

Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce News

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A NOTE FROM JO:



Current events have reinforced my inkling that I was born 200 years late. Coming into the world in 1770 instead of 1970 would have put me in a far different societal role as women had fewer options than now and I would have been born a British citizen rather than an American.

Despite those glaring obstacles, the thought of joining my historic heroes Lewis & Clark as they cross the country for 2+ years of virtual seclusion in the wilderness with a well-honed team of survivalists sounds absolutely heavenly right now. The idea of walking off into the vast unknown sounds preferable to dealing with the persistent negativity of COVID-19, political races that end up being nothing but back-stabbing and mudslinging, wearing a mask, not wearing a mask, injustices and perceived injustices, increasing prices, decreasing freedoms, new taxes, old taxes and on and on and on. It all ends up being overwhelming.

Taking some time to step back and regroup has become a daily necessity. Mental health is as important as physical well-being. There are certain things to do to make that mental relaxation happen.

- ✓ Take a break from the news/social media – just walk away from it for a bit.
- ✓ Limit your screen time – put the phone or tablet down and enjoy the blue MT sky
- ✓ Go for a walk. Use our fantastic trail system and stretch your legs while you relax your mind.
- ✓ Body health: eat well, do some form of exercise, drink water, get enough sleep/rest. If your body is stressed your mentality will be too
- ✓ Talk to friends and family that support you!



CHARLIE'S TRAIN DISPATCH by Charlie Denison

It's quite an understatement to say this is not an ideal year for the Charlie Russell Chew Choo. Last month the Chamber board made the important decision to cancel the train rides for the year. Much of my time as train coordinator has been spent delivering the bad news to would-be passengers. Fortunately, people have been kind and understanding. I've rarely had to resort to "I'm new here."

So what now? What do we do with the train? It's a challenging question for a challenging time, but I've enjoyed thinking outside the box to come up with new possibilities. With help from Chamber Director Jo, Jennifer Saunders, Angie Wright, Loraine Day, Central Montana Rail, Eric Redfield and others we have a fun lineup of new stationary activities.

Plans are in place for a haunted train Friday, Oct. 30, with a "Who's Afraid of Charlie Russell" theme. We look forward to collaborating with Saunders and others on this and hope to see more volunteers get involved with this spooky, socially distanced, family-friendly event. Stay tuned for more details.

The Chamber is also looking into a murder mystery train in November. We do not have the green light on the North Pole Adventure Train at this time. We are determining how to proceed based on how the school reopening goes.

Those interested in volunteering for the haunted train and murder mystery events are encouraged to call the Chamber at 535-5436.

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B & B Motel, 520 E Main Street, Lewistown, MT 59457

406-535-5496

The B & B Motel is located in the center of Lewistown and is within walking distance of restaurants, downtown shopping, and the trailhead of the 25+ mile Lewistown trail system.

Freshly remodeled rooms and friendly customer service are just a few of the many amenities you'll find at the B&B, with cable TV, wireless internet, microwaves and refrigerators being standard fare in our rooms.

Just outside of town, mountain hiking trails, nine public fishing accesses and meandering creek-side paths provide ample opportunity for you to get out and enjoy the outdoors during your stay.



Ladies Night Out

After being waylaid last month with a last-minute cancellation, we are back for Ladies Night Out on September 14th! Please join us at the Central Montana Museum for an after-hours museum tour and social hour! We will meet at the museum at 408 NE Main at 5:30 PM. **Please RSVP to 535-5436 by Friday, September 11th.**

We will move from the museum to LBM Pizza for dinner following the tour!

October's location is still being planned, but will be October 12th.

Who is hiring?

Benchmark Masonry has openings in the following positions: mason laborer, mason foreman, journeyman mason, carpenter, project manager; unlimited advancement! 366-6257

Central Montana Community Health Center, Intake Coordinator, FT M-F \$14-14.50/hour, HS graduate, more information www.chcfamily.org

Central Montana Medical Center has positions available in administration, admitting, EMS, environmental services, fitness center, home health, Med/Surg, Nursing admin, nutritional services, radiology www.cmmchealth.org 535-6213

Century Companies employment opportunities include: engineer, oiler, office manager (Glasgow), asphalt and concrete operations, mechanic, plant operators, construction and drivers www.centuryci.com/join-our-team/

Carpenters and roofers wanted, wages depend on experience, contact **Dan Peterson** 366-1531

Harry's Place seeks assistant prep cook/cook, apply in person 631 NE Main

LBM Pizza back of house/delivery position open, clean MVR, apply in person 630 NE Main, before 11 AM or after 2 PM

Lewistown Ace Hardware FT cashier \$12-14 DOE alternating weekends, apply in person 538-4000

Mountain Meadows Pet Products seeking production worker, \$12/hour doe; duties and requirements, wages and benefits info 535-2544

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Chokecherry Festival Car Show



Central MT Traildusters Host

- \$10 Registration fee for participants the day of the event.
- Free Admission for public... lots of people, vendors and craft show booths.
- Show up the day of the event, no RSVP required
- Just for Fun, No awards

September 12, 2020 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Lewistown MT on Main Street Near the court house

Contact Dan Stilson at 406-366-5750 for questions.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF LEWISTOWN**



Special Thank you to Golden Triangle for making Darts happen for kids at the Club this summer! What a fun new sport to learn!



Festival of Trees is ON! Plans still being made! Meet our newest Live Auction Donors: Ken and Cherie Pearsall of Carriage House: Custom Woodwork & Art Glass! Talent!

They are putting together an arbor while incorporating stained glass! They are a newer business in Lewistown and do fabulous work! We are excited to have them!



COMING THIS FALL!



Thank you to everyone who helped the kids earn a swim & BBQ party with their decorated chair auction! **YOU DID IT!!!** The Chair Auction reached goal, in fact, you were over achievers and went \$86 over goal!

Congratulations to the winners:

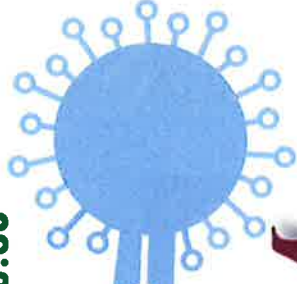
- Charlotte's Web plus a Prime Rib, Wilbur says to EAT BEEF! was won by **Brandie Dygert!**
- Cheri Davenport** won Zinnia's Flower Garden!
- Lori Peterson** won Pete the Cat!
- Amanda Bateman** won Green Eggs, Ham and 618 Coffee!
- Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, won by **Jodie Wittmier.**
- Alice in Wonderland won by **Tisa Rockwell** of California!
- Harry Potter was won by **Ashley Fox!**
- Flight For Freedom was won by **Brandie Dygert!**
- Charlie the Caterpillar was won by **Misty Swanson!**
- Honey Bee! & Alpine Floral for ME! Won by **Nancy McNay!**
- And we had one incredible special donor to the Don't Need a Chair? But Still Care! Fund. Thank you **Jennifer Weeden!**



Teen Nights have been happening on Tuesday and Thursdays throughout the Summer. Call the Club to find out current happenings!

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Chokecherry 2020 Schedule

6:00 – 8:00 AM	Vendors can set up downtown and streets are CLOSED
8:00 AM	Vendors OPEN! Let the shopping, eating and fun begin!

Music and entertainment will be held on the courthouse lawn. Attendees can picnic in the shade, enjoy the music and the entertainment out of the flow of traffic.

9:00 AM	Jeff Olson & Nancy
10:00 AM	Jeff & Casey Sanders, special guest Chris Hildebrant
11:00 AM	Lewistown Hoppers
Noon	The Dance Syndicate: Alice in Wonderland
1:30 PM	Mylo Moring
2:00 PM	Charla Bauman
3:00 PM	The Robert Tyson Experiment
4:00 PM	JD Moore Ensemble
5:00 PM	Vendors CLOSE, tear down booths



This year Chokecherry will look a bit different. As with every other gathering this year, COVID-19 has had an impact. Despite COVID-19, I think the impact can be turned into a positive experience. The Chokecherry Festival can be done safely and by following health guidelines and still be a good experience for vendors and attendees.

There will be more elbow room, more space to relax and enjoy the music and entertainment, areas to separate when not masked and areas to navigate around booths.

Here are a few of the things that will look different:

- Vendors will be spaced further apart. There will be approximately ½ the number of vendors with a booth space separating each vendor. Some vendors have multiple tables, but there will still be ample space between them and the next vendor area.
- Food vendors will be set up on side streets and separated, using the entire block between Main and Janeaux and Main and Broadway on 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th. There will be tables and chairs as usual, but spaced further apart.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the event, approximately every ½ block. Additionally, vendors are encouraged to keep some at their booths.
- Disposable masks will be available to attendees from Chokecherry volunteers, the Chamber booth & other organizations free of charge. **MASKS will be ENCOURAGED when not on side streets eating.**
- Disposable gloves will be available.
- Restrooms will be available down each side street and multiple units at the music/entertainment area.
- There will be sanitizing and refilling of equipment regularly throughout the day.



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