

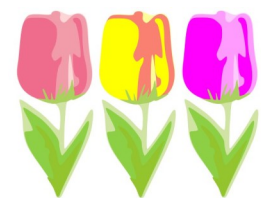
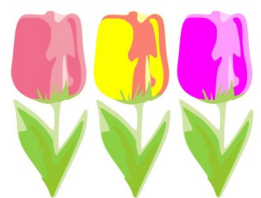
## A C T I O N   F O R   E A S T E R N   M O N T A N A



# April 2017

## Our Mission

Action for Eastern Montana is committed to strengthening and enhancing the quality of life within the communities we serve by promoting education, advocacy and dignity for achieving self reliance.



## A N O T E   F R O M   C L I N T   W Y N N E ,   C E O

Here I am at this time thanking everyone again but it is more than warranted. One of our latest agency collaborations has been the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations throughout September. This became an endeavor of major proportions that could not have taken place without everyone that helped buying into a lot of hard work. Every celebration that took place; Malta, Glendive, Miles City, and Glasgow were wildly successful, ok that's my opinion but at every event we did very well. I even took to saying at the end that we had a system that worked so well for us that we could probably hire out as a catering company but alas we weren't sure if it paid well enough.

So I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved and let you all know we did a good thing. Here's to the next 50 years and all the great people that have and continue to make Action for Eastern Montana happen.

Sincerely,  
Clint

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## Area I Agency on Aging News April 2017

Area I Agency on Aging will be hosting a [senior financial fraud seminar](#) with a panel that usually consists of the area's law enforcement if available, Adult Protective Services, a banking representative, a Senior Medicare Patrol representative and a County Council on Aging representative if available to take questions about senior fraud in the area. A 30 minute video is shown first, then the panel will talk about senior fraud as it pertains to the seniors in attendance and take questions as time allows. There is also a lot of great information that is given away in packet to the people who attend. The next one will be in Scobey on April 18th. If you wish to attend please [RSVP to Heather at 406-345-2120](#). Watch for future Face it Senior Financial Fraud Happens!

National Volunteer week this year is April 23-29. Each year, Aging along with CSFP thank our volunteers for all the hard work and service that they provide throughout the year for our programs, without these dedicated volunteers we would not be able to help as many people as we do. Thank you to all who have helped us this past year.

Lenore McGarry is our new Program Specialist in Glasgow, replacing Donna Bruschi. As a Program Specialist, Lenore is our liaison with District I- Daniels, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan and Valley Counties. She is also a Certified Information and Assistance (I&A) Specialist serving Daniels, Phillips and Valley Counties (Vicki Ruby in Plentywood serves Sheridan County and Lori contracts that service to the Roosevelt County Council on Aging). Lenore is also a Certified State Health Insurance Assistance (SHIP) Counselor, serving mainly Valley County. The AAA also has volunteer SHIP Counselors- Judy Wolfe in Daniels County, Suzanne Koss and Terry Lodmell in Phillips County and Vicky Wetz in Valley County. The Roosevelt CCOA also provides SHIP counseling as does Vicky Ruby in Sheridan County.

Lenore has an Associates of Arts Degree from Flathead Valley Community College with an additional year of study at Fort Peck Community College. Lenore's background is as a Patient and Clinic Support Assistant, Health Program Assistant and office assistant in the Business Services office at Flathead Community Health Center,

Lenore and her husband, retired railroader of 41 years, are residing in Nashua with her daughter, husband and twin grandsons. Interests include family activities of golfing, fishing, hunting and the most fun is watching the twin grandsons play sports for the Nashua Porcupines.

Stop by to see her at 334 W. Court if you get a chance. Her phone number is 228-9751.

## MEET YOUR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

Our newest Board Member is Cassidy Schneider. She is one of our HeadStart parents and she expressed to me that she is willing to fill this spot because she wants to help Headstart and AEMT in any way that she can. Cassidy has filled a position previously occupied by another parent as a Private Sector Representative whose children have passed through the program. She has joined us for her first Board Meeting on October 21st and we hope to have her on the Board for years to come. If you see her in the halls on a Friday Board Meeting day be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her to our Agency.

## MEET YOUR AEMT STAFF

### Employee: Tara Logelin - Housing Program Specialist



**How long have you been employed by Action?**

Since 11/23/2016

**What chore do you absolutely hate doing?**

I hate doing any chore!

**What's your least favorite mode of transportation?**

Plane

**What sound do you love?**

Sound of Rain

**If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?**

Pay off bills

**What do you miss most about being a kid?**

My mom cooking meals for me

**What TV show best describes your sense of humor?**

I love Lucy

**What can you simply not resist?**

Peanut Butter M&M's or Chocolates with caramel filling

**Your life would be meaningless without...?**

My son

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Random, Humorous, Caring

**What's the #1 most played song on your iPod?**

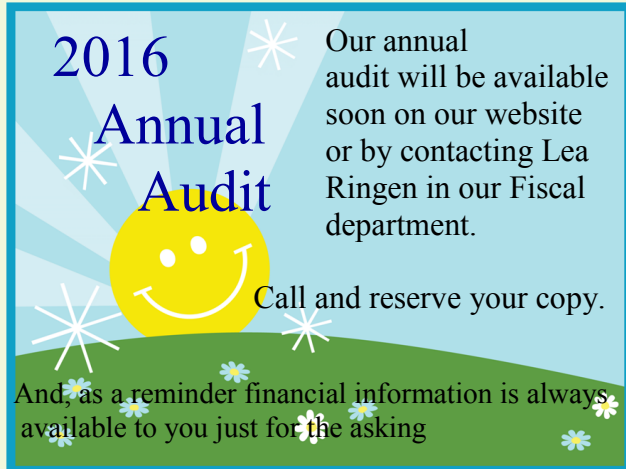
I Don't Care Anymore - Hell Yeah OR Sound of Silence - Disturbed

**What is one of your favorite quotes?**

"In order to succeed you must fail, so that you know what not to do the next time." ~Anthony J. D'Angelo



"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have."  
- Thomas Jefferson



## Housing:

Yellowstone Commons  
3 bedroom available

Contact Connie at 345-2113

*Income restrictions do apply*

## MONTANA GIVES' DAY

State-wide, \$880,000 was raised and Glendive nonprofits received \$10,815 in donations and incentive funds by participating in Montana Gives Day. Give Local Glendive was headed by GGCF, adding \$1500 in incentive funds plus financial help from Glendive Nonprofit Café and Stockman Bank. Incentive gifts made for a fun day; from MidRivers, American Bank Center, Holiday Inn Express & ice cream from Cross Petroleum.

### NON PROFITS PARTICIPATING:

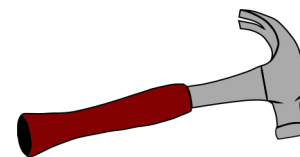
- \*Boys & Girls Club
- \*DCC
- \*Dawson county healthy communities' coalition
- \*Dawson county 4-h
- \*DCEDC
- \*Food bank
- \*Farm to Table
- \*Glendive Community Cancer Fund

- Eastern MT Community Concert Association
- Miss MT Scholarship Program
- Pet Waste Project
- Glendive Dinosaur Museum
- Salvation Army
- Frontier Gateway Museum
- Dawson County Arts Unlimited

Thanks to the community supporters who helped make that possible!

### ADD'L ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVED DONATIONS

## Affordable loans for mobile home repairs



There is a new nonprofit program available to residents statewide to help mobile home residents get a loan for small repairs at an affordable interest rate. Brought to Helena by the MICDC (Montana & Idaho Community Development Corporation), a nonprofit funding development for both individuals and businesses. MICDCS recently started HomeNow; which funds the down payment, closing costs and any other related fees without asking homeowners to pay it back.

The mobile home program does require people to pay back their loan with interest, but it is at an affordable rate based on income. Most mobile home residents struggle to qualify for a traditional bank loan because their residence isn't on a foundation. People in Montana are going without needed repairs because of high interest on loans and collateral requirements. Residents can qualify for a loan up to \$10,000, but most loans are expected for smaller repairs, which would be for around \$1,000 to \$5,000. Anyone with a mobile home in need of repair or a mobile home community can apply for a loan and applications will be evaluated on a case by case basis. For instance, mobile home communities could apply for funding to install a playground or landscaping. MICDC would love to talk with people to see if the program would work for their specific situations.



MICDC recently started working with Neighborworks Montana to help mobile home communities become resident owned and finance a portion of the cost to purchase the land. This can sometimes uncover infrastructure problems like unsafe playgrounds and water systems, along with individual home owner needs like roof repairs or broken windows. In a statement from Catherine Jones, development director at MICDC, "We decided that in addition to helping mobile home communities form ROCs and buy the land, we'd seek funding to help them address other issues related to health, safety and well-being."

Anyone interested in the mobile home loan program can call Julie Ehler at 844-728-9234 ext. 225. The application for HomeNow is available at Mann Mortgage in Helena.

LIEAP applications will be accepted through May 1, 2017 for the 2016/17 heating season.

\*Most benefits are retroactive to October 2016 charges, even if you have already made

AEMT will begin accepting LIEAP applications for the 2017/18 heating season beginning October 1, 2017.

## **Single Family Housing Repair Loan & Grants Program 101**



Program Status : Open

### **What does this program do?**

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very low income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very low income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

### **Who May Apply for this program?**

To qualify, you must:

- Be the homeowner AND occupy the house
- Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere
- Have a family income below 50 percent of the area median income
- For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan

### **What is an eligible area?**

Applicants may check the address for their home to determine eligibility.

### **How may funds be used?**

- Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards.
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards

### **How much money can I get?**

- Maximum loan is \$20,000
- Maximum grant is \$7500
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance

### **What are the terms of the loan or grant?**

- Loans can be repaid over 20 years
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1%
- Full title service is required for loans of \$7500 or more
- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$7500
- If applicants can repay part, but not all of the costs, applicants may be offered a loan and grant combination

### **Is there a deadline to apply?**

Home loans are available year round as long as funding is available

**Visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov) for more information and more programs available**



# 2016 CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS



On December 14 we were able to put the finishing touches on the Veteran Stocking Project in Sheridan County. With Senior Companions, RSVP volunteers and the VFW Auxiliary in Plentywood we stuffed and filled 120 stockings for local veterans.

We had RSVP, and Senior Companions, County Council on Aging members and Auxiliary ladies helped to hand out the stockings. One of the volunteers said "It's good to remember what they have done. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have the things that we do today."

In Plentywood one of the veterans in the nursing home was known for not really smiling, or partaking in any events but when the stocking were handed out, his caretaker said that "This is the first time I have ever seen him smile."

This project has received so much local support and from the Action for Eastern Montana Staff and we couldn't be more grateful. Local Senior Companions and RSVP Volunteers held a raffle, a local Church donated money, The American Legion Auxiliary had a turkey raffle, and local businesses, and AEM Staff donated items and money to help fill the stockings with much needed items.

We want to thank you for all your support and help to make the Veteran Stocking Project happen, you have made this a special Christmas for our Veterans





Helping People in a Fix since 1966!

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Aging Services - Glasgow 228-9751

Weatherization - Miles City 234-8027

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## THINGS TO KNOW - THINGS TO SHARE

April—May—June

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**April 27th –Glendive Health Fair**

**May 1st –last day for LIEAP applications**

**May 2nd—Giving Tuesday**

**Week of May 22nd—IHSB Monitoring**

**May 29th—AEM closed—Memorial Day Holiday**

