



**POWERHOUSE  
MONTANA**  
of the Women's Foundation of Montana

We've always known that Montana women were one of our greatest untapped resources. We're tapping in.

## June is the Gateway to Summer!

### Women's Innovation Takes Center Stage



June has yet to disappoint, as it's been filled with positive discussion, specifically surrounding women's innovation across Montana.

Having recently attended our WFM Women's Innovation Summit in Fort Benton - my thoughts and actions are newly invigorated with ideas, challenges, and goals for the future of women and girls in our state. There is still so much untapped potential.

The Summit itself attracted a group of diverse women from across our state, as well as provided a platform for attendees to share their impressions surrounding inclusive women's innovation, and how we might implement such progressive change in Montana. Alliance Executive Director *Christina Quick Henderson*, shared her thoughts from the Summit in the **Montana High Tech News**, stating "the caliber of leaders present exemplified the deep bench of female talent available in Montana to fill board seats, spearhead initiatives, and serve as keynote speakers and panelists at events." [Read the rest of Christina's article, here.](#) Intrigued? Our next steps are to replicate this gathering in other locations across the state. Contact us if you are interested in hosting an Innovation Summit in your community!

Carrying over inspiration from the Women's Innovation Summit, the Women's Foundation is equally honored to host our second quarterly webinar of 2018 on **Wednesday, June 20 at 12:00pm (MDT), Ask for More: Wage Negotiation for Women**. Join us and hear from our brilliant speakers, Jennifer Shryock of Rainmaker Resumes and Morgan Hausauer of Elixiter.

Over the lunch hour, we will be discussing negotiation tactics for women, while including key skills for creating a successful interview process. Additionally, our discussion will aid in identifying your own value, and applying that knowledge when making your ask.

[Register through our link, here.](#)

Until next month,  
Maggie

# Engage Your Community - with PowerHouse Montana Events Across the State!

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More dates to follow for the remainder of summer - stay tuned!

**Monday, June 25 @ 6:00pm**

[PowerHouse Billings](#)

Divide Bar and Grill  
4020 Montana Sapphire Dr.  
Billings

[PowerHouse Wolf Point](#)

Wolf Point Airport Golf Club  
Highway 25 E.  
Wolf Point

**Tuesday, June 26 @ 5:30pm**

[PowerHouse Helena](#)

Lewis and Clark Brewing Co.  
1417 Dodge Ave.  
Helena

**Thursday, June 28 @ 4:00pm**

[PowerHouse Flathead](#)

The Tailing Loop Winery  
1498 MT HWY 35  
Kalispell



Women's Innovation Summit - June 10, 2018

Interested in hosting your own PowerHouse Gathering? Contact Maggie Sullivan at [Maggie@mtcf.org](mailto:Maggie@mtcf.org)

[More Details about our Monthly PowerHouse: Montana Gatherings, here!](#)

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## Pipeline to Leadership Featured Opportunities and Events

**[Congratulations to Lindsey Hromadka of Whitefish, who has been appointed to the Board of Realty Regulation!](#)**

Let us know if you apply for any of these positions - we'd love to highlight your success, and connect others with potential opportunities!

### **Governor's Advisory Council on Aging**

*Description: Council advises the Governor and the Department of Public Health and Human Services on aging and long-term care issues. Council is headed by Montana's Coordinator of Aging. At least half of the members must be over 60 years of age.*

*Position: Public members*

*Time Commitment: Low (meets about twice a year in various locations)*

*Takeaway: Advocate and learn about policy development involving our aging population in Montana. Network with staff in the Department of Public Health and Human Services as*

well as board members and stakeholders involved in similar advocacy.

Compensation: Travel Only

[Website](#)

### **Building Codes Council**

Description: Council establishes and enforces minimum building (including accessibility), plumbing, mechanical, electrical, energy, elevator and boiler codes and is responsible for licensing, inspecting, testing, and certifying all weighing or measuring devices used in common transactions with the Building Codes Bureau.

Position: Member of the general public, not currently a public officer or involved in any of the building industries.

Time Commitment: Low (meets a couple of times a year in Helena)

Takeaway: Engage with Government officers who review, develop building policies.

Connect with leaders from across the state in their various professions.

Compensation: Travel and \$50/day per diem

[Website](#)

### **Flathead Basin Commission**

Description: Commission protects water quality, natural resources and economic integrity in the Flathead Basin. Commission includes additional appointees from different entities.

Position: Member from the area involved in industrial, environmental or other interests

Time Commitment: Low (2-4 times a year in the region)

Takeaway: Meet with advocates and industry leaders from your area, working to keep the entire Flathead Basin protected.

Compensation: Travel only

[Website](#)

### **Board of Occupational Therapy**

Description: Board is charged with licensing and regulating persons and businesses engaged in occupational therapy professions and occupations.

Position: Public representative

Time Commitment: Medium (5-6 meetings a year, in Helena)

Takeaway: Experience in health policy, rule development and governing.

Compensation: Travel and \$50/day per diem

[Website](#)

### **Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board**

Description: Board administers the Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Fund providing adequate financial resources and effective procedures through which tank owners and operators may undertake, and be reimbursed for, cleanup of petroleum contamination and payment to third parties for damages caused by releases from petroleum storage tanks among other duties.

Position: General public member

Time Commitment: Low (meets once a year in Helena)

Takeaway: Learn how Montana regulates underground storage of petroleum and work with the team who oversees management of this program.

Compensation: Travel only

[Website](#)

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## **Women on the Web**

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### **PowerHouse Articles and Resources:**

#### **Montana Foundations Launch 'Women's Giving Circle':**

Women in Missoula are trying to figure out how to be more effective at giving money away. Jen Euell, director of the Women's Foundation of Montana, thinks women giving together can have more impact than making charitable donations on their own. "Anybody can give," Euell

says, "but what's exciting about this is the opportunity to give a little - maybe you don't have a huge capacity to give yourself - but to be a part of a much larger impact than maybe you could make on your own." Last night, her organization and the Missoula Community Foundation invited women to be a part of a new effort, the Women's Giving Circle. [Read more about our new Giving Circle, here.](#)

#### **University of Montana NEW Leadership Institute inspires Young Women:**

Wozek Chandler is so shy and quiet, one of her high school teachers thought for awhile she was deaf. Now, the Fort Belknap woman who used to be intimidated by politics is considering a run for office. "I am passionate about Native American issues, and having Native American women in politics is important," said Chandler, a member of the Gros Ventre tribe and Montana State University-Bozeman student. Taylor Etwiler grew up in a Republican and Christian home in Fairfield where she was taught women should be submissive. Now, she believes she can be a conservative woman of faith and a leader at the same time. [Learn more about the Montana NEW Leadership Program, here.](#)

#### **Red Ants Pants, MSNBC Interview:**

Sarah Calhoun, founder of the Red Ants Pants company, makes durable work gear specifically designed for women's bodies. [Watch the video, here.](#)

#### **Women Candidates make Strong Showing in Montana's Legislative Primary Races:**

Montana Democratic women made their presence known in contested primaries, winning all 15 races in which the party had a woman running. The party had 16 total contested primaries. Women also accounted for 64 of the 130 Democrats on the ballot in both contested and uncontested races Tuesday. On the Republican side, women prevailed in two of the 21 contested primaries and made up about 13 percent of the party's total candidates. About 80 women total appeared on the ballot Tuesday from both parties, which would be a record high, according to data kept by the Center for American Women and Politics.

[Read more about the primary races/candidates, here.](#)

#### **Bozeman Startup aims to Alleviate Child Care woes through Network of In-Home Facilities:**

In a push to provide more child care options for Montana parents, a new Bozeman-based startup aims to stimulate the growth of the small, in-home centers that it considers the future of care in the U.S. The startup, MyVyllage, offers business support to help prospective providers navigate the paperwork associated with getting a center off the ground, as well as training and mentorship services. Headquartered in Bozeman, the business is also launching pilot programs in Missoula and Aurora and Boulder, Colorado. [Learn more about MyVyllage, here.](#)

#### **Female-to-Female Mentoring May Keep Women From Dropping Out of STEM Subjects:**

There are plenty of reasons that women don't end up in science, tech, and engineering: They don't feel like they belong (usually because society and pop culture have told them so for years), they feel isolated, they sometimes have to deal with sexual harassment. A lot of these issues come to a head around college-the moment when women drop out of STEM subjects at higher rates than their male peers. The good news is that a new study found that having a mentor early in college can prevent female engineering students from dropping out of school. But there's a catch: The mentor has to be a woman. [Discover the phenomena, here.](#)

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## **Summer's in the Air!**

Born and raised in Three Forks on her family's farm, Gallatin PowerHouse, Hillary Folkvord comes from a three generation farming family who started Wheat Montana in 1987. Hillary is and has been involved in many organizations around the state, as she continues to provide for women and girls across Montana.

On top of this, she owns and operates the historic Sacajawea Hotel in Three Forks, and a second boutique motel in Bozeman, set to open this summer!



## What Motivates and Inspires Her?:

"My daughter continues to inspire me to create a better Montana for her and other young women."

Connect and share your experiences with Hillary via PowerHouse Montana today!

Know someone who would be a great Featured Profile for 2018? Email your suggestions to Maggie at [Maggie@mtcf.org](mailto:Maggie@mtcf.org)

## Become a PowerHouse: Montana Blog or Instagram Contributor!

Do you enjoy writing, blogging, and/or sharing your thoughts and experiences via social media? Are you looking to engage your community through education, mentorship and leadership - but not sure how? Do you want to create a brighter future for Montana's women and girls?

Well, we have some good news - our PowerHouse Sign-Ups are specifically designed with you in mind! Paired with monthly discussion topics predetermined by our newest survey data - becoming a guest contributor is an easy, and effective way to get yourself out there.

Want to be involved? Become a part of the PowerHouse Montana movement today by signing-up below!

### Sign-Ups Below:

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## Questions?

If you have any questions about [PowerHouse Montana](#), the [Women's Foundation of Montana](#), or would like to make an edit to your profile, please email Maggie Sullivan at [Maggie@mtcf.org](mailto:Maggie@mtcf.org) or call (406) 541-7409.

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**PowerHouse Montana** is an initiative of the **Women's Foundation of Montana** with two goals in mind: (1) connecting Montana women with the resources, mentors, and opportunities they need to create thriving businesses and thriving lives, (2) increasing the number of Montana women in leadership by providing a go-to source for organizations and companies looking for their next CEO or board chair.

The Women's Foundation of Montana advances economic independence for Montana women and creates a brighter future for our girls. Learn more at [www.wfmontana.org](http://www.wfmontana.org).



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