

Dear Residents of Roberts,

This month, I would like to discuss an item that will be running in the Carbon County news in the next few weeks. Due to some new legislation, we are now being asked to share our projected raises in taxes to any permissive funds. Permissive funds are funds that the school administration makes recommendation to the school board to approve, the school board then makes the final decision to approve or to not approve, but they never get to a community vote.

Currently in Montana, a school can permissively levy to the following funds: Tuition; Transportation; Bus Depreciation; & Adult Education. Very likely we will also be allowed to levy to a Building Reserve Fund next fiscal year. All of these funds are formula funded, meaning we have a cap as to how much we can permissively levy. Below you will see the likely changes to your local taxes. As is traditionally the case these changes will be formalized at the August School Board Meeting. But again with the new bill we must post this in the local paper by April 15th or approximately a month before local school board and general school levy elections are held.

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact Home of \$100,000*	Estimated Impact Home of \$200,000*	General Description of Fund Use
Bus Depreciation	\$7200 decrease	4.34 mill decrease	\$5.86 decrease	\$11.72 decrease	Utilized for bus purchases. Formula funded based on age and purchase price of current busses.
<i>Transportation</i>	<i>\$10,000 increase</i>	<i>6.02 mill increase</i>	<i>\$8.13 increase</i>	<i>\$16.26 increase</i>	<i>Utilized for day to day expenses in transporting students. Examples include: Wages; Fuel; Bus Maintenance; & Bus Storage.</i>
Tuition	\$14,000 decrease	8.43 mill decrease	\$11.38 decrease	\$22.76 decrease	Fund is primarily utilized for unexpected and expected special education cost that are above the district's ability to afford.
<i>Building Reserve Elementary</i>	<i>\$16,600 increase</i>	<i>10 mill increase</i>	<i>\$13.50 increase</i>	<i>\$27.00 increase</i>	<i>New fund to be able to permissively levy to. Basically it is for maintenance and updates to the existing facility and grounds.</i>
<i>Building Reserve High School</i>	<i>\$16,600 increase</i>	<i>10 mill increase</i>	<i>\$13.50 increase</i>	<i>\$27.00 increase</i>	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$22,000 increase</i>	<i>13.25 mill increase</i>	<i>\$17.89 increase</i>	<i>\$35.78 increase</i>	

Looking at the total line you can see the effect of the overall increases and decreases. We tried our best, as we always do, to be fiscally responsible to the school and to the local taxpayers. We have also decided to once again not run a levy to our district General Fund.

In summary, I would like to reiterate that the only new fund is the building reserve fund. All of the other funds have been permissively levied for many years in the state of Montana.

Thank you for your time,

Alexander Ator
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SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES -

The following four candidates have submitted letters to the community expressing their interest in why they would like to be elected to the school board on May 2nd. Submissions are presented as prepared by the candidates.

My name is Chris DeVries; I'm running for a position on the Roberts School Board.

I have lived in Roberts for the past 39 years. I'm married to Roly DeVries and we have three children, Karla (Michael), Rebekka (Lee) and Randy (Charlotte), 8 grand kids.

I have been involved with the Roberts School for over 25 years. I have been a chaperone for music, substitute teacher (both long term and day to day) for all grades, substitute head cook, custodian, sports bookkeeper, RPPA and the Roberts Booster Club.

We now have had four generations of our family attending Roberts School, Roly's parents, Roly, our kids and now grandkids have all attended at Roberts School.

I just feel with my past experience at the school, I would be the best candidate for the Roberts School Board. I appreciate your vote this May Thank you, Chris DeVries

Ty Allen

I have been a lifetime resident of Carbon County Montana and have been proud to call Roberts my home. I am a second generation graduate of Roberts School and hope to watch my 4 children grow and succeed in the same school where their grandfather, great-uncle, aunt and father also graduated from. My mother recently retired as a teacher from Roberts after more that 30 years of dedicated service to the school. I currently have a daughter in high-school, a son in junior high, a son in elementary, and my youngest son is already looking forward to starting school like his older siblings. My children participate in athletics, BPA, FFA and multiple other extra-curricular activities that the school offers. I have a vested interest in all areas and age groups of Roberts School and would like nothing better than to participate in helping it to continue to thrive. I believe the stability of this school is vital to the continued health and prosperity of our great community. For these reasons, I feel that I have a well-rounded and unique perspective of some of the challenges that this school has faced in the past, its current struggles, and problems that it will likely face in the future years that would certainly be beneficial to the school board. I also have seen what has worked well for our school and how it has flourished when so many other small schools in Montana have not. If elected, I would consider it my privilege to advocate for our school, its students and its faculty to keep Roberts a great place to live, learn, and grow.

Hello, my name is Cortney Kallevig. I grew up in Edgar and went to high school in Joliet. My husband and I lived in Fromberg for 8 years before we moved to Roberts 2 years ago. I have a 5 year old son that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall, and I have a 3 year old daughter. I work in Red Lodge as a nail technician. I want to be more active in the community and the school that my children will be attending, and I thought I would start with the school board. I'm eager to learn new things and be helpful where I can be. We love this little community and can't wait to be more involved in activities here in Roberts. Thank you!

JOEL BERTOLINO FOR ROBERTS SCHOOL BOARD

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Joel Bertolino I am a fourth generation member of the Roberts Community and would like the communities support as I am seeking an open seat as a Roberts School Board Trustee. I have a wife, Melissa and four children, all of which are currently attending Roberts School. Through my time in Roberts I have developed a great passion for the community and I think the School is the center of the community. The people within the Roberts community are the key to maintaining the quality atmosphere and education that is offered at Roberts School. With your support I believe we can continue to raise the level of education and become more focused at Roberts School in identifying and prioritizing the needs of the district and continue to move in a positive direction. I believe in collaboration and seeking input from all sides before taking positions on important issues affecting our community and school district. I would appreciate your input and your vote on Tuesday May 2nd at the Roberts Fire Hall, please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss anything further.

Education- High School, Roberts High School
Undergraduate, Montana State University- Bozeman
BA Political Science/Public Administration

Current Employment- Food and Agriculture Development Center Manager for
Beartooth Resource Conservation and Development Area Inc.
Regional Economic Development Group based in Joliet, MT

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Thank You,

Joel Bertolino

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ROCKETEER

The journalism students have been working hard all year to build their school newspaper. They have published a bi-weekly paper for most of the year with copies available at the front office, the Y Stop, and the Café. They wrapped up their journalism year with fantastic photo journal essays, which they posted

around the school. Check out Molly and Arianna's essays about Roberts and Rock Creek in the hallway by the gym doors, Gus's "Ski Joring" essay by the English room, Andy's "Alternative Living" essay by the math room, and Jeremiah's "High School Life" essay in the hallway by the library. The journalism

students are now moving into creating this year's yearbook. If you have some fun pictures that you would like to share with us, please do, our emails are below. Look for the yearbook at the beginning of next school year!

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Roberts Students Spring into Shakespeare

Spring arrived at Roberts School Monday, March 20 with sounds of laughter and singing, as NOVA Theater's Venture into Schools program began a two-week workshop for students in grades 2-8. Talented, eager students are meeting with high-energy directors DeLaney Hardy and Stacy Saldetto from 4-6 p.m. daily through March 30, glimpsing into the world of Shakespeare's England and theater as they learn their parts in *Shakespeare Unshackled: Everything you always wanted to know about Shakespeare, but were afraid it would show up on the quiz*, more commonly known as *Shakespeare Unshackled*, a one-act musical from Bad Wolf Press.

The Roberts acting troupe will present *Shakespeare Unshackled* on the Roberts School stage Friday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this performance free-of-charge. Free will donations to help defray the costs of future student productions are always appreciated.

The Roberts Parents for the Performing Arts is delighted to provide Roberts students with this opportunity to participate in drama and music. Funding to cover workshop costs has been provided by a generous gift from the Seidman Foundation. Please attend as guests of the RPPA for this exciting performance. Family, friends, neighbors and all fans of Shakespeare will enjoy this delightful production.

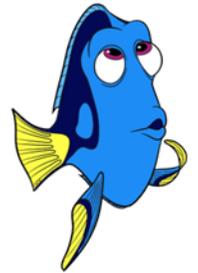


1st and 2nd Grade Happenings

We are learning about the ocean in Mrs. Roberts' class. How big is a whale? Students measured the length of various whales in the gym to see how big they really are, and they were amazed! Fourteen first and second graders were lying on the floor together (head to feet) and were 45 feet long, the same as a Gray Whale. The Blue Whale was the longest at 100 feet and wouldn't even fit in our new gym! Mrs. Roberts heard many "Ohs and Ahs" from the kids.

Did you know ocean animals have different defenses to protect themselves? The Regal Tangs (otherwise known as Dori) have sharp spines that pop out from their tails when they are attacked. Jellyfish have stingers with poison to stun the fish they want to eat. Also, some octopus can turn the same color as their surrounding, hiding them from animals that want to eat them.

Students will soon be researching an ocean animal of their choice to write an informative report. They can get their information from non-fiction books and search online in computer class with Mr. Frank.



"Coins for Critters"

First and second grade will be raising funds in April and May to give to the animals at the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary. This spring is fast approaching and we will be starting a large unit on animals and habitats. Students will study certain animals and be required to write a report. Also, the staff from the wildlife sanctuary in Red Lodge will be coming to class for a couple of lessons and animal encounters. Mrs. Roberts' class is challenging all other classes to join in and see which class can bring the most change. The winning class will get root-beer floats! So please stay tuned for more information about our "Coins for Critters" fundraiser.

Writing Biographies

The kids have been reading biographies about famous Americans for a couple of weeks. Students were then asked to brainstorm questions they would ask if they were going to write their own biographies. So the kids could see what the process looked like, Mrs. Roberts demonstrated how to do an interview with Mrs. Ronning. Finally, the students went and interviewed staff members. To see the final results of this project, please come down the elementary hall and read the wonderful biographies by the first and second graders. Mrs. Roberts is very proud of her students!

Students Encouraged to Read S'more Books During the 3rd Quarter: Students in grades 2-12 were urged to read books and take the Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes. All points gained through the 3rd quarter quizzes earned students tickets. On Monday, Apr. 3rd, an assembly was held to draw the names of 4 students who won a Kindle Fire, as well as many more who won other prizes, including some gift cards, posters, and other fun items. Reading is **always** fun, but this quarter it was even S'MORE fun!

PARENTS: June will be here before we know it! Just a reminder to help your student keep careful track of his or her library books. Books should be returned on a weekly or at least monthly basis, and all books must be turned in by the last month of May. Thank you for your help with this!

HAPPY CAMPER BOOK FAIR: S'MORE FUN WITH BOOKS!

The library is filled with oodles of great books and other gifts. It runs through Thursday, April 6th, so make sure to stop by this week. There are many opportunities to win some great prizes, including \$25 gift cards to Scheels, Beartooth Grill, & more. Plus, all book fair profits go to buy books for our library and classrooms.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHO DONATED ITEMS TO THE BOOK FAIR AND/OR 3RD QUARTER READING CHALLENGE:

Albertsons	Barnes & Noble
The Base Camp	Baskin Robbins
Beartooth Grill	The Reef
City Brew	Pizza Ranch
Roman Theater	Scheels
Silver Strike	Subway
True Value	Vue & Brew Movie Theater
Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary	

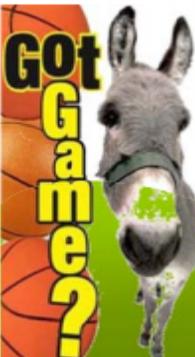


ALSO, our great thanks goes to the Star-in-the-West Masonic Lodge for donating 4 Kindles to our 3rd Quarter Reading Challenge. Wow!

Hee-Haw! Hee-Haw! Donkey Basketball is Coming to Roberts!

Local drug stores reported to be running low on liniment and pain killers as hearty, local residents prepare to ride real, live donkeys at the upcoming Donkey Basketball game at the Roberts School. The event is a fundraiser for the Roberts FFA. The game will be held in the Roberts School gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. on April 22. Roberts FFA has challenged members from the Bridger and Red Lodge FFA Chapters, as well as local Roberts Community/School Staff team. Donkey Sports, Inc. of Entiat, WA will be providing the donkeys and the officials. Donkey Sports officials will be strictly enforcing the rules against players abusing the donkeys in any way. However, there are no such rules applied to the donkeys abusing their riders.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Roberts School.

	Adult	Advanced Sale	At the Door
	Student (7-12)	\$8.00	\$9.00
	Child (K-6)	\$6.00	\$7.00
		\$4.00	\$5.00





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lunch Days = 16 HS/JH \$41.60 Elementary \$37.60 Reduced \$ 6.40					Columbus Snowflake Track Meet 	1
2	3 District Music Festival Solos and Ensembles	4 Alberta Bair Frog & Toad K-2 @ 12:30 PM	5 Happy Camper Book Fair April 3-6	 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM	7 JHBBB @ Bridger Track-Absarokee@ Columbus 9 AM	8 6C Prom @ Laurel
9	10 First Day of JH Track Practice after school	11 School Board Mtg @ 6:00 PM	12	13	14	15 BPA Easter Bake Sale @ 9 AM and Egg Hunt @ 10
16	17 NO SCHOOL	18 HS Track Big Timber @ Columbus 9 AM	19 ACT Testing for Juniors	20	21 IN SESSION Saturday 9 AM JH Track @ Cody	22 Donkey Basketball 6:00 PM
23	24	25 HS Track @ Columbus 9:30	26	27 4th Quarter Mid-term Friday @ 1:00 JH Track @ Park City	28 BPA Family Night 6:00-9:00	29 HS Harlo/Park City meet @ Laurel 9 AM
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Please check the school website for updates to Track Schedules and spring activities



Roberts April 2017



2	3 Grilled cheese Tomato soup Veggies bar Salad Fruit Milk	4 Turkey terrizmie French bread 2 hot veggies Fruit Dessert Milk	5 Corn dogs mini Salad bar F.F. Fruit, Milk	6 Chili haystack Salad bar Fruit Dessert, Milk	7 no lunch	8
9	10 Sloppy joe Roasted red potatoes Salad bar Fruit Milk	11 Chicken fajitas Rice Salad Fruit, dessert Milk	12 Roast beef Mashed potatoes Rolls 2 hot veggies Milk Roast beef	13 Ravioli French bread Salad bar Fruit, milk	14 no lunch	15
16	17 no School 	18 Spaghetti Salad French bread Dessert Milk	19 Tacos Rice Refried beans Salad Fruit ,dessert, milk	20 Chicken cordon bleu, hot pasta Brocc and carrots Garlic bread Fruit, dessert, milk	21 Pizza Salad Fruit Dessert, Milk	22
23	24 Beef stroganoff WW rolls 2 hot veggies Dessert Milk , fruit	25 Chicken nuggets Chicken strips 7-12 F.F., salad Fruit Dessert, milk	26 French toast sticks Scrambled eggs Bacon or sausage Fruit, Tater tots, milk	27 Chicken & rice WW rolls 2 hot veggies Fruit, dessert Milk	28 no lunch	29
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 Lunch Days JH/HS \$49.40 Elementary \$44.65 Reduced \$ 7.60	1	2 <i>Top 10 Track Meet @ Laurel 3 PM</i>	3 <i>Tri-Valley Track Meet JH @ 8 AM HS @ 12 PM</i>	4 <i>Freshmen Track Meet @ Billings West 3:30</i> Friday 10 AM JH Track @ Harlowton	5 State Music Solo and Ensembles Festival 	6 <i>HS Stillwater Track Meet @ Laurel 9 AM</i>
7	8	9 <i>School Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM</i>	10	11	12 <i>HS 6C District Track @ Laurel 8:30 AM</i>	13 <i>Roberts 6C JH Track Meet @ Columbus TBD</i>
14 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	15 <i>JH District Track @ Laurel</i>	16	17 Spring Concert 7:00 PM	18 <i>Divisional Track Meet @ Laurel</i> 	19	20
21	22	23 <i>Elementary Field Day after lunch</i>	24	25	26 State Track Meet @ Missoula 	27
28	29 memorial DAY 	30	31 <i>Semester Tests JH/HS</i>	1 <i>Semester Tests JH/HS</i>	2 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! OUT AT NOON	3 Class of 2017 Graduation @ 2:00

ROBERTS FIRE DEPARTMENT PIG ROAST—SUNDAY JUNE 4TH @ 4:00 PM



Roberts May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Beef strips Mac & cheese Veggies WW rolls fruit, milk</i>	2 <i>Kielbasa red sauce Salad bar WW rolls Fruit Dessert, milk</i>	3 <i>Broasted chicken Mashed potatoes WW rolls Hot veggies Milk</i>	4 <i>Taco Rice Refried beans Salad Fruit, dessert, milk</i>	5 	6
	8 <i>Italian dunkers Salad bar Cheese bread Fruit milk</i>	9 <i>Pizza Salad Fruit Dessert milk</i>	10 <i>Tortellini beef Red or white sauce French bread Salad Fruit, milk</i>	11 <i>Beef & bean burrito Tater tots Salad Fruit Dessert, milk</i>	12 <i>no lunch</i>	13
14	15 NACHO <i>Rice Salad Fruit Milk</i>	16 <i>Sandwich bar Pasta salads, chips Fruit Dessert Milk</i>	17 <i>Chef salad Pretzels Fruit Milk</i>	18 <i>Chili hay stack Salad Fruit Dessert Milk</i>	19 <i>no lunch</i>	20
21	22 <i>Corn dogs Mac and cheese Salad bar Fruit Milk</i>	23 <i>Chicken sand F.F. Salad Fruit dessert Milk</i>	24 (2) <i>kinds soup Tuna sand or deli Cheese stick Dessert, fruit Milk kinds soup</i>	25 <i>Hamburgers Chips Veggies Fruit Ice cream milk</i>	26 <i>no lunch</i>	27
28	29 Memorial day <i>Memorial DAY</i>	30 <i>Hoagie Salad bar Fruit Dessert Milk</i>	31 <i>Chicken fajitas Rice Salad Fruit Milk</i>	June 1st SACK LUNCH	June 2 ICE CREAM DAY 	

2017 Track Schedule

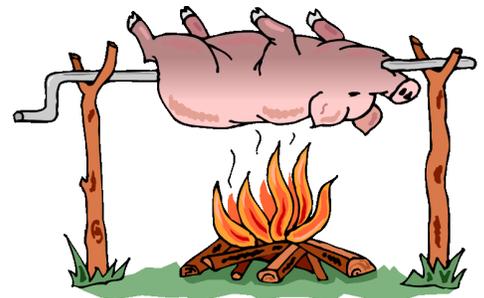
Date	Host	Location	Level	Start Time
Monday, March 13,	First Day of Practice	Roberts	V	4:00 PM
Saturday, April 1, 2017	Snowflake	Columbus	V	9:00 AM
Friday, April 7, 2017	Absarokee	Columbus	V	9:00 AM
Monday, April 10, 2017	<i>First Day of Practice</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>JH</i>	4:00 PM
Tuesday, April 11,				
Tuesday, April 18,	<i>Big Timber</i>	<i>Columbus</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
Saturday, April 22,	<i>Cody</i>	<i>Cody, WY</i>	<i>JH</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
Tuesday, April 25,	Park City/ Roundup	Columbus	V	9:30 AM
Friday, April 28, 2017	Park City	Park City	JH	1:00 PM
Saturday, April 29,	Harlo/Park City	Laurel	V	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 2, 2017	<i>Top 10</i>	<i>Laurel</i>	<i>Qualify</i>	<i>3:00 PM</i>
Wednesday, May 3,	<i>Tri-valley</i>	<i>Laurel</i>	<i>JH/V</i>	<i>8:00/12:00</i>
Thursday May 4 2017	West	Billings West	Freshman only	3:30 PM
Friday, May 5, 2017	<i>Harlowton</i>	<i>Harlowton</i>	<i>JH</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
Saturday May 6 2017	Stillwater	Laurel	V	9:00 AM
Friday, May 12, 2017	6-C District	Laurel	V	8:30 AM
Saturday, May 13,	6-C ROBERTS	Columbus	JH	TBD
Monday, May 15, 2017	6-C District	Laurel	JH	9:30 AM
Thursday, May 18,	Southern C Divisional	Laurel	Qualify	8:30 AM
Friday, May 26-27,	State C	Missoula	Qualify	TBD

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Today's students.
Tomorrow's business professionals.

BINGO

Friday, April 28th
6:00-9:00 pm

**Roberts
Fire Dept
Pig Roast**



Sunday, June 4th
@ 4:00 PM



Kindergarten Word Builders

2017 Graduation
Saturday, June 3rd
2:00 pm

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 **Easter Egg Hunt!**
And BAKE SALE
Saturday, April 15

Bake Sale starts at 9:00 am @ the Y-stop
Egg Hunt will start promptly @ 10:00 AM
(in Langager's yard)

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 2ND

STUDENT COUNCIL CLASS PICTURE FUNDRAISER



Student Council will be taking class pictures on **April 11th and 12th**. These will be a group shot of each grade level. The cost is \$5.00 for a 5X7 picture. Please indicate how many you would like on the line beside the grade. Orders must be pre-paid and turned in no later that **April 13th**.

Kindergarten _____	Seventh Grade _____
First Grade _____	Eighth Grade _____
Second Grade _____	Ninth Grade _____
Third Grade _____	Tenth Grade _____
Fourth Grade _____	Eleventh Grade _____
Fifth Grade _____	Twelfth Grade _____
Sixth Grade _____	

Name

Phone #