By Anna Dragseth

The Richland County Health Department is working to combat COVID-19. On April 7, 2020, the Richland County Health Department issued a COVID-19 Update. The Richland County Health Department said that Richland County currently has eight cases of COVID-19. It is important that people practice social distancing measures and face-masks to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The Richland County Health Department is asking people to follow recommendations from the Health Department and the Governor to stay at home as much as possible and avoid contact with others outside of the home, especially if you are not feeling well. This includes non-essential travel and social engagements.

The Richland County Health Department is working with the individual to identify close contacts, and provide resources to help isolate and monitor themselves if needed. The individual is a male in his 40s. The case investigation laboratory of a positive case of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was looking for a way to help essential workers to follow recommendations from the Health Department and the Governor to stay at home as much as possible and avoid contact with others outside of the home, especially if you are not feeling well. This includes non-essential travel and social engagements.

At this time, residents should continue to be vigilant in practicing the standard precautions for avoiding the spread of COVID-19 in our community. It is important that people who are not named as close contacts and are not sick do not go to the clinic or hospital seeking coronavirus testing. It is important that people who are not sick do not go to the clinic or hospital seeking coronavirus testing.

North Dakota Launches Care19 App To Combat COVID-19

Bismarck, ND

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On April 5, 2020, Gov. Doug Burgum issued executive orders designed to help address the spread of COVID-19 in North Dakota for school districts, agribusiness, fuel retailers and others in the state. It is extremely important that individuals wear face masks and practice social distancing measures in areas of high community spread or close contact spread – and where potential COVID-19 is spreading – whether due to traveling, community spread, or close contact spread.

The NDDoH has worked tirelessly to track COVID-19 cases, and about 250 people have jumped in to help ramp up efforts. Despite all the cooperation, this manual process has not been easy.

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Krakow and I both support the Montana Family Coalition (MFC). I am a board member and have attended the annual legislative sessions for the past two years. Krakow is a member of the MFC’s Legislative Council. In November 2019, I was honored to be Krakow’s campaign co-chair. Krakow is an experienced legislator and has been a vocal pro-life leader in the Montana House of Representatives. Krakow has consistently voted in favor of the Montana Family Coalition’s legislative priorities.

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(The name of the business owner) of (Store Name) is a member of the Montana Family Coalition. He/She/They is/are proud to support the Montana Family Coalition and its mission to protect the sanctity of human life. The Montana Family Coalition is an organization that advocates for pro-life legislation and opposes legislation that supports abortion. The Montana Family Coalition is a non-profit organization that promotes the value of life and works to ensure that every human life is protected from conception to natural death.

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As a summer food pro-
gram affiliate, we always
serve free meals (breakfast
and lunch) to kids in the nu-
town, but the USDA did a waiver
to allow us to serve kids when
school isn’t in session now.
In so partnering
with the school district and
we’ve been providing meals
a day at three different sites.
It started right after school
break and it’s continuing to
grow. Our staff is all masked
and gloved up. We actually
deliver the meals now to the
vehicles. Meals are delivered
in a tray, kind of the old
car-hop where we just bring
the food to the car and serve
them how we do,” said club
chair Elaine Stedman.
On Friday the club is
also providing a backpack
with weekend meals, avail-
able at each of three sites.
Each backpack contains two
items, two cheese milk,
two juices, and two
fruit cups. Fresh fruits/veggies
are also added—food items that
have been graciously donated
by groups in the community.
“Besides the free meals
for children, we’re also doing
a lot of virtual programming
with the kids, we hand
out weekly packets of
entertainment with
social media outlets to
give the kids
fun activities to do at home.”
For the meantime, the club
is still planning a summer
program as it if could still
proceed, albeit with some
modifications. “I’m cautiously
optimistic that we’ll be able
to run some type of summer
program but it’s certainly going
to depend on what the
restrictions are at that time.
We’re very lucky going to
socially distance our kids,”
says Stedman.
“Thanks to all the peo-
l and volunteers who have
stepped up to help with this
project by volunteering their
time, donating supplies like
bags and work, it’s really helping
in other ways. We are grateful
for the help of our community
and also so pleased that we
are serving the youth and fam-
ilies in our area by partnering
with the school and others
assessing this difficult time.
A special shout out to Pam
Radke and her kitchen crew
at the high school for all of their
hard work in preparing the
meals every day,” said Boys
& Girls Clubs of the MonDak
chair Elaine Stedman.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the MonDak’s building passes the one-year mark and steps in to assist area youth through the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photo by Paul Tedrow)

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COVID-19 has dramatically influenced daily life for many people around the world. Nobody is immune, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and older adults and individuals with chronic health conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from the virus. To protect vulnerable individuals, many nursing homes or assisted living facilities are banning outside visitors temporarily in hopes of limiting residents’ exposure to someone who may be infected with the virus. Additionally, many individuals who need care and are currently living in their own homes are feeling isolated and anxious about how to stay healthy and safe. Caregiving is now taking center stage. With millions more than 60 million unpaid family caregivers helping loved ones across the U.S., experts expect the virus to increase the number of people providing short-term or long-term care to an older or aging loved one. AARP offers guidance to family caregivers with vulnerable family members, especially those who might be more at risk of caring because of Coronavirus and its impacts on older populations. Make it a team effort. While there may be only one primary family caregiver, family and friends and neighbors who can check in or help with shopping and important errands. It’s important that the person you’re caring for doesn’t leave their home and stays out of public places. Create a list with contact information of friends, family and services in your community that can help you perform key caregiving tasks. For example, find a local pharmacy who can deliver medications, re-order important medications that you need to replenish it. Get medications in order. If you don’t already have one, create a list of medications, medical contacts and important information like allergies for easy access. If there are upcoming non-emergency, routine medical appointments, reschedule those or, if possible, switch to a virtual visit to receive telemedicine. Ask your pharmacist or health care provider if you are able to have an extra 30-day supply of essential medications on hand. Don’t
Forget to stock up on over-the-counter medications like cough suppressants and fever-reducing drugs like acetaminophen.

Stay connected

With current social distancing recommendations, maintaining personal safety and self-care in order to help slow the spread of Coronavirus, limit physical contact with others, is as important as you can and continue to follow guidelines from the CDC. While you are likely very focused on the person you’re caring for, it is essential to also care for yourself.

For high-risk individuals, such as those with dementia and underlying health conditions, consider having the primary caregiver self-isolate with the care recipient. Then, have a backup plan if the primary caregiver becomes ill. It’s best to be proactive and not have to use plan B, rather than being caught off guard without options.

For more information about caregiving and important considerations in light of COVID-19, visit aarp.org/caregiving and aarp.org/coronavirus. 
By Lynn Welker

McKenzie County Healthcare Systems

Stepping from my youth and now into the field where I have been helping to bring health care to the people of McKenzie County, I have learned that nurses are the true heroes of the healthcare systems. They are the people who are often with the patient the longest, seeing them at their best and worst.

Today, I would like to tell you a little about my mom, Susan Welker, who passed away last month. She served as a nurse for over 40 years. I was raised by a nurse and watched my mom, Susan Welker, spend close to 40 years caring for patients and families. Nurses have a skill set that opens the doors, office, and hospital waiting. They are nurses themselves and think of others first. They have skills. Whether they are on vacation with family and friends or on a plane to another destination or at a local sporting event, when there is a need and duty calls, it’s not unusual to watch a nurse snap into action.

There are many faces and ranges of experience in the nursing field. From Comfort Nursing Assistant in Registered Nurses to Nurse Practitioners, they are working in hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health services, corporate offices, the military, and in the field. I asked Rosie Daly, Clinical Nurse Manager, Nursing, and Care Coordinator for MCHS, what advice she would provide to an individual interested in a career in nursing. She should start as a CNA to gain experience in the field. From there, one can determine their interest level and pursue school if they think it’s a career they’ll find meaningful. She has been in the medical field for the past 30 years. She remembers a young nurse on her floor who always had a positive attitude and a caring heart. She is a mentor who has helped many nurses reach their goals and guide young people that are interested. Currently, MCHS offers an amazing work experience program for high school students. This program allows students to gain real-world experience and helps them make informed decisions about a career in healthcare.

Rosie’s career began as an RN. She received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from St. Louis University and her master’s degree in nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She is grateful for the opportunities she has had throughout her career, such as working in a variety of settings, including hospitals, home health, and long-term care facilities. She is pleased with the support she has received from other great nurses who have been there for her through the good and bad times. She is especially thankful to her military family, the Richland County Healthcare System, her military service, and her mother for so much love and support.

In 1965, I left North Dakota and traveled to Connecticut, where I completed my nursing degree, and then I entered into the field of professional nursing. My passion for helping others through the art of nursing has continued to the present day. I have spent close to 40 years caring for patients and families. I have learned that nurses are the true heroes of the healthcare system. They are the people who are often with the patient the longest, seeing them at their best and worst.

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By Rita Steinbeisser, Marketing and Communications Director for Sidney Health Center

Since the onset of COVID-19 in the United States, Sidney Health Center has been preparing and implementing procedures to protect healthcare workers, patients, residents and people living in Richland County from the threat of the pandemic coronavirus. “We have been working closely with local and state officials to get ready for the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in our community,” stated Jen Doty, Sidney Health Center CEO. “One of our biggest concerns is continuing our health and well-being efforts for those patients in our county who have COVID-19 patients and protecting the health of our workforce.”

Since mid-March, Sidney Health Center has tested one to six community members on a daily basis. The decision to test is based on a healthcare provider’s evaluation and judgement to determine if the patient has symptoms and symptoms compatible with COVID-19. Tests can only be done by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant order. Not everyone experiencing symptoms needs to be tested. Sidney Health Center continues to follow CDC guidelines and priorities testing accordingly.

At the start of the national emergency declaration in March, Sidney Health Center had 125 collection kits on-site. These kits are used to test for influenza and COVID-19. Since then, the Montana State Laboratory reduced the sample-size needed to test for COVID-19. As a result, Sidney Health Center’s Laboratory split the kits to double their supply of collection kits. The lab has also ordered individual testing supplies to create its own collection test kits. Although the number of kits is limited, Sidney Health Center continues to order supplies for testing purposes and plans to continue testing as the need arises.

Once a sample is collected, the test is sent to the Montana State Laboratory for processing. Results are marked as negative or positive. Sidney Health Center monitors its inventory of PPE on a daily basis and works closely with the state to continue getting the test results within 24 hours from when the sample is received at the state lab, before evening about a 36-hour turnaround time.

Sidney Health Center is requesting that all community and area organizations and individuals who have donated masks and reusable isolation gowns to support healthcare facilities. Sidney Health Center has its own collection test kits. These kits are used to test for COVID-19, Sidney Health Center monitors its inventory of PPE on a daily basis and works closely with the state to continue getting the test results. Furthermore, Sidney Health Center is accepting donations of N95 masks, fabric masks, 3D masks, and isolation gowns. Questions regarding PPE donations should be directed to Sidney Health Center’s Marketing Department at 406.488.2273 or the Foundation for Community Care at 406.488.2273.

Sidney Health Center has set up an emergency declaration by order of the state to continue getting the test results within 24 hours from when the sample is received at the state lab, before evening about a 36-hour turnaround time. Coordination of team work during the time of uncertainty as managers across the hospital, clinic and long-term care centers implement creative ways to manage this worldwide pandemic that has introduced itself in Richland County. The organization continues to work closely with state and local officials including the Richland County Health Department to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

By Richard Steuding, Sidne Health Center’s Marketing and Communications Coordinator

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Left: Emergency Department staff says thank you to local sewers for quickly making reusable isolation gowns for staff to use during the shortage of Personal Protective Equipment. Pictured is (L-R) Lacey Meissel, Dr. McCartney, Yvette Lien and Renee Meissel
Lung Health Has Never Been More Important

Richland County public health officials urge people who smoke and vape to quit today

Richland County, MT – In this time of uncertainty and the COVID-19 pandemic, one thing is certain. lung health has never been more important. Now is the time to quit smoking and vaping and Montana has free resources to help.

COVID-19 is a new disease that affects the lungs. People of any age who have severe underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk of severe COVID-19. Some of the highest COVID-19 cases have been found among people with chronic lung disease, such as asthma, people who have had a lung transplant, people with cancer, and people who are immuno compromised.

Mathew Myers, presi- dent and CEO of the Montana Tobacco Prevention Council (MTPC), encourages all Montanans to quit smoking and vaping now.

"If you smoke or use e-cigarettes/vaping devices, now is the time to quit. The sooner you quit, the sooner your lung health will start to improve," says Myers.

Bozeman – A program delivered entirely online that connects callers with certified tobacco treatment counselors, Montana’s American Indian Coaches, and an American Indian coach.

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Fumbling in the Dark

By Lois Stephens

Owls have amazing eyesight and night vision. They lurk in trees at night, look below them, see a dark rodent running across equally dark ground, swoop down, and unerringly make a catch.

Wow, talk about the ability to see in the dark.

I wish I had so good.

My eyes have never pro-

vided me with crystal clear sight. My daylight vision leaves a lot to be desired, never mind nav-
gazing at night. I can't blame this on older age, because even as a child, I never saw particularly well whatever the time of day. Darkness and shadows really present problems. I had difficulty distinguishing objects in the dark, and I tended to crash into whatever hap-

pened to be in my path rather than successfully maneuver around these obstacles. Judging dis-
tances after sunset also could not be called one of my strong points.

I am a woman of a certain age, therefore my sight is not perfect completely out of hand.

In spite of binoculars and helpful dandy little prisms in my glasses that are supposed to properly align my eyes, so the left one doesn't roll up while the right one rolls down (yes, my eyes re-

semble those of a Titian of the Baroque, you know, where his eyes are stuck behind their sockets at random, and he looks like he's dead drunk, i.e., I can't read fine print without a magni-

fying glass. Therefore the prisms, a straight line when I stare at them, doesn't stay that way when I stare at dead on, I can't hang a hat without missing the peg unless I stand directly in front of the cursed hanger, look down when I walk because otherwise I tip over pipples, hehe, and miscellaneous looking objects in my path. I figure a bear will eat me before I realize he was standing in the path in front of me, looking for a scarily small lady to munch on.

Most distractingly, I really can't see at all in the dark. I really notice this poor vision when driving after sunset, a daunting proposition that I avoid at every opportunity if I can. Unfor-

tunately I can't see anything, even if the road is clearly visible, and I judging distanc-

es be somewhat precarious.

After I drive awhile after dark, I sometimes think I'm seeing movement along the side of the road. These ghostly shadows I see flickering along the side of the road could be lurking deer just waiting to commit suicide and crash into my truck in the process, or perhaps what I really see in reality doesn't even exist, or maybe these objects are fence posts, I wonder where they stop to mail me a vehicle and investigate. I have no idea. I just know I can't see well enough to feel comfortable driving in the dark.

Possible sightings from other vehicles add to the confusion. Blinded by the light would be an understatement. I some-
times feel I'm treading in one of Stephen King's horror stories, completely surrounded by alien be-
gings with a link to some sort of dreadful, with us mere mortals, peppering us with eerie lights, shadows, and un

welcome distortions and un

natural movement.

I thought of a blooming snow compound the other day of all things, and then I realized that I really do not have to think twice about it after dark for any reason whatsoever. Actually, I won't drive down dark country roads during daylight hours if I don't absolutely have to, and I generally make sure I can drive out. Driv-

ing in snow and blowing snow at any time of the day or night makes my eyes cross and I cannot focus properly. Just one more reason why I decide to stay home and lose another log in the wood. I'd rather watch the snow than try to navigate a vehicle through it.

Walking my dog after dark has also become somewhat of a daunt-

ing proposition. Stones, trees, and numerous other ob-

jects all lie in wait for me. Linking their chips in antici-

patation of sending back the light of some sort or another. My dog can disappear into the blackness of night with no problem at all, and it is only because of the starkness of right borders along two steps, and it is only by the sound of her distant footsteps or her excitement at discov-

ering a rabbit in the vicinity that I can figure out her location.

Even in the house, under artificial nighttime lighting, my dog life is a mystery. I can't find it by feel rather than by spotting it with my eyes. My eyes just don't work the way they used to or the way they are supposed to.

I've accepted the fact that I will never be Eagle Eye. I never was, and I never will be. I know I'll take it me more time to accomplish a task after dark, I know I make ap-

propriate arrangements and I don't hide under beds at sunset, and I do try to know walk-

ing routes after dark, I know I'll need to improve in this lifetime. As a result, I've taken a long pause and it reminded me a few years ago when I complained bitterly about my inability to read fine print, I'm not getting any younger, and I've accepted the fact that I can't see as well as I used to before. I'm sure I can to continue to function after the sun goes down.

Home Energy Bills And COVID-19

Submitted by Rachel Haberman

If you are worried about how you are going to pay your home energy bill as a result of issues related to COVID-19, please contact your Energy Share of Montana. Our energy share is a statewide nonprofit orga-
nization whose purpose is to help Montanans facing loss of heat or lights in their home, and who have no resources to pay the bills themselves. Energy Share is fuel blind so people may have any heat source is.

If you or someone you know needs help:

• Contact Action for Eastern Montana, Glen-
dale, MT, 1-800-227-0703 or www.aemt.org. They have applications for Energy Share and for the federally Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).

• Visit www.ener-

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1-888-779-7549 and let Energy Share know your town and they will direct you to the appro-

priate applications for your area.

• Contact the governor's office to establish a task force who will con-

sider the situation of large electric users. If you are on special arrangements with your energy provider, please consider help-

ing them as you work towards paying your bill or applying for assistance to do so.

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