

20 UNDER 40

RECOGNIZING 20 OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY MEMBERS UNDER AGE 40



Meet 20 inspiring (young) honorees

Our group of 20 under 40 community difference-makers for 2021 is presented here.

They are a special group.

They are businesswomen and men. They work in nonprofits, hospitals, schools, the arts, small businesses, large businesses, and family businesses — in one case a family ranch. They are educators and caregivers. They have already learned the value of giving back to their southwest Montana communities, and they are doing so in amazing and diverse ways.

As is the case every year, these young go-getters are outstripping many of us who have longer resumes. Many are parents, some of them very new parents. They are also grateful children, which is to say they have great parents.

As each year's group has been, they are inspiring — not because they are young, but because of what they do and who they are.

Of course, the selections were difficult. We had many great nominations. If you nominated someone who wasn't chosen, we hope their age will allow you to nominate them again next year.

We are proud of this latest group of 20 community powerhouses under the age of 40. Please join us in congratulating them. We can take pride in knowing they will continue to make a big impact for many years to come.

David McCumber,
Editor and General Manager

The MONTANA STANDARD

RISIK RASK

Age: 37

Occupation

I am the Director of Pharmacy Services at St. James Healthcare. I received my doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Montana. After graduation I completed a one-year pharmacy practice residency at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, WA and was then fortunate enough to be able to return home to practice my passion in the hospital setting.

I am lucky to be part of an amazing pharmacy team of more than 20 members where we work to improve the care of our friends, family, and community every day at St. James.

Community and volunteer activities

After my formal pharmacy education I returned to home to serve my community by bringing more innovation and excellence to the care and pharmacy services being provided by our area's largest healthcare provider. Now, as the leader of the pharmacy department during a pandemic, I find myself with roles and responsibilities I could never have planned for. This has meant helping lead and coordinate Butte-Silver Bow's vaccination efforts.

When the COVID vaccine was first approved in December 2020 we moved quickly to protect our healthcare workers and first responders who were on the front lines. As the vaccine began to roll out to the rest of the population, the need to provide large scale vaccination events quickly became apparent and we stepped up to meet the challenge. St. James along with the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department, Southwest MT Community Health Center, and many crucial volunteers successfully pulled off several mass vaccination clinics that initially led the state in these efforts.

The outpouring of support and appreciation from the community for providing a safe, efficient, and convenient means of vaccination was truly inspiring and reminds me why I pursued a career in healthcare and helping others.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Risik Rask, the director of pharmacy at St. James Healthcare, is photographed during a vaccine clinic on Oct. 13 at the Butte Civic Center.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

I love all that southwest Montana has to offer. We are lucky to have access to some of the best trails and outdoor opportunities in the entire world right in our backyard. I enjoy getting out and experiencing all that Mother Nature has to offer including mountain biking, hiking, skiing, hunting, camping, or really anything in Montana's open spaces.

What else should people know about you?

I was born and raised in Butte and can't think of a better place to raise a family. I have an amazing wife, Julia, who inspires me every day and who is also an alumni of the 20 under 40. We have the best four-year-old daughter, Thea, anyone could ask for as well as a mischievous dog, Otto, that likes to keep us on our toes.

The origin of my name is often something people are curious about. Many are surprised to find out that it is a Lebanese name and was actually our last name when my family came to the U.S at the turn of the century. The name Rizk was changed to Rask on intake documents from my great-grandfather, Sarkis, and his brothers so my first and last name are essentially the same. In fact my great-great-grandfather's name was Rizk Rizk.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Taylor Floreen, a Registered Nurse and oncology nurse coordinator, photographed in the cancer center at St. James Healthcare in Butte.

TAYLOR FLOREEN

AGE: 29

Occupation

I am the Oncology Nurse Coordinator at St. James Cancer Center. This position is new to the cancer center, and I am incredibly honored to help lead our remarkable nursing team, while also working as a full-time oncology nurse. As the RN Coordinator, I am beyond privileged to participate in oncology meetings, assist with policies and competencies, create continuing education, and help coordinate patient care. This position has allowed me to advance my career but continue to fulfill my passion of providing direct patient care.

Working as an oncology nurse allows me to build a strong relationship with my patients. They sincerely are the best part and are the fire under my feet. The trust we gain is immeasurable. We spend a lot of time together and bond on so many different levels. We fight together, we laugh together, we celebrate together, we grieve together. I get to witness their entire journey. From watch-

ing the successes and seeing their tears of joy, to holding their hand and praying in times of struggle. It truly is such an inspiring experience that makes my heart feel so deeply. I always say, "My patients teach me more than I will ever teach them".

Community and volunteer activities

The Butte community is incredibly unique when it comes to uniting. I've been fortunate enough to participate in programs and fundraisers such as Relay for Life, Adopt-a-Family, and foundation events. Along with partaking in community programs, I also enjoy giving to others by utilizing my hobbies and creativity.

One of my all-time favorite memories is making gifts for the patients in the Oklahoma City bone marrow transplant unit that were unable to go home for Christmas. "Santa" placed individualized teddy

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Celebrating our very own 20 Under 40.



Risik Rask, PharmD

St. James Healthcare - Pharmacy



Taylor Floreen, RN, OCN

SCL Health Cancer Centers of Montana at St. James Healthcare

We are proud to support the young leaders of our community. We know your efforts and achievements are building a stronger, happier and healthier community for future generations.

St. James Healthcare is focused on quality, and driven to provide the best patient care experience in the region. Our core values are proudly reflected in Risik and Taylor. *Congratulations!*



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Floreen

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bears with an encouraging poem under the Christmas tree. Morning came, and the patients went to the tree and grabbed their bears. To see a group of grown men clutching their teddy bears with tears in their eyes while singing Christmas carols is one of the most moving experiences I think I will ever witness. Being able to provide joy, comfort, and assistance to others is why I volunteer.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

Having Montana's beauty right outside my door is pretty amazing, but the best part is truly the people and my loved ones. I have strong family ties to the Butte community. My grandparents, my dad, and I were all born and raised here. While things might have changed throughout the generations, one thing has not. That is the people and the culture. The Butte community has such a strong, loyal, generous population that would do anything for anyone.

What else should people know about you?

Two years into my nursing career, I was fortunate enough to follow my aspiration of becoming an oncology nurse. I began this new journey in Oklahoma City's bone marrow transplant unit. I worked there for 3 years until my heart started leading me back home. I knew I needed to get back to Butte... my heart just told me to. I wanted to bring this fight against cancer back to my hometown and to the community I always cherished and loved. I was honored to accept an oncology RN position here a little over 3 years ago. I've gained my chemotherapy and radiation certifications, as well as my national certifications in both bone marrow transplant and oncology nursing. As the cancer center continued to grow, I was given the opportunity to fill this new position as the RN Coordinator. It all has been beyond rewarding, and I am so blessed to have such strong support.

KELCI THATCHER

Age: 32

Occupation

Activities Director, East Middle School. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, with a minor in Special Education. I recently earned a Master of Science Degree in Education, Instruction and Learning from Montana State University-Northern. This is my ninth year teaching special education at East Middle School. I am fortunate to work with both seventh and eighth-grade students in the math classroom. What I love most about my teaching job is seeing students succeed and achieve their goals inside the classroom, and then translating those skills of success into their day-to-day lives. I equally love that I can create lifelong relationships with my students.

This year I took on a new endeavor which entails running all athletics at East Middle School. While I have a lot to learn, I graciously welcome this new beginning. This new position has allowed me the opportunity to work with a larger percentage of our student population at the middle school. I have also been given the chance to work closely with great coaches and leaders in our community. I have been heavily involved with athletics my entire life, as a participant and as a coach, but now I have an opportunity to ensure that students at East Middle School have a positive and engaging experience in their respective sports. I also have a greater impact in this new position to ensure that our student-athletes are learning lifelong skills such as discipline, commitment, teamwork, and most importantly, character. Such skills are necessary to any level of success.

Community and volunteer activities

Serving our community and always paying it forward has been something that has been instilled in me for as long as I can remember thanks to my wonderful parents, Mike and Debbie Thatcher. I currently serve as a board member for Copper City Softball. I am so proud of what this organization has accomplished in a short period of time. This board is cultivating a much-needed love of softball back into the community. This organization provides softball fundamentals to young girls, while doing so in a positive environment. I could not be more proud to be a part of it.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Kelci Thatcher, a teacher and activities director at East Middle School, is photographed in the school's new weight room. Thatcher has been working at the middle school for nine years and is looking forward to another year of teaching Butte kids and leading them in athletic endeavors.

I have coached both boys and girls from the elementary level through the high school level. I have coached basketball, softball, and volleyball. I currently volunteer for the Magic City Softball Organization. I have been coaching within the organization to some capacity since I was 18 years old. I love being a part of this organization because it is free to any girl that wants to play. This organization is inclusive and that is something I pride myself on as a person.

One of my favorite activities is volunteering for Special Olympics, refereeing basketball. It is inspirational to see these athletes display a deep love of the game and how hard they compete when allowed to do so in front of their peers, family, and community.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

I was born and raised in Butte and have tremendous pride in our community. I love how this community is so gracious, espe-

cially to those in need. Southwest Montana is the perfect spot for someone, like myself, that enjoys the mountains and small-town living. By far, the best thing about living in southwest Montana is that my entire family lives here. They say it takes a village, and I know without a doubt, mine is the best yet.

What else should people know about you?

I am the proud daughter of Mike and Debbie Thatcher. Without their love and guidance, I know without a doubt I would not be where I am today. I am thankful for my siblings, Sarah Stepan, Lindsay LeProwse, and Dan Thatcher. They truly are my best friends. I am thankful for being an aunt to Will, Mattie, Ty, Jayke, and Jett. I was fortunate enough to adopt two boys, George (18) and Tino (13) Riojas with my partner, Amanda Krieg, last April after fostering them for five-plus years. I enjoy working out and staying active at Kinetic Fitness and Rooted Tribe Yoga. I have two cocker spaniels, Koda and Griffey, who I adore. I look forward to continuing to help students in the classroom and in athletics for years to come. Thank you.

ANTHONY HOFFMAN

Age: 31

Occupation

Social Studies teacher, East Middle School. I am in my 8th year as an educator for the Butte School District. Currently, I am an 8th Grade American History Teacher on Team A at East Middle School. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education and Modern History from the University of Montana-Western and Masters of Learning and Technology through Western Governors University.

Community and volunteer activities:

Former advisor for Youth Legislation, Tour guide at the World Museum of Mining, Track coach at East Middle School, Debate coach for Butte High School, Volunteer for the Teens in Partnership (TIP), Advisor for Montana History Club, and a volunteer for various other school/community events.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working, and volunteering in southwest Montana?

Southwestern Montana is debatably one of the best places to live and work in the nation. The people, history, and physical features are what makes this place unique. I am lucky to be able to work with and mentor the youth and young adults of our community. I hope to leave a lasting impact on them by passing on my love of history. My students inspire me to grow as a teacher and as a community member. We are no longer one of the largest producers of minerals/metals in the world, but our best resource is our people. We are resilient, hardworking, and passionate individuals. This is more than evident in my fellow educators employed by the Butte School District. I am truly blessed to work with a group of individuals that can navigate the Covid-19 Pandemic, provide quality instruction, and ensure that the children of Butte can continue to attend in person learning.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Tony Hoffman, a teacher at East Middle School, is photographed in his classroom where he teaches history to Butte children.

What else should people know about you?

I am a fifth-generation Montanan and proud to be from Butte. I attended elementary school at Longfellow and Emerson Elementaries. I attended 7th and 8th grades at East Middle School and graduated from Butte High School in 2008. My passion for the subject of history developed at an early age.

I have fond memories of listening to my grandfather tell

stories of working in the mines and life on "The Richest Hill on Earth." My love of the community runs deep! My wife and I were married at the 100-foot underground level of the Orphan Girl Mine in 2019. We are expecting our first child in March and are excited to raise him in Butte. I typically spend my summers educating visitors on our past, present, and future on the underground mine tour at The World Museum of Mining.



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The Butte School District would like to extend our congratulations to Kelci Thatcher and Anthony Hoffman on being selected as honorees for the 20 Under 40! Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our Butte School District students, families, and the entire Butte Community. Kelci and Anthony both deserve our full recognition and appreciation as a school district and community.

TYLER SHAFFER

Age: 37

Occupation

Business Manager, Trademark Electric, Inc. Family-owned/operated electrical contracting company started by my father in 1986.

Community and volunteer activities

Board of Directors and Vice-Chair of Butte-Silver Bow Zoning Board; Board of Directors, Butte Family YMCA; Board Member, Montana Chapter of National Electrical Contractors Association; Board Member, Butte Burros Club.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

I have always thought that Butte is a very special place that we are lucky to call home. I have always enjoyed having the opportunity to pursue hunting and other outdoor recreation activities close to home. I have been very fortunate to have numerous volunteer/career opportunities that have introduced me to many new friends and colleagues who are always working on making Butte the best place it can be.

What else should people know about you?

My wife Sarah and I are the lucky parents of a 5-year-old daughter who is the best thing that ever happened to us. She has been so excited to have recently started kindergarten at West Elementary and couldn't be happier.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Tyler Shaffer, the business manager at Trademark Electric Inc., is photographed in front of the shop located on Dewey Boulevard in Butte.

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AMANDA NEWBREAST

Age: 38

Occupation

Owner of 406 Quality Home Care & The Clothing Loop.

Community and volunteer activities

The success of my business has offered me numerous opportunities to give back to this wonderful community. I have provided scholarship funding to the kids with limited financial help and The Clothing Loop offers a way for people to be well dressed at little or no cost. It has always been important to me to build my business on the premise of

what the residents in our community need the most.

I'm a native of a beautiful Washington area — Whidbey Island — but Montana is my home and has been for many years. I love Everything about Montana and especially the people. Also, I'm a mother of two teenage boys.

Q&A

What else should people know about you?

I'm grateful for this recognition and I sincerely hope that my future allows me to continue serving the needs of so many in southwest Montana.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

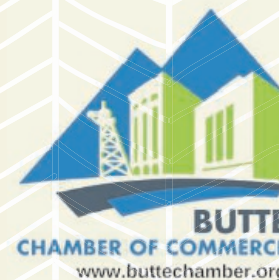
Amanda NewBreast, the CEO and owner of 406 Quality Home Care, is photographed in her office on Park Street in Uptown Butte.

**THANK YOU Butte for more than 80
20 Under 40 nominees.**

WELL DONE!

**We are lucky our community has so many talented,
highly regarded young professionals.**

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CASSANDRA WEBER

Age: 34

Occupation

Owner, designer, and consultant at Highland Creative Solutions but most importantly Mom to an amazing little human. At Highland Creative Solutions my husband and I aim to provide businesses and nonprofits with a range of consulting and marketing services including systems consultation, IT services, branding, communications and strategic planning.

Community and volunteer activities

I am the Board President at the Orphan Girl Children's Theatre, where I am excited to help this amazing organization provide a vital arts experience for children and adults in our community.

My last three years of work have been with the Zero to Five project at the Butte 4-C's and it was a wonderful experience to work with amazing community partners to find creative ways to make Butte a wonderful place to raise a family. Zero to Five is a systems change initiative driven by the community.

In leading that project I was able to see how passionate our community members are about finding creative solutions and making lasting change. I'm so excited to see where this program goes in the future.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

The people and the community are what I love the most about living here. Butte has an amazing community culture where people come together, roll up their sleeves and get work done. I love exploring the history and the outdoors here, there is always something new to see and do.

What else should people know about you?

My family is extremely important to me and a huge priority in my life. I love exploring the world with my husband, son, and our dogs. Creative problem-solving is my favorite thing



MEAGAN THOMPSON,
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Cass Weber, an entrepreneur working from home with her 18-month-old son Rowan Dunbar, is photographed at one of her work stations at the dining room table in her Butte home.

to do. I love to try to fully understand a complex issue then work with people to find innovative solutions.

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Orphan Girl Children's Theatre Artistic Team and Board of Directors

RYAN AND LINDSEY TODOROVICH

Age: both 39

Occupation

We are both dentists and owners of Butte Pediatric Dentistry. We met in dental school at the University of Washington and graduated in the same class of 2008, earning our Doctorate of Dental Surgery degrees. After dental school we practiced at the Northwest Community Health Center in Libby and participated in the National Health Service Corps. We then moved to Anchorage, Alaska so Lindsey could do an additional two-year residency to specialize in Pediatric Dentistry at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC).

Ryan was recruited to work at ANMC as a general dentist and we had an incredible experience there working with the Alaska Native population and exploring Alaska. We decided to move back home to Montana to start a pediatric dental practice in Butte, where Ryan grew up.

We opened Butte Pediatric Dentistry on St. Patrick's Day in 2014, only 5 weeks after our second child, Sam, was born. We are a great team and yes, we love working together! Ryan is a general dentist who only sees children and Lindsey is a pediatric dentist. Pediatric dentistry is a specialty in dentistry that involves additional training in behavioral guidance, caries prevention, sedation, hospital dentistry, caring for medically compromised children and those with developmental disabilities.

Community and volunteer activities

We are both involved in our local dental society. Ryan was a former President and Lindsey is the current Vice-President. Lindsey organizes the school screenings for the elementary schools of Butte and we both participate in annual dental screenings at Early Head Start, Head Start and the elementary schools. We give fun, interactive presentations to local preschools to introduce the dental office as a safe, welcoming environment and teach about the importance of oral health.

Lindsey is on the Medical Staff at St. James Healthcare and works with the surgery department. Lindsey also works with local lactation consultants performing tongue-tie release procedures to support breastfeeding mothers and infants.

Through Butte Pediatric Dentistry we've participated in the YMCA Health Kids Day, the 4th of July Parade, Treat Street, Mining City Christmas, Bowl for Kids Sake, the Festival of Trees and our own event of Beat the Heat. We feel our presence with these events helps children to associate us with the fun environment we try to promote at our office. Lindsey sometimes even dresses up as the Tooth Fairy.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Drs. Lindsey and Ryan Todorovich are photographed in one of the dental suites where they work with Butte children at their newly expanded office at Butte Pediatric Dentistry.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

We decided to move back to Butte because we knew how wonderful it would be to raise a family here. Ryan is the fourth generation of his family to live in Butte. Ryan's parents live here and they help us a lot, especially with our young children. We love living in a place where we know our neighbors and have a great community of friends. We also have such easy access to incredible outdoor places.

It is very gratifying to be able to provide a service where we can see the positive impact of the work we do in our community. We have always been warmly welcomed by the other dentists and medical providers. The people we work with at our office, the dental assistants and adminis-

trative team, are very connected with our community and it shows in how much they care for our patients. We are really grateful to live and practice here in Butte and plan to spend our entire dental careers here.

What else should people know about you?

Lindsey is from Eugene, Oregon. Her dad was a dentist and her mom was a hygienist. She is still very close with her family in Oregon, Nevada and California. She grew up dancing classical ballet and still enjoys yoga and dance. She loves to ski, bake, garden and read. Ryan enjoys fishing, skiing, and backpacking.

We have three awesome kids, June (8), Sam (7) and Bode (3) who are our greatest adventure. They love their teachers and schools, West Elementary and Kings Kids Preschool. Our goal in life is mostly to keep up with them and to continue to beat them down the ski hill.

MIKE HAYNES

Age: 34

Occupation

I am an attorney and a partner at the law firm Joyce & MacDonald, PLLP. Our practice primarily focuses on personal injury and wrongful death claims, and we have offices in Butte and Missoula.

I graduated from Butte High School in 2005, and completed my undergrad at Montana Tech. I continued my education at the University of Montana School of Law in Missoula, where I graduated in 2013 with a Juris Doctor degree. I love being an attorney because I am able to help so many people, often during the most challenging times in their lives. I also feel so grateful to have joined such a well-respected and experienced law firm that not only advocates for its community members, but gives back to the community.

Community and volunteer activities

I was raised in Butte with four of my siblings. I was fortunate enough to find my way back to Butte where my wife, Jessi, and I are currently raising our family. For the past 5 years, I was an active board member at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte (BBBS).

While I recently had to step back from the board due to the responsibilities that come with a growing family, I intend to continue supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte and all of the important work it does for the children in our community. I am also a board member of the Montana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

Southwest Montana has so much to offer. The outdoor opportunities at our fingertips are endless. But, it is the community and people in Southwest Montana that make living, working, and raising a family here so special. I am grateful to be able to give back to a community that has given me so much support.

What else should people know about you?

My wife, Jessi, and I have three beautiful kids: Isla, 5, Enys, 2, and Navy (7 months).

We are enjoying watching our kids grow and experience all that Southwest Montana has to offer. We could not imagine raising our kids anywhere else, and hope to instill in them the same virtues that this community instilled in us.

Mike Haynes, an attorney and a partner at the law firm Joyce & MacDonald, PLLP, is photographed in his office located in the Finlen Hotel. His practice primarily focuses on personal injury and wrongful death claims.

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MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Laci Peck Ridder is photographed with Christmas wrapping paper at Butte's Big Brothers and Big Sisters where she and others are preparing for the Mobile Santa event which includes tons of present wrapping. "It's our favorite event of the year and we are still accepting donations for the event that takes place on Dec. 17," says Ridder.

LACI PECK RIDDER

Age: 37

Occupation

I am the Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte-Silver Bow, where I wear many hats. With a small organization we accomplish BIG goals by empowering, igniting and defending the potential of the youth in our community. As the Executive Director every day is different. I was born and raised in Butte. I completed my Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies through Montana Tech before continuing my education at the University of Montana: Western.

My career has been built primarily serving our community. I worked at the Butte-Silver Bow Library for 6 years before accepting a position with my first non-profit, Montana Fair Housing. I joined the Big Brothers Big Sisters family first as a school-based mentor when I was going to college then again in 2017 as the administrative

assistant. I took over as executive director shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic hit Montana in March of 2020.

Community and volunteer activities

My job allows me to consistently be giving back to our community. Not only does Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte-Silver Bow host some amazing fundraisers in the community, like Rhythm and Brews and Bowl For Kids' Sake, we also assist other organizations with their events. If I am not writing a grant or working on a BBBS fundraiser you can catch me at events like Treat Street, National Night Out, the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day or United Way's Day of the Child.

I also have two daughters who keep me pretty busy attending productions at the Orphan Girl Children's Theater, cheering

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CONGRATULATIONS Laci Peck Ridder

Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte
For your 20 Under 40 Nomination!

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- Providing cultural and social activities to enrich the opportunities for children
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November 6 at 5pm or 7:30pm at Star Lanes Bowling Center
Visit our Facebook Page to learn more!

Ridder

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on our Bulldogs and helping fundraise for their schools and extracurricular activities.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

I am always astonished and humbled by how giving the community of Butte is. We truly live in an amazing community. Our organization has been serving Butte for 54 years and we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the generosity of our donors and sponsors. Every penny we raise stays in Butte to support and empower our youth and our future. I feel very lucky to be part of this community and to have Montana as my backyard to play in.

What else should people know about you?

I am happily married to my husband, Mike, and have two amazing daughters, Genevieve and Natalie. This community and the future of this community are extremely important to me and I believe that our youth are our keys to a prosperous future.

I am honored to be nominated for this because there are great people doing great things for our community every day. I am also incredibly grateful for my amazing team members, dedicated Board of Directors and our numerous volunteer Bigs who empower me to continue to defend and ignite the potential of our Littles.

AUBREY JAAP

Age: 30

Occupation

Assistant Director of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives. The Archives is the forever home of Butte's historic papers, photographs, and stories — and we all know Butte has the best history (maybe I'm biased). My favorite part of my job is connecting Butte's past to its present, whether that be through someone's genealogy, researching a family home, collecting stories of community members, or the excitement I get when helping someone find the piece of information they were looking for.

Community and volunteer activities

Since 2015, I have been a member of the Montana State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB). The SHRAB offers scholarships to archives professionals for training, hosts educational workshops, funds a student archivist program, and serves as a resource for archives and museums across the state.

Through the Archives, I try and impact our community in a positive way by keeping our rich history alive and within reach. We work with community groups to preserve the stories of lost neighborhoods and their respective culture and traditions. We work with students by giving tours and helping with their research topics, not just when they're in college, but as grade school students. We assist local preservation projects and new businesses by provid-



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Aubrey Jaap has been with the Archives since 2007 and serves as the Assistant Director. She heads the Archives digitization programs and oral history collections, as well as managing the non-current government record for Butte-Silver Bow.

ing photographs or building plans. We collect personal stories so younger generations can reflect on Butte's past through someone's lived experience. It's these personal interactions with people that make my job so fulfilling.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

There is no other place I would want to raise my family. I love that I can walk out my front door and be walking my dogs

in the woods in less than ten minutes, or I can take my daughters rollerblading on our many walking trails. The thing I love most about Butte that can't be replaced anywhere else is its people and the community and support they offer.

What else should people know about you?

I have three daughters Regan (11), Maxine (7), and Erin (2) with my husband Nate.

Our youngest daugh-

ter, Erin, was born with Down Syndrome and it's been amazing to see our two oldest girls just rally around and support her, and for Nate and I to join a new and amazing community of support.

Congratulations

AUBREY JAAP

ON YOUR NOMINATION TO 20 UNDER 40!

ANDREW DREESEN

Age: 32

Occupation

Chief Administrative Officer, Deer Lodge Medical Center

Community and volunteer activities

We have lived in Deer Lodge for 5 years now. Since then, I have had the pleasure of serving as a Powell County High School Trustee, coordinated the Trim the Town program in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, served as a Little League Baseball coach, and I am an active member of the Deer Lodge Rotary Club.

In addition, I facilitated the building of the Deer Lodge Community Playground located across from the Medical Center. I am also involved in nearly all of the City Rec Sports and the numerous activities that the Deer Lodge Community has to offer. Deer Lodge Medical Center is heavily focused on supporting a healthy community which affords me the opportunity to get involved in many ways.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

I was born and raised in Northeast Nebraska. Coming from there, the easy answer is to say the mountains. My wife, children, and I enjoy nearly everything outdoors. We enjoy exploring the many activities and sites that Montana has to offer including hunting, fishing, sledding, etc.

We enjoy the authenticity of the people living here and are proud to be Montanans. We have gained lifelong friends since living here.

What else should people know about you?

I am the proud father of River, 5, and Ivory, 2. They keep me on my toes and remind me that I am still a kid at heart. I wouldn't be where I am today without the support of my wife, Amy, who has supported me throughout the way.



MEAGAN THOMPSON,
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Andrew Dreesen, the chief administrative officer at Deer Lodge Medical Center, is photographed in front of the hospital.

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From everyone at Deer Lodge Medical Center, congratulations to Andrew Dreesen for recognition as one of *The Montana Standard's* 20 Under 40 recipients. Your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated. You are an invaluable asset to our community.



LOREN BURMEISTER

Age: 39

Occupation

Liability manager for Atlantic Richfield and for BP. I began working on Superfund projects in Butte and Anaconda in late 2009. From 2012 through 2017 I was primarily tasked with managing environmental cleanup projects on the Butte Hill and along Silver Bow Creek. Since 2017, my role has been to lead and facilitate reaching agreements with federal, state and local governments to define the final remedies to be implemented on sites that have been impacted by historic mining activities. And now as a result of those agreements, I am able to focus on new opportunities around how to redevelop previous environmental liabilities into assets that can benefit our community.

These roles have afforded me the opportunity to work with truly brilliant, talented and wonderful people on some of the most complex environmental challenges facing southwest Montana. Prior to coming to Butte, I attended MSU-Bozeman where I earned my degree in Mechanical Engineering. While working my way through college, I was blessed to be able to spend my summers in Alaska running a boat for my grandparents as a deep sea fishing guide, where I was able to spend every day on the ocean creating and sharing memorable experiences with amazing people from around the world.

Community and volunteer activities

For the last several years, I have served on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. I serve on the board at my church and play piano for our worship team on Sundays. I also love coaching soccer for the YMCA program each summer.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

Montana provides an amazing opportunity to work and play in absolutely beautiful settings. My favorite part of living here is that the mountains are just minutes away for a hike, fishing, and a tailgate barbecue with the family in the summer, chasing elk



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Loren Burmeister, the liability manager for Atlantic Richfield and BP, is photographed near his office overlooking Uptown Butte.

in the fall, and hitting the slopes of Discovery in the winter. It is the perfect place to raise a family and show them the joys of the great outdoors. I also enjoy sharing the history of Butte, and especially its mining past, when friends and family come to visit.

What else should people know about you?

My wife and I grew up in Big Timber and are now raising our 3 boys (ages 7, 7 and 4) in Butte and my daughter just began her freshman year of college at MSU-Bozeman. It is truly a blessing to get to raise my children in a community of kind and caring people while surrounded by the beauty of Montana.



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CASEY MCCONNELL

Age: 35

Occupation

I currently have the excitement and experience of owning and operating North 46 Degrees in beautiful uptown Butte, a quaint bistro, specializing in scratch-made creations served during the week, with week-ends reserved for catering special events.

Prior to this career adventure I had the pleasure of working in the distilled spirits industry, exploring avenues of creation, development, and production alongside passionate and community minded professionals. Previous to that, I was a student at Montana Tech studying Biology and emphasizing a passion of research in micro and molecular biology, and participating in interdisciplinary projects with the environmental engineering department.

Community and volunteer activities

Being immersed in the community as a business owner and operator I have been introduced to many avenues of involvement and contribution.

It has been my pleasure to contribute my support through my creativity and donations to many organizations and events. I have also served first on the steering committee, and then as an elected board member to the Butte Food Co-op for the past two and a half years.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

Southwest Montana became my home shortly after graduating high school in Alaska. I quickly became acquainted with several of the communities in this part of the state and couldn't help but fall in love with the area and the good people that abound.

The beauty and accessibility to the outdoors made it an easy choice to stay, and I have been enjoying it ever since. I chose to venture back to Butte in 2017 to open my business, wholly because of the abun-

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MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Casey McConnell, owner of North 46, is photographed in the dining area of her Uptown Butte restaurant.

dance of opportunity, the community, and the people. I've never experienced a place so welcoming and supportive to creativity and hard work, two things very close to my heart.

What else should people know about you?

I'm luckiest in my opportunity to be the mom to the coolest kiddo around, Ricky, 12, who keeps me busy as a hockey mom, adventure buddy, and a never-ending reminder of all the important things.

Also, I'd like to thank you for the honor and opportunity to be one of the community's "20 under 40", but it is not without the support of family and friends that I could do so. Their contributions and positive energy is what keeps me going, inspires me, and allows me the space and capacity to create and contribute. Thank YOU.

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TARA CALLAGHAN

Age: 38

Occupation

■ Director of Workforce, Montana Primary Care Association

■ Co-owner, Copper City Strength & Conditioning

The Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA) is the association of Montana's Community Health Centers and Urban Indian Centers, dedicated to improving quality, local and affordable primary health care in Montana. We provide training, technical assistance and policy advocacy to health centers and work to improve access to health care for all – especially underserved and vulnerable populations.

I've been in healthcare for 17 years, starting as a nurse in the US Army before returning to Montana and working in hospitals and primary care clinics. I transitioned into program development and management after completing a Master of Public Health degree in 2011. Health centers are critical partners in the state's healthcare delivery system (ESPECIALLY during the last 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic!), providing high quality medical, dental, behavioral health, substance use and pharmacy care regardless of ability to pay. My job focuses on workforce development, recruitment and retention, facilitating health center clinical leadership groups, and supporting projects that promote patient-centered care.

I also co-own Copper City Strength & Conditioning (CCSC). My husband Anthony and I opened our gym in March 2012 and strive to provide a fun and positive training environment. CCSC was the first functional fit-

ness facility in Butte and we offer 2 different types of group fitness classes, personal training, powerlifting, Olympic lifting, youth training and nutrition services. CCSC has been one of the greatest experiences of our lives; we have met incredible people and have the best coaches around!

Community and volunteer activities

I am the Board Chairperson for Action, Inc., an incredible organization that serves six counties and provides housing assistance, heat and weatherization assistance, youth empowerment, and meal programs for children and unhoused individuals. They also run Butte's Head Start, a comprehensive preschool program for low-income children age 3-5.

Over the past year, I have been fortunate enough to assist with community COVID-19 events by administering both tests and vaccine. I support Montana's network of Powerlifting and Olympic weightlifting by refereeing at the state and local level.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

Butte people really are the salt of the earth. Butte does a great job of both supporting hometown folks and embracing newcomers. It has been exciting to see all the development happening in Butte in recent years – especially watching younger folks invest in our community



MEAGAN THOMPSON,
THE MONTANA STANDARD

Tara Callaghan, a healthcare professional and co-owner of Copper City Strength & Conditioning, is photographed at the gym on Montana Street in Butte.

by bringing new ideas and starting businesses. I love that Butte is small enough that I get to watch my kids grow up next to some of my childhood friends' kids but also big enough to provide opportunities for lots of different types of activities. Butte has unmatched access to recreational opportunities in every direction and during every season – we are pretty lucky to live here!

What else should people know about you?

I have great kids – a 14-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter. They keep me busy and on my toes!

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AMANDA SCHMIDT

Age: 29

Occupation

Licensed nursing home administrator at Copper Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation

Community and volunteer activities

Most of my community and volunteering involvement has stemmed from my employment. Our corporation has a multitude of other local and surrounding facilities that I involve myself with to ensure best patient outcomes, as well as involve the facility (Copper Ridge) in community activities (community Halloween events) to give back to the community.

Additionally, I involve myself with working community partnerships and multi-interdisciplinary meetings to bridge coordination of care for patients between system entities to ensure successful transitions.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

I have lived in Butte my entire life and can say that Montana is one of the most beautiful places to live and be a part. In many of my travels, I have consistently experienced that the culture and community in Montana is one of a kind. The scenery is breathtaking, the culture of our community is empathetic, giving, and caring,

I whole-heartedly am grateful to be part of a community willing to serve others ...



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Amanda Schmidt, an administrator at Copper Ridge Health and Rehabilitation, is photographed outside the Butte nursing home located off Continental Drive.

and the community always remains cohesive despite the adversity and challenges that we face.

I whole-heartedly am grateful to be part of a community willing to serve others, face adversity together, and be a part of serving others and increasing quality of life.

What else should people know about you?

My goal and passion throughout life has been focused and dedicated towards serving others and making a difference, specifically in the geriatric, psychiatric, and physically

disabled populations. I have focused my academia in Social Services, receiving my Bachelor's in Criminal Justice/Minor in Psychology and eventually my Master's in Social Work and employed in Home and Community Based Services and Long-Term Care.

My goal has been and remains to ensure, being a part of the healthcare system, that we are providing the best quality of care, while enhancing quality of life and securing appropriate service implementation for the people in our community. It is an honor to be able to serve our community and be a part of the difference in others' lives.

CONGRATULATIONS TARA CALLAGHAN

on this very deserving honor of being in the Top 20 of 20 Under 40.

We are proud of all you do for our gym and for the community of Butte. Thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment!



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ASHLEY NIKOLAISEN AND SHAUNA HOLLOW

Age: Ashley 38, Shauna 35

Occupation

Ashley: Dance Studio Owner/Dance Educator at Montana Dance Works.

Shauna: Co-owner/Dance Instructor at Montana Dance Works, as well as Bookkeeper at Hollow Contracting.

Community and volunteer activities

Ashley: Montana Dance Works provides a scholarship program that offers low-income children the opportunity to take dance lessons and participate in performances throughout the year.

Montana Dance Works hosts and orga-

nizes fundraisers by offering donation only adult classes for the food bank and to raise funds for children's medical expenses.

Montana Dance Works students have performed at community events such as the Christmas Stroll and provided entertainment at long term care facilities.

Shauna and I are members of the Montana Dance Arts Association which provides high quality training to Montana dancers. In 2019 we provided facilities and helped host the Association's 2019 Fall workshop.

Outside of work, I volunteer at Hillcrest Elementary and help with youth sports. My family also participates in American Cancer Society fundraisers annually.

Shauna: I also personally volunteer for

and contribute funds to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and have volunteered for Butte Head Start.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

Ashley: Living in Butte makes it possible to have a fulfilling work/life/family balance. Butte is a safe and supportive community to be a part of! My passion is helping the youth of Butte become well rounded, happy, and generous citizens all while learning to love dance and movement. I enjoy watching our students suc-

ceed at something they work towards and am proud to contribute to making their self-confidence flourish!

Shauna: Southwest Montana is and will always be home for me. I feel so lucky to live here — our communities are safe, tight knit, and so supportive of those in need, and the outdoor recreation opportunities make for happy and healthy kids and parents. As a small business owner, I am very grateful for the support of every single one of our customers. I truly love teaching children from the Butte area — the mission of Montana Dance Works is to provide these kids with a positive activity that boosts their self-esteem and physical health simultaneously. Another aspect of working here that brings me so much happiness, is that there seems

Congratulations

Shauna & Ashley

On your well deserved Nomination for 20 Under 40.

Your incredible work at Montana Dance Works with small children over the past 10 years and your drive, dedication and enthusiasm for what you do makes us proud and is the reason you make great Nominees.



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Ashley Nikolaisen, left, and Shauna Hollow are photographed in front of a wall of inspirational words in one of the rooms at their dance studio, where they are celebrating their ten year anniversary of teaching dance to Butte children.

to be a mentality in our communities of helping other businesses as much as possible. This mentality has been much needed and so greatly appreciated during the pandemic. Lastly, volunteering my time and supporting lower-income students at our dance studio via our scholarship program is extremely rewarding. In our relatively small town, I have the added benefit of helping organizations and children/families that I know personally.

What else should people know about you?

Ashley: When I'm not working at the studio I love spending time with my husband Jeff, and sons, Jens and Lex. We enjoy the outdoor recreation Montana has to of-

fer. I am so fortunate to have the support of my mom, Barb, and thankful to have Shauna and her family in our lives!

Shauna: When I'm not working with my business partner at the studio, I am most likely working for one of my parents' small businesses, or enjoying time with my kids and husband. We love to travel, exploring the beautiful state of Montana and beyond, as well as participate in countless extracurricular activities for Butte kids, including school sports, YMCA programs, and many many more. I have a huge support system in my life that includes my parents, Bill and Kate Hollow, extended family members, my business partner Ashley Nikolaisen, and her family as well. I am extremely thankful to have these people in my life!



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CLAY McQUEARY

Age: 32

Occupation

Owner/Trainer at The Pit Fitness. I just celebrated my sixth year of business ownership. I train people from all different walks of life and have been fortunate to meet a lot of awesome people through the gym. My favorite part of my job is helping people achieve their fitness goals.

Community and volunteer activities

I was an assistant football coach at Butte Central High School for seven years. I also coached junior high sports (boys and girls basketball) at Butte Central for several years.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working, and volunteering in southwest Montana?

I feel extremely fortunate to live and work in the community I grew up in. I was born and raised in Butte and attended both public and private schools before graduating from Butte Central in 2007. I went on to graduate from Montana Tech in 2012 with a degree in Applied Health Science. I played sports and was involved in a variety of activities growing up and rounded out my sports career playing football at Montana Tech.

I have been able to maintain my involvement in athletics by training young athletes and coaching. I have been focusing my training



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Clay McQueary, owner of Pit Fitness, is photographed in his gym located on Hecla Street off Continental Drive in Butte.

on sports training and this summer I put on a speed and agility camp for kids, which really inspired me to continue to grow that aspect of my business. Butte is a very friendly, supportive community and I have felt that support every day, but more than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What else should people know about you?

My wife, Saidee Johnston, and I welcomed our first child, Owen, last year. In my free time, I enjoy spending

time outdoors with my family and our three dogs: Cash, Carma, and Teddy. I am honored to be nominated for this award and would like to thank the community, my members, and my clients for all of their support.

I need to especially thank my family for their constant love and support. My father (veterinarian Carl McQueary) has dedicated his career to serving the community and he instilled in me the importance of hard work. My mother (Lynn McQueary) has dedicated her life to me and my sib-

lings, and now to my son nothing more important Cal) are all successful and and nieces and nephews, than family. My siblings paved a path for me to fol- and taught me that there's (Cim, Cam, Crissie, and low.



JM PECK

Age: 34

Occupation

I am the manager of Trapper Creek Ranch in Melrose. The ranch has been run by my family for 3 generations. We are a commercial cow-calf operation and also have a growing direct-to-consumer business. We are a small operation and my responsibilities can range from building fence, fixing tractors and animal husbandry to preparing financial reports and completing monthly payroll. We take pride in raising ethically sourced, environmentally sustainable, wholesome and healthy beef.

I was born and raised in Melrose on the ranch, but working on the ranch was not always my plan. I graduated from MSU with a degree in engineering and worked in the energy industry. Accepting a job at REC Silicon in Butte provided me with chance to move closer to home and when the opportunity arose to work on the ranch, I couldn't imagine a better place to raise my family.

Community and volunteer activities

A close friend invited me to a Jaycee Meeting several years ago. I was immediately impressed with all the group did for the community. As a Dillon Jaycee I have served as chairman for the Little Skiers Program, the Demo Derby, the Labor Day Rodeo and am currently serving as the group's President. I am involved with Montana Farm Bureau and serve as the President for Southwest Counties Farm Bureau and as the Chairman for the State Young Farmer and Ranchers Committee. Farm Bureau is committed to preserving and improving Agriculture and Rural Communities through involvement in education, political activities and grassroots programs and services.

One of the most important lessons I have learned from these experiences is that difficult conversations are the most important to have and that listening is key to making progress on the challenges facing our community. I have been afforded many op-

portunities through this endeavor, including several published writings and trips to Washington D.C. to discuss Montana Agriculture with our leaders.

I recently became involved with the Big Hole River Foundation and serve on their board of directors. On the ranch, our door is always open and I am always looking for opportunity to share the story of agriculture with others. I am always looking for opportunities and projects to improve our operation and environment. I am an aviation enthusiast and have donated my time to the Young Eagles Program at the Dillon Airport. As stated by the Jaycee Creed, "Service to humanity is the best work of life!"

Q&A

What do you like best about working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

Southwest Montana always has and always will be home. I can't imagine a better place to live with my wife Amanda and raise our son, Jude. Winters can be long and summers can be hot and dry, but all of that is worth the beauty we get to live in. My family loves all of the recreation opportunities in the area.

One of my favorites is skiing and I am excited to share that passion with my son. My home hill is Maverick and I enjoy volunteering to help kids learn to ski and have coached ski racing in the past. In addition to all the natural wonders this is a great community to live in where people truly care about one another and a neighbor is always there to give a helping hand.

What else should people know about you?

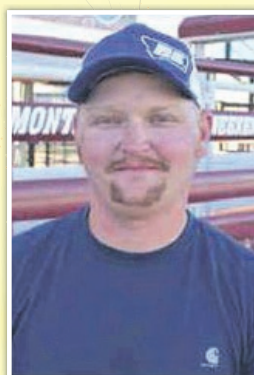
My wife and I met in college and remain Bobcat fans. Amanda is a schoolteacher and is passionate about her job and family. I wouldn't be where I am today without her. In our spare time we enjoy taking our son to football games or any adventure outside.

Southwest Montana always has and always will be home. I can't imagine a better place to live with my wife Amanda and raise our son, Jude.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

JM Peck is photographed near his home above Trapper Creek on his ranch located outside of Melrose.



Congratulation

J.M. PECK

On your 20 Under 40 Nomination

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our community. Your drive and ambition are what make you a great nominee.

We are proud of all you do for Dillon and all of the causes you are involved with.

TEAH FULLER

Age: 26

Occupation

Community development director for the Anaconda Local Development Corporation. I enjoy helping businesses in all sorts of ways. I help them find grants and funding to further their businesses downtown. I administer the tax increment financing district for businesses in the Anaconda urban renewal area.

There are grant categories that help businesses in the area improve their facades, deal with structural issues and with infrastructure and technical assistance. Once they are successful in applying for grants, I make sure they are processed and they get their money! I also help administer the Superfund Community Action Group funding. I am all about growth and beautification of Anaconda.

Community and volunteer activities

My community activities include Accelerate Anaconda, which is a grass-roots community development group. We work on the artway alley, community planning, historic signs, and various other community projects.

I also volunteer for Anaconda Trail Society, NextGen, and volunteer calling bingo/singo at the Smelter City Brewery.



MEAGAN THOMPSON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Teah Fuller, the community development director for the Anaconda Local Development Corporation is photographed at the office.

Q&A

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in southwest Montana?

I love Anaconda! I was born and raised in Anaconda. I went to The University of Montana-Western in Dillon and got my degree in early childhood education.

My favorite thing about my community and SW Montana is the fast access to outdoor recreation and the people! I love adventuring and enjoying live music in our great state. Working in my community is rewarding. Everyone is willing to help with anything!

What else should people know about you?

I'm a live music fanatic! If I'm not working you will catch me at a concert!

Congratulation
Teah Fuller

On making the Top 20 of 20 Under 40 and representing Anaconda.
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