

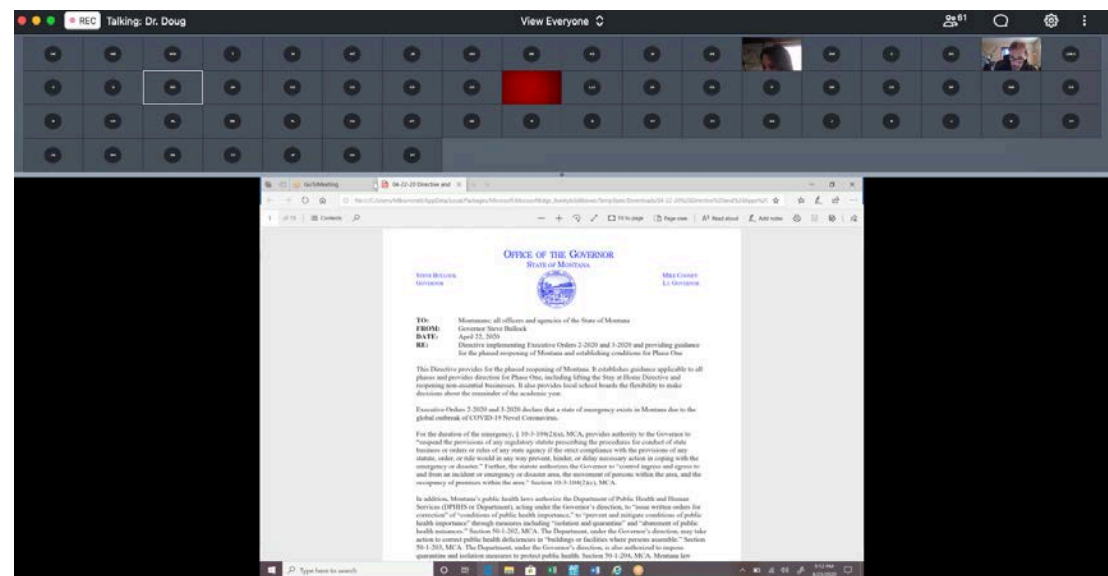
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Madison County Board of Health meeting April 23 on GoToMeeting.

## Phase One: Madison County REOPENING PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY

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Madison County's stay at home order for certain businesses lifted April 27 under guidelines for a phased reopening in a COVID-19 world. Bars and restaurants will have to adhere to similar rules of operation when they are allowed to open May 4.

The Madison County Board of Health's decision to expire closure directives with the state bares more responsibility on the communities. The Madison County Sanitarian Department and Madison County Public Health Department will be working closely together to regulate and mitigate further spreading of the novel coronavirus.

"There are specific guidelines," Madison County Public Health Nurse Melissa Brummel said. "If they can't do it, they can't open."

High-risk individuals should continue to stay at home due to the present threat of COVID-19.

Businesses through all phases of reopening must implement policies in accordance to federal, state and local regulations and guidelines to social distancing, protective equipment, sanitation and screening employees.

MCSO is the county's authority on environmental health, regulating licensed facilities like restaurants, bars, hotels, motels and food stores. MCPHD is the authority on public health, dealing with individuals and the spread of disease.

MCSO aims to educate its licensed facilities about the intricate web of new operational rules. Madison County's sanitarian, Van Puckett, said violations are usually an easy alteration or clarification. But a continued blatant disregard of the guidelines could result in MCSO revoking the license.

"There's a lot of regulatory hoops," Puckett said. "It's frustrating for businesses sometimes."

According to the governor's directive, which Madison County adopted, all directives that the

Department of Public Health and Human Services is a part of is a public health order. The Attorney General, DPHHS, a county attorney or other local authorities under the direction of a county attorney can enforce public health orders. Local public health agencies are directed to assist in the administration of the public health order.

The directive for people coming into Montana from other states or countries to quarantine for 14 days will be effective until the end of the emergency. People visiting Montana for less than 14 days have to be isolated their entire stay. It is uncertain how Madison County's tourism will affect guideline compliance. Tourism is supported at some level, being one of the county's driving economies and approaching peak season. But individual responsibility, like good hygiene and keeping at least 6 feet apart from others, is the best way to prevent COVID-19 infection.

"We're expecting more cases," Brummel said. "People can't be out and the virus not infect some."

## STAY @ HOMECOMING WEEK



The Ennis Booster Club helped keep spirits up with a Stay @ Homecoming week. Amber and Ella Rolfe dress as healthcare professionals on superhero day April 20 during Ennis Schools' Stay @ Homecoming Week. To see more, check out page A3. PHOTO FROM THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

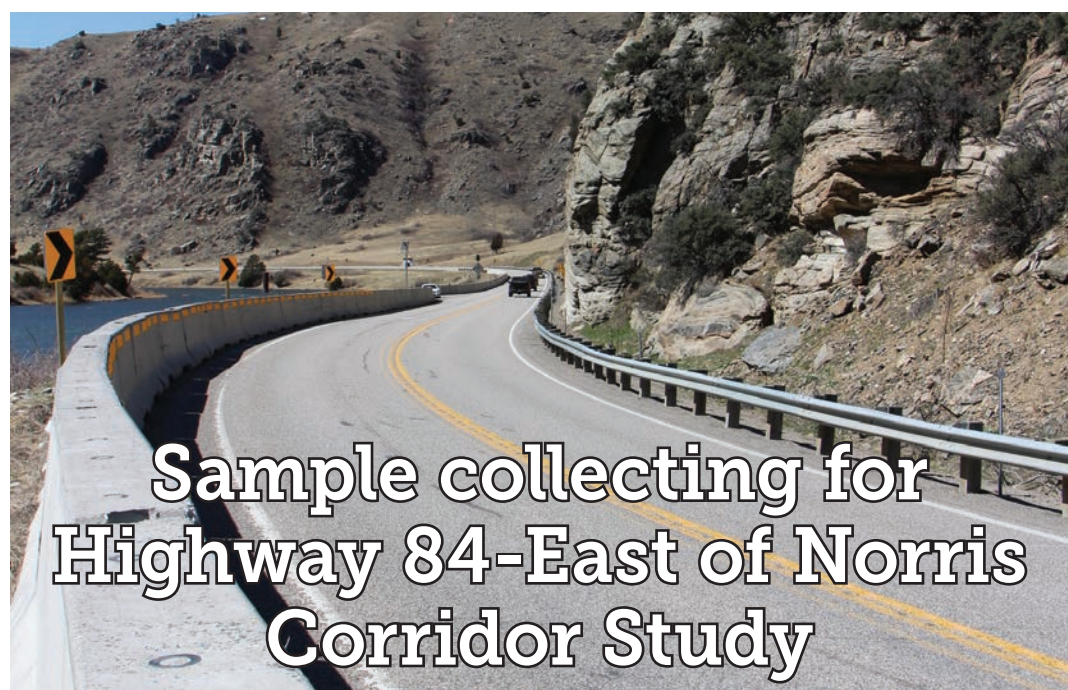


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## Sample collecting for Highway 84-East of Norris Corridor Study

### DRIVERS CAN EXPECT FIVE-MINUTE DELAYS

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Between April 27 and May 15, construction crews will drill a series of narrow holes, maximum eight inches wide, to collect samples for the corridor study between Warm Springs Boat Launch and Red Mountain Campground on Hwy 84. Holes will be filled as drilling is completed.

Construction crews will be working Monday through

Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drivers should expect single-lane closures, traffic control, flaggers and five-minute delays. Drivers are expected to slow down in construction areas. Fines double for speeding in the construction zone.

"The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is committed to making this corridor safer for the long-term. Drilling during the study phase helps to confirm exactly what is in the layers of soil and rock sev-

eral layers down. Equipped with that information, we can focus in on solutions that will stand the test of time in this particular environment," Jason Senn, Consultant Project Engineer at MDT, said.

Corridor studies are conducted early to identify safety issues and take into consideration all possible solutions, cost and feasibility before beginning construction.

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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All but one Madison County public school has voted to continue distance learning for the remainder of the school year. Harrison Schools' scheduled meeting was after publishing deadline, but according to the superintendent, Fred Hofman, it is likely that the Harrison Schools will follow suit.

Many teachers, parents and students have gotten used to the expectations of remote educa-

tion. What was once ridiculous has become somewhat familiar. Schools will have the summer to prepare for the changes that COVID-19 has caused for education.

"Because of the requirements, the PPE and social distancing requirements it was going to take to reopen, it was pretty overwhelming," Sheridan School District Clerk Becky Larsen said.

The governor's office guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Montana's K-12

public schools did not work for Madison County public schools' current timeframe. Most schools will be out for summer break in about a month. The guidelines for schools included maintaining social distancing and constant disinfecting measures.

"We felt that it was too hard to make kids be social distancing in school," Alder elementary teacher Teresa Murdoch said.

Madison County high schools are in the process of determining how graduation ceremonies will be conducted.

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It is fine

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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The uncertainties of life during the COVID-19 pandemic are affecting the human psyche in different ways.

People are unhinged from daily schedules, more physically distant from others and have lost a sense of control over many aspects of their lives due to the novel coronavirus. The uncertain nature of the virus has evoked an array of emotions in people. Mental health concerns have risen nationally and in Madison County. But there is no right way to feel during this unprecedented time.

“There’s not a generalized way to deal with this,” Madison

County Mental Health Local Advisory Board Chair Ke’lah Savage, LCSW said. “Nobody, most people, have never lived in a pandemic.”

Anxiety, depression and stress have increased in Madison County, according to local therapists. The rhythmic pace of people’s lives had to adjust to abrupt government orders. Society has taken to a roller-coaster-like pace and the track is uncertain.

“Anxiety is the top, I’d say,” Lisa Brubaker, LCSW, LLC said.

Many people are worried about their safety because of an invisible threat that could loom on surfaces and within others. COVID-19 can affect anyone, its diversity is impressive and highly troublesome. Trillions

of dollars have been spent to fight this virus and it continues to ravage hospitals in hotspot areas worldwide. A vaccine is at least several months away but it also could take years to find, depending on variables that most have no control over. A previously unimaginable number of jobs have been cut, laid off and furloughed.

“We’re literally living in the unknown,” Savage said. “That’s a trigger to anxiety.”

Resiliency in people is also on the rise, according to Savage. The increase in the need for mental health also reflects people’s willingness to reach out for help. The grinding halt of the daily grind has reduced stressors, like rushing, in some people’s lives. Some children are

thriving in the current societal conditions of laxed schedules and spending more time outside.

“Whatever you’re feeling is ok,” Savage said. “Acknowledge that.”

A dangerous aspect of mental health amid the COVID-19 crisis is domestic violence. Adults and children living in unsafe homes is an increasing concern as people limit their movements and physical contact with others to avoid the coronavirus. Sacrificing one element of safety for another is not a suitable option. There is help available for people who are concerned about their living conditions due to violence.

“It can be hard, and we can be ok,” Savage said. “It doesn’t have to be an ‘or’ it can be ‘and.’”

POWER IN THE PAUSE

CONSEQUENCES OF SOCIAL DISTANCING?

\*Anxiety

WHERE DOES THE ANXIETY COME FROM?

- \*job loss
- \*loss of connection—social distancing
- \*loss of control—in many cases, the government is dictating how/when/where/why. It is not something people are used to.
- \*hopelessness—seeing the negatives on the news in different states and understanding the wide-reaching devastation.
- \*unknowns—trying to find stability but the components keep changing.

**SIGNS OF ANXIETY:** fatigue, loss of motivation, irritability, restlessness, insomnia

*“As humans, it’s scientific. We are hard-wired for connection,” Kasey Anderson, M. ED., licensed clinical professional counselor*

HOW TO REDIRECT?

- \*Ask: what am I feeling and where am I feeling it in my body? Some hold tension in their necks, unease in their stomachs.
- \*Address the feeling. I’m scared. What am I going to do about it?
- \*Sit with the feelings. Identify values and put boundaries around them. Make them important and

immovable.

- \*Find a healthy outlet. Cooking, reading, writing, meditating, exercising, cleaning, painting, drawing, crafting, sewing, walking...
- \*Communicate your feelings, reach out. This does not have to be by talking. Use the healthy outlets as a way of communication.

*“I know people are stressing and it’s so different from anything we’ve ever experienced, but I just think this pause, there’s a lot of good that’s going to come out of it,” Anderson said.*

WHAT THEN?

- \*Make time for the outlets as Phases progress. The things that have become important and mentally beneficial should not be pushed aside in favor of the ‘grind.’
- \*Allow the ‘pause’ to continue. Find space in the day to set aside time for yourself. The balance is important.
- \*Understand the after-effects may be slow to trigger. Reaching out may be harder for some that others. Connecting may be harder for some than others.
- \*Accept your feelings, do not denigrate them, but make a choice to move on.

**POWER IN THE PAUSE**

- \*Feeling and slowing down takes practice.
- \*The pause was important for mental health maintenance before but

being forced into it brought it front and center.

- \*We tend to numb our emotions, our anxiety, by pushing through.
- \*We tend to think taking time for ourselves is selfish.

*“We can’t just dive back in. We’ll have to take this slowly. It’s not just going to happen overnight,” Anderson said.*

WE ARE ALL (SORT OF) IN THIS TOGETHER.

- \*Everyone feels the effects differently—in different quantities, levels, and emotions. In terms of race, class, age and gender.
- \*Bottom line—each way to feel is okay.

*“The more that I’m doing this over the past six weeks, I’m just realizing that a lot of people first haven’t sought help, but also the more I think about it, people haven’t taken the time to feel,” Anderson said.*

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TIPS FROM YOUR CHILDRENS’ TEACHERS

Madison County teachers have some tips to help parents continue their children’s education at home.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

1. I think the biggest tip that I can give parents is to communicate and be open to communication from the school, whether that is from administration, the office, teachers or other students.
2. We have online resources in which students and parents can access assignments and grades at any time. I would encourage them to be very active on those.
3. If parents have any question at all, don’t hesitate to email/call teachers or the school. We want to help in any way possible whether that is a question about a grade or additional resources for an individual topic, etc.

Nick Burgess  
Ennis Junior High and High School Math Teacher

SHERIDAN SCHOOL

District will continue distance learning

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Sheridan School Board has been meeting weekly on Sundays, in addition to the regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 14, to address changes due to the coronavirus. At Sunday evening’s special meeting, the Board decided to continue distance learning until the school year ends May 15.

The Board reviewed policies from the state and adopted about half, Board President Bill Wood said. The majority of the policies were relevant for schools returning to campus after May 7.

“A big concern of ours was we do have some staff members that are high risk,” Wood said. Additionally, a survey sent out to parents showed 60% would not be sending their kids back to school if it did reopen. It made sense to continue the school year in a distanced way, Wood explained.

“At this point we are still tentatively planning graduation, but the discussion is being had about how we are going to do that,” Wood said. The date is still set for May 24.

“We’re super proud of our teachers and staff and appreciate the patience of all the parents and the community,” Wood said.

No interest has been expressed for the open Alder trustee position. If it remains vacant, the Board will appoint an individual to the position.



# Board incumbent vs. newcomer

## Sheridan School Board election

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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A Sheridan School Board seat will be elected May 5. Two candidates, incumbent Therese Sutton and newcomer Amy Pack-Young, are on the ballot.

Registered voters will receive ballots in the mail, and registration is available in person at the County Commissioner Building in Virginia City until 8 p.m. May 5.

Sutton is running for her fourth term on the Sheridan School Board. According to Sutton, she is proudest of the board's hiring during her nine years, which has

transformed Sheridan Schools into a premiere K-12 education.

"I think we have an excellent board and I want to keep that going," Sutton said. "I enjoy it now."

Sutton believes her experience on the school board is an important asset on the board during a period of turnover. Charlie Gilman, a six-year-board-member, also has a seat up for election. No one, including Gilman is running for the seat.

The Sheridan School Board reserves two of its five seats for Alder residents, since its school district extends to Alder.

Gilman's Alder-seat will be appointed after the election.

"I changed my mind last minute [to run for reelection] because of the turnover," Sutton said. "It would be a very young board."

Pack-Young is a newcomer to the Sheridan School election ballot, but she has always called Sheridan home.

"I have a strong sense of community," Pack-Young said. "I was raised that way."

Both candidates value transparency and decision making on the board. Sutton reflected on the progress the board has made and continues to make.

"A well-oiled machine of a board, compared to not [being a well-oiled machine], can affect the operations of the school and the community," Sutton said.

Sutton and Pack-Young are pleased with Sheridan Schools' administration and staff – they want to be a part of it. Young sees an opportunity to improve methods of communication between the school board and the public.

"I really do believe in our teachers," Pack-Young said. "I think I would work well with them."

Main-in ballots must be sent to the Madison County Elections Office by May 5.

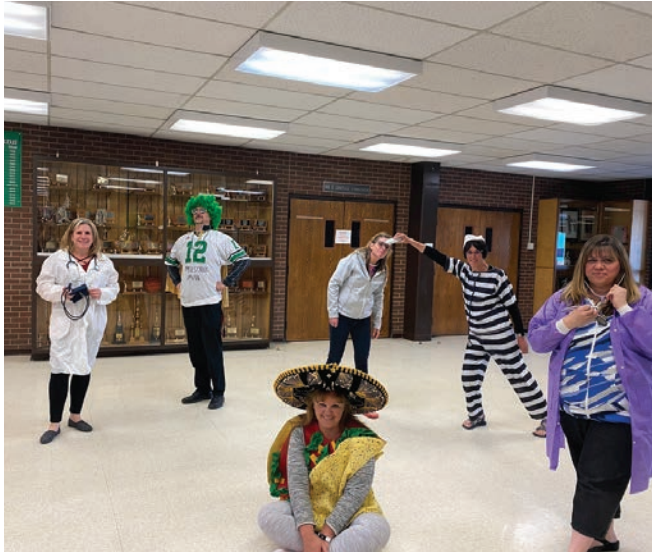


Therese Sutton and her daughter Ella. PHOTO PROVIDED BY SUTTON



Amy Pack-Young. PHOTO PROVIDED AMY PACK-YOUNG

# Stay @Homecoming Week



## ENNIS SCHOOLS BOOSTS MORAL

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Cars idled in park around the Ennis football stadium Friday night waiting for the school's final Stay @Homecoming Week event.

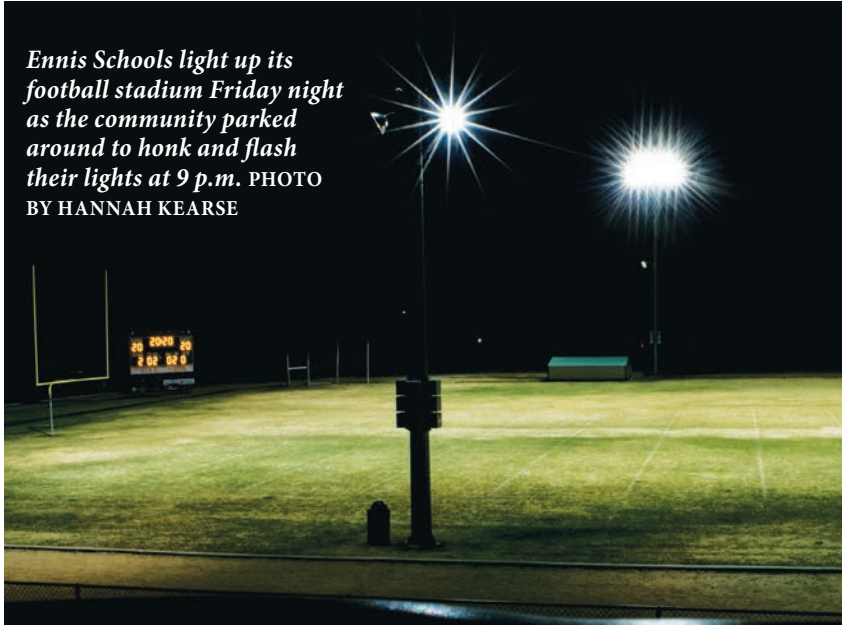
The Ennis Booster Club organized a week to celebrate the Ennis School community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ennis students, parents, teachers, administration and staff participated in the events, while socially distanced at home. Participants sent in pictures and videos for the themed dress up days, Tik Tock challenges and porch pictures. The finale took place under Friday night lights.

"We needed a boost," Ennis elementary teacher and Booster Club secretary Twyla Swanson said. "We felt the students needed a boost."

Twos and zeros glowed orange on the scoreboard, 20:20 20 20 2 02 02 0, as dozens of cars looked down onto the dark field. When the clock struck 9 p.m., the stadium lights illuminated the vacant football field. The bleachers were equally as empty, but the atmosphere was loud.

Cheering and honking overtook the stillness, and continued minutes later down Main Street. Fireworks sparkled in the sky in clusters of pops. By 9:30 p.m., Ennis returned to its quiet state.

The Ennis Booster Club will be awarding participation gifts later in the week.



Ennis Schools light up its football stadium Friday night as the community parked around to honk and flash their lights at 9 p.m. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

Clockwork, starting from top left:

Ennis teachers participate in superhero day during Stay @Homecoming Week. PHOTO FROM ENNIS SCHOOLS WEBSITE

Addison and Avery Oliver celebrate gas station workers and delivery workers during Ennis Schools' Stay @Homecoming Week superhero day April 20. PHOTO COURTESY THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

Brent and Easton Williams get sporty April 21 for Ennis School's Stay @Homecoming Week. PHOTO COURTESY THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

Ennis Schools' band teacher, Shelby Kottal, conducts and performs "One man band fight song" for Stay @Homecoming Week's school spirit day. PHOTO FROM THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB AND THE FULL VIDEO CAN BE WATCHED ON THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

Cassie Hilton gets cozy for Ennis School's PJ day April 23 during the Stay @Homecoming Week. PHOTO COURTESY THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

Madison, Kyle, Ginger and Tripp Nelson send positive vibes to Ennis Schools from their porch April 24 for Stay @Homecoming Week. PHOTO COURTESY THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

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OPINION

Montanans are doing a good job

Dear Editor:

As a Montana physician practicing in a rural community I feel it is timely to share my thoughts and feelings with all my neighbors as our state prepares to transition from 'shelter-in-place' to the next phase of our battle against Covid-19.

My strongest feeling is one of gratitude. I am grateful for all my fellow citizens who did their very best to follow the guidelines laid out by Governor Bullock. I am grateful for my fellow healthcare workers. Many have put themselves on the front line to identify and treat the illness caused by this new virus. Others have adjusted their practice to curtail encounters that could be put off and to learn how to use telehealth technology to practice more safely. I am grateful for our state leadership that acted early and decisively to establish restrictions which were based on the best scientific evidence available at that time.

I feel deeply saddened by the hundreds of our neighbors who have suffered directly from COVID-19 and especially those who have lost loved ones. Small numbers do not reduce the pain of this loss, and I hope that all victims of this virus know they have the love and support of everyone in the state as they grieve.

We Montanans took this new challenge very seriously and to our credit we have been able to keep the activity of this virus to a relatively low level. Yet this success has come at a great cost, economically as well as emotionally. Thus, it is natural that we are very anxious to resume as much of our normal lives as we can. Many of us are increasingly impatient with giving up our freedoms: to work, to shop, to visit friends and family and to travel. We anticipate that after our current directive to hunker down expires on April 24 our state leadership will start to open things up again. This brings me to share my fervent wishes about how we should go about this.

We need to re-open our entire medical capabilities to attend to ALL the medical needs of our population not just those related to COVID 19 and Medical Emergencies. Appropriate isolation and segregation capabilities have been adopted by Montana hospitals. Chronic medical condition management and elective procedures need to resume as soon as possible. Painful conditions and diseases such as hypertension and diabetes cannot be kept on hold indefinitely.

The reason that it is necessary to proceed in stages to re-open our society is that we are not yet armed with all the weapons that we need to keep this virus from spreading when we are more socially interactive.

To do this, every community, large and small, will need to continue testing and tracing contacts as before. And as our capacity for rapid, accurate testing increases, and when we have the staff to follow up with those who are ill and their contacts, we can move forward with assurance to opening up our society.

In the process of returning to normalcy your medical community must be fully open to attend to all ongoing health concerns.

We in Montana have done an outstanding job in responding to this pandemic. May we continue to listen to our leaders, work together, and support each other in the next phases of this battle.

Roman M Hendrickson, MD

Ruby Valley Medical Center

Pandemonium

Dear Editor:

Population Biology 101: the exponential growth curve of "any population" goes from zero to infinity, then returning back to zero in a classic "Bell Shaped Curve."

In the beginning, (2019) there was no CV19 in humans. But upon "Spillover" from captive wild animals (probably Bats); it got into the human ecosystem and quickly went viral. I.e: Global Exponential growth until it runs out of new "hosts;" then crashing back to zero.

The beginning of the Exponential Curve is called the "Outbreak" when most people are unknowingly infected; by other people's air borne vapor particles, or by touching contaminated surfaces.

The Nobel Prize winning Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) is the most reliable test for cv19. The PCR was made possible by the hot spring microbe *Thermus aquaticus* (Taq), origins Yellowstone NP.

Sincerely,

Robert Lindstrom

Author: Laboratory Yellowstone & the DNA Revolution. (PCR is the DNA revolution)


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PS: But CV19 is not the only pandemic upon us: among the deer & elk populations of Madison County, Following the exact same population model as CV19 in humans, the "politically incorrect" Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is slowly infecting all the elk & deer; the outbreak begins slowly; but instead of a two week incubation period as with CV19, CWD has a two year incubation period.

OBITUARIES

Rodger Neil "Cub" Kent

August 26, 1939 to April 23, 2020




ed from Ennis High School in 1957 and graduated Montana Western College in Dillon with a degree in secondary education in June of 1962. While attending college, he worked summers for the Thexton Ranch, the Beardsley Ranch and the U.S. Forest Service. Neil was drafted into the army in October 1962 and was honorably discharged in October 1964. He then attended flying school in Helena until June of 1965 achieving commercial and instruments ratings. Neil worked for Montana Power before he found his calling as a banker, where he worked at First Madison Valley Bank for thirty-one years beginning in 1965. Neil was very active and involved in his community and a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church. Neil was also involved with and sat on many boards including, Madison County Planning Board, Madison County Tax Appeal Board, City Council, Madison Valley Golf Association, Ennis Lions Club, Madison Valley Conservation, History Association, Madison Valley Hospital, Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Senior Center. Neil was one of the biggest Ennis Mustang fans, attending home and away games until recent months. He was also a big Montana State Bobcat fan and Western Montana Bulldog fan. He loved his family and supported them through many happy years. Neil touched so many lives and anyone who had the pleasure to know him is truly blessed. Many will remember his visits while walking Molly. Neil is preceded in death by his parents Rodger and Ruth Kent and survived by his brother Jack (Marge) Kent, Niece Debbie Martello, Nephews Tom (Ima) Martello, Bob (Ginger) Martello, six great nieces and nephews and three great, great nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Madison Valley Medical Center and Madison Valley Manor. Due to Covid-19, the family will hold a private service, followed by a community memorial, once restrictions allow.

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OBITS CONTINUED FROM A4

Kenneth W. Hall  
HIS SOUL LIVES IN MONTANA



My beloved husband and artist, Kenneth W. Hall, left his physical body April 22, 2020 shortly after walking into the Madison Valley Hospital ER accompanied by our dear friend, Wade Miller.

Ken always did everything his unique way, so it is no surprise he chose to depart this world so quickly after enjoying a powerful evening of heart felt sharing and celebration with his spiritual family.

The healing partnership I shared with Ken began when we met in April, 26 years ago in Texas, the state where he was born. Our angels must have enjoyed the intricate mystical twists and turns in our individual lives to arrange our meeting in the hospital in Fort Worth that day where we assisted in the healing and transition of my ex-fiancé and the family members he left behind.

Just ten days later, Ken asked me to go with him to Santa Fe; we left the next day. It took Ken three days to get the courage to show me a handful of his photographs. That night I told God that they were too good to be hidden in a closet and that there had to be a way to share them with the world.

The next morning Ken proposed to me. Immediately thereafter, the phone rang. It was an offer to submit his images - that day - to be juried

into the Arts League and Arts Society in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Ken’s art was unanimously accepted. After that first, sudden and unexpected success, together we produced black and white images in the dark room and sold them on the Plaza each weekend.

Ken was a genius in the dark room, creating his unique form of magic. He would visualize an image in his mind even before capturing it with his camera. Every day visitors to our booth compared Ken’s work to that of Ansel Adams.

I had the honor to witness Ken create his largest body of work that transitioned from dark room and film to digital, eventually expanding to include his flute music, performing, writing, and video productions.

Ken and I arrived in the Madison Valley in the fall of 2000 and never left. Many times Ken said that Ennis was the only place in his life where

he ever felt at home. He refused to leave his beloved Madison Valley for any reason.

Now his spirit is free from his body and is forever one with the natural landscape he so beautifully captured during his 35-years as an artist. I will preserve Ken’s artistic and spiritual legacy to live on forever.

The family Ken leaves behind includes his wife, Penny Hall, his sister Roylene Berry, nephews Steve Berry, Randy Berry, Carl Berry, David Hall, nieces Brenda Hejnal, Leah Johnson, Vivian Haile, Mary Lou Skelton and 7 grand nieces, 11 grand nephews, 4 great grand nieces and 3 great grand nephews.

We are all shocked by the suddenness of Ken’s passing. We will forever see his smiling face, camera in hand, capturing in a way only he could what I call “a blink of God’s eye”.

I pray you take comfort in knowing Ken is not gone. His

spirit is everywhere you look. He is in the dirt, the rocks, the water, the wind, the clouds, the trees, the leaves, and the sounds of nature. You can still feel his generous, healing spirit in the photographs, videos, writings and flute music he created and gifted to us all.

A friend shared with me a video Ken gave her the day before he died. It includes his magical images of Quake Lake and his personal flute music. While I am unable to share the video on this written page, I can share the words of the poem he wrote to accompany it.

It is an appropriate goodbye to us all from Ken, especially during this current time of global change that gives birth to gifts and miracles beyond anything we can ever imagine.

Here is Ken’s parting message to all of us. “My soul lives in Montana”

Visions are the birthing nest of miracles. Miracles are

our direct connection with change. Change is God’s personal answer to our prayers. God’s universe is vast and unending.

Into our universe we must pray...

Pray greater than what we feel we are worthy. Give thanks for the gift and share it with humility For this is what we are worthy by Grace.

Amen, and so it is by Grace.

The pandemic restricts the opportunity for extended family and friends to publicly celebrate Ken’s life here in Montana. I promise to let you know when that will occur. If you wish to receive a personal notification, please email me at penny@pennyhall.life and put the word “Celebration” in the subject line.

Thank you for loving, supporting and encouraging Ken as he created his amazing legacy of healing art.

We love you all deeply. Penny and Ken



Greater Montana Foundation and Montana Broadcasters Association to co-sponsor debates for gubernatorial candidates

Submitted by dStacey Wirtz, Montana Newspaper Association

Ron Davis, Chair, Greater Montana Foundation and Greg Pace, Chair, Montana Broadcasters Association, announced today that the two groups will hold debates for the Democratic and Republican candidates for Governor, on Saturday, May 2. There will be two 60 minutes debates, one for each party.

Originally scheduled to take place at the MTN Studios in Great Falls, they will now take place virtually, with all participants in separate locations around the state. Broadcasts will not be live, local stations will need to be checked for dates and times. Stations have been requested to not broadcast earlier than 6 p.m. that evening. Greater Montana Foundation is providing funding for the debates.

Davis and Pace said, “We are pleased to jointly sponsor these important debates, which are even more significant at this time, since candidates are not able to get out around the state meeting Mon-

tana voters. While keeping all safe, we will provide a real service to the Montana public by allowing candidates to showcase their backgrounds, policies and programs.

Those participating are Democratic candidates Lt. Governor Mike Cooney and businesswomen Whitney Williams, and Republican candidates, US Representative Greg Gianforte, Attorney General Tim Fox and Montana State Senator Al Olszewski.

Ron Davis, GMF Board Chair and President of Butte Broadcasting will serve as moderator. Panelists are Mike Dennison, Montana Television Network; Cyndy Koures, NBC Montana; and Taylor Tucker, Cowles Media. Questions will not be available in advance nor solicited from the public. Panelists will decide on the questions.

**Panelists’ backgrounds:**

Mike Dennison, the chief political reporter for the Montana Television Network, based in Helena. He has been covering politics full-time in Montana for 28 years, with MTN, and earlier as a news

reporter.

Cyndy Koures is Assistant News Director at NBC Montana. A 5th generation Montanan, she earlier spent most of her career in Spokane, in a variety of positions with KXLY TV and AM, garnering a number of awards.

Taylor Tucker is an award-winning anchor, reporter and producer at KFBB in Great Falls, Montana. Before moving from Wisconsin to Montana in 2015, she worked as an intern at the Center for Investigative Journalism and in other positions. She covers everyday issues for Montanans.

Davis and Pace encouraged all Montanans to take advantage of this opportunity to safely view debates among the candidates of both parties.

In conclusion, Davis noted the Greater Montana Foundation and the Montana Broadcasters Association have a longtime relationship, partnering on the annual “EB” awards for excellence in broadcasting, named for GMF founder Edmund B. Craney, as well as on candidates’ debates at the MBA annual meeting. A pioneer broadcaster, Craney

established the foundation in 1958 with an initial focus on improving commercial broadcasting in the state. That focus has expanded to include a mission of “encouraging

communications, with an emphasis on electronic media, on issues, trends and values of importance to present and future generations of Montanans,” with grants awarded to

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# All-taxa invasive species website goes live

Submitted by KATE WILSON

The Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC) and Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3) have launched a new website, [invasivespecies.mt.gov](https://invasivespecies.mt.gov), which collects in one place the most important resources and information on invasive species for Montana. Visitors to the site can sign up to receive invasive species news and alerts and view

identification guides for all invasive species known to exist in the state, including aquatic species, noxious weeds, pests and diseases, and emerging threats. Also included is contact information for reporting invasive species, educational resources for prevention, and details on state management efforts for various species. “Until now, information about invasive species issues in Montana was disseminated

across different websites in the state,” said Bryce Christiaens, MISC Chair. “Pulling these resources together to direct users to the information they seek was identified as an objective in the Montana Invasive Species Framework and this new site accomplishes that goal.” The site also serves as the new online home for the Montana Invasive Species Council and the Upper Columbia Conservation Commission.

Christiaens said the goal of the site was not to recreate existing information but to organize the information in one place to direct resource managers, researchers, citizen scientists and others to the most reliable and accurate information. The Montana Invasive Species Council is a statewide partnership working to protect Montana’s economy, natural resources, and public health

through a coordinated approach to combat invasive species. The Upper Columbia Conservation Commission was established to foster close cooperation and coordination between international, federal, regional, state, tribal, and local water resource managers for the development and implementation of comprehensive Upper Columbia River Basin prevention and management measures to prevent the intro-

duction and/or further establishment of aquatic invasive species. Both organizations are hosted by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and are charged by the Legislature to coordinate and to provide invasive species education and outreach to Montanans. Funding for this project was provided through MISC and UC3’s budgets to accomplish this purpose.

# 2020 Montana FFA scholarships and grants announced

\$90,000 awarded to FFA members and local FFA chapters across Montana: Ruby Valley Chapter has local recipient

Submitted by RODNEY BRAATEN

This spring, the Montana FFA Foundation has awarded over \$90,000 in scholarships and grants to FFA members and local FFA chapters throughout the state.

Fifty students will be receiving a combined total of \$71,500 in scholarships and grants for college, leadership development, and work-based learning projects. Scholarships for top individuals will be awarded to winners of competitions at the State FFA Con-

vention, date and location to be announced at a later time. Zoe Lee, from the Ruby Valley Chapter in Sheridan was awarded the Blue Shows Through college scholarship. Though the amount of scholarship dollars awarded continues to grow, the Montana FFA

Foundation still turns away two out of every three scholarship applicants. To learn more about contributing to the Montana FFA Leave a Legacy scholarship fund, please contact the Foundation at (406) 582-4118. The Montana FFA Foundation supports 99 local FFA

chapters across the state of Montana, representing over 5,000 student members. The Montana FFA Foundation’s mission is to cultivate partnerships, promote awareness and secure resources to enhance Agricultural Education and the Montana FFA Association.

*Questions about Montana FFA scholarships and grants can be directed to the Montana FFA Foundation at (406) 582-4118 or [foundation@montanaffa.org](mailto:foundation@montanaffa.org) or visit the Montana FFA website at [www.montanaffa.org](http://www.montanaffa.org).*

# BIG SKY FIRE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTES TO RECOMMEND FIRE CHIEF POSITION

Submitted by DUSTIN TETRAULT  
Deputy Fire Chief

At the regularly scheduled April 22, 2020 Big Sky Board of Trustees meeting the board moved to appoint interim Chief Greg Megaard to the position of fire chief for the Big Sky Fire Department. Chief Megaard has been the interim chief since former Chief Farhat’s departure on Jan. 24, 2020. Chief Megaard has served as deputy chief of

operations at the BSFD since 2016. Chief Megaard brings a combined 40 years of experience to the chief’s position, starting with 21 ½ years with Central Valley Fire Dept. in Belgrade and 18 years with the Bozeman Fire Dept. retiring as deputy fire chief prior to coming to Big Sky Fire. Chief Megaard had overwhelming support from both inside the organization and from outside organizations statewide to be promoted into the position. Chief Megaard

serves on numerous state fire boards including the Montana State Fire Chiefs Board of Directors and the Montana Firefighters Testing Consortium as well as countless local and county boards and committees. Over the next month, the board will work with Chief Megaard on an employee package that will be formally presented at the May 27 board meeting. Join us in congratulating Chief Megaard on his appointment to the position!

# TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR ENNIS FISHING ACCESS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY MAY

Submitted by MORGAN JACOBSEN, FWP

The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission on Thursday approved a temporary closure of the Ennis Fishing Access Site for road repairs. The site and its boat ramp will be closed with no public

access from Monday, May 4, through Friday, May 8. The closure was approved to ensure public safety while crews improve the road that provides access to the site. Alternate upstream take-outs for floaters on the Madison River include the Burnt Tree Hole or Eight Mile Ford fishing

access sites. Floaters may also pass Ennis and take out at Valley Garden Fishing Access Site, just north of Ennis. Prior to the commission’s approval of the closure, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks published notices soliciting public comments. All comments received were in favor of the proposal.

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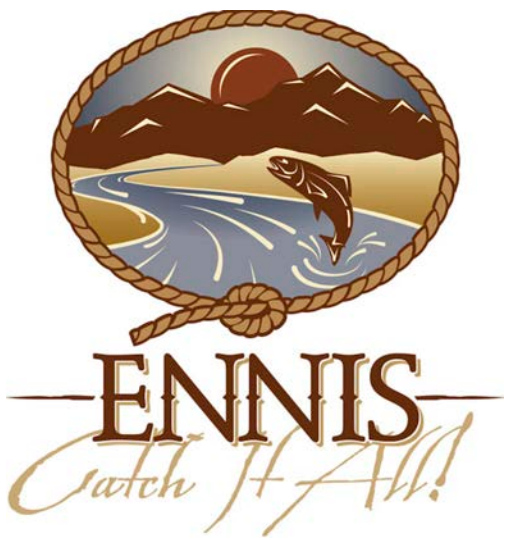
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# Ennis Chamber seeking 4th of July art designs

Submitted by MADISON ALLEN

Go sign up for the Art design contest! The theme is I Heart Ennis. Check out the Ennis Chamber of Commerce website, 4th of July info, download the contest form and turn it into the Chamber of Commerce. The due date is May 8th so get those contest forms in. The winner of the contest gets \$100, two tickets to NRA Ennis Rodeo, your artwork on over 500 t-shirts, artist signing, one framed Tee shirt, and if that's not enough you will be featured on the Ennis Chamber website and social media outlets.

# National School Lunch Hero Day

Submitted by DAYLE HAYES, MS, RD

National School Lunch Hero Day is May 1st! I want to give a shout out to all of the hardworking, dedicated Montana school nutrition employees, who, like thousands of their colleagues across the USA, are serving meals to hungry students during the current school closures. In Ennis Schools Kitchen Manager Tammy Wham is going above and beyond the requirements – she is a real SUPERHERO. Tammy is coordinating and serving the emergency meals for children in Ennis, using Facebook Live to share recipes with anyone who watches, and supporting her colleagues from the Montana School Nutrition Association through their Facebook group. You can follow all her work and recipe demonstrations at Ennis Schools Lunchroom (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/521924448517796/>).

School lunch heroes across Montana are also taking care of their own families, supervising online schooling with their own children/grandchildren AND working tirelessly to serve meals that support kids' health and learning during a time when families are stressed. These lunch ladies (and gentlemen) are serving more than just meals; they're sharing love, encouragement and kindness with families in their school districts. Please take time to recognize Tammy and the school lunch heroes in Ennis! I work with school nutrition professionals all across the country and I am very thankful for these essential front line workers who stepped up to feed hungry children when school meals were not available. More about School Lunch Hero Day from the Montana Office of Public Instruction at OPI Encourages Montanans to Honor School Lunch Heroes(<https://news.mt.gov/opi-encourages-montanans-to-honor-school-lunch-heroes-next-week>).

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**Thursday**




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**Friday**




Considerable cloudiness. High 59F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday**




Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 61F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday**



Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. High 61F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

**Monday**



Cloudy with snow showers changing to rain showers as the day progresses. High near 45F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

## Quote of the Week:

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It is fine

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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The uncertainties of life during the COVID-19 pandemic are affecting the human psyche in different ways.

People are unhinged from daily schedules, more physically distant from others and have lost a sense of control over many aspects of their lives due to the novel coronavirus. The uncertain nature of the virus has evoked an array of emotions in people. Mental health concerns have risen nationally and in Madison County. But there is no right way to feel during this unprecedented time.

“There’s not a generalized way to deal with this,” Madison

County Mental Health Local Advisory Board Chair Ke’lah Savage, LCSW said. “Nobody, most people, have never lived in a pandemic.”

Anxiety, depression and stress have increased in Madison County, according to local therapists. The rhythmic pace of people’s lives had to adjust to abrupt government orders. Society has taken to a roller-coaster-like pace and the track is uncertain.

“Anxiety is the top, I’d say,” Lisa Brubaker, LCSW, LLC said.

Many people are worried about their safety because of an invisible threat that could loom on surfaces and within others. COVID-19 can affect anyone, its diversity is impressive and highly troublesome. Trillions

of dollars have been spent to fight this virus and it continues to ravage hospitals in hotspot areas worldwide. A vaccine is at least several months away but it also could take years to find, depending on variables that most have no control over. A previously unimaginable number of jobs have been cut, laid off and furloughed.

“We’re literally living in the unknown,” Savage said. “That’s a trigger to anxiety.”

Resiliency in people is also on the rise, according to Savage. The increase in the need for mental health also reflects people’s willingness to reach out for help. The grinding halt of the daily grind has reduced stressors, like rushing, in some people’s lives. Some children are

thriving in the current societal conditions of laxed schedules and spending more time outside.

“Whatever you’re feeling is ok,” Savage said. “Acknowledge that.”

A dangerous aspect of mental health amid the COVID-19 crisis is domestic violence. Adults and children living in unsafe homes is an increasing concern as people limit their movements and physical contact with others to avoid the coronavirus. Sacrificing one element of safety for another is not a suitable option. There is help available for people who are concerned about their living conditions due to violence.

“It can be hard, and we can be ok,” Savage said. “It doesn’t have to be an ‘or’ it can be ‘and.’”

POWER IN THE PAUSE

CONSEQUENCES OF SOCIAL DISTANCING?

\*Anxiety

WHERE DOES THE ANXIETY COME FROM?

- \*job loss
- \*loss of connection—social distancing
- \*loss of control—in many cases, the government is dictating how/when/ where/why. It is not something people are used to.
- \* hopelessness—seeing the negatives on the news in different states and understanding the wide-reaching devastation.
- \*unknowns—trying to find stability but the components keep changing.

**SIGNS OF ANXIETY:** fatigue, loss of motivation, irritability, restlessness, insomnia

*“As humans, it’s scientific. We are hard-wired for connection,” Kasey Anderson, M. ED., licensed clinical professional counselor*

HOW TO REDIRECT?

- \*Ask: what am I feeling and where am I feeling it in my body? Some hold tension in their necks, unease in their stomachs.
- \*Address the feeling. I’m scared. What am I going to do about it?
- \*Sit with the feelings. Identify values and put boundaries around them. Make them important and

immovable.

- \*Find a healthy outlet. Cooking, reading, writing, meditating, exercising, cleaning, painting, drawing, crafting, sewing, walking...
- \*Communicate your feelings, reach out. This does not have to be by talking. Use the healthy outlets as a way of communication.

*“I know people are stressing and it’s so different from anything we’ve ever experienced, but I just think this pause, there’s a lot of good that’s going to come out of it,” Anderson said.*

WHAT THEN?

- \*Make time for the outlets as Phases progress. The things that have become important and mentally beneficial should not be pushed aside in favor of the ‘grind.’
- \*Allow the ‘pause’ to continue. Find space in the day to set aside time for yourself. The balance is important.
- \*Understand the after-effects may be slow to trigger. Reaching out may be harder for some that others. Connecting may be harder for some than others.
- \*Accept your feelings, do not denigrate them, but make a choice to move on.

**POWER IN THE PAUSE**

- \*Feeling and slowing down takes practice.
- \*The pause was important for mental health maintenance before but

being forced into it brought it front and center.

- \*We tend to numb our emotions, our anxiety, by pushing through.
- \*We tend to think taking time for ourselves is selfish.

*“We can’t just dive back in. We’ll have to take this slowly. It’s not just going to happen overnight,” Anderson said.*

WE ARE ALL (SORT OF) IN THIS TOGETHER.

- \*Everyone feels the effects differently—in different quantities, levels, and emotions. In terms of race, class, age and gender.
- \*Bottom line—each way to feel is okay.

*“The more that I’m doing this over the past six weeks, I’m just realizing that a lot of people first haven’t sought help, but also the more I think about it, people haven’t taken the time to feel,” Anderson said.*

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- \*Contact mental health resources in your area.

TIPS FROM YOUR CHILDRENS’ TEACHERS

Madison County teachers have some tips to help parents continue their children’s education at home.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

1. I think the biggest tip that I can give parents is to communicate and be open to communication from the school, whether that is from administration, the office, teachers or other students.
2. We have online resources in which students and parents can access assignments and grades at any time. I would encourage them to be very active on those.
3. If parents have any question at all, don’t hesitate to email/ call teachers or the school. We want to help in any way possible whether that is a question about a grade or additional resources for an individual topic, etc.

Nick Burgess  
Ennis Junior High and High School Math Teacher

SHERIDAN SCHOOL

District will continue distance learning

By KEELY LARSON  
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Sheridan School Board has been meeting weekly on Sundays, in addition to the regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 14, to address changes due to the coronavirus. At Sunday evening’s special meeting, the Board decided to continue distance learning until the school year ends May 15.

The Board reviewed policies from the state and adopted about half, Board President Bill Wood said. The majority of the policies were relevant for schools returning to campus after May 7.

“A big concern of ours was we do have some staff members that are high risk,” Wood said. Additionally, a survey sent out to parents showed 60% would not be sending their kids back to school if it did reopen. It made sense to continue the school year in a distanced way, Wood explained.

“At this point we are still tentatively planning graduation, but the discussion is being had about how we are going to do that,” Wood said. The date is still set for May 24.

“We’re super proud of our teachers and staff and appreciate the patience of all the parents and the community,” Wood said.

No interest has been expressed for the open Alder trustee position. If it remains vacant, the Board will appoint an individual to the position.



# Board incumbent vs. newcomer

## Sheridan School Board election

By HANNAH KEARSE  
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A Sheridan School Board seat will be elected May 5. Two candidates, incumbent Therese Sutton and newcomer Amy Pack-Young, are on the ballot.

Registered voters will receive ballots in the mail, and registration is available in person at the County Commissioner Building in Virginia City until 8 p.m. May 5.

Sutton is running for her fourth term on the Sheridan School Board. According to Sutton, she is proudest of the board's hiring during her nine years, which has

transformed Sheridan Schools into a premiere K-12 education.

"I think we have an excellent board and I want to keep that going," Sutton said. "I enjoy it now."

Sutton believes her experience on the school board is an important asset on the board during a period of turnover. Charlie Gilman, a six-year-board-member, also has a seat up for election. No one, including Gilman is running for the seat.

The Sheridan School Board reserves two of its five seats for Alder residents, since its school district extends to Alder.

Gilman's Alder-seat will be appointed after the election.

"I changed my mind last minute [to run for reelection] because of the turnover," Sutton said. "It would be a very young board."

Pack-Young is a newcomer to the Sheridan School election ballot, but she has always called Sheridan home.

"I have a strong sense of community," Pack-Young said. "I was raised that way."

Both candidates value transparency and decision making on the board. Sutton reflected on the progress the board has made and continues to make.

"A well-oiled machine of a board, compared to not [being a well-oiled machine], can affect the operations of the school and the community," Sutton said.

Sutton and Pack-Young are pleased with Sheridan Schools' administration and staff – they want to be a part of it. Young sees an opportunity to improve methods of communication between the school board and the public.

"I really do believe in our teachers," Pack-Young said. "I think I would work well with them."

Main-in ballots must be sent to the Madison County Elections Office by May 5.

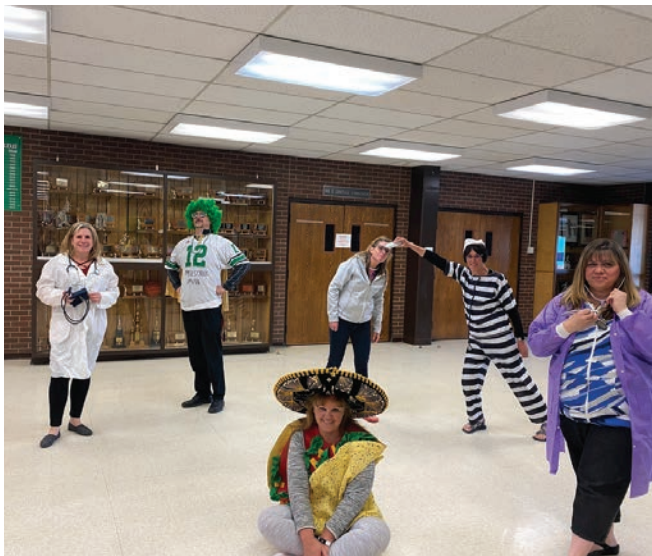


Therese Sutton and her daughter Ella. PHOTO PROVIDED BY SUTTON



Amy Pack-Young. PHOTO PROVIDED AMY PACK-YOUNG

# Stay @Homecoming Week



## ENNIS SCHOOLS BOOSTS MORAL

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Cars idled in park around the Ennis football stadium Friday night waiting for the school's final Stay @Homecoming Week event.

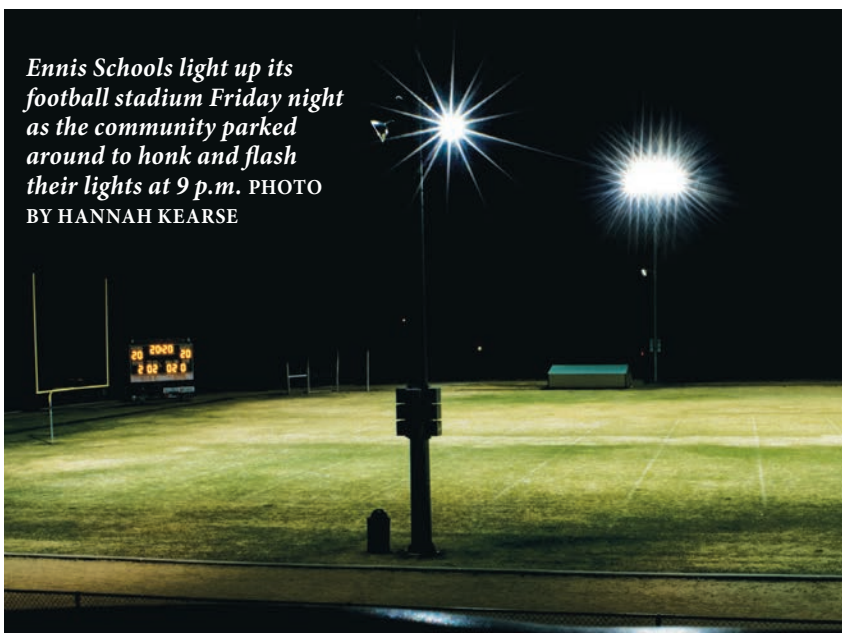
The Ennis Booster Club organized a week to celebrate the Ennis School community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ennis students, parents, teachers, administration and staff participated in the events, while socially distanced at home. Participants sent in pictures and videos for the themed dress up days, Tik Tock challenges and porch pictures. The finale took place under Friday night lights.

"We needed a boost," Ennis elementary teacher and Booster Club secretary Twyla Swanson said. "We felt the students needed a boost."

Twos and zeros glowed orange on the scoreboard, 20:20 20 20 2 02 02 0, as dozens of cars looked down onto the dark field. When the clock struck 9 p.m., the stadium lights illuminated the vacant football field. The bleachers were equally as empty, but the atmosphere was loud.

Cheering and honking overtook the stillness, and continued minutes later down Main Street. Fireworks sparkled in the sky in clusters of pops. By 9:30 p.m., Ennis returned to its quiet state.

The Ennis Booster Club will be awarding participation gifts later in the week.



Ennis Schools light up its football stadium Friday night as the community parked around to honk and flash their lights at 9 p.m. PHOTO BY HANNAH KEARSE

**Clockwork, starting from top left:**

Ennis teachers participate in superhero day during Stay @Homecoming Week. PHOTO FROM ENNIS SCHOOLS WEBSITE

Addison and Avery Oliver celebrate gas station workers and delivery workers during Ennis Schools' Stay @Homecoming Week superhero day April 20. PHOTO COURTESY THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

Brent and Easton Williams get sporty April 21 for Ennis School's Stay @Homecoming Week. PHOTO COURTESY THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

Ennis Schools' band teacher, Shelby Kottal, conducts and performs "One man band fight song" for Stay @Homecoming Week's school spirit day. PHOTO FROM THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB AND THE FULL VIDEO CAN BE WATCHED ON THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

Cassie Hilton gets cozy for Ennis School's PJ day April 23 during the Stay @Homecoming Week. PHOTO COURTESY THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

Madison, Kyle, Ginger and Tripp Nelson send positive vibes to Ennis Schools from their porch April 24 for Stay @Homecoming Week. PHOTO COURTESY THE ENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

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OPINION

Montanans are doing a good job

Dear Editor:

As a Montana physician practicing in a rural community I feel it is timely to share my thoughts and feelings with all my neighbors as our state prepares to transition from 'shelter-in-place' to the next phase of our battle against Covid-19.

My strongest feeling is one of gratitude. I am grateful for all my fellow citizens who did their very best to follow the guidelines laid out by Governor Bullock. I am grateful for my fellow healthcare workers. Many have put themselves on the front line to identify and treat the illness caused by this new virus. Others have adjusted their practice to curtail encounters that could be put off and to learn how to use telehealth technology to practice more safely. I am grateful for our state leadership that acted early and decisively to establish restrictions which were based on the best scientific evidence available at that time.

I feel deeply saddened by the hundreds of our neighbors who have suffered directly from COVID-19 and especially those who have lost loved ones. Small numbers do not reduce the pain of this loss, and I hope that all victims of this virus know they have the love and support of everyone in the state as they grieve.

We Montanans took this new challenge very seriously and to our credit we have been able to keep the activity of this virus to a relatively low level. Yet this success has come at a great cost, economically as well as emotionally. Thus, it is natural that we are very anxious to resume as much of our normal lives as we can. Many of us are increasingly impatient with giving up our freedoms: to work, to shop, to visit friends and family and to travel. We anticipate that after our current directive to hunker down expires on April 24 our state leadership will start to open things up again. This brings me to share my fervent wishes about how we should go about this.

We need to re-open our entire medical capabilities to attend to ALL the medical needs of our population not just those related to COVID 19 and Medical Emergencies. Appropriate isolation and segregation capabilities have been adopted by Montana hospitals. Chronic medical condition management and elective procedures need to resume as soon as possible. Painful conditions and diseases such as hypertension and diabetes cannot be kept on hold indefinitely.

The reason that it is necessary to proceed in stages to re-open our society is that we are not yet armed with all the weapons that we need to keep this virus from spreading when we are more socially interactive.

To do this, every community, large and small, will need to continue testing and tracing contacts as before. And as our capacity for rapid, accurate testing increases, and when we have the staff to follow up with those who are ill and their contacts, we can move forward with assurance to opening up our society.

In the process of returning to normalcy your medical community must be fully open to attend to all ongoing health concerns.

We in Montana have done an outstanding job in responding to this pandemic. May we continue to listen to our leaders, work together, and support each other in the next phases of this battle.

Roman M Hendrickson, MD  
Ruby Valley Medical Center

Pandemonium

Dear Editor:

Population Biology 101: the exponential growth curve of "any population" goes from zero to infinity, then returning back to zero in a classic "Bell Shaped Curve."

In the beginning, (2019) there was no CV19 in humans. But upon "Spillover" from captive wild animals (probably Bats); it got into the human ecosystem and quickly went viral. I.e: Global Exponential growth until it runs out of new "hosts;" then crashing back to zero.

The beginning of the Exponential Curve is called the "Outbreak" when most people are unknowingly infected; by other people's air borne vapor particles, or by touching contaminated surfaces.

The Nobel Prize winning Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) is the most reliable test for cv19. The PCR was made possible by the hot spring microbe *Thermus aquaticus* (Taq), origins Yellowstone NP.

Sincerely,

Robert Lindstrom

Author: Laboratory Yellowstone & the DNA Revolution. (PCR is the DNA revolution)


Upper Madison Valley

PS: But CV19 is not the only pandemic upon us: among the deer & elk populations of Madison County, Following the exact same population model as CV19 in humans, the "politically incorrect" Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is slowly infecting all the elk & deer; the outbreak begins slowly; but instead of a two week incubation period as with CV19, CWD has a two year incubation period.

OBITUARIES

Rodger Neil "Cub" Kent

August 26, 1939 to April 23, 2020




ed from Ennis High School in 1957 and graduated Montana Western College in Dillon with a degree in secondary education in June of 1962. While attending college, he worked summers for the Thexton Ranch, the Beardsley Ranch and the U.S. Forest Service. Neil was drafted into the army in October 1962 and was honorably discharged in October 1964. He then attended flying school in Helena until June of 1965 achieving commercial and instruments ratings. Neil worked for Montana Power before he found his calling as a banker, where he worked at First Madison Valley Bank for thirty-one years beginning in 1965. Neil was very active and involved in his community and a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church. Neil was also involved with and sat on many boards including, Madison County Planning Board, Madison County Tax Appeal Board, City Council, Madison Valley Golf Association, Ennis Lions Club, Madison Valley Conservation, History Association, Madison Valley Hospital, Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Senior Center. Neil was one of the biggest Ennis Mustang fans, attending home and away games until recent months. He was also a big Montana State Bobcat fan and Western Montana Bulldog fan. He loved his family and supported them through many happy years. Neil touched so many lives and anyone who had the pleasure to know him is truly blessed. Many will remember his visits while walking Molly. Neil is preceded in death by his parents Rodger and Ruth Kent and survived by his brother Jack (Marge) Kent, Niece Debbie Martello, Nephews Tom (Ima) Martello, Bob (Ginger) Martello, six great nieces and nephews and three great, great nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Madison Valley Medical Center and Madison Valley Manor. Due to Covid-19, the family will hold a private service, followed by a community memorial, once restrictions allow.

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Kenneth W. Hall  
HIS SOUL LIVES IN MONTANA



My beloved husband and artist, Kenneth W. Hall, left his physical body April 22, 2020 shortly after walking into the Madison Valley Hospital ER accompanied by our dear friend, Wade Miller.

Ken always did everything his unique way, so it is no surprise he chose to depart this world so quickly after enjoying a powerful evening of heart felt sharing and celebration with his spiritual family.

The healing partnership I shared with Ken began when we met in April, 26 years ago in Texas, the state where he was born. Our angels must have enjoyed the intricate mystical twists and turns in our individual lives to arrange our meeting in the hospital in Fort Worth that day where we assisted in the healing and transition of my ex-fiancé and the family members he left behind.

Just ten days later, Ken asked me to go with him to Santa Fe; we left the next day. It took Ken three days to get the courage to show me a handful of his photographs. That night I told God that they were too good to be hidden in a closet and that there had to be a way to share them with the world.

The next morning Ken proposed to me. Immediately thereafter, the phone rang. It was an offer to submit his images - that day - to be juried

into the Arts League and Arts Society in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Ken’s art was unanimously accepted. After that first, sudden and unexpected success, together we produced black and white images in the dark room and sold them on the Plaza each weekend.

Ken was a genius in the dark room, creating his unique form of magic. He would visualize an image in his mind even before capturing it with his camera. Every day visitors to our booth compared Ken’s work to that of Ansel Adams.

I had the honor to witness Ken create his largest body of work that transitioned from dark room and film to digital, eventually expanding to include his flute music, performing, writing, and video productions.

Ken and I arrived in the Madison Valley in the fall of 2000 and never left. Many times Ken said that Ennis was the only place in his life where

he ever felt at home. He refused to leave his beloved Madison Valley for any reason.

Now his spirit is free from his body and is forever one with the natural landscape he so beautifully captured during his 35-years as an artist. I will preserve Ken’s artistic and spiritual legacy to live on forever.

The family Ken leaves behind includes his wife, Penny Hall, his sister Roylene Berry, nephews Steve Berry, Randy Berry, Carl Berry, David Hall, nieces Brenda Hejnal, Leah Johnson, Vivian Haile, Mary Lou Skelton and 7 grand nieces, 11 grand nephews, 4 great grand nieces and 3 great grand nephews.

We are all shocked by the suddenness of Ken’s passing. We will forever see his smiling face, camera in hand, capturing in a way only he could what I call “a blink of God’s eye”.

I pray you take comfort in knowing Ken is not gone. His

spirit is everywhere you look. He is in the dirt, the rocks, the water, the wind, the clouds, the trees, the leaves, and the sounds of nature. You can still feel his generous, healing spirit in the photographs, videos, writings and flute music he created and gifted to us all.

A friend shared with me a video Ken gave her the day before he died. It includes his magical images of Quake Lake and his personal flute music. While I am unable to share the video on this written page, I can share the words of the poem he wrote to accompany it.

It is an appropriate goodbye to us all from Ken, especially during this current time of global change that gives birth to gifts and miracles beyond anything we can ever imagine.

Here is Ken’s parting message to all of us. “My soul lives in Montana”

Visions are the birthing nest of miracles. Miracles are

our direct connection with change. Change is God’s personal answer to our prayers. God’s universe is vast and unending.

Into our universe we must pray...

Pray greater than what we feel we are worthy. Give thanks for the gift and share it with humility For this is what we are worthy by Grace.

Amen, and so it is by Grace.

The pandemic restricts the opportunity for extended family and friends to publicly celebrate Ken’s life here in Montana. I promise to let you know when that will occur. If you wish to receive a personal notification, please email me at penny@pennyhall.life and put the word “Celebration” in the subject line.

Thank you for loving, supporting and encouraging Ken as he created his amazing legacy of healing art.

We love you all deeply. Penny and Ken



Greater Montana Foundation and Montana Broadcasters Association to co-sponsor debates for gubernatorial candidates

Submitted by dStacey Wirtz, Montana Newspaper Association

Ron Davis, Chair, Greater Montana Foundation and Greg Pace, Chair, Montana Broadcasters Association, announced today that the two groups will hold debates for the Democratic and Republican candidates for Governor, on Saturday, May 2. There will be two 60 minutes debates, one for each party.

Originally scheduled to take place at the MTN Studios in Great Falls, they will now take place virtually, with all participants in separate locations around the state. Broadcasts will not be live, local stations will need to be checked for dates and times. Stations have been requested to not broadcast earlier than 6 p.m. that evening. Greater Montana Foundation is providing funding for the debates.

Davis and Pace said, “We are pleased to jointly sponsor these important debates, which are even more significant at this time, since candidates are not able to get out around the state meeting Mon-

tana voters. While keeping all safe, we will provide a real service to the Montana public by allowing candidates to showcase their backgrounds, policies and programs.

Those participating are Democratic candidates Lt. Governor Mike Cooney and businesswomen Whitney Williams, and Republican candidates, US Representative Greg Gianforte, Attorney General Tim Fox and Montana State Senator Al Olszewski.

Ron Davis, GMF Board Chair and President of Butte Broadcasting will serve as moderator. Panelists are Mike Dennison, Montana Television Network; Cyndy Koures, NBC Montana; and Taylor Tucker, Cowles Media. Questions will not be available in advance nor solicited from the public. Panelists will decide on the questions.

**Panelists’ backgrounds:**

Mike Dennison, the chief political reporter for the Montana Television Network, based in Helena. He has been covering politics full-time in Montana for 28 years, with MTN, and earlier as a news

reporter.

Cyndy Koures is Assistant News Director at NBC Montana. A 5th generation Montanan, she earlier spent most of her career in Spokane, in a variety of positions with KXLY TV and AM, garnering a number of awards.

Taylor Tucker is an award-winning anchor, reporter and producer at KFBB in Great Falls, Montana. Before moving from Wisconsin to Montana in 2015, she worked as an intern at the Center for Investigative Journalism and in other positions. She covers everyday issues for Montanans.

Davis and Pace encouraged all Montanans to take advantage of this opportunity to safely view debates among the candidates of both parties.

In conclusion, Davis noted the Greater Montana Foundation and the Montana Broadcasters Association have a longtime relationship, partnering on the annual “EB” awards for excellence in broadcasting, named for GMF founder Edmund B. Craney, as well as on candidates’ debates at the MBA annual meeting. A pioneer broadcaster, Craney

established the foundation in 1958 with an initial focus on improving commercial broadcasting in the state. That focus has expanded to include a mission of “encouraging

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# All-taxa invasive species website goes live

Submitted by KATE WILSON

The Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC) and Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3) have launched a new website, [invasivespecies.mt.gov](https://invasivespecies.mt.gov), which collects in one place the most important resources and information on invasive species for Montana. Visitors to the site can sign up to receive invasive species news and alerts and view

identification guides for all invasive species known to exist in the state, including aquatic species, noxious weeds, pests and diseases, and emerging threats. Also included is contact information for reporting invasive species, educational resources for prevention, and details on state management efforts for various species. “Until now, information about invasive species issues in Montana was disseminated

across different websites in the state,” said Bryce Christiaens, MISC Chair. “Pulling these resources together to direct users to the information they seek was identified as an objective in the Montana Invasive Species Framework and this new site accomplishes that goal.” The site also serves as the new online home for the Montana Invasive Species Council and the Upper Columbia Conservation Commission.

Christiaens said the goal of the site was not to recreate existing information but to organize the information in one place to direct resource managers, researchers, citizen scientists and others to the most reliable and accurate information. The Montana Invasive Species Council is a statewide partnership working to protect Montana’s economy, natural resources, and public health

through a coordinated approach to combat invasive species. The Upper Columbia Conservation Commission was established to foster close cooperation and coordination between international, federal, regional, state, tribal, and local water resource managers for the development and implementation of comprehensive Upper Columbia River Basin prevention and management measures to prevent the intro-

duction and/or further establishment of aquatic invasive species. Both organizations are hosted by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and are charged by the Legislature to coordinate and to provide invasive species education and outreach to Montanans. Funding for this project was provided through MISC and UC3’s budgets to accomplish this purpose.

# 2020 Montana FFA scholarships and grants announced

\$90,000 awarded to FFA members and local FFA chapters across Montana: Ruby Valley Chapter has local recipient

Submitted by RODNEY BRAATEN

This spring, the Montana FFA Foundation has awarded over \$90,000 in scholarships and grants to FFA members and local FFA chapters throughout the state.

Fifty students will be receiving a combined total of \$71,500 in scholarships and grants for college, leadership development, and work-based learning projects. Scholarships for top individuals will be awarded to winners of competitions at the State FFA Con-

vention, date and location to be announced at a later time. Zoe Lee, from the Ruby Valley Chapter in Sheridan was awarded the Blue Shows Through college scholarship. Though the amount of scholarship dollars awarded continues to grow, the Montana FFA

Foundation still turns away two out of every three scholarship applicants. To learn more about contributing to the Montana FFA Leave a Legacy scholarship fund, please contact the Foundation at (406) 582-4118. The Montana FFA Foundation supports 99 local FFA

chapters across the state of Montana, representing over 5,000 student members. The Montana FFA Foundation’s mission is to cultivate partnerships, promote awareness and secure resources to enhance Agricultural Education and the Montana FFA Association.

*Questions about Montana FFA scholarships and grants can be directed to the Montana FFA Foundation at (406) 582-4118 or [foundation@montanaffa.org](mailto:foundation@montanaffa.org) or visit the Montana FFA website at [www.montanaffa.org](http://www.montanaffa.org).*

# BIG SKY FIRE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTES TO RECOMMEND FIRE CHIEF POSITION

Submitted by DUSTIN TETRAULT  
Deputy Fire Chief

At the regularly scheduled April 22, 2020 Big Sky Board of Trustees meeting the board moved to appoint interim Chief Greg Megaard to the position of fire chief for the Big Sky Fire Department. Chief Megaard has been the interim chief since former Chief Farhat’s departure on Jan. 24, 2020. Chief Megaard has served as deputy chief of

operations at the BSFD since 2016. Chief Megaard brings a combined 40 years of experience to the chief’s position, starting with 21 ½ years with Central Valley Fire Dept. in Belgrade and 18 years with the Bozeman Fire Dept. retiring as deputy fire chief prior to coming to Big Sky Fire. Chief Megaard had overwhelming support from both inside the organization and from outside organizations statewide to be promoted into the position. Chief Megaard

serves on numerous state fire boards including the Montana State Fire Chiefs Board of Directors and the Montana Firefighters Testing Consortium as well as countless local and county boards and committees. Over the next month, the board will work with Chief Megaard on an employee package that will be formally presented at the May 27 board meeting. Join us in congratulating Chief Megaard on his appointment to the position!

# TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR ENNIS FISHING ACCESS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY MAY

Submitted by MORGAN JACOBSEN, FWP

The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission on Thursday approved a temporary closure of the Ennis Fishing Access Site for road repairs. The site and its boat ramp will be closed with no public

access from Monday, May 4, through Friday, May 8. The closure was approved to ensure public safety while crews improve the road that provides access to the site. Alternate upstream take-outs for floaters on the Madison River include the Burnt Tree Hole or Eight Mile Ford fishing

access sites. Floaters may also pass Ennis and take out at Valley Garden Fishing Access Site, just north of Ennis. Prior to the commission’s approval of the closure, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks published notices soliciting public comments. All comments received were in favor of the proposal.

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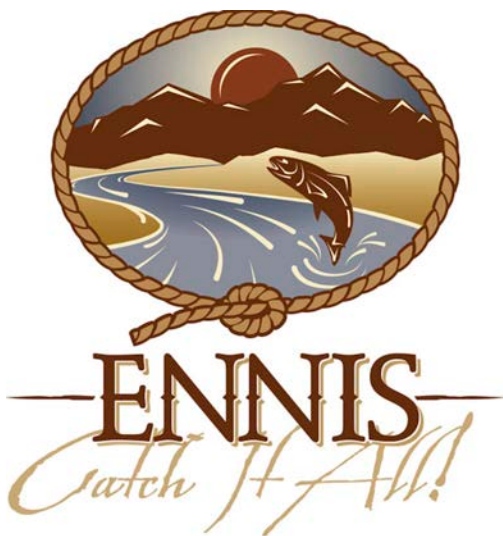
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# Ennis Chamber seeking 4th of July art designs

Submitted by MADISON ALLEN

Go sign up for the Art design contest! The theme is I Heart Ennis. Check out the Ennis Chamber of Commerce website, 4th of July info, download the contest form and turn it into the Chamber of Commerce. The due date is May 8th so get those contest forms in. The winner of the contest gets \$100, two tickets to NRA Ennis Rodeo, your artwork on over 500 t-shirts, artist signing, one framed Tee shirt, and if that's not enough you will be featured on the Ennis Chamber website and social media outlets.

# National School Lunch Hero Day

Submitted by DAYLE HAYES, MS, RD

National School Lunch Hero Day is May 1st! I want to give a shout out to all of the hardworking, dedicated Montana school nutrition employees, who, like thousands of their colleagues across the USA, are serving meals to hungry students during the current school closures. In Ennis Schools Kitchen Manager Tammy Wham is going above and beyond the requirements – she is a real SUPERHERO. Tammy is coordinating and serving the emergency meals for children in Ennis, using Facebook Live to share recipes with anyone who watches, and supporting her colleagues from the Montana School Nutrition Association through their Facebook group. You can follow all her work and recipe demonstrations at Ennis Schools Lunchroom (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/521924448517796/>).

School lunch heroes across Montana are also taking care of their own families, supervising online schooling with their own children/grandchildren AND working tirelessly to serve meals that support kids' health and learning during a time when families are stressed. These lunch ladies (and gentlemen) are serving more than just meals; they're sharing love, encouragement and kindness with families in their school districts. Please take time to recognize Tammy and the school lunch heroes in Ennis! I work with school nutrition professionals all across the country and I am very thankful for these essential front line workers who stepped up to feed hungry children when school meals were not available. More about School Lunch Hero Day from the Montana Office of Public Instruction at OPI Encourages Montanans to Honor School Lunch Heroes(<https://news.mt.gov/opi-encourages-montanans-to-honor-school-lunch-heroes-next-week>).

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**Thursday**




Scattered thunderstorms in the morning, then mainly cloudy during the afternoon with thunderstorms likely. High 64F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

**Friday**




Considerable cloudiness. High 59F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday**




Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 61F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday**



Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. High 61F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

**Monday**



Cloudy with snow showers changing to rain showers as the day progresses. High near 45F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

## Quote of the Week:

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# COMMUNITY

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## 'HEY, I'M THE NEW GUY.'

### Marshall Bettendorf, Ennis Chamber of Commerce's new (ish) ED

By Keely Larson  
connect@madisoniannews.com

Marshall Bettendorf loves coffee. In fact, it was the only beverage offering he had at his office in the Ennis Chamber of Commerce building during our interview before the coronavirus crisis set in. He also really loves being engaged and supporting any and all community events, making him an ideal fit for the Executive Director position with the Chamber.

He may be a new face in town, but he is not a total stranger. Bettendorf and his wife, Alice, visited Ennis seven years ago and attended the Fourth of July parade. "I was pretty impressed to say the least," he said.

The couple has four daughters between the two of them and they planned on moving into a house they bought in Colorado Springs after the girls left home. A summer spent visiting family around Ennis changed everything.

Late last summer as they were visiting, the Bettendorfs decided to participate in absolutely everything they could. Purchasing raffle tickets, going to events, volunteering to bottle at Willies and enjoying the golf course all made the agenda. The job opening with the Chamber reached their ears and Alice thought Bettendorf would be a good fit.

"One thing led to another and we kind of changed our minds," he explained with a slight southern tinge to his voice.

Bettendorf's background is in fundraising and event management. He is used to being on the periphery of events, making sure everything in the middle goes according to plan. "I love to put on things where you make other people happy. You work hard to then watch other people have fun, and that's the best part for me," he said.

Since moving to Ennis, Bettendorf's focus has been understanding his role in the Chamber and the Chamber's role in Ennis. Before social distancing restrictions, he walked a two-mile loop downtown to talk to neigh-

boring businesses and make connections with community members.

"Just tweaking and improving on the things that Ennis already does very well is the Chamber's responsibility, and then not only getting out information to the membership, but just the community at large about what we have available in town," he said.

As the coronavirus changed business operations, Bettendorf saw a difference in the type of information he circulated. "I do think the role has changed temporarily in that I paid more attention to sending out information that wasn't necessarily town, but more country," he explained. "I tried not to post until I verified my sources."

The Chamber is just one cog in the community machine, he explained. He views its job as promoting Ennis to surrounding areas, and welcoming visitors to events with the goal of doing the same the next year.

As Phase One of Gov. Steve Bullock's reopening plan begins, Bettendorf moves ahead with planning for the Fourth of July Parade until he is told otherwise. "From an event standpoint, you can't wait until the eleventh hour to start planning," he said. Ultimately the board, town, commissioners and governor will make the final decisions.

While working for a university back home in South Carolina, Bettendorf oversaw an internship program with great results. One of his interns ended up working for the United States Olympic Committee.

He began a similar program for Ennis high school students to gain portfolio additions and job experience. The positions offered cover social media for the Chamber, extra help with events and office tasks.

Three interns were chosen. Ellawynn Morrison works with event planning, currently focused on mapping out the Fly-Fishing Festival scheduled in September. Madison Allen is the media intern, posting on social media and creating ads. Kennedy Davis is the in-office



Another change Bettendorf noticed was the tone of his delivery of messages to the community. 'Ennis will make it through,' was the consistent string. Pictured here, the couple enjoys Yellowstone in the winter. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARSHALL BETTENDORF



"The Ennis community heart took on a new level through this COVID-19 thing," Bettendorf said. PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON



Bettendorf found himself acting more as a consumer during the coronavirus crisis, supporting local business monetarily and not asking for memberships or sponsorships. Marshall and Alice stop during a hike near Cliff Lake for this picture. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARSHALL BETTENDORF

intern, in charge of updating the website and working on a t-shirt design contest.

"The help is great. I'm more interested in them taking away some concrete experience," Bettendorf said.

As another goal, Bettendorf wants to help people remember Ennis is alive in the winter. "I'd love to find another way to get the surrounding communities to come to Ennis for a reason and realize that the shops are still open, realize that the restaurants are still open, that there's stuff to do here," he said.

Ultimately, Bettendorf came to Ennis for the beauty and stayed for the people.

He watched Ennis rise to the coronavirus challenge with a renewed sense of admiration. "The one thing I've learned, and I just kind of happened into it, the individual personal giving without the expectation of return in this town is fantastic. That

people are willing to buy something just for the sake of it, just to help somebody out," he said.

The summer before the couple moved, Bettendorf happened upon high school basketball and volleyball teams putting on a car wash. His car was dirty, and he liked fundraisers, so he figured he would stop and let

the teenagers clean his car.

"I went to pay somebody, and they were like no we're just doing this as a community give back, and I was blown away by that. I played sports and I never did anything like that," Bettendorf remembered.

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# COMMODITY INSITE: DOMINATED BY DEFLATION

BY JERRY WELCH

The United States embarked on a trade war with China in March 2018 but it ended in early January 2020. In mid-January, however, coronavirus was found in the state of Washington and within days became a pandemic across the globe. And then in early March, Russia and Saudi Arabia began a price war with both nations pushing crude oil production to record levels which in turn brought about a literal collapse with crude oil prices.

The trade war was clearly bearish for the U.S. agriculture markets. The coronavirus was so contagious and lethal that nations across the globe instituted “stay home” orders

which led to a massive decline with demand for gasoline with few driving anywhere. And as crude oil prices plunged in value, ethanol plants across the U.S. were shuttered which in turn led to historic demand destruction for corn.

From, “Haunted By Markets in a chapter entitled, “Three Most Influential Markets” I penned on April 28, 2007 comes the following. “First, allow me to remind everyone what I have stated for years; “the three most influential of all markets are corn, crude oil and bonds.” Each can have a powerful influence on a related market and each can, under the right circumstances, impact the economy

as a whole. When any one of those markets begin a major trend, there is big money to be made by those that are quick to get on the bandwagon and sit tight.”

Now let’s take a look at what those three markets have done since the first trading session of January, just as the trade war with China ended, just as the coronavirus pandemic swept across the globe and just before the bond market got a whiff of how dismal the economy was doing. But first understand that bonds do best when things are bearish. Bonds do best when interest rates are falling because the economy is weak and stone cold bearish.

In the first trading session of January, May corn futures traded as high as \$3.98 but this week fell as low as \$3.01, a level not seen since 2016. In the first trading session of January, May crude oil futures traded as high as \$60.43 but this week, the market fell below zero by -\$40 a barrel for the first time in history. And in the first trading session of January, June T-bonds traded as high as \$155.23 but traded north of 183.00 a few days ago.

Since early January, corn prices dropped \$4850 per futures contract, crude dropped \$64,000 per futures contract but bond prices rallied more than \$27,000 per contract. A fortune could have been made this year being short virtually all markets while at the same time long T-bonds. And that particular scenario remains firmly in place.

The quote that accompanied the chapter entitled, “Three Most Influential Markets,” from “Haunted By Markets” was a line from, “It’s Alright, Ma ( I’m Only Bleed-

ing) by Bob Dylan. The line goes like this, “Money doesn’t talk, it swears. “ And I would bet heavily that those involved with corn, crude oil or bonds have been doing a great deal of swearing lately if caught on the wrong side of any of those markets.

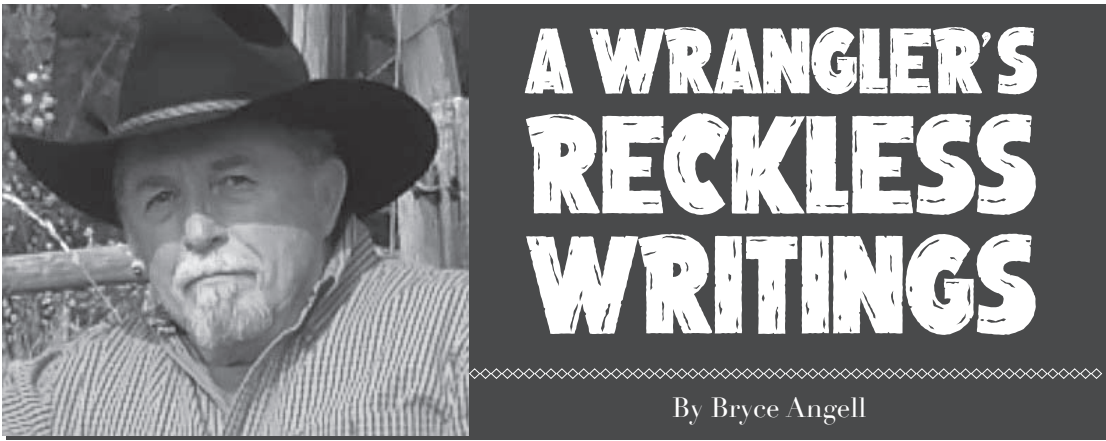
From MarketWatch. “The May crude contract for the U.S. oil benchmark marked history on Monday, finishing deeply in negative( below zero) territory and implying that investors will need to pay buyers to take delivery of crude oil, reflecting a growing glut of crude and a lack of storage space.” The only other commodity market that traded below zero, I do believe, was onions that have not traded since 1958 when legislation was passed to ban that particular market. At one time, onions were worth less than the bag in which they were stored!

To repeat what I stated above, “When any one of those markets begin a major trend, there is big money to be made by those that are quick

to get on the bandwagon and sit tight.” Moving forward, an enormous sea change has unfolded since January in these unprecedented times. And the scenario of deflating markets, such as corn and crude oil coupled with lower interest rates and higher bond prices remains firmly in place. Very firmly.

In other words, “the three most influential markets,” may continue to do what they have been doing since early January. What has already been experienced from January through this week may be just the tip of the iceberg for what lies ahead. The year is young and the markets dominated by deflation. And I mean dominated.

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## A Place for Everyone

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It took a man who knew the job and someone who had guts. There was no time to dawdle, dang sure could not be a klutz.

Each year my father hired a city dude right out of town. “It’s a gamble, but I know we’ll win. No man has let us down.”

Well, Albert was the one he chose, a soft and pudgy guy. Had my father really picked this wimp? You had to wonder why.

Albert was a timid fellow; cowboys should be bold. Could Albert muster courage? He sure did not fit the mold.

He caught his horse one early morning, but those times were few. Another horse snuck up on him; he whirled and hollered, “Shoo!”

And then a mule reached back at him and bit him on the butt. He jumped and yelled, “That mule’s gone mad!” He sounded like a nut.

So, the wranglers saddled up his horse. Still, Albert was afraid. He never put his saddle on, so there his saddle laid.

The cowboys were a kinder breed. They helped him every morn. But kindness only goes so far. His welcome, he’d outworn.

Was Albert really headed home? He’d be one for the book. But then Dad said, “Jeb’s drunk and gone. Looks like we’re out a cook.”

Well, Albert’s eyes came right alive. “Hey! Cooking I can do. Give me a stove and frying pan. I’ll feed this hungry crew.”

Breakfast was at six a.m. Flapjacks a golden brown; hot syrup mixed with eggs and bacon, coffee swirling down.

One cowboy hollered, “Albert it’s for dang sure you can cook. You proved you weren’t no cowboy. Glad you got a second look.”

My father’s years had proved him wise. He’d gambled, then he won. And so, I learned a lesson. There’s a place for everyone.



By Richard Stouffer

The highlights for the Montana night sky in May include Venus dramatically ending its time as the evening “star” as it sinks into the solar glare by the end of the month. Along the way, Venus makes a close encounter with Mercury late in the month. In the morning sky, Jupiter and Saturn appear close to each other all month long while Mars continues to brighten as the month progresses.

As the month begins, look for dazzling Venus high up in the western sky. At the beginning of the month, Venus doesn’t set until about 12:15 a.m. During the course of the month, the interval between when Venus sets and the Sun sets shrinks dramatically until by month’s end, Venus will be hard to find as it sets only about 25 minutes after sunset before it disappears from view as it sweeps past Earth and passes between the Earth and the Sun in early June. This ends Venus’ time as the evening “star”, which began in late September of last year and follows its highest altitude in the evening sky in the last 8 years in March and April. As Venus rapidly heads into the twilight, tiny Mercury rises out of the solar glare, becoming visible in the evening sky by about the middle of the month. Then on May 21, Mercury passes about a degree below Venus in the evening sky. As Venus descends out of view, Mercury continues to climb higher in the evening sky until by month’s end, Mercury doesn’t set until about 11:05 p.m. Next up in the night sky is the largest planet, bright Jupiter, which rises about 2:10 a.m. as the month begins. Jupiter is joined about 15 minutes later by the ringed planet Saturn. Jupiter and Saturn are located within about 5 degrees of each other throughout the month. By the end of the month, Jupiter rises

about 12:15 a.m. followed by Saturn, which continues to rise about 15 minutes after Jupiter. Following Jupiter and Saturn in the night sky is the Red Planet Mars, which rises at 3:30 a.m. as the month begins and about 2:20 a.m. as the month comes to a close. During the course of the month, Mars noticeably brightens as it heads toward its next close approach to Earth late in the year.

As for the moon, the moon is found above Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, on May 1. The moon is full on May 7. The moon is then located below Jupiter on the morning of May 12 and to the right of Mars on the morning of May 14. On May 23, the moon is located to the lower left of Venus, which is by then located about a similar distance to the lower right of Mercury.

For meteor shower watchers, the Eta Aquarid meteor shower peaks on the morning of May 5. This shower is formed from dust ejected from the famous Halley’s Comet over eons of time. This year the moon is within two days of being full that day when it doesn’t set until a half hour before sunrise. Since stronger activity is predicted for the shower this year, it may still be worth looking for meteors from this shower when the moon is low in the sky and the sky is still relatively dark about 4:00 to 5:00 a.m. when you may be able to see between 5 and 15 meteors per hour. The Eta Aquarid meteors will radiate from the east-southeast direction of the sky to the right of the Great Square of Pegasus.

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

# THIS, OUR VALLEY

## How Shall I Repay?

By Keith Axberg

When our children were young, we would say the grace I learned when I was a child: God is great; God is good; let us thank him for our food. We taught our children to say it properly, but inside my head I always wanted food to rhyme with good. Linguists tell us the words did so in the past, but our pronunciation of the word “good” has moved on.

Life is like that, I suppose. It moves on. A woman I know once remarked, “There are pillars and there are caterpillars. Pillars hold things up, but caterpillars move on and become butterflies!” While few people will admit they like change, the fact is most of us want change of one sort or

another. It’s just that we prefer to have a say in what that change will look or feel like, or how much discomfort or pain we’ll have to endure to obtain what we’re after.

As the psalmist implies in the psalm, God is good. I suppose that’s why God does good things for us. I know God is good and delights in doing good. I’d like to think I’m the same way (having been made in the image of God), and yet counting my blessings often makes me feel more guilty than blessed.

It’s like when someone pays you a compliment, I never know what to do with it. I blush. I stutter and stammer. I insist it was nothing, or the product was

mediocre at best. And then I think my modesty isn’t genuine, because inside I’m also pleased as punch, and that just makes me feel even guiltier than when I started the cycle of pleasure and guilt.

I think my relationship with God is like that sometimes. I am sure God is pleased whenever I do something nice, right, good, or loving. I am sure God looks at the honorable things we say and do and puffs out his godly chest and calls the angels of heaven together into some heavenly huddle and says, “Attsa my boy, down there!” or “Attsa my girl doing that!”

I am sure that’s what’s going on in God’s head and heart,

and yet for some reason I can’t fathom, I can’t shake the fact that I still think of God and me in some sort of transactional relationship. Maybe it is because so much of the language we use has a monetary tone to it.

God paid for my sins. That implies I owe God. God redeems us. Oh, so now I am a coupon to be turned in for something better, newer, shinier? Jesus saves. So I am a coin tossed into the darkness of a piggy bank. Wait ... God can’t have a piggy bank; it wouldn’t be kosher!

Those are things my head tells me, and the psalmist seems to know it instinctively, too, for he asks quite clearly, “How shall I repay the Lord?”

He answers, “I shall lift up the cup of salvation!”

Have you ever hoisted a glass or cup and offered “Cheers!” to a person or group? What does it mean? It means “I only want the best for you, in abundant appreciation for who you are and, more importantly, what you mean to me.”

This is the blessing we offer to our children when they are baptized or married: “You are a child of God, a great gift from God, and I shall never forget that as long as we are alive!”

“You are a child of God, most loved and beloved. I do not abandon you when you cleave unto another – when I “give” you away; I embrace the one you

embrace and treasure you all the more!”

Life and love don’t always work out that way or that well, but that’s our goal; that’s our target; that’s our hope and desire, and I believe that is God’s hope and desire for us as well, for the psalmist adds one more thing: “Precious in the sight of the Lord are those God loves.” Meaning?

We see caterpillars in the mirror; God sees butterflies. So spread your wings (but keep your CV-19 distance) here in this, God’s precious valley.

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



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6. Emergency responders
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14. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
15. The Beast's problem
16. Happen again
17. Freudian topic
18. In a fitting way
19. \*Hopkins' Lecter to \_\_\_\_'s Starling
21. \*McGillis' Charlie to \_\_\_\_'s Maverick
23. Unagi
24. Undesirable row
25. Stuff in a tray?
28. The Tramp's love interest
30. Hairy vertebrate
35. "Best \_\_\_\_ schemes o' mice an' men"
37. Be inclined
39. City in Belgium
40. Debussy's "Clair de \_\_\_\_"
41. D'Artagnan's weapon, pl.
43. Speed on water
44. "This \_\_\_\_" on a box
46. The Chapin School, e.g.
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48. Post-roller coaster ride state
50. The Coen brothers' "True \_\_\_\_"
52. \_\_\_\_ Diego
53. Deuce topper
55. Lamb's mother
57. \*Clark's Rhett to \_\_\_\_'s Scarlett
60. \*John's Danny to \_\_\_\_'s Sandy
63. Continually annoy
64. Matterhorn, e.g.
66. Cooler clime conifer
68. Do like phoenix
69. Tiger's peg
70. "My Own Private \_\_\_\_"
71. Thou \_\_\_\_, or you have
72. Bajillion years
73. Article of faith

- DOWN
1. 2020 Easter mo.
2. Not kosher
3. Meal in a shell
4. Occupied, two words
5. El Chapo's organization
6. "What \_\_\_\_ Happened to Baby Jane?"
7. \*Billy's Harry to \_\_\_\_'s Sally
8. Investor's asset
9. \_\_\_\_-Guarani languages
10. Liberal pursuits
11. Archipelago unit
12. Bovine hangout
15. Posterior, anatomically speaking
20. Fill with optimism
22. Basketball target
24. Two heads are better than one, e.g.
25. \*Keaton's Annie to \_\_\_\_'s Alvy

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32. List of options, pl.
33. Ancient Greeks' assembly area
34. Pretend, two words
36. \_\_\_\_ ex machina
38. Doe, e.g.
42. Sales pitch
45. Smallest at the clothing store
49. Second person of be
51. Lighted by twilight
54. Related on mother's side
56. Avoid, as in taxes
57. Designer Bradley
58. Osiris' wife
59. One third of a three-piece suit
60. Welcoming sign
61. A Flock of Seagulls' hit, 2 words
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67. "Some Like It \_\_\_\_"

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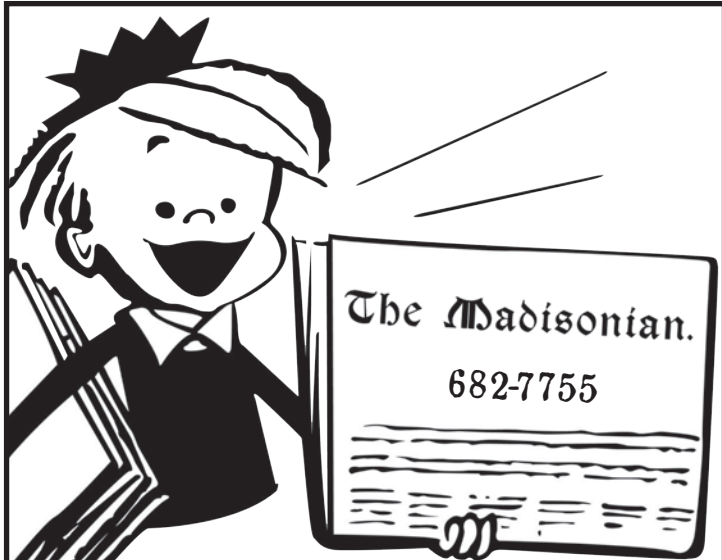
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## APRIL 30, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LURAB. MILKOVICH,  
Deceased.  
DP – 29-2020-6  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.  
Claims must either be mailed to Thomas Kent Milkovich, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at McLean, Younklin & Willett, PLLC, 2066 Stadium Drive, Suite 101, Bozeman, Montana 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.  
DATED this 10th day of March, 2020.  
/S/ THOMAS KENT MILKOVICH  
Thomas Kent Milkovich,  
Personal Representative for the Estate of Lura B. Milkovich  
(Pub. APRIL 16, 23, 30, 2020)  
MYW  
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**NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCIES:**  
The Madison County Board of Commissioners has vacancies on the Big Sky Transportation Board; the DUI Task Force; three vacancies on the Mental Health Local Advisory Council; one vacancy on the Planning Board (representing the Silver Star/Twin Bridges area and/or Harrison/Pony/Norris Area); two vacancies on the Board of Health; two vacancies on the Weed Board; one vacancy for a Substitute Member on the Tax Appeal Board; one vacancy on the Laurin Cemetery District Board; and one vacancy on the Madison Valley Cemetery District Board. If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 406-843-4277, or by email at madco@madisoncountymt.gov. PDF application forms can be found on the county website at https://madisoncountymt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/833 Please return completed applications to: Madison County Commissioners' Office P.O. Box 278 Virginia City, MT 59755 (Pub. APRIL 23, 30, 2020)  
MC COMMISH  
MNXPLP

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETINGS**  
The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct special meetings each Friday beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Offices Building in Virginia City, Montana, to discuss and/or take action on topics related to the COVID-19 Crisis. Meetings will be conducted through Webex and the public is encouraged to participate using the link below. These meetings will continue until the Board determines they are no longer necessary. The COVID-19 meetings (Fridays) will be available by Webex. Meeting link: https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join Meeting number (access code): 293 791

297 Meeting password: VCMadison Join by phone +1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 293 791 297# Numeric Password: 826 234 76# To access regular Commission meetings, which are held each Tuesday beginning at 9:30 a.m., please use the link below. Agendas for these meetings can be found on our website at https://madisoncountymt.gov/AgendaCenter or you may contact the Commissioners' office at 406-843-4277 or madco@madisoncountymt.gov . Regular Commission Meetings (Tuesdays) will be available by Webex. Meeting link: https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join Meeting number (access code): 295 441 840 Password: VCMadison Join by phone +1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 295 441 840# (Pub. APRIL 23, 30, 2020)  
MC COMMISH  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Montana Fifth Judicial District Court, Madison County In the matter of the estate of GARY JACK LANCASTER, Deceased Probate No: DP-29-2018-19 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of STUART R. WHITEHAIR, Attorney at Law, 403 West Mendenhall, Bozeman, MT 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated this 21st day of August, 2018 /s/ Theresa Tanascu Personal Representative of the Estate of Connie A. Richards, Deceased (Pub. APRIL 23, 30, May 7, 2020)  
WHITEHAIR  
MNXPLP

**NOTICE OF ELECTION, CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that regular voter registration for the Madison County Primary Election scheduled for JUNE 2, 2020 will close at 5:00 p.m., MAY 26, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the deadline has been extended by three weeks in order for Montana voters to be able to register to vote by mail for a longer period of time, and to shorten the length of time afforded for "in-person" late registration and voting. You may request and submit a voter registration application by mail by calling the Election Office at 843-4270, by e-mailing your request to clerkandrecorder@madisoncountymt.gov OR you may find the form at Madison County's website: madisoncountymt.gov. This election will be conducted by MAIL! No regular polling places will be available! \*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register and vote by appearing in person at the county election office at 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, beginning on May 27th through May 29th from 8 am to 5 pm, on Monday, June 1st from 8 am to noon; and on

Election Day, June 2nd from 7 am to 8 pm. Please Note: Strict distancing restrictions will be in place for any in-person voting. All active and inactive electors in Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election. HOWEVER, INACTIVE VOTERS WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A BALLOT IN THE MAIL due to outdated information or lack of response from voters who have not recently cast a ballot in Madison County. Please call the Election Office at 843-4270, as soon as possible so that we can assist you in updating your information. \*\*If you have moved, please update your registration information by filling out a new voter registration card and submitting it to the county election office. Call our office at the number above. DATED this 24th of APRIL, 2020 Madison County /s/ Kathleen D. Mumme, Election Administrator (Pub. APRIL 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2020)  
MCR  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE - NO MEETING**  
NOTICE The Board of Madison County Commissioners will not be holding their regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. The next regular meeting following this date will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. (Pub. APRIL 30, 2020)  
MC COMMISH  
MNXPLP

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**  
Pursuant to Section 85-2-233(6), MCA, Barry and Danielle McCoy filed a Motion to Amend their 1960 Beaverhead River Surface Water Claim 41B 120767-00. The requested amendments are to amend the place of use to include an additional 33 acres (1.50 acres in section 8 T8S, R9W; and 31.5 acres in section 17 T8S, R9W) in addition to the current 34.62 acres in section 8 T8S, R9W, and to reduce the priority from March 1, 1960 to April 17, 1973. The entirety of Claimant's

motion may be viewed on the Montana Water Court webpage at: https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/Notices-and-Information/ public-notices-and-information. Direct any questions concerning this requested amendment to attorney Ross P. Keogh at (406) 333-0520. Response or Objection Filing Deadline Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed in Case 41B-A500, Montana Water Court, PO Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59711-1389. A copy of any response or objection must be served on counsel for Barry and Danielle McCoy at: Ross P. Keogh Parsons Behle & Latimer 201 South Main Street, Suite 1800 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed within 45 days of the last publication of this notice. Therefore, the filing deadline is: June 28, 2020 (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 2020)  
PBL  
MNXPLP

**INVITATION TO BID TWIN BRIDGES SCHOOL DISTRICT TWIN BRIDGES, MONTANA CUSTODIAL SERVICES**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees for the Twin Bridges School District No. 7 will receive sealed bids for Custodial Services, as specified in the Contract Documents. This is a Custodial Services bid. The scope of work will be outlined in the contract documents. The initial contract period will begin July 1, 2020, and shall terminate on June 30, 2021, with an option to extend the agreement based on satisfactory service/performance with successive one (1) year renewals of the contract upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Board for a total of a five (5) year contract. The Board may terminate the Agreement at any time for its convenience by providing at least ninety (90) days advanced written notice thereof. Sealed bids will be accepted at Twin Bridges School, 216 W 6th Ave, Twin Bridges, MT

59754, Attn: Tara Rhea, until the 15 day of May 2020, at 12:00 PM current Mountain Time, at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bidders shall clearly mark the envelope "Proposal for Custodial Services for Twin Bridges School District." Bids will only be accepted on the form provided within the Contract Documents. Contract Documents may be obtained through the main office at Twin Bridges School, 216 W 6th Ave, Twin Bridges, MT 59754. The Contractor shall comply with all fair labor practices and must meet the requirements of all local, state, and federal statutes including prevailing wage and hiring preferences. Each bidder and Contractor is required to have a current and valid Montana Contractor's Registration and Montana Contractor's License, as applicable, in the proper classification for the work bid, and such registration and license must remain valid throughout the period of the contract. Bids must fully comply with all requirements indicated in the Contract Documents. The bid will be awarded, if at all, to the contractor which the Twin Bridges School Board determines, at its sole discretion, to be the lowest responsible bidder considering conformity with specifications, terms of delivery, quality and serviceability. The Twin Bridges School District No. 7 reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to waive any and/or all informalities or technicalities, and to act in the best interest of the Twin Bridges School District No. 7. Board of Trustees Twin Bridges School District No. 7 216 W 6th Ave, Twin Bridges, MT 59754 (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 2020)  
TB SCHOOL  
MNXPLP

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE**  
MONTANA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY.  
CAUSE NO.: DV-29-2020-28  
In the matter of the name change of STACEY ABRAMS, Petitioner This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from STACEY D. ABRAMS to STACY D. AVRAHAM. The hearing will be on JUNE 1, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County. Date: APRIL 23, 2020 Karen J. Miller Clerk

of District Court /S/ Carmin Hill Deputy Clerk of Court (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 21, 2020)  
ABRAMS  
MNXPLP

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE**  
MONTANA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY.  
CAUSE NO.: DV-29-2020-29  
In the matter of the name change of FRANZ K. ABRAMS, Petitioner This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from FRANZ K. ABRAMS to JOSIAH FRANZ KERNAA AVRAHAM. The hearing will be on JUNE 1, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County. Date: APRIL 23, 2020 Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court /S/ Carmin Hill Deputy Clerk of Court (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 21, 2020)  
ABRAMS  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: VARIANCE REQUEST FOR SUNROOM/PORCH ADDITION**  
On May 14, 2020, 6:45 p.m., at Ennis Town Hall the Zoning Board of Adjustment will review, take comments and make a decision on a variance request. The request is for and 8' x 32' sunroom/porch addition to a home, of which, is currently 25 feet from the property line. The addition would cause the home to be 17 feet from the front property line. The property is located at 410 S. First Street, Ennis, Montana. The Variance request was submitted by Eloise James, Terri James and Kim James Pittman. Information, including site plans, related to this Variance request may be viewed at Ennis Town Hall, 328 W. Main Street, Ennis, MT. 59729. Public Comment may be given at the public hearing. Written comments can be sent to Town of Ennis Variance, 328 W Main Street, Ennis, Montana 59729 and must received no later than 2:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020. (Pub. APRIL 30, MAY 7, 2020)  
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# MADISON COUNTY DISPATCH

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

**April 19, 2020**

A theft complaint was made at Renova Hot Springs. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cameron and Alder. A fire call was made in Twin Bridges. An agency assist occurred in Virginia City.

**April 20, 2020**

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Harrison. Vandalism/criminal mischief was reported in Sheridan. A disturbance was reported in McAllister. Medical aid was administered in Twin Bridges.

**April 21, 2020**

Medical aid was administered in Sheridan and McAllister. Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis. Citizens were assisted in Alder and Pony. Theft was reported in Sheridan. A welfare check was performed at Renova Hot Springs. A dog complaint was made in Ennis. A traffic complaint was made in Ennis. A disturbance was reported in Ennis. A DUI was administered in Sheridan. Medical aid was administered in Virginia City.

**April 22, 2020**

A trespass complaint was made in Cardwell. A fire call was made in Sheridan. A dog complaint was made in Ennis. An alarm was responded to in Pony.

**April 23, 2020**

A coroner was called in Ennis. A citizen was assisted in Cardwell. A welfare check was performed in Cardwell.


**April 24, 2020**

An animal complaint was made in Cardwell. Fire calls were made in Whitehall and Sheridan. A disturbance was reported in Silver Star. Medical aid was administered in Whitehall. A dog complaint was made in Ennis.


**April 25, 2020**

A DUI was administered in Ennis. Traffic complaints were made in Nevada City and Twin Bridges. A public safety complaint was made in Cardwell. A fire call was made in Norris. A welfare check was performed in Ennis.


*The Madison County Sheriff's Department responded to 61 calls for service between April 19-25.*



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**Sunday School**  
11:20 a.m.  
**R S & Priesthood**  
12:10 p.m.  
**Mutual (Youth Group)**  
Weds. 7:00p.m.  
3560 | MT State Hwy 287  
Sheridan 842-5860  
Bishop Shaw 684-5255

### HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Harrison, Montana  
Adult Bible Study ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Church Services ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Joe Miller  
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### Ruby Valley Baptist Church

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.  
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MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4pm at St. Joseph's, Sheridan  
Sunday at 11 am St. Patrick's, Ennis  
Sunday 9:30am at St. Mary's, Laurin  
Sunday at 8 am Notre Dame, Twin Bridges  
Saturday at 4 pm St. Joseph's, Sheridan

Weekday Mass:  
Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am at St. Joseph's  
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**Church of the Valley**  
Twin Bridges  
Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

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Sheridan  
Worship 8:30 a.m.  
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Wednesday, April 29 – Pork chop, baked mashers, veggie, dessert  
Thursday, April 30 – Bratt with onions, potato salad, veggie stick, fruit, dessert  
Friday, May 1 – Clam chowder, salad, dessert

We may also need additional volunteers to deliver meals, call the senior center or send email to [ennis.seniorcenter@gmail.com](mailto:ennis.seniorcenter@gmail.com).

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

**VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ**  
Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.  
**Delivery in VC if seniors call between 10am and Noon on those days.**  
Thursday, April 30 – Lasagna, salad, garlic toast, 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**

Wednesday, April 29 - Breakfast cinnamon rolls, breakfast casserole

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**ALANON**  
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Thursdays, 8 pm

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

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MON. - Open, 7:00 pm Call numbers below for on line Zoom meeting directions  
WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers  
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The Road Agents' Roost—open for takeout Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Special menu features and meals under \$10 including dessert. Menu at [theroadagentsroost.com](http://theroadagentsroost.com) Call 406-843-5200 to order.

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The Shovel and Spoon (Sheridan)—open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for delivery and takeout. Credit card payments only. Check website for daily specials. [www.theshovelandspoon.com](http://www.theshovelandspoon.com) 406-842-7999

Bread Zeppelin (Sheridan)—open for takeout. Monday-Tuesday,

7 a.m.- 2 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. Serving pizza 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. Call 406-842-7777 to order.

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Chick's (Alder)—takeout and delivery Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. an 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday open 8 a.m.- 11a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. for lunch and 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. for dinner. Different specials available each day on Facebook page. Bar open from 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. seven days a week. Call Randy at 406-596-0324

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

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

TUESDAYS  
9:30 a.m.  
Madison County Board of Commissioners Meeting  
This Meeting will be available by Webex.  
Meeting link: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>  
Meeting number (access code): 295 441 840  
Password: VCMadison  
Host key: 289925 or  
Join by phone +1-408-418-9388 (NO MEETING MAY 5)

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

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THURSDAYS  
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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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2:30 p.m.  
Special Commission Meeting  
Madison County Commissioners discuss and take action on topics related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Meetings will be conducted on Webex for the public to join online.  
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