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Montana governor signs law to create annual electric vehicle fees	Kayla Desroches	Government & Politics	:57	Wed Apr 26 13:51:17 EDT 2023	The legislature is also considering a bill to establish a tax on electric vehicle charging stations to collect revenue from out-of-state travelers.	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2023-04-26/montana-governor-signs-law-to-create-annual-electric-vehicle-fees
Earth Day in Bozeman celebrates wildlife	Olivia Weitz	Community	1:31	Wed Apr 26 14:14:45 EDT 2023	Approximately 1500 people came to see talks, art, exhibits, and more at the Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival in Bozeman. This year, it celebrated and supported wildlife in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. 	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-04-26/earth-day-in-bozeman-celebrates-wildlife
Montana House votes to formally punish transgender lawmaker, Rep. Zooney Zephyr	Shaylee Ragar	Government & Politics	:50	Thu Apr 27 18:36:31 EDT 2023	Republicans, who dominate the Montana House of Representatives, have voted Wednesday to formally punish Democratic Rep. Zooney Zephyr.	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2023-04-27/montana-house-votes-to-formally-punish-transgender-lawmaker-rep-zooney-zephyr
Vegetative and other debris to be removed from Yellowstone flood-impacted sites in four counties	Olivia Weitz	Wildlife & outdoors	1:43	Fri Apr 28 12:06:28 EDT 2023	As we approach one year since the Yellowstone floods, some types of vegetative and construction debris at more than 30 sites across Yellowstone, Park, Carbon, and Stillwater Counties is still being cleaned up.	https://www.ypradio.org/wildlife-outdoors/2023-04-28/vegetative-and-other-debris-to-be-removed-from-yellowstone-flood-impacted-sites-in-four-counties
Heating assistance program wraps up for winter season	Kayla Desroches	Regional News	:50	Fri Apr 28 12:39:57 EDT 2023	Preliminary data for Montana’s home heating assistance program show the number of approved funding applications statewide rose only 3 percent this year over last - a number that could change after the program wraps up this month.	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-04-28/heating-assistance-program-wraps-up-for-winter-season
Voters approve transportation district for bus, van service in Gallatin County	Olivia Weitz	Government & Politics	1:12	Wed May 03 11:19:15 EDT 2023	Gallatin Valley residents voted in favor of creating an urban transportation district that will allow services to expand as the area grows	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2023-05-03/voters-approve-transportation-district-for-bus-van-service-in-gallatin-county
Voters approve three school levies for Bozeman School District	Olivia Weitz	Community	1:07	Wed May 03 13:24:43 EDT 2023	Bozeman School District Voters approved three levies that will help the district generate around \$2 million per year to help make up for a budget shortfall.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-05-03/voters-approve-three-school-levies-for-bozeman-school-district
Fundraising effort aims to raise \$3 million in 24-hours for Gallatin County nonprofits	Olivia Weitz	Community	1:15	Wed May 03 18:06:47 EDT 2023	A 24-hour fundraising event for nonprofits that serve Gallatin County kicks off Thursday night.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-05-03/fundraising-effort-aims-to-raise-3-million-in-24-hours-for-gallatin-county-nonprofits
East Entrance to YNP opens	Orlinda Worthington	Regional News	:50	Mon May 08 12:41:39 EDT 2023	The east entrance to Yellowstone National Park is set to open today.	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-05-08/east-entrance-to-ynp-opens
Missing and Murdered Indigenous People recognized	Orlinda Worthington	Tribal Issues	:50	Mon May 08 12:49:12 EDT 2023	May 5th is National Missing and Murdered Indigenous People’s Awareness day.	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2023-05-08/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-people-recognized
Lawmakers pass \$14 billion budget as the legislative session ends	Shaylee Ragar, Ellis Juhlin, Corin Cates-Carney	Government & Politics	8:15	Mon May 08 12:51:51 EDT 2023	Lawmakers passed a \$14 billion budget and considered the most bills in one session since 1973. Montana Public Radio’s reporters in the statehouse Shaylee Ragar and Ellis Juhlin spoke with Corin Cates-Carney to break down what passed, what didn’t and how politics influenced it all.	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2023-05-08/lawmakers-pass-14-billion-budget-as-the-legislative-session-ends
Audit finds breach of protocol at Crow-Northern Cheyenne Indian Health Service facility	Kayla Desroches	Tribal Issues	:50	Mon May 08 13:00:08 EDT 2023	An audit of a Crow and Northern Cheyenne nation hospital found administration officials neglected to complete background checks for staff who work with children in compliance with federal law.	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2023-05-08/audit-finds-breach-of-protocol-at-crow-northern-cheyenne-indian-health-service-facility
Volunteers check for hazards on school routes	Orlinda Worthington	Community	1:19	Wed May 10 12:34:13 EDT 2023	Walking and biking to school is a good way to help kids get exercise, but it’s not always easy to find a safe route.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-05-10/volunteers-check-for-hazards-on-school-routes
Montana environmental regulators broaden reach of air quality data	Kayla Desroches	Environment & Science	:50	Wed May 10 17:52:02 EDT 2023	Air quality monitoring in rural areas of Montana is expanding to track pollutants like wildfire smoke, which can affect people with asthma and other chronic health conditions.	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2023-05-10/montana-environmental-regulators-broaden-reach-of-air-quality-data
Scams costing Montanans millions	Orlinda Worthington	Crime & Courts	1:18	Mon May 15 14:02:21 EDT 2023	Montanans are losing millions of dollars in phone and online scams, and the number of shady deals is increasing.	https://www.ypradio.org/crime-courts/2023-05-15/scams-costing-montanans-millions
Judge tells state to prepare for trial over climate suit brought by youth plaintiffs	Ellis Juhlin	Government & Politics	1:03	Mon May 15 14:06:04 EDT 2023	A Montana judge is telling state attorneys to continue preparing for trial after they argued to stop a lawsuit brought by children challenging energy and climate policies.	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2023-05-15/judge-tells-state-to-prepare-for-trial-over-climate-suit-brought-by-youth-plaintiffs
Largest conservation easement in Paradise Valley	Orlinda Worthington	Environment & Science	:50	Mon May 15 14:30:54 EDT 2023	A nearly 9000 acre ranch recently became the largest conservation easement in Paradise Valley.	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2023-05-15/largest-conservation-easement-in-paradise-valley

Montana saddlemaker, woodworker, blacksmith join state’s folk artist hall of fame	Kayla Desroches	Regional News	:50	Wed May 17 13:50:39 EDT 2023	Montana’s state arts agency is recognizing folk and traditional artists for their cultural contributions. 	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-05-17/montana-saddlemaker-woodworker-blacksmith-join-states-folk-artist-hall-of-fame
New shelter in Bozeman to provide enhanced amenities and community engagement for domestic violence survivors	Olivia Weitz	Community	1:20	Wed May 17 12:52:09 EDT 2023	A new and expanded shelter that opened in Bozeman this spring hopes to better serve the needs of domestic violence survivors in Gallatin County.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-05-17/new-shelter-in-bozeman-to-provide-enhanced-amenities-and-community-engagement-for-domestic-violence-survivors
Emergency drill in Billings Thursday	Orlinda Worthington	Community	:50	Wed May 17 14:30:56 EDT 2023	A mandatory emergency preparedness drill is happening May 18th in Billings.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-05-17/emergency-drill-in-billings-thursday
Bozeman sushi restaurant allowed to reopen	Orlinda Worthington	Regional News	:53	Wed May 24 13:33:45 EDT 2023	A Bozeman restaurant forced to close in April is now cleared to reopen.	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-05-24/bozeman-sushi-restaurant-allowed-to-reopen
Montana bans reading in drag	Associated Press	Government & Politics	:50	Wed May 24 13:43:31 EDT 2023	Montana is now the first state to specifically ban people dressed in drag from reading books to children at public schools and libraries.	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2023-05-24/montana-bans-reading-in-drag
Volunteer program creates intergenerational bonds to help seniors feel less lonely	Olivia Weitz	Community	1:17	Wed May 24 13:55:14 EDT 2023	A nonprofit is combating loneliness that many senior citizens experience. The Befrienders program matches elderly Gallatin Valley residents with younger community volunteers to do things like go on walks, play games, and get out into the community.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-05-24/volunteer-program-creates-intergenerational-bonds-to-help-seniors-feel-less-lonely
Girl Scouts roll out STEM van for rural kids	Orlinda Worthington	Environment & Science	1:09	Fri May 26 12:49:25 EDT 2023	The Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming are ready to roll with mobile STEM classes.	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2023-05-26/girl-scouts-roll-out-stem-van-for-rural-kids
End of season survey showed Gardiner businesses had low bookings for 2023 season	Olivia Weitz	Business & Economics	1:39	Fri May 26 12:59:56 EDT 2023	While many Gardiner businesses had a dim outlook for 2023 reservations at the end of last year, tourism in the town impacted by flooding in and around Yellowstone last summer appears to be picking up.	https://www.ypradio.org/business-economics/2023-05-26/end-of-season-survey-showed-gardiner-businesses-had-low-bookings-for-2023-season
Court blocks four anti-abortion bills while lawsuits plays out	Shaylee Ragar	Crime & Courts	:50	Fri May 26 13:11:51 EDT 2023	A Helena judge has blocked four anti-abortion bills and a health department rule restricting Medicaid coverage of abortion while lawsuits challenging their constitutionality play out.	https://www.ypradio.org/crime-courts/2023-05-26/court-blocks-four-anti-abortion-bills-while-lawsuits-plays-out
Montana in the top ten for gas increases	Orlinda Worthington	Community	:50	Fri May 26 14:27:14 EDT 2023	Montana is one of ten states that have seen the largest increases in gas prices in the last week.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-05-26/montana-in-the-top-ten-for-gas-increases
Fromberg residents eye rainfall leading up to the anniversary of a historic flood	Kayla Desroches	Community	1:25	Fri May 26 14:57:59 EDT 2023	Some Montanans still reeling from last June’s historic floods say recent thunderstorms have them feeling nervous.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-05-26/fromberg-residents-eye-rainfall-leading-up-to-the-anniversary-of-a-historic-flood
Montana veteran survived Battle of the Bulge	Orlinda Worthington	Community	3:09	Wed May 31 12:57:49 EDT 2023	The Battle of the Bulge is considered the U-S Army's greatest struggle for victory during World War Two.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-05-31/montana-veteran-survived-battle-of-the-bulge
Wyoming has asked federal court to rule on grizzly bear delisting	Kay Erickson	Wildlife & outdoors	:50	Fri Jun 02 13:01:50 EDT 2023	Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon is asking the Wyoming Federal Court to force the Interior Department to rule on the state’s grizzly bear delisting. A news release from Gordon’s office says a petition Wyoming filed on May 24, 2023, alleges the Department of Interior failed to meet a 12-month deadline to review Wyoming’s delisting petition.	https://www.ypradio.org/wildlife-outdoors/2023-06-02/wyoming-has-asked-federal-court-to-rule-on-grizzly-bear-delisting
Biologist says after Yellowstone River flooding, small declines in some fish populations will be followed by rebound	Olivia Weitz	Wildlife & outdoors	1:49	Fri Jun 02 13:09:08 EDT 2023	After the Yellowstone River flooded last June some anglers were worried that fish populations would be decimated. While biologists are still trying to get a full picture of how the fish were impacted, early indicators are not showing catastrophic losses. 	https://www.ypradio.org/wildlife-outdoors/2023-06-02/biologist-says-after-yellowstone-river-flooding-small-declines-in-some-fish-populations-will-be-followed-by-rebound
More work to be done before FWP re-opens two fishing access sites on the Yellowstone River that are still closed due to floods	Olivia Weitz	Wildlife & outdoors	1:47	Fri Jun 02 13:15:12 EDT 2023	Around 20 fishing access sites on the Yellowstone River in Southwest Montana temporarily closed after the floods last June. Most of these sites required repairs and debris cleanup.	https://www.ypradio.org/wildlife-outdoors/2023-06-02/more-work-to-be-done-before-fwp-re-opens-two-fishing-access-sites-on-the-yellowstone-river-that-are-still-closed-due-to-floods

U.S. land managers rework planning documents for part of the Powder River Basin in response to environmental lawsuits	Kayla Desroches	Environment & Science	:50	Fri Jun 02 16:15:59 EDT 2023	The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is revising the environmental analyses for mineral leasing in eastern Montana and north central Wyoming following legal challenges from conservation groups.	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2023-06-02/u-s-land-managers-rework-planning-documents-for-part-of-the-powder-river-basin-in-response-to-environmental-lawsuits
Environmental groups file suit, say new laws undermine climate safeguards in Montana	Kayla Desroches	Crime & Courts	:50	Fri Jun 02 16:17:52 EDT 2023	Conservation groups are suing Montana environmental regulators over new laws they say violate federal protections against coal mining impacts.	https://www.ypradio.org/crime-courts/2023-06-02/environmental-groups-file-suit-say-new-laws-undermine-climate-safeguards-in-montana
Some flood-displaced Montanans are still looking for stability a year later	Kayla Desroches	Community	3:32	Tue Jun 06 13:46:54 EDT 2023	One year after historic floods washed out roads in and around Yellowstone National Park, the park is mostly recovered and open for business as usual.	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-06-06/some-flood-displaced-montanans-are-still-looking-for-stability-a-year-later
"Mending the Line," filmed in Montana, premieres in Bozeman	YPR News		3:29	Thu Jun 08 12:57:54 EDT 2023	An award-winning movie filmed in Montana premieres Thursday in Bozeman. The film recently won the Valor Award, at the San Diego Film Festival. It focuses loosely on the Warriors and Quiet Waters program that take veterans fly fishing.	https://www.ypradio.org/2023-06-08/mending-the-line-filmed-in-montana-premieres-in-bozeman
Heavy Rainfall Floods Billings Streets and Basements	Kay Erickson	Regional News	:50	Mon Jun 12 11:48:37 EDT 2023	Streets were closed, basements and parking lots flooded and Billings emergency services overwhelmed as several inches of rain fell over the Billings area since June 1.	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-06-12/heavy-rainfall-floods-billings-streets-and-basements
State's largest electric utility asks regulators to weigh in on air toxics rule changes	Kayla Desroches	Government & Politics	:50	Mon Jun 12 11:56:34 EDT 2023	NorthWestern Energy is requesting that Montana electric utility regulators to take a stand against a proposed rule that would increase restrictions for toxic air pollutants like mercury at coal and oil power plants.	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2023-06-12/states-largest-electric-utility-asks-regulators-to-weigh-in-on-air-toxics-rule-changes
Researchers are experimenting with drones as a tool to monitor a North American grassland bird	Kayla Desroches	Wildlife & outdoors	2:49	Tue Jun 13 13:19:48 EDT 2023		https://www.ypradio.org/wildlife-outdoors/2023-06-13/researchers-test-out-drones-as-a-tool-to-monitor-female-sharp-tailed-grouse
Nurse training program expands	Orlinda Worthington		:50	Tue Jun 13 14:32:02 EDT 2023	The nursing workforce in Montana could benefit from a grant for an expanded training program. City College in Billings is receiving \$1.9 million for new faculty and more.	https://www.ypradio.org/2023-06-13/nurse-training-program-expands
Bozeman students create "Water in the West" podcast to educate public, inspire water conservation	Olivia Weitz	Community	2:00	Tue Jun 13 16:10:26 EDT 2023	A group of students in Bozeman have created a podcast. The three-episode podcast series called "Water in the West" looks at water usage in the Gallatin Valley and shares community and student perspectives on water conservation. 	https://www.ypradio.org/community/2023-06-13/bozeman-students-create-water-in-the-west-podcast-to-educate-public-inspire-water-conservation
With new gravel bars, channels, flooding on the Yellowstone River last June was good for fish habitat and this has fly fishing guides excited	Olivia Weitz	Wildlife & outdoors	4:35	Thu Jun 15 18:33:02 EDT 2023	Last June, flooding in and around Yellowstone National Park upended the lives of nearby residents, damaging homes, ranch properties, and roads. It also damaged fishing infrastructure, and made some parts of the Yellowstone River unrecognizable to guides that have been fishing the area for years.	https://www.ypradio.org/wildlife-outdoors/2023-06-15/with-new-gravel-bars-channels-flooding-on-the-yellowstone-river-last-june-was-good-for-fish-habitat-and-this-has-fly-fishing-guides-excited
Owners of Caramel Cookie Waffles sell business	Orlinda Worthington	Regional News	2:54	Mon Jun 19 15:06:38 EDT 2023	Forty years of creating a special cookie - famous in Montana and around the country - is coming to a close for one Billings couple. Fortunately, the famous landmark, and the famous Caramel Cookie Waffle, will live on.	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-06-19/owners-of-caramel-cookie-waffles-sell-business
U.S. public land managers propose clarifying conservation as a land use	Kayla Desroches	Government & Politics	:50	Thu Jun 22 12:21:30 EDT 2023	The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is considering revising law to clearly outline conservation as one of the multiple uses for public lands.	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2023-06-22/u-s-public-land-managers-propose-clarifying-conservation-as-a-land-use
Wrongful death lawsuit filed against Bozeman restaurant	Orlinda Worthington	Regional News	:50	Thu Jun 22 13:48:47 EDT 2023	A wrongful death lawsuit was filed Thursday linked to food poisonings at Dave's Sushi in Bozeman.	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-06-22/wrongful-death-lawsuit-filed-against-bozeman-restaurant
STDs on the rise in Montana	Orlinda Worthington	Regional News	1:21	Fri Jun 23 13:15:53 EDT 2023	Montana healthcare leaders are working to combat what they're calling a health crisis in the state, involving the increase in sexually transmitted diseases.	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-06-23/stds-on-the-rise-in-montana
Montana state park managers debut the state's first watercraft cleaning station in Billings	Kayla Desroches	Wildlife & outdoors	:50	Fri Jun 23 17:21:02 EDT 2023	The watercraft cleaning station features a set of tools to clear vessels of aquatic interlopers.	https://www.ypradio.org/wildlife-outdoors/2023-06-23/montana-state-park-managers-debut-the-states-first-watercraft-cleaning-station-in-billings
Gov. Greg Gianforte requests major disaster declaration for April flooding	Kayla Desroches	Regional News	:50	Fri Jun 23 17:47:38 EDT 2023	April flooding damaged roads and other infrastructure in northeastern Montana	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-06-23/gov-greg-gianforte-requests-major-disaster-declaration-for-april-flooding

Cleanup crews recover thousands of pounds of waste from the Yellowstone River

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Workers are cleaning up after a Montana Rail Link derailment in southcentral Montana
Bozeman city staff estimate fewer than half of short term rentals are registered with the city. The Bozeman City Commission moved forward on Tuesday with a plan to put the onus of permit enforcement on hosting platforms, like AirBnB and Vrbo, among other changes.

<https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-06-26/train-derails-over-yellowstone-river>

Bozeman moves forward with plan to bring more short-term rentals into compliance

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<https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2023-06-29/bozeman-moves-forward-with-plan-to-bring-more-short-term-rentals-into-compliance-with-new-regulations-for-hosting-platforms>