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After helping turn county green, Glendive dispensary owner sets sights on changing a different law New Year, new clock 🕒	Nadya Faulx YPR News	The owner of a medicinal marijuana dispensary in Dawson County wants to challenge a law limiting which businesses can enter the recreational market. Starting Monday, Jan. 3, listeners will have new opportunities to hear local news from our reporters and our partners at Montana Public Radio.	Regional News	Fri Dec 31 17:35:19 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-12-31/after-helping-turn-county-green-glendive-dispensary-owner-sets-sights-on-changing-a-different-law	1:10
After a year of no flu, Montana has surpassed 100 cases	Kayla Desroches	The number of Montanans who have tested positive for influenza this year continues to grow following last year's nonexistent flu season.	Regional News	Thu Dec 30 17:07:29 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-12-30/new-year-new-clock	
Yellowstone County group is taking steps to address substance abuse in the community Got cabin fever? Montana FWP invites families to get wild with reptiles and raptors	Kietyan Frost Kay Erickson	A plan to provide better access for prevention and treatment of substance abuse is developing in Yellowstone County. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks' education center is holding two special programs next week to introduce kids of all ages to some of our wild neighbors.	Health	Wed Dec 29 19:45:47 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/health/2021-12-29/after-a-year-of-no-flu-montana-has-surpassed-100-cases	1:03
As U.S. population stayed relatively flat, Montana's grew 1.6% during the pandemic	Nadya Faulx	From July 2020 to July 2021, Montana gained more than 18,000 residents.	Environment & Science	Mon Dec 27 09:45:54 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-12-23/got-cabin-fever-montana-fwp-invites-families-to-get-wild-with-reptiles-and-raptors	1:18
Even with incentives and other approaches, Gallatin County schools still face a paraprofessional shortage	Olivia Weitz	School districts in Gallatin County are trying a variety of approaches to fill paraprofessional staff positions: bonuses, pay increases. Some have even brought in parents. But so far, none of the solutions has led to schools being fully staffed.	Regional News	Thu Dec 23 18:44:21 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-12-23/as-u-s-population-stayed-relatively-flat-montanas-grew-1-6-during-the-pandemic	5:34
Billings honors members of the homeless population on the winter solstice	Kayla Desroches	Community members gathered in Billings Tuesday for National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day.	Education	Thu Dec 23 05:00:00 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-12-23/even-with-incentives-and-other-approaches-gallatin-county-schools-still-face-a-paraprofessional-shortage	1:26
Special election on recreational marijuana could flip Dawson County from 'red' to 'green'	Nadya Faulx	Voters in the eastern Montana county are deciding this week whether to reverse the ban on recreational marijuana sales there.	Regional News	Wed Dec 22 19:18:24 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-12-22/billings-honor-members-of-the-homeless-population-on-the-winter-solstice	0:59
First cases of omicron variant confirmed in Montana	YPR News	The state health department says two Gallatin county residents have tested positive for the omicron variant of COVID-19.	Regional News	Wed Dec 22 19:04:05 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-12-22/special-election-on-recreational-marijuana-could-flip-dawson-county-from-red-to-green	
Montana schools are nearing a deadline to test their water for lead — and results so far aren't great	Kayla Desroches	Of the Montana schools that have met the state's program deadline, most show high levels of lead in school drinking water.	COVID-19	Mon Dec 20 19:27:45 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-12-20/first-cases-of-omicron-variant-confirmed-in-montana	4:40
As food prices spike, Billings Food Bank fills a growing need	Nadya Faulx	As the cost of food has gone up, more people are turning to food banks for assistance. In addition to its regular customers, the Billings Food Bank is seeing a lot of new faces.	Environment & Science	Mon Dec 20 05:00:00 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-12-20/montana-schools-are-nearing-a-deadline-to-test-their-water-for-lead-and-results-so-far-arent-great	0:52
Bozeman's pay-what-you-can restaurant and food truck see an increase in customers	Kietyan Frost	A pay-what-you-can restaurant in Bozeman is helping address food insecurity in the community.	Regional News	Fri Dec 17 19:27:29 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-12-17/as-food-prices-spike-billings-food-bank-fills-a-growing-need	0:51
Montana signs onto plan to shift management of grizzlies back to states	Olivia Weitz	The plan lays out population goals and a management plan should the federally protected Yellowstone grizzly be delisted in the future.	Regional News	Wed Dec 15 20:19:43 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-12-15/bozemans-pay-what-you-can-restaurant-and-food-truck-see-an-increase-in-customers	1:16
What \$100M in infrastructure repairs could mean for Montana's Milk River Project	Kay Erickson	The Milk River Project has provided water to tribes, irrigators and municipalities in northern Montana for a century. And it's overdue for major repairs.	Environment & Science	Wed Dec 15 15:49:07 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-12-15/montana-signs-onto-plan-to-shift-management-of-grizzlies-back-to-states	4:29
Question on recreational marijuana sales back up for a vote in Yellowstone County	Nadya Faulx	Reversing an earlier decision, Yellowstone County commissioners agreed to put the question of whether to overturn legal recreational marijuana sales up for a vote.	Environment & Science	Wed Dec 15 05:00:00 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-12-15/what-100m-in-infrastructure-repairs-could-mean-for-montanas-milk-river-project	
First cases of the flu confirmed in Yellowstone County	Kay Erickson	After a year-long absence, influenza has returned to Yellowstone County.	Government & Politics	Tue Dec 14 23:22:24 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-12-14/question-on-recreational-marijuana-sales-back-up-for-a-vote-in-yellowstone-county	
Committee releases recommendations for boosting recreation and tourism along Lower Yellowstone River	Kayla Desroches	Committee members want to draw more tourism dollars into southeast Montana by improving amenities at fishing and walking spots along the river.	Health	Tue Dec 14 18:13:51 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/health/2021-12-14/first-cases-of-the-flu-confirmed-in-yellowstone-county	1:16
Deadlines nearing for Montanans to enroll in 2022 ACA health coverage	Kayla Desroches	Montanans eligible for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act have until Wednesday to enroll in a plan that starts Jan. 1.	Environment & Science	Mon Dec 13 19:50:01 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-12-13/committee-releases-recommendations-for-boosting-recreation-and-tourism-along-lower-yellowstone-river	0:57
Middle school students in Livingston explore their career interests and gain new skills through community-led workshops	Olivia Weitz	A series of workshops is helping middle school students in Livingston prepare for careers and develop new skills.	Health	Fri Dec 10 15:00:36 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/health/2021-12-10/deadlines-nearing-for-montanans-to-enroll-in-2022-aca-health-coverage	1:13
Bozeman Health plans to secure 100 apartment units for workforce housing	Olivia Weitz	A representative for the health system says its first-ever capital investment in creating housing units for its employees will help with recruitment and retention. 	Education	Fri Dec 10 15:04:03 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-12-10/middle-school-students-in-livingston-explore-their-career-interests-and-gain-new-skills-through-community-led-workshops	
As transmission pollution increases, Bozeman plans to install electric vehicle chargers	Olivia Weitz	Bozeman is preparing to install electric vehicle chargers throughout the city as part of its climate action plan.	Health	Fri Dec 10 13:31:27 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/health/2021-12-10/bozeman-health-plans-to-secure-100-apartment-units-for-workforce-housing	1:02
Montana superintendents express 'disappointment' in state's top education official	Nadya Faulx	In a letter sent to state Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, the heads of Montana's eight AA school districts express "no confidence" in Arntzen's leadership at the Office of Public Instruction.	Regional News	Wed Dec 08 21:22:58 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-12-08/as-transmission-pollution-increases-bozeman-plans-to-install-more-electric-vehicle-chargers	
State asks federal government to remove grizzly bears in northwest Montana from the endangered species list	Olivia Weitz	Montana is petitioning the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to delist grizzlies in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, an area in and around Glacier National Park that extends southward almost to Missoula.	Education	Tue Dec 07 19:49:36 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-12-07/montana-superintendents-express-disappointment-in-states-top-education-official	1:02
Downed power line likely cause of West Wind fire in Denton	Kayla Desroches	NorthWestern Energy is helping investigate the possibility that a strong wind event downed a line southwest of Denton and sparked the West Wind fire.	Environment & Science	Mon Dec 06 19:29:27 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-12-06/state-asks-federal-government-to-remove-grizzly-bears-in-northwest-montana-from-the-endangered-species-list	
Citizens Science Day highlights amateur weather watchers' contributions to Billings NWS	Kay Erickson	The National Weather Service is calling this Saturday "Citizens Science Day." The Billings weather office will use Facebook to highlight their weather spotters and observers and share what weather is all about.	Wildfire	Fri Dec 03 19:20:13 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfire/2021-12-03/downed-power-line-eyed-as-possible-cause-of-west-wind-fire-in-denton	1:03
Montana craft brewers navigate a crunch in aluminum can supply chains	Kayla Desroches	A clog in global supply chains for materials like aluminum is hitting industries here in Montana. Craft breweries are the latest businesses to feel the impact — and their customers could soon feel it too. 	Environment & Science	Fri Dec 03 18:35:54 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-12-03/saturday-is-citizens-science-day-and-billings-is-ready-for-it-st	4:16
Dark for almost two years, Ellen Theatre in Bozeman reopens with 'A Christmas Carol'	Olivia Weitz	Executive director John Ludin says after a two-year break he's looking forward to welcoming Bozeman back to the theater.	Business	Thu Dec 02 23:54:47 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/business/2021-12-02/montana-craft-brewers-navigate-a-crunch-in-aluminum-can-supply-chains	1:30
Fires across Montana prompt evacuations and closures	Jess Sheldahl	Residents of Denton have been ordered to evacuate to Lewistown as a fire that broke out Tuesday night was quickly pushed out of control.	Arts & Culture	Wed Dec 01 19:14:31 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/arts-culture/2021-12-01/dark-for-almost-two-years-ellen-theatre-in-bozeman-reopens-with-a-christmas-carol	
Regulators consider mineral exploration request at site of former Zortman mine	Kayla Desroches	State regulators are considering whether to approve a mineral exploration license at the site of a former gold mine in north-central Montana.	Wildfire	Wed Dec 01 10:12:41 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfire/2021-12-01/fires-near-great-falls-browning-prompt-evacuations-and-closures	1:01
Gianforte, Knudsen praise judge's decision to block 'unconstitutional' vaccine mandate for health care workers	Nadya Faulx	A federal judge ruled Tuesday the Biden administration does not have the authority to implement a vaccine mandate for health care workers.	Energy	Tue Nov 30 21:44:35 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-11-30/regulators-consider-mineral-exploration-request-at-site-of-former-zortman-mine	
FWP launches investigation into moose poaching incident in Great Falls	Kay Erickson	Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is asking for the public's help in the investigation of a moose poaching incident in the Little Belt Mountains near Great Falls last week.	Government & Politics	Tue Nov 30 21:44:35 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-11-30/gianforte-knudsen-praise-judges-decision-to-block-unconstitutional-vaccine-mandate-for-health-care-workers	
As demand for homelessness services in Bozeman increases, housing officials look to longer-term solutions	Olivia Weitz	Bozeman's seasonal warming shelter opened earlier this month at double its normal capacity to keep up with a rise in demand.	Regional News	Thu Nov 25 10:59:53 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-11-25/fwp-launches-investigation-into-moose-poaching-incident-in-great-falls	5:35
Keystone XL developer seeking to recoup billions after permit cancellation	Kayla Desroches	The Canadian developer of the Keystone XL pipeline is seeking billions of dollars from the Biden administration for stopping the project.	Regional News	Wed Nov 24 04:23:00 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-11-24/as-demand-for-homelessness-services-in-bozeman-increases-housing-officials-look-to-longer-term-solutions	1:01
'They're more than flags': RiverStone Health staff reflect on Yellowstone County's COVID deaths	Nadya Faulx	The flags planted in the lawn in front of RiverStone Health represent the nearly 450 Yellowstone County residents who have died from COVID-19 since the pandemic began.	Energy	Tue Nov 23 23:48:17 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-11-23/keystone-xl-developer-seeking-to-recoup-billions-after-permit-cancellation	
Montana health care providers say they'll comply with CMS mandate, require staff to get COVID-19 vaccine	Nadya Faulx	St. Vincent Healthcare, RiverStone Health and Billings Clinic said in a joint statement that "Bottom line ... we are requiring our healthcare workers to become vaccinated against COVID-19."	COVID-19	Tue Nov 23 21:47:14 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-11-22/theyre-more-than-flags-riverstone-health-staff-reflect-on-yellowstone-countys-covid-deaths	
Housing assessment highlights high prices, low inventory in Park County	Olivia Weitz	A new survey of housing needs in Park County found there aren't enough affordable homes for sale or rent.	COVID-19	Wed Nov 17 18:28:40 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-11-17/montana-health-care-providers-say-theyll-comply-with-cms-mandate-require-staff-to-get-covid-19-vaccine	1:06
Infrastructure bill signed this week means millions for Montana projects	Kayla Desroches	Montana is expected to receive billions of dollars to repair its highways, expand internet connectivity and improve drinking water lines as part of an infrastructure bill President Joe Biden signed Monday.	Regional News	Tue Nov 16 20:25:11 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-11-16/housing-assessment-highlights-high-prices-low-inventory-in-park-county	1:07
Parts of Montana under a high wind advisory as gusts up to 110 mph sweep the state	Kay Erickson	The National Weather Service has issued a high wind warning and advisory for almost all of Montana and part of north-central Wyoming through 6 p.m. Tuesday.	Government & Politics	Tue Nov 16 20:25:11 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-11-16/montana-is-set-to-receive-money-from-biden-administration-bill-that-will-iiinfrastructures	
After purchasing its own building, Art House Cinema in Billings looks forward to expanding	Kay Erickson	What began as a dream to fill a cinema void in Billings for documentaries, independent, foreign and low-budget films celebrates a major milestone this week.	Regional News	Mon Nov 15 18:06:27 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-11-15/parts-of-montana-under-a-high-wind-advisory-as-gusts-up-to-110-mph-sweep-the-state	2:33
Yellowstone County begins vaccinating kids against COVID-19	Kayla Desroches	RiverStone Health said more than 270 people received vaccines at its clinic this weekend, including about 150 children.	Arts & Culture	Mon Nov 15 05:00:00 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/arts-culture/2021-11-15/after-purchasing-its-own-building-art-house-cinema-in-billings-looks-forward-to-expanding	1:17
Little Shell Chippewa Tribe opens clinic in Great Falls	Taylor Stagner	Opening a clinic was one of the Little Shell Chippewa's first priorities after becoming federally recognized in 2019.	COVID-19	Mon Nov 15 00:33:06 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-11-14/yellowstone-county-begins-vaccinating-kids-against-covid-19	
Scientists say insects and diseases are reducing forests' carbon trapping potential	Olivia Weitz	Because trees can capture and store carbon, forests play a big role in tackling climate change. Recently, however, a study found that insects and diseases are threatening forests' carbon storage potential.	Tribal Issues	Fri Nov 12 18:01:21 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-11-12/little-shell-chippewa-tribe-opens-clinic-in-great-falls	1:48
Federal health care providers sent to Billings Clinic to help with staffing assistance	Kayla Desroches	A team of federal health care providers is helping to address a staffing shortage in Billings as Yellowstone County continues to lead the state in the number of active COVID-19 cases.	Environment & Science	Thu Nov 11 13:54:12 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-11-11/scientists-say-insects-and-diseases-are-reducing-forests-carbon-trapping-potential	
Montana tribes and environmental groups sue state for issuing mining permits to company with ties to past pollution	Taylor Stagner	The Fort Belknap community and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes filed a lawsuit against the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and its director alleging the agency is not adequately enforcing a "bad actor" law pertaining to new mining permits.	COVID-19	Wed Nov 10 19:49:17 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-11-10/federal-health-care-providers-sent-to-billings-clinic-to-help-with-staffing-assistance	1:30
Crow and Salish researcher working to catalogue Montana's indigenous plants	Taylor Stagner	The Fort Belknap community and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes filed a lawsuit against the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and its director alleging the agency is not adequately enforcing a "bad actor" law pertaining to new mining permits.	Environment & Science	Wed Nov 10 19:44:47 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-11-10/montana-tribes-and-environmental-groups-sue-state-for-issuing-mining-permits-to-company-with-ties-to-past-pollution	1:30
		A Crow and Salish researcher is launching an online catalogue of Indigenous plant knowledge.	Tribal Issues	Tue Nov 09 19:36:41 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-11-09/crow-and-salish-researcher-working-to-catalogue-montanas-indigenous-plants	1:16

FEMA still accepting applications to pay funeral expenses for Montanans who lost loved ones during the pandemic	Kayla Desroches	About 350 Montanans have received federal funds to cover funeral expenses for loved ones they lost to COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic.	COVID-19	Tue Nov 09 19:33:38 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-11-09/fema-still-accepting-grant-applications-to-pay-funeral-expenses-for-montanans-who-lost-loved-ones-during-the-pandemic	
Canada's push to phase out coal exports could impact Montana mines	Kayla Desroches	Canada's plan to ban coal exports could hurt mines in Montana.	Energy	Mon Nov 08 05:07:00 EST 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-11-08/canadas-push-to-phase-out-coal-exports-could-impact-montana-mines	5:17
Bozeman's housing levy failed. Local leaders face challenges ahead to continue funding affordable housing	Olivia Weitz	The levy would have added \$1 million per year to Bozeman's community housing fund, which in the past has subsidized affordable housing developments and supported the city's tiny home village and warming shelter.	Government & Politics	Fri Nov 05 19:40:28 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-11-05/bozemans-housing-levy-failed-local-leaders-face-challenges-ahead-to-continue-funding-affordable-housing	1:30
Sweetgrass using facial recognition software as ports along Montana-Canada border prepare for reopening	Kay Erickson	Sweetgrass is the only port in Montana using the biometric facial comparison technology — or facial recognition — system known as Simplified Arrival.	Regional News	Fri Nov 05 19:21:40 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-11-05/sweetgrass-using-facial-recognition-software-as-ports-along-montana-canada-border-prepare-for-reopening	1:15
Yellowstone County health official: October was worst month for COVID-19 since the pandemic began	Kayla Desroches	Yellowstone County health officer John Felton says local hospitals saw more COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths in October than they have since the beginning of the pandemic.	COVID-19	Thu Nov 04 19:24:22 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-11-04/yellowstone-county-health-official-october-was-worst-month-for-covid-19-since-the-pandemic-began	1:19
Despite continuing drought conditions in Montana, officials see some signs of improvement	Olivia Weitz	Officials with Montana's Drought and Water Supply Advisory committee say the state's drought conditions have persisted in the fall, but they're cautiously optimistic about upcoming weather patterns.	Regional News	Wed Nov 03 19:40:43 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-11-03/despite-continuing-drought-conditions-in-montana-officials-see-some-signs-of-improvement	
Yellowstone County rolling out COVID-19 vaccine for kids ages 5 to 11	Kayla Desroches	Montana's most populous county will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5 to 11 this weekend.	COVID-19	Wed Nov 03 19:23:31 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-11-03/yellowstone-county-rolling-out-covid-19-vaccine-for-kids-ages-5-to-11	
Billings voters reject recreational marijuana stores within city limits	Nadya Faulx	Unofficial results show recreational marijuana sales won't be allowed in Billings next year, but voters in Yellowstone County support taxing sales of both recreational and medical marijuana.	Government & Politics	Wed Nov 03 01:20:01 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/2021-11-02/billings-voters-reject-marijuana-sales-within-city-limits	
New incentive program aims to recruit health care workers to Montana	Kayla Desroches	Montana is funding a new incentive program to help recruit health care providers in response to statewide staffing issues.	Health	Tue Nov 02 19:49:00 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/health/2021-11-02/new-incentive-program-aims-to-recruit-health-care-workers-to-montana	0:44
A levy on Bozeman's ballot would boost housing resources. But is it enough to tackle the affordable housing crisis?	Olivia Weitz	As home prices continue to be out of reach for many residents, Bozeman wants to ramp up its community housing fund — and it's asking property owners to pitch in. 	Government & Politics	Mon Nov 01 05:00:00 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-11-01/a-levy-on-bozemans-ballot-would-boost-housing-resources-but-is-it-enough-to-tackle-the-affordable-housing-crisis	5:10
National aluminum shortage impacting Montana license plate production	Kayla Desroches	Montana Correctional Enterprises says that an ongoing aluminum shortage means its factory will print plates without the usual metal backing for the time being.	Regional News	Fri Oct 29 19:18:58 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-29/national-aluminum-shortage-impacting-montana-license-plate-production	
A synthetic cadaver is helping Indigenous nursing students align school and culture	Taylor Stagner	The first tribal college to have a four-year nursing program welcomed a new body to the classroom this fall: a synthetic cadaver. And it's helping Indigenous students prepare to enter health care professions at a time when they're needed most. 	Tribal Issues	Thu Oct 28 19:16:26 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-10-28/a-synthetic-cadaver-is-helping-indigenous-nursing-students-align-school-and-culture	6:13
Drought is impacting southeast Montana hunters as season gets underway	Kayla Desroches	The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks says southeast Montana's general season opened to average numbers and low counts of mule deer and birds in some areas.	Regional News	Thu Oct 28 18:55:36 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-28/drought-is-impacting-southeast-montana-hunters-as-season-gets-underway	0:55
Montana Attorney General's Office launches new missing persons database	Taylor Stagner	Attorney General Austin Knudsen, along with the Montana Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force, unveiled an online database to make keeping track of missing people in the state easier to do.	Government & Politics	Thu Oct 28 18:42:16 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-10-28/montana-attorney-generals-office-launches-new-missing-persons-database	
Cause of last month's Amtrak derailment remains under investigation	Kay Erickson	A preliminary report from the National Transportation Safety Board on last month's derailment of an Amtrak train near Joplin, Montana, does not identify a cause.	Regional News	Tue Oct 26 20:31:27 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-26/cause-of-last-months-amtrak-derailment-remains-under-investigation	
Absentee ballot mailing deadline passes as Election Day nears	Kay Erickson	Election Day is next Tuesday, Nov. 2, and that means an important absentee ballot deadline is at hand. If you miss the deadline, you can still get your ballot in on time.	Regional News	Tue Oct 26 19:29:06 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-26/absentee-ballot-mailing-deadline-passes-with-election-day-near	
How one Montana band teacher is staying motivated after a challenging start to the school year	Olivia Weitz	Josey Quiñones is a band teacher at Monforton Middle School west of Bozeman whose students are meeting in person this school year — albeit outdoors — after an 18 month break during the pandemic.	Education	Tue Oct 26 06:00:00 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/education/2021-10-26/how-one-montana-band-teacher-is-staying-motivated-after-a-challenging-start-to-the-school-year	3:44
For the first time in decades, buffalo will once again roam the Rocky Boy's Reservation	Taylor Stagner	The Rocky Boy's Reservation in north-central Montana is welcoming 11 buffalo back this week.	Tribal Issues	Mon Oct 25 11:51:39 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-10-25/chippewa-cree-tribe-bringing-buffalo-back-to-rocky-boy-reservation	1:59
Montana electric utility regulators revamping staff after audit flagged 'unhealthy organizational culture'	Kayla Desroches	Electric utility regulators in Montana are reorganizing staff after a financial compliance audit flagged a poor work culture on top of irresponsible money management.	Government & Politics	Fri Oct 22 18:34:52 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-10-22/montana-electric-utility-regulators-revamping-staff-after-audit-flagged-unhealthy-organizational-culture	1:06
Tiny home village for Bozeman's homeless will soon welcome its first residents	Olivia Weitz	A tiny home development in north Bozeman will soon welcome its first 12 residents	Regional News	Thu Oct 21 19:51:37 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-21/tiny-home-village-for-bozemans-homeless-will-soon-welcome-its-first-residents	1:32
U.S. coal demand and production are on the rise, and MT and WY are helping drive the increase	Kayla Desroches	Higher natural gas prices coupled with recovering demand for U.S. coal are putting the coal industry on track for the first year-over-year increase in generation it's seen since 2014.	Energy	Thu Oct 21 19:16:54 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-10-21/u-s-coal-demand-and-production-rise	1:26
Montana FWP proposing plan to improve Flathead Lake island recreation	Kietyn Frost	Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is proposing a plan to improve recreational management of the Flathead Lake island properties in northwest Montana.	Regional News	Thu Oct 21 18:55:31 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-21/montana-fwp-proposing-plan-to-improve-flathead-lake-island-recreation	
Blackfeet Nation receives \$200,000 federal grant to track elk movement	Kietyn Frost	Blackfeet Nation has received a federal grant to track elk movement and migration patterns on the tribe's reservation in northern Montana.	Environment & Science	Thu Oct 21 18:31:25 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-10-21/blackfeet-nation-receives-200-000-federal-grant-to-track-elk-movement	
Montana reestablishes trade office in Taiwan	Nadya Faulx	Gov. Greg Gianforte and representatives from the state department of commerce today marked the opening of the Montana Asia Trade Office in Taipei.	Government & Politics	Wed Oct 20 20:02:33 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-10-20/montana-reestablishes-trade-office-in-taiwan	
Montana state auditors recommend cutting milk quotas	Kayla Desroches	Montana's shrinking dairy industry may see a cut to milk quotas due to low production.	Regional News	Wed Oct 20 19:32:36 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-20/state-auditors-recommend-cutting-milk-quotas	
State regulators and Colstrip power plant operators finalize waste cleanup plan	Kayla Desroches	The operator of the coal-fired power plant in Colstrip and Montana state regulators have finalized a plan to clean up pollution at the plant's two retired units.	Energy	Tue Oct 19 19:12:41 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-10-19/state-regulators-and-colstrip-power-plant-operators-finalize-waste-cleanup-plan	1:05
Staff shortages force some Montana schools to move to remote learning	Edward O'Brien, Olivia Weitz	The Darby School District doesn't have enough staff to keep its doors open, and students will switch to distance learning for the remainder of the week.	Education	Mon Oct 18 20:19:06 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-18/darby-schools-move-to-remote-learning-due-to-staff-shortages	0:48
Conversation series wants Gallatin County residents to share experiences with housing and affordability	Olivia Weitz	A nonprofit in Bozeman is hosting a conversation series this month on housing and affordability in Gallatin County.	Regional News	Mon Oct 18 20:10:20 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-18/conversation-series-wants-gallatin-county-residents-to-share-experiences-with-housing-and-affordability	1:15
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest steps up restrictions after reporting two new human-caused fires	Kay Erickson	The Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest has returned to Stage 1 fire restrictions for the Rocky Mountain Ranger District and the Scapegoat Wilderness in the Lincoln Ranger District because of two new human-caused fires reported on Saturday.	Wildfire	Mon Oct 18 19:50:57 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfire/2021-10-18/helena-lewis-and-clark-national-forest-reports-two-new-fires-over-the-weekend	
Yellowstone County records 29 previously unreported COVID deaths	Nadya Faulx	RiverStone Health in Billings has identified 29 additional COVID-related deaths in Yellowstone County over the past two months that were previously unreported.	COVID-19	Mon Oct 18 19:43:13 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-10-18/yellowstone-county-records-29-previously-unreported-covid-deaths	
Billings housing agency selling larger units to meet changing community needs	Nadya Faulx	HomeFront Billings is using the proceeds from the sale of more than 50 homes to fund more affordable one- and two-bedroom homes.	Regional News	Fri Oct 15 19:12:20 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-15/billings-housing-agency-selling-larger-units-to-meet-changing-community-needs	
Feds granting rural Montana \$7.7 million for water infrastructure projects	Kayla Desroches	The federal government is granting Montana roughly \$7.7 million for rural water infrastructure improvement projects.	Government & Politics	Fri Oct 15 18:18:37 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-10-15/feds-granting-rural-montana-7-7-million-for-water-infrastructure-projects	
Potential film and TV production stoppage could impact Montana	Kay Erickson	Production companies around the U.S. are bracing for a potential work stoppage on commercials, TV shows and films because of stalled talks between a major productions workers union and TV and film producers. A strike would affect not just Hollywood — but it could be felt in Montana.	Regional News	Fri Oct 15 18:06:04 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-15/potential-film-and-tv-production-stoppage-could-impact-montana	
American Indian Hall at Montana State University opening on Saturday	Olivia Weitz	Montana State University in Bozeman will host a grand opening of its new American Indian Hall on Saturday.	Tribal Issues	Thu Oct 14 21:25:19 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-10-14/american-indian-hall-at-montana-state-university-opening-on-saturday	
Yellowstone National Park reaches record-breaking number of visitors this year	Kietyn Frost	Last month was Yellowstone National Park's busiest September on record. The park reported more than 880,000 recreational visits, a 5% increase over September 2020.	Regional News	Thu Oct 14 18:27:24 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-14/yellowstone-national-park-reaches-record-breaking-number-of-visitors-this-year	
Fort Belknap tribes push for investigation into new Zortman-Landusky mining claims	Taylor Stagner	The Fort Belknap Indian Community is requesting an investigation after a mining company filed claims on an environmental reclamation area south of the reservation. 	Tribal Issues	Thu Oct 14 18:15:36 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-10-14/fort-belknap-tribes-pushing-for-investigation-into-new-zortman-landusky-mining-claims	1:43
Colstrip power plant co-owners obtain protections from Montana law	Kayla Desroches	Four out-of-state owners of the coal-fired power plant in Colstrip received temporary protection Wednesday from a Montana law the companies say inhibits them from making plans to close the plant's two remaining units. 	Regional News	Wed Oct 13 20:53:25 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-13/colstrip-power-plant-co-owners-obtain-protections-against-law-during-lawsuit	0:58
Two Livingston schools shift to online learning after COVID spike	Olivia Weitz	Sleeping Giant Middle School and Park High School in Livingston, Montana, have temporarily shifted to remote learning due to a rising number of COVID-19 cases in the area.	COVID-19	Wed Oct 13 20:47:29 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-10-13/livingston-schools-shift-to-online-learning-after-covid-spike	
Montana agriculture department sees uptick in grant program applicants	Olivia Weitz	An agricultural grant and loan program in Montana has received a record number of applications this year.	Regional News	Wed Oct 13 19:41:17 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-13/montana-agriculture-department-sees-uptick-in-grant-program-applicants	1:15
Northeast Montana looking forward to business boost from Canadian border reopening	Kay Erickson	The Biden administration says fully vaccinated travelers will be allowed to enter the U.S. at border crossings with Canada regardless of the reason for travel for the first time since March 2020.	Regional News	Wed Oct 13 19:15:46 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-13/northeast-montana-looking-forward-to-business-boost-from-canadian-border-reopening	2:11
Montana tribal council member joining new federal advisory committee for Indigenous veteran outreach	Taylor Stagner	A tribal council member from Fort Peck Reservation in Montana has been appointed to a new federal advisory committee focusing on improving outreach to Indigenous veterans.	Tribal Issues	Tue Oct 12 19:38:00 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-10-12/local-tribal-council-member-joining-new-federal-advisory-committee-for-indigenous-veteran-outreach	1:38
Montana requests regional air quality exceptions due to wildfire	Kayla Desroches	The state of Montana is seeking exceptions to federal air pollution standards in northwest Montana due to wildfire smoke in 2020.	Energy	Tue Oct 12 19:07:00 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-10-12/montana-requests-regional-air-quality-exceptions-due-to-wildfire	
Winter storm is causing slick driving conditions in Montana and Wyoming	Jess Sheldahl	Most of south-central Montana is under a winter storm warning until 6 p.m. Wednesday.	Regional News	Tue Oct 12 18:53:14 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-12/winter-storm-is-causing-slick-driving-conditions-in-montana-and-wyoming	
As some Montana cities celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, a push to observe the holiday statewide is still ongoing	Taylor Stagner, Olivia Weitz	Many towns in Montana are celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day. One state lawmaker is pushing legislation to make the switch official for everyone in Montana.	Tribal Issues	Mon Oct 11 15:55:41 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-10-11/as-some-montana-cities-celebrate-indigenous-peoples-day-a-push-to-observe-the-holiday-statewide-is-still-ongoing	2:11
Bovine tuberculosis found in a herd of cattle in Montana	Olivia Weitz	For the first time in around 50 years, bovine tuberculosis has been detected in a cattle herd in Montana. The state livestock department says meat inspectors at a plant in Minnesota detected the infected cow and traced it back to a herd in Blaine County. That herd is now under quarantine.	Regional News	Fri Oct 08 20:24:29 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-08/bovine-tuberculosis-found-in-a-herd-of-cattle-in-montana	
South Moccasin Fire now extinguished, Coal Bank Fire significantly contained	Kay Erickson	Montana's current weather pattern of cooler temperatures and wetter conditions has helped firefighters push containment of the nearly 13,000-acre South Moccasin Fire burning northwest of Lewistown in Fergus County to 100%.	Wildfire	Fri Oct 08 19:56:49 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfire/2021-10-08/south-moccasin-fire-now-extinguished-coal-bank-fire-significantly-contained	
Yellowstone County records more than 300 new COVID cases, hitting a new daily record	Kay Erickson	Yellowstone County recorded 334 new COVID-19 cases Thursday, setting a new daily record, according to RiverStone Health. The county also recorded one new death: a woman in her 80s who was fully vaccinated and had underlying health conditions.	COVID-19	Thu Oct 07 20:18:33 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-10-07/yellowstone-county-reaches-over-300-covid-19-cases-hitting-a-new-daily-record	

Appeals court upholds exception to water quality standards	Kayla Desroches	A federal appeals court says that the state of Montana and the U.S. government are within the bounds of the law in granting three dozen Montana wastewater treatment plants an exception to clean water standards.	Environment & Science	Thu Oct 07 20:16:46 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/environment-science/2021-10-07/appeals-court-upholds-exception-to-water-quality-standards	1:07
Head of school administrators group worries pandemic stress on staff could threaten future of Montana public schools	Olivia Weitz	Early on in the school year the head of School Administrators of Montana visited districts across the state to check in on how reopening was going. After seeing some of the pandemic-related challenges school staff are facing this year, Kirk Miller penned an open letter to Montanans about the importance of public school: COVID-19	Regional News	Wed Oct 06 21:06:19 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-10-06/school-administrators-advocate-worries-about-pandemic-related-stress-on-staff-and-the-future-of-montana-public-schools	5:08
Two Montana State Prison inmates die by suicide in span of two weeks last month	Jess Sheldahl	Two inmates at Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge died by suicide last month. Both suicides occurred within the span of two weeks, according to the Montana Department of Corrections. Montana DOC Director Brian Gootkin announced the deaths Wednesday.	Regional News	Wed Oct 06 20:25:15 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-06/two-montana-state-prison-inmates-die-by-suicide-in-span-of-two-weeks-last-month	
Montana electricity regulators dismiss utility rate increase request	Kayla Desroches	Montana electric utility regulators won't allow NorthWestern Energy to increase what it charges for power outside of the regular process for seeking the change.	Energy	Tue Oct 05 20:44:16 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2021-10-05/montana-electricity-regulators-dismiss-utility-rate-increase-request	1:19
Fort Peck tribes move forward with economic development plan	Taylor Stagner	The Fort Peck tribes approved a set of goals last week to build better infrastructure and foster a better environment for economic opportunity.	Tribal Issues	Tue Oct 05 20:36:28 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-10-05/fort-peck-tribes-move-forward-with-economic-development-plan	1:28
Hunters encounter grizzly bears in Montana, Wyoming	Kay Erickson	Recreationists and hunters are being encouraged to avoid the Line Creek Trail outside of Red Lodge after a hunter encountered a grizzly bear in the area over the weekend.	Regional News	Tue Oct 05 20:00:19 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-05/recreationists-encounter-grizzly-bears-in-montana-wyoming	
Cooler temperatures and high humidity help in containing South Moccasin Fire, Coal Bank Fire continues to grow	Kay Erickson	Cooler temperatures in the 50s to low 60s and higher humidity are helping firefighters contain the South Moccasin Fire burning northwest of Lewistown in Fergus County. In southeast Montana, the Coal Bank Fire burning 18 miles southwest of Ashland in Rosebud County, continues to grow. It's now estimated at 6,100 ac	Wildfires	Tue Oct 05 18:16:57 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/wildfires/2021-10-05/south-moccasin-fire-threatening-structures-coal-bank-fire-showing-extreme-behavior	
Bozeman Health Planning Inpatient Psychiatric Unit At Deaconess Hospital	Olivia Weitz	To address growing mental health needs, Bozeman Health plans to add an inpatient psychiatric unit to Deaconess Hospital.	Health	Mon Oct 04 20:03:37 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2021-10-04/bozeman-health-planning-inpatient-psychiatric-unit-at-deaconess-hospital	
Two Montana Officials Attending National Indian Voting Rights Roundtable	Taylor Stagner	Two Montana officials are participating in a national roundtable event tomorrow about how to dismantle roadblocks keeping Indigenous people away from voting.	Tribal Issues	Mon Oct 04 19:55:53 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/tribal-affairs/2021-10-04/two-montana-officials-attending-national-indian-voting-rights-roundtable	1:38
K-12 Schools Seeing More COVID Cases Than Last Year As Parents, State Superintendent Protest Masks	Olivia Weitz	COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools are higher now than they were at the same time last year. On Wednesday, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services released its weekly report on the number of COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools.	COVID-19	Fri Oct 01 20:13:54 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/covid-19/2021-10-01/k-12-schools-seeing-more-covid-cases-than-last-year-as-parents-state-superintendent-protest-masks	2:32
Senate Narrowly Confirms Tracy Stone-Manning To Lead Bureau of Land Management	Kay Erickson	The U.S. Senate late Thursday narrowly confirmed Montanan Tracy Stone-Manning as the next director of the Bureau of Land Management.	Government & Politics	Fri Oct 01 20:00:13 EDT 2021	https://www.ypradio.org/government-politics/2021-10-01/senate-narrowly-confirms-tracy-stone-manning-to-lead-bureau-of-land-management	2:23