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## MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 4Q 2020: *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

**10/4/20**

**HOST:** Andy Curtis (KTVH, Helena MT)

- **ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS**
  - Comparison of candidates for Governor - Mike Cooney (D) and Greg Gianforte (R) – regarding their perspectives and records on:
    - Economy
    - State budget
    - Tax policy
    - Education
    - Healthcare
  - Report on ruling on lawsuit that allows mail-in ballots for election.
  - Report on Montana Supreme Court ruling on mail-in ballots.
  - Report on nationwide filing of lawsuits regarding mail-in ballots.
  - Review of debate that previously aired on *Face the State* 8/30/20 between candidates for Office for Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen (R) and Melissa Romano (D).
  - Report on potential tax income that could be generated by the legalization in Montana of recreational marijuana.
  - Report on and analysis of attack ads put out by the two candidates for US Representative Matt Rosendale (R) and Kathleen Williams (D).
  - Report on US Presidential debate that took place between Donald Trump (R) and Joe Biden (D) on October 29, 2020 in Cleveland and viewer reaction.
  - Report on how former Montana Republican Governor Marc Racicot (1993-2001) plans to vote for Democrat Joe Biden for US President.
  - Report on robocalls for political calls and texts.

## MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 4Q 2020: *FACE THE STATE*

**10/11/20**

**HOST:** Shannon Newth (KRTV, Great Falls MT)

- **ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS**
  - Review of voting security measures:
    - Mail-in ballot protocol
    - How to ensure a person's vote is counted
  - Report on how the Covid pandemic is affecting voting procedures on the Blackfeet Reservation.
  - Report on candidates for Governor - Mike Cooney (D) and Greg Gianforte (R) – and how they plan to address health care.
  - Report on candidates for Senator - Steve Daines (R), Steve Bullock (D) - and where they stand on key issues especially health care.
  - Report on candidates for US House Representative - Matt Rosendale (R) and Kathleen Williams (D) - and their associated campaign spending.
  - Review of debate between candidates for Supreme Court Justice #5 Laurie McKinnon (incumbent) and Mike Black (challenger).
  - Review of campaign spending for political ads and frequency of ads.
  - Report on support for Ballot Initiatives 190 and 118 that would legalize recreational marijuana.
  - Report on debate between candidates for US Vice President – Mike Pence (R) and Kamala Harris (D) - held on 10/6/20 in Salt Lake City.

**10/18/20**

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

- **ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS**
  - Review of the candidates in the top races in the state:
    - Senate: Steve Daines (R), Steve Bullock (D)
    - Governor: Greg Gianforte (R), Mike Cooney (D)
    - State auditor: Troy Downing (R), Shane Morigeau (D)
  - Review of top issues among voters:
    - Economy
    - Education
    - Healthcare
    - Legalization of recreational marijuana
  - Report on election campaign spending and political advertising.
  - Report on security regarding ballot deposition in Butte.
  - Report on how Amy Coney Barrett SCOTUS nomination may impact Montana's Senate race because of the upcoming ACA ruling.

## MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 4Q 2020: *FACE THE STATE*

**10/25/20**

**HOST:** Jill Valley (KPAX, Missoula MT)

- **ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS**
  - Review of candidates for:
    - Senate: Steve Daines (R), Steve Bullock (D)
    - Governor: Greg Gianforte (R), Mike Cooney (D)
    - Public Service Commission District 4: Jennifer Fielder (R) and Monica Tranel (D)
  - Report on Kalispell school levy.
  - Report on the controversial recall of Stevensville mayor.
  - Report on how the Montana Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge to the Initiative 190 that would legalize recreational marijuana.
  - Report on how governor candidates - Greg Gianforte (R) and Mike Cooney (D) - plan to handle the Covid pandemic once in office.
  - Report on numbers of absentee mail ballots that have already been returned.
  - Report on preparations for voting in Missoula on Election Night.
  - Report on legal dispute in Gallatin county regarding poll watchers.
  - Report on accuracy checks in place for returned mailed ballots in Missoula.

**11/1/20**

**HOSTS:** Mike Dennison (KTVH, Helena MT), Dr. David Parker (Montana State University), Dr. Rob Saldin (University of Montana)

- **ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS**
  - Review and analysis of candidates in the upcoming election
    - President: Donald Trump (R), Joe Biden (D)
    - Senate: Steve Daines (R), Steve Bullock (D)
    - US Representative: Matt Rosendale (R), Kathleen Williams (D)
    - Governor: Greg Gianforte (R), Mike Cooney (D)
  - Review and analysis of how lower profile state races will turn out.
  - Analysis of how and why Ballot Initiatives 190 and 118 on Marijuana are expected to pass.
  - Commentary and predictions on expected voter turnout.

**11/8/20**

**HOST:** Jay Kohn (KTVQ, Billings MT), Ashley Strong (Republican Consultant), Eric Stern (Democratic Consultant)

- **ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS**
  - Review and analysis of 2020 Election results:
    - Why Republicans won all races in Montana
    - Why there is a national divide between Republicans and Democrats
    - How Democrats will fare in the future in Montana

**MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 4Q 2020: *FACE THE STATE*****11/15/2020**

**HOSTS:** Mike Dennison (KTVH, Helena MT), Dr. Jeremy Johnson (Carroll College), Dr. Rob Saldin (University of Montana)

- **ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS**
  - Review and analysis of 2020 Election results:
    - How the Republican candidates' strategy was to nationalize their campaigns
    - Why polling failed to predict the large margins of wins by Republicans
    - How and why record voter turnout helped Republicans rather than Democrats
    - Whether claims of voter claim fraud by President Trump will impact outcome of national race
    - Possible future paths for President Trump once he is out of office and how it might affect politics in Montana in the future
    - How Democrats in Montana will have to operate going in the future given that only a few counties remain Democratic
    - What changes in Montana government should be expected with the Republicans in full control
    - How policies for dealing with Covid-19 are expected to change after the election

**MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 4Q 2020: *THE REBOUND MONTANA***

***THE REBOUND MONTANA***

**Running time:** 30:00

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

**DESCRIPTION:** In May 2020, the Montana Television News network started producing *The Rebound Montana*, a half-hour public affairs program with a focus on issues specific to the Covid-19 pandemic in Montana:

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

**11/22/2020**

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

- **ISSUE: COMMUNITY**
  - Report on how families with senior members in nursing homes are taking jobs in the nursing homes in order to be near their loved ones.
  - Report on how Energy Share Montana is helping families with heating bills.
  - Review of local organizations that are helping families cope with the Covid pandemic.
  - Report on how volunteers and a local restaurant are working together to make lunches and deliver them to seniors in the Ruby Valley.
  - Report on a man biking across the country who interviewed people in various cities to get their perspective on current events.
- **ISSUE: ECONOMY**
  - How a CARES act temporary tax rule allows businesses to collect refunds based on losses in past years.
  - Report on how one Missoula business created face masks that allow singers to sing without obstructing breathing and how this invention saved the business.
- **ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY**
  - Report on how hospitals are preparing for a surge in Covid infections during the winter.
  - Report on how nursing home in New Hampshire is offering haircuts to patients as a way of fending off depression due to isolation because of Covid preventative procedures.

**MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 4Q 2020: *THE REBOUND MONTANA*****11/29/2020****HOST:** Chet Layman (KBZK, Bozeman MT)

- **ISSUE: COMMUNITY**
  - Report on how a Helena YMCA program implemented a program to provide day care for families impacted by Covid.
- **ISSUE: ECONOMY**
  - Report on how the Rialto Theater and the Zephyr Cycling Studio in Bozeman entered into a business partnership that helped them both remain open for business.
  - Interview with Todd O'Hare, President of Montana Chamber of Commerce, recommending Montanans support local communities and businesses by shopping local during the 2020 holiday season.
  - How the National Restaurant Association is trying to change regulations that limit operating hours during the Covid pandemic so that members can stay in business.
  - How a new online food deliver website and app allow direct ordering from a restaurant or other small business without collecting substantial fees.

**12/6/2020****HOST:** Dennis Bragg (KPAX, Missoula MT)

- **ISSUE: ECONOMY**
  - Report on how a Missoula store that sells and repairs sewing machines is thriving because customers are staying at home and making masks as a result of the Covid pandemic.
- **ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS**
  - Report on Governor Bullock's announcement that the first round of Covid vaccines could arrive in Montana as early 12/16.
  - Interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci on distribution of the vaccine and Covid in Montana.
- **ISSUE: EDUCATION/YOUTH**
  - Interview with University of Montana President Seth Bodnar on how the university responded to the Covid situation and was able to prevent large-scale outbreaks.
- **ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY**
  - Report on how a \$500,000 grant from USDA will double SNAP benefits for the next 4 years and ensuring users that they can continue to rely on program for healthy nutritious options.



## MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 4Q 2020: *THE REBOUND MONTANA*

**12/13/2020**

**HOST:** Casey Conlon (KTVQ, Billings MT)

- **ISSUE: COMMUNITY**
  - Report on how a children's dance studio in Great Falls has adjusted its daily operations to conform to Covid 19 preventive measures.
  - Interview with Micah Eller, director of Big Sky Hospitality Group, on how a bistro in Helena is offering take-home meal subscriptions that allows people to make gourmet meals at home using local ingredients.
  - Report on how a Helena sommelier is offering wine subscriptions in order to facilitate enjoyment of wines to people who are staying home because of the Covid pandemic.
  - Report on how a pastry chef in Missoula sends out cakes to help lift the spirits of people like ER workers.
- **ISSUE: ECONOMY**
  - Report on how a Butte gift shop owner moved her business 100% online as a result of Covid 19 and how her market base expanded as a result.
  - Interview with Brook Donnelly Director of Montana Small Business Administration who will be going on a tour of the state to see how small businesses are doing.
  - Review of the outcome of local businesses who participated in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL).

**12/20/20**

**HOST:** Andy Curtis (KTVH, Helena MT)

- **ISSUE: COMMUNITY**
  - Report on how a Missoula ballet company in Missoula staged a socially distanced performance of the Nutcracker and posted it online.
- **ISSUE: ECONOMY**
  - Report on how the free website Bozeman Strong has been gaining in popularity through the pandemic because it allows businesses and their customers to stay connected.
  - Report on how two Billings musicians decided to promote their new album online because of the pandemic.
  - Report on how holiday lights are in short supply because outdoor displays have become popular during the pandemic.
- **ISSUE: EDUCATION/YOUTH**
  - Interview with a Carroll College student who was given a Montana Student Volunteer Award because she started a non-profit to help homebound senior citizens in Helena.
  - Report on how the Glasgow High School Swing Choir showcased their musical talents in a series of online music videos.
- **ISSUE: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS**
  - Report on options such as the Federal ban on evictions and mortgage forbearance options that are available for homeowners struggling to make payments.

## MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 4Q 2020: *THE REBOUND MONTANA*

- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
  - Report on the arrival of the Covid vaccine at St. Vincent Healthcare clinic in Billings, Bozeman Deaconess Health and 8 other hospitals in the state.
  - Report on how the Montana VA Healthcare System is set to receive the Moderna Covid vaccine.
  - Report on how the Rocky Mountain Development Council in Helena is giving out lifelike robotic pets to senior citizens to help them combat social isolation.

**12/27/2020**

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

- ISSUE: COMMUNITY
  - Report on how Missoula Aging Services offers a program that instructs senior citizens on how to navigate the internet and use technology like tablets during the pandemic.
- ISSUE: ECONOMY
  - Report on how new petroleum engineering graduates in the state can continue to grow their skills while waiting for the industry to rebound.
  - Report on how the ShowThyme restaurant in Bigfork avoided shutting down by altering its menu and by obtaining a business stabilization grant from the state.
  - Report on how the Montana District of the US Small Business Association is touring the state to see how small businesses have responded to the Covid pandemic.
  - Report on how two Helena women created Community Crate, a business that supports small local businesses by taking items from different shops and then selling them together.
- ISSUE: EDUCATION/YOUTH
  - Report on how the Billings Science and Technology Museum is using downtime during the pandemic to expand its programming from being focused on younger children to adults and lifelong learning.
- ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY
  - Report on the rollout of the Covid vaccine on the Blackfeet reservation.
  - Report on the first Covid vaccines given in Park, Powell and Madison counties.
  - Report on the first Covid vaccines being given to healthcare workers who staff the Montana VA Healthcare System.
  - Report on the concern that if the Federal Government lets the CDC's Eviction moratorium ban expire, it might increase the spread of Covid-19.

**MTN STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING 4Q 2020: ON-AIR DEBATES****2020 ELECTION DEBATES**

MTN aired debates featuring candidates for Federal offices.

**DESCRIPTION: Candidates for US Senator**

- Steve Bullock (D)
- Steve Daines (R)

**MODERATORS:**

- Jay Kohn, KTVQ Billings Anchor Emeritus
- Mike Dennison, MTN Chief Political Reporter
- Jill Valley, KPAX Missoula/Kalispell Anchor and Reporter

**Aired:** Saturday, October 10, 2020, 6 to 7 PM

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