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MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 1Q 2021: FACE THE STATE

FACE THE STATE

Running time: 30:00

Airs: Sundays, 6:30 AM AND 9:30 AM

DESCRIPTION: Weekly half-hour public affairs program reporting on issues from all areas and regions of the state:

- COMMUNITY
- EDUCATION/YOUTH
- ECONOMY
- GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
- HEALTH/SAFETY

1/3/21

HOST: Mike Dennison, Chief Political Reporter (KTVH, Helena MT), MT Senate President Mark Blasdell (R), MT House Rep Minority Leader Kim Abbott (D)

- ISSUE: ECONOMY
 - Report on top priorities
 - Hope to open Montana economy up for business as soon as possible
 - Revive entrepreneurial opportunities
 - Expand public access
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Discussion of what to expect when 67th Legislative session opens 1/4/21
 - Keep budget flat without raising taxes
 - Medicaid expansion
 - Right To Work legislation
 - Restrictions on Abortion
 - Tax credits for private school students
 - Affordable housing
 - Healthcare costs
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Discussion of Covid precautions in place in Helena for the new legislative session
 - Masks
 - Possible temperature checks
 - Spaced out legislative rooms
 - Remote site on campus for citizens who can participate who feel more comfortable
 - Zoom meeting to allow remote participation by citizens
 - More adaptive written testimonial link

MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 1Q 2021: FACE THE STATE

1/10/21

HOST: Andy Curtis (KTVH, Helena MT)

- ISSUE: ECONOMY
 - Report on new state budget released by Governor Gianforte:
 - Income tax and property tax cuts proposed
 - Spending cuts proposed
 - Increasing beginning teachers' pay proposed
 - Biggest proposed increase is for attacking effects of drug addiction
 - Interview with Chair of House Appropriations Committee Representative Lou Jones (R-Conrad) on the new state proposed budget
 - A lot of One-Time-Only funds included
 - Governor will be frugal about spending increases
 - Schools will get usual inflation applied
 - State employees pay
 - University tuition freeze may be removed
 - Income Tax reduction
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Report of the opening of 67th Legislative session 1/4/21
 - Report on inauguration and swearing in of 2020 elected state officials:
 - Governor Greg Gianforte (R)
 - State of State Christie Jacobsen (R)
 - State Auditor Troy Downing (R)
 - Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Artnzen (R)
 - Report on first hearing of House Bill 102 house that will allow the carrying of concealed firearms without a permit in most places
 - Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - Bill to forbid Board of Regents from restricting firearms on campuses
 - Bills related to transgender-related issues
 - Budget sub-committees will review Governor's bill and make recommendations
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Report on Governor Gianforte's policies on Covid-19
 - Prioritization of vaccines for older individuals or those with underlying conditions
 - Removal of statewide mask mandate
 - Promotion of personal responsibility
 - Report on support from Montana Chamber of Commerce and Lewis & Clark County Public Health on Governor Gianforte's Covid-19 preventative policies
 - Report on MT Rep. David Bedey (R-Hamilton) who tested positive for Covid-19
 - Report on first hearing of a bill that would limit a business' liability to Covid-19 exposure

MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 1Q 2021: FACE THE STATE**1/17/21****HOST:** Jill Valley (KPAX, Missoula MT)

- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Report on the passing of House Bill 102 which allows anyone with a concealed weapon permit to carry a weapon anywhere it is not expressly prohibited by law
 - Report on testimony heard for proposed House Bill 122 that would limit governor powers during an extended emergency
 - Report on how state house appropriations committee did not approve the Department of Revenue's request for more than a million dollars to help prepare for recreational marijuana sales in Montana
 - Interview with MT Rep. David Bedey (R-Hamilton), House District 86, on hearings for bills he's proposing
 - HB 121 any board of health regulation must be approved by elected officials who oversee those jurisdictions where they serve in
 - House Bill 122 allows legislators to question Governor's actions in an emergency and, if necessary, to take actions counter to them
 - Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - Bill for exemption on property taxes for new fiber optics or internet cable going into the ground
 - Bill limiting liability related to Covid
 - Security expected for state capitols on or near Inauguration Day
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Report on how Lewis & Clark County entered into contract agreement with state legislature to provide Covid tracing for legislators
 - Report on State Rep Fiona Nave (R-Columbus) testing positive for Covid-19
 - Report on the focus of top priority bills that minority Democrats are hoping to pass in new legislature
 - Increase health Care
 - Job Training
 - Lower medical costs
 - Report on testimony heard by legislature on a bill giving elected officials authority to review orders from local boards of health and health officers
 - Report on hearing for a bill that would allow law enforcement to pull over drivers for not wearing a seat belt and fine them \$20

MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 1Q 2021: FACE THE STATE

1/24/21

HOST: Jay Kohn (KTVQ, Billings MT)

- ISSUE: ECONOMY
 - Review of 2 tax cut bills that would lower property taxes that were up for hearing:
- ISSUE: EDUCATION/YOUTH
 - Review of 2 transgender-related bills
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Review of bills that were up for hearing:
 - 4 bills that would limit access to abortion in the state
 - 2 transgender-related bills
 - Senate bill 65 which limits liability for Covid transmission
 - 2 tax cut bills that would lower property taxes
 - Interview with House Majority Leader Sue Vinton (R-Billings)
 - How committee meetings are being managed during the pandemic
 - Sponsorship of 4 bills related to abortion
 - Transgender-related bills
 - Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - Abortion bills and transgender bills should pass but probably be legally challenged
 - Proposed Covid liability bill had pushback from conservatives that the bill doesn't go far enough
 - Bill to increase teachers' salaries
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Review of 4 bills that would limit access to abortion in the state
 - Review of Senate bill 65 which limits liability for Covid transmission

1/31/21

HOST: Keeley Van Middendorp (KRTV, Great Falls MT)

- ISSUE: EDUCATION/YOUTH
 - Report on bill being introduced by MT Senator Shane Morigeau (D-Missoula) to help reduce debt on student loans
 - Report on failure of House Bill 138 that would have prohibited medical services to transgender youth.
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Report on Governor Gianforte's state of the state address:
 - Handling Covid a top priority
 - Call for tax changes in state's tax system
 - Call for investments in teacher pay
 - Democrats responded that budget doesn't do enough for low- and middle-income state resident
 - Support of anti-abortion bills and anti-sanctuary cities bills
 - Report on House Bill 200 that would establish laws prohibiting sanctuary cities in Montana.

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- Interview with MT Rep Seth Berglee (R-Joliet) is sponsoring House Bill 102 which expands the carrying of concealed firearms.
- Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - Bill being presented to limit cost of insulin
 - Bill to allow outfitters more access to out-of-state hunting licenses
 - Bill which would require written parental consent for children to receive sex education in school
 - Covid Liability bill will be on house floor
 - Bill for property tax will have a hearing
 - State budget will be discussed
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Report on Senate Bill 129 that would limit when a business could be cited for alcohol compliance checks.
 - Report on abortion-related legislation being debated in Montana legislature

2/7/21

HOST: Donna Kelley and Chet Layman (KBZK, Bozeman MT)

- ISSUE: EDUCATION/YOUTH
 - Report on how a bill that would increase starting pay for teachers was endorsed by House
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Report on MT Senate endorsing House Bill 102 which would allow people to carry a concealed gun without a permit in most places
 - Report on hearings on a bill that would reserve 60% of non-resident big game hunting licenses for outfitter clients
 - Report on a House bill that would eliminate voter registration on Election Day
 - Report on House Bill 244 that would allow the state to resume executions through lethal injection
 - Report on passing of House Bill which would forbid public money from being used to cover abortion
 - Interview with MT Rep Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D-Crow Agency) on the issue of missing and murdered indigenous people
 - Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - Tax cuts proposals
 - Right-To-Work Bill
 - Bill to remove need for voter approval for nuclear plant
 - Bill that would allow the governor to appoint state court judges
 - Meetings of budget committees
 - Bill to allow cigar bars in Montana
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Report on MT House endorsing Bill 65 that would reduce lawsuits seeking damages related to Covid

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- Interview with Jenny Eck, departing Executive Director of the Friendship Center, an organization that addresses domestic violence
- Report on testimony heard on House Bill 222 that would limit the cost of insulin for diabetes patients

2/14/21**HOST:** Phoenix O'Connor (KTVH, Helena MT)

- ISSUE: ECONOMY
 - Report on tax cut bills under consideration
- ISSUE: EDUCATION/YOUTH
 - Interview with MT Senator Dan Salomon (R-Ronan), Chair of Senate Education Committee, about proposed bill that will increase teacher pay
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Report on a bill to increase taxes on multi corporations
 - Report on a bill that would turn Montana into a Right-to-Work state
 - Report on 3 bills that address Montana's missing indigenous persons
 - Report on bills that would facilitate moving wildlife on tribal lands
 - Report on Montana lawmakers sending a letter to President Biden to allow the Keystone pipeline
 - Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - Deadline for policy bills coming up
 - First draft of Gianforte state budget coming up
 - Hearing on Right-to-Work bill coming up
 - Hearing on abortion-related bills coming up
 - Hearing on school choice bills coming up
 - Hearing on bills that would allow exemptions from vaccinations
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Report on Governor rescinding state mask mandate
 - Report 2 state lawmakers who tested positive for Covid 19

2/21/21**HOST:** Jill Valley (KPAX, Missoula MT)

- ISSUE: EDUCATION/YOUTH
 - Report on a hearing will be held on House Bill 427 which would ban gender transition surgical procedures for anyone under 18
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Report on signing of House Bill 102 by Governor Gianforte into law that would allow concealed firearms without a permit in most locations and with a permit in state and local government buildings
 - Colleges can prohibit possession of a firearm at an event where alcohol is being served
 - Montana University System's Board of Regents will discuss firearms policies at next board meeting

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- Report on hearings that were held on Senate Bill 215 that would establish the Religious Freedom Restoration Act
- Report on House endorsement of a bill that would allow death penalty executions to resume
- Report on the proposal of House Bill 241 that would return fees being charged by landlords
- Interview with Senator Jane Pommichowski (D-Bozeman) on introducing Senate Bill 241 that would limit rental application and viewing fees that are charged by landlords
- Interview with Senator Diane Sands (D-Missoula) on top issues for Democrats in upcoming session:
 - Jobs
 - Bill to increase state's minimum wage
 - Property tax relief for homeowners on fixed incomes
 - Proposed bills that will allow discrimination based on religious freedom will have a negative impact on the state
 - Federal money allotted for Covid relief needs to get distributed
- Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - State budget panels will deliver first draft of proposed state bill
 - Transmittal deadline is March 3, and all non-money bills must get out of the house or they expire
 - Proposed Bill to delay implementation of marijuana legislation
 - Proposed bill for net metering for businesses
 - Proposed bill to eliminate daylight savings time
 - Proposed bill to control local health boards
 - Proposed bill affecting mobile homes
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Report on the House advancing a bill that says businesses cannot be required to enforce local health mandates

3/7/21

HOST: Mike Dennison, Chief Political Reporter (KTVH, Helena MT)

- ISSUE: ECONOMY
 - Review of proposed income tax changes
 - Review of proposed plan for revenue distribution from legalized marijuana to addiction and substance abuse programs
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Interview with Governor Greg Gianforte about first two months in office:
 - Defense of Second Amendment assured by signing of bill that allows carrying of concealed firearms
 - Pro-life bills that are passed by legislators that will be signed
 - Bills passed by legislators that would make it harder to vote will be signed
 - Legislature will appropriate Federal Covid relief funds

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- Interview with House Speaker Rep. Wylie Galt (R-Martinsdale) and Kim Abbott House Minority Leader (D-Helena) about first two months of 67th Legislature
 - HB 102 Gun reform
 - Reviewing money bills to get economy open
 - Investing in education
 - Democrats will push back on bills related to abortion and transgender issues
 - Promote availability of broadband across Montana
 - Review on governor's proposal to distribute funds from legalized marijuana to addiction and recovery programs
- Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - How to implement recreational marijuana program that was passed by voters
 - State budget will be reviewed
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Update on availability and distribution of Covid vaccine

3/14/21

HOST Donna Kelley and Chet Layman (KBZK, Bozeman MT)

- ISSUE: ECONOMY
 - Report on House approval of President Biden's Covid relief bill
 - Senator Daines and Rep. Matt Rosendale voted No
 - Senator Testor voted Yes
 - Report on hearings held for House Bill 2 of budget 4.5 million
 - Report on Senate Bill 184 which eliminates capital gains tax for individuals who set up and maintain a company in Montana for at least 5 years
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Report on how The North Fund, a national group which contributed ~\$5 million to the passage of recreational marijuana laws will not have to reveal donors
 - Interview with Amanda Curtis, President of Montana Federation of Public Employees Association President reviewing the legislative activity during the first 45 days of 67th legislature
 - Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - State budget bill wrapped up and will be reviewed on the floor
 - Stimulus money might amount to \$2.7 billion coming to Montana
 - Bill that deals with recreational marijuana should be coming out
 - Broadband development
 - Gun rights
 - Access to voting
 - Transgender issues

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3/21/21

HOST: Phoenix O'Connor (KTVH, Helena MT)

- ISSUE: ECONOMY
 - Report on state lawmakers deciding how to spend \$3 Billion in Federal Covid Funds
 - Report on using Federal Covid funds on making high speed internet access available across the state
 - Report on AG Austin Knudsen joining 21 other Republican AGs to sign a letter that objects to tax revisions in the recently-passed Covid Tax Relief Bill
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Report on legal challenge filed by bipartisan group of former elected officials on Senate Bill 140 that allows Governor to appoint judges
 - Interview with MT Rep Mike Hopkins (R-Missoula) who is sponsoring proposed legislation for medical and recreational marijuana laws being sponsored
 - Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - Budget bills
 - Status of 3 state judges appointed by former Governor Bullock who are up for confirmation by Senate Judiciary Committee
 - Marijuana bill
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
 - Update on availability of Covid vaccines in the state of Montana

3/28/21

HOST: Jill Valley (KPAX, Missoula MT)

- ISSUE: ECONOMY
 - Report on House met on House Bill 2 which will lay out \$12.6 billion dollars over next two years
 - Largest section of five sections was Public Health and Human Services
 - Endorsed by 67-33
 - Face final vote in House before going to Senate
 - Report on bill authorizing \$3 billion in Covid relief spending
 - \$600 million for water and waste systems
 - \$360 for broadband infrastructure
 - \$400 million for schools to deal with impact of Covid
 - \$450 million for other Covid-related issues
- ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS
 - Report on Senate Bill 379 which allows Northwestern Energy to acquire additional shares of power from Colstrip power plants
 - Opposers because it will saddle rate payers with above market costs
 - Report on process of evaluation on marijuana bill
 - Reviewed by House Business and Labor Committee
 - Needs to be reviewed by two more committees
 - Must pass through House by April 8

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- Report on a bill passed by the House that would eliminate same-day voting registration
 - Opponents claim it will eliminate a voting option that works for many
- Report on Montana statistics for voter turnout on Election Day
- Interview with Representative Sharon Greef (R-Florence)
 - Sponsor of bill to eliminate same day voter registration
 - Working on legislation to curb DUIs
 - Working on bills that will restrict access to abortion
- Interview with MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison on upcoming legislation:
 - Deadline April 8 for any appropriation- or revenue-related bills
 - Recreational marijuana bill
 - Pharmacy benefit managers bill
 - Colstrip plant bill

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