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Film Shot In Billings Premieres This Month	A feature film shot in Billings almost two years ago gets a rare in-person world premiere at a film festival in April.	Kay Erickson	Arts & Culture	Fri Apr 02 11:10:22 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/arts-culture/2021-04-02/film-shot-in-billings-premieres-this-month	3:52
Justice, Judge Recuse Themselves In Case Over New Judicial Appointment Powers	A second judge has recused himself from a case before the Montana Supreme Court to determine the constitutionality of a new law that gives the governor more discretion to appoint judges.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Fri Apr 02 19:32:33 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-02/justice-judge-recuse-themselves-in-case-over-new-judicial-appointment-powers	1:35
Bill Would Allow NorthWestern To Pass Future Colstrip Costs Onto Customers	A state Senate committee has narrowly endorsed a bill that could allow NorthWestern Energy to pass costs on to customers if the company buys more of a share in the Colstrip coal-fired power plant.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Fri Apr 02 22:00:28 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-04/bill-would-allow-northwestern-to-pass-future-colstrip-costs-onto-customers	1:08
Montana Legislature Again Postpones Floor Sessions, No Additional COVID-19 Cases As Of Friday	The Montana Legislature will again not hold floor sessions Monday, which will not count as an official legislative day, after a lobbyist tested positive for COVID-19 last Thursday.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Fri Apr 16 20:39:37 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-16/montana-legislature-again-postpones-floor-sessions-no-additional-covid-19-cases-as-of-friday	1:15
Montana Committee Advances Bill Allowing Utilities To Recover Power Costs From Customers	A Montana legislative committee Friday advanced a bill that borrows language from part of a previously tabled policy and now could allow electric utilities to pass certain replacement power costs onto customers without regulators setting the terms.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Fri Apr 23 20:32:01 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-23/montan-committee-advances-bill-allowing-utilities-to-recover-power-costs-from-customers	2:43
Biden Taps Montana Environmentalist To Lead Bureau Of Land Management	President Joe Biden has nominated Tracy Stone-Manning of Missoula, Mont., to direct the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management. She will oversee roughly a quarter-billion acres of federally owned land in Western states.	Kay Erickson	Government & Politics	Fri Apr 23 21:27:51 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-04-23/biden-taps-montana-environmentalist-to-lead-bureau-of-land-management	1:05

Recreational Marijuana Taxes To Fund Addiction Treatment, Conservation Under Senate Bill	A larger slice of tax revenue from Montana's forthcoming recreational marijuana industry will fund outdoors conservation, under a regulatory proposal endorsed by a bipartisan group of Senate lawmakers Friday. The Senate veered from standard procedure to advance the bill to the House to get it over the finish line in the legislative session's final days.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Fri Apr 23 21:40:04 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-23/recreational-marijuana-taxes-to-fund-addiction-treatment-conservation-under-senate-bill	2:02
As 2021 Montana Legislature Comes to A Close, Gianforte Commends GOP's Work	Republican Gov. Greg Gianforte is touting the Montana Legislature's success advancing a conservative agenda. Lawmakers gaveled out of the 2021 session Thursday.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Fri Apr 30 20:55:39 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-30/as-2021-montana-legislature-comes-to-a-close-gianforte-commends-gops-work	1:03
Montana Lawmaker Announces 2022 Run For Utility Regulator	A Montana Republican legislator who carried bills this session advocating for nuclear energy plans to run for the body that regulates electric utilities in the state.	Kayla Desroches	Government & Politics	Fri Apr 30 20:59:56 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-04-30/montana-lawmaker-announces-2022-run-for-utility-regulator	1:09
Wyoming Smokejumper Dies Of Injuries Suffered In New Mexico	BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A Wyoming smokejumper has died of injuries suffered last month while fighting a wildfire in southwestern New Mexico.	Kietyn Frost	Wildfires	Fri Jun 04 09:15:10 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-04/wyoming-smokejumper-dies-of-injuries-suffered-in-new-mexico	:55
Montana Commission Approves \$75 Million In Federal Coronavirus Health Spending	A special state legislative commission Thursday approved an estimated \$75 million in federal coronavirus aid for public health spending in Montana.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Fri Jun 04 09:23:57 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-06-04/montana-commission-approves-75-million-in-federal-coronavirus-health-spending	1:08
Missoula Seeks To Join NorthWestern Facility Approval Process	The city and county of Missoula are applying to participate in the state's approval process for a proposed gas-fired power plant in southeast Montana. 	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Fri Jun 04 09:57:47 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-06-04/missoula-seeks-to-join-northwestern-facility-approval-process	1:10
Willow Creek Fire Holding At 350 Acres, Crews Mopping Up	High winds buffeted the region Thursday but the Willow Creek Fire in Jefferson County did not grow in size.	Kay Erickson	Wildfires	Fri Jun 11 19:30:04 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-11/willow-creek-fire-holding-at-350-acres-crews-mopping-up	1:04

Improved Lower Yellowstone River Access to Draw Tourism to Eastern Montana	The state of Montana is awarding \$4 million to build and improve recreational sites and public access along the Lower Yellowstone River in southeastern Montana. Organizers hope to attract outdoor enthusiasts.	Kayla Desroches	Business	Fri Jun 18 07:01:45 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/business/2021-06-18/improved-lower-yellowstone-river-access-to-draw-tourism-to-eastern-montana	3:05
Grant Awarded to Small Native Owned Businesses To Help With Digital Presence	The Montana Department of Commerce announced the names of over a dozen grant recipients. The grantees will use funds to boost website and content development in hopes to bring in more revenue to Native businesses associated with tourism.	Taylor Stagner	Tribal Issues	Fri Jun 25 20:07:39 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-06-25/grant-awarded-to-small-native-owned-businesses-to-help-with-digital-presence	1:04
County Officials Say They Can't Enforce Health Restrictions Under New Montana Law	Republican Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte has signed into law a policy that county officials say prevents them from enforcing emergency public health restrictions, like mask mandates.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Fri May 07 20:14:09 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-05-07/county-officials-say-they-cant-enforce-health-restrictions-under-new-montana-law	1:34
Montana Governor Forms Advisory Council To Appoint Judge Under New Law	Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte has formed an advisory council to help fill a district court judge vacancy in Cascade County. This is the executive's first opportunity to fill a vacancy directly under a law currently being challenged in court.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Fri May 14 19:56:37 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-05-14/montana-governor-forms-advisory-council-to-appoint-judge-under-new-law	1:01
Hundreds of Dead Fish Found In Lower Madison River	Fish biologists with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks are trying to determine why fish are dying on a section of the Madison River.	Kay Erickson	Environment & Science	Fri May 21 20:05:15 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-05-21/hundreds-of-dead-fish-found-in-lower-madison-river	:49
U.S.-Canada Border Remains Closed To Non-Essential Travel Through June 21	The 5,500 mile border between the United States and Canada will remain closed to non-essential travel at least until June 21. The closure was set to expire Friday.	Kay Erickson	COVID-19	Fri May 21 20:09:15 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-05-21/u-s-canada-border-remains-closed-to-non-essential-travel-through-june-21	1:14
Environmental Group Challenges NorthWestern's Planned Natural Gas Power Plant	An environmental group is suing to stop construction of a natural gas-fired power plant in southeast Montana.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Fri May 28 19:28:09 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-05-28/environmental-group-challenges-northwesterns-planned-natural-gas-power-plant	1:19


Audit Raises Concerns Over Potentially Wasted State Resources, Missing Documentation From Public Service Commission	A financial-compliance audit of the Montana Public Service Commission raises concerns about potential waste of state resources, missing documentation and the integrity and competence of certain management personnel.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Fri May 28 19:36:46 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-05-28/audit-raises-concerns-over-potentially-wasted-state-resources-missing-documentation-from-public-service-commission	1:43
Montana Campus Firearm Concealed Carry Law Temporarily Blocked	A judge has temporarily blocked a new Montana law allowing the concealed carry of firearms on public university campuses.	Kevin Trevellyan	Education	Fri May 28 19:43:00 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-05-28/montana-campus-firearm-concealed-carry-law-temporarily-blocked	1:04
One Year Later: Bozeman Couple Reflect On Joys, Challenges Through Pandemic	A year ago, weeks into Montana's stay-at-home order to slow the spread of COVID-19, Yellowstone Public Radio interviewed a couple in Bozeman over Zoom about the uncertainty, unexpected joys and challenges of living through a pandemic. Reporter Rachel Cramer recently touched base with them to see what has changed in the last year and what they're looking forward to after getting vaccinated.	Rachel Cramer	COVID-19	Mon Apr 05 21:43:23 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-04-05/one-year-later-bozeman-couple-reflect-on-joys-challenges-through-pandemic	4:57
Former Montana Native Women's Coalition Chair Convicted Of Wire Fraud, Theft	A federal jury convicted the former chairwoman of a Billings nonprofit of false claims, wire fraud and theft from a program receiving federal funding Friday.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Mon Apr 05 21:43:49 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-04-05/former-montana-native-womens-coalition-chair-convicted-of-wire-fraud-theft	1:03
Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte Tests Positive For COVID-19	Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte has tested positive For COVID-19. The governor's office said in a statement Monday evening that Gianforte tested positive...	YPR News	COVID-19	Mon Apr 05 21:48:24 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-04-05/montana-gov-greg-gianforte-tests-positive-for-covid-19	:55
VA Secretary Makes Montana First Official Trip	The new leader of the Biden Administration's Department of Veterans Affairs is visiting Montana this week in his first official trip as Cabinet Secretary.	Kayla Desroches	Government & Politics	Mon Apr 05 22:23:18 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-04-05/va-secretary-makes-montana-first-official-trip	1:23
Montana Legislature Overrides Gianforte's First Veto	The Montana Legislature has overridden Republican Gov. Greg Gianforte's first veto. The bill in question provides the Legislature more power over state agency rulemaking.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Mon Apr 12 19:55:09 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-13/montana-legislature-overrides-gianfortes-first-veto	:55

OCHE Accepting Comment On How to Implement Campus Conceal Carry	The Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) is now taking public comments on how to carry out a new law that allows concealed carry firearms on all Montana University System campuses.	Kietyn Frost	Education	Mon Apr 19 20:54:23 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-04-19/oche-accepting-comment-on-how-to-implement-campus-conceal-carry	:44
The Session Week 17: Last Minute Legislation And Maneuvers	This week we're watching how the Republican majority is spending their mandate from voters as the session is winding down and last minute legislation.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Mon Apr 26	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-26/the-session-week-17-last-minute-legislation-and-maneuvers	12:12
Colstrip Appeals To Legislature To Ensure Water Continues To Flow	The residents of Colstrip rely on the local coal-fired power plant pumping in clean drinking water from the Yellowstone River. The plant uses the water for its operations, but also sends some of it to town. This means there are major questions about what will happen to the local water supply if the plant ever shuts down.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Mon Apr 26 20:55:34 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-26/colstrip-appeals-to-legislature-to-ensure-water-continues-to-flow	4:01
U.S.-Canadian Travel, Ports Of Entry Remain Limited	The ports at Opheim, Morgan, Turner and Del Bonita will continue with weekday service. Raymond and Piegan will operate seven days a week with reduced hours.	Kay Erickson	Government & Politics	Mon Apr 26 21:01:07 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-04-26/u-s-canadian-travel-ports-of-entry-remain-limited	1:17
Yellowstone County Sees Hospitalization Uptick	Yellowstone County health officials say COVID-19 related hospitalizations have increased in recent weeks.	Kayla Desroches	COVID-19	Mon Jun 07 06:06:02 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-06-07/yellowstone-county-sees-hospitalization-uptick	1:12
District Court Judge Extends Order Blocking Montana Campus Concealed Carry Law	A district court judge has extended an order blocking a new Montana law allowing the concealed carry of firearms on public college campuses while he determines its constitutionality. The order came hours after lawyers for the attorney general's office and Montana University System made their cases for and against the law.	Kevin Trevellyan	Education	Mon Jun 07 23:16:10 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-06-07/district-court-judge-extends-order-blocking-montana-campus-concealed-carry-law	1:52
Utility Regulators Promise Changes After Audit Finds Mishandled Funds	Regulators on Montana's Public Service Commission promise lawmakers a fresh set of internal checks and new hires following a state audit that uncovered mishandled funds.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Mon Jun 07 23:23:12 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-06-07/utility-regulators-promise-changes-after-audit-finds-mishandled-funds	1:34

Robertson Draw Fire Forces Evacuations South Of Red Lodge	The Carbon County Sheriff's Office has issued an evacuation order for two drainages south of Red Lodge due to the Robertson Draw Fire. Custer Gallatin National Forest officials say the fire is very active and burning an estimated 200 acres in timber.	Kay Erickson	Wildfires	Mon Jun 14 19:51:10 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-14/robertson-draw-fire-forces-evacuations-south-of-red-lodge	1:08
Firefighters Attempting To Contain Deep Creek Fire Southeast of Helena	Crews are in the early phases of fighting a 174-acre wildfire in the Big Belt Mountains southeast of Helena. The fire temporarily shut down a stretch of Highway 12 in Broadwater County Sunday.	Kevin Trevellyan	Wildfires	Mon Jun 14 20:09:21 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-14/firefighters-attempting-to-contain-deep-creek-fire-southeast-of-helena	1:06
Montana Attorney General Wants Ruling On Presidential Permit In Keystone XL Case	Montana leaders who have for months been pushing President Joe Biden to give the Keystone XL crude oil pipeline the greenlight are taking stock after Wednesday's announcement that the developer is ending the project after more than a decade of controversy.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Mon Jun 14 20:13:33 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-06-14/montana-attorney-general-wants-ruling-on-presidential-permit-in-keystone-xl-case	2:01
Montana Landmarks Named For Confederate Leader Under Scrutiny	Multiple groups are petitioning the federal government to rename three Montana geographic features to replace the name of a Confederate Civil War leader to names that honor Montana Native Americans and the Chinese immigrants who built the state's mines.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Mon May 10 20:33:15 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-05-10/montana-landmarks-named-for-confederate-leader-under-scrutiny	:57
More COVID-19 Cases From Variant Strains Detected In Montana	Three cases of COVID-19 caused by a variant strain first identified in Brazil have been found in Montana, adding to the state's growing count of variant cases.	Nicky Ouellet	COVID-19	Mon May 10 20:36:49 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-05-10/more-covid-19-variant-strains-detected-in-montana	:56
New Montana Law Sets Criminal Penalties For Infrastructure Protestors	A new Montana law sets criminal penalties for protestors who damage or trespass on critical infrastructure like pipelines. Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte signed the bill Friday.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Mon May 17 20:34:14 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-05-17/new-montana-law-sets-criminal-penalties-infrastructure-protestors	1:43
New Montana Ballot Collection Law Raises Concerns Over Voting Access	Voting rights advocates are concerned a new law limiting who can help somebody with an absentee ballot could disenfranchise Montanans who already have trouble voting. Supporters say the policy strengthens the integrity of Treasure State elections.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Mon May 17 20:35:14 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-05-17/new-montana-ballot-collection-law-raises-concerns-over-voting-access	5:31

Montana MMIP Reporting Website Expands, Database In Development	The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are the second tribal nation to integrate a new Montana missing persons reporting website into their protocols when people go missing in the Flathead.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Mon May 24 20:31:01 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-05-24/montana-mmip-reporting-website-expands-database-in-development	2:03
21 Boats With Aquatic Invasive Mussels Found By FWP Inspectors	Inspectors are finding a rash of boats carrying invasive species into Montana, though the boating season's busiest stretch is yet to come.	Kevin Trevellyan	Environment & Science	Mon May 24 20:32:54 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-05-24/21-boats-with-aquatic-invasive-mussels-found-by-fwp-inspectors	:57
Attorney General Added As Defendant In Colstrip Lawsuit	The majority owners of the Colstrip coal-fired power plant are suing Montana's attorney general over new laws they say unconstitutionally affect private business.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Mon May 24 20:38:53 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-05-24/attorney-general-added-as-defendant-in-colstrip-lawsuit	:58
Six Confirmed COVID-19 Cases at State Prison in Deer Lodge	The Montana Department of Corrections announced last week six new coronavirus cases among inmates at Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge.	Jess Sheldahl	COVID-19	Sun Apr 04 22:02:20 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-04-04/six-confirmed-covid-19-cases-at-state-prison-in-deer-lodge	1:29
This Is One Of Those Wonders Of Nature: Birds, Spectators Flock To Freezout Lake	During a typical spring, several hundred thousand ducks, geese, swans and other migrating birds rest and refuel near Choteau before continuing their journeys north. Wildlife officials track the number of waterfowl at the Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area each day, as well as the growing number of visitors from across Montana and neighboring states.	Rachel Cramer	Environment & Science	Thu Apr 01 10:00:42 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-04-01/this-is-one-of-those-wonders-of-nature-birds-spectators-flock-to-freezout-lake	6:27
Yellowstone National Park Opens For Spring Bicycling	Spring bicycling for Yellowstone National Park began Wednesday.	Kietyn Frost	Environment & Science	Thu Apr 01 10:07:30 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-04-01/yellowstone-national-park-opens-for-spring-bicycling	1:01
Gianforte Gets First Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine	Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte Thursday received his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as all Montanans ages 16 and up became eligible under the state's phased distribution plan.	Kevin Trevellyan	COVID-19	Thu Apr 01 21:54:41 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-04-02/gianforte-gets-first-dose-of-covid-19-vaccine	1:08

Recreational Marijuana Bills Advance In Montana Legislature	Competing bills to regulate Montana’s forthcoming recreational marijuana program are advancing in the Legislature.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 01 23:03:34 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-02/recreational-marijuana-bills-advance-in-montana-legislature	:59
Under Deadline, Montana House Passes Three Recreational Marijuana Bills to Senate	The Montana House has passed largely along party lines three different proposals to regulate and tax recreational marijuana. Lawmakers faced a looming procedural deadline Thursday and are now handing the policy debate over to the Senate.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 08 21:26:55 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-08/under-deadline-montana-house-passes-three-recreational-marijuana-bills-to-senate	2:05
Montana Seeks Public Comment On Billings Refinery Tracks	The Montana Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on an environmental impacts assessment of a Billings refinery’s proposed train yard.	Kayla Desroches	Government & Politics	Thu Apr 08 21:29:08 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-04-08/montana-seeks-public-comment-on-billings-refinery-tracks	:50
Bill Could Allow NorthWestern To Pass Colstrip Costs Onto Ratepayers	The Montana Senate has approved a bill that could pass costs for the Colstrip coal-fired power plant onto NorthWestern Energy customers if the utility buys an added share in the plant.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 08 21:36:51 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-08/bill-could-allow-northwestern-to-pass-colstrip-costs-onto-ratepayers	2:15
Rocky Boy’s Detail Successes, Challenges of COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout	We’ve previously reported that Native American tribes in Montana have some of the highest vaccination rates in the state. YPR News’ Kaitlyn Nicholas went to two tribal nations to report on how these vaccine rollouts have been so successful -- and what new challenges are emerging. Her first stop was a recent mass COVID-19 vaccine event on the Rocky Boy’s reservation.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Thu Apr 08 21:39:20 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-04-08/rocky-boys-detail-successes-challenges-of-covid-19-vaccine-rollout	5:23
Montana’s Request To Pause Student Standardized Testing Denied	The federal government has denied Montana’s request to pause standardized testing for public school students for the 2020-2021 year due to challenges from the coronavirus pandemic.	Kevin Trevellyan	Education	Thu Apr 08 21:41:48 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-04-08/montanas-request-to-pause-student-standardized-testing-denied	1:07

Opponents Protest Bill Allowing NorthWestern To Pass Colstrip Costs To Customers	As the Montana House held its first hearing on a bill that could allow NorthWestern Energy to pass costs on to its customers for the utility's coal-fired power investments, opponents of the idea held protests in multiple cities.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 15 07:49:44 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-15/opponents-protest-bill-allowing-northwestern-to-pass-colstrip-costs-to-customers	4:50
Montana Senate Honing Plan For Coronavirus Relief Spending, Boosts Broadband Funds	The Montana Senate has offered support to a state spending plan for more than \$2 billion in federal coronavirus aid.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 15 20:07:48 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-15/motnana-senate-honing-plan-for-coronavirus-relief-spending-boosts-broadband-funds :54	
Montana Floor Sessions Postponed After Lobbyist Tests Positive For COVID-19	Montana lawmakers are postponing Friday's floor sessions and not meeting in person in response to an outside case of COVID-19.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 15 21:10:35 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-15/montana-floor-sessions-postponed-after-lobbyist-tests-positive-for-covid-19 :57	
Bills To Reduce Income Taxes, Change Brackets Moving Through Montana House	A pair of bills to cut Montana's income tax and reduce the number of state income tax brackets has been endorsed along party lines by House lawmakers.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 22 20:21:27 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-22/bills-to-reduce-income-taxes-change-brackets-moving-through-montana-house	1:12
Wyoming Sues Biden Administration To Stop Consideration Of Social Costs Of Carbon Emissions	Wyoming and ten other states are suing to prevent the Biden Administration from including the lesser known social costs of fossil fuel emissions in regulatory actions.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Thu Apr 22 20:40:48 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-04-22/wyoming-sues-biden-administration-to-stop-consideration-of-social-costs-of-carbon-emissions	1:03
Policy To Ban Transgender Athletes From Competing In Sports Nears Governor's Desk	The Montana House and Senate have both endorsed a controversial policy to ban transgender athletes from competing in grade school and college sports under the gender with which they identify. The bill is one step closer to the governor's desk after receiving an amendment that could void the policy.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 22 21:26:26 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-22/policy-to-ban-transgender-athletes-from-competing-in-sports-nears-governors-desk :50	

Trio Of Bills Addressing Missing, Murdered Indigenous People Crisis Signed Into Law	The third bill in a package meant to address the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons crisis in Montana was signed into law Thursday.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 22 21:30:34 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-22/trio-of-bills-addressing-missing-murdered-indigenous-people-crisis-signed-into-law	1:19
Top Land Official Under Trump Prepares For Montana Congressional Run	Former U.S. Interior Secretary and Montana U.S. Representative Ryan Zinke may be among the candidates to run for Montana's new congressional seat.	Kayla Desroches	Government & Politics	Thu Apr 29 20:24:20 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-04-29/top-land-official-under-trump-prepares-for-montana-congressional-run	1:09
Despite Last-Minute Amendment, Bill Banning Vaccine Requirements Worries Montana Hospitals	Montana lawmakers have accepted Republican Gov. Greg Gianforte's changes to a bill preventing businesses and government agencies from denying people services or employment because of vaccination status. The president of the Montana Hospital Association remains worried the policy will upend provider safety procedures.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 29 20:25:39 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-29/despite-last-minute-amendment-bill-banning-vaccine-requirements-worries-montana-hospitals	2:09
Federal COVID Relief Dollars To Fund Schools, Broadband, Housing Assistance	Montana's spending plan for roughly \$2 billion in federal stimulus money is heading to the governor's desk.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu Apr 29 20:26:08 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-29/federal-covid-relief-dollars-to-fund-schools-broadband-housing-assistance	1:08
As Pandemic Restrictions Ease, Congregants Mourn Together	COVID-19 was the 3rd leading cause of death in Montana in 2020, according to state data. Many of those who lost loved ones haven't been able to grieve together. With the weather warming up and health guidelines easing, people are finding ways to mourn in public.	Jess Sheldahl	COVID-19	Thu Apr 29 20:30:11 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-04-29/as-pandemic-restrictions-ease-congregants-mourn-together	2:39
Washington State Utility Enters Montana Wind Farm Contract	A Washington State electric utility is contracting to buy energy from a wind farm in southeast Montana scheduled to be built this summer.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Thu Jun 03 09:28:32 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-06-08/proposed-wind-farm-leases-state-land-in-eastern-montana	1:06
Willow Creek Fire Burning 500 Acres Southwest of Three Forks	Residents in fewer than a dozen rural homes in Jefferson County have been warned they may need to evacuate if the Willow Creek Fire makes a run.	Kay Erickson	Wildfires	Thu Jun 10 19:49:06 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-10/willow-creek-fire-burning-500-acres-southwest-of-three-forks	1:03

Yellowstone County Announces Youngest COVID-19 Death Of Year	Yellowstone County public health officials say they've seen the county's youngest resident death from COVID-19 related illness so far this year.	Nicky Ouellet	COVID-19	Thu Jun 10 20:14:55 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-06-10/yellowstone-county-announces-youngest-covid-19-death-of-year	1:00
New Wellness Center Aims To Provide Rounded Health Care For Fort Peck Tribes	During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fort Peck Tribes finalized plans for a new Wellness Center. They hope to close the health care disparity between non Natives and tribal members.	Taylor Stagner	Tribal Issues	Thu Jun 17 13:17:51 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-06-17/new-wellness-center-aims-to-provide-rounded-health-care-for-fort-peck-tribes	3:18
US Supreme Court Case Makes Space For Sovereignty In Police Work But Is It Enough?	The U.S. Supreme Court v. Cooley decision earlier this month upheld the practice of detaining non-Native suspects on tribal roadways. The practice of detaining non-Natives until the authorities arrive from neighboring districts is common practice on many reservations throughout the US.	Taylor Stagner	Tribal Issues	Thu Jun 17 13:46:55 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-06-17/us-supreme-court-case-makes-space-for-sovereignty-in-police-work-but-is-it-enough	5:33
24,000 Acre Robertson Draw Fire Is Human Caused, Sheriff Says	The Robertson Draw Fire burning 24,273 acres south of Red Lodge has been identified as human caused, according to the Carbon County Sheriff's Office . The fire is 0% contained.	Nicky Ouellet	Wildfires	Thu Jun 17 14:00:08 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-17/24-000-acre-robertson-draw-fire-is-human-caused-sheriff-says	:59
Microscopic Miners: Grant Awarded To Study Using Bacteria To Mine Minerals	The federal government is awarding Montana State University a grant to research the science of using bacteria to mine minerals.	Kayla Desroches	Environment & Science	Thu Jun 24 12:52:45 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-06-24/microscopic-miners-grant-awarded-to-study-using-bacteria-to-mine-minerals	1:05
Interior Department Launches Initiative On Indigenous Boarding Schools	Interior Secretary Deb Haaland this week released plans to address the U.S.'s fraught history with federally run residential schools aimed at assimilating Indigenous children into white Western culture.	Taylor Stagner	Tribal Issues	Thu Jun 24 20:10:43 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-06-24/interior-department-launches-initiative-on-indigenous-boarding-schools	1:08
Yellowstone's East Entrance Set To Open	Yellowstone National Park announced Wednesday that the park's eastern entrance will open Friday, May 7 — weather permitting.	Kietyn Frost	Environment & Science	Thu May 06 20:34:51 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-05-06/yellowstones-east-entrance-set-to-open	:45

New Consultation Program Created To Treat Mothers And Pregnant Women With Mental Health Conditions	The Montana state health department is launching a consultation line for rural health professionals treating pregnant women and moms with mental health conditions.	Kayla Desroches	Health	Thu May 06 21:24:58 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/health/2021-05-06/new-consultation-program-created-to-treat-mothers-and-pregnant-women-with-mental-health-conditions	2:19
Indigenous Groups Criticize Presidential Task Force On MMIW	Nearly 30 Indigenous advocacy groups are condemning the work of a presidential task force on missing and murdered Indigenous person cases.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Thu May 06 21:29:11 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-05-06/indigenous-groups-criticize-presidential-task-force-on-mmiw	1:49
Montana Supreme Court Won't Consider Bill Reforming Judiciary Nomination Commission	The Montana Supreme Court has denied a request to consider the legality of a bill that would increase the governor's influence over judicial nominations. The policy is a back-up option advanced by Republicans in case the court strikes down a separate law giving the governor more power to fill judicial vacancies directly.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu May 06 21:32:07 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-05-06/montana-supreme-court-wont-consider-bill-reforming-judiciary-nomination-commission	1:07
Montana Icon 'Piano Pat' Dies	Montana legend and musician Patricia Sponheim, also known as Piano Pat, passed away this week at age 86.	Ann-Derrick Gaillot	Arts & Culture	Thu May 06 22:11:48 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/arts-culture/2021-05-06/montana-icon-piano-pat-dies	4:46
Select South Entrance Roads Open for Yellowstone National Park	Yellowstone National Park announced Wednesday that the south entrance near Jackson, Wyoming is set to open Friday May 14 -- weather permitting. The eastern entrance to the park opened on May 7.	Kietyn Frost	Environment & Science	Thu May 13 19:55:26 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-05-13/select-south-entrance-roads-open-for-yellowstone-national-park	:42
Smoke From Canadian Fires Affecting Northeast Montana Air Quality	Most of northeast Montana is under a blanket of smoke from Canadian wildfires. Air quality in Sidney is unhealthy for sensitive groups, meaning active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.	Kay Erickson	Wildfires	Thu May 20 20:25:38 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-05-20/smoke-from-canadian-fires-affecting-northeast-montana-air-quality	1:34
Gianforte Vetoes Bill Establishing Electric Vehicle Fees	Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte Thursday vetoed a bill to establish additional state fees for electric vehicles. He says the policy would be bad for business.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Thu May 20 20:47:05 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-05-20/gianforte-vetoes-bill-establishing-electric-vehicle-fees	1:12

Montana In-state Undergraduate Tuition Costs Freeze For A Year, Fees To Rise	The Montana University System is freezing in-state undergraduate tuition during the coming school year, and raising it the year after.	Kevin Trevellyan	Education	Thu May 27 20:50:21 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-05-27/montana-in-state-undergraduate-tuition-costs-freeze-for-a-year-fees-to-rise	1:37
Veterans Affairs Opens New Health Care Clinic In Helena	The Montana Veterans Affairs Health Care System opened a new primary care clinic in Helena Tuesday.	Kayla Desroches	Health	Tue Apr 06 21:44:04 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/health/2021-04-06/veterans-affairs-opens-new-health-care-clinic-in-helena	:59
FEMA Offering Funds For COVID-19 Funeral, Burial Costs	Americans who've lost family members to COVID-19 can now apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, to cover their funeral and burial costs.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	COVID-19	Tue Apr 13 19:31:25 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-04-13/fema-offering-funds-for-covid-19-funeral-burial-costs	1:19
Special Montana Senate Panel Honing Recreational Marijuana Proposals	Montana Republican Sen. Jason Ellsworth chairs the Select Committee on Marijuana Law on April 13, 2021.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Tue Apr 13 19:44:03 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-13/special-montana-senate-panel-honing-recreational-marijuana-proposals	1:00
Montana Gov. Signs Bills On Voting, Health Board Authority, MMIP And More	Gov. Greg Gianforte signed several bills into law this week, including policies to end same-day voting registration and change voter ID requirements;...	YPR News	Montana 2021 Legislature	Tue Apr 20 00:33:21 EDT 2021	https://www.mtpr.org/post/gov-signs-bills-voting-health-board-authority-mmip-and-more	4:34
Montana Universities Establish Food Pantries To Help Students Access Food	Recent surveys by a few of Montana's universities found more than a third of students don't have reliable access to affordable food. Montana's higher education community is trying to meet students' needs.	Kay Erickson	Education	Tue Apr 20 23:53:49 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-04-20/montana-universities-establish-food-pantries-to-help-students-access-affordable-food	3:48
Montana Lawmakers Send Bill Loosening Vaccine Requirements To Governor	Legislation that could prevent Montana businesses and government agencies from denying people services or employment because of vaccination status is heading to the governor's desk. Lawmakers passed the bill over objections from health care industry leaders, who say it will prevent the state from returning to a pre-pandemic normal.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Tue Apr 27 21:22:56 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-28/montana-lawmakers-send-bill-loosening-vaccine-requirements-to-governor	2:02

Montana Lawmakers Finalize Marijuana Regulatory Framework, Send To Governor	After extensive deliberation, a sweeping framework to regulate recreational marijuana sales in Montana is heading to the governor's desk. Lawmakers passed the policy despite continued division among Republicans over what the program should look like.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Tue Apr 27 21:27:52 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-28/montana-lawmakers-finalize-marijuana-regulatory-framework-send-to-governor	1:41
Native American Lawmakers Seek Federal Help On Montana Bison	Native American lawmakers are asking the Biden administration to craft a federal plan to reintroduce wild bison to areas in and around Glacier National Park and the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Tue Apr 27 21:34:57 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-04-28/native-american-lawmakers-seek-federal-help-on-montana-bison	1:30
Plans Forming For Little Shell To Manage Hell Creek State Park	The State of Montana has taken the first step in a process to transfer operational management of a state park to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Environment & Science	Tue Apr 27 21:47:23 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-04-28/plans-forming-for-little-shell-to-manage-hell-creek-state-park	1:13
Election Security Bill, Amended To Limit Who Can Handle Absentee Ballots, Headed To Governor	Legislation limiting who can handle absentee ballots during election season cleared the Montana Legislature Tuesday largely along party lines.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Tue Apr 27 21:57:00 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-28/election-security-bill-amended-to-limit-who-can-handle-absentee-ballots-headed-to-governor	1:09
Montana Utility Regulators Oppose Bill Guaranteeing Replacement Power Reimbursement	Montana electric utility regulators are opposing a bill pending consideration on the Senate floor that would allow electric utilities to pass certain replacement power costs onto customers without regulators setting the terms.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Tue Apr 27 22:04:49 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-28/montana-utility-regulators-oppose-bill-guaranteeing-replacement-power-reimbursement	1:53
Montana Supreme Court Will Consider Challenge To New Judicial Appointment Law With Full Bench	The Montana Supreme Court will proceed with a full bench to consider a challenge to a new law that allows the governor to appoint judges and justices to court vacancies.	Nicky Ouellet	Montana 2021 Legislature	Tue Apr 27 22:17:16 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-28/montana-supreme-court-will-consider-challenge-to-new-judicial-appointment-law-with-full-bench	:44

Gianforte Administration Orders Half Of State Employees Back To Work Sites	The Gianforte administration is ordering half of state employees in Montana to return to their physical job sites starting June 14. Many have been working from home since the coronavirus pandemic began.	Kevin Trevellyan	COVID-19	Tue Jun 01 20:08:15 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-06-01/gianforte-administration-orders-half-of-state-employees-back-to-work-sites	1:00
Montana Native Lawmakers Defend Critical Race Theory, Indian Education For All Act	Indigenous lawmakers are defending the use of critical race theory in Montana public schools. State officials recently criticized the concept, which says systematic racism is woven into American life and law.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Tue Jun 01 20:13:21 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-06-01/montana-native-lawmakers-defend-critical-race-theory-indian-education-for-all-act	1:24
Montana Senators Split On Biden Land Nominee	Montana's U.S. Senators are taking differing positions on President Joe Biden's nominee to head the Bureau of Land Management. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee met Tuesday to consider the head of the public lands agency. 	Kayla Desroches	Government & Politics	Tue Jun 08 20:39:50 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-06-08/montana-senators-split-on-biden-land-nominee	1:56
Proposed Wind Farm Leases State Land In Eastern Montana	The state of Montana will lease several thousand acres of public land to a proposed wind farm in the southeast part of the state.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Tue Jun 08 20:43:53 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-06-08/proposed-wind-farm-leases-state-land-in-eastern-montana	1:06
Federal Funds Made to Create Stronger Broadband Infrastructure Across Montana	State officials are laying the foundation to spend \$275 million in federal funds to increase internet connectivity across Montana. It's the state's first widespread government-sponsored broadband program.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Tue Jun 08 20:45:24 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-06-08/federal-funds-made-to-create-stronger-broadband-infrastructure-across-montana	1:16
Record Breaking Visits Across Montana State Parks Expected To Continue This Summer	Montana's state parks are experiencing a surge of visitors with record turnout in the first quarter of 2021.	Taylar Stagner	Environment & Science	Tue Jun 08 21:13:16 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-06-08/record-breaking-visits-across-montana-state-parks-expected-to-rise-this-summer	:59
Robertson Draw Fire Grows To 2,000 Acres, Evacuations Ordered	The Robertson Draw Fire burning south of Red Lodge in the Custer Gallatin National Forest is seeing increased fire activity Tuesday afternoon as temperatures approach record highs. The fire was estimated at 2,000 acres as of this morning.	Kay Erickson	Wildfires	Tue Jun 15 19:35:46 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-15/robertson-draw-fire-grows-to-2-000-acres-evacuations-ordered	1:04

Deep Creek Fire Southeast Of Helena Prompts Highway 12 Closure, Evacuation Orders	Residents between Townsend and White Sulphur Springs are evacuating after the 180-acre Deep Creek Fire jumped Highway 12 earlier this afternoon.	Kevin Trevellyan	Wildfires	Tue Jun 15 19:45:05 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-15/deep-creek-fire-southeast-of-helena-prompts-highway-12-closure-evacuation-orders	1:05
Deep Creek Canyon Fire Partially Contained	Firefighters are optimistic about their progress on the 4,600-acre label="Deep Creek Canyon Fire" class="rte2-style-brightspot-core-link-LinkRichTextElement" href="https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7536/" style="text-decoration:none;">Deep Creek Canyon Fire southeast of Helena.	Kevin Trevellyan	Wildfires	Tue Jun 22 10:24:17 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-22/deep-creek-canyon-fire-partially-contained	:49
Deep Creek Canyon Fire Helicopter Crash Was Preventable, Extensive Report to Come Next Week	Last week's helicopter crash at the Deep Creek Canyon Fire southeast of Helena was preventable, according to a new report from the Montana department in charge of the craft.	Kevin Trevellyan	Wildfires	Tue Jun 22 10:46:38 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-22/deep-creek-canyon-fire-helicopter-crash-was-preventable-extensive-report-to-come-next-week	1:09
Long-Standing Juneteenth Celebrations In Billings Share Excitement For New Federal Holiday	Juneteenth in Billings has been a tradition for decades.The 19th of June marks the day enslaved Black Americans in Texas learned slavery had ended, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed.	Taylor Stagner	Arts & Culture	Tue Jun 22 12:28:26 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/arts-culture/2021-06-22/long-standing-juneteenth-celebrations-in-billings-share-excitement-for-new-federal-holiday	1:43
Montana To End Boosted Unemployment Payments, Will Offer 'Return To Work' Bonus	Republican Gov. Greg Gianforte announced Montana will stop providing additional unemployment benefits allowed during the coronavirus pandemic. This coincides with the state offering so-called return-to-work bonuses.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Tue May 04 22:03:30 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-05-05/montana-to-end-boosted-unemployment-payments-will-offer-return-to-work-bonus	2:09
Colstrip Power Plant Owners Challenge New Laws Targeting Plant Contract Terms, Arbitration	Two new Montana laws that aim to keep the Colstrip coal-fired power plant open and running sparked a label="lawsuit" class="rte2-style-brightspot-core-link-LinkRichTextElement" href="https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mtd.66728/gov.uscourts.mtd.66728.1.0.pdf" style="text-decoration:none;">lawsuit from plant owners who say the government is intruding on private business dealings.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Tue May 04 22:23:52 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-05-05/colstrip-power-plant-owners-challenge-new-laws-targeting-plant-contract-terms-arbitration	1:53
Montana GOP Sends Mailer Targeting Supreme Court	The Montana GOP has sent out a mailer blasting the Montana Supreme Court and calling for an investigation into the judicial branch. The mailing is Republicans' latest attack on the judiciary as they press forward with a special committee that Democrats are calling a violation of the constitutional separation of powers.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Tue May 04 22:29:16 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-05-05/montana-gop-sends-mailer-targeting-supreme-court	1:11

Billings Police Investigate Attack on Northern Cheyenne Tribal Councilwoman	The Billings Police Department is investigating a report that a Northern Cheyenne tribal councilwoman was assaulted in Billings.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Tue May 25 20:26:53 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/2021-05-25/billings-police-investigate-attack-on-northern-cheyenne-tribal-councilwoman	1:50
Montana Supreme Court, Minus A Justice, Will Consider Judicial Appointment Law	The Montana Supreme Court will move forward with six justices to consider the constitutionality of a new law that gives the governor more discretion to appoint judges.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Wed Apr 07 20:16:44 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-04-07/montana-supreme-court-minus-a-justice-will-consider-judicial-appointment-law	1:11
Twin Bridges Road Bridge To Be Demolished, Section of Yellowstone River Closed	A section of the Yellowstone River between Reed Point and Columbus is closed as a dangerous deteriorated bridge is removed from the river.	Kay Erickson	Environment & Science	Wed Apr 07 20:25:49 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-04-07/twin-bridges-road-bridge-to-be-demolished-section-of-yellowstone-river-closed	1:13
How Blackfeet Nation Vaccinated So Many So Quickly	Within days of Montana's first confirmed COVID-19 case, Blackfeet Nation declared a state of emergency and closed down. One year later, Blackfeet Nation is one area leading the country in high vaccination rates. Community buy-in is one of the reasons health care workers can now turn their vaccination efforts toward those outside of the reservation.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Wed Apr 14 21:07:39 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-04-14/how-blackfeet-nation-vaccinated-so-many-so-quickly	5:17
Confederated Salish And Kootenai Tribes Finalize Plan To Improve Response To Missing Persons Cases	The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have finalized their plan to improve coordination and agency response when Indigenous people go missing in the Flathead area. The plan is part of a national Department of Justice pilot project and will be used as a model for other tribes wishing to make their own community-specific plans.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Wed Apr 14 21:07:51 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-04-14/confederated-salish-and-kootenai-tribes-finalize-plan-to-improve-response-to-missing-persons-cases	2:00
Montana Democratic Party Challenges New Election Laws	The Montana Democratic Party is challenging the constitutionality of new policies ending same-day voter registration and changing voter ID requirements. Republican Gov. Greg Gianforte signed them into law Monday.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Wed Apr 21 00:00:44 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-04-20/montana-democratic-party-challenges-new-election-laws	1:52

Missoula County Ballot Allegations Remain In Dispute As Governor Signs Bills Changing Election Law	Missoula County's elections office and a local GOP-backed citizens group remain locked in a dispute regarding an alleged discrepancy in the number of ballots cast there during the 2020 election. The claims haven't been substantiated in court, yet the allegations are being used in an argument to justify the need for enhanced election security in the state.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Wed Apr 21 00:20:41 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-04-20/missoula-county-ballot-allegations-remain-in-dispute-as-governor-signs-bills-changing-election-law	5:45
NorthWestern Energy To Build Natural Gas Plant, Buy Power From Batteries, Hydro	Montana's largest electric utility announced Tuesday it's adding 325 megawatts to its portfolio, half of which will come from a new natural gas plant it plans to build in southeastern Montana.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Wed Apr 21 18:49:05 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-04-22/northwestern-energy-to-build-natural-gas-plant-buy-power-from-batteries-hydro	1:09
Montana Lawmakers Finalize Federal Coronavirus Relief Spending Plan	Montana's spending plan for roughly \$2 billion in federal coronavirus aid is heading to a committee of legislative leaders to put final touches on the outline.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Wed Apr 21 19:04:01 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-22/lawmakers-finalize-federal-coronavirus-relief-spending-plan	:44
Tribal Leaders Urge Governor To Veto Bison Management Bills	Tribal nation leaders and conservation groups sent a letter to Montana's governor Tuesday urging him to veto two bison management bills.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Montana 2021 Legislature	Wed Apr 21 19:25:53 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-22/tribal-leaders-urge-governor-to-veto-bison-management-bills	1:53
Gianforte Signs Policy Allowing Doctors To Bill Patients Directly	Under Montana law, doctors can now bill patients directly for some health care services instead of working through insurance. The policy was signed by Gov. Greg Gianforte on Wednesday.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Wed Apr 21 21:05:08 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-22/gianforte-signs-policy-allowing-doctors-to-bill-patients-directly	1:46
Regulations for Recreational Marijuana Program Headed To The Senate	After more than a week of debate, a single framework to regulate Montana's forthcoming recreational marijuana program is headed to the full Senate for consideration. It passed another hurdle Wednesday evening after being reshaped by a special legislative committee.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Wed Apr 21 21:09:43 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-22/regulations-for-recreational-marijuana-program-headed-to-the-senate	1:14

Montana House Committee Tables Bill Allowing Utilities To Pass Coal Costs To Customers	A bill that would have allowed Montana's largest electric utility to recover costs and a rate of return from its customers for coal-fired power generation was tabled in committee yesterday.	Nicky Ouellet	Montana 2021 Legislature	Wed Apr 21 23:18:54 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-22/montana-house-committee-tables-bill-allowing-utilities-to-pass-coal-costs-to-customers	1:40
Native Legislators Say Tribal Governments Not Consulted for New Laws	Native lawmakers in Montana say this year's legislative session brought laws created without tribal government input.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Montana 2021 Legislature	Wed Jun 02 08:26:15 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-06-02/native-legislators-say-tribal-governments-not-consulted-for-new-laws	5:03
On-Site Clinics at Familiar Places Draw People to Get Vaccinated	As demand for COVID-19 vaccinations in Yellowstone County slows, the county health department is partnering with local churches and businesses for walk-in clinics. YPR News' Jess Sheldahl went to a clinic at an evangelical church, where congregants and community members got the shot. 	Jess Sheldahl	COVID-19	Wed Jun 02 11:35:08 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-06-02/on-site-clinics-at-familiar-places-draw-people-to-get-vaccinated	3:15
Wildland Fire In York Burns Unoccupied House	A volunteer fire department northeast of Helena continues to respond to a six to eight acre wildland fire that burned a house, outbuildings and dry grass Friday.	Kay Erickson	Wildfires	Wed Jun 02 20:25:14 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-02/wildland-fire-in-york-burns-unoccupied-house	1:28
Hemp Approved For Pet, Horse Feed In Montana	Montana processors can now use hemp as an ingredient in commercial pet and horse feed.	Kevin Trevelyan	Business	Wed Jun 02 20:34:05 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/business/2021-06-02/hemp-approved-for-pet-horse-feed-in-montana	1:26
Drought Fuels Concern For Severe Fire Season	State and federal experts braced Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte at his annual fire briefing Wednesday for a potentially severe stretch of wildfires this year.	Kevin Trevelyan	Wildfires	Wed Jun 09 21:51:34 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-09/drought-fuels-concern-for-severe-fire-season	1:47
Keystone XL Developer Pulls Plug On Pipeline	The sponsor of the Keystone XL crude oil pipeline says it's pulling the plug on the contentious project after Canadian officials failed to persuade the Biden administration to reverse its cancellation of the company's permit.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Wed Jun 09 22:01:28 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-06-09/keystone-xl-developer-pulls-plug-on-pipeline	:53

Deep Creek Fire Southeast Of Helena Grows, Helicopter Crashes	<p>The Deep Creek Fire between Townsend and White Sulphur Springs has grown to more than 2,000 acres, according to the latest <a data-bbox="581 189 1683 808" href="https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7536/?fbclid=IwAR3ZDEwwPZQI8X9M2JvexggrVQtrpW_xa9EpjHo6WXUmQYkw_4DNIQJHMhM">https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7536/?fbclid=IwAR3ZDEwwPZQI8X9M2JvexggrVQtrpW_xa9EpjHo6WXUmQYkw_4DNIQJHMhM update Tuesday night.</p>	Kevin Trevellyan	Wildfires	Wed Jun 16 12:56:40 EDT 2021	<a data-bbox="2541 655 2821 808" href="https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-16/deep-creek-fire-southeast-of-helena-grows-helicopter-crashes">https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-16/deep-creek-fire-southeast-of-helena-grows-helicopter-crashes	1:02
Two Montana Tribes Settle Historic Compensation Case	<p>The Little Shell Chippewa and Chippewa Cree along with two other tribes have settled a case decades in the making about how much compensation the descendants of the Pembina Chippewa are entitled to.</p>	Taylar Stagner	Tribal Issues	Wed Jun 16 16:42:47 EDT 2021	<a data-bbox="2541 817 2821 974" href="https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-06-16/two-montana-tribes-settle-historic-compensation-case">https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-06-16/two-montana-tribes-settle-historic-compensation-case	1:15
450 Homes Under Evacuation Orders Due To Fire Near Red Lodge	<p>The Robertson Draw Fire burning south of Red Lodge saw significant growth Tuesday and is now estimated at about 21,000 acres.</p>	Nicky Ouellet	Wildfires	Wed Jun 16 20:04:49 EDT 2021	<a data-bbox="2541 978 2821 1141" href="https://www.ypradio.org/arts-culture/2021-06-16/summer-events-back-on-after-a-year-hiatus-due-to-covid-19">https://www.ypradio.org/arts-culture/2021-06-16/summer-events-back-on-after-a-year-hiatus-due-to-covid-19	1:02
Summer Events Back On After A Year Hiatus Due To COVID-19	<p>Summer events across Montana were canceled last year thanks to the pandemic. This summer the restrictions are lifted and event organizers are eager to welcome back their legion of faithful followers.</p>	Kay Erickson	Arts & Culture	Wed Jun 16 20:19:05 EDT 2021	<a data-bbox="2541 1139 2821 1308" href="https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-23/significant-wildland-fire-activity-increasing-competition-for-resources-begins">https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-23/significant-wildland-fire-activity-increasing-competition-for-resources-begins	4:43
Significant Wildland Fire Activity Increasing, Competition For Resources Begins	<p>The National Interagency Fire Center Tuesday <a data-bbox="581 1408 1666 1499" href="https://www.nifc.gov/fire-information/nfn">https://www.nifc.gov/fire-information/nfn raised the national wildland fire preparedness to Level 4 on a 5-point rating.</p>	YPR News	Wildfires	Wed Jun 23 09:31:06 EDT 2021	<a data-bbox="2541 1336 2821 1499" href="https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-23/significant-wildland-fire-activity-increasing-competition-for-resources-begins">https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-23/significant-wildland-fire-activity-increasing-competition-for-resources-begins	1:01

Montana's U.S. Senators Split On Federal Voting Reform Bill	Montana's U.S. senators are coming down on opposite sides of a sweeping Democratic-sponsored proposal to reform voting rules across the country. The bill's prospects are uncertain after stalling on a party-line Senate vote Tuesday.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	Wed Jun 23 09:45:30 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-06-23/montanas-u-s-senators-split-on-federal-voting-reform-bill	2:07
Bridger Man In Custody On Arson Charges For Robertson Draw Fire	Authorities investigating the Robertson Draw Fire south of Red Lodge have arrested a suspect and are charging him with arson.	Kayla Desroches	Wildfires	Wed Jun 23 21:00:39 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-23/bridger-man-in-custody-on-arson-charges-for-robertson-draw-fire	1:14
Interview: Connie Walker On Covering MMIP, Transparency And Reclaiming The True Crime Genre	Amid Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's awareness week, we're going to hear from the host of the new podcast called Stolen: The Search For Jermain , which follows the story of Jermain Charlo, a 23-year old member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes who went missing in Missoula in June 2018.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Wed May 05 18:13:44 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-05-05/interview-connie-walker-on-covering-mmip-transparency-and-reclaiming-the-true-crime-genre	8:51
Montana Violinist Duets With The Prairie, Retired Air Force Structures In New Solo Album	As a member of the Cascade Quartet of the Great Falls Symphony, Megan Karls is used to playing her violin with other people, for other people. But when the coronavirus pandemic closed concert halls last year, she embarked on a solo project.	Olivia Weitz	Arts & Culture	Wed May 05 19:10:24 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/arts-culture/2021-05-05/montana-violinist-duets-with-the-prairie-retired-air-force-structures-in-new-solo-album	5:03
Paycheck Protection Program's Funds Exhausted	The Paycheck Protection Program that's given aid to businesses during the pandemic has run out of funding, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. The SBA will continue to fund already approved PPP applications.	Jess Sheldahl	COVID-19	Wed May 05 20:45:43 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-05-05/paycheck-protection-programs-funds-exhausted	1:35
Dueling Reports Show Stark Between Montana Democrats, Republicans Over Judicial Branch Investigation	Republicans and Democrats on a special legislative committee are at odds over dueling reports summarizing an ongoing investigation into Montana's judicial branch.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Wed May 05 21:22:29 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-05-05/dueling-reports-show-stark-between-montana-democrats-republicans-over-judicial-branch-investigation	2:08
Growing Native-Led Online Community Finds Healing Through Running	Look up "runner" on the Internet and results likely include training plans, exercise clothes, and inspirational photos of muscular athletes, most of them white. Verna Volker didn't see herself in those search results, so she created Native Women Running, a community for women who often run as an act of healing.	Kaitlyn Nicholas	Tribal Issues	Wed May 12 21:42:59 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-05-12/growing-native-led-online-community-finds-healing-through-running	4:38

New Law Requires Colstrip Owners To Study Town Water Supply	The owners of the Colstrip coal-fired power plant are now required to study how the city of Colstrip will keep its supply of drinking water if the plant ever shuts down.	Kayla Desroches	Montana 2021 Legislature	Wed May 12 21:52:05 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-05-12/new-law-requires-colstrip-owners-to-study-town-water-supply	1:06
Draft Montana Campus Concealed Carry Policy Draws Concerns	Public comment on a draft policy to implement a new law that allows students to carry concealed firearms on Montana university campuses was overwhelmingly negative Wednesday.	Kevin Trevellyan	Education	Wed May 12 22:04:16 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-05-12/draft-montana-campus-concealed-carry-policy-draws-concerns	2:03
Rosendale Votes To Oust Cheney From Republican Leadership Over Her Criticism Of Trump	Montana Congressman Matt Rosendale joined with the majority of his party to oust Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney from her post as the No. 3 U.S. House...	Kay Erickson	Government & Politics	Wed May 12 22:14:58 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-05-12/rosendale-votes-to-oust-cheney-from-republican-leadership-over-her-criticism-of-trump	:53
Commissions Created To Advise How Federal Pandemic Relief Funds Are Spent	Four newly established advisory commissions will make recommendations to Montana's governor on how to spend more than \$1.5 billion of federal pandemic relief funds.	Nicky Ouellet	Government & Politics	Wed May 19 19:58:25 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-05-19/commissions-created-to-advise-how-federal-pandemic-relief-funds-are-spent	:55
Montana D.C. Delegation Split On Bill To Investigate U.S. Capitol Riot	Montana's Congressional delegation is split along party lines over a proposal to form a commission to investigate the January insurrection on the U.S. Capitol.	Kayla Desroches	Government & Politics	Wed May 19 21:30:57 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-05-19/montana-d-c-delegation-split-on-bill-to-investigate-u-s-capitol-riot	1:08
Montana Supreme Court Denies Requests To Consider Campus Concealed Carry, Other New Laws	The Montana Supreme Court has denied requests to consider the legality of four laws impacting public universities, including one that would allow concealed carry of firearms on campuses.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Wed May 26 21:02:34 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-05-26/montana-supreme-court-denies-requests-to-consider-campus-concealed-carry-other-new-laws	1:12

Solicitor General Asks Supreme Court To Dismiss Montana, Wyoming Coal Export Case	The United States is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to deny Montana and Wyoming's complaint over a proposed coal export terminal in Washington State.	Kayla Desroches	Energy	Wed May 26 21:09:08 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-05-26/solicitor-general-asks-supreme-court-to-dismiss-montana-wyoming-coal-export-case	1:02
Montana Universities Won't Track Student COVID-19 Vaccination Rates	The Montana University System won't track COVID-19 vaccinations at the campus level when students return for the fall semester.	Kevin Trevellyan	COVID-19	Wed May 26 21:13:31 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-05-26/montana-universities-wont-track-student-covid-19-vaccination-rates	:49
Citizen Group Asks Bozeman Health To Add Inpatient Beds For Mental Health	Demand for mental health care has increased during the pandemic, and that's put a spotlight on access and availability of mental health services in Montana. Bozeman Health is renovating emergency rooms at Deaconess Hospital to accommodate patients in a mental health crisis. But, a group of concerned citizens wants to see a dedicated unit with beds. Around 40 citizens recently protested in front of Deaconess.	Olivia Weitz	Health	Wed May 26 21:21:08 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/health/2021-05-26/citizen-group-asks-bozeman-health-to-add-inpatient-beds-for-mental-health	3:30
Commission Begins Choosing Criteria To Draw Montana's Second U.S. House Seat	The commission in charge of redrawing Montana's political boundaries this week met for the first time since federal census data revealed the state would regain its second U.S. House seat. Though it's early in the process, commissioners have different approaches for determining what the state's congressional districts should look like. Kevin Trevellyan with Yellowstone Public Radio has been following the commission. He shares his reporting with Nicky Ouellet.	Kevin Trevellyan	Government & Politics	Wed May 26 21:34:52 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-05-26/commission-begins-choosing-criteria-to-draw-montanas-second-u-s-house-seat	7:02
The Session Week 14: Piecing The Budget Puzzle Together	This week we're watching how lawmakers are piecing the budget puzzle together. Major questions remain over new taxes cuts, funding state agencies, what to do with federal stimulus and recreational marijuana.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	5-Apr-21	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-05/the-session-week-14-piecing-the-budget-puzzle-together	9:23
The Session Week 15: Parental Rights And The Ideological Split Over Recreational Marijuana	This week we're watching proposed changes to social safety net eligibility, parental rights and the ideological split within the GOP over marijuana taxes.	Kevin Trevellyan	Montana 2021 Legislature	12-Apr-21	https://www.ypradio.org/montana-2021-legislature/2021-04-12/the-session-week-15-parental-rights-and-the-ideological-split-over-recreational-marijuana	12:08
Montana VA COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Outpacing Demand	A recent pop-up clinic intended to encourage hesitant veterans to get vaccinated against COVID-19 reflects dwindling demand for the shot in Montana.	Kevin Trevellyan	COVID-19	29-Jun-21	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-06-29/montana-va-covid-19-vaccine-supply-outpacing-demand	4:27

Little Shell Tribe Announces Program To Provide Healthy Food For Tribal Members	Last week, the Little Shell Tribal Council announced a new food sovereignty program to help out tribal members all over the state of Montana. The program will raise cattle and grow vegetables to provide healthier diets for their community.	Taylor Stagner	Tribal Issues	June 29. 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-06-29/little-shell-tribe-announces-program-to-provide-healthy-food-for-tribal-members	1:43
Fire Restrictions Made In An Effort To Prevent Human-Caused Wildfires	Montana's hot dry conditions are prompting counties to issue fire restrictions in an effort to prevent human caused wildfires	Kay Erickson	Wildfires	June 29. 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-06-29/fire-restrictions-made-in-an-effort-to-prevent-human-caused-wildfires	3:32
Southwest Montana Veterans Home Grand Opening	Officials Tuesday held a grand opening ceremony for the long-awaited Southwest Montana Veterans Home. Managers expect to ramp up resident capacity at the facility in coming months.	Kevin Trevellyan	Health	June 29. 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/health/2021-06-30/southwest-montana-veterans-home-grand-opening	2:05
Montana, Colstrip Operator Reach Tentative Agreement For Retired Ash Ponds	The state of Montana and the operator of the Colstrip coal-fired power plant have come to a tentative agreement on how to remove pollution at the plant's two retired units.	Kayla Desroches	Energy		30-Jun-21	1:30