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## Zimmer breaks records, again

By MATTHEW STRISSEL | Sports Editor

As the track and field season comes to a close, Fergus senior Kylie Zimmer has her eye on the top of the podium at the state meet for discus and shot put.

**Kylie Zimmer spins to gain momentum for her discus throw at the Eastern A divisional track and field meet in Glendive on Saturday, May 22. Zimmer broke the divisional meet and stadium record in the discus with her throw of 141 feet, 8.75 inches.**

Photo courtesy of Christy Zimmer

Zimmer has consistently placed in the top two for each event all season. She has seven first-place and two second-place finishes in the shot put this year, with nine first place and one second-place finish in the discus this season.

At the Havre Lions meet early in the season, Zimmer broke the Fergus High School record in the discus with a throw of 145-5, only to break the record again at the Midland Roundtable Top 10 meet with a distance of 145-6 on May 4. She is currently ranked second in the state for discus, behind Klaire Kovatch of Seeley-Swan throwing a 159-3 at the Bigfork Invitational.

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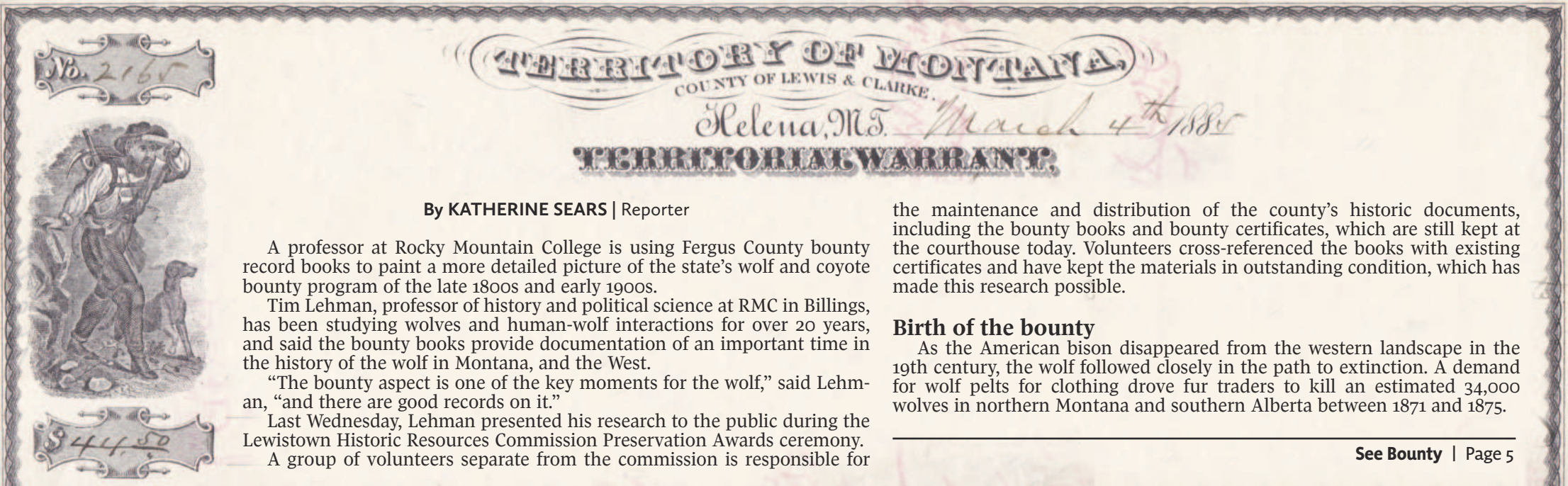
# Preservation pays off



A man identified as Trapper Tony LaFountain sits on his horse with coyote pelts hanging on the side of a building in what is assumed to be Fergus County. Some rather famous names appear in the pages of the Fergus County bounty books, including E.C. (Teddy Blue) Abbott, W.H. Culver, Luther “Yellowstone” Kelly and William Cherry. Those thumbing through the pages will surely find family names still in the area today.

Photo courtesy of Lewistown Public Library

## Wolf bounty books provide insight to state bounty program



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By KATHERINE SEARS | Reporter

A professor at Rocky Mountain College is using Fergus County bounty record books to paint a more detailed picture of the state’s wolf and coyote bounty program of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Tim Lehman, professor of history and political science at RMC in Billings, has been studying wolves and human-wolf interactions for over 20 years, and said the bounty books provide documentation of an important time in the history of the wolf in Montana, and the West.

“The bounty aspect is one of the key moments for the wolf,” said Lehman, “and there are good records on it.”

Last Wednesday, Lehman presented his research to the public during the Lewistown Historic Resources Commission Preservation Awards ceremony. A group of volunteers separate from the commission is responsible for

the maintenance and distribution of the county’s historic documents, including the bounty books and bounty certificates, which are still kept at the courthouse today. Volunteers cross-referenced the books with existing certificates and have kept the materials in outstanding condition, which has made this research possible.

**Birth of the bounty**

As the American bison disappeared from the western landscape in the 19th century, the wolf followed closely in the path to extinction. A demand for wolf pelts for clothing drove fur traders to kill an estimated 34,000 wolves in northern Montana and southern Alberta between 1871 and 1875.

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**An American flag decorates the grave of Everett Dale Foster, honoring his service. Memorial Day activities include the placing of flags at the graves of those who served in the military.**

News-Argus File Photo

## Honoring those who gave their all

### Central Montana Legion Posts hold Memorial Day tributes

Compiled by News-Argus staff

Memorial Day wasn’t always called that. Originally known as Decoration Day, it dates to the end of the Civil War. That war, according to the History Channel website, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history.

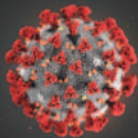
The establishment of the country’s first national cemeteries followed the Civil War, and in the late 1860s many communities had begun holding spring-time tributes to their fallen soldiers, decorating graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

In Waterloo, New York, later to be declared the official birthplace of Memo-

rial Day, the annual May ceremony included the closing of all local businesses and the placing of flags and flowers on soldiers’ graves.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, who led an organization for northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance. Logan suggested May 30, 1868. At that first Decoration Day, General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers were decorated. Approximately 5,000 people attended.

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### COVID-19 UPDATE

As of Tuesday, May 26, there is only one active case of COVID-19 in Fergus County. So far 3,849 people in Fergus County have received a first dose of vaccine, and 3,396 have received two doses, for a total of 7,063 people who are at least partially protected.

Statewide, there were 814 active cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, with 159 new cases reported, bringing Montana’s total since last March to 111,377. As of Tuesday, 108,957 people were listed as recovered, 65 Montanans were hospitalized for complications from COVID-19 and 1,606 have died.

Vaccinations are available locally for anyone over the age of 18. Call your health care provider for more information.



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counties," averaging  
populations of six people  
or less per square mile.


Lewistown News-Argus Seven Day Forecast



Wednesday

Showers Likely


52 / 36



Thursday

Partly Cloudy  
Areas of Fog


67 / 43



Friday

Scattered Rain


62 / 36



Saturday

Partly Cloudy


63 / 38



Sunday

Partly Cloudy


65 / 40



Monday

Mostly Sunny

71 / 47





Tuesday

Mostly Cloudy

75 / 49


Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset		
Full	Wed	5:30 a.m.	8:59 p.m.	9:47 p.m.	5:38 a.m.		New
5/26	Thu	5:29 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	11:04 p.m.	6:22 a.m.		6/10
Last	Fri	5:29 a.m.	9:01 p.m.	Prev Day	7:17 a.m.		First
	Sat	5:28 a.m.	9:02 p.m.	12:09 a.m.	8:23 a.m.		
	Sun	5:27 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	12:59 a.m.	9:36 a.m.		
6/2	Mon	5:26 a.m.	9:04 p.m.	1:37 a.m.	10:51 a.m.		6/17
	Tue	5:26 a.m.	9:05 p.m.	2:06 a.m.	12:04 p.m.		

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	AM	PM
Wed	12:05 - 2:05	12:35 - 2:35
Thu	1:07 - 3:07	1:39 - 3:39
Fri	2:11 - 4:11	2:43 - 4:43
Sat	3:15 - 5:15	3:46 - 5:46
Sun	4:15 - 6:15	4:43 - 6:43
Mon	5:10 - 7:10	5:36 - 7:36
Tue	6:01 - 8:01	6:24 - 8:24

Local UV Index



0 - 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
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0 - 2: Low, 3 - 5: Moderate,  
6 - 7: High, 8 - 10: Very High,  
11+ : Extreme Exposure


Last Week's Almanac and Growing Degree Days

Last Week's Almanac					Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Date	Degree Days
5/18	78	46	64/39	0.00"	5/18	25
5/19	63	41	64/39	0.00"	5/19	10
5/20	49	26	64/40	0.34"	5/20	0
5/21	29	25	64/40	0.25"	5/21	0
5/22	39	26	64/40	0.00"	5/22	0
5/23	56	38	64/40	0.03"	5/23	0
5/24	62	44	64/40	0.00"	5/24	7

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Weather Trivia

On which side of a mountain range does all rain fall?



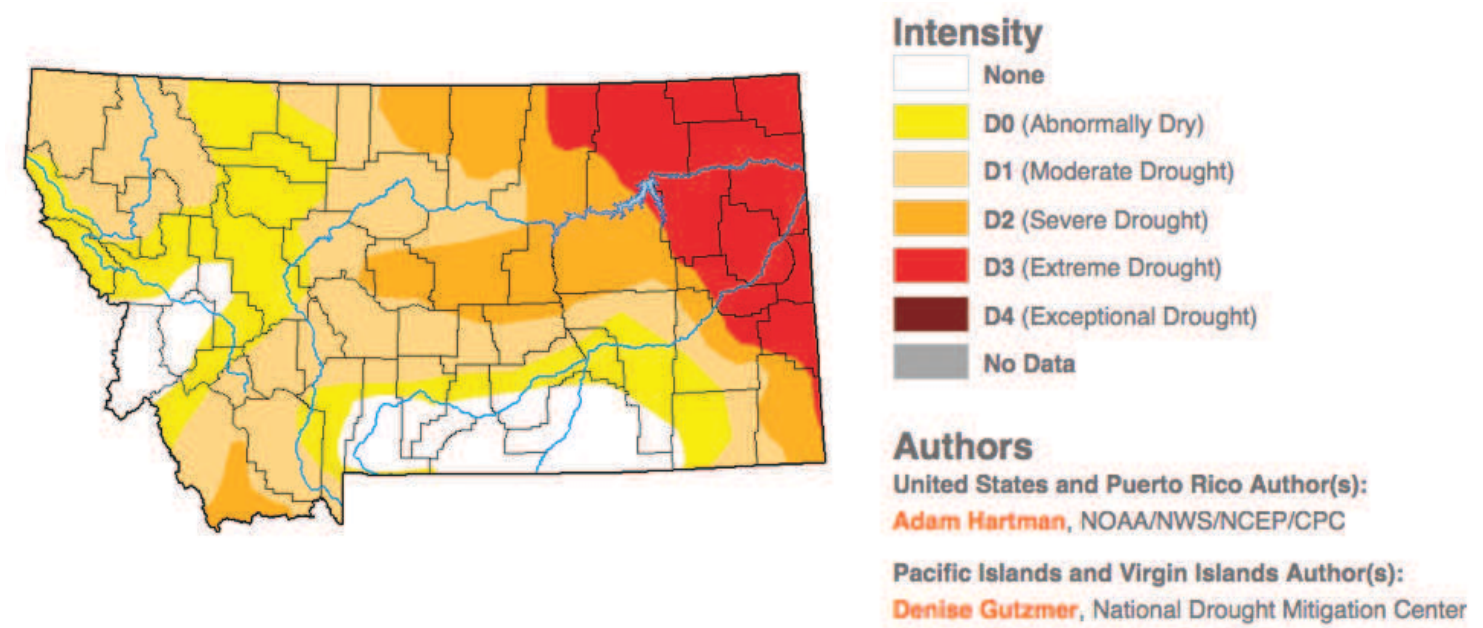
Answer: Windward.

Weather History

May 26, 1917

A tornado touched down near Louisiana, Mo. about noon and remained on the ground for a distance of 293 miles, finally lifting seven hours and 20 minutes later in eastern Jennings County, Ind. The twister cut a path of destruction two and a half miles wide.

# Fergus and other Montana counties declared natural disaster areas



**Intensity**

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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A map of drought conditions released May 20 shows Central Montana counties are mostly under moderate to extreme drought conditions, while counties north and east of here are in a much worse situation. Map courtesy of NOAA

Compiled by DEB HILL | News-Argus Managing Editor

On Monday the U.S. Department of Agriculture designated 13 Montana counties as natural disaster areas for drought. Additional counties, contiguous with the primary counties, are also listed, including Fergus and Petroleum counties.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the designated and contiguous counties suffered from droughts of severe, extreme or exceptional categories during the growing season.

The designation allows the Farm Service Agency to extend emergency credit to producers recovering from these natural disasters. The credit comes in the form of emergency loans. Loans can be used for replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or refinancing of certain debts.

According to the FSA website, the emergency loan program is triggered when a natural disaster is designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, or when a natural disaster or emergency is declared by the President under the Stafford Act. These loans help producers who suffer qualifying farm-related losses directly caused by the disaster in a county declared or designated as a primary disaster or quarantine area. Also, farmers located in counties that are contiguous to the declared, designated, or quarantined area may qualify for emergency loans.


For production losses, a 30% reduction in a primary crop in a designated or contiguous county is required. Losses to quality, such as receiving a 30% reduced price for flood-damaged crops, may be eligible for assistance, too.

The Montana counties under the current natural disaster designation include Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, McCone, Phillips, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley and Wibaux counties.

The following contiguous Montana counties are also eligible: Blaine, Fergus, Garfield, Petroleum, Powder River and Rosebud counties.

Some counties in North and South Dakota and Wyoming are also eligible.

For more information on the FSA disaster assistance programs, visit [farmers.gov/recover](https://farmers.gov/recover).




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Photo courtesy of Hobson Insurance

# Montana soldier accounted for from World War II

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced Monday that Army Pvt. Wayne M. Evans, 21, of Hamilton, Montana, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for March 30, 2020.

In late 1941, Evans was a member of Battery G, 59th Coast Artillery Regiment, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan Peninsula on April 9, 1942 and of Corregidor Island on May 6, 1942.

Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured and interned at POW camps. Evans was among those reported captured after the surrender of Corregidor and held at the Cabanatuan POW camp. More than 2,500 POWs perished in this camp during the war.

According to prison camp and other historical records, Evans died July 19, 1942, and was buried along with other deceased prisoners in the local Cabanatuan Camp Cemetery, in Common Grave 312.

Following the war, American Graves Registration Service personnel exhumed those buried at the Cabanatuan cemetery and relocated the remains to a temporary U.S. military mausoleum near Manila. In late 1947, the AGRS examined the remains in an attempt to identify them. Due to the circumstances of the POW deaths and burials, the extensive commingling, and the limited identification technologies of the time, all of the remains could not be individually identified. The unidentified remains were interred as "unknowns" in the present-day Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.



In January 2018, remains associated with Common Grave 312 were disinterred and sent to the DPAA laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii for analysis.

To identify Evans' remains, scientists from DPAA used anthropological analysis as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA analysis.

Evans' name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, an American Battle Monuments Commission site, along with others missing from WWII. Although interred as an "unknown" in Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Evans' grave was meticulously cared for over the

past 70 years by the ABMC. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Evans will be buried in his hometown at a date yet to be determined.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490.

DPAA is grateful to the ABMC and the United States Army for their partnership in this mission.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil), find us on social media at [www.facebook.com/dodpaa](https://www.facebook.com/dodpaa) or <https://www.linkedin.com/company/defense-pow-mia-accounting-agency>.

Evans' personnel profile can be viewed at <https://dpaa.secure.force.com/dpaaProfile?id=a0jtoooooo04ra8EAA>.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOTTER

Edited by MIRIAM CAMPAN

The following report is taken from information provided by the Central Montana Dispatch and does not represent the total scope of police or sheriff activities. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

### May 7

A caller reported losing control of their vehicle while rounding a corner. The caller hit a parked boat and ripped their fender, but caused little damage to the boat. Officers responded.

### May 8

A 911 caller reported they hosted a cribbage tournament and would be serving dinner. The caller was advised not to use 911 for this type of call.

### May 9

A caller reported a hit and run accident in the Town and Country parking lot. A video was obtained of the incident and the suspect vehicle was identified. Judith Basin deputies located the driver of the suspect vehicle and advised them to contact the Lewistown Police Department. Officers spoke to the driver and cited them for Failure to Stop and Identify Self After Striking an Unattended Vehicle.

### May 10

The Yogo Inn requested an officer to assist them with removing a family who had been smoking pot in their room in front of their children and had their credit cards declined at breakfast. Officers responded and advised that the individuals were compliant and left the facility. Child Protective Services was contacted and advised of the situation in the room.

The following 911 calls were recorded during the

period May 7 through May 20:

Five 911 accidental dials.  
Three 911 hang ups  
One Partner Family Member Assault

One drug  
One lost property  
One ambulance  
One fire  
One animal

One referral to Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
One suspicious person  
One welfare check  
One wildlife

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The staff member is charged with hot meal cooking/serving daily. The meals consist of 50+ home delivered, which leave for delivery by 10:45 and 60 to 80 dining room meals daily at noon.

Work hours for the meal manager start at 6 a.m. and finish between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The dining room is open Monday through Friday serving at 12 p.m.

Walk-ups for meals-to-go take place at 11:30 a.m.

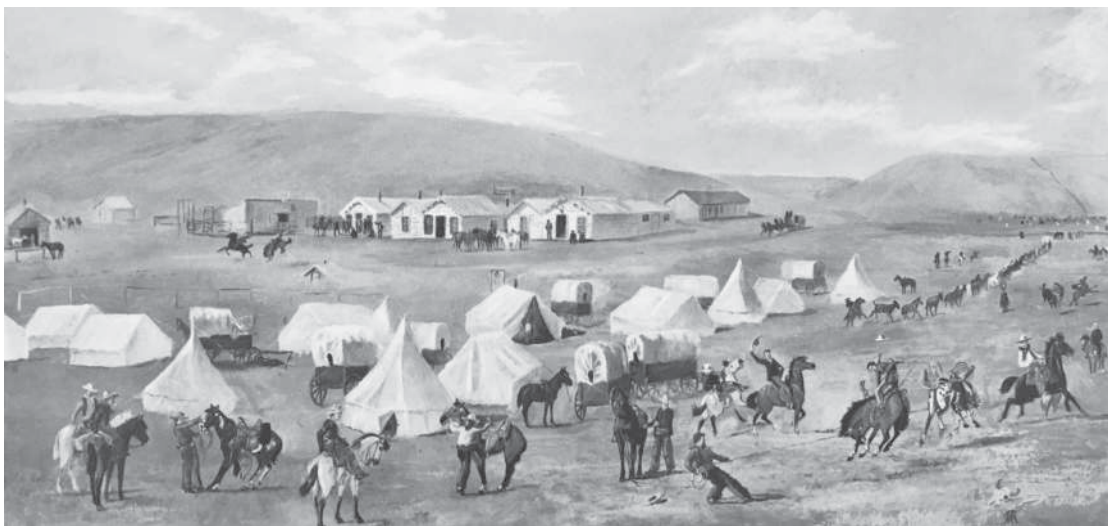
Inventory is checked with the Kitchen Manager to make sure that is in line for the menu on a weekly basis and monthly if needed on orders for Montana Food bank and DPHSS.

- Ordering is done by Kitchen Manager.
- Daily prep for day of and next day hot meals is done by meal manager.
- Meal manager is charged with cooking of daily hot meal and serving of this food with Kitchen Manager and volunteers.
- Meal manager is charged to work with Kitchen Manager for understanding on recipes and ingredients.
- Meal manager is to work together with Kitchen Manager on budget issues concerning menu items.
- Work with Manager on equipment and service needs as necessary for efficiency and safety in the workplace.
- Cleaning of equipment and workspace before leaving for the day is required.





## MUSEUM STORIES



Charlie Russell's painting titled "Cowboy Camp during the Roundup" shows details of the life of a cowman in the 1800s. Photo of painting courtesy of Geoff Casey

## Museum Stories: A brief sketch of the Western artist, Charlie Russell (Part 1)

When I first came to live in Stanford in 2002, I heard from some folks about the famed western artist Charlie Russell — some opinions I heard were rather disparaging of him, that he was just a drinker that painted so he could afford the next drink. In more recent years I have been reading Truman McGiffin Cheney and Roberta Carkeek Cheney's book "So Long, Cowboys of the Open Range," and got the impression that Charlie Russell's life didn't accord with those disparaging opinions that I had heard. Truman was the son of Kid Amby Cheney. Kid Amby was a cowboy that rode with Charlie, and the book reveals something of what Kid Amby thought about him. It gives us some idea also of what the cowboys of the Judith Basin Pool and the Bear Paw Pool thought of Charlie, for he rode with the cowboys of both pools.

Charlie was a popular fellow with the cowboys because he was a good storyteller, as well as a very accomplished painter. He depicted cowboy life very accurately. When he was 18 he painted the well-known "Roundup in Utica." His painting hung on the wall of the Mint Saloon in Great Falls for many years. Two seasoned cowboys, Henry Keeton and Kid Amby, examined the painting 40 years after it was painted, and they were able to identify every cowboy in the painting and they agreed on the names of all the horses.

Russell was not only a very good painter, he could also fashion art pieces out of clay. He always carried a lump of clay with him. One cowboy said that he would take out a lump of clay from his pocket and work it while they rode the trail. Without looking at the clay, Charlie would work it and eventually fashion it into a fine replica of whatever

it was that caught his fancy.

The Cheney's write that no other artist preserved so much of the history of the big cattle pools as did Russell. There was a hierarchy in the business of branding the cows, and Charlie captured this hierarchy very well. According to Kid Amby, the bosses and owners were the ones who did the branding. The top hands of the entire outfit were the ropers, who captured the calves and brought them in for branding. They also called out the brand that was to be put on each calf. Others held onto the calves while they were being branded. The new cowboys, the old men and the less able cowboys were responsible for keeping the main herd of cows and calves

in a group.

If a roper made a mistake and the calf that was branded followed a cow with a different brand, that cowboy was sent down to the lowest job.

Kid Amby later recalled that Russell was a part of many of these roundups, but he was seldom sent to ride circle (gather cattle from a designated area) because he was apt to find a subject for painting and stop right there. He'd throw the reins around the horse's neck, put his left leg around the saddle horn to make a sort of table, then reach in his back pocket for a piece of paper and a stub of a pencil and start sketching. If he thought the sketch looked promising he would get a box of watercolors out, and, using his own spittle for moisture, would paint his picture.

To be continued ...

*Editor's Note: Geoff Casey is the curator of the Judith Basin County Museum, open Memorial Day to Labor Day and by appointment in the off months.*



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## GUEST OPINION

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## Consumer access to Montana beef is a priority

By REBECCA COLNAR

With the end of the 67th legislature, leaders from the Montana Farm Bureau Federation and Montana Stockgrowers Association applaud the collaborative work done by stakeholders, lawmakers and the Department of Livestock, creating greater access to Montana agricultural products, specifically Montana beef, for consumers.

Under the leadership of Speaker Wylie Galt, Martinsdale, Senator Ryan Osmundson, Buffalo, and Representative Josh Kassmier, Fort Benton, funding was secured for two crucial programs that will help bolster processing capacity and access to Montana beef. As part of House Bill 2, the Department of Livestock will receive funding to implement a cooperative interstate shipment program. The Made in Montana program, under the Department of Commerce, will receive \$200,000, through HB 660, to complement the aforementioned effort by promoting made in Montana and grown in Montana products.

In January, legislators and industry leaders from MFBF and MSGA held a roundtable discussion with the Department of Livestock to address concerns surrounding meat-processing capacity. As solutions were discussed, the possibility for a cooperative interstate shipment program rose to the top as one of the most feasible options to implement for the Department of Livestock. CIS promotes the expansion of business opportunities for state-inspected meat and poultry establishments. Under CIS, state-inspected plants can operate as federally inspected facilities, under specific conditions, and ship their product either state to state or internationally. Without CIS, a state-inspected plant is limited to sales within its own borders even when an adjoining state is just across the highway or river.

The Made in Montana program, which also includes Grown in Montana and Native American Made in Montana, focuses on consumer marketing and builds recognition for "authentic Montana" products. This past year, the program has seen an increase of more than 30% in voluntary enrollment from Montana beef producers. The program also assists Montana businesses in developing and marketing their products, and works with restaurants to feature Montana-grown products under the "Taste Our Place" umbrella.

Both organizations also supported multiple pieces of legislation that will help pave the way for greater consumer access to Montana beef, including:

- Securing funding for a new Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.
  - Promoting "product of the USA" labeling.
  - Favoring continued cultivation of trade relations with Taiwan.
  - Supporting the creation of a grant account to invest in infrastructure for port authorities.
  - Advocating for an increased exemption limit of \$300,000 for the business equipment tax.
- Success in the passage of these funding

mechanisms and policies will continue to move the needle on creating greater consumer access to Montana beef. The organizations, legislators, and agency all recognize there are still opportunities to grow consumer access and bring added value to Montana producers and look forward to continued collaboration.

"Cattle production in Montana is an annual \$2 billion industry and plays an important role in the state's top economy. The success of Montana ranchers depends on collaboration and proactively finding solutions for challenges the industry faces. These efforts show the power of collaboration. We are excited in what we have accomplished and to bring greater consumer familiarity and access to Montana beef as well as added value to our members," said Jim Steinbeisser, Montana Stockgrowers Association president.

"MFBF is diligent in finding solutions that will actually make a positive difference for farmers and ranchers. Solutions on this subject have not been easy to find but actions taken in the 67th Legislative Session will help add value to Montana agriculture products. We appreciate all the legislators involved in solving this issue, and that leadership made it clear this was a priority," added Hans McPherson, Montana Farm Bureau Federation president.

"The last legislative session was very good for Montana and Montana ag producers. As one of the few ag producers in the legislature, I can say MFBF and MSGA were the two organizations that worked closely with legislators to find real solutions to the challenges we face as ag producers. I was impressed at the efficient manner in which the Department of Livestock plans to implement the CIS program. I look forward to working with the Department and these organizations in the future," said Senator Ryan Osmundson, Senate District 15.

"I am proud of the collaborative work accomplished for producers, consumers and processors. We worked hard to find solutions that could be immediately implemented and begin to create immediate results for Montanans. I look forward to future conversations with stakeholders and the Department of Livestock on how we can continue to serve Montana's number one industry," said Representative Josh Kassmier, House District 27.

"During the legislative session increasing the value-added processing capacity for our ranchers was a top priority for our legislators, our agriculture organizations, the Governor's office and our agency. I am excited with how each group worked together to put forward viable solutions to the lack of marketing options we have within the state. Most important will be the additional funding for MDOL to add the Cooperative Interstate Shippers option for our state inspected meat processing businesses to expand their markets beyond our state borders if they so choose," said Mike Honeycutt, Montana Department of Livestock executive officer.

Rebecca Colnar is the Director of Media Relations and Publications for MFBF.



Rebecca Colnar

## Socialists and the criminal cartel

By ED BUTCHER

America is at its crossroads. Can this once-great country retain its unique position in world history? The time is past for American citizens to sit on the sidelines. Our citizens must step forward and become involved in elections of people understanding our Constitution and culture.

Nationally, havoc has been unleashed on America by the current group of politicians as they flood our

nation with illegal aliens, run-away inflation by printing trillions of dollars (huge tax increase), criminalizing free speech, and purging patriots from our military while recruiting transgenders as replacements.

Protecting our election process is critical to American survival. Consider—Dr. Fauci, Bill Gates, and the Democrat Party leaders are calling for vaccine I.D.s to travel and transact business, but bitterly oppose a personal I.D. to vote. Is this logical?

Opposition to voter I.D. is promoted by the news media, a huge hoax. While pretending objectivity and professionalism, journalists today are generally self-serving propagandists for an increasingly radical Democrat Party (which many of us left as the socialists/communists gained control) based on Marxist groups like Black Lives Matter and Antifa, who burned and looted without consequences from Democrat-controlled cities, resulting in increasing numbers of residents fleeing to rural

America.

Montana is seeing an influx of people fleeing these left-wing sanctuary cities full of illegal aliens. If they are rejecting their Democrat Party allegiance, they are welcome, but otherwise Bill Gates and the Hollywood idiots can stay in the West Coast socialist utopia. This includes the American Prairie Reserve financiers, because Montana wants a strong economy based on productive businesses, not another unproductive wilderness playground for

international socialist billionaires.

Of immediate concern are members of criminal drug cartels and human trafficking networks. Unfortunately, Montana is not immune to the infiltration and criminal activities of these drug cartels. The young people disappearing and killed in Native American communities are

directly connected to the

Mexican drug cartels with pockets full of money. During the past decade, sources in the reservations have related to me how young illegal aliens have become entrenched in the Native American communities. Cartel money can influence reservation law enforcement and governing officials. But these criminal activities extend far beyond...who do you think is behind the recent rash of shootings in Montana cities?

Sen. Ed Butcher (Ret) is a Central Montana rancher/businessman and former political history professor who served for 10 years in the Montana Senate and House on the Taxation and Education committees as well as chairman of the House Agricultural Committee.



Ed Butcher



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# Being bear aware: FWP presents on grizzly bear management, conflict prevention

By KATHERINE SEARS | Reporter

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks hosted a grizzly bear awareness and safety meeting at the Yogo Inn on Monday evening. Region 4 Supervisor Gary Bertellotti welcomed the approximately 50 people in attendance. The meeting was spurred by the grizzly bear that was sighted and later euthanized after killing cattle in the Big Snowy Mountains earlier this month. Region 4 Bear Management Specialist Wesley Sarmiento gave a presentation on the background of grizzly bears in Montana, how FWP manages grizzly conflicts and the challenges of grizzly expansion on prairies east of the Rocky Mountain Front.

Sarmiento is based out of Conrad and is responsible for helping prevent grizzly bear conflicts and responding to conflicts when they do occur. Last year he responded to 48 conflicts, 17 of which involved cattle, 10 involving grain and five conflicts were grizzlies near dwellings.

While FWP has not confirmed where the 6-year-old male Snowys grizzly came from, it is likely the animal was part of the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, located in northwest Montana. However, FWP isn't ruling out the possibility the bear migrated from the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in southwest Montana.



Burton D'hooge practices using bear spray after the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks bear aware meeting held at the Yogo Inn on Monday. The organization offered bear spray training outside after the meeting.

Photos by Katherine Sears

Sarmiento said his best guess is the bear is one that was previously spotted in the Little Belts. A DNA sample to determine its origin will take about a year to get back, according to Sarmiento.

He also informed the audience it is safe to assume there is more than one grizzly in areas where one has been spotted.

Speaking on the history of the animal, the species was listed as threatened in 1975 due to overhunting, but is now considered biologically recov-

ered. Sarmiento said the future for the species is delisting, and Montana FWP has tried twice to accomplish this, but it has been stopped through lawsuits.

Delisting would turn management over to FWP and allow the state to set regulations, and manage removals and relocations. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service currently manages the species due to the threatened status.

Fergus County is located in what is considered Zone 3 of the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem. Con-

servation Strategy, which wildlife experts say is not critical to the core population or vital to their connectivity. Under this classification, if the species were delisted, there would be no three-strike system when dealing with a conflict, and no mortality limit on the number of grizzlies FWP would be permitted to euthanize.

Right now, wildlife agencies are more liberal with management outside of recovery areas.

"If it's outside of the main area, we can be more aggressive," said Sarmiento. "But if it's just there and not causing any problems, we can't just go remove it."

Touching on relocation, Sarmiento said that approach only works in certain situations when the bear has done minimal damage.

"Trapping success is very low," said Sarmiento. "The best way to avoid a conflict is to prevent it."

This can be done in many ways, and Sarmiento gave several examples of resolving grizzly conflicts in ways that are not lethal to the animal, including scare tactics and electric fencing.

"My job is to help people deal with bear conflicts," said Sarmiento, encouraging the audience to reach out when they have a bear issue.

After the recent grizzly incident in the Snowys, Sarmiento said the future for this area will include responding to



Wesley Sarmiento, bear management specialist, calls on an audience member with a question during a bear aware meeting hosted by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks in Lewistown on Monday.

situations where there may be a grizzly, and possible monitoring by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sarmiento can be reached at (406)-450-1097.

More information on being bear aware for farmers, ranchers, hunters and recreationists is available at [fwp.mt.gov/conservation/species/bear/bear-aware](http://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/species/bear/bear-aware).

## Memorial

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While initially intended to recognize those lost in the Civil War, the event was expanded during and after World War I. The holiday continued to be held on May 30, but its name changed to Memorial Day.

In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May. By tradition, the day is observed by visiting cemeteries and memorials, as well as wearing a red poppy in remembrance of those killed in battle.

This year Memorial Day is Monday, May 31. Services will be held across Central Montana. Please check the dates, as not all are held on Monday.

### Lewistown

Memorial Day Services presented on Monday, May 31, by the Lewistown American Legion Post Fergus Unit #16 include a few words from the Master of Ceremonies, Chaplain and speaker Sergeant First Class (Ret.) Sandy Youngbauer, the placing of wreaths and the Honor Guard. There will also be a reading of the names of departed members at Veterans Memorial Park, along

with the chiming of the bell.

The schedule is 9 a.m. at Central Montana Memorial Gardens, 10 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery, 11 a.m. at City Cemetery and noon at Veterans Memorial Park.

### Roy

Memorial Day Services presented by the Roy American Legion Post 96, on Saturday, May 29, will include a basic ceremony with a speech and fir-

ing squad at 11 a.m., followed by a community potluck at the Legion.

### Moccasin, Moore, Hobson, Utica

Memorial Day Services presented by the Hobson American Legion Post 76, on Monday, May 31, include: Moccasin: 9 a.m.

Moore: 9:30 a.m.  
Philbrook (Hobson): 10:30 a.m.  
Utica: 11:30 a.m.

## Bounty

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Homesteaders and cattle began to populate then Montana Territory, including Fergus County, which at the time encompassed approximately 4,824,000 acres of land. The area was later divided into parts of surrounding counties, including Musselshell, Petroleum, Wheatland and Golden Valley.

In the absence of buffalo, wolf-livestock conflicts heightened, and territorial officials and stock associations began discussing the implementation of a bounty. "Wolves and buffalo were very closely linked on the plains," said Lehman. "We begin to see wolf-cattle conflicts when the buffalo died out."

Beginning in 1883, the territory offered a \$1 bounty for a wolf skin, which was tracked by each county in their bounty record books. Fergus County bounty books, still in mint condition, contain hundreds of

names next to numbers of wolves and coyotes presented for bounty at the county courthouse.

"What's special about the Fergus County records is they give us a more in-depth and personal look at the bounty program," said Lehman. "If you have ancestors who were here during that time, I bet you could find their names in the books."

To cash in on a bounty, the hunters, or "wolfers" as they were most often known, needed two witnesses to verify they had killed the animal or caused the animal to be killed. Courthouse officials would then punch a tag through the ear, so it could not be redeemed for bounty a second time, or in another county.

Lehman points out courthouse officials often signed as witnesses, such as C.M. Kelly, who served as the county clerk and recorder at the time.

With a bounty and additional money paid for the sale of the pelt, wolfing was a lucrative business, and wolfers explored more efficient ways to kill the animals.

Strychnine, or "wolf poi-

son" became a preferred method, as wolfers could kill several wolves at once by lacing bait with the poison.

By 1887, claims became so numerous, the bounty laws were repealed as the territory could not afford to pay them. Reinstated in 1895, the law was slightly altered in 1901 to distinguish bounties between wolves and wolf pups.

"Some wolfers attribute the wolf extermination to the wolf pup bounty," Lehman explained, as that factor seriously hindered the animal's survival rate.

Between 1895 and 1923, Montana paid bounties for 6,750 wolf pelts and over 50,000 coyote pelts in Fergus County, first funded by state tax, and later funded through a livestock association levy.

"The program was always underfunded," said Lehman. "People began treating the bounty certificates like cash and would trade them for food or goods."

The majority of the bounties were claimed by what seemed to be professional wolfers, according to Lehman, which was contrary to the pattern displayed between 1883 and 1887.

"Most were small claims, but by the early 1900s, that flip-flopped, and only about 5% of wolfers brought in two-thirds of the wolves," said Lehman.

The wolfers also appear to be predominantly male.

"This seemed to be a male pursuit, which isn't surprising," said Lehman.

During his presentation Wednesday, the audience pointed out two female names and several others who may be Metis.

"There may be more Metis than I suspected," said Lehman. "I learned some things even last Wednesday."

The bounty records also serve as a proxy for the general population of wolves, Lehman points out. By the 1920s, bounty book entries for wolves were few and far between as the wolf disappeared from the landscape.

However, the coyote population rebounded, and Lehman offered several reasons.

"Coyotes are more opportunistic scavengers, so they may have fared well that way," said Lehman. "They can also run as a just one or as a pack, and they reproduce faster than wolves."

sional meet record in both, and the Oakland Athletic Complex in Glendive stadium record for the discus. Her shot put throw was 43 feet, 3.5 inches, and her discus throw was 141 feet, 8.75 inches. Zimmer also placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 102-6.5.

The State A track and field meet will be held at the Laurel Sports Complex on Friday and Saturday, May 28-29, with Zimmer looking to continue her success and win medals.

### NOTICE TO REAL ESTATE OWNERS

The 2020 Second Half Real Estate Taxes are due and payable on or before May 31, 2021. These taxes will become **DELINQUENT** after 5 PM on May 31, 2021.

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#### PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY

Century Companies, Inc., will soon begin road construction on the Maiden Road Project. The work is slated to begin June 1st and expected to last into November.

Work will begin at the intersection of Highway 191 and Maiden Road and proceed along Maiden Road for 9 miles to Judith Peak Road. Crews will be working weekdays from 7 am to 7 pm. Weekend work is not planned at this time, weather permitting.

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OBITUARIES

Joe Stilson

Joe Stilson, 88, of Lewistown, passed away at Strawberry Roan early Monday morning, May 24, 2021. A complete obituary will be released when completed. The Cloyd Funeral Home is assisting the family. Condolences for the family may be posted online at [www.cloydfuneralhome.com](http://www.cloydfuneralhome.com).

Louanne Woodford

Louanne Woodford, 89, of Lewistown, former Winnett and Mosby resident, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 24, 2020, in the Central Montana Medical Center. A Celebration of Life for Louanne Woodford will be at the Winnett Baptist Church on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. with a reception to follow at the Winnett Bar; cremation has taken place. Friends are asked to make memorials to the Petroleum County Ambulance or to the charity of their choice and they may be left with the Cloyd Funeral Home. Condolences for the family may be posted online at [www.cloydfuneralhome.com](http://www.cloydfuneralhome.com).

Arod E. Moberley

Arod E. Moberley, 86, of Lewistown, Montana, passed away at his home, of natural causes, early Tuesday morning March 30, 2021. Graveside Memorial Services will be Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 2 p.m. in Central Montana Memorial Gardens; cremation has taken place. The Cloyd Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Veterans Memorial Park, Hospice of Central Montana or to the charity of their choice and they may be left with the Cloyd Funeral Home. Condolences for the family may be posted online at [www.cloydfuneralhome.com](http://www.cloydfuneralhome.com).

2021 Birding trips, events

**Editor's note:** In the Saturday, May 22 paper, the story on the Lewistown Birding bunch included outdated information on trips and events. Here is the correct list for 2021. The News-Argus regrets any confusion.

Lewistown Birding Bunch 2021 trip itinerary

RSVP with trip leader at least the day before for outings. Some events require earlier notice. All trips meet at Centennial Plaza unless otherwise specified.

Kendall Ghost Town drive/picnic is Saturday, May 29 at 8 a.m. We will bird to, from and at Kendall Ghost Town. Those that are interested will hike through the area. Bring your picnic with you. RSVP Anne Tews, Phone/Text: 366-0660.

Lake Mason NWR drive/walk is Saturday, June 5 at 7 a.m. (Near Roundup; water in reservoir and no muddy roads permitting). Bring insect repellent, lunch, snacks, and drinks. RSVP Cathy Moser by June 3 at phone 538-4813.

Bear Gulch Pictographs is June 12 (tentative). Contact Paula Drissell at 350-1553. Benton Lake is Saturday June 19 at 7 a.m. This is an all-day trip. Bring lunch and drinks. RSVP Dick Denison at 538-2252 or 366-1410.

Bluebird Box cleaning and repair is Saturday, Sept. 11; and Sept. 25 (if needed) at 9 a.m. RSVP Cathy Moser by Thursday, Sept. 9 or Sept. 23, Phone: 538-4813.

Fall Raptor watch is in October (tentative). Ackley Lake will be Saturday, Oct. 29. 8 a.m. Bring Spotting scopes if you have them. RSVP Anne Tews Phone/Text: 366-0660.

Christmas Bird Count on Jan. 1, 2022. Back up date, Sunday Jan. 2. All day or half day. Potluck at noon, location to be announced. RSVP Anne Tews. Phone/TXT: 366-0660. It is helpful to know who will participate a week in advance.

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**MEMORIALS**

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**Jackie Rose**

Jacqueline “Jackie” Rose, 81 passed away May 24, 2021

Services are pending Announced along with obituary

**Kathie Bailey**

Kathie Ann Bailey, 65, passed away May 14, 2021

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Zion Lutheran Church Saturday, June 12, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

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Jacqueline A. Rose

Jacqueline A. “Jackie” Rose, 81, passed away May 24, 2021. Services are pending and will be announced along with an obituary.

Arrangements are under the care of Creel Funeral Home. Jackie’s family and friends can share memories and condolences at [www.creelfuneralhome.com](http://www.creelfuneralhome.com).

George R. Birdwell

George R. Birdwell, 88, of Lewistown, Montana, died Thursday afternoon, May 20, 2021 at his home of natural causes.

He is survived by his wife Eva (Matovich) of Lewistown; son David of Lewistown; daughter Linda (John) Polich of Red Lodge; brothers Gale (Carol) and Larry (Wilma) both of Lewistown; sisters Donna Yaeger of Helena and Carol Fraser of Lewistown, and three grandchildren.

At his request cremation has taken place and no services will be held. The Cloyd Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the charity of their choice and they may be left with the Cloyd Funeral Home. Condolences for the family may be posted online at [www.cloydfuneralhome.com](http://www.cloydfuneralhome.com).

Jacqueline Fay Rollyson

Jacque passed away May 18, 2021 at her home in Roy, Montana, at the age of 78 of cancer. She was born in Lawton, Oklahoma in 1942; her parents were Jean and Dorothy Lee.

She is survived by her husband William, son John (Melissa), brother John Lee in Seattle, sister Shirley Peay in Oklahoma, grandchildren Jacqueline Rollyson in Three Forks, and Dusti Rollyson in Lewistown.

Jacque had a Master’s Degree in math, and taught in California for one year, Fairbanks, Alaska for a couple of years, and then settled in Redmond, Washington and taught junior high math for 35 years. She loved teaching kids of all ages and quite often we had kids at our home to tutor after school or on weekends. She would never take any money.

Jacque also was a master bridge player and played in a lot of tournaments, but her favorite was Wednesday night pinocle at the Legion Bar in Roy. She was well liked there.

She never had anything bad to say about anyone, and was always cheerful. She wanted to help the school anyway that she could. Jacque was a true lady and God now has a very special angel to help him. She will be missed very, very much.

At the request of the family, there will be no services.



REAL Montana Class visits eastern Montana to discuss livestock, energy

Lewistown resident Tayla Snapp just returned from five days in Colstrip, Miles City and Sidney as part of REAL Montana (Resource Education and Agriculture Leadership). For Tayla and other members of REAL Montana Class IV, these were the sixth and seventh seminars in their 10-seminar educational program.

Class IV began in Colstrip, where they discussed energy production, legislation, and community successes and challenges. Tours included the Westmoreland coalmine and Rosebud Power Plant. The group then proceeded to Miles City, where they heard from leaders in the livestock industries on current regulations, legislative impacts, and the positive impacts livestock systems have on the environment. A skill building session focused on effectively fundraising for a cause. Class IV toured the Homestead Cattle Company feedlot and Powder River Pack in Terry, then continued on to Sidney where they learned about consumer trends and protein marketing at Reynolds Grocery Store.

The duration of the week focused on oil and gas development. Class IV learned about oil and gas extraction, pipelines, community issues, irrigation projects in the region, and how the Bakken oil boom and slowdown has impacted other sectors of the economy. They also participated in a skill building training on how to effectively facilitate meetings. Participants toured an active Crescent Point drilling site near Williston, North Dakota, and the ONEOK Riverview Rail Terminal in Sidney. The seminar included a networking banquet where class members interacted with local program sponsors and industry leaders.

“I really enjoyed my time touring the Crescent Point oil rig. Because I work in the oil and gas pipeline industry, I have always wanted to get to a production site and understand the detail of drilling into the ‘famous’ Williston Basin. My passion for agriculture made me appreciate the tour of Homestead Cattle Company’s feedlot. I was amazed at the technology, time, and technical infrastructure that it takes to get calves from weaning weight to rail weight,” said Snapp.

Twenty of Montana’s top natural resource industry leaders from across the state were competitively selected to take part in REAL Montana Class IV. The program’s mission is to build a network of informed and engaged leaders to advance the natural resource industries in Montana. The intensive leadership program features eight in-state seminars; a five-day national study tour in Washington D.C.; and a 10-day international trip. Seminars include training in natural resource development, agriculture institutions and agencies, public speaking/media, economics, state and federal policy, international trade, urban/rural relationships, water issues, and other current industry topics.

REAL Montana is funded through a partnership with Montana State University Extension and private industry. Over-



Class IV of REAL Montana visits the Westmorland Coal Mine in Colstrip on May 10. Shown are (back, from left) Justin Miller, Merrill McKamey, Collette Anderson, Colleen Buck, Mike Hatten, Dustin Martens, Skyler Hoefer, Joel Krautter, Sidney Resel, Tara Becken; (front, from left) John Morgan, Zachary Bashoor, Courtney Burgard, Shawn Fladager, Orry Fruit, Cynthia Johnson, Sue Ann Streufert, Tayla Snapp, Jaime Edmundson, Rob Koelzer and Anna Stitt.

sight is provided by an advisory board of industry leaders. Complete program information is available at [www.real-montana.org](http://www.real-montana.org).

Montana’s unemployment rate falls in April

Montana’s unemployment rate declined from 3.8% in March to 3.7% in April. The unemployment rate for the U.S. was 6.1% for the month.

“Montana’s economic recovery depends on getting Montanans back to work into good-paying jobs, allowing our businesses to fill open jobs and meet their growing customer demand,” Gov. Gianforte said. “By ending the pandemic-related federal unemployment bonus that discourages work and by launching a return-to-work bonus, more Montanans will re-enter the workforce and Montana’s economy will continue to rebound.”

Montana’s unemployment rate for April matches the pre-pandemic rate of 3.7% in February 2020. There are, however, 9,428 fewer Montanans in the labor force than there were in February 2020.

Montana’s total employment, which includes payroll, agricultural, and self-employed workers, grew by 1,799 in April. Employment gains were fueled by workers returning to the

labor force, which added 1,437 workers in April as vaccines were made available to more Montanans. After March’s strong growth in payroll employment, Montana saw a small decline of 300 payroll jobs in April.

“The specter of inflation is concerning. It’s time for the federal government to turn off the spigot of spending trillions of dollars that drive up our national debt, a shameful burden our kids and grandkids will inherit,” Gianforte said.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers increased by 0.8% over the month in April for a total 12-month increase of 4.2%, the largest 12-month increase since September 2008. Prices of used cars and trucks rose 10% in April and accounted for a third of the increase. Prices mostly increased across the board. The index for all items less food and energy, referred to as core inflation, increased 0.9% in April.

Get your bike blessed on Saturday

Warriors of Faith will hold a bike blessing at First Christian Church on Saturday, May 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your motorcycles, bicycles, or even just yourself, for a blessing, and enjoy hot dogs, drinks and stickers for the kids. For more information call Jerry at 535-3030 or Katie at 366-6536.

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# Rudy Strnad receives Chairman's Circle Award



State Farm Agent Rudy Strnad received the company's prestigious Chairman's Circle award for his Lewistown office. This honor is awarded to only 3% of over 19,000 State Farm agents across the nation.

In addition to recognizing an agent's outstanding sales ability, this top award honors agents who align their business with the long-term direction of the company and who act as advocates for their customers. Only a select few agents within State Farm receive this honor annually as there are strict qualifying criteria that must be met.

Talking about what he attributes to receiving this award, Strnad said, "I give the credit entirely to my team. They carry themselves like true professionals. My team maintains a wonderful office culture that provides a remarkable experience for our customers."

Strnad started working in a State Farm agent's office in Jamestown, North Dakota, as a senior in college. He then worked in the Diana Larson State Farm Agency in Billings before becoming an agent in Lewistown. Rudy places a huge emphasis on team development. His leadership skills have created a dynamic office environment to help his team focus on the customer's best interests. Rudy's positive experience working with agents in other offices also helps him appreciate his own team. "I couldn't do any of this without their attitude and effort," he adds.

Strnad became a State Farm agent in Lewistown three years ago, a month and a half before getting married. In addition to the Chairman's Circle honor, Strnad has received other awards while balancing work and home life. He and his wife, Jenni, have a 22-month-old boy and are expecting a girl in August.

The Rudy Strnad State Farm Agency is located at 701 East Main Street in Lewistown. His team consists of Carole Buckner, Joni Hartford, Jamie Hess and Jill Young.

## College graduation for Rachel Kane announced

Rachel Kane graduated in early May from Black Hills State University, Spearfish, South Dakota, with international high honors, Summa Cum Laude. She is the daughter of Becky Taylor-Kane and granddaughter of the late Bernard Taylor (Hobson).

Rachel remained on the Dean's List for four years, holding a 4.0 GPA. She competed on the Lady Yellow Jacket basketball team for one year, as well as on the speech and drama team, competing in London.

Rachel plans to continue her graduate education at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, striving for her PhD in psychology. In a last conversation with her grandpa, Bernard said, "Who'd a 'thunk' I'd have a doctor in my family?"

Rachel's ambitious adventures from a little girl on horseback, to being an avid athlete, to having larger-than-life plans have been to the wonderment and pride of her mom, who said, "She never ceases to amaze me."





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## NEWS BRIEFS

### First Christian Church to host Blood Drive

The Lewistown Community First Christian Church Blood Drive will be on Monday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Banquet Room, 103 Twelfth Avenue South.

To make an appointment, call the American Red Cross at 868-0911 or visit [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) and enter sponsor code: lewistown.

### Chicken dinner at Grass Range United Methodist Church

Yay - the chicken dinner is back at Grass Range United Methodist Church and will be served Sunday, June 6 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Besides the fried chicken, you will get mashed potatoes, cream gravy, salad bar, homemade rolls and all topped off with homemade pie.

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# LPL brings you our 2021 Summer Reading Program, Tails and Tales

By BRITTNEY UECKER

The Library is delighted to bring you our 2021 Summer Reading Program, Tails and Tales. This year's program will be about animals and the stories we tell about them. From the farm to the jungle, the ocean to the forest, we will be learning about animals of all kinds through special youth programs and highlighting exciting books in our collection. Summer Reading begins on Tuesday, June 1 and will run for six weeks through Saturday, July 10.

This year, we will be hosting programming for each age group on specific days of the week. Tuesdays at 1 p.m. will be

STEM programming for Middles (ages 6-12), where we will learn about animal habitats, food-chains, tracks and other wild topics through a science and art lens. For Teen Time (ages 13 and up) on Thursdays at 4 p.m., we will make tote bags and marbled mugs as well as dive into some creative writing. On Thursday, July 1, Teen Book Club makes its return with "Turtles All the Way Down" by John Green. Copies can be picked up when you sign up for Summer Reading and we will meet to discuss the book on July 1 at 4 p.m. For the Littles, we will continue Books and Babies (ages 0-2 and caregivers) on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and PreK/Kinder Story time (ages 3-6) on Saturdays at 11 a.m. These story times will be specifically focused on animal books, songs and crafts.

In addition to weekly programs, there are other fun events and on-going activities we have in the works. We will be holding a bird-watching event on Friday, June 11 in conjunction with the Lewistown Birding Bunch. Meet at Brewery Flats at 1 p.m. dressed for the weather and ready to observe Central Montana bird species in their natural habitat. Our Traveling Library Piranha will be out and about the week of June 8-12. Clues will be posted each day to help you track him down at different spots in town. Our Story walk will be posted on the Courthouse lawn the week of June 21-26. Take a stroll and read a story with the whole family. Throughout the program, go on a scavenger hunt in the library for the Summer Reading Angler Fish hiding in a new spot in the stacks each week. Finally, track your reading progress on your Summer Reading log throughout the program. Once you have met your reading goal, bring in your completed log to receive a book prize.

We are so excited to bring you Tails and Tales. All programs are in-person; we ask that unvaccinated patrons please wear a mask in the building. Signups begin on Tuesday, June 1 and the program runs through Saturday, July 10. If you have any questions about the Summer Reading Program, contact the Library at 538-5212.

## Lewistown Public Library



interviewed several individuals from various walks of life about what influenced them to pursue a career working with animals, what makes Central Montana a unique ecosystem in which to encounter wildlife, and their funniest, wildest animal experiences, their tales about tails. Stay tuned to the end of the episode to hear details about this year's Summer Reading Program themed Tails and Tales.

Enjoy the podcast: <https://anchor.fm/.../episodes/Episode-9-Tails--Tal.../a-a592k51>.

## Friends of the Library

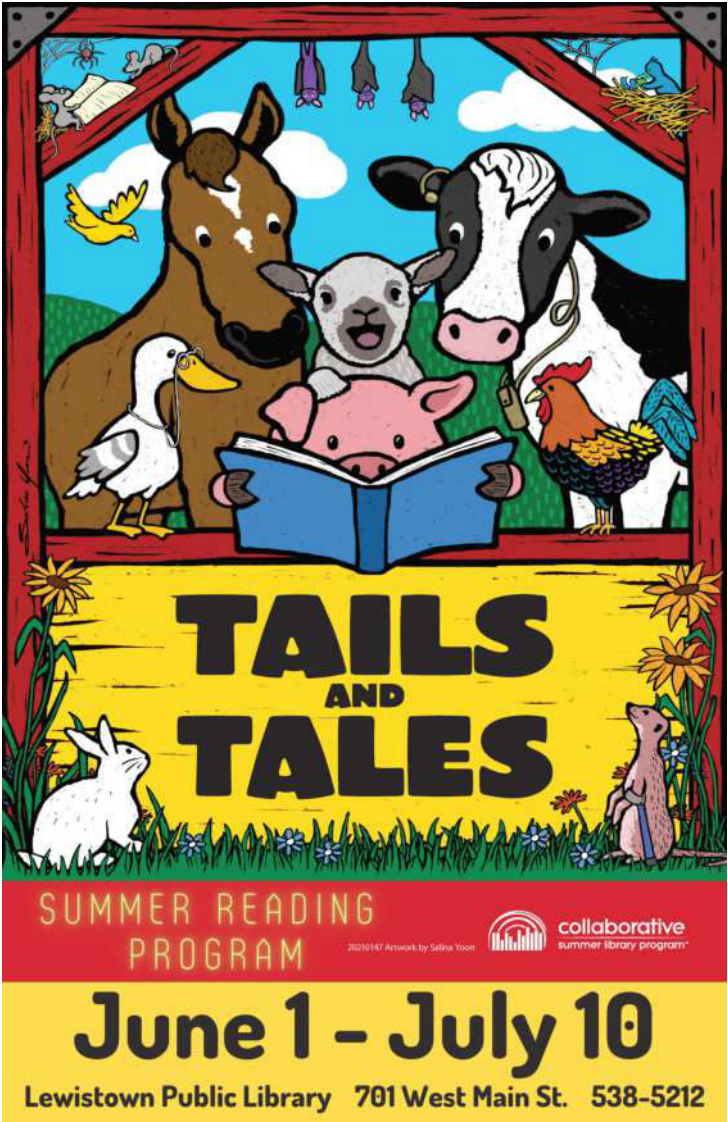
Friends monthly meeting is Wednesday, May 26 at 12 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Members and the public are encouraged to attend and get involved.

## Book Sale

The Friends of the Library book sales are Friday, June 4 from 1 – 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Book Station is open to the public at 621 West Main Street, across from the library. Please bring exact donation for purchase. Sale proceeds benefit the library. No appointments necessary.

## Library hours

Modified hours coming up to observe Memorial Day holiday: Friday, May 28 open 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and closed Saturday, May 29. Regular hours resume Tuesday, June 1. Stay current on hours and programming at [lewistownlibrary.org](http://lewistownlibrary.org).



## Story time

In-person story time has resumed at the Library. Books and Babies (ages 0-2) is Friday, May 28 at 10:30 a.m. There is no Pre-K/Kinders Story time this week due to holiday closure on Saturday. Contact Brittney for more information.

## New Magical Middles book

Radio book reading, "Clean Getaway" by Nic Stone airs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. on KXLO 106.9FM. Everyone can participate in Magical Middles story hour that airs weekly. Tune in and enjoy the story.

## Tails and Tales podcast

Episode #9 of In the Stacks is about the animals of Central Montana and the people that get to work with them. We

## CELEBRATING SENIORS

### Turning 65, Medicare and you (part two)

This is the process of turning 65 and receiving Medicare.

You may ask, who gets Part A (Hospitalization) and Part B (Medical) automatically? According to "Medicare and You" (2021), if you're already getting benefits from Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Board, you will automatically get Part A-B. Your Red, White, and Blue Medicare card will be mailed to you three months before your 65th birthday.

Part A (Hospitalization) - A beneficiary that has worked 40 quarters (10 years) will automatically receive Part A, free of charge. Note: if you have not worked the 40 quarters required, you will be charged for Part A. To find out more you can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

Part B (Medical) - If you are close to 65 and are not receiving benefits from Social Security or the Railroad

Retirement Board, you will need to sign up for Part B. A person has three months before to three months after turning 65. That gives seven months total. Please do not panic, this is a lot of time to sign up. Part B costs \$148.50 a month and will be deducted from your Social Security Check. If you are not receiving Social Security Benefits at that time, you will be billed for Part B.

The main thing to take into consideration when thinking about signing up for Part B is, are you going to continue to work? Does your employer have health care in place for their employees? If the answer is yes, you may not have to sign up for Part B at that time. When you decide to take Part B, this will fall under what Medicare calls a Special Enrollment Period. You and your employer will fill out a Medicare form and send it in to them.



Kim Haynes

## TRICARE (Military health benefits)

According to "Medicare and You" (2021), this is a health care plan for active-duty service members, military retirees and their families. Most people with TRICARE who are entitled to Part A must have Part B to keep TRICARE drug benefits. If you have TRICARE, you do not need to join a Medicare drug plan.

Medicare Part A (Hospitalization) and Part B (Medical) are considered Original Medicare and will take care of 80% of your medical bills.

If a person is on Medicaid before they turn 65, they still must sign up for Medicare, both A (Hospital) and B (Medical). You can keep the Medicaid. Medicaid can help pay for your out-of-pocket costs, (premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copays).

A "Medicare and You" book is available at the Fergus County Council on Aging located at 307 West Watson Street. This will give you all

the information that you need.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (Kim) at 535-7486.

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## Rocky Railway VBS: Jesus' power pulls us through

A summer kids' event called Rocky Railway VBS will be hosted at Zion Lutheran Church from June 14 to June 17. At Rocky Railway, kids discover through life's ups and downs that Jesus' power pulls us through. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, engage in fun snacking experiences, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust Jesus, and test out sciency-fun gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Rock Wrap-Up that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Rocky Railway is for kids from kindergarten to sixth grade and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. For more information, call 538-5082.

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## Community Calendar

### Wednesday, May 26

- **Bingo at the Yogo**, 6 p.m.
- **Yoga in the Loft**, Central Feed Grilling upstairs, 6 p.m

### Thursday, May 27

- **Teen Writers Group**, Lewistown Library, 3:45 p.m.
- **Open Sewing**, Lewistown's Sew Pieceful, 9-11 a.m.

### Friday, May 28

- **Not Friday Night Magic**, DBR Cards and Collectibles, 618 W. Main, 6:30 p.m.
- **Game Night**, American Legion, 8 p.m.
- **Books and Babies resumes**, Lewistown Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Monsters of Destruction**, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- **Small Wonder Board meeting**, noon. Email: swboardofdirectors@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

### Saturday, May 29

- **Board Game Night**, DBR, 7 p.m.
- **Monsters of Destruction**, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- **Story time resumes**, Lewistown Library, 11 a.m.
- **Live music with The Sightliners**, Judith Mountain Lodge, 5-8 p.m.

### Monday, May 31

- **Memorial Day...**  
See front page for schedule of events.

### Tuesday, June 1

- **Bingo at the Yogo**, 6 p.m.
- **Yoga in the Loft**, Central Feed Grilling upstairs, 6 p.m
- **Open Sewing**, Lewistown's Sew Pieceful, 9-11 a.m.
- **Paint N Sip**, Judith Mountain Lodge, 7 p.m.

If there is an event you would like to have listed in the weekly calendar, email to:editor@lewistownnews.com.

# Montana Water Color Society show in final weeks

If you haven't seen it already, the Annual Montana Watercolor Society Exhibition is not to be missed. This show features all original works in watercolor, from Lewistown and Montana-based artists, each under 6" on their longest side.

The miniature format allows artists to submit several works, and keep their prices affordable. More than eight paintings have sold this month, which makes it the most successful exhibition (by quantity) this year. If you're unable to see these stunning works in person, you can head to [www.CentralMTArt.com](http://www.CentralMTArt.com) to view the entire exhibition, or visit our Facebook page for a video tour and reading of the Juror (Sallie Bowen's) choices for first, second and third place, as well as her six Honorable Mentions.



Updates From  
**Mary Baumstark**  
Director  
Lewistown Art Center



### Hands on Montana next Friday, June 4

Everyone is invited to Hands on Montana – our annual, free, community-wide celebration of Central Montana art and culture – on Friday, June 4 from 4-8 p.m. This annual event will combine some of our favorite things about the LAC, like exhibiting local artists, providing art experiences, and highlighting the diversity of the arts in our community.

Hands on Montana will serve as the Opening Reception for our Annual Community Exhibitions – WARP and the Kid's Art Exhibition. Between 4-8 p.m., we'll host local artists for these two exhibitions that feature more than 80 works from artists that range from 2-year old's sculptures to experimental works by professional artists and art educators. We invite everyone to witness these "community-constructed" exhibitions. No work was turned away, and the result is a bright, wild breath of fresh air.

We'll offer free "Paint-Your-Own-Pottery" for all attendees, as well as live entertainment and refreshments. We're also excited to host artist and author, Betty Fillius, for a book signing on her debut book. Betty will be available to discuss her adventures that lead to the publication of her book, as well as answer questions and sign copies.

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 4 for Hands on Montana at the Lewistown Art Center. Help us celebrate our creative members, our local and growing artists, new authors, live performers, and everything that makes Central Montana as colorful as it is.

### Summer programming registration

The Lewistown Art Center is excited to offer pre-registration for our Summer Fun Camps beginning at Hands on Montana on June 4. We'll publish our schedule – which includes monthly Summer Fun Camps, Open Studio Days, and Adult



"Contorted," and oil and acrylic work by Madison Brassell, is one of the pieces in the upcoming WARP community exhibit at the Art Center.

Photo courtesy of Lewistown Art Center

Social Nights – on June 4, and will accept early registration beginning that night.

Hands on Montana will be an excellent opportunity to explore the Art Center's educational programs and meet our Education staff, including some new faces. We look forward to welcoming young artists back into the LAC and our programs.

The Lewistown Art Center promotes art, art education and art appreciation in Central Montana. Regular hours are Tuesday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is always free.

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# Celebrating with Song



The Fergus High School Choir, under the direction of Lauren Wright sings “Seasons of Love” during Sunday’s graduation ceremony.

Photo courtesy of Kristin Rutten

## Fergus High School students recognized at Awards Night

Last week Fergus High recognized outstanding students during the annual Blue and Gold Awards Ceremony. Principal Tim Majerus served as Master of Ceremonies, aided by Kiwanis members Roger Wollermann, Connie Damby, Cherie Neudick, Sharon Wickens and Phil Kotterba, who handed out the awards.

The following students were recognized:

**Madison Affolder** (Attend Montana State University; major in animal science) -- Central Montana Foundation Clarence and Mildred Smith Scholarship, \$1,500

**James Taurman-Aldrich** (Attend the University of Idaho; study ag communications and political science) -- Blue and Gold Winner for Agriculture and FFA and for Choir; Central Montana Foundation Clarence and Mildred Smith Scholarship, \$1,500; Central Montana Foundation Chestner-Rickner Scholarship, \$500, MABA/MBEA FFA Scholarship

**Riley Anderson** (Attend Montana Tech; study biological sciences) -- Blue and Gold Winner in Community Leadership, 2020-21 National Honor Society Secretary, Senior Class Secretary, receiving a certificate for outstanding attendance; Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; Central Montana Mentoring Scholarship, \$300; 4-year mentor gift; Montana Tech Vision Award; Montana Tech Merit Scholarship; Youth Serve Montana Scholarship.

**Sophomore Ben Archer** -- Second Place Finalist in the Montana Youth Entrepreneurs Program; Competitor in the Principal's Cup Academic Team; 2020-21 Business Professionals of America Student Council Representative; Fifth place National winner in the Business Professionals of America Entrepreneurship event

**Gabriel Arndt** (Attend Montana State University, study elementary education) -- Central Montana Dorothy Ileene Eklund Scholarship, \$1,500; Fitness Central Scholarship, \$1,000; Yvonne and Dolores Peck Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

**Junior Jayda Barnes** -- Blue and Gold co-winner for FACS/FCCLA

**Sophomore Carson Barta** --Participant in the Science Olympiad, placing second in Ag Science and second place state winning team; Certificate for Outstanding Attendance

**Freshman Paytin Belden** -- Certificate for perfect attendance for this school year

**Sophomore Melissa Bid-dison** -- Sophomore Class President certificate

**Sophomore Nathan Blackadar** -- certificate for outstanding attendance

**Sophomore Chelsie Brand** -- certificate for outstanding attendance

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## Awards at Fergus High, continued

**Cooper Birdwell** (Attend Oklahoma State University; study biology) -- Fergus High School Student Body President; Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; Blewett Wrestling Scholarship, \$1,000; 3 year mentor gift; also receiving an Oklahoma State University Achievement Scholarship and a USAW Scholarship

**Junior Thomas Brandon** -- certificate as a competitor in the Principal's cup Academic Team

**Freshman Alexis Breidenbach** -- certificate for outstanding attendance

**Rafe Bruchez** - 4 year mentor gift



“Watch out world” is the warning on this graduate’s cap.

Photos courtesy of Kristin Rutten

**Freshman Landon Burleigh** -- Certificate of participation in the Science Olympiad; placing second in Ag Science and second place overall as a member of the state team

**Junior Laurel Carr** -- certificate for the Fergus High School Student Council Junior Class President and a certificate for outstanding attendance

**Sophomore Elsie Crouse** -- certificate for the Fergus High School Student Council as the Sophomore Class Vice President

**Natalie Day** -- certificate for the Principal's Cup Academic Team, receiving a certificate of participation in the Science Olympiad; placing third in Water Quality, third in Protein Modeling and second place overall as a member of the state team; Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; Central Montana Foundation CMT Community Service Scholarship, \$1,702; Kiwanis Scholarship, \$1,000; Central Montana Mentoring Scholarship, \$300; 4 year mentor gift; National Honor Society Scholarship and a BYU-Hawaii David McKay scholarship

**Freshman Owen Day** -- certificate of participation in the Science Olympiad; placing seventh in Astronomy, fifth in Fossils, sixth in Experimental Design and second place overall as a member of the state team; receiving a certificate as a competitor in the Principal's cup Academic Team

**Sophomore Catherine deGuzman** -- certificate for the Fergus High School Student Council Sophomore Class Treasurer

**Michael deGuzman** (Attend Carroll College, study psychology) -- Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; 4 year mentor gift, Presidential



Commencement programs line a table at the FHS graduation ceremony Sunday.

Scholarship from Carroll College, Reach Higher Montana Youth Serve Scholarship

**Shaun Dinsmore** (Attend the Divers Institution of Technology) -- Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; Central Montana Manufacturing Scholarship, \$1,000

**Freshman Josie Dubbs** -- certificate of participation in the Science Olympiad; placing seventh in Coding and second place overall as a member of the state team

**Sophomore Jasper Fairchild** -- certificate for participation in the Principal's Cup Academic Team and certificate for 2020-21 FHS Business Professional of America Vice President

**Junior Chance Fields** -- Blue and Gold winner for industrial arts

**Mariah Fogle** (Attend MSU Billings City College for X-Ray technology)- certificate for perfect attendance throughout entire k-12 educational career, a community member was so impressed with this achievement that they gave a \$200 award; Central Montana Foundation class of 1935 scholarship, \$1,500; the Devin Moe Golf Scholarship, \$200; Montana STEM/Healthcare scholarship

**Hanna Franz** (Attend Montana State University, general studies) -- Blue and Gold winner in Art, certificate for Fergus High School Student Council Senior Class Vice President; Central Montana Foundation Ray and Nikoline Marr Scholarship, \$3,000; Lewistown Art Center Scholarship, \$500; Eyecare and Associates Scholarship, \$500; Central Montana Mentoring Scholarship, \$300; 4 year mentor gift; MSU Premier Scholarship

**Sophomore Ellie Fulbright** -- Certificate for Fergus High School Student Council Sophomore class secretary; Blue and Gold FACS/FCCLA co-winner

**Freshman Gabe Gee** -- Certificate for outstanding attendance

**Sophomore Ben Certge** -- Certificate for outstanding attendance

**Colin Gilpatrick** -- (Attend Montana State University Northern, study agriculture) -- Blue and Gold athlete; Certificate for outstanding attendance; Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; Central Montana Foundation Helen Hruska-Schultz Scholarship, \$1,000; Brooks Community Scholarship, \$2,780; FFA

Alumni Dale Godfrey Scholarship, \$500

**Jake Henderson** -- (Attend University of Providence, study business administration) Central Montana Foundation Dr. Frank and Patty Thompson Scholarship, \$1,000; Devin Moe Golf Scholarship, \$200; University of Providence Golf Scholarship

**Brock Hoots** (Attend MSU Billings, study marine biology) -- Central Montana Foundation Class of 1995 Scholarship, \$250

**Sophomore Hailey Jackson** -- certificate for outstanding attendance

**Chelsea Jensen** -- (Attend Rituals Institute for cosmetology) -- Outstanding attendance certificate; Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500

**Junior Payson Jensen** -- Certificate as a member of the Fergus High School Student Council as the Junior class secretary

**Emily Kolstad** -- (attend Montana State University) -- Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500

**Ellie Kuhlmann** -- (v Montana State University, study animal sciences) -- Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship; \$1,500; Montana STEM/Healthcare Scholarship; MSU Premier Scholarship; Warren Edward and Phyllis Sullivan Howes Scholarship

**Freshman Julia Kunau** -- Certificate as a competitor in the Principal's Cup Academic Team; Member of the Fergus High School Student Council as the Freshman Class President; certificate for outstanding attendance

**Sean Kunau** (Attend University of Montana, study political science) -- Blue and Gold winner as the business student of the year; certificates for Principal's Cup Academic Team, Fergus High School Student Council Student Body Vice President, participation in the Science Olympiad; third in Anatomy and Physiology, third in Write it, Do it, and second in Sounds of Music and second place overall as a member of the state team, Business Professionals of America Student of the Year and Montana State President for the 2020-2021 school year, placed second in the nation in Broadcast Team at the National Leadership Conference, Outstanding attendance; Central Montana Foundation Maude Pimlott Scholarship, \$1,500 per year for 4 years; MidRivers Higher Education Scholarship, \$1,000; Kiwanis Scholarship, \$1,000; Central Montana Mentoring Scholarship, \$300; 4 year mentor gift, Business Professionals of America National Officer Scholarship, Buchanan Foundation Montana BPA Scholarship, MUS Honor Scholarship

**June LePage** (Attend Carroll College and study biology) Principal's Cup Academic Team; Fergus High School Student Council Student Body Treasurer, participation in the Science Olympiad; third Protein Modeling, third place in Anatomy and Physiology, third in Write it Do it, and second place overall as a member of the state team, 2020-21 FHS Business Professionals of America Secretary, Placed seventh in the nation in Broadcast Team at the National Leadership Conference, 2020-21 National Honor Society Vice President, 2020-21 business professionals of America outstanding senior, 4 year member and national qualifier; Central Montana Foundation Evelyn Beatty Scholarship, \$1,200 per year for 4 years; Central Montana Foundation Ray and Nikoline Marr Scholarship, \$700; Fergus County Medical Society Scholarship, \$500; Kiwanis Scholarship, \$1,500; Central Montana Mentoring Scholarship, \$200; 3 year mentor gift

**Carson Lewis** (Attend Carroll College, study pre-med) -- Blue and Gold winner for Spanish; certificates for U.S. Air Force Math and Science Award, Science Olympiad; third Protein Modeling, seventh in Astronomy, eighth in Chem lab and second place overall as a member of the state team, competitor in the Principal's Cup Academic Team, outstanding achievement on the ACT earning a score of 33 out of 36; Central Montana Foundation Ray and Nikoline Marr Scholarship, \$3,000; Carroll College Presidential Merit Scholarship

**Freshman Justin Maier** -- Certificate for Outstanding

Attendance

**Freshman Tate Mangold** -- Science Olympiad; first in Helicopter, sixth in Vehicle Design and second place overall as a member of the state team

**Conner Mannin** (Attend Montana State University, study architecture) -- Central Montana Foundation Tom and Ellen Moe Scholarship, \$1,000; Montana State University Premier Scholarship

**Trace Martin** (Attend University of Montana Western, study equine science) -- Central Montana Foundation Tom and Ellen Moe Scholarship, \$400; Montana Western Rodeo Scholarship

**Freshman Kylie Moline** -- Science Olympiad; seventh place in Coding and second place overall as a member of the state team

**Jessica Morgan** (Attend Barton College, play softball, general studies) -- Certificate for Fergus High School Student Council Senior Class Treasurer; 2020-21 National Honor Society Treasurer; Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; Kiwanis Scholarship, \$500; Barton College Athletic Scholarship

**Sophomore Emma Myers** -- Science Olympiad; fifth place in Fossils and sixth place in Experimental Design and second place overall as a member of the state team

**Freshman Alex Naber** -- Fergus High School Student Council Freshman class Vice President

**Freshman Kieran Netburn** -- Science Olympiad; first in Helicopter, sixth in Vehicle Design and second place overall as a member of the state team

**Emily Newton** (Attend University of Montana, study accounting) Central Montana Foundation Scholarship FHS Class of 2019, \$350; Western Propane Education and Research Council Scholarship

**Seth Norslien** (Attend University of Montana Western, study k-12 Physical Education and secondary history) -- Central Montana Foundation Gibson-Durbin Family Scholarship, \$1,000 renewable for 2 years; Yvonne and Dolores Peck Memorial Scholarship, \$500; Montana Odd Fellows/Rebekah Scholarship, \$500; U of M Western Athletic Scholarship

**Levi Poser** (Attend MSU Northern in the electrical program) -- FFA Alumni Tom Phillips Ag Memorial Scholarship, \$500

**Jalen Robinson** (Attend Grand Canyon University in Arizona) -- Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935, \$1,500; GCU Antelope Academic Scholarship; GCU Computer Science, Programming, engineering and information technology majors scholarship

**Freshman Brookelyn Ruckman** -- Fergus High School Student Council Freshman Class Secretary

**Brian Schulz** (Attend a Montana College, study business): Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 scholarship, \$1500

**Zoe Seaford** (Attend Montana State University, study microbiology) -- Central Montana Foundation Jay and Janette Henderson Scholarship, \$1000; Fergus Federal



Graduation caps fly as the 2021 Fergus graduating class members celebrate their achievement.



Congratulatory hugs are the order of the day at the FHS graduation ceremony Sunday.

Credit Union Scholarship, \$1000; 2 year mentor gift; Montana STEM/Healthcare Scholarship

**Cialeo Smith** (Montana State University, study mechanical engineering) -- certificates for U.S. Air Force Math and Science Award, Science Olympiad; second place geologic mapping, eighth place in chem lab, fifth place detector building and second place overall as a member of the state team, Montana Youth Entrepreneurs Program placing third overall in New business, for outstanding achievement on the ACT, earning a score of 32 out of 36; Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; MUS Honor Scholarship; MSU Premier Scholarship; MSU College of Engineering General Scholarship; Montana STEM/Healthcare scholarship

**Michael Sura** (attend Montana State University) -- Central Montana Foundation Clarence amd Mildred Smith Scholarship, \$1,500; Montana State University Premier Scholarship; FFA Ag Mechanic to UTI/Nascar Institute Scholarship; FFA Automotive to UTI Scholarship

**Grant Swan** (attend the University of Montana, area of study TBD) -- University of Montana Honors Scholarship

**Junior Jaden Swan** -- Principal's Cup Academic Team member

**Samantha Talkington** -- Blue and Gold winner for Choir

**Wyatt Terry** (attend MSU Northern, study electrical engineering) -- Central Montana Foundation Marion Burke Scholarship, \$450; MSU Northern Merit Scholarship; Edwin D Wagner Endowment Scholarship

**Daniel Thackeray** (attend University of Montana, major in education and a minor in music) -- Blue and Gold winner for Band; Science Olympiad; third place Water Quality, fifth place Detector building, second place in Sounds of Music and second place overall as a member of the state team, outstanding achievement on the ACT, earning a score of 33 out of 36; Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; Central Montana Foundation Audra Hegna Scholarship, \$1,000; Lewistown Education Scholarship, \$500; Kiwanis Scholarship, \$1000

**Taylin Trafton** (Attend Montana State University,

study architecture or business) -- Blue and Gold for female athlete; 2020-21 Fergus High School Student Council Senior Class President; 2020-21 National Honor Society President; Central Montana Foundation Ray and Nikoline Marr Scholarship, \$3,000; Kiwanis Scholarship, \$1,000; 4 year mentor gift; Youth Serve Montana Scholarship; MUS Honor Scholarship; Montana STEM/Healthcare Scholarship; MSU Premier Scholarship

**Bailey Uecker** (Attend Rocky Mountain College, study environmental science in the area of wildlife biology) -- Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; FFA Alumni Jim Schulz Scholarship, \$500; Central Montana Mentoring Scholarship, \$200; 3 year mentor gift; Rocky Trustee Scholarship

**Isha VanderBeek** -- Outstanding Attendance

**Marla Villaruel** (Attend Montana State University Billings) -- certificates for Science Olympiad: second place Geologic Mapping; second place overall as a member of the state team, FHS Business Professionals of America-Outstanding Senior, 4 year member and national qualifier, 2020-2021 Fergus High BPA Treasurer, BPA seventh place in the nation in Broadcast News Team National Leadership Conference 2021

**Hailey Welsh** -- (Attend Purdue University, study engineering) -- Central Montana Foundation Clarence and Mildred Smith Scholarship, \$1,500; Friendship Lodge #37 Masonic Scholarship, \$600/ year for 4 years

**Katie Wise** (Attend University of Montana, study art) -- Outstanding Attendance; Central Montana Foundation Rotary Scholarship, \$1,000; JU Academic Achievement Scholarship; Montana State Pepsi Bowling Scholarship

**Malorie Woolett** -- 2020-21 Fergus High School Student Council Junior Class President

**Kylie Zimmer** (plans to become a registered nurse) -- Central Montana Foundation Class of 1935 Scholarship, \$1,500; 2021 big Sky State Games Character Counts Scholarship; Academic Scholarship; 4 year mentor gift

The Total Dollar amount of reported scholarships, including renewable scholarships is \$709,316.





# Golden Eagles race to the finish line

## Fergus girls team places second at the Eastern A divisional track and field meet, boys place fourth

By MATTHEW STRISSEL  
Sports Editor

In their final track and field performance before the state meet in Laurel this weekend, the Fergus Golden Eagles teams made a strong showing at the Eastern A divisional meet.

The Fergus girls team placed second at the meet with 97 points, beating third-place finisher Billings Central Catholic with 70 points. The winner was Laurel with 196 points.

The Fergus boys team placed fourth with 49 points, narrowly beating Dawson County with 48.5 points. Sidney placed third with 63, Laurel second with 108.5 and Hardin took first place with 144 points.

On the girls' team, several athletes finished in the top six of their respective events, gaining points for the team.

Senior June LePage broke her season record in the 100-meter hurdles, placing second at the meet with a time of 16.86 seconds. LePage also placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles at 51 seconds flat.

Junior distance runner Winnie Phansombun placed third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:27.53, a personal record.

Winning first place in three events, and second place in one, sophomore Rylee Armstrong broke her personal record in all four events. Armstrong won the



The Fergus girls track and field team hold their second-place trophy for the Eastern A divisional meet.

Photos courtesy of Suzie Flentje

100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.24, she won the 300-meter hurdles at 48.16 seconds and won the long jump

with a distance of 16-8.75. She placed second in the triple jump at 34-00.

Sophomore Elsie Crouse placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.47 seconds. Fellow sophomore Aniya Ross placed fourth in the shot put with a personal record throw of 34-02, and tied for fifth place in the high jump at 4-08, another personal record.

The 4x100 relay team, made up of LePage, Crouse, Armstrong and Aspen Montgomery, won first place with a time of 51.76 seconds. The 4x400 relay team of LePage, Montgomery, Phansombun and Koryanne Lisle placed sixth at 4:26.82.

On the boys' team, senior Isaiah Marquart gained a personal record in the javelin with a throw of 143 feet, a personal record. Marquart placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 41 feet, 6.25 inches, and fifth in the long jump at 19-11.25.

Junior Ashton Grover gained points for his team by placing fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.81 seconds. Fellow junior Kyler Fleming placed second in the high jump with a height of 5-10, and fourth in the long jump at 20 feet, a personal record.

Junior thrower Christian Karhi placed third in the shot put with a throw of 43 feet, 4.75 inches, and sixth in the discus at 121-10, a personal record.

Winning first place in the 300-meter hurdles was sophomore Jett Boyce with a time of 42.90 seconds.

Adding points to the team was freshman thrower Sean Zimmer with a fourth-place discus throw of 124-00.5.

The Golden Eagles will finish out their season at the State A track and field meet at the Laurel Sports Complex on Friday and Saturday, May 28-29.



Fergus junior distance runner Winnie Phansombun paces for the 800-meter run. She placed third.



Sophomore Jett Boyce clears a hurdle on his way to a first-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles event.



Fergus junior Kyler Fleming leaps to a personal record in the long jump and taking fourth place.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

(subject to change)

### Thursday, May 27

- FHS at State A tennis meet in Billings, all day.
- FHS softball at State A Tournament in Butte, all day.
- Redbirds A vs. Great Falls Chargers, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 28

- Class C state track and field meet in Missoula, all day.
- FHS track and field at State A meet in Laurel, all day.

### Saturday, May 29

- Redbirds B at Lovell Mustangs C in Cowley, Wyoming, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

### Sunday, May 30

- Redbirds B vs. Sheridan Troopers C, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 1

- Redbirds A at Great Falls Chargers A, nine inning game at 6:30 p.m.

## LEWISTOWN NEWS-ARGUS Athlete of the Week



Rylee Armstrong

Your CMMC Athlete of the Week is Fergus High School sophomore Rylee Armstrong

Rylee has been a consistent top finisher in the hurdles and jumping competitions for the Fergus track and field team all season.

That hard work paid off at the Eastern A divisional meet in Glendive last weekend when Armstrong won first place in three events, and took second in one. She gained a personal record in all four events.

Rylee won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.24 seconds, won the 300-meter hurdles at 48.16 and won the long jump competition with a leap of 16 feet, 8.75 inches. Her second-place finish was the triple jump at 34-00.

Look for Rylee to make waves at the state track and field meet this weekend in Laurel.

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Senior June LePage runs with the baton for the short relay team, which took first place at the meet.

## GUN-A-MONTH

The May 2021 Gun-A-Month raffle was held May 21 at the Sport Center. McKensie Butcher did the honors of drawing the winning ticket. The May winner is:

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- **Class of 1961** second Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., LBM Pizza, no host lunch and visit.
- **Class of 1962** second Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Elks Club, no host lunch and visit.
- **Airport Board**, 3 p.m., 1st Wednesday, Lewistown Airport terminal
- **Al-Anon** meeting, Wednesday, noon; First Presbyterian Church educational building, Lewistown
- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, Friday, 12 p.m., 7p.m. and 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 10 a.m., 8 p.m.; 201 Fourth Ave. N.
- **American Legion** - meetings: Post 16 – second Thursday, 7 p.m.; Sons – second Thursday, 6 p.m.; Auxiliary – fourth Thursday, 6 p.m.; Free hors d'oeuvres, 4th Friday
- **American Legion Riders**, 2nd Monday at American Legion, 7 p.m.
- **Art Center Board of Directors**, 4th Thursday, Art Center, 5:15 p.m.
- **Big Sky Tourmasters**, 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Eagles Hall
- **Board Game Night**, second and fourth Saturdays, 7p.m., DBR Cards & Collectibles, 618 West Main, Suite 103. For more information, call 406-535-7268.
- **Caregivers of Dementia Support Group**, 3rd Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. at Hospice House behind CMMC. 535-1420 or [www.cmmc.health](http://www.cmmc.health) for more information
- **Central Montana Community Cupboard Board Meeting**, 2nd Tuesday, noon, 322 West Broadway.
- **Central Montana Chapter of Compassionate Friends**, 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., St. Leo's Parish Center
- **Central Montana Derby Club**, first Thursday, Civic Center at 7 p.m.
- **Central Montana Family Planning Board and Montana Cancer Screening Program**, 1st Monday, 12:30 p.m. at 300 1st Ave North, Suite 202
- **Central Montana Fibre Arts Guild**, 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Celebration Community Church.
- **Central Montana Foundation Board of Directors**, 4th Tuesday, 2 p.m., First Bank of Montana Conference Room. Call 538-6130 for more information.

- **Central Montana Historical Association** board meeting, second Thursday, 7 p.m. at the museum.
- **Central Montana Jaycees**, 6:30 p.m., first Monday, Boys and Girls Club; everyone welcome.
- **Central Montana Prospectors** Local Chapter of the GPA, Upstairs at the Moose Club, Second Wednesday, 7 p.m.
- **Central Montana Republican Central Committee**, 2nd Tuesday, 4th Floor, Bank Electric Building meeting room, 5:30 p.m., Bruce Williams 406-366-5821
- **Central Montana Resource Council**, 3rd Wednesday, Lewistown Library, upstairs meeting room, 6 p.m.
- **Central Montana Senior Citizens' Club**, card games 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays & Fridays.
- **Christian Roots**, 2nd & 4th Saturday starting April 2020, 2 p.m., Lewistown Flea Market, 538 Seraday St. behind Town Pump
- **City Commission board**, Committee of the Whole, 6 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Mondays, Lewistown Community Center
- **Closing Candlelight Group of AA meeting**, 109 E. Montana #109 Lewistown, Sun. – Sat., 7:30 p.m.
- **Council on Aging Foot Clinic**, first two Thursdays, by appt., 535-7486, 307 W. Watson
- **Danvers-Ware Community (and surrounding areas)**, second Thursday, 1:30p.m., Coffee Cup. For more information, call Ann, 406-350-2616.
- **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**- 3rd Wednesday month, 10:30 a.m. at First Christian Church
- **Diabetes Support Group**, 11 a.m., 2nd Thursday, Hospice House, 535-2078
- **Duplicate Bridge**, Wednesdays, Mountain Acres Park Community Center, 1 p.m., 464-2156
- **Eagles Lodge**, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m., 124 W Main from September through May and 1st Wednesdays, 7p.m., June through August.
- **Fergus Conservation District** meeting, 7 p.m., 2nd Wednesday, USDA Service Center Office, 211 McKinley St.
- **Fergus County Commission board** meeting, 5:15 p.m., third Wednesday, Sheriff's Complex
- **Fergus County Community Council**, 2 p.m., third Monday, Community Center

- **Fergus County Council on Aging**, Grubstakes meal, M-F, noon; foot clinic 1st & 2nd Thursday by appointment, 535-7486; Strong Bone exercise group, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.; monthly birthday celebration, 3rd Wednesday; Bingo, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
- **Fergus County Council on Aging Board** of Directors meeting, noon, last Wednesday, Council on Aging offices
- **Fergus Co. Democrats** meeting, 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m. Upstairs at Lewistown Library
- **Fergus County Fair board**, 5:30 p.m., 3rd Tuesday, Trade Center at Fairgrounds
- **Friends of the Library**, last Wednesday, 12 p.m., Lewistown Library
- **Friendship (Masonic) Lodge #37**, 7:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Mondays, Masonic Temple, Lewistown
- **Gamblers Anonymous**, for information call 535-6493
- **Genealogy Society**, 1:30 p.m., third Tuesday, Lewistown Public Library upstairs meeting room
- **Happy Hooves Model Horse Society**, last Saturday, call Nancy at 366-5039 for meeting site and info
- **Heart of Montana- Farm in the Dell**, 2nd Monday, 6 p.m., St. James' Episcopal Church. Call Kaylene Patten
- **John Birch Society**, 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., The Boardroom, Suite 2, 510 W. Janeaux St., Lewistown
- **Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen**, 6:30 p.m., 1st Monday, basement of Fergus County Sheriff's Complex
- **Judith Mountain Players Board Meeting**, 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Barnes Street Theatre, 307 W Barnes
- **Kiwanis** meeting, noon, Tuesdays, Elk's
- **KJV Bible Fellowship** Tuesdays, 6 - 8:30p.m. at 538 Seraday St. behind Town Pump at Lewistown Flea Market. Scripture Reading & Discussion; Bible Prophecy and Current Events; And Prayer. Call 406-538-3303.
- **Knights of Columbus Council 1508** 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting, St. Leo's Mandatum Commons
- **Koinonia Ultreya**, 3rd Thursday, Board meeting, 6 p.m.; Ultreya at 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

- **Ladies' Night Out**, 2nd Monday, downtown Lewistown, 5:30 p.m. Call Chamber of Commerce for location, 535-5436.
- **Lewistown Downtown Assoc.**, 2nd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Brooks Conference Room. Call Chris- 406-538-2200.
- **Lewistown Drag Racers Assoc.**, 1st Monday, 7 p.m., American Legion Club downstairs, 350-0733.
- **Lewistown Family History Library**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Thursdays, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. Public is welcome to search their family history/genealogy. For info, contact Ed Hanson, 366-9879.
- **Lewistown Historic Resources Commission**, 1st Thursday, 8a.m., Central Montana Museum
- **Lewistown Library Board of Trustees**, 3rd Thursday, 1:30 p.m., upstairs meeting room of library
- **Lewistown Lion's Club**- 6 p.m., 4th Monday, Mountain Acres Community Room
- **Lewistown School District 1** board meeting, 6 p.m., 2nd Monday, Lincoln Boardroom
- **Lewistown Trap and Skeet Club**, Open shoots Sundays at 1 p.m. - weather permitting. Chairman, Bill Kuhlmann, 538-4575, Sec'y/Treas. Gary Humphreys, 538-3155. Trap & Skeet Range located on Airport Road. NEW members are always welcome!
- **Lewistown Writers' Group**, 2nd Saturday 1:30 p.m., Lewistown Library upstairs meeting room, and 4th Thursday, meeting rotates. Call Kathy Zimmerman, 406-350-1495
- **Little Belt Snowmobile Club**, meets October through April, 2nd Monday. Alternates between Hobson's Fire Hall and Lewistown's American Legion. Call Karl Thomas, 406-535-8126.
- **Men Surviving Cancer**, noon, 2nd Thursday, First Christian Church, call 406-366-0131 or 406-538-7055 for more info.
- **Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering & Western Music Rendezvous**, 4th Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Elks Lodge over lunch, unless rescheduled to the 3rd Wednesday to avoid holidays & key scheduling conflicts. Call Karen Kuhlmann, 406-538-4575.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**, 2 p.m., second Sunday, Doc's

- **Narcotics Anonymous**, Fridays, 6-7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, 366-6428
- **Not-Friday Night Magic**, every Friday, 6:30 p.m., DBR Cards & Collectibles, 618 West Main, Suite 103. For more information, call 406-535-7268.
- **Open Mic Night**, 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Eagles Club banquet room
- **Prairie Piecemakers**, 3rd Monday, 9:30 a.m., Roy Fire & Ambulance
- **Rotary Club**, Mondays, noon, Pine Meadows
- **Snofieldet Lodge 4-531 Sons of Norway**, 7 p.m., third Tuesday month, Lewistown Senior Center, Third Ave. S. and Barnes Street
- **Snowy Mountain Muzzle Loaders**, 7 p.m., first Thursday, Mountain Acres activity room, Lewistown
- **TORAH Teaching**, 1st & 3rd Saturdays starting April 2020, 2p.m., Mountain Acres Rec Room, 103 Rocklyn Ave
- **T.O.R.C.H.** meetings, 517 W. Janeaux: Tues., Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Family Group, 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., Celebrate Recovery, 6 p.m.; Fri. & Sat., Recovery Support, 6 p.m. Sun., Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Family Group, 2 p.m. Call 406-53-TORCH for information.
- **Utica Rod and Gun Club**, 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., call 423-5321 for information.
- **VFW #1703** Meeting, 3rd Monday
- **VFW Auxiliary** Meeting, second Monday, 1 p.m., First Christian Church (use back door)
- **Walleyes Unlimited**, 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., Colby Tognetti's shop @ 320 NE Blvd, across from Redbirds Field
- **Women of the Moose**, 6:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Mondays, Moose Lodge, Lewistown
- **Wood Carving Club**, Saturdays, Lewistown Art Center, noon
- **WW (formerly Weight Watchers)**, 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Yogo Inn, 221 E Main, Moccasin Room
- **Young People in Recovery (YPR)**, Monday- Young People in Recovery meeting, Everyone welcome, 6p.m., Tuesday- Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday- Family Support, 6:30 p.m., Thursday- Celebrate Recovery, 6 p.m., Friday- Recovery Support, 6 p.m., Saturday- Recovery Support, 6 p.m. 517 W. Janeaux Street.

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In the Matter of the Name Change of Tayla Farar: Tayla Farar, Petitioner. Cause No.: DV-2021-40

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Tayla Dawn Farar to Tayla Dawn Snapp. The hearing will be on 06/08/2021 at 1:00 p.m. The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Fergus County. Date: April 28, 2021

(s) Phyllis D. Smith, Clerk of District Court  
By: (s) Emily J. Mistretta, Deputy Clerk of Court  
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May 23 - 29

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, love and romance are definitely in your favor this week. If you have been pondering setting up a date or taking a spouse out for a night on the town, do it.  
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21  
Even the best partnerships can be challenging, Taurus. Right now neither one of you is looking to take the lead. Even if it means flipping a coin, someone has to step up.  
GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21  
Gemini, grab what you want this week, but remember that the more tightly you try to hang on to it, the more likely it will slip through your fingers. Employ some give and take.  
CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, you may be unsure of which way a relationship is leaning and waiting for the other person to make the next move. Don't let opportunities pass you by.  
LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23  
Leo, if a supervisor seems set in his or her ways, you might have to present your proposal in language that will appeal to this person the most.  
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, if you are off doing your own thing, you may have to instruct others who count on you how to proceed in your absence. Keep the lines of communication open.  
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23  
Other people are not mind readers, Libra. If you need something or are unhappy with a situation, you must speak up. Address concerns promptly.  
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22  
It is quite easy to manipulate a situation if others aren't paying attention, Scorpio. If you are guiding or mentoring someone, exercise caution to stay neutral.  
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21  
Don't get ahead of yourself by projecting scenarios that may never see the light of day, Sagittarius. It's better to live in the present and then adjust to what comes your way.  
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20  
Your thoughts may be pulling you one way and then another, Capricorn. Find focus by zeroing in on the main thing that needs the most attention at this point.  
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, you may have to take a more reserved approach to get where you need to go. Even still, your love for adventure and freedom can be compelling motivators.  
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20  
Figure out your needs before making long-term plans with others. Even though you're sure of yourself, sometimes you let others take the lead.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-10**  
May 17, 2021  
PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE  
The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 et seq., Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).  
APPLICANT INFORMATION  
APPLICANT: City of Libby, 952 East Spruce, Libby, MT 59923  
FACILITY NAME: Libby Water Treatment Plant  
FACILITY LOCATION: 48o22'43" N, 115o33'29" W RECEIVING WATER: City of Libby Storm Water System  
PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030341  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is proposing to renew the City of Libby Drinking Water Treatment Plant (Libby WTP) Montana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) discharge permit. The Libby WTP discharges effluent generated during the filter cleaning process. This effluent is discharged to a series of three settling lagoons. After treatment, the effluent is monitored, and discharged to the City of Libby storm water collection system. This storm water system discharges to the Kootenai River. The proposed permit would continue to apply limits for chlorine and aluminum. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results.  
APPLICANT INFORMATION  
APPLICANT: Town of Grass Range  
FACILITY NAME: Town of Grass Range Wastewater Treatment Facility  
FACILITY LOCATION: Northwest Corner of MT-200 and US-87, Grass Range, MT 59032  
RECEIVING WATER: South Fork McDonald Creek  
OUTFALL: Outfall 001: 47.043889° N, 108.81000° W  
PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030309  
DEQ proposes to renew the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for the Town of Grass Range Wastewater Treatment Facility (Grass Range WWTF). The Grass Range WWTF is a minor publicly owned treatment works which discharges into Southfork McDonald Creek. The facility consists of a two-cell facultative lagoon with no disinfection and an average daily design flow of 0.038 mgd.  
PUBLIC COMMENT  
Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 17, 2021. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 17, 2021, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

mt.gov.  
During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).  
The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.  
PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-10  
May 17, 2021  
(Publish: May 26, 2021)  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
Sealed bids will be received until the closing time of 2:00 p.m. on JUNE 8, 2021, and will be publicly opened and read aloud in the offices of the Architecture & Engineering Division, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, P. O. Box 200103, Helena MT 59620-0103 for: WINDOW REPLACEMENT, MONTANA MENTAL HEALTH NURSING CARE CENTER, LEWISTOWN, MONTANA, A/E #2020-40-01B.  
Bids shall be submitted on the form provided within the Contract Documents. Contract documents may be obtained at the offices of: HGFA-ARCHITECTS, PLLC 222 NORTH 32ND STREET, STE. 800 BILLINGS, MT 59101 406 248-7811 [hgfa@hgfa.net](mailto:hgfa@hgfa.net)  
A refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required for each set of plans and specifications.  
Bids must be accompanied by a bid security meeting the requirements of the state of Montana in the amount of 10% of the total bid. After award, the successful bidder must furnish an approved Performance Security and a Labor & Material Payment Security each in the amount of 100% of the contract. No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) calendar days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids except as noted in the Instructions to Bidders.  
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any and all irregularities or informalities and the right to determine what constitutes any and all irregularities or informalities.  
ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, STATE OF MONTANA  
(Publish: May 26, 29 & June 5, 2021)  
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**NOTICE THAT A TAX DEED MAY BE ISSUED**  
IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PROPERTY TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTED PARTIES (REGARDING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW) WHOSE CURRENT ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN: KARENA GORE, 1271 EVERGREEN ROAD PMB 514, REDWAY, CA 95560-9729; KARENA GORE, 85344 FOREST HILL LANE, EUGENE, OR 97405-9457; KARENA GORE, 805 HORN LANE, EUGENE, OR 97404-2999; KARENA GORE, c/o WILLIAM J. LEVINE, MARRA, EVENSON &

BELL, P.C., 2 RAILROAD SQUARE, SUITE C, P.O. BOX 1525, GREAT FALLS, MT 59403-1525; FERGUS COUNTY TREASURER, 712 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 201, LEWISTOWN, MT 59457; CURRENT OCCUPANT, KARENA GORE PROPERTY, LOT 2 OF GORE MINOR SUBDIVISION, COTTONWOOD CREEK ROAD, LEWISTOWN, MT 59457; ANY ASSIGNS, SUCCESSORS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, DEVISEES OR BENEFICIARIES OF OR TO THE ABOVE PARTIES; AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST, WHETHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW.

Pursuant to section 15-18-212, Montana Code Annotated, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: 1. As a result of a property tax delinquency, a property tax lien exists on the following described real property in which you may have an interest (Fergus County Tax Parcel/ Code No. 200301): Fergus County Treasurer's Abbreviated Legal Description: SECTION: 11 TOWNSHIP: 13N RANGE: 18E GORE SUBDIVISION, LOT 002, SW/4NW/4 LYING W OF COUNTY ROAD GEOCODE: 08-2240-11-2-03-01-0000  
Full Legal Description: LOT 2 OF GORE MINOR SUBDIVISION, FERGUS COUNTY, MONTANA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED MARCH 17, 2014, INSTRUMENT NO. 114758.

2. The 2017 property taxes (second half) became delinquent after 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2018.  
3. The property tax lien was attached on August 1, 2018.  
4. The lien was subsequently assigned to: Eric J. Bashore, P.O. Box 80242, Billings, MT 59108-0242.  
5. As of the date of this notice, the amount of tax due is: TAXES: \$1,464.47 PENALTY: \$29.30 INTEREST: \$343.81 COST: \$448.85 TOTAL: \$2,286.43  
NOTE: Interest continues to accrue at a rate of 5/6 of 1% per month.  
6. For the property tax lien to be liquidated, the total amount listed in paragraph 5, plus any additional subsequent taxes, penalties, interest and costs due, must be paid by August 2, 2021, which is the date that the redemption period expires or expired.  
7. If all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are not paid to the COUNTY TREASURER on or prior to August 2, 2021, which is the date the redemption period expires, a tax deed may be issued to the assignee or county that is the possessor of the tax lien on the day following the date that the redemption period expires.  
8. The business address and telephone number of the county treasurer who is responsible for issuing the tax deed is: Fergus County Treasurer, 712 W. Main Street, Suite 201, Lewistown, MT 59457, Telephone: (406) 535-9220.

FURTHER NOTICE FOR THOSE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN: 1) The address of the interested party is unknown. 2) The published notice meets the legal requirements for notice of a pending tax deed issuance. 3) The interested party's rights in the property may be in jeopardy. Dated at Lewistown, Montana this 19th day of May, 2021.  
By: /s/ Eric J. Bashore, P.O. Box 80242, Billings, MT 59108-0242  
IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PROPERTY  
(Publish: May 19 & 26, 2021)  
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**SARAH MCREYNOLDS STOGSDILL & BIRDWELL, P.C.**  
**ATTORNEYS AT LAW**  
**224 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 511**  
**LEWISTOWN, MONTANA 59457**  
**TELEPHONE: (406) 538-2623**  
**ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**  
MONTANA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FERGUS COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL MACOMBER, a/k/a DAN MACOMBER, Deceased.  
Probate No. DP-2021-23  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the undersigned, to all persons having claims against said deceased, to present said claims within four (4) months after the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the undersigned, Return Receipt Requested, at the address below, or filed with the Clerk of Court, Courthouse, Lewistown, Montana, 59457.  
DATED this 21st day of May, 2021.  
/s/ Kimberly Macomber, KIMBERLY MACOMBER, Personal Representative c/o Stogsdill & Birdwell, P.C., 224 W. Main Street, Ste. 511, Lewistown, MT 59457  
(Publish: May 26, June 2 & 9, 2021)  
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**THIS WEEK THERE ARE 2 GARAGE SALES!**

**GARAGE SALE- 400 SUMMIT AVE**  
(in blue shed). Friday, May 28, 7a.m. - 6p.m. and Saturday, May 29, 8a.m. - 12p.m. Recliner, snow skies, vanity, kitchen items, holiday decorations, ladies clothing large to 1X, boys clothing 12-20, mens clothing medium- 2X, mens dresspants and shorts (32, 34, 40, 42 waist), baseball helmet and pants, toys.

**LARGE MULTI-FAMILY YARD AND GARAGE SALE-** 905 7th Ave N. Camping, boating, riding, tools, table saw, shop stuff, Helmets, canvas garage/ tent, BBQ, lots of miscellaneous, men, women and kids, tires, something for all. Friday, May 28, 8a.m. - 6p.m. and Saturday, May 29, 8a.m. - 4p.m.

Garage Sale ads run in Wednesday's paper and cost only \$15 for up to 40 words. Get yours in now! Advertising deadline is 11 a.m. on Tuesdays



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Winter fun in May



Greg and Sam Fulbright take advantage of the winter-like weather last week to build a giant snowman. The brothers were back in town after the end of spring semester.

Photo courtesy of Janelle Fulbright

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