

Great Falls Rising Monthly Newsletter May 2025

Happy May! The month of May is named after the Roman goddess Maia, who was associated with growth, fertility and springtime. In Greek mythology, Maia is also a goddess, known as the daughter of Atlas and mother of Hermes, representing motherhood, nurturing, and midwifery. The word "May" also has roots in the Old English word "mæg," meaning "to have power," reflecting a sense of potent feminine energy.

May is a month of various celebrations, including Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Cinco de Mayo, highlighting its significance in different cultures.

So what's happening in May?

Remember that your ballots are due **Tuesday, May 6 by 8 pm** for candidates for GF Public Schools Board of Trustees. Ballots can be returned to the elections office or the dropbox in the Courthouse Annex foyer on 2nd Avenue North during normal business hours until May 5.

On May 6, election day, the county elections office moves to Exhibition Hall. Voters can register, vote and return their ballots at Exhibition Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

May 1,2,8,9 at 7:30 pm; May 3,10 at 2:30 pm

"Saint Joan" presented by students at Great Fall High School

Friday, May 2

6 pm; YWCA Salute to Women. Holiday Inn Convention Center; call YWCA at 406-452-1315

6 - 9 pm First Friday Art Walk;

Wednesday, May 5

7:30 p.m. Piano Man at the Civic Center

Tuesday, May 6

6 - 7 pm; Author talk "Rooted at the Edge" with Donna Erickson; Great Fall Public Library

6 pm; Columbia River Canoe Project documentary co-sponsored by Island Range Chapter, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Portage Route Chapter of L&C Trail Alliance; at L&C Interpretive Center.

Wednesday, May 7

7:30 pm; Winter Dance Party - an original tribute to Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens; Mansfield Center

Thursday, May 8

6 - 8 pm; Island Range Chapter of Wild Montana is celebrating the restoration of the Middle Fork of the Judith River; Darkhorse Hall in the Celtic Cowboy; public is invited; refreshments

Friday, May 9

12 noon; Symphony Preview at GFC MSU; Room B101

Saturday, May 10

1 pm; Preservation and Legacy Awards; Celtic Cowboy Dark Horse Hall; Honorees are: Baatz Bldg, Strain Bldg, Silver Crest Trails Assn, Electric City Conservatory; Free

7:30 pm; Celebrating Music Director Grant Harville's final concert Mahler's Symphony #2, orchestra and choir; Mansfield Center. Reception following.

Tuesday, May 13

6:30 pm; Author talk with Leslie Budewitz "All God's Sparrows; Great Falls Public Library

Monday, May 26

2 pm; Memorial Day Ceremony at Montana Veterans Memorial; 1025 25th St. N. Guest speaker is Lt. Colonel Frankie Mercado, 490th Missile Squadron Commander, MAFB Also, Sound of the Falls Bagpipes, Blackfeet Nation and more. Join in.

Finally, let's not forget our Great Falls Public Schools High School graduations. All three are occurring at the Pacific Steel and Recycling 4 Seasons Arena.

Friday, May 30 at 6:30 pm; Paris Gibson Education Center

Saturday, May 31

GF High School at **2 pm**

CMR High School at **6 pm**

Congratulations to our GFPS graduating seniors. Good luck in your future dreams and pursuits.

City/County Meetings

Tuesday, May 6th – City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda **[here](#)**;
City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda **[here](#)**.

Monday, May 12th – Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting, **5:30 pm**. Agenda will be posted here when the date nears: [Agendas & Minutes / Agendas & Meetings \(gfps.k12.mt.us\)](#).

Tuesday, May 13th – Cascade County Commission Meeting, **9:30 am**. Agenda can be found here as the date nears: [Agenda Center • Cascade County, MT • CivicEngage \(cascadecountymt.gov\)](#).

Tuesday, May 20th – City Commission Work Session **5:30 pm**, agenda **[here](#)**;
City Commission Meeting **7:00 pm**, agenda **[here](#)**.

Tuesday, May 27th – Cascade County Commission Meeting, **9:30 am**. Agenda can be found here as the date nears: [Agenda Center • Cascade County, MT • CivicEngage \(cascadecountymt.gov\)](#).

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