

# Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce News

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As we enter week five of the stay-at-home directive for social distancing to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus across our state, our community seems to be adjusting to this new pace and pattern of life. Virtual board meetings, Facebook reading time, online and phone shopping, take-out from our favorite restaurants and the nightly HOWL are adjustments that have kept us all moving forward.

We all hope that soon we will begin the re-opening process. This may not be as easy as simply throwing open the doors and increasing hours. According to some legislative recommendations happening in other states, accessible and widespread testing for employees prior to returning to work, workplace protections and lowered capacity (seating) limits may come into play. While these measures make sense for the public health, they will cause delays in employees returning to work and in employers functioning at their full capacity.

None of us like to think that these adjustments will be long-term, but that very well may be the case. I personally have come to loathe the term "new normal" that is now over-used. If these changes are in fact, the "new normal" for businesses around the country (world) it will take all of us working together to successfully bring Lewistown back to the functioning level that we are used to seeing.

There are resources online for small businesses and small business owners. There are also resources online for those under the stay-at-home directive waiting for the restrictions to be eased or lifted. At-risk groups such as seniors, veterans, immune-compromised and those with disabilities can also find help and support groups in online resources. Seek them out – or call a friend and check on them. Reach out to one another while we wait to re-open and see what the next phase of 2020 has to offer. As always, the Chamber is here and ready to help.

- Jo

## CRCC Happenings

We are disappointed to announce that the Mother's Day train scheduled for May 10, 2020 has been cancelled. We do this only in the interest of safety and concern for our servers, entertainers and passengers.

The schedule for June 13 – October 3 is still on track to take place, but those events are subject to change based on directives from federal and/or state and county mandates. [www.montanadinnertrain.com](http://www.montanadinnertrain.com)

## Thank you!

I am very happy for Karisa and Mitch Perryman as they embark on the journey of being small business owners with their purchase of SAS Sprinkler & Lawn Service. I'm sure it will be a successful adventure!

At the same time, I am sorry to say Karisa will be leaving the Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce office as the full-time Office/Train Coordinator. You will be missed and I cannot thank you enough for all the training and help getting my bearings over the last four months!

## MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Harry's Place, 613 NE Main Street, Lewistown, MT 59457 406-538-9510  
<https://www.facebook.com/Harrysplace631/> [www.harrysplacemt.com](http://www.harrysplacemt.com)

Harry's Place is a casually comfortable restaurant with full lunch and dinner menu and salad bar. While known for their Prime Rib Fridays and homemade soup and salad bar, Harry's serves a wide variety of sandwiches, wraps, burgers, steaks, chicken and shrimp.

Beer and wine are available, and flat screen TVs are scattered throughout so you can keep up with the latest in news and sports. Currently open for take-out!

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# New Members



## Member News

Due to the changing nature of the COVID-19 healthcare situation, business and organization opening and closing information has been posted regularly on our website [www.lewistownchamber.com](http://www.lewistownchamber.com) and with **Lewistown Downtown Association** at [www.enjoylewistown.com](http://www.enjoylewistown.com). Please check those sites for the most up-to-date information. We post information that is provided to us.

Local (6-county Central MT region) businesses can get help from **Snowy Mountain Development Corporation** at their new downtown Lewistown location. SMDC can assist with:

- ✓ Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES)
- ✓ Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- ✓ Small Business Development Webinars
- ✓ Business Crisis Toolkit
- ✓ COVID Handouts & posters
- ✓ Emergency loans

[www.snowymountaindevelopment.com/covid-19](http://www.snowymountaindevelopment.com/covid-19)

Health and government officials are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Small businesses are encouraged to do their part to keep their employees, customers, and themselves healthy. Content on the [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) page can provide guidance.

It is with regret that I feel we must cancel the May Ladies Night Out.

Following the safety directives relayed from health professionals and state officials, we will get these evenings back on track the minute it is not a danger to any of our valuable participants.

**Keystone Christian Supply** and **Brooks Market** have expressed that they are looking forward to hosting Ladies' Night when it is safe and we are ready to meet again.

Stay healthy!



This page is available for coupons. If any member wants to provide a coupon or special deal to Chamber members and the community, please email [LACCdir@midrivers.com](mailto:LACCdir@midrivers.com) with the information or the coupon itself.



The new look of Chamber bucks in \$5 and \$10 denominations. They are available for purchase from the Chamber.



The United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation has a new program, *Path Forward*, designed to help business and community leaders find the answers they need to develop a responsible re-opening strategy. Any effort to bring millions of people back to work comes with a host of complicated questions and scenarios.

*Path Forward* will provide web episodes on re-opening: how to protect employees and customers, where will we find masks, gloves and safety equipment, how do we pay for all the changes to meet new regulations? Episodes will take place every Monday and Thursday and will remain on the US Chamber of Commerce YouTube channel following their initial airing.

For more information: [www.uschamberfoundation.org/path-forward](http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/path-forward)



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Happy Mother's Day !





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is here for you!

My heart goes out to those who have been impacted by the Corona Virus.

I am truly grateful for the support of this awesome community. I would like to offer assistance to anyone that needs advice on canceling or changing travel plans due to COVID-19, whether booked through Tammi's Travel or not.

I am in close contact with my airline, cruise and tour representatives keeping up on the policies for reservation cancellations and rescheduling.

**There are also many great vacation opportunities available if you'd like to inquire about your next adventure!**

**I look forward to your call to see how I can assist you!**

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