

Reimagining Rural Session 3: “A Montana Perspective”



Sept. 15, Sept. 29, and Oct. 13, 2020

FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE. All events take place from 6–8pm.

Sarah Calhoun, founder of the White Sulphur Springs-based clothing company Red Ants Pants is coming to our town Tuesday October 13th for the final session of the statewide Reimagining Rural Virtual Gathering. Calhoun’s story illustrates some of the big ideas shared in the first two nights of Reimagining Rural about how local residents can create a more vibrant future for our small towns.

Calhoun moved to White Sulphur Springs to build her workwear for women business and later created the popular Red Ants Pants summer music festival. Sarah will share the many positive developments in the town since she arrived including new businesses downtown, main street beautification and other public investments.

Speakers from the first two sessions are also attending and will be available for questions and answers from participants across the state. The evening will include local discussions of quick and easy projects that can be accomplished with the small grant that will be made available by the Montana Community Foundation and First Interstate Bank.

Meeting Details

This virtual community gathering will be Tuesday October 13, 2020 at the Phillips County Library Basement Meeting room, from 6-8pm. If more than 15 participants attend, please be prepared to wear a mask. For more information on how you can join the idea friendly conversation, contact PhillCo at 654-5525 or phillco@itstriangle.com.

Second Session Replay Available

If you missed the second session, where of Save Your.Town founders Becky McCray and Deb Brown shared their “idea friendly” approach to community work that will energize local folks into trying new ideas. You can find the replay link and presentation on the **Re-Imagining Rural MT Facebook group**. This is a private group, so you will need to join to view the presentation. Search **Re-Imagining Rural MT** on Facebook, or follow this link to the Facebook group:

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This session is the third and final in the three-part series, Reimagining Rural. The series is a collaborative effort between MSU Extension, Montana Community Foundation, the Governor’s Office on Economic Development and the Burton K. Wheeler Center at MSU. Twenty-four communities across the state are participating in this first-ever venture.

