

ALTERED PLANS

Park High School graduation will feature some changes

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Park High School will have a graduation ceremony this year, but it will be limited to five family guests per graduate.

The ceremony, according to Park High Co-principal Lynne Scalia, will be held at 2 p.m. June 2 at McLeod Field. It will be live-streamed.

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Scalia and Co-principal Lori Dust worked with about 20 parents to plan a graduation ceremony that celebrates the seniors' accomplishments while keeping the community safe, according to a letter sent out to seniors and parents regarding graduation.

According to the letter, the Park County Health Department signed off on Park High's plan, and the group planning graduation is making contingency plans in case of bad weather or a spike in COVID-19 cases.

The contingency plan for the ceremony, according to the letter, is a graduation with graduates and staff in the gym, physically distanced and wearing masks.

The health department has also signed off on a "reverse parade" at 5:30 p.m. May 29 that will consist of physically distanced graduates along River View and View Vista Drive, and vehicles will be able to pass by to congratulate the graduates.

Park County's other high schools have or are implementing similar measures for graduation.

Shields Valley High School held a graduation ceremony Sunday that was limited to immediate family members of the senior class, which was followed by a parade through Clyde Park and Wilsall. The ceremony was streamed live on the Shields Valley



Lisa Peterson, the Park High School registrar, decorates the Park High School Ranger mascot as staff hand out caps and gowns for graduation with the homework distribution.

Booster Club Facebook page.

Gardiner School's graduation is scheduled for 1 p.m. May 31, and will take place on the football field, according to a post on the school's website from Superintendent Mike Baer.

According to the post, seniors will be

spaced out and immediate families will have pods of seats. The guest speaker will call in, and other guests will be able to watch from their cars parked surrounding the football field.

Baer discouraged inviting out-of-town guests.

US autoworkers return, while possible vaccine shows promise

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — More than 130,000 autoworkers returned to factories across the U.S. for the first time in nearly two months Monday in one of the biggest steps yet to restart American industry, while an experimental vaccine against the coronavirus yielded encouraging results in a small and extremely early test.

At a Fiat Chrysler pickup truck assembly plant in Warren, outside Detroit, workers entered a giant white tent with a sign that read: "Let's restart and keep each other safe." Inside they had their temperatures checked and answered a set of questions on whether they had symptoms of COVID-19.

"I feel safer than being anywhere at any stores, because they got the screening and everything," said Ann'alazia Moore, a janitor at the factory. "I feel like that's amazing. That's smart. I like that. So, I feel more safe. I won't get sick."

Detroit's Big Three — Fiat Chrysler, General Motors and Ford — as well as Honda and Toyota all had screening procedures in place at dozens of factories that opened from the Great Lakes states south to Tennessee and Texas and out west at Tesla's factory near the San Francisco Bay.

But no one was immediately cranking out vehicles, because it will take time to get the plants restarted.

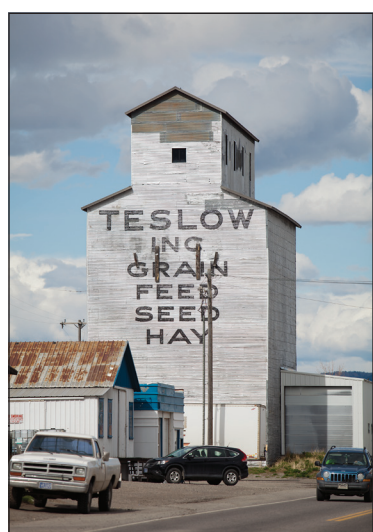
Many workers were afraid of getting the virus but believed the automakers were trying to keep them safe.

"The parts of the plant where people would be closer together, they've put up a lot of partitions," said Cole Stevenson, who installs steering wheels at a Ford pickup truck plant in Dearborn, Michigan. "You can tell they've taken tape measures to just about any surface two

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Neal Browning receives a shot on March 16, in the first-stage safety study clinical trial of a potential vaccine for COVID-19, at the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute in Seattle.



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The Billy Miles & Bros. Grain Elevator, aka the Teslow Grain Elevator, has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places by the Montana Historic Preservation Review Board.

The state review board made its

Livingston's Teslow Grain Elevator has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

Enterprise photo by Nate Howard

decision at a Zoom meeting Saturday morning. The nomination will now be sent to the National Park Service, which will have 45 days to render a decision.

"It's a source of pride that a broader community recognizes how important this building is," Seonaid "Sho" Campbell, of the Teslow Group, the building's owners, said Monday. "For us, it's been a long labor of love."

Campbell said the Teslow Group's end goal is to find someone with a creative vision and deep pockets who wants to repurpose the building and

make it a part of the community again.

A grain elevator is particularly difficult to repurpose, Campbell said, because of all the moving parts contained inside the building.

"The building needs a life again," Campbell said.

Listing in the national register will enable the Teslow's future owners to receive grants and tax credits to repurpose the building, Campbell said.

The process to get the nomination to where it is has taken a couple

years, Campbell said, with a few hiccups along the way.

Campbell said she didn't want to jinx anything, but she's pretty sure the nomination will be approved, which is really exciting.

The Teslow is historically and architecturally significant to Livingston, Campbell said, as it marks about the halfway point between Lewis & Clark's expedition and today.

"The next generation will look back and go, 'Wow, I'm really glad they saved this,'" Campbell said.

Virus interrupts St. Helens anniversary plans

Volcano blew 40 years ago

COUGAR, Wash. (AP) — The coronavirus outbreak disrupted what had been big plans to mark the 40th anniversary of the eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington state.

The peak in the Cascade Mountain Range blew its top on May 18, 1980, killing 57 people, blasting more than 1,300 feet off the top of the mountain and raining volcanic ash around for hundreds of miles. But there will be no public observances at the volcano on Monday. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the main highway into the national volcanic monument is closed due to COVID-19 and the multiple visitor centers and museums that had planned remembrances are

also shuttered.

"We've been thrown for quite a loop here," said Washington State Parks interpretive specialist Alysa Adams. "Please stay tuned for next year because I think we're going to take all of this energy and passion and turn it into something productive for the 41st anniversary."

Several agencies are presenting talks and experiences online.

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Pacific Northwest Seismic Network and Washington State Parks scheduled separate 40th-anniversary live stream presentations Monday night.

The eruption produced huge, black and grey clouds of ash that rose more than 80,000 (24,384 meters) feet and eventually poured tiny granules of debris in cities and towns throughout the Northwest. The peak, which had experienced many small-

er eruptions on the weeks preceding the big event. Within minutes of a 5.1 earthquake that hit at 8:32 a.m. on May 18, 1980, the volcano's north flank collapsed, triggering the largest landslide in recorded history. The explosion scorched and flattened about 230 square miles of dense forest.

And Mount St. Helens may not be done yet. In September 2000 the volcano rumbled back to life with a swarm of tiny, shallow quakes. The first of a series of small explosions on Oct. 1 shot volcanic ash and gases into the air. A lava dome began to rise in the volcano's crater, building slowly over three years during the eruption period that lasted from 2004 to 2008.

A plinian column — volcanic debris and hot gasses — erupt from Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980.

Photo by USGS

