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Community Newsletter

March 18, 2020

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OUTLAWS PIZZA IS NOW OPEN, Wednesday through Sunday, 4pm to 9pm. Call 848.7733 for togos. Hope to see you there!

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GARDINER SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

ANNOUNCEMENT:GARDINER SCHOOL WILL HAVE TWO (2) THREE (3) YEAR TRUSTEE SEATS OPEN FOR THE MAY 2020 ELECTION. CANDIDATES MUST FILE A DELCARATION OF INTENT AND OATH OF CANDIDACY. FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT 510 STONE STREET, GARDINER, MT 59030 BY 4:00PM ON MARCH 26, 2020. CANDIDATE PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THE 2020 ELECTION CALENDAR IS POSTED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. www.gardiner.org. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT SHELBY DETRO, SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK/ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR OR MIKE BAER: 848-7563, sdetro@gardiner.org

THE MONTHLY GARDINER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Board of Directors Meeting for March has been **CANCELED**. The meetings will resume as scheduled on April 16th at noon Gardiner Chamber Visitor Center. Public welcome.



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Gardiner Montana - Upcoming Events

Gardiner's Earth Day Celebration *April 18*

EPAC Show: String Fever *April 21*

Park to Paradise Triathlon *April 25*

2nd Annual Gardiner Community Yard Sale Day *May 9*

Dave Stamey Concert in the Jardine Arena *May 22*

Hell's A-Roar'n' Horse Drive *May 23*

Gardiner Rodeo *June 19 & 20*

Gardiner Rodeo Parade *June 20*

Gardiner Brewfest *July 11*

Roughstock Event *July 24*

Shakespeare in the Parks *August 14*

Big Bear Stampede *September 12*

For details and more information, visit:
VisitGardinerMT.com/events-blog/events



From all of us at the Market, thank you for your patience during this uncertain time. Thank you also for being good neighbors and shopping responsibly so everyone can get what they need.

Our suppliers are doing their very best to help keep our shelves full. Due to uncertainty in the supply chain, we will not have weekly sales flyers for the next few weeks. We apologize for any holes on the shelves.

If you are at higher risk due to age, weakened immune system, or other health problems, we are offering in-town delivery or curbside pickup. If you are in Mammoth or the valley, we are happy to help find a ride for your groceries. You can call the store at 406-848-7524 or email info@gardinermarket.com. Thank you to all the community members who have offered to help with these deliveries.

And if you're going stir-crazy, may we suggest...

Family Game Night
Grab a board game,
cards, or puzzle.
All puzzles are 20% off
marked price.

A photograph of a wooden surface with several white puzzle pieces scattered on it. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Pick up some seeds and dirt. Now is a great
time to start summer plants and
it's a great learning
activity for kids!

A photograph showing a row of small green seedlings growing out of dark soil. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Bake up some tasty treats
because cookies
make everything
better!

A photograph of a white plate filled with several round cookies. The cookies are decorated with colorful sprinkles in shades of red, yellow, green, and blue. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

RENTALS

DANU'S HOUSE OF THE SILVER FOREST. New studio rental. Nightly or monthly in Silvergate/Cooke City. Just minutes from Lamar. Tiny house with full bath & kitchen. Soaring views, easy access to road but unmatched solitude, backcountry skiing, ice climbing. Custom built 2019. Oversized tub, heated flooring. Borders small brook in moose habitat, sorry no snowmobiles. thelogcabincafe.com/stay / 406 838 2367 / logcabincafe@gmail.com.

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HELP WANTED

THE MAMMOTH CLINIC IS HIRING a full-time receptionist. This position begins immediately and requires working Mon-Thu, 8am to close (varies - 5pm or later) and Friday from 8am to close (varies - 1pm or later) After June 1 hours will be Mon-Thu 8am to close (varies - 5pm or later). No experience necessary, will train the right person. Good customer service skills are important, and this job requires the ability to manage multiple tasks courteously and efficiently. Competitive hourly wage. Please express interest to chris.culbertson@medcor.com.

THE MAMMOTH CLINIC IS HIRING a seasonal weekend receptionist. This position requires working Saturday and Sunday, 8am to close (varies - 5pm or later). Starts mid May to September 27th, 16-20 hrs per week. No experience necessary, will train the right person. Good customer service skills are important, and this job requires the ability to manage multiple tasks courteously and efficiently. Competitive hourly wage. Please express interest to chris.culbertson@medcor.com.

OUTLAW'S PIZZA IS LOOKING FOR full-time and part-time employees. Jobs include front of the house, back of the house and at the bar. Please apply within the Yellowstone Outpost Mall Office, Monday- Friday 8am- 4pm, or email Erin at jkempenterprises@gmail.com to apply. Have any questions, contact the office at 406-848-7220.

YELLOWSTONE OUTPOST MALL IS LOOKING FOR a full-time or part-time maintenance personnel. Please apply within the Yellowstone Outpost Mall Office, Monday- Friday 8am- 4pm, or email Erin at jkempenterprises@gmail.com to apply. Have any questions, contact the office at 406-848-7220.



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Due to the virus, Cowboy's Lodge and Grille will be offering delivery and take out starting today. We will offer free delivery for orders over \$39 and will charge a \$5 delivery fee for orders under that amount (which will go to the person delivering).

We will still be offering in dining during regular business hours as well, as long as we are permitted to do so.

Please note - We can only deliver to the immediate Gardiner areas. We are inviting for pick-up orders as well of course.

We are currently open 12pm to 8pm Tuesday through Sunday. We may be open for additional days very shortly.

Main line restaurant phone line is 406-848-9175

In the event of a county wide shutdown of in-dining services, we will continue to offer delivery or pickup.

Thank You!
Owners;
Victor and Tanya Kaufman



Gardiner Montana

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CVB

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Greetings,

For most, saying this past week has been overwhelming is an understatement. The emergence of COVID-19 has put this country and the world on high alert – but in times of uncertainty it is of the utmost importance to remain informed, calm, and above all positive.

The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Information Center recognizes that nothing like this outbreak has been seen before and is dedicated to the safety and health of the Gardiner community, its businesses, employees, and our many visitors. We are actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation and taking all necessary precautions to ensure the wellbeing of Gardiner residents and travelers alike.

We believe it is our obligation to serve the community and its visitors now more than ever and until further notice the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center and adjacent public restroom facility will remain open. Our facilities are subject to rigorous cleanings, and sanitation has always been a top priority. By using resources from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov) and the [Montana Department of Health \(MTDPHHS\)](https://dphhs.mt.gov), we will be implementing heightened cleaning protocols for the foreseeable future. Additionally, to the public we ask to please follow the recommended social distance of 6 feet when visiting our business.

Gardiner is a small community that has always been committed to ensuring a positive local and visitor experience. While many businesses are closed for seasonal reasons not related to the coronavirus, at the time of this press release there are many Gardiner-Mammoth based establishments that are still open and operating with caution. Please call the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce at 406-848-7971 for more specific information. Also, our website has a complete listing of area services. Visit us at www.VisitGardinerMT.com.

It is crucial to be informed with the correct information to negate the spread of rumors and fear. We encourage you to stay up to date by using the following sources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Montana DPHHS: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt>
- World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Remember it is up to us to engage in best practices to ensure the health and safety of our community, especially those who are elderly and immunocompromised, by **DOING THE FIVE**



1. **HANDS** Wash them often
2. **ELBOW** Cough into it
3. **FACE** Don't touch it
4. **FEET** Stay more than 6ft apart
5. **FEEL** sick? Stay home

As always, The Chamber is committed to being a valuable resource to our business community. We will continue to communicate information and developments as we receive it. While we are a small staff, we want to know how we can best assist your business as we move forward – we encourage any member to reach out with questions, concerns, and feedback during this time by either giving us a call at 406-848-7971, emailing executivedirector@gardinerchamber.com or stopping by at 216 Park St.

While it is important to remain sensitive to this topic remember this pandemic is not indefinite and at some point the world will return to normal. Please stay informed, stay calm, and above all positive.

Sincerely,

Terese Petcoff
Executive Director
Gardiner Chamber of Commerce
Convention & Visitors Bureau
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Yellowstone to modify operations to implement latest COVID-19 health guidance

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS, WY - Yellowstone National Park is announcing modifications to operations to implement the latest guidance from the White House, [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#) (CDC), and local and state authorities to promote social distancing. The park evaluated areas of potential risk of exposure to COVID-19. Based on this analysis, effective immediately, the park will temporarily close the [Albright Visitor Center](#) and [Boiling River](#) soaking/swimming area (which usually closes due to high water in the spring) until further notice.

The road from the North Entrance at Gardiner, Montana, through the park to Cooke City, Montana, remains open and accessible to the public. Visit [Current Conditions](#) for details and updates.

Unlike other national parks around the country that are in the midst of their busy seasons, Yellowstone is plowing roads to get ready for spring opening as it does every year at this time. Most roads and facilities are not scheduled to open until April 17 through early June. In the time between now and those scheduled openings, park managers will continue to evaluate and adapt to changing COVID-19 guidance and adjust operations as needed. As of now, the park intends to maintain the regular opening schedule.

During this time of uncertainty, we encourage visitors to enjoy Yellowstone [online](#) via [webcams](#), [virtual tours](#), [photo galleries](#), [apps](#), [videos](#), and other digital content.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners at Yellowstone is our number one priority. The National Park Service (NPS) is working with the federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. We will notify the public when we resume full operations and provide updates on our website and social media channels.

The NPS urges visitors to do their part when visiting a park and to follow CDC guidance to prevent the spread of infectious diseases by maintaining a safe distance between yourself and other groups; washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze; and most importantly, staying home if you feel sick. For high-risk populations, such as the elderly and people with underlying conditions, we ask that they take extra caution and follow [CDC guidance](#) for those at higher risk of serious illness.

Updates about NPS operations will be posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus. Please check Yellowstone National Park's [webpage](#) for specific details about park operations.

FREE CHECKING

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Press Release March 17th, 2020
To food establishment owners/operators/patrons

There is NO required closure of bars, breweries, restaurants, casinos and coffee shops at this time for establishments in Park County.

We are requesting that each establishment comply with current guidance to an occupancy of 10 or less patrons at any given moment.

We encourage establishments to add a take-out, curbside pickup and/or delivery service.

Please consider removing tables and chairs to make this easier to manage.

Continue frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces, frequent employee hand washing and follow cleaning guidance per CDC guidelines.

We will try to give as much advance notice as possible as we anticipate any further changes.

We trust park county and we trust our community members to self-monitor and enforce these measures.

We understand what a difficult time this is for small businesses and your employees.

For updates please ensure we have up to date contact information and contact our department at 222-4145 or visit our website at www.parkcounty.org

The Park County Health Department in Park County, Montana will be publishing a FREE daily podcast update on COVID-19 in the area. We encourage you to listen at this link: <https://soundcloud.com/user-775033759/park-county-health-covid-19-march-17>

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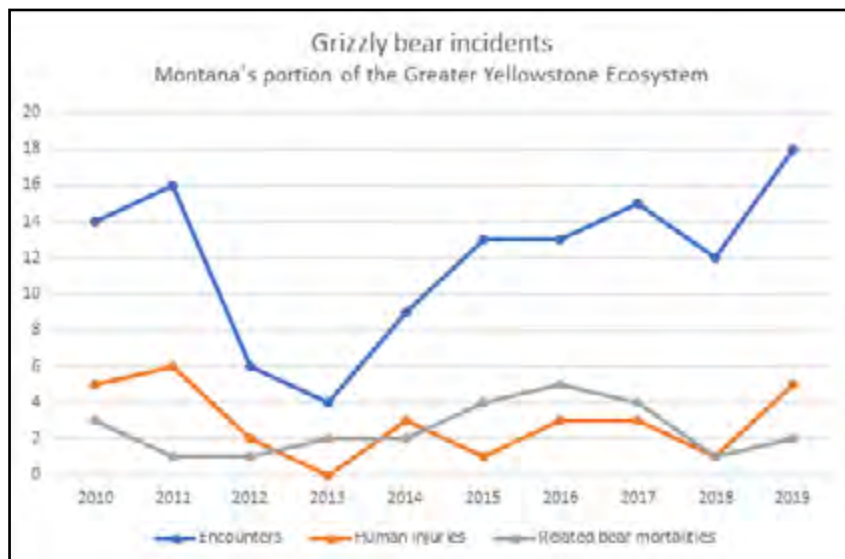


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Grizzly bear encounters in southwest Montana increase from recent years

Bozeman, MT — Recreationists in southwest Montana reported having more encounters with grizzly bears in 2019 than in recent years.

Montana's portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem saw 18 potentially dangerous encounters between humans and grizzly bears mostly in non-residential areas last year. In those encounters, five people were injured and two adult bears were killed. Fortunately, none of the human injuries were fatal.



Last year's 18 incidents happened in the Madison, Gravelly, Absaroka and Beartooth mountain ranges, with 14 of them occurring after Sept. 1.

Most attacks from grizzly bears happen in surprise close encounters with people. Grizzly bears often attack defensively when encountering people in dense brush or timber, at the site of an animal carcass or when cubs are present.

Grizzly bears are currently listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Management authority rests with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, working closely in Montana with FWP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services, the U.S. Forest Service and Tribal lands who conduct the investigations and management actions. However, grizzlies have expanded well beyond recovery zones and become more densely populated in southwest Montana. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem's grizzly bear population, which includes portions of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, is estimated conservatively at about 750 bears.

Preparing for 2020

March is typically when bears start emerging from hibernation, and by April, most, if not all, bears are active again. This is also when residents and recreationists are spending more time outside.

Residents can help minimize bear attractants by doing a spring cleanup of their yard. Bird feeders, pet food, garbage and other attractants should be stored securely. Bear-resistant garbage containers are available to residents in many areas.

If a bear finds an artificial food source during the bear activity seasons, it is likely to return to the same place to look for food and lose its natural drive to find food in the wild. Situations like these can create risks for humans and property and require problem bears to be relocated or destroyed.

Recreationists should always be prepared to handle a bear encounter. Carry bear spray and travel in groups; these two factors proved essential for people who survived bear attacks last year. Casual noise can help alert bears to your presence. Animal carcasses can attract bears, so avoid them. Follow food storage orders, which went into effect on Mar. 1 for public lands in Montana.

For more information on avoiding negative encounters with bears, visit igbconline.org/bear-safety.

HEALTHCARE CONNECTIONS

MOBILE HEALTH SCREENINGS & SERVICES

Gardiner, Arch Park
POSTPONED
Tuesday, March 24 | 3 to 6 p.m.

At Bozeman Health, the health safety, and overall well-being of our staff and community is our highest priority. In an effort to fully focus our resources and energies on meeting the needs of our community, we have decided to postpone HealthCare Connections (HCC) programming through the month of April to focus on preventing the spread of COVID-19. We look forward to seeing you when we can reschedule.

For up to date information on how to stay healthy and protect your community, visit CDC.gov

Questions? Email us at healthcareconnections@bozemanhealth.org



BOZEMAN HEALTH

FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2020: THE SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATE AN EARLY VERNAL EQUINOX AND THE START OF SPRING!

This article was originally run by www.almanac.com on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 by Catherine Boeckmann

In 2020, the **spring equinox** (also called the March equinox or vernal equinox) falls on Thursday, March 19, which is earlier than it's been in over a century! This event marks the astronomical **first day of spring** in the Northern Hemisphere. Before you try to balance that egg, read this!

THE EARLIEST SPRING IN MORE THAN 100 YEARS

If you're as calendar-obsessed as we are, you may have noticed something odd about this year's spring equinox date. That's right—it's earlier than usual! But that's a bit of an understatement.

For much of the last century, the spring equinox has occurred on March 20 or 21. This year, however, the equinox happens on the 19th in all U.S. time zones, **making it the earliest spring we'll have seen in our lives (so far)**. The last time spring arrived this early was in 1896—a whopping 124 years ago!

Naturally, this leads to some important questions, like: Why is the equinox so early this year? Will the date keep shifting earlier and earlier? Will the equinox ever be on March 21 again?

Thankfully, Almanac astronomer Bob Berman has the answers to all of our pressing equinox queries. [Read all about the quirks of the equinox date in his latest article!](#)

WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING?

In the Northern Hemisphere, spring begins with the **March equinox**, which may occur on March 19, 20, or 21. (In the Southern Hemisphere, the March equinox marks the start of autumn, while the [September equinox](#) marks the start of spring.)

WHAT DOES "EQUINOX" MEAN, EXACTLY?

The word equinox comes from the Latin words for "equal night"—*aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night).

On the equinox, the length of day and night is nearly equal in all parts of the world.

With the equinox, enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets. See your personalized [Sun rise and set calculator](#).

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE MARCH EQUINOX?

On the March equinox, the Sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north. It's called the "celestial equator" because it's an imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator.

If you were standing on the equator, the Sun would pass directly overhead on its way north.

Equinoxes are the only two times a year that the Sun rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

After the spring equinox, the Northern Hemisphere tilts toward the Sun, which is why we start to get longer, sunnier days.

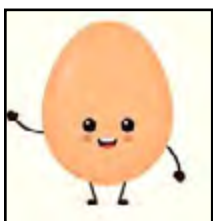
Read more about the [reason for the seasons](#).

SPRING EQUINOX FAQ - EXPERIMENT!

Q: ACCORDING TO FOLKLORE, YOU CAN STAND A RAW EGG ON ITS END ON THE EQUINOX. IS THIS TRUE?

A: This egg folklore became popular in 1945 following a [LIFE article](#) about the spring adage. "The origins of this myth are attributed to stories that the ancient Chinese would create displays of eggs standing on end during the first day of spring," John Millis, assistant professor of physics and astronomy at Anderson University. "The ancient Chinese celebrated the first day of spring about six weeks earlier than the equinox" so it's not just on the equinox itself.

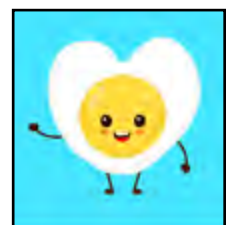
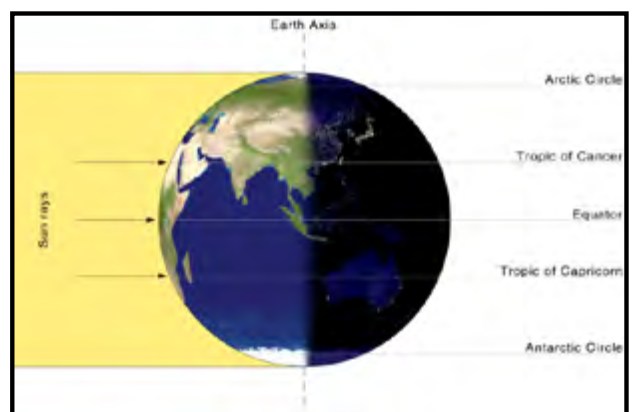
As with most folklore, it's only partly true. It should be balance an egg on its end but also it's possible to balance an egg on other days, too.



Folklore or not, this egg trick sounded like fun to us. One spring, a few minutes before the vernal equinox, several Almanac editors tried this trick. For a full workday, 17 out of 24 eggs stood standing. Three days later, we tried this trick again and found similar results. Perhaps 3 days after the equinox was still too near. Perhaps the equinox has nothing to do with it. Perhaps we just don't like to take ourselves too seriously!

Try this yourself and let us know what happens. (Tip: You'll probably have better luck balancing the egg if you use a rough surface or an egg that has a bumpy end.)

Year	Spring Equinox (Northern Hemisphere)
2020	Thursday, March 19, at 11:50 P.M. EDT
2021	Saturday, March 20, at 5:37 A.M. EDT
2022	Sunday, March 20, at 11:33 A.M. EDT
2023	Monday, March 20, at 5:24 P.M. EDT



New chief of Yellowstone Center for Resources named

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS, WY - Nancy Finley, a 30-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), has been named as the new chief of the [Yellowstone Center for Resources](#) (YCR) in Yellowstone National Park. She will arrive in the park in May 2020.

Finley will oversee the largest resources division in the NPS with more than 100 employees and a budget expenditure level that exceeded \$9 million in 2019. The division manages a wide range of program areas critical to strengthening the Yellowstone ecosystem. The areas include wildlife and aquatic resources, geologic resources, cultural and historic resources, climate change, environmental quality, planning and compliance, science communications, and vegetation and resources.

Finley's previous assignments with the NPS and FWS include: chief of resources, Great Smoky Mountain National Park; chief of resources, Cape Cod National Seashore; associate regional director for natural resources, NPS Midwest Region; chief of staff to the NPS midwest regional director; acting superintendent, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore; refuge complex manager, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge; and refuge complex manager, Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge.

"Nancy brings a wide range of experiences and perspectives to this position," said Superintendent Cam Sholly. "She has a proven track record of overcoming major challenges, improving resource conditions, and collaborating across boundaries."

"Leading the resource management program at Yellowstone is essentially reaching the pinnacle, it does not get much better than this," said Finley. "I am very excited and look forward to meeting everyone and getting to know the issues."

Recently, Finley was instrumental in reintroducing wolves to Isle Royal National Park, managing multi-park bison population reduction efforts at Wind Cave, Badlands, and Theodore Roosevelt national parks, managing chronic wasting disease at Wind Cave National Park, and a variety of other major resource projects and initiatives. Over the course of her career, Finley has also done extensive work with the Endangered Species Act, fisheries protection, and backcountry management planning.

Finley has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Maine, a Master of Science in Environmental Health and Toxicology from East Carolina University, and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute.

No brucellosis exposure found in Bangtail Mountains elk

Bozeman, MT — Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks recently completed a two-year collaborative sampling effort with the Montana Department of Livestock in the Bangtail Mountain Range as part of Montana's Targeted Elk Brucellosis Surveillance Project.

One hundred samples taken from elk in the Bangtails in 2019 and 2020 have tested negative for brucellosis exposure.

The surveillance project includes capturing, sampling and collaring elk populations near the DOL's [Designated Surveillance Area](#) (DSA), an area where livestock brucellosis testing and traceability requirements exist due to the presence of brucellosis in elk. The goal of the project, which began in 2011, is to determine the presence of brucellosis in elk and understand the movement patterns of elk populations. This research provides important data to inform the risk of disease transmission between elk and cattle on the landscape.

Elk were also sampled this year in the Ruby Mountains. FWP and DOL [announced in February](#) that two among 100 elk sampled there were found to be seropositive for brucellosis, indicating they've been exposed to the disease. The Ruby Mountains are currently outside but near the boundary of the DSA.

Brucellosis is a bacterial disease that can infect humans, but most commonly infects cattle, bison and elk, and can result in abortion or the birth of weak calves. The disease is primarily transmitted through contact with infected birth tissues and fluids.

For more information about brucellosis and the Targeted Elk Brucellosis Surveillance Project, visit fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/diseasesAndResearch/healthPrograms/brucellosis/.



CHURCH SERVICES

GARDINER BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: Bible Study 10am
Worship 11am, lunch to follow

Mondays: Good News Club at school 4:15-5:15

Wednesdays: Bible Study 6:30pm

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sundays: Sacrament Service 10am

ST. WILLIAMS CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Sundays: Adult Education: 9:30am
Mass time: 11:00am

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Emigrant)

Sundays: Worship 8am

MT. REPUBLIC CHAPEL OF PEACE

(Cooke City)

Sundays: Worship 8am & 10am

GARDINER COMMUNITY CHURCH Winter Schedule

Sundays: 9:15 Sunday School
10:15am Worship Service

COMMUNITY SERVICES & COMMITTEES

AA MEETING: Wednesdays @ 7pm
at St. William's Catholic Church.
Contact 1-724-496-9894

AA MEETING: Wednesdays @ 7pm
at Mount Republic Chapel of Peace.
Cooke City. Contact: (406) 838-2397

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING:
2nd Tuesday @ 7pm at the Gardiner
Community Center.

**BEAR CREEK COUNCIL
MEETING:** Meets monthly at the
Track Ed Center, 9 Jardine Rd.
For more information: 406-223-
2152 [https://northernplains.org/our-
local-groups/bear-creek-council/](https://northernplains.org/our-local-groups/bear-creek-council/)

**ELECTRIC PEAK ARTS
COUNCIL MEETING:**
Sept-May, 1st Wednesdays
@ 5:30pm at the Gardiner Visitor
Center, 216 Park St.

**GARDINER CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE:** Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
Monthly Board meeting, 3rd
Thursdays at noon. Located at 216
Park Street. 848-7971.

GARDINER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Tuesdays 10am-5pm, 6pm-8pm &
Thursdays 6pm-8pm. 406.848.7835.
Book Sale Tuesdays 10am-5pm.

GARDINER FOOD PANTRY:
Tuesdays from 1pm-6pm.
307.344.9006 Linda Gray.

**GARDINER-PARK COUNTY WATER
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING:** 2nd
Tuesday @ 6pm at the District
Office. **This month's meeting was
on the 1st Tuesday: February 4,
2020*

GARDINER RESORT AREA DISTRICT
Monthly meeting is held every
second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the
Gardiner Visitor Center.

**GARDINER SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING:** 2nd Wednesdays @ 6pm
in the Gardiner School Library.

GATEWAY HOSE COMPANY:
Board of Trustees
Feb 17, 2020 @
7 pm at the Fire Hall.

**GREATER GARDINER
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:**
1st Tuesdays @ 6:30pm.
www.gardinermt.org

**LIVINGSTON HEALTHCARE
GARDINER REHAB OUTREACH
CLINIC:** M/W/F from 9am-4pm at
Gardiner Baptist Church.
Call 222-7231 or 222-3541.

**LIVINGSTON LODGE #32 A.F. &
A.M.** meets 1st Tuesday at 7pm at
the Livingston Masonic Temple.

If you are feeling sad, as
if no one cares or that
life isn't worth living any
more, please call the

**Montana Suicide
Prevention Lifeline at
1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

Someone does care, they
will listen to your story.

GARDINER COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER INFO

The Gardiner Community Newsletter is published every Wednesday afternoon. Deadline for all newsletter ads is every Tuesday at noon. This includes payment and ad submission. There is no billing, ads must be paid for in advance. Ads submitted without full payment will not run.

How to submit an ad:

- Email ad to ads@gardinerchamber.com
- Send ad to: Gardiner Chamber of Commerce (attention newsletter ads), P.O. Box 81, Gardiner, MT 59030.
- Come directly into the Chamber office at 216 Park Street, or use the afterhours drop box.
- Ads can not be submitted over the phone, but you can pay over the phone with a credit card. 406-848-7971.

Line Ad pricing:

- Regular Line Ad: \$7 for the first 40 words, ten cents for each additional word.
- Chamber Member Line Ad: \$6 for the first 40 words, ten cents for each additional word.
- Free Line Ad: First 40 words are free, ten cents for each additional word. Things that constitute a free line ad: Lost & Found, Thank You's, Condolences, Memorial Services, and free things that normally have a charge (ie: giving a way a bike, or serving a meal for free). Non-profit status does not guarantee a free ad.
- Logos and bullet points available for an additional fee, please inquire for details.

Display Ad sizes and pricing:

- \$10/week – sixteenth page vertical – 1.8" x 3.2"
- \$10/week – sixteenth page horizontal – 3.7" x 1.55"
- \$15/week – eighth page – 3.7" x 3.2"
- \$30/week – quarter page vertical – 3.7" x 6.5"
- \$30/week – quarter page horizontal – 7.5" x 3.2"
- \$50/week – half page vertical – 3.7" x 13.1"
- \$50/week – half page horizontal – 7.5" x 6.5"
- \$70/week – three quarter page – 7.5" x 9.8"
- \$90/week – full page – 7.5" x 13.1"
- \$1 fee for chamber staff to build/modify/resize an ad (this service is free for Chamber of Commerce members)



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