de-camp
53. Letter opening
54. Flash dancers
57. NaOH



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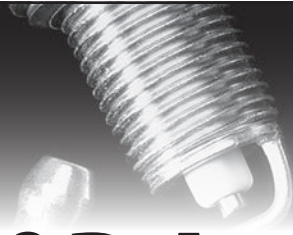
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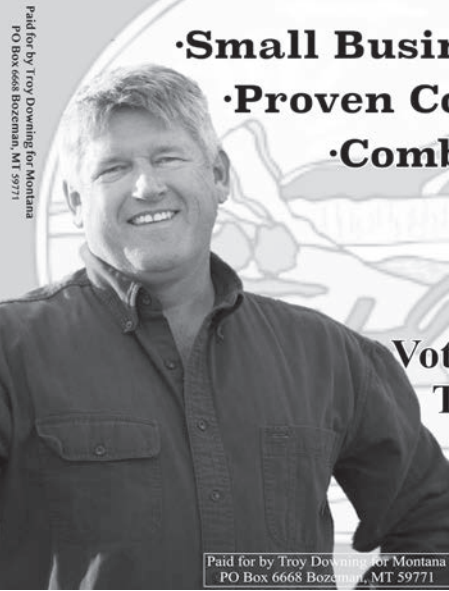
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My current job is County Commissioner for District #1 for 3.5 years, prior to that I was in the ranching business for 45 years. I have been married to my first wife Jody for 43 years. We raised four boys, Bob and Brad who operate Allhands Auto Clinic and Pete and Brian who operate Allhands Excavation, all living in Sheridan. We have seven grandchildren, five living in Sheridan and two in Colorado.

I was a member of the Alder Fire Department for 12 years, Fire Chief for three years at which time the current fire hall was built, the Sheridan School board for three years during which time the Sheridan Elementary was built. Jody and myself, along with our four boys always support the people of the Ruby Valley if there is a need.

I am currently the Commissioner for District #1 in Madison County. I feel I make a good Commissioner because of my common sense ability to problem solve and my understanding of the problems facing the people of Madison County in these changing times. Being a Commissioner is a learning curve that takes time to learn and build working relationships and gain the trust of those who you work with and also for those I serve.

Madison County is a great place to live and things are changing fast. My priorities are to make sure that we plan for the future in a responsible way for future generations. We need to be sure that our planning regulations will get us into the future, that our care centers in Sheridan and Ennis are there for the residents who go there and they continue to receive the great care given by our staff.

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**May 3, 2020**

A disturbance was reported in Sheridan. A traffic complaint was made in Twin Bridges. Medical aid was performed in Sheridan. A citizen was assisted in Ennis. An abandoned vehicle was reported in Silver Star.

**May 4, 2020**

An accident occurred in Twin Bridges. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis and Sheridan. Threats were reported in Twin Bridges. Dog complaints were made in Sheridan and Virginia City. A citizen was assisted in Cameron.

**May 5, 2020**

Medical aid was administered in Ennis. Accidents occurred in Norris and Sheridan. A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan. A citizen was assisted in Pony.

**May 6, 2020**

A welfare check was performed in Ennis. Medical aid was administered in Sheridan and Virginia City. Fire calls were responded to in Ennis and Cardwell. Citizens were assisted in Ennis.

**May 7, 2020**


Medical aid was administered in Sheridan. Twelve traffic stops were made in the county.

**May 8, 2020**

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis. A trespass complaint was made in Ennis. Assault was reported in Silver Star. A coroner call was made in Ennis. A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan. Threats were made in Ennis. A welfare check was performed in Ennis. An accident occurred in Ennis. A missing person was reported in the Sheridan area. Animal complaints were made in Sheridan and Alder. A citizen was assisted and a COVID-19 complaint was made in Alder.

**May 9, 2020**

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan and Ennis. A trespass complaint was made in Twin Bridges. An accident occurred in Ennis. An animal complaint was made in Ennis. A harassment complaint was made in Twin Bridges.




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**The Madison County Sheriff's Office will be closed until further notice. Fingerprint services and renewing permits will not be provided temporarily due to concerns with COVID-19. Call 406-843-5301 with any questions.**

# GRADUATION

# 2020

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11:20 a.m.

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Sunday 9:30am at  
St. Mary's, Laurin  
Sunday at 8 am  
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Saturday at 4 pm  
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9:45 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

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315 W Main Street: TAKE OUT PICK-UP: M-F NOON TO 1 P.M.

To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance:  
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MOW delivery area expanded: S. to Cameron, W. to Virginia City  
N. to McAllister E. to lower Jeffers

Thursday, May 7 -

Minestrone soup, cornbread,  
salad, dessert

Friday, May 8 –

Shrimp poboy, slaw, fruit  
dessert

Monday, May 11 –

BLT, pea salad, dessert

Tuesday, May 12 –

Ham casserole, veggies  
Dessert

Wednesday, May 13 –

Chicken enchildas, salad  
Dessert

Thursday May 14 –

Greek chicken wrap, chips,  
dessert

Friday, May15 –

Salisbury steak, mashers, veggies  
dessert

RUBY VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, SHERIDAN

Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Located at  
114 N. Main St., in Valley Assembly (formerly New  
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Jim 842-5573 for more information.

SENIOR CENTER, SHERIDAN

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

VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ

Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over  
will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays &  
Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.

Delivery in VC if seniors call between  
10am and Noon on those days.

Thursday, May 14 -

Cheesy broccoli chicken casserole, roll,  
dessert

Tuesday, May 19 -

Beef stew, roll, dessert

TWIN BRIDGES  
SENIOR CENTER

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

COVID UPDATE: Still serving meals Monday,  
Wednesday, and Friday at the Center as Take Out Only.

All meals are served with fresh home baked rolls,  
veggie/fruit, and dessert

ALL GATHERINGS AND CLUB MEETINGS ARE  
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Wenesday, May 13 -

Salisbury steak, mashed potato,  
veggie, salad, gingerbread / lemon sauce

Friday, May 15 -

Ginger-peach chicken, rice, top ramen  
salad, dessert

Monday, May 18 -

Beef enchiladas, tortilla chips, corn,  
orange-avacado salad, Dessert

HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS

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

May 13 -

Ginger stir fry beef

May 18 -

Pork chimi

May 20 -

Ham and scalloped potatoes

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For those who have a loved one  
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Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

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Valley, Twin Bridges

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

## REGULAR EVENTS

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

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

10 a.m.  
Art Lessons with Miss Katie

EIA’s own Katie Coyle is teaching art on Facebook Live. Tune in and get creative!

### WEDNESDAYS

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

10 a.m.  
Art Lessons with Miss Katie  
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2 – 3 p.m.  
MSU Extension offers webinars about the coronavirus and its effects on the economy  
<http://farmpolicy.msuextension.org/covid19/>

### FRIDAYS

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### MONDAY, MAY 25

10 a.m.  
Memorial Day Services  
Honoring veterans with flags and 21-guns salute at the McAllister Cemetery at 10 a.m. and the Ennis Cemetery at 11 a.m.

## TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC LIBRARY OPEN

Submitted by Betty Humbert

Twin Bridges Public Library reopened on May 6. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The number of people in the library at one time will be limited to ten. Patrons are requested to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet. All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Call the library at 684-5416 for special requests.

## BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE PHASES OPENINGS OF DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES

Submitted by Jessica Schick

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest staff will begin a phased reopening of developed recreation sites May 15.

Not all recreation areas and campgrounds are immediately open and available for use. Some sites remain closed due to normal seasonal restrictions, and others remain inaccessible due to weather conditions.

"We know how excited everyone is to get outside as the weather warms up, particularly with the holiday weekend coming up. Our top priority, though, is the health and safety of our public and our staff," said Forest Supervisor Cheri Ford. "We thank everyone for their patience and understanding as our districts work to reopen our developed recreation sites as quickly as possible. Sites will reopen as follows:

### DILLON RANGER DISTRICT

**OPENING MAY 15**  
Dinner Station Campground

**OPENING MAY 22**  
Birch Creek Cabin  
Bloody Dick Cabin  
Horse Prairie Guard Station

**OPENING MAY 29**  
Grasshopper Campground

**OPENING JUNE 1**  
Crystal Park

### WISDOM RANGER DISTRICT

**OPENING MAY 22**

Boulder Creek Campground  
Canyon Creek Campground  
Fourth Of July Campground  
Little Joe Campground  
Lodgepole Campground  
May Creek Campground  
Miner Lake Campground  
Mono Creek Campground  
Mussigbrod Campground  
North Van Houten Campground  
Pettengill Campground

Pintler Campground  
Seymour Creek Campground  
Steel Creek Campground  
Twin Lakes Campground

**OPENING JUNE 1**

Canyon Creek Cabin  
Hogan Cabin  
May Creek Cabin  
Twin Lakes Cabin

### BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

**OPENING MAY 15**  
Toll Mountain Campground  
Whitehouse Campground  
Pigeon Creek Campground

**OPENING MAY 22**  
Beaver Dam Campground  
Lowland Campground

**OPENING JUNE 1**

Sheepshead Campground  
Freedom Point Campground

### MADISON RANGER DISTRICT

**OPENING MAY 22**  
Madison River Campground  
Potosi Campground  
West Fork Campground

### PINTLER RANGER DISTRICT

**OPENING MAY 15**

Cable Mountain Campground  
Copper Creek Campground  
East Fork Campground  
Lodgepole Campground  
Orofino Campground  
Phillipsburg Bay Campground  
Piney Campground  
Racetrack Campground  
Spillway Campground  
Spring Hill Campground  
Stony Campground  
Douglas Creek Cabin  
Moose Lake Guard Station  
Racetrack Creek Cabin  
Stony Cabin  
West Fork Station

**OPENING JUNE 1**

Crystal Creek Campground  
Opening upon completion of work  
Flint Creek Campground

Visitors should expect some closures and modified operations to continue on a case-by-case basis. As districts continue to open developed recreation sites for use, operating statuses will be updated continuously online at <http://ow.ly/aV4v5ozAZV9>.

Those individuals with existing cabin rental and lookout reservations through Recreation.gov will be notified by email or text message of any changes to their reservations.

Rental cabins and lookouts will not be cleaned in between uses. As in previous years, it is up to individual renters to bring their own cleaning supplies and to clean before and after use of the site.

Trails and trailheads remain open. Visitors are asked to avoid congregating at trailheads and parking areas and to refrain from gathering in groups of 10 or more.

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Please remember to review current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local and state guidelines for social distancing and cloth face coverings.

For additional information about site-specific openings, please contact the responsible ranger district office:

- Dillon Ranger District – 406-683-3900
- Wisdom Ranger District – 406-689-3243
- Butte Ranger District – 406-494-2147
- Pintler Ranger District – 406-859-3211
- Madison Ranger District – 406-682-4253



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**Contact me with questions:**  
406-586-9060 or  
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 Paid for by Younkin for Legislature, PO Box 213, McAllister, MT 59740

The Twin Bridges Cemetery Association would like to ask area residents that have loved ones interred at our local cemetery, to please remove any flowers, vases, pots, etc. This will aid the local caretaker in spring clean-up and speed up the mowing and trimming process.

Please have this done by May 15th, 2020.  
Any items left after that date will be removed.  
Yes, we know we have a new crop of gophers and they are being dealt with daily!

Have a safe spring and stay well!  
Remember 6 feet apart and wear a mask  
For any concerns please call Janie @ 684-5677