


# *Great Falls Rising Monthly Newsletter*

## *May 2022*

In May we celebrate our Mothers.



### *A Mother's Love*

*No gift on earth is greater,  
No treasure held above,  
The joy that comes from knowing  
A Mother's endless love.*

*In spite of how it's tested,  
It grows from year to year,  
Providing strength and comfort...  
It "gently" draws us near.*

*It warms and it protects us,  
And guides us from afar,  
Shedding light upon us,  
Like a bright and shining star.*

*And when all things are measured,  
Not one shall rise above,  
Or be compared in value,  
To a Mother's endless love !*

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Also, we celebrate May Day as we see the flowers emerging from the earth, as well as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH:** The 24th Annual Ursuline Centre Mother's Day Brunch will be held on **Sunday, May 8th**, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Enjoy a delicious breakfast brunch, live music, a decadent dessert lounge, a photography display by the Great Falls Camera Club, historic tours and gift basket and 50/50 raffles. Ticket prices are: Adults: \$20; Seniors: \$16; Children 6-12: \$9; and Children under 6: Free. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event, or in advance by calling 406-452-8585 or by visiting the Ursuline Centre at 2300 Central Avenue.

**GIVE A PINT, GET A PINT:** Donate lifesaving blood on **Tuesday, May 3rd** at the Civic Center, and as a thank you, donor will get a pint of ice cream from Meadow Gold and a coupon for a pint of beer at the Celtic Cowboy. Donating blood generally takes less than an hour and potentially saves three lives.

To schedule an appointment to donate at the event, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter the sponsor code GREAT FALLS, or call 800-733-2767.

**FOOD DRIVE FOR THE GREAT FALLS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK:** Things are getting tight at our community food bank with the increased cost of food and the inability of some folks to be able to keep up. There are two food drives coming up to benefit the food bank:

VFW Post 4669 in Black Eagle will be holding a food collection drive for the food bank at Smith's Food & Drug in Marketplace on

**Friday, May 6th**, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. It is part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Day of Service that weekend.

The following weekend, postal carriers in Great Falls will be conducting a food drive also to help the food bank. For 30 years, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) has conducted an annual nationwide food drive, collecting non-perishable food donations along postal routes. The Stamp Out Hunger food drive returns this spring on **Saturday, May 14th**. Customers simply leave their donation of non-perishable food items next to their mailbox before the delivery of their mail on that date. Letter carriers will collect the items as they deliver the mail.

**WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN HELPING IN UKRAINE:** World Central Kitchen (WCK) is a not-for-profit non-governmental organization devoted to providing meals in the wake of natural disasters. Founded in 2010 by celebrity chef José Andrés, the organization prepared food in Haiti following its devastating earthquake. Its method of operations is to be a first responder and then to collaborate and galvanize solutions with local chefs to solve the problem of hunger, immediately following a disaster.

Since its founding, the NGO has organized meals in the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Zambia, Peru, Cuba, Uganda, The Bahamas, Cambodia, and the United States. In late February 2022, Andrés and World Central Kitchen responded to multiple locations, including in border areas and in hard-hit Kharkiv, Ukraine, to distribute meals during the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine. By March 2nd, 2022, WCK has opened 8 kitchens on the Ukraine–Poland border. You can help by donating here: [Donate to World Central Kitchen \(wck.org\)](https://www.wck.org). You can donate with confidence as Charity Navigator ([charitynavigator.org](https://charitynavigator.org)) gives WCK a 100 out of 100 rating.

See additional information here: [World Central Kitchen partners were injured in a Russian missile strike near a Kharkiv relief kitchen - The Washington Post](#).

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE:** Friends of the Library book sale collection will conclude on **Saturday, May 7th**. Bring your gently used books for collection behind the library from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Volunteers needed - if you would like to volunteer to help at this year's sale you can sign up at the link below or call the library for more information at 406-453-0349.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place May 12th through the 14th, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. **May 12th**: soft cover books \$1.00, hard cover books \$2.00, CDs \$1.00, DVDs \$2.00. **May 13th**: half-price sale. **May 14th**: \$5.00 for a sack of books, \$8.00 for a box of books.

**TRASH TALK: THE LATEST ON RECYCLING IN MONTANA:** Join NeighborWorks Great Falls and its most recent Community Leadership Team on **Tuesday, May 10th** at 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, to learn more about the latest recycling options in Montana! Our speaker will be Dusti Johnson, Recycling Specialist, who will also show the recent Montana PBS short documentary, also entitled Trash Talk. We know that it's hard to find ways to recycle in Great Falls and even in Montana, so what should we do? Join us at the Great Falls Public Library, 301 2nd Street North or contact NeighborWorks at 406-761-5861 for online information.

**CITIZENS FOR CLEAN ENERGY (CCE):** CCE's monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 10th** at 7:00 pm. Their objective is to convince decision makers that adequate, clean, efficient, and cost effective energy for our community, state and region can be obtained without destroying our health, lifestyle, environment and heritage.

The online meeting can be joined by web browser or smart phone at :

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84093305077?pwd=OHVsNml6UTVueVJlLzRYQWtXcG13Zz09> and to join by telephone only, dial 253-215-8782, Meeting ID 840 9330 5077, Passcode 902774.

**BLACK HERITAGE EVENING:** Celebrating African American Culture, History & Cuisine. The Great Falls Public Library (GFPL) is hosting a special event celebrating Black History Month and the Heritage of Great Falls' African American community on **Thursday, May 12th** at 6:00 pm, in the Cordingly Room at the library. This free program, open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Alma Smith Jacobs Foundation, a non-profit promoting education, and the GFPL.

Program: [Montana Taylor jazz music will play before the program]

Welcome by *Susie McIntyre*, Director, Great Falls Public Library—report on Library activities including Alma film related to Alma Smith Jacobs

Greetings by *Kathy Reed*, Alma Smith Jacobs Foundation—greetings, a tribute to Alma Smith Jacobs, and introduction of Kelly

*Kelly Lampkin*, host for the evening—greetings and blessing the food.

Sampling of “Soul Food” [Original Ozark Club Jazz will play in the background]

Mayor *Bob Kelly*—greetings and reading Black History Month Proclamation

MSgts Rachel and *Darnell D. Dobson*—Malmstrom AFB Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council initiatives and activities

*Ken Robison*—The Ordeal of Col. Fred Cherry, senior Black POW in North Vietnam

*Kelly Lampkin*—Guest Speaker

*Alexander Temple Hip Hop Saints*

*Crystal Benson*, leading the *Great Falls Community Gospel Choir*

Benediction by *Kelly Lampkin*.

**CANDIDATE APPRECIATION KICKOFF EVENT:** *For your information:* meet progressive candidates at Elks Riverside Park, 701 River Drive North, by the tennis courts, on **Sunday, May 15th** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There will be food, drink, music and fun.

**STAGECOACH MARY HIGHWAY CLEANUP:** We will meet at the Pilot Station/Denny’s near the airport at 1:00 pm, **Tuesday, May 17th**. Bring gloves and water.

Great Falls Rising has adopted a two-mile section of I-15 just north of Cascade in memory of Stagecoach Mary. We have cleaned the highway three times, and it’s time for the spring cleanup. Please call Gerry at 406-788-5099 if you plan to join us. We’ll have snacks for everyone.

**MEMORIAL DAY 2022:** Memorial Day will be observed on **Monday, May 30th**. It is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday in May, and it commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service. Our local Marine Corps League chapter will have ceremonies at Mt. Olivet Cemetery at 9:00 am and at Highland Cemetery at 10:00 am. The Montana Veterans Memorial, 1009 25th Street North, will have their ceremony at 2:00 pm.

**SAVE THE DATES:** **June 15th and 16th**, celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the 1972 Constitutional Convention at the Capitol in Helena. Details later.

***Have a terrific month, and watch for information on upcoming Constitutional Convention events.***