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#THANKSTOTHEADA

Summit is proud to support the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 31st Anniversary. July 26th will mark the 31st Anniversary of this important civil rights law that works to ensure all people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

The movement to prevent discrimination against those with disabilities based on disability alone began in the US in the 1960s when the better-known racial civil rights movement was underway. In 1968 the Architectural Barriers Act mandated that all buildings and facilities designed, constructed, or altered with federal funds must comply with federal physical accessibility standards. A few years later, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 expanded that by mandating that no qualified person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or discriminated against based on disability by any program or activity receiving federal funds.

Other laws have ben passed over the years improving disability inclusion, but the ADA was the fist law that expanded the protection of disabilities

to all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places open to the general public. It's hard to believe 31 years have passed since then, ADA amendments have occurred to specify its application, and change has mostly been positive. Still, however, people often wonder why compliance issues still exist after three decades. How are you planning to celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 31st Anniversary?

Join Summit and the disability community to celebrate this progress by attending several public events as follows:

- Monday, July 12, 2021: ADA Picnic & Adaptive Recreation Clinic at the Meadowlark Shelter of Fort Missoula Regional Park. Come see and try lots of adaptive recreation equipment all day starting at 9 AM and then join us for friends, food, and fun at 11 AM.
- Wednesday, July 28, 2021: Out to Lunch: Come to Caras Park for lunch and entertainment 11 AM-2 PM. Summit is sponsoring this event.





ADA31

Americans with Disabilities Act 1990-2021



ADA Word Search

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Independence

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Fair

Disability

Dignity

Accessibility

Inclusion

Employment

Housing

Diversity

Equality

Advocate

Education

Community

Freedom

Ramp

Links to reliable information related to COVID-19

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

https://www.coronavirus.gov

World Health Organization:

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services:

https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/covid

Social Security and COVID- 19:

https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/

The ADA and Face Mask Policies:

https://www.adasoutheast.org/ada/publications/legal/ada-and-face-mask-policies.php

Your Local County or Tribal Health Department:

https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/FCSS/countytribalhealthdepts

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A career with Summit is just an application away. Summit currently has four job openings in the Missoula area.

- Development and Community Outreach Director
- Administrative Assistant
- Accounting Assistant

To apply or to learn more about employment opportunities please visit: www.summitilc.org/about/employment/ or call: (406) 728-1630.



Senior Companion Program

The Senior Corps Program at Missoula Aging Services is an alliance of hundreds of volunteers in Missoula County who are improving our community as Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions or RSVP volunteers. They use a lifetime of experience to help solve critical problems in the areas of education, human needs (at risk-youth, homeless families, etc.) environment, veteran's and public safety.

The Senior Companion Program offers income eligible people age 55 and older the opportunity to provide supportive person-to-person services to assist older adults and adults with disabilities remain independent and promote increased quality of life. Senior Companions may also provide much needed respite for families or caregivers who may have the responsibility of 24 hour a care. Senior Companions volunteer a minimum of 15 hours weekly in a variety of settings.

If you are interested in being a Senior Companion or learning more about receiving services from a Senior companion contact: **Donna Graham, @ 406-728-1630 x116.**

Service Update

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summit continues to provide independent living services by phone, email, and virtual means since we have not yet opened our offices to the public. We are monitoring COVID-19 activities in our local communities closely but are proceeding slowly with plans to gradually reopen our offices out of an abundance of caution. Many of Summit's staff members are at elevated risk for Covid-19, as are the individuals with disabilities who we serve.

We are happy to announce that Summit has received grant funding through the **CARES Act** to provide **additional independent living services** to people with disabilities in our service area who have been impacted by COVID-19. These services Include access to affordable and accessible housing, transitioning from institutions or nursing homes into the community, access to necessary technology, improving safety and independence, and access to PPE ...

For more information or questions regarding eligibility, contact your local Summit office in Missoula, Hamilton, Ronan or Hamilton.

Visit www.summitilc.org/contact for local Summit office contact information.



Summit Virtual Social Security Orientation Schedule 2021



If you need assistance applying for disability benefits, we ask that you take part in a Social Security orientation prior to scheduling your appointment.

Orientations are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

2nd Thursday Monthly

Meeting URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89388805948?pwd=Zy91QjduVEVhUlkx

WmZUcTZKVHp0UT09

Join by phone: 1 (669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 893 8880 5948

Passcode: 705752

4th Thursday Monthly

Meeting URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86789824245?pwd=RkwzYnM1RU9pdC9
ob2wyb2xmTVI1dz09

Join by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID: 867 8982 4245

Passcode: 165841

For more information please go to www.summitilc.org or call your local office.

Missoula: 406-728-1630 Hamilton: 406-363-5242 Ronan: 406-215-1604 Kalispell: 406-257-0048

Summit in Kalispell would like to pay tribute to a great man, mentor, and colleague.

Leore "Leo" Paul Kanning

Leo was born in Plentywood, MT. Losing his hearing at a young age, Leo attended the Montana School for the Deaf & Blind in Great Falls in the early 1940s. He was raised on the family wheat farm in Sheridan County until 1945. The family then moved to a wheat farm in Toole County. After obtaining his GED, he attended Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., where he graduated with a Masters in Deaf Education degree.

He taught deaf students in Arkansas, New Mexico and Idaho Schools for the Deaf before moving to the Flathead Valley to retire where he taught American Sign Language (ASL) part-time at Flathead Valley Community College. He was also a Peer Advocate with Summit Independent Living for 28 years, between 1986 and 2014. He taught sign language classes through Summit as well.

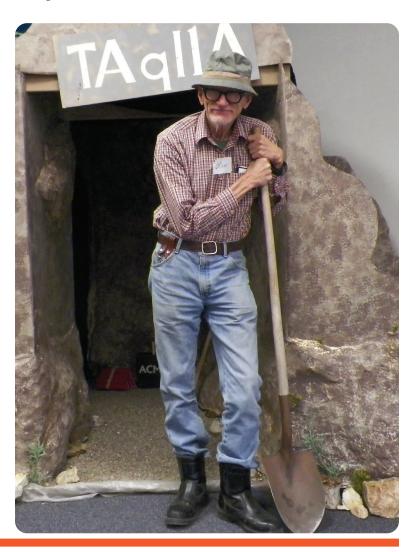
Leo enjoyed photography, reading, and was an avid bowler, for which he traveled all over the Western states. He could often be seen biking around town on his laid-back, reclining bicycle. Leo was very involved with the deaf community. He was a member of the Deaf Lutheran Church, Montana Association of the Deaf, and other recreational clubs. He was happy to converse with anyone who had a basic understanding of sign language, and always carried a pad and pen in his shirt pocket ready to write notes when needed.

Later in life he was able to check off a bucket list trip to Hawaii and attended a Gallaudet Alumni Reunion in Washington, D.C.

Leo impacted many, and broke down barriers for

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people who are deaf by teaching sign language to those surrounding them. He was a helpful, patient, and determined instructor, using a whiteboard only on the first few minutes of instruction, after that, it was all sign language. He would incorporate a few "Montana Signs" into the classes that he taught. The smile on his face when a student got it right was priceless.



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BASE stands for home base, like in hide and
go seek. In life, you have to establish a BASE
first, that's where we come in.

BASE Virtual Activities

*BASE virtual programming closed April 5-April 9, 2021 while planning spring activities.

Monday, April 12 CHEW cooking class from 1pm to 3pm. Cooking healthy French toast, pancakes, and crepes.

YODA (You Opening Doors through Advocacy) Tuesdays 4-5:30pm on Zoom

All Abilities Yoga Wednesdays 4-5pm on Zoom

BASE Wrestling Foundation BWF 1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly 5-6pm On Zoom and Facebook

Virtual Photography Group 2nd and 4th Wednesday monthly 5pm on ZOOM

BASE Virtual Game Night Thursday from 2 pm to 4 pm. Join us for Trivia and chatting

BASEment Improv Thursdays BASEment Improv 5-6:15pm. Join us for Improv, games, and laughs.

For BASE schedule updates and additional events go to

www.summitilc.org/calendar
or check the BASE Facebook page at
https://www.facebook.com/base725

To get involved or to share ideas of new BASE programs, contact BASE

 $\underline{jhoward@summitilc.org}\ or\ \underline{mbeers@summitilc.org}.$

To donate go to: https://goo.gl/80NWq7

CLASSIFIED ADS

Silver Spring wheelchair ramp 10' L x 36" W

Made of high-strength light weight aluminum. \$297obo. Contact: tamera144@gmail.com or 406-363-4898

1997 Ford Econoline Wheelchair Accessible Van

Miles: 213,737

Call Twyla 231-818-0065

Victory 10 LX scooter

New! \$2500, Call or text Nina 880-2855

Smart Talker text scanner

Slightly used, \$700. Contact Larry at 406-633-4036 or ketch1969@gmail.com

Nova Walker, Quontum 600 power wheelchair, Commode, 2 Transfer Benches, Beezy Manual Wheelchair. Call Gary (406) 224-5527 or garylee032051@gmail.com

Symmetry Stander

Comfortable, easy-to-use seat stander Call Madison (406) 865-0221

Garaventa Super-Trac Portable Wheelchair Lift for stairs. Purchased new for \$12,000 and used only a few times. Will sell for \$2,500 OBO. Contact Jacob Francom, Troy Public Schools, <u>jfrancom@troyk12.org</u>, (406) 295-4520.

Acorn Stair lift

For going up to 6 stairs while seated. \$300 OBO. Call John at 546-7003.

To get listed contact Tyler Stosich at (406) 728-1630 or email tstosich@summitilc.org.

Or, list and find items on the MonTECH exchange:

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

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Fresh Food Box

Summit Independent Living and Missoula Food Bank & Community Center are working collaboratively to make the Fresh Food Box program available to more people with disabilities.







- live in Missoula
- sign up for Summit service;
- be experiencing challenges to your health, safety, ability to live independently, receive vital services, gain or continue employment, or participate in community activities due to COVID-19;
- be experiencing food insecurity due to lack of income, and
- need home delivery of food due to sheltering in place or lack of transportation/assistance to obtain food in the community.

For more information or to apply please call the Summit office at 406-728-1630 or send an email to measure the summit of the sum

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