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## Look for the helpers

### COVID-19 is spreading but so is generosity



Shanna Mae Swanson, bottling manager at Willie's Distillery, carefully pours hydrogen peroxide March 30. PHOTOS BY HANNAH KEARSE

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Local community members and businesses are

responding to the COVID-19 coronavirus with ingenuity and kindness. Generosity is spreading in Madison County to fight the novel virus. Willie's Distillery

has started manufacturing hand sanitizer, Nacho Mama's is feeding truck drivers and quilters are sewing personal protective masks and gowns.

#### WILLIE'S DISTILLERY

Bottling supplies and raw ingredients for hand sanitizer continues to be difficult to acquire because of the worldwide demand. But Willie's Distillery began bottling its first batch of Food and Drug Administration grade hand sanitizer March 28.

The Ennis distillery's hand sanitizer is more liquid than the product's brand names, but it is effective.

Willie's Distillery owner Willie Blazer said calls have come in from all over asking about the supply, from Atlanta to Salt Lake City.

"We're trying to take care of our county first and see where our supply takes us," Blazer said.

It was a community effort to get supplies. Madison Foods helped source the bottling for the first batch. Distilleries

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## Search and rescue in the Gravellys

### REGIONAL EFFORT

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A snow biker was injured in the Standard Creek drainage of the southern Gravelly Mountains Friday afternoon.

Madison County search and rescue teams got the call about three hours later. The delay was for a number of technical reasons. But the snow-bike-group's first call for help was to their friends from Gallatin County Search and Rescue.

LifeFlight was quick to respond but had to abort the mission because of a snowstorm. Madison County SAR mobilized for a ground rescue and traveled about 12 miles from the West Fork rest area.

Travis Hansen and Jeffery Watt, from Gallatin SAR, had strapped their injured friend to a rescue sled when Madison County Sheriff Phil Fortner, Shawn Christensen and Mike Strong arrived.

A nearby road lead the group downhill to the West Fork rest area at about 2 a.m. Ennis Ambulance Service took him to Madison Valley Medical Center. The man suffered a back and hip injury and was transferred to a larger hospital in the area, according to Fortner.

## FLUSHING 101

### Don't overwhelm the sewage system

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The panic purchase for the COVID-19 pandemic seems to be toilet paper. But people often turn to substitutes that do not break down well in the sewage system when the home supply runs out.

Like stores around the country, Madison County cannot keep up with the demand for toilet paper. Shipments of food and items will continue to be delivered, but the stock does not stay long. Madison County All Hazards Incident Management Team is concerned about clogs, backups and breakages overwhelming wastewater treatment plants.

"It is important to keep in mind that flushing anything other than toilet paper can create expensive and unsanitary problems for homeowners and businesses," Madison County All Hazards Incident Management Team said.

Deputy Director of Emergency Management Joe Brummel said that Madison County's wastewater systems have a low threshold for clogs because of their small size.

"That's a big problem," Ennis Public Works Director Kelly Elser said.

Ennis has a machine that can unplug main sewer lines, but it cannot be used for home sewage lines. It is likely that flushing things other than toilet paper down the toilet would affect household pipes before causing a clog in towns' sewage system.

According to the Madison County All Hazards Incident Management Team, flushing wipes, including ones labeled as flushable, and other non-toilet paper materials causes clogs, backups, equipment and pipe breakage. Taxpayer money or individual homeowners cover the repair costs for damages to the wastewater system.

"Please just throw it away," Brummel said.

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## VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION

### The many ways to connect

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Social distancing refers to physically distancing from others, but it does not have to hinder communication.

Many states are encouraging their residents to limit their exposure outside of their homes due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Gov. Steve Bullock issued a stay-at-home order to reduce the spread of the novel virus and protect Montanans March 26. People and businesses are communicating in different ways than usual.

A lot of technology has been dedicated to enhancing communication. The 21st century has been obsessed with communication from the beginning. Facetime, Skype, Zoom, GoTo Meeting, Web Meeting, StartMeeting, Flock,

Google Hangouts, Workplace by Facebook, Instagram Live – modern communication has thousands of platforms.

#### FAMILY TIME

Communication and celebration are required to happen from a distance during the pandemic.

The many life accomplishments worth celebrating are now virtual experiences. Décor is optional and the dress code is quarantine-relaxed.

Glowing lights from computer screens, smartphones and I-pads surrounded Eaton Crossland as he blew out the candles on his chocolate cake. He turned 8 years old on March 24.

"It was cool," Crossland said.

The celebratory hoots and smiles can be seen in real time using technology, like Skype and Facetime.

Madison County's two nursing homes started preventative measures early. Now, only employees walk through the doors. Nursing home employees are instructing residents on the new-to-them technology, so they can still enjoy familiar faces.

For most residents, phone and letters are the preferred method of communication to the outside world. But they have options. Staff members help nursing home residents send photo messages using a whiteboard, and written instructions for videoing options are available.

The Nursing Home Administrator, Steve McNeece, said that he is proud of the

staff's continued morale and communication. Letters have been sent to families encouraging window visits as well.

#### BUSINESS NOT-AS-USUAL

The world feels like it is on pause for many people. Business is not running as usual, but most have to keep running on some level.

Businesses that can continue to operate from home have to communicate. Government has to communicate. The world has to communicate outside of offices, conference rooms and business centers.

Ann Goldthwait in Sheridan has to sell the items in her store, Kindred Spirits,

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in southwest Montana like Headframe Spirits is Butte are working together to get glycerol, an ingredient needed in hand sanitizer.

The FDA and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives loosened its regulations to allow distilleries to produce hand sanitizer two days before Willie's Distillery began ordering supplies. With an ample alcohol supply and much of the needed equipment, Willie's Distillery produced hand sanitizer within two weeks.

"The first batch is already accounted for," Blazer said.

Five-gallon buckets were donated to facilities in the county who have the greatest need for hand sanitizer - the nursing homes, hospitals, fire districts and first responders. Blazer is searching for one-gallon buckets to fill as well, but there are currently none to order.

Individual bottles of hand sanitizer can be bought in the Willie's Distillery tasting

room. Refills are not an option at the moment due to the nature of the novel virus. A second batch of Willie's 80% hand sanitizer is in the works.

**NACHO MAMAS**

Kristy Ranson, owner of Nacho Mamas in Ennis and Virginia City, hired an out-of-work bartender to hand out free burritos to truck drivers on U.S. Highway 287.

The charitable act is contributing a solution to two realities of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hard-hit service industry has laid off millions of employees indefinitely, and communities everywhere rely on trucks to deliver goods during the uncertain times.

"People keep donating money and tipping really well," Ranson said. "I wanted to pay it forward."

Emily Pendleton, also known as Red, worked full-time at the Long Branch Saloon before its bar closed on March 19. Ranson recruited

her to hand out free burritos, chips and water at the Cameron weigh station.

Pendleton and Ranson will team up for a second time on Wednesday and Thursday to fuel truck drivers on their route to deliver goods to people.

**COMMUNITY QUILTERS**

Quilters and sewers, from the Ruby to the Madison, are using their skills to make personal protective gear.

The shortage of personal protective equipment is worldwide. Masks and gowns are among the PPE needed to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The many talented sewers of Madison County are reacting with ingenuity.

Madison Valley Medical Center and Ruby Valley Medical Center have posted instructions to the public for the preferred pattern. Assistant Chief Nursing Officer at RVMC, Lyn Baughn, made an instructive

YouTube video while she self-quarantines at home.

People can pick up materials and drop off finished masks and gowns at Ennis Town Hall and Walter's Family Foods in Sheridan. The masks and gowns will first be distributed to hospitals and senior centers. The masks are not N95-standard, but the world supply of N95 masks is depleting.

"Frankly as you move forward and you have the options of which kind of masks are better than others you want to save your really heavy-duty masks for heavy-duty times," Madison Valley Manor activities director Leona Stredwick said.

Shaleena Walter, who works at Walter's Family Foods and Tobacco Root Care Center, is collecting the finished pieces and delivering them to where they are needed. Fabric and sewers are abundant, but the elastic that is needed to secure masks to faces is running out.



Emily Pendleton hands free Nacho Mamas burritos to truck drivers at the Cameron weigh station March 26. PHOTO PROVIDED BY KRISTY RANSON.



Lyn Baughn (Assistant Chief Nursing Officer) for Ruby Valley Medical Center models a homemade gown from home quarantine. Lyn made the video (<https://youtu.be/NQafgvnxc9g>) with instructions and a pattern template for the gowns. PHOTO COURTESY LYN BAUGHN

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# MONTANA COVID-19 UPDATE

## Where we are

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A second Madison County resident who tested positive for COVID-19 died Saturday night. Madison County Public Health Department did not release a name.

According to the MCPHD, the man in his 70s did not have any underlying health issues though his age put him at a

high risk to a severe COVID-19 case. He was not hospitalized in Madison County, but it is unclear where he was receiving medical treatment.

As of March 31, the Montana Governor's Office reported 184 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Six of those cases are in Madison County.

Gov. Steve Bullock told President Donald Trump in a Monday governor's call that

Montana is running out of tests and personal prevention equipment.

"Literally we are one day away, if we don't get test kits from the C.D.C., that we wouldn't be able to do testing in Montana," Bullock said.

Montana has tested over 4,000 individuals including 44 from Madison County. All five active cases in Madison County are isolating at home.

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before it sells. Her plan of a liquidation sale had to adjust, so she took it to Facebook. People can also make an appointment to come in.

Businesses are using technology more than ever to communicate with their remote teams. Most local governments are following suit with sign up information to the public about meetings through phone and online.

Allison Veland social service director at Madison Valley Manor holds up a whiteboard that residents use to write a message to accompany a picture to their families. PHOTO PROVIDED BY STEVE MCNEECE.



## Letter FROM the Editor

### LEAN IN

I consider myself a hale and hearty individual. I'm a ranch-raised, third generation Montanan who does not balk at skiing in sub-zero temperatures or donning a heavy pack to spend a week in the backcountry.

However, many Marches ago, when I first moved to Ennis, I found myself despairing at the howling, unrelenting wind. I could not sojourn into the outdoors for my usual solace. It felt like I was heading into battle every day. I finally asked another robust local how she had seemed to make peace with the wind. Her advice was to find a way to lean in, to accept it as a companion.

That very weekend, my patient husband, trusty dog and I braved the gray and faced the howling wind-monster by trekking to the top of a nearby cliff. As we summited, conversation was impossible as the gale force whipped around us, tearing our words away soundlessly and bringing

tears to our stinging eyes. Trusting my friend, I shook off the defensive posture, opened my arms and leaned into the excoriating wind. I drank it in, felt it scouring away the stagnant energy and replacing the frustration with a peaceful acceptance.

It was a quiet vigor. I often think of that climb when I find myself battling the "daily-ness" of every day. Would leaning in be better? Is there a peace in acceptance?

Today, as we face uncertainty, unceasing change and loneliness derived from social distancing, I am challenging myself once again to lean in. I am striving to lean in to life as it is today. I'm trying to lean in to the sounds of my children home-schooling in the next room as I work, to lean in to the physical proximity of my family created by our environment and lean in to the moments of joy and connection I strive to create. I am trying to lean in to the fact that often,

by the time a reporter has done her due diligence, conducted interviews and written her story, the story has changed before we can even share it. I'm trying to lean in to the grit and struggle of today, open my arms and find some peaceful acceptance.

So, hale and hearty Madison County folks, thank you for soldiering on, for approaching these times with open hearts, creative problem solving and tenacity. Thank you for leaning in.

We've worked hard to find some inspiring stories from your neighbors to share with you this week. We're also kicking off our own version of a county-wide Social Distance Diary. If you are interested in sharing your days in this new normal, please email Keely Larson at connect@madisoniannews.com to participate.

Cori Koenig  
The Madisonian

# When the plys became important

## A dorky deep dive into the toilet paper shortage

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Paper currency took on an entirely new meaning recently as toilet paper became a bit of a commodity. As some folks hoarded toilet paper and created a nationwide shortage, grocery stores began to ration it and Amazon developed a one month delay in shipping.

Madison County businesses have been doing their part to ensure locals have access to the essentials by limiting purchase amounts and trying to keep inventory in stock.

For many, the sacrifice of a few rolls from a personal stash became an act of great love. Alliances were drawn and quotes from the "spare a square" Seinfeld! episode once again surfaced in regular conversation. Memes began surfacing with individual squares of toilet paper labeled, "Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday..." Many families and friends across the nation began communicating about the two and three-ply sheets of paper as if it were an addiction.

Some professors on college campuses will likely toss the "Great Toilet Paper Shortage of 2020" into classroom discussion as a perfect example of groupthink. Some universities are already discussing it.

Yale University has started exploring the psychological factors of panic buying during a

pandemic.

"I think we are seeing a perfect storm of psychological forces," Nathan Novemsky's article begins. "One is scarcity... scarcity makes everything seem more valuable. Another factor is control; consumers feel out of control about many aspects of the pandemic." However, he went on to explain, people feel more in control when they can stock up on items. Also, providing things can be a way to demonstrate care and concern for themselves and others.

Yet, could there be something at play beyond psychology?

Dr. Franke Wilmer, professor of political science at Montana State University explained another possible contributing factor this way: "Elasticity (the ability of demand for something to change in one direction or the other in response to market variables like price) varies in part by the degree to which it is possible to substitute something else for the goods in question."

"You may have some old magazines, or even photos of old boyfriends you wouldn't mind using instead of toilet paper, but I think other than tissues and paper towels, there's little substitutability for actual tp," she said.

Where did toilet paper come from, anyway? What did people use before and what could be used as back-up now?

According to a Farmer's Almanac article, toilet paper initially surfaced in China during the 6th century and was manufactured on a large scale in the 14th century in modern day Zhejiang province. Modern toilet paper did not hit the United States until the mid 19th Century.

Before toilet paper was mainstreamed and accepted as the end all and be all of options, people used water and "the mechanical action of the left hand." In ancient Greece, people used bits of pottery with enemies' names inscribed upon them; the Romans used sponges on sticks soaked in saltwater or vinegar.

Bidets, sticks, corn cobs, which were "surprisingly soft", sea shells, newspaper - hey, don't get any ideas, telephone books, the Sears Roebuck catalog, the Farmer's Almanac, hay and grass, leaves, rocks. Draw your own conclusions - do these sound sanitary, safe, or soft?

Hence, the toilet paper crunch. Ew. Let's rephrase - the toilet paper importance and scarcity.

Dr. Wilmer also noted that according to a United Nations report half the people of the world do not have access to a toilet or a clean latrine - often having to head to bushes or fields.

"Only 30% of the world uses toilet paper," she said.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



## Thinking out of the box

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As many are now doing, Dulcie Clark, owner of the Daily Grind Espresso Bar in Ennis, was looking for something out of the box to do to help her business and other people, and maintain a bit of sanity.

With her salon in the back of the coffee shop closed and the Daily Grind open for deliveries and mobile pickup orders only, she wanted to divert her energy into something else good and productive. Early last week, Clark and Elise McKitrick, barista, and girlfriends Jeanne Lawless and Cindy McKitrick, began making and delivering coffee for free to places around that have been affected by the coronavirus.

"We kind of started out doing it for the hospital and the clinic, and it really evolved," she said. This week they have delivered to Madison Valley Bank, the post office, Ennis Veterinary Hospital, Madison Foods, the hospital, the clinic, the nursing home, the senior center and the teachers at Ennis Schools. 120 or so coffees were delivered just last Wednesday.

Clark began this endeavor by asking a few businesses if they would pay for coffee deliveries to different places. On Sunday, she decided to expand her reach by posting the same question on her personal and business Facebook pages. Every day since then, she has had someone donate and has raised a significant amount of money.

"It's just been a really cool, pay it forward, feel-good kind of thing in this weird time we're



in," she said. A way to provide some positivity and light. The first time they delivered to the nursing home, a couple women started crying. They were so grateful someone had been thinking of them.

"We're all in this together and I think it's a way for everyone to know that," Clark said.

As with egg deliveries to seniors or to those who are home-bound, grocery stores donating to food banks and people striving to order to-go food when they can to support local restaurants, this is just another aspect of the community coming together and doing something for others, acting completely selflessly.

"I really feel like it glorifies God in doing it. It's such a blessing in that it just makes me happy," Clark said.

Those wishing to make donations can call Clark at 406-599-0433 or purchase gift cards at the Daily Grind for this purpose.

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## Janice K Biga

November 5, 1950 to March 20, 2020



Janice K Biga (Jan) passed away peacefully in her home on March 20, 2020 surrounded by those she loved. Jan was born on November 5, 1950 in Kingston, Pa. and graduated from Wyoming Valley West High school and Long Island University.

Jan met the love of her life, Edward J Biga in 1976. They moved to Denver in 1978 and were married on May 1, 1981. After moving to

Denver, Jan was employed at Mountain Bell and continued to spend her professional career in the telecommunications industry retiring from Qwest Communications as a Project Manager in 2001. During her 25 years in Denver, Jan enjoyed all that the City had to offer; Rockies Baseball, the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and the occasional cigar and martini. While on an RV trip in 2002 to Montana, Jan made the mistake of saying "I could live here." That was the best mistake of her life, consequently building a house in Ennis. After a few Montana winters, "I could live here" became "I love living here in the summer." After 6 winters in warm Baja California, Mexico they decided to buy a winter residence somewhere in Florida, where they had made many annual visits to family and friends over a 30-year period. St.

Augustine became their special winter home.

Jan felt very fortunate to reside in Montana where she was an accomplished gardener, prolific canner, and outdoor enthusiast. Jan's winter months in Florida were filled with beach and historic downtown walks, organizing game nights with friends and reading in her cozy spot in the sun. She enjoyed hosting family and friends, sharing with them the natural beauty of the Madison Valley and the history of St. Augustine.

Jan was fun loving, gregarious, and adventurous, experiencing life to the fullest. Whether it was attending Woodstock or traveling throughout Europe on a Triumph motorcycle after her junior year in college, or volunteering at an orphanage in Mongolia, she was always eager to try something new. During her retirement

years, she was active in numerous civic and social organizations including the Lions Club, Ronald McDonald House and Madison Valley Garden Club. Jan was a prodigious reader and an active member of a loosely knit "No Club Book Club" with members located throughout the country.

Jan is survived by her loving spouse Edward J. Biga, her sister Karen Helmers, and her brothers Kenny and Lawrence Rosenbaum.

Jan's wonderful life will be celebrated at locations and dates convenient to her family and friends.

Just as an unexpected compliment brightened her day, Jan made a point of paying a stranger a compliment every day. Please pass it forward. Donations can be made in Jan's name to Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, Bozeman, Mont. or a charity of choice.

## Mary Davis

April 12, 1919 to March 23, 2020



Whitehall Community Icon, Mary Davis passed away Monday, March 23, 2020, just three weeks short of her 101st birthday.

Born April 12, 1919, in Butte, Mont., to Irish immigrants Alexander and Bridget Kissock, Mary Agnes was the second of seven Kissock children born in the United States. She

graduated Butte High School in 1937, followed by graduation from Butte Business College. In 1940, Mary wed Herschel Davis and gave up her urban lifestyle to become a rancher's wife. Together they raised two sons, Shawn and Joe, and two daughters, Nannette and Gail. They were married 59 years until Herschel's passing in 1998.

Known for her tireless work ethic, impeccable hair, and notorious Irish temper, Mary helped Herschel raise cattle and sheep on their ranches in both Whitehall and the Big Hole Valley. She was a talented cook and gardener. Mary spent decades impressing visitors, ranch hands, and hay crews with her large, elaborate meals and desserts. Her fudge, sponge cake, and shrimp salad became famous

at social gatherings all over southwest Montana.

Mary's day always began at 4 a.m. following a short night's sleep on the couch. She tended a huge vegetable/flower garden and trimmed endless hedges by hand. She mowed acres of lawn with a push mower and bare feet well into her late 80's.

Mary loved to travel both domestically and abroad.

A fearless motorist who maintained speeds that would shame NASCAR, she traveled rapidly all over Montana in any weather condition. Mary also toured extensively in Europe, cherishing her time spent in Ireland. She made annual Las Vegas appearances during the National Finals Rodeo, where she was featured dancing on the big screen under her stage name

"Grandma Mary-The White Tornado."

Immensely proud of her family, Mary would tell any listener of her children, grandchildren, and great grand children's accomplishments. She is survived by her four children, fourteen grandchildren, and twenty-seven great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed, but it is certain she will be taking the next life by storm.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday March 25, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Whitehall for family members only. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Mary's designated charities PULSE Jefferson Valley EMS and Rescue Ambulance, PO Box 511, Whitehall, MT 59759 or the Jefferson Valley Museum, PO Box 902, Whitehall, MT 59759.

## Cindy "Cid" Fischer

August 31, 1955 to March 21, 2020



Our beautiful mom spread her butterfly wings on March 21, 2020. Mom fought a strong, courageous battle with breast cancer for four

years. She was finally able to ring the bell letting us all know she is finally cancer free.

Born in Butte, Mont. on August 31, 1955 to Fred & Lois Hatch, mom joined a sister, Connie and a brother, Bill. Over the years, mom would tell us stories of growing up in Butte. If my sister or I would have done some of the things she did, we would have been grounded for a long time.

Mom met Ron Rooney at a young age. They later married and welcomed their daughter, Kim. They divorced a few years later.

In 1980 mom met and married Lucky Fischer. A few years later, they welcomed daughter Amy.

Cid moved to Sheridan, Mont. in 1978 and on February 2, 1979, started work at the Madison County Nursing Home, now the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center. Mom made this her career and retired in August of 2017. Mom loved her job and made many great friends, most of whom she considered family.

Mom is preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Lois, brother Bill, Ron Rooney and Lucky Fischer.

Mom is survived by daughters Kim and (Jess) Nixon and Amy Fischer (Steve Gonzales), her precious grandchildren, whom she loved with all her heart, Abby and Liam. Mom also has her fur babies, Humphrey, Archie and Twinkie. Special friends Ann Gornick, Karen Decker, Julie Larson and Roseann Troyer.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.

Mom, although we had to say goodbye, you are healthy and free of cancer. You will forever be missed and always loved.

## Robert Blaine Hoffman

August 23, 1950 to March 10, 2020

On the morning of March 10, 2020 Robert Blaine Hoffman passed peacefully in the company of family after a short battle with cancer.

Rob, Robbie, "RB" was born on August 23, 1950 to Robert E. & Sara Jane Hoffman in Billings, Mont. joining a sister, Connie. Shortly after his arrival the family moved to ranch on the "Whitetail" near Whitehall, Montana. In 1960 the family bought a ranch in the Ruby Valley near Sheridan, Mont. where he was integral in all aspects of being a rancher, but

mechanics were his passion.

He finished high school in Helena, Mont. then continued his education in Heavy Engine Mechanics at Pullman, Wash. where he graduated top of his class.

He returned to work in the Ruby Valley working on ranches & running a garage in Alder, Mont. before seeking adventure and work in Alaska on the Kenai Peninsula. He could scout beluga whales or caribou easily if you were visiting!

Returning home, he worked on ranches and owned a small

garage in Alder. During recent years he was devoted to helping his parents with their projects and home life.

Upon the passing of his dad he cared for his mother at her home.

We will miss his dry humor and unique insights into life. He was always willing to lend a helping hand...especially if you had car, truck, tractor or lawnmower trouble!

Robbie was a good friend, son, brother, beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his

father, Robert E. Hoffman, brother, Bill Hoffman and sister, Judy K. Hoffman.

Rob is survived by a son, Brett Hoffman (Lisa Haugen), his mother, Sara Jane Hoffman, sisters, Connie Jones, and Leslie Morningstar, and brother, David Hoffman, as well as nieces and nephews who will miss his wise old wit!

Cremation has taken place. Immediate services are not planned due to the health crisis. A celebration of Rob's life will be held for friends and family at a more appropriate time.

# OPINION

## Thank you essential service providers

I would like to add my own thanks to the Madison County community members who are providing essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm thinking of our healthcare workers, emergency responders, daycare workers, senior center staff preparing and delivering noontime meals, food pantry and wood bank volunteers, grocery store

and gas station personnel, bank employees, truck drivers (delivering supplies like food, fuel, and packages), solid waste site staff, postal service workers, newspaper carriers, clergy, teachers assembling educational packets for students and their families, city and county officials, and our Madisonian team. My apologies to any sectors I've

forgotten to list.

I recently decided to "shelter in place" after receiving two pointed messages. One came across the Internet, from an international group of doctors and nurses dressed in hospital garb; they each held up a sign stating, "We stay here for you. Please stay home for us." That message was soon followed by an email from a nurse friend

who works in Southwest Montana. Her straightforward advice? "Stay away from everyone."

I believe the best thing I can do, as someone who does not perform an essential community service, is to stay put here at home.

Doris Fischer  
Sheridan



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## FWP adjusts facility management in response to COVID-19; state lands remain open for day use

Submitted by GREG LEMON

Montanans are lucky to have so many opportunities to get outdoors and recreate, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. And while Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks encourages recreation outside, we also encourage careful planning and prudence. The safety of the public and FWP staff is of utmost concern.

As a reminder, social distancing guidelines should be followed at all FWP sites.

Keep your distance from fellow recreators. If a parking lot at a fishing access site or state park is full, consider another place to recreate. Also, in keeping with Gov. Steve Bullock's directive, FWP asks that all people stay close to home and recreate in their local community.

State parks, fishing access sites and wildlife management areas (check for seasonal closures) remain open for day use only.

- Overnight camping will not be allowed. Campgrounds will be systematically closed, giving

current campers 72-hour notice

- Group use sites will be closed, including playgrounds

- Visitor center closures will be extended at least through April 10

- Bathrooms at many locations will be limited due to public and employee safety concerns, because of the current lack of personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies. Sites will be regularly patrolled by enforcement staff.

- Specific sites may close to address groups gathering, public

health and safety, FWP employee safety or resource damage.

At this time, regularly scheduled hunting seasons are not cancelled. This includes spring turkey season, which starts April 11, and spring bear season, which starts April 15. However, hunters should practice social distancing and all COVID-19 response directives from the governor, including limiting group gatherings and keeping six feet away from people.

Hunters should also keep this in mind when planning for

their hunts. If hunting on private land, landowner permission is required, but should be sought by email or phone, not in person.

"These are trying times for everyone, and we all know that going outside is one important way to stay healthy," said FWP director Martha Williams. "Like the governor, I trust Montanans to understand the importance of social distancing while recreating outside. Stay close to home when looking for a place to recreate, and please follow the governor's directives."

As a reminder, the deer and elk application deadline is April 1. FWP offices are closed to public access, but anglers and hunters can purchase licenses or apply online. For those who need assistance with their purchase, please call the FWP licensing center at 406-444-2950. Visitor centers and public meeting spaces at offices, state parks and fish hatcheries are also temporarily closed.

Please help FWP protect the resources that are so valuable to all Montanans.

## HHS announces grants to provide meals for older adults in Montana

Submitted by U.S. DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing \$250 million in grants from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to help communities provide meals for older adults. Montana received a grant for \$1,200,000.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, signed into law by President Trump on March 18, 2020, provided the additional funding for the nutrition

services programs authorized by the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965. These programs provide meals to more than 2.4 million older adults each year, both through home delivery and in places like community centers. The need for these services, particularly home-delivered and packaged meals, has increased as community measures to slow transmission of COVID-19 have closed meal sites and have left many family caregivers unable to assist their older loved ones.

"The Trump Administration recognizes that the measures needed

to protect older Americans from the serious threat of COVID-19 have been disruptive for many of our most vulnerable," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "Getting more funds to community organizations that deliver meals to older adults, such as Meals on Wheels, is another example of the Trump Administration's whole-of-government, whole-of-America approach to combating the COVID-19 pandemic."

In addition to meals, Older Americans Act programs provide a wide range of services, such as help with

bathing and dressing, rides to doctors' offices, education on managing chronic illnesses, support for family caregivers, and much more. Provided by a network of community-based organizations, such as Area Agencies on Aging, local community and senior centers, faith-based organizations, and other non-profit service providers, these programs work together to help millions of older adults each year stay healthy and continue living independently.

"The network of community-based organizations that provide Older Americans Act services

has an exceptional capacity to coordinate services, bring together service providers, and adapt to overcome challenges, and they are employing innovative solutions to continue meal services," said ACL Administrator Lance Robertson. "This additional funding will help communities across the country provide older adults, especially those at greatest risk, with the healthy meals they need."

Funding has been provided to states, territories, and tribes for subsequent allocation to local meal providers. Grant amounts are determined

based on the population-based formulas defined in the Older Americans Act.

Older adults who need assistance can contact the Eldercare Locator to find services available in their community. The Eldercare Locator can be reached at 1-800-677-1116 or <https://eldercare.acl.gov/>.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. For more information about the Older Americans Act nutrition programs, please visit [ACL.gov](https://www.acl.gov/).

## Montana Navigator can help those who lose insurance due to COVID-19

Navigators can provide telephone assistance to enroll in private health insurance or Medicaid

Submitted by MONTANA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

Montana residents who lose insurance due to the COVID-19 crisis are eligible for free assistance from a local non-profit agency, Montana Navigator. The agency receives federal funding to assist

consumers with enrolling in Medicaid or in private health insurance through provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Most consumers sign up during the annual open enrollment period, but there are circumstances that trigger a special enrollment period. One of those circumstances is

insurance loss due to a job loss. As an unprecedented number of people in the state lose their job, and possibly their health insurance, calls for help are expected to surge.

Jeremy Smith, program director for Montana Navigator, says that while it is always vital to have

health insurance, it is even more crucial now. He said, "Although the federal government has made sure COVID-19 testing is free, associated treatment usually is not. Those without insurance who are hospitalized may end up with large bills. Completely aside from COVID, people will

continue to get sick or injured and need care." Smith says that 8 in 10 applicants qualify for financial help in obtaining health care coverage through the private marketplace. He added that those who are at a low income level may qualify for Medicaid, and his staff can help with enrollment in

that program as well. He said, "We can process Medicaid enrollments over the phone, so an office visit isn't necessary." Montana residents can call 1-877-568-NAVI for assistance. Montana Navigator is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. More information is available at [ACAnavigator.com](https://www.acanavigator.com).

## Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest temporarily closes developed recreation sites

Submitted by JESSICA SCHICK

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest has temporarily closed several developed recreation sites for the health and safety of visitors and staff.

Effective at midnight, March 27, the following group-use areas are closed and unavailable to rent via [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov):

**Dillon Ranger District**

- Brownes Lake Campground
- Crystal Park
- Dinner Station Campground
- East Creek Campground
- Grasshopper Campground
- Price Creek Campground
- Reservoir Lake Campground
- Sacajawea Memorial Campground

- Birch Creek Cabin
- Bloody Dick Cabin
- Horse Prairie Guard Station

**Butte Ranger District**

- Toll Mountain

- Campground
- Whitehouse Campground
- Beaver Dam Campground
- Pigeon Creek Campground
- Lowland Campground
- Delmoe Lake Campground
- Basin Canyon Campground
- Hells Canyon Cabin
- High Rye Cabin
- Fleecer Cabin

**Wisdom Ranger District**

- Boulder Creek Campground
- Canyon Creek Campground
- Fourth Of July Campground
- Little Joe Campground
- Lodgepole Campground

- May Creek Campground
- Miner Lake Campground
- Mono Creek Campground
- Mussigbrod Campground
- North Van Houten Campground
- Pettengill Campground
- Pintler Campground
- Seymour Creek Campground
- Steel Creek Campground
- Twin Lakes Campground
- Willow Campground
- Canyon Creek Cabin
- Hogan Cabin
- May Creek Cabin
- Twin Lakes Cabin

**Madison Ranger District**

- Bear Creek Campground
- Branham Lakes Campground
- Cliff Point Campground
- Clover Meadows Picnic Site
- Cottonwood Campground
- Elk Lake Campground

- Hilltop Campground
- Madison River Campground
- Mill Creek Campground
- Potosi Campground
- Riverview Campground
- Wade Lake Campground
- West Fork Campground
- Antone Station
- Bear Creek Bunkhouse
- Bear Creek Cabin
- Black Butte Cabin
- Vigilante Rental Cabin
- Wall Creek Cabin
- West Fork Cabin

**Pintler Ranger District**

- Cable Mountain Campground
- Copper Creek Campground
- Crystal Creek Campground
- East Fork Campground
- Flint Creek Campground
- Lodgepole Campground
- Orofino Campground
- Philipsburg Bay Campground

- Piney Campground
- Racetrack Campground
- Spillway Campground
- Spring Hill Campground
- Stony Campground
- Doney Lake Cabin
- Douglas Creek Cabin
- Moose Lake Guard Station
- Racetrack Creek Cabin
- Stony Cabin
- West Fork Station

These actions have been taken based on the best available medical advice for cleaning per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and to promote social distancing. Notifications to renters will be made as soon as possible, and refunds will be processed.

As we work through an unpredictable and rapidly changing situation, health and safety is our number one priority. We are committed

to continuing to support our communities and fulfill our mission as we all work together to minimize the impacts and spread of COVID-19.

**Visitors are encouraged to contact their local ranger district office with additional questions:**

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

The closure order is available for viewing online at: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd717071.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd717071.pdf)

# Arts & Entertainment LOOKING AHEAD

## Madison Strauss uses art to make a statement

**\*Editor's note: Since we're all in this together, so there can never be too much art, I decided to share this inspiring story from our friends over the hill in Big Sky and take the opportunity to invite Madison County kids to participate in a state-wide art competition.**

BY KEELY LARSON  
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A graduation requirement for seniors at Lone Peak High School in Big Sky is implementing a Creativity, Action and Service project (CAS). Madison Strauss wanted to use this platform to focus on environmental sustainability, using public art as a medium to affect the community and get her opinions across.

"Previously, I had done some

research for my art class at school on different movements and artists that used sculptures to express their opinions and decided that was something that I wanted to do," Strauss explained.

A sculpture was deemed the form to address sustainability and represent Big Sky culture.

"Environmental sustainability is important to me because it impacts us directly. Living in Montana, you see the direct impact that



## PERSONAL FINANCE MADE EASY

### Dollar Cost Averaging

By Jon C. Goodman

What a month. If the sickness, loss of life, and shutting down the global economy--all due to Coronavirus--weren't bad enough, we witnessed the S&P 500 index, comprised of the biggest, large cap companies in the United States, drop 34.3% in 20 trading days, at the fastest rate in stock market history.

What's worse, to varying degrees, we watched our investment and retirement accounts drop along with it.

Thankfully, we know more now as to how to limit the spread of the virus and have taken appropriate statewide measures to contain it. As an added bonus, we live in Montana, one of the healthiest states in the country with a low population density and ample time to prepare for the worst.

But what about our investments?

That's the subject of this article.

But, first, a caveat.

If you need cash from your investments within the next two years, it might be prudent to sell half or more of what's required, as predicting the market's direction and timeframe is a dark art in which one shouldn't dabble. Take what you need and secure it in a safe place, preferably with FDIC insurance.

That said, for longer term investors, i.e., those with time horizons of two years or more, panic selling is almost always your worst option. Instead, amidst the chaos, you should try to seek out opportunity by a technique that has benefited 401(k) accounts mightily for decades now called Dollar Cost Averaging.

In the simplest terms, Dollar Cost Averaging occurs when one systematically invests a similar amount of money with a high degree of regularity. In the case of 401(k) participants, the frequency is typically biweekly, corresponding with their twice a month paychecks.

What this accomplishes is rather ingenious. Better still, it doesn't require any guesswork, and certainly the futile

exercise of picking market tops and bottoms.

By way of example, say a stock trades in January at \$10/share and every month going forward you invested \$1000 regardless of the stock's price. Because you bought when the market was down as well as up, this approach allowed you to purchase more shares when the stock was trading at a discount than when it traded at a premium, making your average unit cost was \$9.61 and earning you 4.07% over an 8 month period. That's right, thanks to dollar cost averaging, even though the stock is trading at the same \$10 price at which it traded initially, your average unit cost is less than \$10/share.

Compare that to the alternative of investing \$8000 in January at the price of \$10/per share, then doing nothing over the same time period. In that case, your return on investment eight months later would be 0%.

Which one would you prefer for your own portfolio? 4.07% or 0%?

The answer is obvious.

Equally obvious is what long term investors should be doing as the current market trades at discounted prices. We should take the cash we have on hand (or raise some by selling appreciated, safer investments), divide it in increments of 5-10, then Dollar Cost Average as illustrated into quality companies with strong balance sheets, little debt, and pay a dividend that can be reinvested.

There is no guarantee, of course, that this will produce earnings but both history and investment icons like Warren Buffett suggest that this is how one can compound their earnings and, over the long haul, be compensated for the calculated risk taken in years prior.



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For more information about how to participate in the challenge, visit [bigskyarts.org/call-for-art/](http://bigskyarts.org/call-for-art/) or email [education@bigskyarts.org](mailto:education@bigskyarts.org)!

**"Environmental sustainability is important to me because it impacts us directly. Living in Montana, you see the direct impact that we, as humans, have on the environment almost everywhere you go," Strauss said.**

COURTESY MADISON STRAUSS

we, as humans, have on the environment almost everywhere you go," Strauss said.

She started collecting recycled materials—cardboard, glass, plastics—to use as the body of the piece. The base will consist of wooden planks and mesh.

The second part of Strauss's CAS project involved calling for submissions from other artists for pieces demonstrating environmental sustainability. The Public Art Committee and Strauss will pick winners and those pieces will cover utility boxes around town.

"I didn't want the prompt to be specific because that would limit the artist's creativity," Strauss said. The goal is to see other opinions and explore how the community can come together to help the environment. The first call for art was to the public, encouraging students to apply.

"With our own educational programming postponed and school cancelled, we knew there were children out there who would be missing the normalcy of their daily routines and the creative opportunities they enjoy during the school day. With these kids in mind, we decided to add an elementary-specific component to Madie's environmental sustainability project, and the Drawing Challenge was born," Megan Buecking, Educational and Outreach Director for the Arts Council of Big Sky (ACBS), said.

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"In this time of isolation and upheaval, the arts are more important than ever," Buecking said.

Looking ahead, Strauss is considering attending university in the Midwest or East. While undecided, and probably sick of people asking what she is going to do next, a degree in city planning or urban development, focusing on sustainability in cities, then maybe law school, are possibilities.

"I think that working on this project has helped me cope with the new reality a little bit because I get to see what I am working towards. In my mind, I think that working on it is helping me look forward to the future instead of getting stuck in this rather odd time," she said.

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## MADISON COUNTY DISPATCH

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March 22, 2020

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.  
A dog complaint was made in McAllister.  
A trucking complaint was made in Cameron.  
Disturbances were reported in Sheridan.  
Medical aid was administered in Ennis.

March 23, 2020

Medical aid was administered in Ennis.  
A traffic complaint was made in McAllister.  
A citizen was assisted in Twin Bridges.  
A disturbance was reported in Ennis.  
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Sheridan.

March 24, 2020

Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cardwell.  
Medical aid was administered in Ennis.  
A welfare check was performed in Sheridan.

March 25, 2020

Accidents occurred in Sheridan and Cameron.  
A wildlife complaint was made in Cardwell.  
Animal complaints were made in Alder.  
Trespassing complaints were made in Cameron and Ennis.

A fraud complaint was reported in Ennis.  
A welfare check was performed in Ennis.

March 26, 2020

Welfare checks were performed in Sheridan.  
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Ennis.

March 27, 2020

An accident occurred in Cameron.  
Hazards on the road were reported in Cameron.  
Suspicious circumstances were reported in Norris.  
Medical aid was administered in McAllister and Virginia City.  
Citizens were assisted in Ennis.  
Threats were reported in county.  
A rescue call was made in Cameron.

March 28, 2020

A large gathering with COVID-19 restrictions was reported at Hot Pots and Kountz Bridge.  
A traffic complaint was reported in Ennis.  
Animal complaints were made in Sheridan and Twin Bridges.

The Madison County Sheriff's Department responded to 60 calls of service between March 22 and 28, 2020.

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**Thursday**

Sunshine and some clouds. High 58F. Winds NNW at 10 to 20 mph.

**Friday**

Mostly sunny early then increasing cloudiness later in the day. High 61F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday**

Considerable cloudiness. High 63F. Winds light and variable.

**Sunday**

Partly cloudy. High 67F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.

**Monday**

Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 69F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.

**Quote of the Week:**

“One who gains strength by overcoming obstacles possesses the only strength which can overcome adversity.”

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

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# COMMUNITY

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## WE GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS



### ONLINE ART CLASSES BRINGING NORMALCY AND CREATIVITY

By KEELY LARSON  
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Living rooms have never been more versatile spaces. In the past few weeks they have transformed into classrooms, dance studios, workout areas, home offices and art studios.

The Ennis Institute of the Arts (EIA) runs a variety of programs—dance, theater, pre-school, music and art. When the doors closed as social distancing measures progressed, the 112 or so students per week that made use of the EIA no longer had access.

“And that’s a lot of Ennis!” Katie Coyle, art and music instructor, said.

Tanner, Melissa Reeve’s social butterfly, attended the pre-school. Max, age eight, and Hannah, age ten, both attended the EIA for a mixture of art, drama and violin lessons. Timbre Pederson’s sons have participated in the art program for a year and all three of her children take violin lessons from Coyle.

“They miss Katie. They were very excited to see her,” Heather Hale, Max and Hannah’s mother, said. Tanner misunderstood and was a little upset Coyle was not coming over to his house to teach.

Pederson’s daughter, Meadow, was bummed after learning she could not attend her dance and violin classes at EIA. “She gets so excited about these classes now that Katie puts on. It’s energetic for her,” Pederson said.

Coyle missed seeing her little friends, too.

She started using Facebook Live for art classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. a few weeks ago. With her self-described ‘mountain internet,’ Coyle provided simple lessons geared towards a range of ages.

On the first Tuesday virtual art class, younger students learned about the color wheel and primary and secondary colors. They made their own wheel on paper and found objects around their houses to match to the wheel.

Older students drew a black and white image of a person with crazy hair to demonstrate different types of lines. The next lesson moved younger students into conversations about color families, analogous and complementary colors, and older students used complementary colors to spice up their crazy-haired drawing.

Tanner loved the lesson last Thursday, which involved watercolor painting in a new way. “He kept doing it for about an hour after the class,” Reeve said.

“I just want parents to know that it’s not that hard to do art and music and the different things we do in the studio at home. You really don’t need anything special,” Coyle said.

The classes have been good for Coyle and students alike—a way to release some pent-up anxiety and energy. She hoped it provided parents with a bit of a release as well, one component of the day they did not have to be in charge of their kids’ learning.

“It’s awesome. It gives me a little time to get caught up on things around the house,” Hale said.

Both she and her husband, Mike, are still working. Hale distributes wine and makes trips to Bozeman and Livingston to do so, and owns a business with her sister. Mike works for Imerys Talc as a plant operator. As long as talc is being produced, Mike’s job requires him to be on-site in Three Forks.

“Between the two of us, we just have to make it work,” Hale said.

Reeve runs a daycare out of her home and ceased operation as many of her families started to self-quarantine. For her, things have been a bit calmer at home as she just has Tanner and her 15-month-old to look after.

“We’re pretty used to being at home. Tanner is a little stir crazy. He wants to go hang out with friends,” she said.

The Magic Mirror, where Pederson is a nail technician, was deemed a non-essential



Finished products. Two crazy haired people showcasing different line types and a color wheel. PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER HALE



Aurora Koenig set up in her kitchen practicing her lines. PHOTO COURTESY OF CORI KOENIG



Tanner’s color wheel with items found around the house. PHOTO COURTESY OF MELISSA REEVE



Tanner and his numerous watercolor paintings. Coyle had students draw on the white paper with a white crayon, use a marker on aluminum foil, get the white paper wet and place it on the foil. The color from the foil transferred onto the paper, keeping the white crayon drawings as well. PHOTO COURTESY OF MELISSA REEVE



Another activity asked artists to find things in their homes to spell out the word ‘art.’ PHOTO COURTESY OF KATIE COYLE



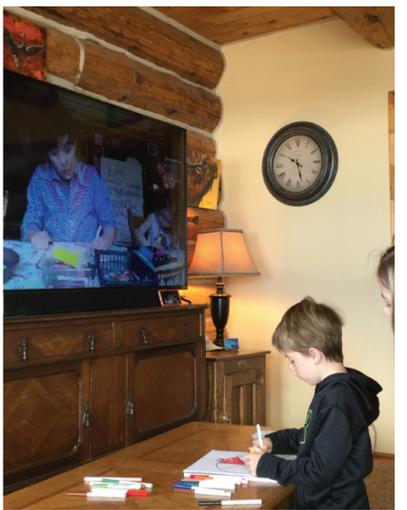
Aspen has a colorful palette! PHOTO COURTESY OF DENIE DICKAMORE AMBERSON



Madison Smith poses with her completed project - all the way from New Hampshire! PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. JENNAH DIETER



Miss Meadow posing with her color wheel. Her pastel clothing colors fit right in! PHOTO COURTESY OF TIMBRE PEDERSON



A living room turned art studio. The Hale kids work with Coyle screen-mirrored on their TV. PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER HALE

business. Her husband is a manager at a ranch in McAllister, which keeps the whole family outside and active.

“It can work well. I am self-employed, so we’ve always worked around everyone’s schedule,” Pederson said. “It could be worse,” she added.

Coyle considered filming classes at her studio, with all its space, light and materials. “It’s a little more realistic for parents to see you in your environment,” she provided as a reason for doing it at home. Additionally, she

was concerned about the germs that may live on surfaces in the studio and decided to play it safe.

To make it even more relatable, Coyle’s kids were also in the videos. “It was a good way to show how the two different ages will manage with what I’m teaching because it was a lot of hands on with my four-year-old, where my seven-year-old was fine on her own,” Coyle said.

Social distancing and school closures felt a bit like the beginning of summer, Hale

thought. “The first couple weeks are a total disaster,” she said. Routine goes out the window and the only string of sanity during the summer is sending kids to hang out with their friends for extended periods of time, which is not really an option currently.

“They’re (Max and Hannah) both really social and very active and involved in a lot of stuff,” Hale said.

Being isolated and stuck at home is hard.

ART AND FRIENDS continued on B8



# COVID-19 workers get training to protect their own health

Submitted by NIH

The National Institutes of Health will launch a website with important educational resources for coronavirus workers dealing with the spread of COVID-19. The initiative got underway after Congress passed a supplemental appropriation of \$10 million on March 6 for worker-based training to prevent and reduce exposure of hospital employees, emergency first responders, and other workers who are at risk of exposure to coronavirus through their work duties. The law provided a total of \$8.3 billion in emergency funding for certain federal agencies to respond to the coronavirus outbreak.

The worker-based training initiative is being led by NIH's National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), which has a long-established Worker

Training Program (WTP). The program awards grants for training and development of educational resources for employees in high risk occupations who serve the public during emergencies and who need skills to protect their own health as they are potentially exposed to dangerous pathogens, contaminated materials, or infected people. As a part of this effort the WTP also acts as a clearinghouse among grant recipients to broadly share the training and educational resources developed with the grant money.

Joseph "Chip" Hughes, who has led the NIEHS WTP for 31 years, said, "These men and women are so dedicated and as they work so hard to serve and protect the public during this COVID-19 pandemic, I want to make sure they know how to protect their own health too. We

don't need them getting sick, or taking the virus back to their families or their communities."

With this new supplemental funding from Congress, the NIEHS WTP is creating a COVID-19 virtual safety training initiative for frontline responders including emergency medical personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, environmental cleanup workers, high-risk custodial service workers, food processing and delivery workers, water and sewage treatment workers, sanitation workers, and health care facility employees.

The initial focus is to build a virtual safety training delivery platform in partnership with private sector e-learning companies with the capability to deliver synchronized just-in-time web-based training across the country in targeted high-risk industrial

sectors. Additionally, a cadre of COVID-19 safety trainers and virtual safety advisors is being created to leverage the delivery of advanced training technology to frontline responders.

After learning of the special appropriation, NIEHS moved quickly to convene a national workshop in partnership with Emory Health Sciences Center on March 17. The workshop titled, "Protecting Infectious Disease Responders During the COVID-19 Outbreak," used virtual meeting technology to bring together hundreds of the country's infectious disease experts, nurses and health care providers, emergency response organizations and academic training centers to map out a web-based, technology-assisted training strategy to respond to the escalating need to ensure protections for COVID-19

responders, particularly in health care and emergency response services.

During a recent Congressional hearing on COVID-19 response, NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., testified that "NIEHS has played a very critical role in training people who can deal with outbreaks." He noted the NIEHS WTP previously helped with the Ebola response.

NIEHS WTP grant recipients provided occupational safety training to workers during the anthrax attacks in 2001, the H5N1 outbreak in 2007, and the H1N1 avian influenza outbreak in 2009; mold remediation training following Hurricanes Katrina in 2005 and Hurricane Sandy in 2012; and Ebola virus disease preparedness training 2013-2015. A list of program grantees is available at <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/>

index.cfm.

This COVID-19 virtual safety training program will be administered by NIEHS and was developed in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

**About the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS):** NIEHS supports research to understand the effects of the environment on human health and is part of the National Institutes of Health. For more information on NIEHS or environmental health topics, visit <https://www.niehs.nih.gov> or subscribe to a news list.

# Higher daily step count linked with lower all-cause mortality

In a new study, higher daily step counts were associated with lower mortality risk from all causes. The research team, which included investigators from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institute on Aging (NIA), both parts of the National Institutes of

Health, as well as from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, also found that the number of steps a person takes each day, but not the intensity of stepping, had a strong association with mortality.

The findings were published March 24, 2020, in

the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"While we knew physical activity is good for you, we didn't know how many steps per day you need to take to lower your mortality risk or whether stepping at a higher intensity makes a difference," said Pedro Saint-Maurice, Ph.D., of NCI's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, first author of the study. "We wanted to investigate this question to provide new insights that could help people better understand the health implications of the step counts they get from fitness trackers and phone apps."

Previous studies have been done on step counts and mortality. However, they were conducted primarily with older adults or among people with debilitating chronic conditions. This study tracked a representative sample of

U.S. adults aged 40 and over; approximately 4,800 participants wore accelerometers for up to seven days between 2003 and 2006. The participants were then followed for mortality through 2015 via the National Death Index. The researchers calculated associations between mortality and step number and intensity after adjustment for demographic and behavioral risk factors, body mass index, and health status at the start of the study.

They found that, compared with taking 4,000 steps per day, a number considered to be low for adults, taking 8,000 steps per day was associated with a 51% lower risk for all-cause mortality (or death from all causes). Taking 12,000 steps per day was associated with a 65% lower risk compared with taking 4,000 steps. In contrast, the authors saw no association between step intensity and risk of death after accounting for the total number of steps taken per day.

"At NIA, we've long studied how exercise is important for older adults, and it's good to see further evidence from a large study with a broad sample that the main thing is to get moving for better overall health as we age," said Eric Shiroma, Ph.D., a co-author and NIA Intramural Research Program scientist.

In analyses by subgroups of participants, the authors found that higher step counts

were associated with lower all-cause death rates among both men and women; among both younger and older adults; and among white, black, and Mexican-American adults. In secondary outcomes of the study, higher step counts were also associated with lower rates of death from cardiovascular disease and cancer.

Data collection was conducted through the CDC's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), a program of studies designed to assess a nationally representative sample of the health and nutritional status of adults and children in the United States.

The researchers were surprised they didn't find an association between higher stepping intensity and all-cause mortality after adjusting for the total number of steps per day. Because few studies have investigated an association between mortality and intensity among adults going about their daily lives, the study authors wrote that future studies of walking intensity and mortality are warranted.

Although the study authors controlled for factors that could have affected the results, the study is observational and cannot prove causality. Nevertheless, their findings are consistent with current recommendations that adults should move more and sit less throughout the day. Adults who do any amount of physical activity gain some health benefits. For even greater health benefits, adults are recommended to get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week.

"Being physically active has many benefits, including reducing a person's risk of obesity, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some cancers. And on a daily basis, it can help people feel better and sleep better," said Janet Fulton, Ph.D., of CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity. "CDC is working with communities and partners across the country, as part of the Active People, Healthy Nation initiative, to make it easier, safer, and more convenient for people to be active in their own communities."

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# COLUMNS



## COMMODITY INSITE: LOOKING FOR L.U.V.

BY JERRY WELCH

Virtually all markets collapsed in March. There was serious weakness in January and February but March was far worse. Stocks as measured by the Dow Jones dropped to levels not seen since the fall of 2016, three years ago. The CRB index that is to commodities as the Dow is to stocks fell to a 21 year low. The Goldman Sachs index, weighted towards crude oil hit a 19 year low. Crude prices fell to levels not seen in 20 years. Cattle prices experienced one of the most dramatic declines in history. Cotton prices fell to a 10 year low. It has been a market environment as Bloomberg News described as, "Sell Everything."

With major tops having been carved out with stocks and commodities the race is now on to pick how low the markets will decline before recovering. Assuming they do. But first, let me say trying to catch a collaps-

ing market is akin to catching a falling knife and not getting cut. It can be done but more often than not, there is pain.

Historically, market lows are generally formed once certain chart patterns are seen. The three most important pattern shapes are what economists tend to refer to as, V-shaped – U-shaped and L-shaped. Understandingmarkets.com has this to say. "The two most important questions you will hear during any recession (or market collapse!) are "When will it end?" and "How quickly will we recover?" The answers to both of these questions can be found by analyzing the shape (chart) of the recession."

Also from understandingmarkets.com: "L-Shaped (chart) Recessions" L-shaped recessions are recessions that fall quickly and fail to recover. An L-shaped recession is a worst-case scenario because they offer no hope of

recovery. The Japanese recession that began in the early 1990s is considered an L-shaped recession. The Japanese stock market peaked in late 1989 at nearly 39,000 and today is trading around 19,000. The Japanese market topped out 30 years ago and remains depressed. To the chagrin of "long term investors!"

"U-Shaped (chart) Recessions" U-shaped recessions are recessions that begin with a slightly slower decline but then remain at the bottom for an extended period of time before turning around and moving higher again. The recession from 1971 through 1978, when both unemployment and inflation were high for years is considered a U-shaped recession."

"V-shaped (chart) Recessions" are recessions that begin with a steep fall but then quickly find a bottom, turn back around and move immediately higher. A

V-shaped recession is a best-case scenario. The recession of 1990 to 1991 and the recession of 2001, both of which only lasted eight months are V-shaped recessions."

When trying to pick a bottom for any market, I watch carefully for one of those three chart patterns to surface. There is no easy answer to picking a bottom or a top to a market. It is a science and an art. And only with the benefit of hindsight can you know for sure that a bottom or top is in place. Still, based on history, markets tend to bottom with an "L chart pattern," a "U chart pattern," or an "L shaped chart pattern."

And all that leads me right back to my two main investing and trading rules never to be forgotten. Rule One, "No one, knows for sure" what the markets will do. Not me, not you, not Wall Street, not the White House not an economics professor. "No one

knows for sure" what a market will do even if a chart pattern is suggesting loudly that a, "L, U, or V" is forming.

My, Rule Two for investing and trading comes from an old Chinese saying and I quote; "Z ng shi ting xiálái." And because, "no one knows for sure," my second rule should never be forgotten or ignored either. In fact, Rule Two is far more important than Rule One. Rule Two is intended to keep losses at a minimum.

Though virtually every market on the globe has collapsed, my work suggests a new and dynamic movement in the U.S. ag-markets is in the process of unfolding and quickly. The one market that appears to be headed higher is now showing "V" chart formation, the other a, "U" formation. One market should be probed only from the long side of the ledger, the other from the short side.

Moving forward, I am searching for signs about L.U.V. You should as well. Especially regarding that new and dynamic scenario rapidly unfolding in agriculture where one market can be bought and another sold short. Please feel free to drop me a line at commodityinsite1@gmail.com if you wish to learn more about the new and dynamic scenario unfolding in the U.S. ag markets.

For those that did not study Mandarin Chinese at some point in life that old saying is and I quote once more, "Z ng shi ting xiálái." It means, "use a stop." And I suggest keeping that old Chinese saw in mind because when it comes to any market, "no one knows for sure." Even when looking for L.U.V.

And please check out my facebook page and give it a, "like." Go to, "facebook.com/jerryfwelch. I need a "like" while looking for some L.U.V.

## Montana Night Sky Highlights for April

By RICHARD STOUFFER

The highlights of the Montana night sky in April include brilliant Venus passing very close to the Pleiades star cluster as Venus makes its first very close approach to the Pleiades since 2012. The night sky highlights continue with the three bright planets, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn, shining close to each other in the pre-dawn hours.

As April begins, look for dazzling Venus high up in the western sky. On April 3, Venus comes within ¼ degree of the brightest star in the Pleiades star

cluster. Venus hasn't made a very close approach to the Pleiades since 2012 and won't have another very close approach until 2028. In the following days, Venus proceeds to the right of the V-shaped star cluster, the Hyades. The Hyades is so prominent because it is the nearest open star cluster to Earth. The brightest star in the V-shape is the bright red star Aldebaran, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus. Aldebaran is not a part of the Hyades. Instead, it is more than twice as close to Earth as the stars in the Hyades. Venus doesn't set until about 12:10 a.m. as the month

begins and about 12:15 a.m. as the month comes to a close. By the end of the month, Venus is also at its peak brilliance. Next up in the night sky is the largest planet, bright Jupiter, which rises about 4:00 a.m. as the month begins. Jupiter is joined about 20 minutes later by the ringed planet Saturn and about 5 minutes after that by the Red Planet Mars. As April begins, Saturn and Mars are only about a degree apart with Jupiter positioned nearby at about 6 degrees away from Saturn. By April 11, the three planets are about equally spaced with Saturn in the middle. By the end of the month,

Mars is almost 20 degrees from Saturn. At the same time, Saturn and Jupiter are slightly closer to each other at about 5 degrees separation as the month comes to a close. By the end of April, Jupiter rises at 2:15 a.m. followed by Saturn which rises at about 2:30 a.m. By then, Mars doesn't rise until about an hour later than Saturn at about 3:30 a.m.

As for the moon, the moon is full on April 7, when it is also at its closest point to Earth on its elliptical monthly orbit. As such, this moon is referred to as a "supermoon" because it is both full and at its largest in appearance.

The moon then passes to the right of Jupiter on the morning of April 14, close to and below Saturn on the following morning and to the lower left of Mars on the morning of April 16. The moon then passes to the right of Aldebaran on the evening of April 25 and to the left of Venus the following evening.

For meteor shower watchers, the Lyrid meteor shower peaks on the morning of April 22. This shower could produce up to 20 meteors per hour with the greatest number of meteors being visible in the hour before the beginning of astronomical twilight, which occurs about 4:40 a.m. that day.

With the New Moon occurring that same day, viewing conditions should be excellent for seeing the Lyrid meteor shower this year. To observe the meteor shower, in the hours after midnight and especially in the hour before the beginning of twilight, just go to the darkest site you can find, set up your portable chair and then look generally straight up in the sky facing east and enjoy!

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



## A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

### Gotta Love that Chew

The sign said on the classroom door, "You've been assigned a seat." I'd driven four long hours.

Hadn't taken time to eat.

So, I gazed out through the rows and every chair was occupied. Then saw my name pinned to a chair. Was dang near horrified.

'Cuz my seat was in the front row. One I didn't want to keep. Just feet from the instructor. How was I to get some sleep?

And sitting there beside me was a grizzled logger type. His eyes were red and swollen and he smelled Jack Daniels ripe.

He held a can of coke. I watched him down in one big gulp. Then promptly stuffed his cheek, plumb full of fresh cut Red Man pulp.

The rough old logger tore the lid right off the can of pop. He spit some drool. His aim was true and didn't miss a drop.

All morning I would see him slobbering chew into the can. Each time he spit my stomach rolled. There ought to be a ban.

And then our fine instructor spoke right up and saved the day. He straightly told the logger man, "Please put your chew away!"

So, the logger man obliged him. Spit the whole of darkest brown. Then put the can up to his mouth and drank it all straight down.

The traumatized instructor tossed his waffles on the floor. My stomach was plumb empty or there'd been more puke for sure.

The class dismissed for lunch but not a single person ate. Each said they'd lost their appetite. One said, "I'd rather wait."

The logger man excused himself. Did not come back to class. I've wondered if the ticked off teacher up and chewed his a--.

I understand a man who chews. In class there's no excuse. But if you're sitting next to me please swallow all your juice.

## THIS, OUR VALLEY

*Good Lord, deliver us*

By  
KEITH AXBERG

*"From lightning and tempest;  
from earthquake, fire, and flood;  
from plague, pestilence, and famine:  
Good Lord, deliver us ..."* The Great Litany

For the past several weeks, I've been sheltering in place in accordance with the Governor's suggestions and, more recently, Executive Order.

I know many are sick of hearing about this viral pandemic, and I am certainly no doctor or scientist. My task, as a layman, is to listen to the experts and do as they suggest. While I am free to ignore their "advice," it seems to be as unwise as ignoring the advice of the parachute instructor who suggests putting on the chute before leaping from the plane. Yes, you can ignore that advice, but you do so at your own peril.

As an introvert, I found the thought of self-isolating quite inviting. It would be a glass of ice-cold water on a hot summer's day – refreshing beyond belief. But the reality has been anything but warm, cool or refreshing. While I enjoy tumbling around the world wide web and reading the news or a good book, or spending time puttering around the house taking care of all those nagging little projects I'd put off until I had time to get to them – well, I've got the time and I've gotten to a lot of them, but I've found isolation hasn't lived up to its promises.

Yes, I'm an introvert, but like every human being, I crave human contact. I went to one of the warehouse stores the other day to

pick up supplies, and the people gathered were in a long line, maintaining the appropriate six foot space between carts and/or individuals, but boy was it a glum lot. If I hadn't been seeing it in full living color, I would have sworn it should have been a black and white snapshot of Depression-era soup-lines. There was no chattering or bantering. Each seemed alone in their thoughts.

Buying a few essential perishables from the local grocer (bread and milk), I found myself separated from the clerk by a beautiful Plexiglas sneeze guard. Although I could see through it and hear her from around it, I found the experience to be very annoying. I don't know why; the bullet-resistant glass we have grown accustomed to at our local banks is the norm, but a physical barrier between the customer and the dispenser of life-goods just seems almost immoral. I found myself talking around the glass to the cashier rather than through it just to delete as much as was humanly possible the artificiality of the tinny sound I was hearing when directly behind the glass.

I need others; I miss church.

I know the church is not the building where we gather as a community of faith to hear the Gospel and share the Sacraments. I know that we have been dispersed for the common good and re-discovering the sometimes forgotten truth that church is seldom more church than when it is in the world operating beyond those cloistered spaces we've grown to

love and appreciate.

I have been unsuccessful at accessing my own parish's virtual worship on Sunday mornings despite being generally proficient in this digital age (and I am teachable – I think), it is not the same as sitting in the church with the warmth and vitality of the body of faithful surrounding me – what we refer to as the Real Presence of Christ.

I am doing what I am doing for the good of the community, and I think that is the way God would want it. This crisis, like every crisis and storm, will pass. We will learn things from it so that perhaps when the next storm makes land-fall we will be better prepared to handle it. That's my hope.

In the meantime, I look around and realize I have a solid roof over my head; I have food in freezer and pantry; I have power, heat, water, and lights; without needing to resort to hoarding, I have sufficient paper goods to meet my needs for quite some time. Despite the threat of pestilence and the reality of loneliness, I am alive, I am well, and I am blessed.

The day will come when tears of sorrow will cease and joyful hugs will replace them here in this, our valley. Until then, keep the faith (and share it, too).

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

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Wire danger
- 6. Part of a circumference
- 9. Nashville's Keith
- 13. In a cold manner
- 14. Prefix for something revived
- 15. Paralyzing disease
- 16. Mulled wine
- 17. Egg cells
- 18. A do-nothing
- 19. \*"Alphabet Series" detective novels author
- 21. \*"It's close to midnight, and something evil's lurking in \_\_\_\_\_"
- 23. Second mo.
- 24. Fabricca Italiana Automobili Torino
- 25. Not don'ts
- 28. Popular Japanese soup
- 30. \*Agatha Christie's famous sleuth
- 35. Wood sorrels
- 37. "Through" in text
- 39. Give sheep a haircut
- 40. Raise the roof
- 41. Wall or pedestal support
- 43. Cogito, \_\_\_ sum
- 44. Drink like a cat, two words
- 46. Be inclined
- 47. Commotions
- 48. Bewitch or beguile
- 50. Jack and Jill's water jug
- 52. Put to work
- 53. \*James Patterson's "\_\_\_ the Girls"
- 55. "Jack and the Beanstalk" Giant's disapproval
- 57. \*Hitchcock classic
- 61. \*Poe's "Tales of \_\_\_ and Imagination"
- 65. In the know
- 66. \*Subject of Roswell's mystery
- 68. Cocoon dwellers
- 69. King Julien XIII of "Madagascar," e.g.
- 70. Bubble source
- 71. Possible allergic reaction
- 72. Gaelic tongue
- 73. Store posting, for short
- 74. Oceanic trenches

**DOWN**

- 1. Google alternative
- 2. Maple genus
- 3. Capital on the Baltic Sea
- 4. Blindman's \_\_\_

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- 5. International \_\_\_ of Units
- 6. In a little while, old-fashioned
- 7. Once around
- 8. Raccoon's South American cousin
- 9. \*The Demon Barber
- 10. Spanish earthen pot
- 11. Coffin stand
- 12. \*New \_\_\_, setting of "The Alienist"
- 15. Michelangelo's famous Vatican statue and others like it, e.g.
- 20. Death reports, for short
- 22. Deli offering
- 24. Baby extractor
- 25. \*Sherlock Holmes creator
- 26. Continental divide
- 27. Planktonic tunicate
- 29. \*"Who \_\_\_ J.R.?"
- 31. Actress Perlman
- 32. "Lost" in Paris
- 33. Mar-a-\_\_\_, pl.
- 34. Having a toothed margin
- 36. Undesirable location
- 38. Forearm bone
- 42. Enlighten
- 45. Slower
- 49. Oil drilling apparatus
- 51. Spoke with a speech defect
- 54. Make a murmuring sound
- 56. Chopin's composition
- 57. Wide river valley
- 58. Water carrier
- 59. L.A. footballers
- 60. \*HBO's "\_\_\_ Detective"
- 61. \*Pamela Voorhees and Norma Bates, e.g.
- 62. D'Artagnan's sword
- 63. Stairway alternative
- 64. Those not opposed
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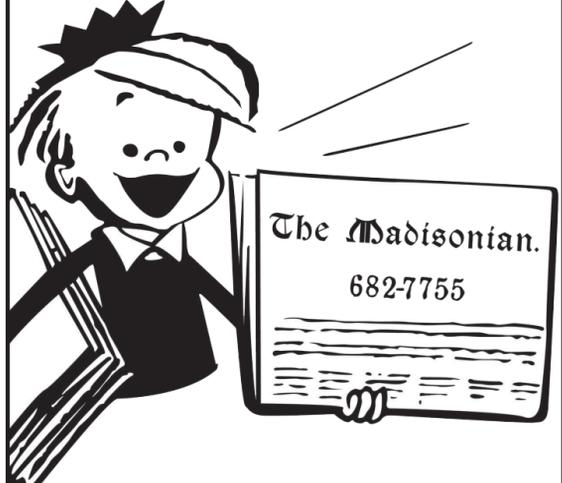
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<p>Submitted by <b>EMILIE RITTER SAUNDERS</b></p> <p>All Montanans can now fill out their 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail – even without receiving an official invitation to participate. The 2020 Census is available to fill out now online at <a href="http://my-2020census.gov">my-2020census.gov</a>, by phone at 1-844-330-2020, or via mail if a household has received a paper questionnaire.</p>	<p>With the U.S. Census Bureau suspending all field operations across the nation due to COVID-19, it is critical that Montanans self-respond to the 2020 Census questionnaire, even if the household has not received their 12-digit Census ID code.</p> <p>In Montana, more than 35% of homes do not receive mail at a traditional household address, which leaves many Montanans at risk of</p>	<p>being undercounted because the U.S. Census Bureau does not mail to post office boxes or rural route addresses. The U.S. Census Bureau will not be in contact with these households until they restart their door-to-door operations. This means a large portion of Montana will not receive U.S. Census Bureau communication or reminders to fill out their form until much later than planned.</p>	<p>Montanans who have not received their Census ID can simply start the online questionnaire and then select the option “If you do not have a Census ID, click here” or call in their response. This option will ask one additional question about where a respondent will be on April 1, 2020 and then participants will be able to fill out the remainder of their form.</p> <p>The live self-response rate</p>	<p>map, which the U.S. Census Bureau updates daily, shows Montana as one of the states with the lowest self-response rates. This is due in-part to the large share of P.O. boxes and rural route addresses in Montana.</p> <p>Counting everyone in Montana is critical because it determines the state's share of federal funding over the next decade, it shapes local voting districts, and it determines</p>	<p>whether Montana will get another representative in Congress.</p> <p>Montana receives an estimated \$2 billion in federal funds each year based on Census data. For every Montana resident counted, a Census study estimates the state will receive \$20,000 over the decade for things like schools, healthcare and highways.</p> <p>Learn more at <a href="http://CENSUS.MT.GOV">CENSUS.MT.GOV</a>.</p>
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## Public targeted in COVID-19 stimulus scams

<p>Submitted by <b>DEPT. OF REVENUE</b></p> <p>The Montana Department of Revenue is warning all Montanans to watch out for scams related to the recently announced federal stimulus package.</p> <p>With recent news of direct payments to Americans based on their 2018 or 2019 tax information, scammers are already contacting individuals, and especially tax preparers, by</p>	<p>phone, email, and text, trying to solicit personal, financial and tax information that can be used for identity theft and financial fraud.</p> <p>“It's tragic that even during a national crisis, criminals are taking advantage of fear and uncertainty to try to steal from hard-working people and the professional tax preparers they trust with their financial information,” said Gene Walborn, director of the Montana</p>	<p>Department of Revenue. “I urge everyone to be vigilant with their information and check with authorities if they get inquiries about their personal data.”</p> <p>A typical scam might involve language such as, “In order to receive your/your client's stimulus payment via direct deposit, we need you to confirm the banking information.” It might also include a link to website where the taxpayer is</p>	<p>encouraged to leave personal financial information.</p> <p>Especially troubling is that tax preparers, with access to large volumes of personal information, have already been targeted.</p> <p>Extensions in the deadlines to July 15 for federal and Montana individual income tax filing and payments are also adding to the opportunity for scammers. The department advises Montana taxpayers to</p>	<p>file their taxes as soon as possible, and to file electronically, to narrow the opportunity for fraudulent activity related to their information.</p> <p>Montanans should visit <a href="http://MTRRevenue.gov/fraud">MTRRevenue.gov/fraud</a> and <a href="http://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a> for more information.</p> <p>Montanans who receive a suspicious call from someone claiming to be with the Montana Department of Revenue should contact the department</p>	<p>at <a href="http://MTRRevenue.gov/contact">MTRRevenue.gov/contact</a> to verify the source. Neither the department nor the IRS will call taxpayers asking for personal information such as Social Security Numbers or banking information.</p> <p>The Montana Department of Revenue will continue working with the IRS and local tax preparers to detect and stop fraud, and will continue to notify the public as new kinds of fraud appear.</p>
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## From the Madison County Election Office

<p>Submitted by <b>KATHLEEN MUMME</b></p> <p>As you may already know, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Bullock</p>	<p>issued an Executive Order on March 25 to allow each county in Montana the choice of conducting the June 2 Montana Primary BY MAIL. The Madison County Board</p>	<p>of Commissioners, Public Health Director and Election Administrator have determined that this will be the safest method.</p> <p>It is important that</p>	<p>the Madison County Election office has your current mailing address. We are encouraging voters who do not already vote by mail, have made recent changes or who</p>	<p>have not cast a mail ballot in the last year, to double check their mailing address by contacting the election office at 843-4270, or e-mailing us at <a href="mailto:clerkandrecorder@madison-countymt.gov">clerkandrecorder@madison-countymt.gov</a>.</p> <p>Primary ballots for all Madison County voters will be mailed on May 8.</p> <p>Further information will follow in the weeks ahead.</p>
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## APRIL 2, 2020

**YEAR 2020 HERBICIDE CONTRACT**

Year 2020 Herbicide Contract Madison County Weed Board Year 2020 Herbicide Contract Advertisement for Bids Madison County Weed Board is calling for sealed quotes for Noxious Weed Herbicides for the 2020 Madison County Weed Management Season. Quote specification (Type and Amount of Herbicides), and invitation to quote forms are available at the Madison County Weed Board Office, 2296 Hwy. 287, Alder, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755.

Quotes will be accepted until the close of business, 12:00 P.M. Thursday, April 2, 2020. Quotes will be opened and read publicly at the regular Weed Board Meeting at the Weed Board Office, Alder, Montana, at 2:00 P.M. Thursday April 9, 2019.

The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose bid is most beneficial to the County. Consideration will be given to Madison County resident bidders in accordance with MCA 7-5-2309, part 1, which states "If there are no out of state bidders for a contract subject to competitive bid under this part, the contract may be awarded to the lowest and best responsible bidder that is a County Resident and that makes a bid that is no more than \$500.00 or 3% higher, whichever

is less, than the bid of the lowest responsible bidder that is not a County Resident". Prices are to be guaranteed to September 30, 2020. Madison County Weed Board reserves the right to reject any or all irregularities in Quotes.

Date: February, 13, 2020

/s/ John Armstrong, Chairperson Madison County Weed Board

/s/ Dan Allhands, Chairman Madison County Commissioners

(Pub. MARCH 12, 19, 26, APRIL 2, 2020)

MC WEED BOARD

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE**

MONTANA 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY. CAUSE NO.: DV-29-2020-17. In the matter of the name change of TAMMIE TUMSUDEN, Petitioner. This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from TAMMIE LYNN TUMSUDEN to TAMMIE LYNN SALSTROM.

The hearing will be on April 13, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. The hearing will be at the courthouse in Madison County.

Date: March 3, 2020

Karen J. Miller

Clerk of District Court

/s/ Carmin Hill Deputy Clerk of Court (Pub. MARCH 12, 19, 26, APRIL 2, 2020) TUMSUDEN MNAXLP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

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**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION**

Notice is hereby given that regular registration for the Madison County School and Special District Elections scheduled for May 5, 2020 will close at 5:00 p.m., April 6, 2020. \*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, up to and including on Election Day. You may complete and submit a voter registration card, but you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot. If these Elections

are held, they will be conducted by MAIL ONLY. No polling places will be available. All active and inactive electors Madison County, are entitled to vote at said election. However, Inactive voters will not receive a ballot in the mail. \*\* Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the Election Office in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current address in the county. Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing at the county election office in Virginia City. 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. DATED this 11th of March, 2020 Madison County /s/ Kathleen D. Mumme, Election Administrator (Pub. MARCH 19, 26, APRIL 2, 2020) MC C&R MNAXLP

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

PREPARATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND GROWTH POLICY for SHERIDAN, MONTANA The Town of Sheridan has received notice of the award of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$30,000 from the Montana Department of Commerce. Total project cost is budgeted at \$40,000. The Town of Sheridan is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals and consulting firms to develop a Growth Policy and Capital Improvement Plan in accordance with all the requirements of Montana state law. This includes holding and facilitating several public hearings and additional meetings as necessary in Sheridan. Requests for information and/or copies of the detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) can be obtained by contacting the

Town of Sheridan at 406-842-5431 and/or PO Box 78, 103 E. Hamilton St., Sheridan, MT 59749. The Town of Sheridan's RFP includes a description of the services to be provided by respondents; the minimum content of the responses; and the factors to be used to evaluate the responses. Consistent with Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, CDBG regulations governing the grant require that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with this CDBG-assisted project will be extended to local lower-income residents. Further, to the greatest extent feasible, business concerns located in or substantially owned by residents of the project area will be utilized. Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE's) are encouraged to apply. All responses to the Town of Sheridan's RFP must be received by 2:00 PM on April 10, 2020. (Pub. MARCH 26, APRIL 2, 2020) TOWN OF SHERIDAN MNAXLP

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Montana Fifth Judicial District Court, Madison County In the matter of the estate of Connie Ann Richards, Deceased Probate No: 29-2020-5 Judge Assigned, Luke Berger NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Malia M. Miller, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of A. Suzanne Nellen, Attorney at Law, PLLC, 1800 W. Koch, Suite #7, Bozeman, MT 59715, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated this 5 day of March, 2020 /s/ Malia M. Miller Personal Representative of the Estate of Connie A. Richards, Deceased (Pub. APRIL 2, 9, 16, 2020) NELLEN MNAXLP



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Dear Madison County Residents and Family Members of the residents at the Madison Valley Manor and the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center,

As you know, the COVID-19 virus has affected Madison County and we all hold the health and safety of our elderly close and dear to our hearts. I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update concerning the two county owned nursing homes, Tobacco Roots Mountains Care Center, Sheridan, MT, and the Madison Valley Manor, Ennis, MT.

We are taking precautionary and preventive steps to care for your loved ones at our Nursing Homes. Our primary concern is for the health and safety of our Residents.

As you are aware, on March 15, 2020, the Madison County Board of Public Health ordered a mandatory restriction on ALL visitors to the Madison County Nursing Homes.

All visitors' access to the facilities has been restricted until the mandatory restriction is lifted by the Madison County Board of Public Health, except for end of life compassion considerations. With this in mind, we would encourage everyone to utilize technology, such as, telephone calls, FaceTime, etc., to stay in touch with your loved ones. Please contact the Social Services department at either the Tobacco Roots Mountains Care Center (TRMCC) (406) 842-5600 or Madison Valley Manor (MVM) at (406) 682-7271 for assistance to schedule a one-on-one personal connection.

Community members can contribute to the well-being of our residents by sending cards, art work and other expressions of love and affection. We have a drop box in the front of each facility. I wish to express my deep appreciation and sincere gratitude to the women and men, our employees at both facilities for their courage and dedication in the midst of such uncertainty. They most certainly are heroes in healthcare. Thank you Team!

Covid-19 is an unforgiving illness for the elderly; we will work closely with Physicians at both Nursing Homes to provide the best compassionate and loving care that we can. Social Workers from TRMCC and MVM will be reaching out to each family to confirm your wishes related to the care of your loved one. We encourage everyone to take seriously the recommendations related to social distancing. Please stay home as much as possible and please encourage young people to stay home as well. We can all play a part in the defense of this wide spread community disease, and we would appreciate your support in doing so. Again, our hearts and thoughts are with each and every one. Stay safe and healthy through this trying time.

Steve

**Steve McNeece, MBA**  
Administrator  
Madison County Nursing Homes

**Madison County Board of Commissioners**  
**Dan W. Allhands, Chair**  
**James P. Hart**  
**Ronald E. Nye**

ART AND FRIENDS continued FROM A1

Keeping consistency in some fashion is a bit of a saving grace. "It's good because we don't have to cancel (lessons) and get the kids completely out of what their routine is," Pederson said.

Her kids ask lots of questions, like why they cannot go to the grocery store. Pederson laughed when thinking about what they would remember of this whole situation a month or a year from now.

"Remember when we had the longest spring break ever?" "Remember when you made us wash our hands a zillion times each day?" "Remember when everyone freaked out about toilet paper?"

The normalcy of art and violin classes reminds kids and parents that this will not be the normal forever.



Katie Coyle and her children Odessa and Hartford, during the March 31 online art session. PHOTO COURTESY OF KATIE COYLE/FACEBOOK.



## Free personal use firewood cutting beginning April 1

Submitted by JESSICA SCHICK

Personal firewood cutting will be free to the general public from April 1 through June 1, 2020, on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. No permit will be required during this time.

Woodcutters can take up to 12 cords of firewood for personal use. A cord is the amount of tightly piled wood in a stack four feet high by four feet wide by eight feet long.

Personal use firewood cutting allows you to remove downed timber or to cut standing dead trees under most conditions on National Forests and Grasslands, within Montana, Northern Idaho, and portions of North and South Dakota. It's important to check with the local ranger district to see if there are any specific local restrictions or requirements other than those listed below.

In addition, forest officials request that woodcutters also follow these requirements:

- Do not fell green (live) trees for firewood.
- Do not cut standing dead trees or down logs with signs, tags or paint marks on them.
- Firewood gathering is prohibited in all developed recreation areas, campgrounds and wild and scenic river corridors.

- Firewood gathering is prohibited within timber sale units or other areas signed or shown on the firewood gathering area map as being closed to firewood gathering.
- Trees or logs must NOT be felled or skidded across live streams, lakes, or reservoirs. If a tree is accidentally felled into a waterway, leave the entire tree. Firewood gathering is prohibited within 150 feet of any running stream, pond, lake, marshy, or wet area.
- The following activities are prohibited: using over-the-terrain vehicles for skidding, yarding or skidding systems in excess of 100 feet, log trucks for hauling, or vehicles driven off roadways to gather firewood.
- The following are fire regulations for vehicles and chainsaws (during proclaimed fire season):
  - Chainsaw operators must have a serviceable fire extinguisher (liquid chemical 8 oz. or dry chemical 1 lb.) and shovel available at all times.
  - Chainsaws must be equipped with an approved spark arrester screen.
  - All vehicles must be equipped with a baffled muffler and serviceable tailpipe.

- Six feet is the maximum length piece that may be removed under the firewood program.
- Firewood obtained is intended for personal use only and may not be resold.
- Pile or lop and scatter slash away from roads, power lines, telephone lines, ditches and stream courses.

Woodcutters should also use caution while driving on Forest Service roads. Many remain snow covered and icy at higher elevations. Roads at lower elevations are wet and muddy and the soft roadbed can easily be damaged by vehicle traffic.

A current firewood gatherer map is available online at <https://go.usa.gov/xv3wu>. For more information and guidelines, check the firewood cutting handout available at <https://go.usa.gov/xdhHP>.

**Please contact your local district office for updates and more information.**

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

## Watercraft Inspection Station sees rush of Canadian boaters

Submitted by GREG LEMON, FWP

Inspectors at the Dillon watercraft inspection station had a busy start to early season boat inspections. Located south of Dillon on Interstate 15, the watercraft inspection station is staffed by crews of two seasonal FWP employees who check for aquatic invasive species (AIS) on boats traveling north.

Normally this time of year, watercraft inspection stations see a few snowbird boaters returning home. Traffic increases in June when vacationers come to Montana towing recreational boats. However, 2020 has been anything but normal. The Dillon station opened on March 14, earlier than any previous year. They have already intercepted three mussel-fouled boats. Last year, they stopped three mussel-fouled boats the

entire season. About 75 percent of the boats inspected so far this season have been on boats registered in Canada.

"The amount of boat traffic we were seeing at Dillon was like summertime traffic," said AIS area supervisor John O'Bannon. "The coronavirus news caused Canadian boaters to rush for the border and that kept us really busy for the first two weeks."

Boat traffic has decreased over the weekend to more typical numbers.

Persons bringing boats into Montana are required to get inspected before launching and must stop at all open watercraft inspection stations they encounter. FWP has implemented measures to protect inspectors and boat owners from COVID-19. Inspectors regularly clean and disinfect equipment and tools, specific tasks are assigned to each

inspector so equipment isn't shared, and inspectors maintain a 6-foot distance from the public during the inspection.

"We can conduct the inspection with no contact between the inspector and boat owner," said O'Bannon. "But we need their assistance to do things like take off the boat cover and open compartments that must be examined."

If an inspection can't be completed, the boat is locked to the trailer to prevent it from launching and an inspection is arranged for another time. If the boater is destined for another state or province, the destination authority is notified to allow for a follow-up inspection or decontamination.

To find a watercraft inspection station and to learn more, go to [CleanDrainDryMT.com](http://CleanDrainDryMT.com) or call the FWP Aquatic Invasive Species Bureau at 406-444-2440.

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Contact your place of worship for current guidelines.

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- MARCH 11:** M.V. BAPTIST CHURCH
- MARCH 18:** ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
- MARCH 25:** TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
- APRIL 1:** ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

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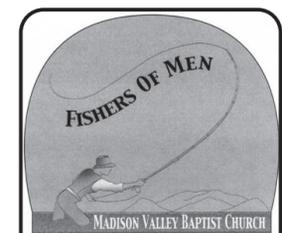
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Sunday at 8 am Notre Dame, Twin Bridges  
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- Friday, April 3 – Shrimp tacos, bean salad, fruit, dessert
- Monday, April 6 – Breakfast burrito, fruit, dessert
- Tuesday, April 7 – Beef stroganoff, noodles, veggies, dessert
- Wednesday, April 8 – Reuben, onion rings, pickle, dessert
- Thursday April 9 – Sausage tortellini soup, salad, croissant, dessert
- Friday, April 10 – Fried cod, fries, slaw, dessert

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

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

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

**VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ**  
Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.  
**Delivery in VC if seniors call between 10am and Noon on those days.**  
Thursday, April 2 – Stuffed green peppers, veggie, rice, dessert  
Tuesday, April 7 – Grilled cheese, soup, 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. Meals are for seniors 60 years and up (spouses and caregivers are invited). Donations for meals are appreciated. Fresh home baked bread served with each meal.

Blood pressure clinic (with county health nurse) - Each last Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.  
UPDATE: Still serving meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Center as Take Out Only.

**HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS**  
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SUN. - 10 a.m., No Smoking, Virginia City Library  
MON. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking  
WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers  
FRI. - Open, 7:30 p.m., Basement of M.V. Presbyterian Church, No Smoking  
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Solution time: 25 mins.  
**ENNIS FAMILY and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP**  
100 Prairie Way, Ennis (599-3659)  
For those who have a loved one struggling with any type of addiction  
Tuesdays ~ 5 p.m.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Meeting Every Thurs. at 8 p.m., Church of the Valley, Twin Bridges  
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Same Time - Same Place  
**ALANON** Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley Thursdays, 8 pm  
**ALANON** Pony School House • Weds. 7 pm Suzy 685-3692  
"Keep it Simple."  
**A.A. MEETING** Bethany Hall, Sheridan (behind Methodist Church) Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

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**ENNIS**

*Restaurants*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McAllister Inn—closed

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

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

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

*Businesses*

Blue Sky Cleaning—closed. 813-767-4198

Ennis Fish Bowl—closed. 406-682-7406

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

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

Ennis Trading Post—open. 406-682-4329

Ennis True Value—open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 406-682-4015

Ennis Veterinary Hospital—People not allowed inside hospital. Food and medications are available for delivery and team members will collect pets at curbside for appointments. Boarding and grooming

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

Finish Factory—open. 406-570-5404

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

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

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

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

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

Madison Theater—closed. 406-682-4023

Madison Valley Plumbing—open. 406-682-7913

Magic Mirror—closed. 406-682-4700

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whispering Willow—closed

Trenz Salon and Day Spa—closed

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

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

**VIRGINIA CITY**

*Restaurants*

Bob's Place—open for take and bake. Email order by 9 a.m. Wednesday of each week to [kirkbelding@gmail.com](mailto:kirkbelding@gmail.com) and [bdynamicspilates@gmail.com](mailto:bdynamicspilates@gmail.com). Pizzas will be ready for pick up from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on Thursdays. Deliveries available if needed. Cash, check or Venmo accepted. 13" choices include cheese (\$13), pepperoni (\$15), pepperoni and sausage (\$16) chicken alfredo (\$19), greek (\$19), classic combo (\$19). Bake on oven rack at 450 degrees for 10-15 minutes. Family style take and bake—meat lasagne, \$42. Serves 6. Gluten free crust available

for \$1 more per pizza.

*Businesses*

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

**GREATER RUBY VALLEY**

*Restaurants*

The Shovel and Spoon (Sheridan)—open, Monday through Friday 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. Takeout only. 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.

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

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

Chick's (Alder)—takeout and delivery Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday open 8 a.m.- 11 a.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 Alder Creek Coffee Co (Sheridan): open for take out only. Call for updates. 406-577-6322

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

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

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

*Businesses*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Twin Bridges Kid Country Daycare—406-684-5353

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

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**TUESDAYS**

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

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

**THURSDAYS**

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**EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

12 p.m. MSU EXTENSION WEBINAR Montana State University Extension is offering a free webinar, "Solid Finances: COVID-19: Financial Issues for Consumers". Those wishing to participate are asked to login a few minutes early so as to download a free version of Adobe Connect, which is necessary to view the webinar. Link to webinar here: <https://msuextensionconnect.org/sf>

1 p.m. BEAVERHEAD DEER LODGE WORKING GROUP <http://nationalforestfoundation.adobeconnect.com/collaborate2/> and 1-888-346-3950, 65306600#

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- Apricot & Almond Scones (Minimum Order 6)

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