2016 is shaping up to be one of the most important election years ever.

National, state and local election outcomes will impact our communities, and our lives, for years to come.

So, what can you do? You can Rev Up! Register to vote, educate yourself on candidates and ballot initiatives, and cast your vote - in primaries and on election day!

One in five voters has a disability. Our community can play an important role in the outcome of elections.

We’ve listed out some information on how to vote in the coming pages, but where can you learn more?

One starting place is to read the presidential candidates’ answers to questions on disability at: thererespectabilityreport.org

Then keep learning! Talk to people in your community. Watch debates, read the news, and research positions.

With your help, we can use our power to make sure the disability community is heard loud and proud.

Rev Up Montana!

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We strongly encourage people to subscribe to the electronic copy when possible, as more information about upcoming events is able to be sent electronically throughout the year.

If you are already an electronic subscriber, you need do nothing. Thank you.
Upcoming Events

Flathead County

Flathead Office Closed - Apr. 11, May 30, July 4-5
Social Security Orientation - First and third Wednesdays monthly. Please call 257-0048 ext. 141, to register and get location.
YODA - Youth group meets once a month.
YODA Cooking Class - Apr. 7, 5 p.m. Space is limited, call Lynae 257-0048, ext. 142
Real Life Fair - May 9
Self Esteem for Women - Class starts Apr. 5. Call Lynae to sign up.
Murder Mystery ‘Death by Chocolate’ - May 13, 4-6 p.m.

Social Activities - We get together four times a year for social activities. Call the office to put your name on the mailing list so you won’t miss the next fun and exciting adventure!

Unless otherwise noted, classes and groups meet at:

Gateway Community Center, United Way Conference Room
1203 Hwy 2 West, Kalispell

Call Lynae, (406) 257-0048, ext. 142, for more information or to register.

Ravalli County

Ravalli Office Closed - May 30, July 4-5
Social Security Orientations - First Wednesday monthly, Apr. 6 1-3 p.m.
Man Cave - Tuesdays weekly, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Man Cave Cookout - Third Thursday monthly
People First - Tuesdays weekly, 3-4 p.m.
Women on the Move - Third Wednesday monthly
TGIAD - Thank Goodness It’s Activity Day - Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Fridays, 1-3 p.m.
Indoor Garage Sale - April 9, Saturday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (noon)

Unless otherwise noted, classes and groups meet at (new location!):

The Refuge,
317 N 3rd St., Hamilton

Call Joel, Mary or Sarah, (406) 363-5242, for more information or to register.

Important Voting Days!

June 7, 2016 - State Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election Day
November 8, 2016 - Federal General Election Day

For other important dates: elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/montana.html
Last year, the legislature updated laws so that Montana is better able to serve the disability community. In the past, we have had the ability for individuals to vote absentee, have a designated agent help assist them with the voting process, and to independently cast a secret ballot by using the AutoMARK Voting machine.

The AutoMARK is a tool that can be used to assist an individual with a disability to cast a ballot without the assistance from another. However, it can be hard for people to make it to and into some polling locations. Normally, the best tools to assist a voter with a disability are already being used in the individuals’ home. Many will already have their personal computer set up to meet their specific needs. So, this year the legislature made it possible for individuals with a disability to request to have a ballot sent to them electronically.

Individuals with a disability can do so by using the Electronic Ballot Request System or ERBS. They will complete an Application for Electronic Absentee Ballot form to request to use this system.

sos.mt.gov/elections/disabilities/index.asp

Once election time comes, a copy of an electronic ballot will be emailed for completion on the computer set up with the technology that best assists the voter. The voter will complete the ballot on the computer and print the completed ballot. The local election office will mail a packet for returning the ballot including instructions, secrecy envelope, and affirmation envelope.

Hopefully, this process enables more voters to complete their ballot in secrecy and in the most convenient way possible.

Please contact the Missoula County Elections office with additional questions and concerns.

(406) 258-4751 or electioninfo@missoulacounty.us

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4 ways to vote:
1. At the poll
2. At the poll with AutoMARK
3. Absentee balloting
4. Electronic absentee ballot

More on voting:
sos.mt.gov/ELECTIONS/Vote/index.asp
UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSOULA COUNTY

**Missoula Office Closed** - May 30, July 4-5

**Summit Orientation** - First Friday monthly, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**SSA Orientation** - Apr. 8, May 13, June 10, 10-11 a.m. and Apr. 19, May 24, June 21 1-2 p.m.

**People First** - First and third Wednesdays monthly, 4-5 p.m.

**WRAP - Wellness Recovery Action Plan** - Apr. 18-July 11, Mondays weekly 1-3 p.m.

**Communications Class** - Apr. 26-June 7, Tuesdays weekly, 10 a.m-12 p.m.

**Alzheimer’s Support Group** - Second Wednesday monthly, 12-2 p.m.

**Blind Low Vision Support Group** - Second Tuesday monthly, 1-2:30 p.m.

**Epilepsy Support Group** - First Monday monthly, 2-3:30 p.m.

The following activities are now meeting at **BASE, 725 West Alder, No. 10, across from St. Patrick Hospital and next to Draughtworks in the Warehouse Mall.**

**Video Game Night (VGN)** - Thursdays weekly, 3-6 p.m.

**Youth Opening Doors through Advocacy (YODA)** - Second and fourth Wednesdays monthly, 3:30-6 p.m.

**Base Art Group (BAG)** - Fridays weekly, 1-5 p.m.

For other upcoming BASE events, visit: [www.facebook.com/base725](http://www.facebook.com/base725)

Unless otherwise noted, classes and groups meet at:

**Summit ILC, Summit’s Conference Room**

700 SW Higgins, Suite 101, Missoula

Call Kathy, (406) 728-1630, for more information or to register.
Give LOCAL Missoula is a 24-hour, online giving event that connects Missoulians with community nonprofits. On May 3, 2016 your donation will be stretched!

Log on to www.givelocalmissoula.org on May 3 to support Summit Independent Living and other great, local nonprofits that work to celebrate the talents in our community.

Also, check out Summit's 2016 Give Local video, featuring members of your community working and showing their skills!

https://youtu.be/I08h1IGHmSE

or

www.youtube.com/SummitILC

**SUMMIT WELCOMES:**

**VICTORIA LAHR**  
**ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER**

Victoria enjoys fishing, museums, and concerts. She has three kids and two grandkids who she is very proud of!

**TYLER STOSICH**  
**INDEPENDENT LIVING SPECIALIST**

Tyler likes brewing beer, hunting, and graphics design. He is excited to be working here and serving people.

**BULLETIN BOARD**

3-bd, 2-ba double-wide manufactured home in Corvallis. Not on foundation. Wheelchair accessible. All appliances included. Asking $125,000. Call Chris at (406) 241-6862.

**Stair lift to give away.** Call Ralph at 295-5668.

**Stair Lift**, railing, chair, electrical, complete set. $500 obo. Call Bev at 239-3647.

**Summit Pinnacle Chair stair lift.** Gently used, works great. 2 remotes. Straight line - mount rope L. Pick up in Missoula. $1,300. Call Diane at 360-4061.

**Garaventa Super-Trac Portable Wheelchair Lift for stairs.** Great for accessibility where lifts or ramps cannot be installed. Can accommodate all types of wheelchairs. Purchased new for $12,000 and used only a few times. Will sell for $9,000 OBO. Contact Jacob Francom, Troy Public Schools, jfrancom@troyk12.org, (406) 295-4520.

**Acorn Stair lift** for going up to 6 stairs. $750 OBO. Call John at 546-7003.

**Oxygen Sensor Concentrator -Invacare SensO2.** Call 926-3419.

**Permobil C300 Wheelchair.** Full-featured - power-lift, footrest, backrest, vertical lift, Bluetooth, Omni-control module, enhanced steering, removable tray, E-Z lock (vehicle mount), Roho cushion. $1500 OBO. Call Theresa at 251-6450.


View more classifieds at:

www.summitilc.org/newsletter/classified-ads/

Have something you want to sell or give away or are you looking for a hard-to-find piece of equipment?

To get listed contact Justice Ender at (406) 728-1630 or email justice@summitilc.org.

Or, list and find items on the MonTECH exchange:

http://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/mtdb/

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Summit is funded in part under an agreement with the Montana Department of Health and Human Services. Any statements herein do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Department.
Montana has released new numbers for income limits for people using various programs:

**Medicare Payment Assistance (Income limits)**

- **QMB** - Individual - $0 to $990.00/month & Couple - $0 to $1335.00/month
- **SLMB** - Individual - $990.01 to $1188.00/month & Couple - $1335.01 to $1602.00/month
- **QI** - Individual - $1188.01 to $1337.00/month & Couple - $1602.01 to $1803.00/month

**Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (Income limits)**

- **MWD** - Individual - Up to $2475.00/month & Couple - Up to $3338.00/month

**Poverty Guidelines**

- **100%** - One Person - $990.00/month & Two Persons - $1335.00/month
- **120%** - One Person - $1188.00/month & Two Persons - $1602.00/month
- **135%** - One Person - $1337.00/month & Two Persons - $1803.00/month
- **150%** - One Person - $1485.00/month & Two Persons - $2003.00/month
- **200%** - One Person - $1980.00/month & Two Persons - $2670.00/month
- **250%** - One Person - $2475.00/month & Two Persons - $3388.00/month

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A&M Mobility, Missoula’s full-service mobility dealership specializing in sales, service, repair, and installation of mobility vehicles has moved.

Their new address is 2308 Palmer St. in Missoula, just 1 mile northwest of their current location on Broadway Street. If you have any trouble finding their new location, you can also contact them at (406) 541-6625 or visit their website at [www.am-mobility.com](http://www.am-mobility.com).

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Summit Independent Living Center has created a webpage to track updates to ABLE programs in Montana and throughout the United States.

A recent rules change allows eligible people to create ABLE savings accounts anywhere in the country once states start activating those programs.

To learn more about how ABLE accounts work, visit: [www.summitilc.org/able.html](http://www.summitilc.org/able.html)
BASE Showcase was a free variety show in Missoula at the Crystal Theatre, featuring a combination of improv, sketch, spoken word poetry, and stand-up comedy.

Professional and amateur performers from our community, with and without disabilities, teamed up to put together an amazing variety show this fall.

If you weren’t able to make the show, or you did but want to relive the memories, please check out the videos on Summit’s YouTube Channel.

www.youtube.com/SummitILC

Congratulations to Summit’s Andrea Dahl and Connie Lewis of People First in Missoula for being featured in Impact, a publication by the Institute on Community Integration (UCEDD) & Research and Training Center on Community Living.

Connie is featured throughout the magazine, and Andrea Dahl’s article “Learning Together About Health Promotion: A Community Partnership in Montana” is on page 18.

Way to go ladies!

This magazine can be read in its entirety at:
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