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Madison River Environmental Assessment

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The Madison River Environmental Assessment will go before the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commissioners June 12.

The commission will decide if the assessment is ready to be released for public comment. Madison Foods owner, Chris Gentry, created a petition against entering a public comment period. As of June 9, about 530 people from all over the country have signed the petition, which states that a pandemic is not the right time for the important consideration of regulating the Madison River. “Not saying that the river

doesn’t need rules, but this is not the time,” Gentry said. “With all the uncertainty and fear that’s going on, this puts more burden on us. They will be using it [Madison River regulations] as a template for the future of other Montana rivers. We can’t afford to mess it up.”

Gentry said that a public commenting period, even if extended, would be inappropriate for the time due to the financial and personal uncertainties COVID-19 has brought to the fishing communities around the Madison River.

“The important thing to keep in mind is that this is just the beginning of an extended process,” FWP fisheries director Eileen Ryce said.

According to Ryce, FWP plans to continue the process and recommend the environmental assessment be released for public comment, which will be a minimum of 40 days. If the commission approves to release the Madison River Environmental Assessment for public comment, public meetings will be held in Ennis, West Yellowstone, Butte and Bozeman. At least two other formal public commenting periods are on the horizon as part of the process.

Some local business and residents oppose FWP’s proposed alternatives for regulating the Madison River, such as potentially capping the number of outfitters at 2018 levels. Some are concerned that the restric-

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2020 ELECTIONS

MONTANA 2020 PRIMARY RESULTS Madison County 65% turnout

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Statewide elections

MONTANA U.S. SENATE PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

The Battle of the Steves

(D) STEVE BULLOCK (G)
WENDIE FREDRICKSON
(L) SUSAN GOOD GEISE (R)
STEVE DAINES

As of June 8, 96% of the Democratic vote was counted in Montana’s U.S. Senate race. Steve Bullock secured the Democratic nomination with 144,491 votes. John Mues and Mile Knoles collectively received less than 5% of the Democratic vote.

Incumbent Montana Senator, Steve Daines, received 192,330 votes in the senate race. With 98% of the Republican vote counted, the other two republican candidates received about 26,000 votes.

The Green Party and the Libertarian Party will be represented in the 2020 general election. Wendie Fredrickson received about 66% of the Green Party vote. Susan Good Geise was uncontested in the Libertarian primary election.

Two of Madison County’s eight precincts had reported its results for Montana’s U.S. senate race June 8. Senator Daines has more than double Bullock’s votes in Madison County, with 2,550 votes compared to Bullock’s 1,042

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GRAYING PAINS

Opportunities & Challenges in the West’s Oldest State

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Montana is the oldest state west of the Mississippi, and demographic projections show the state growing collectively older as more Montanans enter their senior years. The economic, cultural, and personal impacts of that trend present the state and its residents with new challenges and, with those challenges, opportunities.

Graying Pains is a series of weekly stories and broadcasts exploring those challenges and opportunities in communities statewide. By investigating how other communities have responded to the issues raised by aging, Graying Pains hopes to point the way toward policies and innovations that can help Montana, and Montanans, improve with age.

The series is produced by the Montana Fourth Estate Project, a collaboration among 13 Montana newsrooms and the University of Montana School of Journalism under the auspices of the Montana Newspaper Association and the Solutions Journalism Network. See montanafourthestate.org for the collected Graying Pains stories and more information.

LOW-COST CLASSES CAN HELP SENIORS STAY FIT

By MELODY MARTINSEN,
Choteau Acantha

As Montana’s aging population continues to grow (18.9% of Montanans are now 65 or older), rural residents face the same aging challenges as their urban counterparts but often with fewer resources.

A low-cost, high-benefit strength-training program offered through Montana State University Extension may be one solution for how seniors living in small towns can access a fitness program that will help them age well.

The StrongPeople program helps participants of any age increase their joint flexibility, muscle strength and balance. This program can help older Montanans retain muscle mass, stay independent longer and avoid chronic illness.

“Keeping our aging population strong, able to do activities of daily living by themselves, and helping them to reach fantastic quality of life or stay there and maintain that is very, very important,” said Michelle Grocke, Ph.D., an MSU Extension health and wellness specialist.

Grocke, who is also an assistant professor in community health, says exercise becomes critically important for aging people.

Every decade after the age of 30, humans lose 3% to 5% of their muscle mass. This progressive loss of muscle can negatively impact a person’s metabolism and bone density and increase the risk of falling, particularly during Montana’s icy winters, Grocke said.

The good news is that research shows that strength training, starting at any age, can slow mus-

cle loss and decrease the risk of osteoporosis, a weakening of the bones that afflicts some 10 million Americans. “You’re never too old to start,” she said.

For substantial health benefits, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services recommends adults do at least 150 minutes to 300 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity, or 75 minutes to 150 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity or an equivalent combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity aerobic activity.

DPHHS says that adults should also do muscle-strengthening activities of moderate or greater intensity that involve all major muscle groups on two or more days a week. Older adults should also do exercises to help maintain their balance, DPHHS says, and if they are limited by chronic conditions, they should be as physically active as their abilities and conditions allow.

Grocke said DPHHS statistics show that as of 2016 nearly half of all Montana resident deaths are the result of either heart disease or cancer, and as of 2015, 600,000 Montanans (about 60% of the population) had at least one chronic health issue.

“As we age, the likelihood and risk of developing a chronic disease becomes higher,” she said, but there is also research showing that regular exercise can help prevent chronic disease. Adding to that research, Grocke and colleagues in Texas and New York are conducting a randomized control trial, started last fall, to determine whether the StrongPeople program can reduce heart disease and the risk of diabetes in

people 50 and older. They plan to have results from the trial to share later this year.

Retired Choteau Baptist minister and rancher Ottis Bryan, 83, has taken the StrongPeople class offered in Teton County several times, and took the winter session of the class offered by MSU Extension Agent Jane Wolery in Choteau.

“I’ve enjoyed it,” he said after a one-hour class in late February.

After he stopped working on the ranch, he said, “I got flabby.” Thanks to the exercises, he said, he has more strength and energy to do yard work and finds it easier to go up and down the four sets of stairs in his home.

MSU Extension became involved in teaching strength training because food and nutrition specialist Lynn Paul (now retired) recognized that many people in rural communities do not have access to indoor workout facilities and guided exercise programs. She found a program aimed at menopausal women called StrongWomen and brought it to Montana in the fall of 2008.

Paul worked with StrongWomen creators Miriam Nelson, Ph.D., then the director of the John Hancock Research Center on Physical Activity, Nutrition and Obesity Prevention at Tufts University in Boston, and Rebecca Seguin, now the associate director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research program and director of the StrongWomen/StrongPeople program in College Station, Texas.

StrongWomen Ambassadors trained MSU Extension agents to teach the program, which has evolved into the StrongPeople class. In 2019, StrongWomen/

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Montana State University Extension Agent Jane Wolery of Choteau leads a session of the StrongPeople class last fall at the Choteau Baptist Church fellowship hall. PHOTO BY VONNIE JACOBSON/CHOTEAU ACANTHA

Strong People trainers offered classes in Thompson Falls, Choteau, Fort Benton, Havre, Glasgow, Fairview, Wibaux, Two Dot, Bozeman, Harlowton, Laurel, Miles City, Shepherd, Hardin and Broadus.

Twice a week for 12 weeks, participants get together for a one-hour workout, doing hand and ankle weight lifting, stretching, and balance exercises that work the large and small muscle groups. They are also encouraged to do one hour once a week at home, for a total of three hours of training per week.

Some Extension offices offer the program for free, while others charge up to \$20 per person (for the whole 12-week program), depending on the individual Extension office offering the program.

The class in Teton County is free. Alice Sutherland, a 77-year-old retiree, drove an hour one way to get to Wolery's Strong-People class in Choteau. Halfway through the program, she said she was already less "wobbly."

"I just feel more secure no matter where I am walking," she said, adding that part of her goal in taking the workout classes was to extend the time she can live in her own home (which has two sets of stairs) and take care of her pets.

MSU Extension has 20 trained StrongPeople instructors. Grocke said about 80% of them are Extension agents, while the remainder are community volunteers. They teach the classes in libraries, courthouses and church meeting halls, among other venues.

Wolery, 51, has been an instructor since 2008. When she started teaching the program, she found three-pound leg weights a challenge. In the class she taught last winter, she used 20-pound leg weights.

The class, she said, "is simple, but it's not easy."

She supplies hand weights and cuff-type leg weights in increments of one, two, five, 10 and 20 pounds. Participants progressively increase their weights and typically start seeing results after the first four to six workouts.

Many of her female class participants are doing strength training for the first time. Some

are afraid they will get too buff, while others are intimidated by the weights.

One of Wolery's class participants, retired Eureka nurse Donna West, 75, said this was her first strength-training class. After taking several weeks of the class, she said, "I think the most noticeable thing that I feel is it's easier to get around. I'm motivated to get up and do things." Having recently moved with her husband to Choteau, she said the class has also helped her make friends here. "You feel included," she said. "You feel like you're part of the community."

Grocke said two years ago MSU Extension started measuring the physical, mental and social health outcomes of participants in the classes. "We are seeing great results," she said.

In 2019, 315 Montanans of all ages took the StrongPeople program and completed a post-class evaluation about their experience. That evaluation shows:

- 95% felt stronger.
- 94% intended to engage in similar physical activity routines outside of class.
- 89% reported improved balance.
- 85% reported moving more easily and having increased stamina.
- 83% reported strengthened social ties.
- 77% felt less stressed.
- 76% felt less anxious.
- 73% reported a decrease in chronic pain.
- 71% slept better.

The 2019 evaluation also showed that only 9% of participants reported meeting the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2018 Physical Activity Guidelines coming into the program. After the program, 18% reported meeting those guidelines, Grocke said.

Grocke noted that Montana has a high suicide rate, and many rural residents have feelings of social isolation, so determining that StrongPeople classes help foster new friendships was an unexpected and welcome discovery. Participants have told their instructors that they signed up for the strength training, but stayed for the social connections, she said.

When she started teaching the classes, Wolery said, she didn't expect the amount of mental and emotional strength the class could give people. "I really had no idea about the strength it would build in people, not only in their muscles, but also in their communities," she said. "The mental uplift part of it wasn't the primary focus, but it's half the component of the class to me."

Wolery said one participant in her classes progressed from using a walker at the start of the class to using just a cane, and is now walking unassisted because her legs are stronger and her balance is better.

Wolery, who taught the winter class in the fellowship hall of the Choteau Baptist Church, had talking points, brain teasers and ice breakers for every class. She also slipped in as much MSU Extension educational material as she could. Her "Extension Extras" have included resources on nutrition, food safety, mental health, financial management, estate planning and more. She came to each class with handouts to send home with her students.

Teton County Sheriff Keith VanSetten, 60, of Choteau has always worked out, but has found that Wolery's class works well with his work schedule and has given him good results. "I think my fine motor skills have improved. My balance is a little

better. I notice things in that regard," he said, adding that going up and down stairs has become easier too.

He also likes the noncompetitive nature of the class and appreciates the information Wolery shares. "Jane does a fantastic job with keeping us entertained and giving us new information. She's always talking, that's why I'm the counter," he said, smiling as he explained that he often keeps track of the number of repetitions for each exercise while Wolery shares her Extension Extras.

Choteau homemaker Juli Kostelnik, 52, said she has never been a big workout fan, but she and a couple of friends often walked on the treadmills in the weights room at Choteau High School. She saw other women there doing strength training and thought, "This looks like something I can do," she said. When Wolery advertised the Strong-People class last fall, she and her husband signed up. "It just feels good to be doing something," she said.

There are now 2,500 Strong-People and StrongPeople trainers across the nation, most of them through state Extension programs. In addition to Montana, the program is offered in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Arkansas, New York, Texas and Alaska, mainly in rural areas.



Teton County Sheriff Keith VanSetten, 60, does arm exercises during a session of the StrongPeople class last fall in the Choteau Baptist Church fellowship hall. PHOTO BY VONNIE JACOBSON/CHOTEAU ACANTHA

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otes. Nine people in Madison County voted for Fredrickson for the Green Party nominee.

MONTANA U.S. HOUSE
PRIMARY ELECTION
RESULTS

Democrat wins popular vote

(D) KATHLEEN WILLIAMS
(G) JOHN GIBNEY (R) MATT
ROSENDALE

Democratic congresswoman candidate Kathleen Williams and Republican congressman candidate Matt Rosendale won their party's nomination in the primary election. John Gibney, the Green Party candidate, ran uncontested and will also be on Montana's 2020 general election ballot.

As of June 8, Williams received about 90% of the Democratic vote. The Democratic vote was 96% processed. The Republican primary for Montana's U.S. House the was a closer race than its Democratic counterpart. Matt Rosendale received about 48% of the Republican vote, defeating Corey Stapleton who received about 33% of the Republican vote. The Republican vote was 98% processed.

Williams pulled in nearly a quarter more votes across the state than Rosendale, which

could be the result of six candidates running in the Republican primary election. But Rosendale pulled in the majority of Madison County's support with 1,320 votes for Rosendale. Williams had 990 votes in Madison County.

MONTANA GOVERNOR
PRIMARY ELECTION
RESULTS

Former LT Gov. and former
congressman advance

(D) MIKE COONEY
(G) ROBERT BARB
(L) LYMAN BISHOP
(R) GREG GIANFORTE

Greg Gianforte swept the Republican primary election for governor. The Democratic race for governor was a close call between Mike Cooney and Whitney Williams. The Democratic nomination went to lieutenant Gov. Cooney, who Gov. Bullock endorsed.

As of June 8, with 98% of the votes processed in the Republican primary, Gianforte secured 53.4% of the Republican vote. Attorney General Tim Fox was second with 27.2% of the Republican vote. Cooney received about 55% of the Democratic vote. Williams fell short about 14,000 votes.

The favored Democratic can-

didate in Madison County was Williams, earning about 55% of the Democratic vote. Gianforte won in Madison County with about 58% of the Republican vote.

Robert Barb of the Green Party and Lyman Bishop of the Libertarian Party ran uncontested in the primary governor election.

Regional elections

MONTANA SENATE DISTRICT
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(L) JOHN LAMB
(R) WELBORN

MONTANA HOUSE
DISTRICT 71

Awash Walsh

(D) IAN ROOT (R) KEN
WALSH

Ken Walsh dominated the Republican primary for Montana's House District 71. Former Montana Congresswoman Cindy Younkin will not advance to the general election ballot.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to represent you in working to move Montana forward," Walsh said. "Also, congratulations to you, the voters,

for a record turnout. Being engaged in the process is essential for a strong democracy."

The Ruby Valley Bank and ranch owner of Twin Bridges received 76% of the Republican vote in House District 71. Ian Root, contestant Democratic nominee, is running against Walsh in Montana's 2020 general election.

MADISON COUNTY
COMMISSIONER

ALLHANDS AND THOMPSON

Madison County District One Commissioner Dan Allhands secured his seat with a significant majority of votes in the primary election. Eli Thompson of Virginia City came in second and will run against Allhands in the general election.

I want to thank everyone who supported me in the primary election," Allhands said. "I feel being a County Commissioner is an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Madison County."

Allhands and Thompson received the most votes from Sheridan constituents, but Allhands brought in the most. Thompson won the vote Virginia City, which was the only area Allhands did not get the majority of votes.

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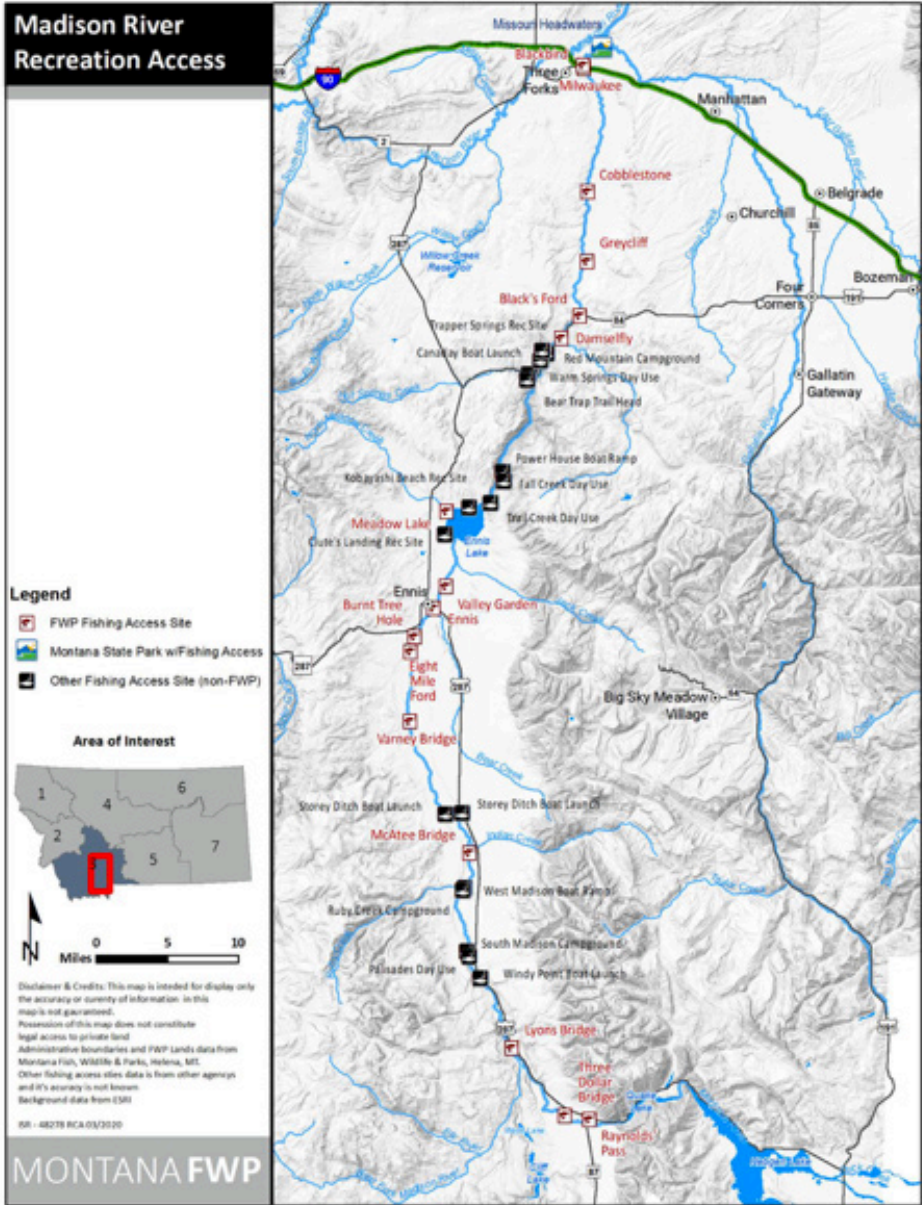
tions will cause an economic downfall for the communities that depend on fishing tourism. But most agree that social conflicts are deteriorating the Madison River experience and should be regulated to a degree. According to FWP reports, commercial outfitter trips on the Madison River have more than doubled since 2008, and angler pressure on the river has more than doubled since 2003.

One of FWP's goals in implementing regulations on the Madison River is to sustain the ecological and economic benefits of the river. But Gentry's petition is about the timing for the public to discuss their concerns.

"If there's a Republican governor come November, this is not going to happen," Gentry said. "This is our lives, just because yours [job] is done doesn't mean ours has to be too."

The FWP is a state-run agency under the governor's supervision. Ryce had no comment on the role of the governor in the process to implement regulations on the Madison River. She said that the petition seemed like a desire to stop the process.

Madison River Recreation Access
PHOTO COURTESY MONTANA FWP



Summer splash

RUBY VALLEY PUBLIC POOL OPENS

By HANNAH KEARSE
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Sheridan's Ruby Valley Swimming Pool will open on June 13. The public swimming pool will have some new rules to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. But it will operate as usual in many ways, offering classes and a swimming hole for the community. The classes will be smaller, and lifeguards will have more cleaning in their daily job rotations.

"We're ready, we've done our part," Ruby Valley Swimming Club member Mary Pat Graham said. "It's up to the public to do what they want."

The Ruby Valley Swimming Club worked with the Madison County Sanitarian Office to implement recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Individuals will be responsible for following the CDC recommendation of avoiding the public pool if they are feeling sick.

In September, the pool installed a new water filter, which will improve the consistency of appropriate chlorine concentration and pH levels. The CDC recommends

controlling the pH level between 7.2 and 7.8, and free chlorine concentration of at least one pound per million pounds of water.

Madison County's sole public pool will be tested multiple times a day to ensure water quality, according to Graham. Three lifeguards will be on duty at all times, rotating job duties every hour. One rotation includes sanitizing the showers, counters, locker rooms and bathrooms. Hand sanitizer will be available for incoming swimmers to use before entering the fenced in area.

Seven high-school-aged locals have been certificated to lifeguard at the Ruby Valley Swimming Pool. They have been instructed on proper sanitization practices, according to Graham.

The Ruby Valley Swimming Pool kicks off its season with a free barbecue Friday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. Open swim time starts Saturday. The pool will be open to the public every summer weekday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Water aerobics classes are offered Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m. and noon. Sign-ups for swimming lessons began June 8.

Aquatic invasive species intercepted

MONTANA WATERCRAFT INSPECTIONS



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks find red rim melania snails on an out-of-state boat at an inspection station in Anaconda.
PHOTO COURTESY MT FWP

MONTANA FWP

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Thirteen boats have been detected for aquatic invasive species at Montana boat inspection stations in 2020.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and partner agencies have over 40 watercraft inspection stations across the state this summer. All boats entering Montana must be inspected. In May, about 15,900 boats were inspected, with invasive

zebra or quagga mussels detected on 12 and invasive red rim melania snails detected on one.

"Our hope is that we can detect these early enough," FWP Region 3 Information Officer Morgan Jacobsen said. "If we basically stop more from getting introduced, the species population doesn't take."

FWP increased its boat inspections by nearly 7,000 in May. According to FWP, boats carrying invasive mussels

usually come from the Midwest states or Arizona. Invasive mussels are expensive to manage once a population is established in a water system. They attach to surfaces and multiply rapidly, clogging up infrastructure and destroying fisheries.

The Tiber Reservoir in the northern part of the state is Montana's sole body of water suspected for invasive mussels. In 2016, larvae of invasive mussels were detected in the reservoir. Adult mussels have never been detected in Tiber Reservoir, according to FWP aquatic invasive species information officer, Liz Lodman. Boats leaving the reservoir must undergo mandatory inspections to mitigate the potential threat.

"You think there's a lot of hoops to jump into right now just wait," Jacobsen said. "If they [aquatic invasive species] infest a water body, then there will be a lot of regulations."

Canyon Ferry on the Missouri River, east of Helena, was delisted from Montana's

suspected bodies of water for aquatic invasive mussels in February. After three years of no invasive mussel detection, mandatory exit inspections ended.

The invasive red rim melania snails were found on a motorboat at the Anaconda inspection station. The boat

was traveling from Lake Havasu, Arizona to Washington, according to FWP. Red rim melania snails are native to Africa and Asia. The snails in North America are suspected to be from someone dumping an aquarium tank into open water.

Aquatic invasive species do

not need a lot of water to survive. They can cling to boats and water gear, if not cleaned or thoroughly dried. Read more about where and how to get your boat inspected in Montana in our summer *The Loop* edition, on stands by the end of June.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Taking the treasurer position a few steps further

Keely Larson
THE MADISONIAN

Donna Crumley has been the treasurer at Madison Valley Caring and Sharing for over 15 years. The way Crumley tackles her position makes it more than writing thank you's to donors and paying bills, which are two components of her volunteer position.

Crumley moved to Ennis in 1980 and worked at what is now First Interstate Bank, retiring just a year and a half ago. "We've upgraded from when I started on the food bank," Crumley said, which coincided with her move to Ennis.

The food bank used to rent a place by the football field, but with the Town Pump match grants and donations over the years, it was able to secure the current facility. Jennifer Doney, food bank board member, praised Crumley for her organizational skills and connections to those in town.

Doney mentioned Crumley has been working with the senior center since its opening, helping provide food donations for the Meals on Wheels program. Crumley works with meat sources in the area to maintain local meat products at the food bank and coordinates donations from hunters.

The food bank has the same food safety standards as a grocery store, so any meat donations need to be processed by a reputable butcher, Deemo's, in this case. Crumley purchased a 4-H animal at the fair last summer to meet the end of

providing local meat as well, dually supporting the student and the client. She would additionally go to case lot sales—sales of wholesale products—in Bozeman to help purchase and stock food supplies.

"Her huge skill was the networking and coordinating with resources," Doney said.

As the coronavirus entered Madison County, the community responded in a variety of generous ways. "We had a lot of (monetary) donations, so we bought some gift certificates from the businesses and handed those out also so that worked on both sides. It helped both the businesses and the clients and the community," Crumley said.

"We thought we would get more community members using it (the food bank) and I don't feel like we got as many that probably needed to come," she continued. The Madison County populace, being humble and self-sufficient, does not like to ask for help, even if the times have changed and people struggle for different reasons.

"It's not just there for those struggling that way. It's for when times are just different for you and you are struggling to make things meet, and I'm hoping they won't be prideful and will just come use it," Crumley encouraged.



Donna and her husband, John.
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DISTRICT COURT ROUND UP

STRING OF BAD CHECKS

Kenneth Harry Houlihan of Cameron pleaded not guilty June 1 to a felony charge for a common scheme of issuing bad checks.

Between June 25 and July 5, 2019, Houlihan wrote more than 10 checks from a closed account to purchase items at several Ennis businesses. Shedhorn Sports was the first to report the complaint to the Ennis Police, according to the affidavit. True Value, Willie's Distillery, Ennis Pharmacy, D&D Auto and My Home in Montana also had checks from Houlihan to be denied.

Houlihan's first appearance for the charge in Madison County District Court had been postponed for out-of-state medical treatment and COVID-19 quarantine requirements. He was released on his own recognizance to return for future court dates.

DAMSEL FISHING ACCESS CAR CRASH

Robert Martin Dwan pleaded not guilty to eight charges related his car crash off of Montana Highway 84 May 6.

He was transported from Gallatin County Detention Center for his first appearance in Madison County District Court June 4. Dwan is charged with his fifth drinking under the influence violation, a felony, driving with a

revoked license, driving without liability insurance, driving a vehicle not properly registered, displaying license plates assigned to another vehicle, unlawful possession of an open alcohol container and driving without his required interlock device, which are all misdemeanor charges. He was also charged with a seatbelt violation.

According to court documents, Dwan's driving under the influence history began in 1998. He was arrested May 6 after crashing into a parked car at the Damsel Fishing Access. The owner of the parked car was fishing at the time of the crash. According to the affidavit, Dwan's Toyota Camry ran off the right side of the highway and he overcorrected to the left. He continued eastbound through a grass field, cleared a ditch, hit the wood rail fence of the fishing access site and crashed into the parked car, which stopped him.

Dwan had two felony warrants for his arrest in Powell County and Toole County, and two misdemeanor warrants in Gallatin County and Broadwater County. His bond was set at \$10,000.

GEE CONVICTED IN MADISON COUNTY

Tory Vincent Gee of Sheridan entered a plea agreement and pleaded guilty to three felony charges and a misdemeanor in Madison County District Court

June 4.

Gee was arrested in Jefferson County Aug. 17 for a Madison County arrest warrant. Two days earlier, Gee was reported to have shot a gun inside his ex-girlfriend's house in Sheridan. He was convicted of criminal endangerment, a felony, and violating the no contact order with the ex-girlfriend. According to Jefferson County Detention Center records, Gee called the woman 211 time between Aug. 29 and Oct. 11. His calls also revealed his attempt to tamper with a witness or informant, another felony he was convicted of June 4.

The 27-year-old escaped the JDC Oct. 11. While he was on the run, he stole his friend's mountain bike and a 1980 GMC Sierra ranch truck in Madison County. He pleaded guilty to the theft of property exceeding \$1,500, a felony, June 4.

Gee evaded law enforcement until Oct. 18, when he was arrested and transported to the Gallatin Detention Center. According to GCDC, Gee called his ex-girlfriend's phone number more than 250 times between Oct. 29 and Dec. 5. He continued to ask her not to testify against him.

The court ordered a presentence investigation before sentencing Gee. Gee faces several other charges in multiple counties.

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OPINION

Happy to see FWP's proposal

Dear Editor,

I've lived in Madison County for over 60 years. I am very happy to see Montana FWP's proposal that they want to send for public comment. We have needed a plan like this for 15 years. These proposed regulations will protect the river for my great grandchildren and will allow me to teach them to love a river that is on the brink of no return. Please encourage the commission to send the FWP alternative listed below to public comment.

4.1.2: Cap the total number of outfitter trips at 2019 limits.

3.2.2: Two days per-week rest-rotation seasonally, June 15 to September 30 Saturday: Varney Bridge FAS to Ennis FAS: no commercial activity Sunday: Lyons Bridge FAS to Palisades Day Use Area: no commercial activity

3.1.1: Seasonal walk/wade,

June 15 to September 30 Friday to Sunday: Quake Lake to Lyons Bridge FAS and Ennis FAS to Ennis Reservoir: no watercraft or floatation device can be used to access fishing Monday to Thursday: Quake Lake to Lyons Bridge FAS and Ennis FAS to Ennis Reservoir: no fishing from watercraft or floatation devices; however, watercraft and floatation devices can be used to access fishing (current regulation)

3.3: Access Site Management

3.5.2: New access acquisitions below Greycliff FAS will have limited development to maintain the primitive nature by limiting vessel or float tube access to carry-in only.

4.3.1: No-cost No-Limit Madison River Stamp

Sincerely,

Donald Clark

Cameron, MT

Partisan politics

Dear Editor,

We are experiencing riots that are the result of a permissive society gone rampant. We have tolerated this inexcusable behavior for too long. What has happened to respect for law and order? Now, roving gangs of Liberal thugs, called ANTIFA, are being directed to now roam the suburbs and start robbing and burning there. There is no excuse for the burning and looting that is taking place. What would happen if white people did the same in black neighborhoods. Four innocent police officers and one retired police officer are dead because of the rioting criminal behavior. Floyd's asphyxiation may have been caused by his heart condition, methamphetamine and fentanyl in his system. The liberal press continues to omit the fact that the man was being arrested for criminal behavior and was clearly under the influence of some substance. Floyd had served five prior prison terms; the last involved a violent attack on a pregnant woman. Criminals ingesting these drugs are a violent threat. This rioting is not about dismay over the death of a repeat offender, Mr. Floyd... it is about a racist agenda to wreak havoc on the white population. Mr. Floyd's family has already asked for it to stop but it continues. Why are cities ordering curfews they do not enforce? Cannot protesters exercise their first amendment rights peaceably and before 11:30 at night? We find it ironic that the very people who are protesting are themselves acting out the racism they hide behind.

There is no room for assault on innocent people who reside and have business in our country. This is exactly why the 2nd Amendment needs to always remain intact. We have the right to protect ourselves, our families and our property. The very people who "Serve and Protect" are they themselves the victims of the very people they provide protection for. But nowadays, police are not respected enough nor backed up enough to get the job done by themselves. As a nation we must no longer tolerate the lawlessness and domestic terrorism being forced on us by people who idolize criminals. People who want to have a piece of the American pie, should help bake it, not just burn it. Thankfully we have a president who is not going to tolerate this type of lawlessness. Be careful who you put in office this fall. Protect yourselves and be thankful that you live in Montana.

Marc and Patricia Dingfelder

Ennis, MT

Racial Unity is why I am a Baha'i

Dear Editor,

Racial Unity is why I am a Baha'i. There were many tenets of the Baha'i teachings that attracted my seeking nature, such as the agreement of science & religion, equality of men & women,... but it was the Baha'i teaching of the Oneness Of Mankind that resonated in my heart.

I grew up in a Northern Montana town (border town), bordering two Native American Reservations. I would go to Sunday School and sing "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight, and then be told not to play with the brown skinned neighbors.

God loved all colors, but I was not supposed to. I did not get it.

Today I know these prejudices held by the adults around me when I was a child were not Christian teachings, but social teachings. The Covenant of God does not change from Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Baha'i teachings, only the social teachings are updated by the Savior/Manifestation/ Prophet/.

Today, Baha'u'llah's teachings of the Oneness of Mankind, The Oneness of Religion, the Oneness of God are being recognized by a maturing world.

A Baha'i quote:

"The Earth is but One Country, and Mankind its Citizens. Know ye not why We created you all from the same Dust? That no

one should exalt himself over the other. We have created you all from one same substance it is incumbent on you to be even as one soul, to walk with the same feet, eat with the same mouth and dwell in the same land, that from your inmost being, by your deeds and actions the signs of oneness and the essence of detachment may be made manifest."

Standing for Race Unity,

Jennifer Doney and Jack Finley

Ennis, MT

Searching for hope in troubling times

Dear Editor,

The continued killings of black people by white people fill me with sadness and angst. It's not just blacks who lack equal access to adequate health care, education, economic opportunity, and the ability to walk or worship without fearing for their lives. Other populations also face oppression and bigotry in Montana and America as a whole.

Our democratic institutions are failing us. Many elected leaders and even some courts and police departments are turning a blind eye to each citizen's Constitutional right to equal treatment under the law.

I search for hope in these troubling times. The predominantly peaceful protesters speaking up across the country offer reassurance. I am inspired by their commitment and passionate call for meaningful change.

I add my voice to theirs. In particular, I urge us to press for laws and procedures that make the election process fair and accessible to all citizens. The right to vote applies no matter our race, ethnicity, religion, income status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Please tell Montana's Congressional representatives to strengthen, not dilute, the Voter Rights Act. Please support private, nonprofit organizations like Let America Vote and the ACLU. Please vote thoughtfully in the November General Election.

In my view, Montana does not need four more years of President Trump, the Divider-in-Chief; nor do we need legislators or a governor who will blindly follow him in the pursuit of power. Rather, we need a Uniter-in-Chief like Joe Biden, with the moral compass and steady hand to guide us forward. And, we need lawmakers and a governor who will work collaboratively with each other, our next President, and us. Let's reaffirm diversity and compassion as strengths, education and economic prosperity as opportunities open to all, science as essential to our understanding of the world, and global harmony as a worthy goal.

Doris Fischer

Sheridan, MT

The Madison River needs regulations

Dear Editor,

I've been hearing around town that now is not the right time to regulate usage on the Madison River. I think this statement is uneducated and backed by fear, not scientific data. The Madison River needs regulations, as Fish Wildlife and Parks stated two years ago when they originally submitted a proposal. In the past two years, river usage certainly hasn't declined. I think everyone in this town can agree that we love this river and would hate to see anything bad happen to it. The world is surely suffering from the effects of Covid-19, but let's not let our river suffer further from overuse. If the Fish and Wildlife Commission implements a responsible management plan for the river, both businesses in Ennis and the trout in the Madison will lead sustainable paths forward.

Thanks,

Jared Hastings

Cameron, MT

Thank you Governor Bullock, shame on you Ennis Businesses

I have recently read lots of business owners in Ennis saying the Governor Bullock doesn't care about them and that their businesses will go out of business if new Madison River Recreation Regulations are passed-- regulations that have been in process for over 10 years. I find it interesting that these businesses say they are struggling and not making any money because of coronavirus, yet when I looked at the businesses that had applied for coronavirus grants that Governor Bullock is offering, none of them had applied. These are grants, they do not have to be repaid and are here to help businesses that are suffering. If you can't even apply for this funding, I find it laughable that you are trying to say these regulations will destroy your business. Doesn't seem like you're even fighting for it in ways you can.

Also, the regulations being proposed to be sent to public comment by Montana FWP are not going to impact the economy. They do not regulate non-commercial fisherman. If anything it will encourage people who have had to leave because there was no where for just wade fishing to return. Maybe more people will come to town because there are non-commercial fishing sections on different days. It is only proposing that commercial fishing remain at 2019 levels, I'm pretty sure all of the businesses were doing just fine last year.

Thank you Governor Bullock for supporting small businesses AND protecting a river long term.

Sincerely,

Garrett Thompson

Cameron, MT

More opinion on page A5

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Opinions continued from A4

CWD-free buffer zone should be considered around Yellowstone ecosystem

Dear Editor,

Similar to Mad Cow Disease in Cattle, CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) is an enzymatic disorder of the central nervous system (CNS) of mammals caused by mis-folded enzymes (prions). Normal prions are chaperone proteins, responsible for protein production. However, not being a “natural disease” (CWD was created by humans due to feedlot malpractice), complex cascading enzymatic pathways have been corrupted, causing normal prions to act as bad “seed crystals” in mis-folding normal proteins of the CNS. Transmissible to other herd members through contact, CWD proteins are shed into the environment, and are stable, like a bacterial spore, surviving for two years contaminating salt licks or soils.

Having watched the 10 year March of CWD across the West, it has arrived in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in 2019. According to Yellowstone biologists, the only practical way to manage CWD in the Park, is prevention. A Yale University research project in 2019 suggested establishment of a CWD free buffer zone surrounding the GYE to protect; or if already too late, delay spread of this “Game Farm” disease into the wildlife of the GYE. If left unmolested (as has already happened at Wind Cave National Park), CWD will eventually kill all the elk of both the northern and southern herds.

Robert Lindstrom
Hebgen Lake, MT

OBITUARIES

Boe John Dove October 26, 1997 to May 31, 2020



On May 31, 2020 our Boe John Dove went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was born on October 26, 1997 in Butte, Mont. This is a tragedy that family and friends will have to learn to survive and find a “new normal.” Boe brought many people a smile, laughter and love when they needed it most. His beautiful heart was his gift from God. His own pain is over now, and he is

flying with the angels today. He believed life is better in the mountains, he loved guns like his father, hunting, and most of all his beloved family and friends. He loved and hated doing concrete, but felt close to his buddies who suffered the job with him. Our family is so grateful to those who made Boe feel loved. We thank you! He loved you all, he wanted to protect you and was a true warrior. He

is survived by a large family: His mother Heather M. Dove (Cory Learn), father Matthew G. Dove (Jill Dove), his siblings Grace Dove, Aidan Dove, Bailey Fellows (Nic), and Jacob Price (Melanie), step-siblings Nick Learn, Cameron Learn, and Torey Learn, adopted sister Evelin Dove, his girlfriend and Godsend Ashley Dempster, his nieces Aniston Fellows, Eastlyn Fellows, Peyton

Price and Marlee Learn, his cousins Zane Kountz, Luke Arterbury, Sebastian Sommer ,Davey Banks (Jolene) Adam Banks (Sierra), Luke Banks (Katie),Tyler (Jean) Arterbury, his aunts Gail Banks, Adrienne Arterbury and Dawn Christman , uncles Brandon Dove, Jason Arterbury and Caleb Arterbury (Tennille), grandmothers Alberta Dove, Carolyn Henry, great grandmother Fayma

Patacini, and grandfather Michael Arterbury. He was preceded in death by: his uncle Boe John Dove, grandfather Vernon Dove, great grandfather Henry Patacini and uncle Tim Patacini. However, now his body rests with them in the beauty that is cast by the Tobacco Root Mountains of Montana. The list is long and goes on of dear family and dear friends. We know who you are and we love you.

Samuel John Korsmoe



Samuel John Korsmoe passed away May 17 while hospitalized at the Madison Valley Medical Center after a long illness of pulmonary fibrosis



and sudden cardiopulmonary arrest. Sam was born in Poplar, Mont., attended school in Poplar and graduated in 1947. He was an honor roll student and participated in every sport as well as helping his father, Soren, run the farm. Sam attended Montana State, now named MSU, and graduated with a degree in civil engineering in 1951. Sam and Elena were married Dec. 27, 1952 in Los Angeles. His first job was with Chicago Bridge & Iron in Salt Lake City. His second job was with the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, New Mexico. In 1956, his father died and we went back to Montana to farm in the Great Falls area for a few years. He returned to his profession and was the structural engineer for Page Werner & Partners in Great Falls, Mont. until the late 80s. We then retired and lived in Phoenix, Arizona until 1997, came back to Montana and found a lovely home on the golf course in Ennis in

1998. Sam worked summers at Ennis RV (back to his beloved working with soil) and Elena returned to teaching as a sub in Ennis schools. Sam got involved with the food bank in Ennis, as he had been in Phoenix, played golf and our greatest joy was watching and cheering our 13 grandchildren in sports, music, theater and art. Sam is survived by Elena, his wife of 67 years in Ennis; Roberta Darrell McKay and their children, Mandy and Joey in Bozeman and Samantha in Australia; Elena and Dan Fox and daughters Ayla and Maja in Marysville, Wash.; Theresa and Roger Trang and Matthew in Helena; and Jessie

and Taylor in Nashua and Glasgow, Mont.; Sam in Vietnam, summers in Ennis and his son Colter in Ennis; Mary and Mike Hillenius and Molly in Bozeman and Miranda in Los Angeles; seven great grandchildren and two more expected. Plans for his celebration of life are for August 15 with the planting of a memorial tree in Ennis RV. His family is grateful for the care he received at the Manor from Feb. 11 to May 13. On May 14, his doctors moved him to the hospital where the excellent care continued and his family was with him to the very last.

George Parker Mainwaring Memorial



June 13 at 11 a.m.
Pony Bible Church in Pony, MT
Due to the coronavirus, we understand if you cannot make it but thank you for your prayers and thoughts.

Michael E. Nettik Memorial

A Celebration of Live memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 20 at 11a.m. at the Mountain View Chapel in Twin Bridges. A luncheon will follow in the Jeffers Building at the Madison County Fairgrounds.

Harold Richardson July 22, 1930 to June 1, 2020



Harold Richardson, 89, passed away June 1, 2020 of natural cause, at his home in McAllister, Mont. Harold was born in Pitkin, Ark. on July 22, 1930 to Ben and Gladys Richardson. Harold grew up in the Oberlin, Kan. area. One of nine children, he attended and graduated from Decatur Community High School. Harold joined the Navy and became an airplane mechanic, serving in the Korean War. After serving his country, he moved to California, where he met and married his wife, Doris. They

raised two children, Danny and Kathy in Los Gatos, Calif. Harold joined and worked for the San Jose Fire Dept. #248 for 30 years. As an engineer, Harold earned several recognition awards. In 1994, Harold and Doris retired and moved to McAllister Northern Meadow area. It is here Harold lived out his life with family and friends. A small service will be held in Ennis. In place of flowers or cards, we ask, if you like, to donate to his favorite charity, Stafford Animal Shelter, Livingston, Mont.

Sheryl Maureen Wetherbee

Sheryl Maureen Wetherbee went to be with our Heavenly Father on June 5, 2020 at the young age of 79. She joins her husband Roy, son David , and grandson Christoffer as well as her mother, father and brother

Her fighting spirit and generous heart live on in her children Lisa, Roy, Misty, Michael, and Crystal, 5 grandchildren Stephi, Kevin, Roy Michael and Nicholas, and a slew of great grandchildren. She moved to the Valley in 2003

following the death of her eldest son, David. She worked at The Mill Creek Inn until it sold. She loved the Valley and called it home until her dying day. A life celebration and remembrance will be held later this summer.

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Kids Fishing Derby

Submitted by Joe Witherspoon

The Veterans of Twin Bridges will hold their annual fishing derby for kids age 14 years and younger. Fishing from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Lori's Pond, 1.5 miles from Twin Bridges on the Dillon Hwy. There will be a Bar-B-

Que served by the Vets and Women's Auxiliary at noon for everyone present.

DERBY RULES:

- 1. Must be UNDER 15 years old to fish.
- 2. After the fish is caught, bring it to the weigh-in cano-

py. Fish will be weighed and logged on the fish board. If this is the kid's first fish, they can pick out any of the prizes laid out on the table.

BIGGEST FISH:

The kids fishing are divided into 2 age groups, under 10 years old and over 10 years old.

Each of these groups will have boys and girls division. Fishing poles are awarded for each boy

and girl who catches the biggest fish in their division. A fish means any fish caught.

Pictures of the kid with their fish can be taken and sent to them via E-mail or mail.

You must leave your e-mail address or address.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: AFTER THE POND IS STOCKED JUST BEFORE THE DERBY "NO FISHING" SIGNS WILL BE POSTED. THIS MEANS NO FISHING

BY ANYONE. THIS WILL GIVE THE FISH TIME TO ACLIMATE TO THE POND AND ENSURE THAT THE KIDS WILL HAVE FISH TO CATCH.

Questions or more information contact Joe Witherspoon at (406) 842-7722

Local students earn Montana University System Honor Scholarships

Submitted by Sheila Newlun, State Scholarship Coordinator

The Montana University System has awarded the prestigious Montana University System Honor Scholarship to 2 students in the local area (see below).

The MUS Honor Scholarship is a renewable scholarship

offered by the Montana Board of Regents that waives undergraduate tuition for up to eight semesters at any campus of the Montana University System or Dawson, Flathead Valley or Miles community colleges. The scholarship's average value is \$20,000. It is the most prestigious scholarship offered cen-

trally by the Montana University System.

Students offered this scholarship must be graduates of an accredited Montana high school with a minimum grade point average of 3.4 at the end of their seventh semester in high school, take either the ACT or SAT standardized test, meet college

core requirements, and attend an eligible Montana campus.

"These scholarships are for Montana's best and brightest and we are honored to be able to provide them," said Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education. "We look forward to these students choosing the Montana institution of

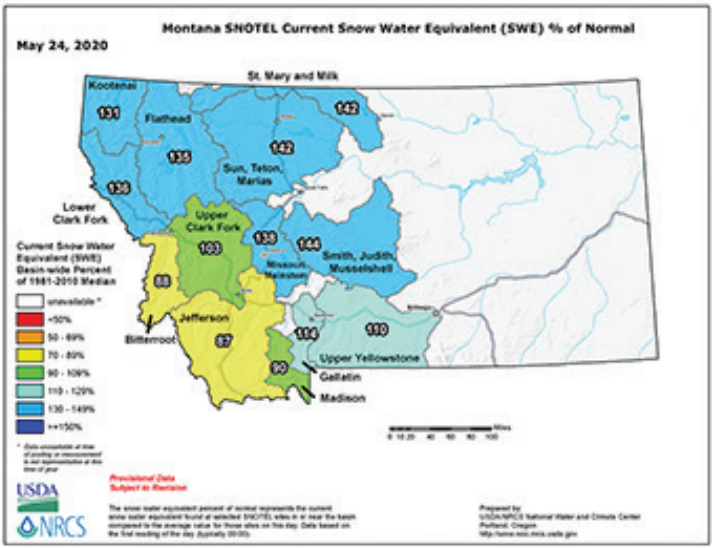
their choice and getting a great education right here in the state."

A total of 253 scholarships have been offered statewide, the following students in your area have been offered a MUS Honor Scholarship and have given permission to print and/or distribute their names for pub-

lication. A full list is available at http://www.mus.edu/Prepare/Pay/Scholarships/MUS_Honor_Scholarship.asp.

Zayne Sanborn, Ennis High School
Robinson Dale, Twin Bridges High School

Abnormally warm weather during last week of May causes rapid snowmelt



Submitted by LUCAS ZUKIEWICZ, Water Supply Specialist NRCS

The June 1 Water Supply Outlook Report, released by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), highlights the weather patterns which occurred during the month of May, which ranged

from cool and wet to anomalously warm and dry.

"River basins west of the Divide started May with cool and wet weather during the first three weeks, with snowmelt occurring at a gradual pace. During the same time, river basins east of the Divide didn't receive the same wet weather pattern. Some basins

in southwest Montana (Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin) experienced well below average precipitation for the month of May." According to Lucas Zukiewicz, NRCS water supply specialist for Montana. "Fortunately, temperatures hovered near seasonal normals and snowmelt was typical for this time of year during the first

three weeks of May. However, the last week of the month and first week of June were game changers."

"The weather we have experienced during the last two weeks may have redefined our late summer water resources in some river basins east of the Divide," said Zukiewicz. During the last week of May, temperatures across the state gradually warmed to well above normal, reaching highs for daily average temperatures at mountain SNOTEL sites during the last weekend of the month. "The abundant sunshine and well above average temperatures paired with overnight temperatures above freezing at high elevations resulted in a significant amount of the remaining snow water

in the snowpack being released into the river systems," said Zukiewicz. Streamflows surged to the minor flood stage along some river systems in Montana; however, widespread flooding was not reported.

This year's seasonal snowmelt runoff might yield the average, or above average, amount of overall water this year, but the timing of when it was delivered has been moved forward a few weeks east of the Divide. "It's important to remember that this year snowpack in many of these basins east of the Divide peaked near to above normal, but the accelerated melt means it has moved through the systems ahead of schedule," Zukiewicz said. Reservoir managers have been able to store much of this water, where storage is available, but on free-flowing river systems there could be implications later this summer.

"The main impact of this rapid melt in river basins east of the Divide is that what was a near or slightly below normal snowpack in some river basins east of the Divide on May 24 has been reduced to well below normal by June 8. This could lead to lower than normal flows in our rivers and streams later this summer when water demand is highest if summer precipitation fails to arrive," said Zukiewicz. Summer streamflow forecasts for the June 1 through September 30

have decreased from May 1 and range from near to slightly below average in northern and central river basins, to well below average for the Jefferson River basin in southwest Montana.

While snowmelt has also been rapid in basins west of the Divide since late May, snowpack in the Kootenai, Flathead, and Lower Clark Fork River basins is above normal for this date. "These basins benefitted from cool weather during April and the first three weeks of May, which helped to prolong the seasonal snowpack. Additional May precipitation added water to the system," Zukiewicz said. "Summer streamflows in this region are the highlight of the state, and summer volumes look to be near to above average for the June 1 through September 30 period."

Monthly Water Supply Outlook Reports can be found at the website below after the fifth business day of the month: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/mt/snow/>

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MONTANA WESTERN NAMES STUDENTS TO DEAN’S LIST

Submitted by UMW REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

The University of Montana Western named 570 students to the 2020 spring semester Dean’s List.

To achieve this honor, students must be enrolled full-time or for 12 semester credits and carry a minimum 3.33 grade point average. An asterisk after a name indicates a student received Dean’s List high honors.

The listing is divided alphabetically by city.

Madison County students

First Name	Last Name	High Honors	City
Amanda	McClish		Alder
Michelle	Tellstrom	*	Big Sky
Sawyer	Keener	*	Cardwell
Alysa	Fugal		Ennis
Josie	Jenkins	*	Ennis
Walker	McKitrick	*	McAllister
Whitney	Mckitrick	*	McAllister
Hanna	McParland		Sheridan
Alexis	Woirhaye	*	Sheridan
Haley	Fournier		Twin Bridges
Skuela	Mager	*	Twin Bridges
Charali	Wetherbee	*	Twin Bridges
Shalynn	Broksle		Twin Bridges
Harley	Sprinkle		Virginia City

Montana families encouraged to apply for WIC

Program provides supplemental nutrition assistance

Submitted by DPHHS
Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Director Sheila Hogan said today a program to support mothers and children is available and ready to help Montanans who may need food assistance, nutrition education, and breast-feeding support.

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program provides healthy food and nutrition services to 15,000 moms and children each month, and

DPHHS believes that many more are eligible due to the current financial strain many families are under due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

“Local WIC agencies across Montana are accepting new families and are eager to help those who could benefit from the program,” Hogan said.

At this time, WIC agencies are completing appointments over the phone for new, past and current participants. WIC has also recently updated the foods eligible on the program to provide more flexibility at the store.

In addition to food, the program also provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and a community of support from both experts and peers to thousands of moms and children monthly. Montana WIC has the ability to serve additional families who qualify.

“If you’re pregnant, a caregiver, or a new mom with children under 5, you can get the right personalized support for you and your family,” Hogan said. “This program is designed to help fam-

ilies and young children during an important time in growth and development.”

Households that are enrolled in the following programs automatically meet income eligibility for WIC:

- Healthy Montana Kids Plus (HMK-Plus) and Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- National School Lunch

Program (free and reduced-price meals)

Local clinics can be found through an easy search at www.signupwic.com. More information may be found at www.wic.mt.gov or by calling 1-800-433-4298.

Current WIC recipients can check their benefits by using the WICShopper application, calling the number on the back of their card, or asking their clinic staff or store staff to provide them a benefit balance.

More information about

WIC, including specific income guidelines, is available online at wic.mt.gov by calling 1-800-433-4298. A family of four with household annual income of \$47,638 would be income-eligible.

Local clinic information is at signupwic.com. The WIC state office can be reached by email at montanawicprogram@mt.gov, or by calling toll-free 800-433-4298. A WIC FAQ for common questions about the program is also available



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Q: What is the historical difference between Physical Therapy and Eastern Medicine, tai chi/qigong?

A: Physical Therapy and Eastern Medicine have different historical comparisons. According to Wikipedia, physical therapy was first mentioned with the use of hot cold therapy and massage back in 460 B.C.. Exercise and manipulation was not part of it. The first mention of physical therapy according to Wikipedia was 1813 by the Royal Central Institute by the Swedish Government. Treatment included manipulation and exercise used on gymnasts. Modern physical therapy started with the polio outbreak between 1911 and 1916. World War II implemented PTs called “reconstruction aids” that worked in hospital settings. It was not until 1950s that patient therapy was introduced and has slowly improved and become more specified in parts of the body and its significance with movement. Eastern Medicine tai chi/qigong, according to Wikipedia, is Chinese in origin. Although there are 15 different types from different Eastern aspects of the world that are too numerous to mention. The origin of tai chi is from a Taoist monk back to 1200 A.D. Physical Therapy is a movement science as well as Eastern Medicine. The difference is PT is more segmented, robotic in nature where Eastern Medicine is more of a flow, holistic whole body connection. It is based on nature energy and connecting movements throughout the body. A combination of both is quite powerful in treatment especially when Western Medicine fails.



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• Make sure your sunscreen has a sun protection factor (SPF) 30 or higher. The SPF number is the level of protection the sunscreen provides against UVB rays. Higher SPF numbers mean more protection, but the higher you go, the smaller the additional benefit. SPF 30 sunscreens filter out about 97%. No sunscreen protects you completely. Sunscreens with SPF below 15 only protect against sunburn, not skin cancer or skin aging.
• No sunscreens are waterproof or sweatproof. If a product’s label makes claims of being water resistant, it must specify whether it lasts for 40 minutes or 80 minutes while in the water. Reapply sunscreen at least every 2 hours and even more often if you are swimming or sweating.



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MENTAL HEALTH

Q: Why am I struggling to remain positive?

A: It seems every day we are met with depressing information on the news. These are “unprecedented” times with the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. There is stress due to isolation, working a job, job loss, and simply living day-to-day life. People understandably feel tired and overwhelmed. Because of this new type of suffering, it may be difficult to find things to be grateful for or to remain positive about due to everyday suffering seen in ourselves, those we love, and people on the news or social media. Some things that could improve your outlook may include a gesture like sending a note to someone to brighten their day; being outdoors which can help reduce worry, stress, and anxiety as well as increase your ability to focus; being open to finding new opportunities; guided meditation which can assist with direction and positivity; and doing your best to avoid negative thoughts which can distract you from what you consider important while possibly draining your energy.



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MADISON COUNTY WEATHER

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Saturday




Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 73F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday



Rain showers in the morning with scattered thunderstorms arriving in the afternoon. High 61F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 60%.

Monday



Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 69F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.

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SUPERintendent

Pam Birkeland's method for teaching and instructing



"My philosophy as a teacher was always to be connected with families and be there and build relationships and help them in any way that I could,"

Birkeland said.

Birkeland will donate tomato plants she grew to the library for a fundraising event.
PHOTO BY KEELY LARSON

By KEELY LARSON
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"I would yell so loud and then I would come back on Monday to Helena to work and I couldn't talk, and I think that's what happened," Pam Birkeland said as an explanation for her soft voice. Beyond cheering, Birkeland sang the National Anthem at Montana State University (MSU) football games twice during her son's collegiate football career.

"My knees shook," she said quietly, remembering the experience.

After hearing that story, it took a bit of creativity to picture Birkeland screaming at a football game—her speaking voice is sweet and small. But she has a Bobcat tattoo on her ankle and her face covering was blue and yellow, MSU's mascot and colors. So maybe it is conceivable.

"I'm a pretty big fan," she said. The last three years of her son's football career at MSU, Birkeland attended every home and away game. At one of these games she would end up meeting Gary, her significant other of 15 years.

"I was waiting for my son and I had my little mom button on and he [Gary] asked me if I had a son who played, and I said yes. He said, I played for the Bobcats. He told me he had a ranch over here," Birkeland recalled of their first conversation.

"So, we visited a little bit and then the next weekend I waited

for my son because he had another home game, and there he [Gary] was. So, we visited again and the next weekend we had an away game and I said, you should come. You played for the Cats, you would love these away games. And so, he did. And we've been together ever since."

Before this encounter, Birkeland received her undergraduate degree in elementary education from MSU and met the man she would end up marrying and having three children with. He was a farmer and not very involved in raising the kids. While not a single mom technically, Birkeland raised her kids and continued teaching along the way.

Her first teaching job was in Highwood, Mont., a town the 2010 census designated as having a population of 176. She taught kindergarten, K-2 physical education, seventh/eighth grade reading and language arts and was the K-12 librarian. "It was a great opportunity to see the whole spectrum of what you could do in education," Birkeland said.

"My philosophy as a teacher was always to be connected with families and be there, and build relationships and help them in any way that I could," Birkeland said. It incorporated the student's health, at-home life and made sure their parents felt supported.

"I think what might come out of this [COVID-19] though is that the relationships will

be strong and then there will be more partnership between family and schools as we move forward, because they had to work so closely together," Birkeland said.

The concept of the whole child, her teaching philosophy, informed Birkeland's style and does her current duties as county superintendent of Madison and Jefferson counties. Before taking these positions, Birkeland was hired as a curriculum and instruction administrator at the district level in Helena. She worked with teachers to design curriculums, oversaw federal programs, ran state assessments and was in charge of collecting and reporting data to outside entities.

Her next step was to retire early, but she found an ad for the Madison County superintendent job after moving to Ennis in 2013. "You look at your background and what you can bring to the table," Birkeland said of what a superintendent position entails. There are requirements at the state level, but after filling those, superintendents' roles boil down to finding ways to support their districts or counties.

"Through the COVID I worked closely with all three little schools because there was a whole series of planning that had to take place when the governor closed schools. After two weeks, every school had to submit a plan to the governor to continue getting funding,"

Birkeland said. These three small schools included Alder in Madison County and Basin and Cardwell in Jefferson.

Small schools like these do not usually have administration. County superintendents fill this role as an authorized representative and act as the superintendent in collaboration with the lead teacher and rest of the staff.

Birkeland does not know exactly why she is attracted to these smaller areas. Her graduating class at Billings Senior High School was 700 plus. However, her grandfather homesteaded in Billings and she lived on some acreage outside of town while going through school.

"When I left Helena, they had a little retirement get together for myself and a principal and they asked what I was going to do. I said, well I'm probably going to sleep in to 5:30, because I always got up at 4:30, and I'm going to practice adult 4-H because I recognize that I was missing that," Birkeland explained.

She missed her connection with the land. Now, she has a large garden on her property outside Ennis.

As it turned out, her family history on the land tied into her family history in education. Her great-grandfather on her mom's side was the territorial superintendent of schools for Montana before statehood.

Working as the Madison and Jefferson county superintendent allows Birkeland to use the knowledge she gained over a career in public education. She goes to board meetings to remind members she is there for them and offers whatever help she can. She helps teachers integrate technology into their classrooms, first delving into this facet as part of a curriculum cooperative in Fort Benton.

"It's hard for some teachers still. I mean people my age, if you didn't have the opportunity like I did to help other teachers integrate technology, you use it, but it's not your natural go-to, where a younger teacher comes out of college ready to do that," Birkeland said.

Evident in the way she spoke



Little Pam and her three older brothers. Growing up with three brothers and in a neighborhood full of boys made her a bit of a tomboy, she said.

PHOTO COURTESY PAM BIRKELAND



Pam is wearing her father's letter sweater from when he played at MSU in the 1930s. Gary is wearing a sweater he was given after being inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame. Pam's son, Brant, was a captain for the MSU Bobcat football team.

PHOTO COURTESY PAM BIRKELAND

about teachers, schools and her family, Birkeland cares comprehensively—the whole child, the whole school, the whole district and the whole family. She knew she wanted to be a teacher from her first year in public education. Her mother, not an educat-

ed teacher as Birkeland put it, used to help the neighborhood boys with homework as needed.

Caring just ran in the family. "I care about people. I feel like you're there to give what you can. Give, and help people."



Kiele, Kade, Brant and Pam in 2000. Her kids live around the country, but they all manage to stay connected.

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COLUMNS



COMMODITY INSITE Erroneous assumptions

By JERRY WELCH

Going into 2020, I was quite bullish commodities but not bullish stocks at all. I was excited about commodities because the Trump trade war with China had been underway since March 2018 and it seemed as if it was about to end. As for stocks, they did quite well in 2019, thanks to the U.S. jobs force being the largest in 50 years but it also seemed the market was ahead of itself and poised to turn lower. Commodities was the place to be in the New Year all my work suggested. But that turned out to be an erroneous assumption on my part.

In early January, China and the U.S. did sign a treaty to end the trade war. But a few days later, coronavirus began to sweep the globe, bringing every economy to its knees. The bearish icing

on the cake was when Saudi Arabia and Russia got into a price war over crude oil and petroleum prices evaporated, eventually falling to less than zero a barrel. Yes, crude oil prices fell to less than zero a barrel!

By March, the market psychology for stocks and commodities turned to despair with values and prices everywhere falling like the proverbial stone. And now, the United States is facing the most severe economic crisis in the past 90 to 100 years. Stocks and commodities have gone from the penthouse to the outhouse in 6 tumultuous months. And in my view, there is no end in sight to the historic mess that began in earnest in January.

On April 24, I penned a column entitled, “Dominated

by Deflation.” I wrote, “What has already been experienced from January through this week may be just the tip of the iceberg for what lies ahead. The year is young and the markets dominated by deflation.” However, that too, was an erroneous assumption on my part. Since I wrote that column a host of markets have improved dramatically in value and shooting a big hole in my argument that deflation is the dominating force in the marketplace.

For instance, stocks as measured by the S&P have rallied 37% in the past 50 days, the largest rally in history. The Nasdaq 100 hit a new all-time high. In May, crude oil prices enjoyed their best monthly gain in history, picking up 70%. Gold and silver prices recently rose

to multi-year highs. Rice hit all-time record highs hitting levels not seen since 2008. The oat market bounced up to levels not seen since 2016. Multi-month highs have also been seen for cotton and milk.

The lesson here is not to assume anything where markets are concerned. Or, in many other situations as well. And that, of course, reminds me of a story about erroneous assumptions. Here it is.

One day, a grasshopper strolls into a bar, looks around and quickly hops up on a bar stool. Suddenly, the bartender walks over and says with a big smile on his face, “Hey, we have a drink named after you!” The grasshopper, somewhat surprised, says, “You have a drink named Ralph?”

When it comes to markets, never assume anything. And that leads me to tout my two top rules when it comes to investing and trading. Rule, #1, “no one knows for sure what will happen.” Certainly, some folks are more accurate and intuitive when it comes to forecasts and predictions than others. But the bottom line is, not even they, “know for sure.” And because of Rule #1, Rule # 2, should be followed at all times. Rule #2 simply suggests, “using a stop at all times.” Draw a line in the sand where you call it quits if an investment or trade starts causing pain. Always attempt to keep losses at a minimum.

The June Employment Report released by the Labor Department this morning was assumed by virtually all the, “experts” to show millions of

new job losses that would push the U.S. unemployment rate up to 19% to 20%, a level not seen since the 1930’s. Instead, the rate came in at 13.3%, actually disclosing that 2.5 million more jobs were created last month than were lost. The unemployment rate was pegged at 13.3% and not in the 19% to 20% range. And the job gain was by far the biggest one month rise in the history of the U.S. since 1939.

I cannot recall a time when so many, “experts” were so embarrassingly wrong about a jobs report. However, immediately following the June jobs report the same experts are now assuming for the U.S. economy the worst is behind us and better times coming in terms of job creation. And let’s all hope those assumptions are not erroneous.

THIS, OUR VALLEY

Double Vision

By KEITH AXBERG

There are no short cuts to any place worth going. [sic] Beverly Sills

I am not a birder. I like birds. I love birds. I enjoy watching birds flying overhead or stalking the land for a fat and tasty (but ever-elusive) earthworm. But I find them frustrating, because I enjoy photography. One way to combine those two passions is to get out, find birds doing interesting things, and photographing them in the process, but birds seldom cooperate. Hence, I am

no birder (but am occasionally a bird-brain).

I have an old pair of binoculars I use for watching birds here and there, but they are woefully inadequate. They have decent magnification (10x) and the optical quality is fair to middling, but once the object of my study is out beyond fifty feet or so, there’s not much to see or identify, so I decided to purchase a new set of binoculars for bird-watching.

Our county continues to be locked-down – the sporting goods stores and shops are still closed – so I wasn’t able to shop around the way I normally would for a specialty item like binoculars or spotting scopes. Consequently, I went online and did some research and found a pair of binoculars that looked fantastic and which included mounting

hardware for putting it on a base for truly rock-solid viewing. The price seemed reasonable and shipping was free, so I ordered the binoculars and a matching tripod.

Well, they arrived the other day and I must admit the purchase far surpassed my expectations. The magnification is double the old set (20x) and the optical clarity is superb. The only downside to the equipment, however, is that they are also far larger than what I had anticipated. They practically dwarf the Hubble telescope! No wonder a tripod was a recommended option.

With a little further reading, I hadn’t really ordered a pair of binoculars for bird-watching, but for astronomy. While the specs and dimensions were available

online, I hadn’t really thought much about them. They looked “normal” in the picture. If the display had included a person for scale, I would have seen their relative size (and probably continued doing more research).

As it is, I can’t even pull focus on anything less than sixty feet away. However, I looked out the front window and did manage to spot a robin wrestling with a wriggling, white, nutritious grub – in the next county over from us!

Since I also enjoy astronomy, I will probably hang onto these binoculars, even though they aren’t quite what I had intended. They will allow me to explore the world around us when we travel, and I have a device that allows me to attach my cell phone to the eyepiece and capture faraway vistas in ways I couldn’t before.

I think that’s sort of what the philosopher who said, “make lemonade from life’s lemons” means. One must be adaptable, and while I don’t have money to spend frivolously, I know how to make do and make use of what I have in hand, so where there’s no harm, there’s no foul.

When life doesn’t give me what I want, I find that I am often the source of that revolting development. I could blame others for misleading advertising, but the information I needed was there. I just didn’t pay adequate attention. The fault is mine, not theirs, and so the cost of the mistake is mine to bear, not theirs to carry. I know the company has a very liberal return policy, and I know they would not argue over a return of something that isn’t what I expected, but why should they? I am actually satisfied with

my purchase. It meets a need for which I hadn’t anticipated using it. It may well function better than I had thought possible when I go looking for eagles at work and play, for it has been my experience that raptors really don’t like people watching them, and I’ve never been able to get close enough to watch or to take decent wildlife photographs.

I will also be able to explore the heavens, seeking out new life and new civilizations, and boldly going where I’ve never gone before – only at warp 20. I’ll be more than doubling my vision here in this, our valley.

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



A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

By Bryce Angell

The Buckin’ Dapple Gray

My father pointed to the corral. “You see that dapple gray? I’d like it if you’d put a saddle on his back today.”

The dapple gray sure weren’t no looker. Horse face rings a bell. He’d never had a curry comb as far as I could tell.

I queried. “Where’d you get the horse? He’s ugly as can be. Has he ever worn a saddle? And if no, he’s not for me.”

My father said, “I’m not too sure, but just you never mind. I’ve got a feeling ‘bout this horse. I’d say he’s one good find!”

I slipped on his old hackamore with reins tied in a knot. The first part came too easy. But for sure I had him caught.

I brushed him down then placed a saddlepad upon his back. His eyes were getting bigger. He was planning his attack.

I put the saddle on the pad and moved it up a bit. Then pulled the cinch up to his gut. That’s when he threw a fit!

He jumped straight up, dang near six feet, then came down buckin’ strong. I never knew an ornery cuss could kick and buck so long.

The fightin’, stinkin’ piece of crowbait paused to look around. Then jumped back into buckin’. He was sure enough Hell bound.

He finally stopped and stared at me, still snortin’, blowin’ snot. I reached and pulled the saddle off. Another lesson taught.

I asked my father, “What’d you pay?” He said, “I got him free.” I said, “For him that’s still too much if it were up to me!”

He said, “I knew that horse was trouble. And now he’s proved me right. Too bad he’s not a keeper. He sure put up one good fight.”

I guess I kind of chuckled ‘bout my father’s change of heart. He usually had good horse sense but was wrong right from the start.

And I’m not so sure what happened to the ornery dapple gray. Do horses buck in Hades? Bet that’s where he went to stay.

A word from the

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

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

No shoes, no shirt, no service. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.

Those are signs we have all seen in businesses. We likely don’t give a second thought to those popular adages anymore. But the new signs, the pandemic-related signs asking customers to wear masks in certain businesses and adhere to social distancing rules, those are new signs to us. The way customers are responding to those new signs and suggestions varies.

It is no secret that the coronavirus pandemic has impacted us all in different ways. While there are endless stories of businesses stepping up to help their communities in new ways, there are unfortunate stories of both businesses and consumers behaving badly during these chaotic times. At Better Business Bureau, our core value is helping create a marketplace where buyers and sellers can trust each other. That trust is more important today than it has ever been in BBB’s more than 100-year history. Here at BBB, we work hard to connect our businesses to resources they can trust and in turn implement to build trust.

As businesses are working hard to reopen, they are doing so with customer and staff safe-

ty in mind. And though many of us are eager to return to our favorite restaurants and retailers, its incumbent on all of us to do so safely. It is also important to give grace to businesses adapting to this “new normal.” That means showing up to shop without being belligerent or getting confrontational with the employees doing the best they can to follow their boss’s directives on masks, sanitation and spacing.

You might not agree with the rule that you must wear a mask to shop at your favorite free-sample big box store. But, like the “No shoes, no shirt, no service” rule, you can kindly comply and shop or not comply and not shop.

It is a privilege to shop wherever we want, a perk of free market capitalism. Because we have a free market, shoppers are not bound to any one retailer. On the flip side, businesses are not forced to accept any customer that walks through the doors.

That adage, “The customer is always right,” does not apply to customers behaving belligerently. As merchants gradually flip signs from closed to open, remember that business owners are doing their best to protect their employees and consumers. While businesses are more than ready to receive business, remember that they also want to keep everyone healthy and safe.

The Centers for Disease Control has a lengthy list of recommendations for business owners to follow to maintain a safe and clean store.

Consumers, we encourage you to do your part. That could include carrying hand sanitizer, wearing a mask, and keeping up with social distancing guidelines. Most of all, show respect for the businesses you love by complying with the rules they’ve thought long and hard about implementing.

Here are the tips BBB recommends for consumers to safely support business owners:

- Stay up to date on the merchant’s requests by email or social media; pay attention to the number of people physically allowed in the store and the store hours.
- Remember to use any gift cards tucked away from the holidays.
- Do comparison shopping online. If you’re purchasing a big-ticket item such as a major appliance, consider checking features and availability online rather than going from store to store.
- Be patient as businesses restock shelves and begin new routines. Business owners are trying to reassure customers they’re clean, safe and willing to provide a good experience.
- For more tips on operating safely and ethically, visit [trust-bbb.org/coronavirus](https://bbb.org/coronavirus).

COMICS & PUZZLES

THEME: FATHER'S DAY

- ACROSS
1. Kind of lively dance
6. Greenwich time
9. Pilgrimage to Mecca
13. Belittle
14. A note to follow soh
15. Annie Oakley's show
16. Hipbone-related
17. Chicago to Detroit direction
18. Historical period
19. *Most gifted Father's Day gift?
21. *a.k.a. Father of the Constitution
23. Have a cold, e.g.
24. Bog deposit
25. Styling product
28. Not yet final, in law
30. Squirrels away
35. "Metamorphoses" poet
37. Antioxidants-rich berry
39. Text that precedes the main text
40. Car brand, e.g.
41. *"Full House" father
43. Brazilian indigenous people
44. a.k.a. dropsy
46. Precedes shine
47. Paving stone
48. Early TV manufacturer
50. Bayonet wound
52. "Zip it!"
53. Popular form of communication
55. Part of a match
57. *Christopher Robin's father
61. *Father known as "one-shot" Finch
65. Largest deer
66. *Richard Bobbsey's offspring
68. Precedes desist
69. Cuckoo
70. Friedrich Schiller's " ___ to Joy"
71. Personnel person
72. Job for a body shop
73. Parent's order
74. Wrestling's ___ the Giant

- DOWN
1. It's equivalent to pain?
2. Sound mind, ___ body
3. Not of the cloth
4. Japanese port
5. Jelly ingredient
6. High school club
7. *Boy's father in "The Road"
8. Recurring melody
9. Shoshonean people
10. Without further ___, pl.
11. 1920s art style
12. *John-John's father
15. Cow's favorite grass?
20. Homer's classic
22. Pleasurable interjection
24. Adrian Brody in 2002 film
25. *Wednesday's father
26. Dodge
27. Compare
29. *Antithesis to Mufasa
31. Liberal pursuits

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32. Don Giovanni and such

33. Echo sounder output

34. *a.k.a. the father of modern economics

36. "Indecent Proposal" star Moore

38. Research facil.

42. Used for raising

45. U.K. Prime Minister, 1945-51

49. Lady lobster
51. "You ___!"

54. Xe

56. Make a connection, two words

57. In the thick of

58. Steak condiment

59. Express complaint

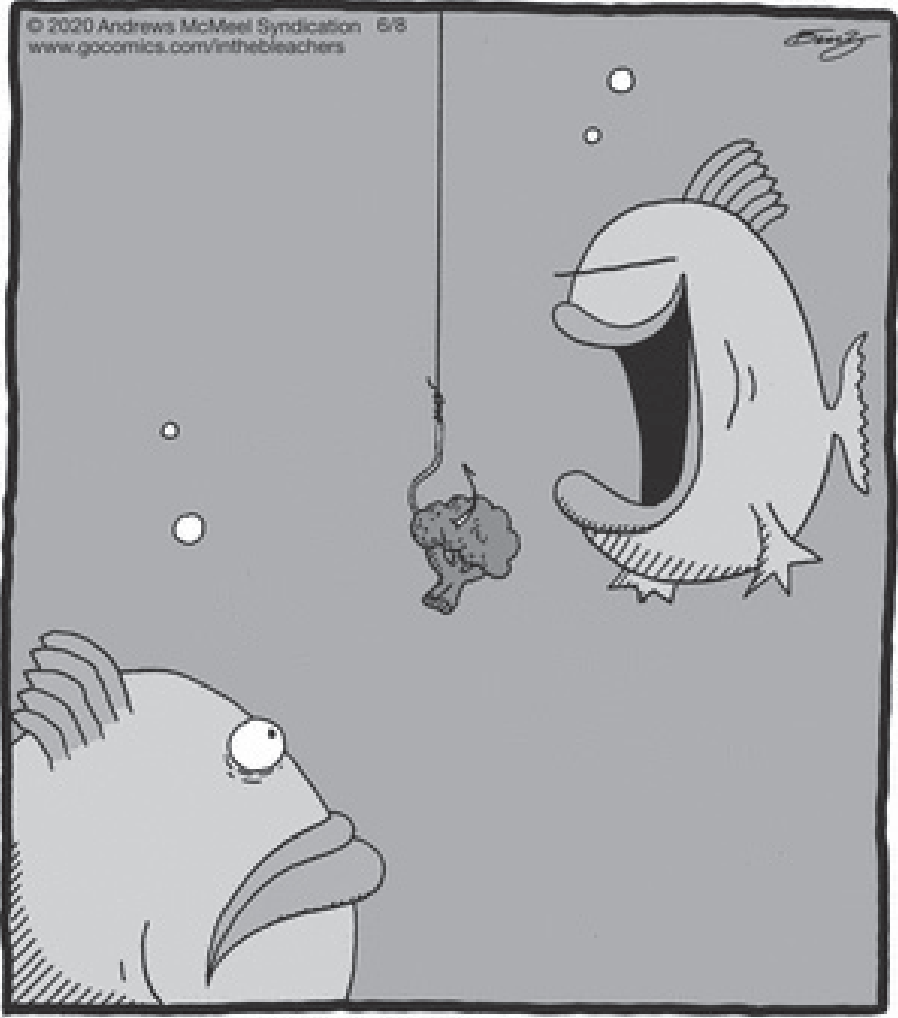
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62. *Popular Father's Day greeting
63. Olympic cast-out

64. Bone-dry

67. Commotion



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Date: MAY 6, 2020 Karen J. Miller Clerk of District Court
/S/ Carmin Hill Deputy Clerk of Court
(Pub. MAY 21, 28. JUNE 4, 11, 18, 2020)
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Pursuant to Section 85-2-233(6), MCA, Barry and Danielle McCoy filed a Motion to Amend their 1960 Beaverhead River Surface Water Claim 41B 120767-00. The requested amendments are to amend the place of use to include an additional 33 acres (1.50 acres in section 8 T8S, R9W; and 31.5 acres in section 17 T8S, R9W) in addition to the current 34.62 acres in section 8 T8S, R9W, and to reduce the priority from March 1, 1960 to April 17, 1973. The entirety of Claimant's motion may be viewed on the Montana Water Court webpage at: <https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/Notices-and-Information/public-notices-and-information/>. Direct any questions concerning this requested amendment to attorney Ross P. Keogh at (406) 333-0520. Response or Objection Filing Deadline Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed in Case 41BA500, Montana Water Court, PO Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59711-1389. A copy of any response or objection must be served on counsel for Barry and Danielle McCoy at: Ross P. Keogh Parsons Behle & Latimer 201 South Main Street, Suite 1800 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Any response or objection to the Motion to Amend must be filed within 45 days of the last publication of this notice. Therefore, the filing deadline is: July 26, 2020.
(Pub. MAY 28, JUNE 4, 11, 2020)
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REQUEST FOR BIDS
The Harrison Rural Fire Department is accepting sealed bids until June 30th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the following items: 1. 1966 Ford Wildland Brush Truck, 132,000 miles, good water pump, 150 gallon water tank, Vin # 2FTHF26114TCA63299. 2. 1983 Freightliner Water Tender, 3000 gallon, Vin # 1FUEYDYB9DP216169, operational 3. 1975 Mack CF-600 Fire Engine; Vin # CF686F1099; yellow with white top, operational 4. 1990 Pierce (dash) Rescue Rig; all wheel drive; Vin # 4P1CT01F0LA00531 unsuited for Harrison fire department use, operational. 5. 1964 Crown engine pumper; 500 gallon; operational Vin # F1341, mileage 35605 Bids should be delivered to: Harrison Fire Department; Pete Armstrong P.O. Box 200, Harrison, MT 59735. Vehicles can be inspected at the Harrison Fire Department or its sub-stations. If you have questions or would like to schedule an inspection contact Pete Armstrong at 406-491-2079. These vehicles are being sold "as is" with no warranty or guarantee. The Harrison Fire Department reserves the right to either accept or reject any or all bids.
(Pub. JUNE 4, 11, 2020)
HARRISON FD
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
There is a vacant trustee position in Sheridan MADISON VALLEY STORAGE, ENNIS, MT On Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 5076 US Hwy. 287 N., Ennis, MT, at 10:00 am, there will be a sale of storage unit contents on duly defaulted tenants as follows: Mike Carroll ETC #13, MVS #22 and #75
Joanie Shortridge MVS #151 & #153
Robert Hatlee MVS # 188
Alex Rundella MVS #297
Arita Haldorsen and Mark Blumhaden MVS #345

The terms of the sale are:
1. Each individual unit shall be sold in bulk. There shall be no prior previewing. The unit doors will be opened by the Operator. Attendees will be allowed to enter, but not to move or remove any of the contents.
2. Each unit shall be bid upon by attendees. The highest bidder shall be entitled to the entire contents of the storage unit. The contents must be removed within one week of the date of sale by the winning bidder (June 27th).
3. Sales are cash or certified check only.
(Pub. JUNE 11, 18, 2020)
MADISON VAL. STORAGE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Lyman H. Bennett, III BENNETT LAW GROUP, PLLC P.O. Box 337 Virginia City, MT 59755-0337 Telephone: (406) 843-5650 Facsimile: (406) 843-5651 E-mail: lymanhbennett@montana.net Attorney for Personal Representative MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT MADISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN RICHARD TOMLINSON, Deceased Probate No. DP-29-2020-9 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to Patricia Ann Miller, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at 116 Two Bumps Road, Ennis, MT 59729, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court. DATED this 13th day of May, 2020. /s/

Patricia Ann Miller Personal Representative
(Pub. MAY 28. JUNE 4, 11, 2020)
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 1-2020 REPEALING ORDINANCE 2-2006 AND RAISING THE FEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION PROJECTS, REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR SUCH PROJECTS, REGULATING DEPOSIT OF WASTE AND PROVIDING A PENALTY The Madison County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in Second Floor Court Room of the Administrative Office Building, Virginia City, Montana, to receive public comment on the second reading of Ordinance 1-2020. The proposed ordinance would repeal Ordinance 2-2006 and raise the fee for construction and demolition projects, requiring a permit for such projects, regulating deposit of waste and provide a penalty. Copies of the proposal are available for review at the following locations: Sheridan Public Library (107 E. Hamilton St.), Twin Bridges Library (206 S. Main St.); Ennis Madison Valley Public Library (210 E. Main St.); Thompson-Hickman Library, (217 Idaho St.), Madison County Commissioners' Office (103 W. Wallace), the Clerk & Recorder's Office (103 W. Wallace), Virginia City; and on the County's website under current proposals at www.madisoncountymt.gov. Comments on the proposal are welcome. Written comments may be submitted at the hearing or delivered to the Madison County Commissioners' Office prior to the hearing at P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755; faxed to (406) 843-5517; or e-mailed to madco@madisoncountymt.gov. Written comments must be received by close of the June 23, 2020, public hearing. For more information, contact the Commissioners' Office at (406) 843-4277.
(Pub. JUNE 11, 18, 2020)
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INVITATION TO BID
Sealed Bids will be accepted by the Tobacco Roots Mountains Care Center's Administration, 326 Madison Street, P O Box 308, Sheridan, MT, 59749 until 5:00PM local time on June 29, 2020, and then publicly opened and read aloud at the Madison County Commissioners' meeting located at 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, MT at 1:00PM local time on June 30, 2020. Bids are being accepted for the removal of the existing asphalt shingles on the main structure, membrane roofing on a low-slope roof section of the structure and the metal roofing on entranceways, and partial gutters/downspouts on the main structure and asphalt shingles on one (1) 20x20-storage building located on the grounds at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center (TRMCC), 326 Madison Street, Sheridan, MT, 59749. The qualified contractors would be responsible: to provide all necessary materials, labor and equipment to complete removal and installation of the complete project on the main structure, low-slope roof section and roofing on the entranceways, partial gutters/downspouts, on the main structure and roofing on one (1) 20x20 storage building located on the grounds of the facility. Complete Bid Proposal may be viewed on the Madison County website: <https://madisoncountymt.gov/424/PublicLegal-Notices> All laborers employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates required by Montana Prevailing Wage

Rates. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Madison County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. The successful Bidder shall provide insurance, as required, and a Certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner. To make inquiries about the scope of the project or to schedule an appointment please contact David Reintsma, TRMCC Facility Director at 406-843-5600. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
(Pub. JUNE 11, 18, 2020)
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MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 6:15 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building, 103 W Wallace, Virginia City, Montana. The Board will consider the agenda item and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners who will take final action. A request by Lone Mountain Land Company on behalf of MB MT Acquisition LLC for Preliminary Plat approval of Lee's Pool Subdivision and Planned Unit Development (PUD), a 132-unit residential/commercial development that would divide the 233.78-acre subject property into five Condo lots, one future development lot, and two Open Space lots proposed to be developed as follows: Condo Lot 1 (35.60 acres) - four lodge buildings with 81 units, a spa facility, restaurant, and 13 detached guest cabins; Condo Lot 2 (14.95 acres) - a Ski Lodge, one chairlift terminal, and two detached residential condominiums; Condo Lot 3 (14.08 acres) - 17 detached residential condominiums; Condo Lot 4 (9.19 acres) - 9 detached residential condominiums; Condo Lot 5 (7.57 acres) - 10 detached residential condominiums; Lot R (89.72 acres) - to be re-divided and developed in the future; Open Space A (40.40 acres); Open Space B (9.91 acres). Accessed from Jack Creek Road via Lone Mountain Trail and Moonlight Trail, the subdivision would be served by an extension of existing public water and sewer services operated by Moonlight Basin Water & Sewer LLC. The proposed PUD regards a requested modification to standards outlined in Section IV-B-1(c)(3) of the Madison County Subdivision Regulations, to reduce the applicable construction setback from onsite waterways from 100-ft to 40-ft. Located within the Moonlight Basin Overall Development Plan area, the subject property is legally described as Tract A1 of Certificate of Survey 2508 in the NE1/4, SE1/4, SW1/4 & NW1/4 of Section 12, Township 6 South, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana. Public participation is encouraged. Written comments should be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 29, 2020, and may be sent to the Madison County Planning Board by: Mail to P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, Montana, 59755; E-mail to planning@madisoncountymt.gov; Verbal comments may be given at the public hearing.

Additionally, the public hearing will be live-streamed via Webex video conferencing platform: <https://madisoncounty.my/j.php?MTID=m28cca719cddc1ddfe51eeb29a31394c> - Meeting number: 126 584 1336 - Meeting password: VCMadison Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388 Access code: 126 584 1336 # Numeric Meeting Password: 826 234 76 #
(Pub. JUNE 11, 18, 2020)
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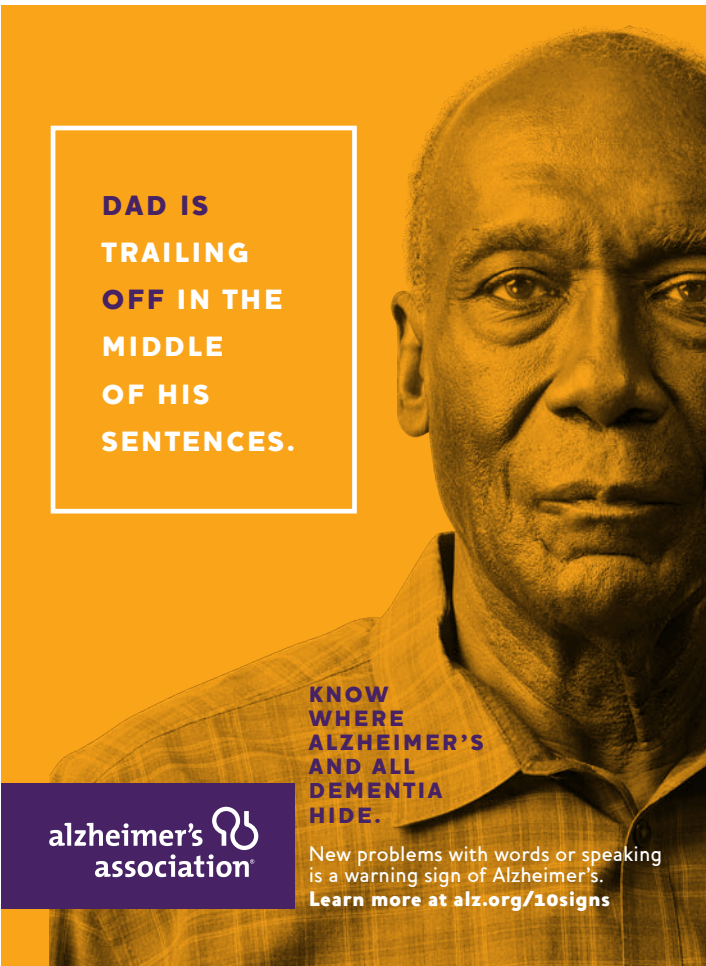
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MADISON COUNTY, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN D. ELLINGSEN, Deceased. DP-29-2020-11 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to Nancy C. Allen, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o Victor N. Bunitsky Law Office, P.O. Box 77, Virginia City, Montana 59755, or filed with the clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 3rd day of June, 2020. /s/ Nancy C. Allen, Personal Representative for the Estate of John D. Ellingsen.
(Pub. JUNE 11, 18, 25, 2020)
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MADISON COUNTY DISPATCH
In areas with low cell phone coverage, you can now text 911 in case of emergency.

May 31, 2020

- A wildlife complaint was made in Cameron.
- An animal complaint was made in Harrison.
- A dog complaint was made in Sheridan.
- An accident occurred in Sheridan.
- Hazards on road were reported in Ennis.
- A citizen was assisted in Sheridan.
- An agency assist was performed in Ennis.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Cardwell and Ennis.
- A fire call was made in the Cameron area.

June 1, 2020

- Ambulance calls were made in Sheridan and Ennis.
- An animal complaint was made in Silver Star.
- A fraud complaint was made in Pony.
- A coroner was called in McAllister.
- Abandoned vehicles were reported in Sheridan.
- Accidents occurred in Ennis and Cameron.
- A traffic complaint was made in Norris.
- A welfare check was made in Sheridan.
- A disturbance was reported in Twin Bridges.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Pony.
- A public safety complaint was made in Sheridan.
- An alarm was responded to in Alder.

June 2, 2020

- A power outage occurred.
- Accidents occurred in Nevada City and Harrison.
- An abandoned vehicle was located in Silver Star.
- Life flight assistance occurred in Sheridan.
- A public safety complaint was made in

June 3, 2020

- A welfare check was performed in Sheridan.
- Lost or found property was reported in Virginia City.
- Ambulance calls were made in Twin Bridges and Cameron.

June 4, 2020

- A trespass complaint was made in Silver Star.
- A dog complaint was made in Sheridan.
- A wildlife complaint was made in Sheridan.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Virginia City.

June 5, 2020

- Suspicious circumstances were reported in Norris and Cameron.
- An assault occurred at Revenue Flats Campground.
- An animal complaint was made out of county.
- Hazards were in the road in Harrison.

June 6, 2020

- A coroner was called in Sheridan.
- An abandoned vehicle was located in Twin Bridges.
- An ambulance was called in Sheridan.
- A citizen was assisted in Sheridan.

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The Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 108 calls for service from May 31-June 6, 2020.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office will be closed until further notice. Issuing and renewing concealed carry permits and fingerprinting services provided on a LIMITED basis. Please call 406-843-5301 with questions.

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Rocky Mountain Baptist Church

Will Stevens, Pastor
682-4949

Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Service 11am
Afternoon Service 1:30pm
Tuesday Womens Bible Study 6pm
Wednesday Night Prayer Group 6pm
6 Blocks South of City Complex
Located in the heart of Madison Valley for the Hearts of Madison Valley

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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

HARRISON COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

Madison Valley Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP
September - April ~ 11 a.m.
May - August ~ 9:30 a.m.
Everyone Welcome, Fully Accessible
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Rev. STEVE HUNDLEY
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Love Jesus • Love People • Reach the Valley
114 N. Main, Sheridan 842-5845
Pastor Duane B. Deshner
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Valley Kids- after school to 6:45 p.m.
Ruby Valley Food Pantry- Saturdays 10 a.m.-Noon
Our mission is to Love Jesus, Love People, and Reach the Valley.

Ruby Valley Baptist Church

Tony Shaw, Pastor 842-5602
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Eve 7 p.m.
One block behind IGA, Sheridan



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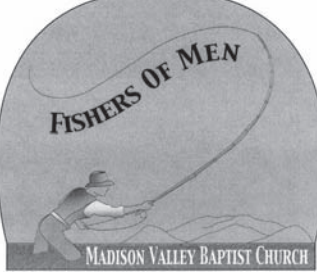


MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekday Mass:
Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am at St. Joseph's
Wednesday 9am at St. Patrick's

Please call the Rectory for the daily Mass schedule at 842-5588
Father John Crutchfield, Pastor



Phil 2:16
Holding forth the word of life:
Dr. Ray Teston
Pastor

Peter Rosenberger
Minister of Music

Sunday School ~ 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ~ 11:00 a.m.
Weds. Nights ~ prayer meeting 6 p.m.

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Church of the Valley
Twin Bridges
Worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Bethel UMC
Sheridan
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Ready Set Grow Preschool
Contact Donna Gilman 596-0456

SUNDAY SERVICES

Cowboy Church
TIME: 10:00am
Nevada City in the Tent
Christ-Centered • Bible Based Teaching
Open Question Forum
(406) 842-5915
Pastor Tom Luksha

AREA SENIOR MEALS

ENNIS SENIOR CENTER
315 W Main Street
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To help us plan, please call at least 24 hours in advance:
682-4422 or www.ennisseniorcenter.org
MOW delivery area expanded: S. to Cameron, W. to Virginia City N. to McAllister E. to lower Jeffers.
Due To Food Product Shortages menu items may change.

Thursday, June 4 – Chef salad, roll, dessert
Friday, June 5 – Fried cod, fries, coleslaw dessert
Monday, June 8 – Beef fajitas, spanish rice, dessert
Tuesday, June 9 – Baked mac bacon & cheese, salad, roll, dessert
Wednesday, June 10 – Egg salad sandwich, chips, pickle spear, fruit, dessert
Thursday June 11 – Pot roast, mashers, veggies, dessert
Friday, June 12 – Cranberry chicken salad, croissant, dessert

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

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

VIRGINIA CITY CAFÉ
Senior meals for Madison County Seniors 60 and over will be served at the Virginia City Cafe on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$4.00.
Delivery in VC if seniors call between 10am and Noon on those days.
Thursday, June 11 - Mac n cheese, veggie, roll, dessert
Tuesday, June 16 - French dip, fries, dessert

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

COVID UPDATE: Still serving meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Center as Take Out Only.
All meals are served with fresh home baked rolls, veggie/fruit, and dessert
ALL GATHERINGS AND CLUB MEETINGS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Wednesday, June 10 - Grecian chicken with orzo, cucumber-tomato salad, cheesecake
Friday, June 12 - Hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, rice crispie bar
Monday, June 15 - Spaghetti, garlic bread, veggie, Caesar salad, chocolate brownie

HOLLOW TOP SENIOR CITIZENS
Pony, Harrison and Norris. The Hollowtop Senior Center will be open for pickup meals starting on May 4, at 12 noon. Any questions call: 685-3460.

Wednesday, June 10 - Roast pork dinner
Wednesday, June 17 - Hamburgers
Wednesday, June 24 - Golden Gate Chow Mein



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
The Church of Word and Sacrament
Visitors Welcome

Pastor Ken Stensrud

- Sunday Service 9:00 am
- Bible Study 10:15 am
- Sunday School 10:15 am

Corner of Madison and Armitage St.
Ennis, Montana 406-682-4910

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The principle of the Oneness of Mankind, as proclaimed by Bahá'u'lláh, carries with it no more and no less than a solemn assertion that attainment to this final stage in this stupendous evolution is not only necessary but inevitable, that its realization is fast approaching, and that nothing short of a power that is born of God can succeed in establishing it.

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Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Ministries
Kids Club Submerge (K-6) 3:15 PM
Family Dinner 5:30 PM
Youth and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood
402 Madison Ave - Ennis, MT 682-4197

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Trinity Jeffers/Ennis 10 a.m. adult forum 11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Virginia City Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Christ Church Sheridan Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
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Same Time - Same Place

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Twin Bridges • Church of the Valley
Thursdays, 8 pm

ALANON
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Suzy 685-3692

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Bethany Hall, Sheridan
(behind Methodist Church)
Wednesdays ~ 8 p.m.

Vennis Over The Hill Unity Group
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SUN. - 10 a.m., Elks Club
MON. - Open, 7:00 pm Call numbers below for on line Zoom meeting directions
WED. - 7:30 p.m., Trinity Church in Jeffers
FRI. - Open, 7:00 pm Call numbers below for on line Zoom meeting directions
406-596-5000 Ennis
406-925-0371 Virginia City
916-316-2824

DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
CONTACT A.A. - WE'RE ALCOHOLICS HELPING OTHER ALCOHOLICS STAY SOBER.
CALL 1-833-800-8553 TO TALK TO AN A.A. MEMBER
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FR VIRTUAL AND FACE-TO-FACE MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

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REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

10 a.m.
Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing
Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/289992789>
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FRIDAYS

10 a.m.
Madison County All Hazard Incident Management Team Operations Briefing
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Monday through Friday
6:30 -7:30 a.m.
Water Aerobics and Lap Swim

Noon – 1 p.m.
Water Aerobics
The Ruby Valley Swimming Pool in Sheridan is offering a cool way to stay fit in the summer. Call 406.842.5272 to sign up for water aerobics or reserve a lane.
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Friday, June 12
9 a.m.
FWP Commission Meeting
The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission will discuss the Madison River Recreation Management Environmental Assessment. The meeting will be held on Zoom and audio streamed online at fwp.mt.gov. Details on how to access the meeting on Zoom will be posted on the website closer to the meeting date.

5:30 p.m.
Ruby Valley Swimming Pool Season Kick Off
Dip into the Sheridan public pool as they begin the 2020 swimming season with a barbeque.

Monday, June 15
9 a.m.
Webinar on Coronavirus Food Assistance Program
The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency in Montana will explain the CFAP with a public webinar. Producers, ranchers and others involved in agriculture can learn more about their opportunities for COVID-19 relief.

Tuesday, June 16
4:30 p.m.
Madison County Board of Health Meeting
The board will be meeting on [Gotomeeting.com](https://gotomeeting.com). Sign in information will be release at a later time.

Thursday, June 18
5:30 p.m.
Madison County DUI Task Force Meeting
The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend the meeting at the Ennis Town Hall.

10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kids Fishing Derby
Twin Bridges’ veterans will host their annual fishing derby for kids 14 years old and under at Lori’s Pond.

Veterans and the women’s auxiliary will hold a barbeque as well.
Saturday, July 18
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Copper K Fiber Festival
Taking place at the Copper K Barn South of Whitehall
796 Point of Rocks Road
Vendors, Workshops, Activities, Food, a fun fiber filled weekend. Free Admission!

Sunday, July 19
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Copper K Fiber Festival
Taking place at the Copper K Barn South of Whitehall

MADISON COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER’S OFFICE UPDATE

Submitted by Kathleen Mumme, Madison County Clerk and Recorder

The Madison County Clerk and Recorder’s Office is now Open to the Public, HOWEVER, the Records / Plat Room will be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC at least through June. Opening this room to research will depend on COVID-19 numbers in the area and other factors.
WALK-INS FOR RECORDING DROPS will be allowed, but social distancing measures will be in effect indefinitely; Masks are encouraged but not mandatory.
RESEARCH is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call ahead (843-4270) to make arrangements to search using the public computer work stations and for information on how office personnel can help you.

TWIN BRIDGES PUBLIC LIBRARY INCREASES HOURS

Submitted by Betty Humbert

Twin Bridges Public Library increased hours on June 8th. Hours are: 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturday.
Patrons are requested to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet. All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Call the library at 684-5416 for special requests.



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Madison Conservation District Meeting
Tuesday, June 16th | 7 pm
Please contact the office at 682-3181 or email info@madisoncd.org for location information.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Up In Arms Gun Show at Madison County Fairgrounds
June 19-20-21
Friday, June 19, 3-7 p.m.
Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, June 21, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
\$6.00 for the weekend.
For more information, contact Lisa at 208-420-2295

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