

First Quarter Photo Contest 2021

News



MATTHEW STRISSEL | LEWISTOWN (MONTANA) NEWS-ARGUS

A protestor, who wishes to remain nameless, shows his sign as part of a rally against social injustice in front of the Fergus County Courthouse on Saturday, June 6.



ZACHARY CARLSON | THE EAGLE, CHADRON, NEBRASKA

Rick Arnold, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission biologist, takes a cotton swab sample of the back of a Bighorn sheep's throat to send to Washington State University for testing during the annual NGPC Bighorn Sheep Capture, Feb. 13, 2020, in the Pine Ridge.



DEVIN FULTON | THE EAGLE, CHADRON, NEBRASKA

Chris Rolfsmeyer, 15, Thomas Kaus, 15, and Parker Fischer, 15, all of Chadron, watch from a distance as planes drop retardant on the Aristocrat Fire, Aug. 28, 2020, south of Chadron.



BRANDON DAVENPORT | THE EAGLE, CHADRON, NEBRASKA

Chadron State College senior Tyler Freeman, of Perris, California, holds up a fist as he marches in the Black Lives Matter protest, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020, in Chadron, Nebraska. CSC students organized and participated in the march.



ETHAN COLBERT | WASHINGTON (MISSOURI) MISSOURIAN

CALMING THE BLAZE — A Washington Firefighter kneels on the roof while spraying water into a second-story window at 901 Stafford St. in Washington Thursday, Nov. 19.



JENNY KIRCHNER | IDYLLWILD (CALIFORNIA) TOWN CRIER

A firefighter checks on the well-being of the male victim as the fire rages on.





TY RUSHING | THE SHELDON (IOWA) MAIL-SUN

Kevin Crafton answers a question from city manager Sam Kooiker during a public hearing held at the Sheldon City Council meeting last Wednesday.



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

With deflating tires forcing a slowdown, Elmendorf resident and 18-year-old BMX champion Trevor Adcock drives a Mini Cooper in the 900 block of U.S. Highway 90 West with eight passengers along for the ride. Adcock was arrested Wednesday on charges of human smuggling and evading arrest after a brief chase led to his apprehension. Six of the passengers are believed to have entered the country illegally.



JESSI DODGE | BUFFALO (WYOMING) BULLETIN

Danica Boyce, 16, holds her fist in the air while singing the national anthem at the local Black Lives Matter march on Monday, June 15, 2020 in Crazy Woman Square in Buffalo, Wy. The march was planned by three high school students and was met with a counter protest also led by high school students.



ERIN SOMMERS | POCAHONTAS (IOWA) RECORD-DEMOCRAT

A Pocahontas Area Community High School senior hugs a spectator during the Senior Walk in downtown Pocahontas. PAC seniors walked the Scoop the Loop route as family, friends and community members cheered and clapped. The event was organized in part as a way to make up for the numerous events seniors missed this year because of COVID-19 closures and cancellations.



MICHAEL CUMMO | WYOMING TRIBUNE EAGLE

A protestor shouts about Wyoming's response to COVID-19 at Gov. Mark Gordon, left, during a rally Monday, April 20, 2020, outside the state Capitol in downtown Cheyenne. More than 100 protesters gathered to protest social distancing and the statewide closures, and were joined by Gov. Mark Gordon, who led the group in prayer before listening and responding to many of their concerns.



BOB BJOIN | HARLAN (IOWA) NEWSPAPERS

GO VIKINGS: Holding the flags for the national anthem are L to R — Wyatt Sieh, Morgan Sieh, Isaac Brockman and Korbin Todd.



ROBERT COX | PERRY COUNTY REPUBLIC-MONITOR, PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI

Perryville police officers are framed by protest signs Sunday, June 7, 2020, during a Black Lives Matter protest in Perryville. Police reported no major incidents during the protest, calling it “very peaceful.”



HUNTER DAWKINS, THE GAZEBO GAZETTE, PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Waters from the Gulf of Mexico, driven by Hurricane Sally, flood this Pass Christian, Miss., street and threaten the homes that line it Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020. A slow moving Hurricane Sally is expected to bring between 10 to 20 inches of rainfall to the area.



CLAYTON DUNN | TOOELE (UTAH) TRANSCRIPT BULLETIN

Tooele City Firemen battle the flames of the old vacant Broadway Hotel on Sunday morning.



LUANN SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

DRESSED UP, NOWHERE TO GO — Clearwater Public Schools senior, Kierra Bearinger, is disappointed about classic school activities seniors experience in springtime, including prom and graduation. She looks forward to a rescheduled Close-Up trip in July and is “still hoping for a traditional graduation ceremony sometime this summer.”



COURTNEY SOPER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

EYE OF THE STORM — A smashed gutter and trampoline, along with toppled trees, remain after a Saturday evening thunderstorm passed through the area.



CARM THRAMER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

RITE OF PASSAGE — Ewing seniors toss graduation caps in the air.



ELIZABETH ODELL | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

START 'EM YOUNG — A novice cowboy shows off his roping skills during team roping at the Antelope County Fair.



JENNA HEMENWAY | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

BAH, HUMBUG! Either Santa couldn't promise delivery of presents on this youngster's Christmas wish list or Konnor Finch isn't sure if the holiday hoopla is all it's cracked up to be. Jolly Old St. Nicholas made a stop in Orchard, at the Rex Theater, Dec. 4.



MARK MAHONEY | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

Andrew Blecher, operator of Main Street Repair, in Clearwater, completes routine service on a vehicle at his shop, located at 514 Main Street. Blecher and his father, Tony, plan to expand the current business location.



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TAMMY BEARINGER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

TINKERBELL TIME — Summerland’s one-act competed at and finished fourth in the Niobrara Valley Conference one-act championships, Tuesday, at Elgin Pope John. (above): Tinkerbell, portrayed by Cassidy Bearinger, retrieves a cup from the hands of Peter Pan, played by Kyra Nilson.

Features



JULIA HANSEN | WASHINGTON (MISSOURI) MISSOURIAN

BATTING PRACTICE — Terrance Williams, left, attempts to hit a rock into the Missouri River while Isaiah Eldridge stretches Monday, Aug. 31 at Rennick Riverfront Park in Washington.



BRANDON DAVENPORT | THE EAGLE, CHADRON, NEBRASKA

A trio of Bighorn sheep hang from the bottom of a helicopter owned and operated by Native Capture Services, Friday, Feb. 13, 2020, southwest of Chadron, Nebraska. As part of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's annual Bighorn Sheep Capture, the helicopters crew tracked, netted and delivered sheep to drop zones where they received a battery of tests to evaluate their health.



ZACHARY CARLSON | THE EAGLE, CHADRON, NEBRASKA

Chadron State alum Gregg Petersen, who possesses a 14 CFR part 107 FAA pilot license, lifts his drone into the air Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, at Chadron State Park. According to James Powell, vice president of academic affairs, a drone operation will become a reality at CSC in the next few years.



MATTHEW STRISSEL | LEWISTOWN (MONTANA) NEWS-ARGUS

GIANFORTE: Then-candidate for governor of Montana, Greg Gianforte, stands on the balcony of Central Feed and Grilling in Lewistown to discuss his Montana Comeback Plan as part of his campaign. Gianforte won the election and is now Governor-Elect.



TY RUSHING | THE SHELDON (IOWA) MAIL-SUN

Seven-year-old Kelvany Rodriguez of Sheldon is vying to be the next face of Iowa Kids Fashion Week. She wants to be stylist when she grows up.



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

Children and adults gather on Martin Street in Uvalde to watch first responders drive by on National Night Out. The Tuesday night event, hosted by the Uvalde Police Department, included members of the U.S. Border Patrol, Uvalde County Sheriff's Office and Uvalde Volunteer Fire Department.



JESSI DODGE | BUFFALO (WYOMING) BULLETIN

James Miller walks between carcasses in the hanging cooler after moving scraps out of the cutting room to the dumpster at the end of a long work day on June 10, 2020 at Purcella's Meat Processing in Buffalo, Wy. Because of COVID-19 shutdowns, local meat processors like Purcella's are seeing a large increase in business that is leading to fuller coolers and longer days. As of June 2020, Purcella's was already fully booked through February 2021 even with working longer and extra days.



SANDY RUTHERFORD | POCAHONTAS (IOWA) RECORD-DEMOCRAT

The Trendsetters held their annual Drill Team Night on Friday, Feb. 14. They performed many routines including those which they performed at the state competition.



MICHAEL CUMMO | WYOMING TRIBUNE EAGLE

Sgt. First Class Evan Bock hugs his daughters Delaney (left), 9, and Blakely, 7, Saturday July 11, 2020, at the Wyoming Air National Guard in Cheyenne. Evan Bock, a member of the Wyoming Army National Guard 115th Field Artillery Brigade, was deployed to the Middle East for nearly a year before being sent back to the United States.





SHELBY HULSTEIN | WRIGHT COUNTY JOURNAL-PRESS, BUFFALO, MINNESOTA

LIVE REINDEER MAKE APPEARANCE AT BUFFALO'S HOLIDAY WALK — With some coordination and careful planning, holiday favorites like Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, and even live reindeer took a break from Christmas preparations to visit downtown Buffalo for the Family Walk on Saturday, Dec. 5. The pleasant weather encouraged families to enjoy the time outside and visit the local shops. Drop boxes for the Food Shelf and Toys for Tots filled up, and both received \$90 in monetary donations as well. Above, Nyssa Dumont, age 3, of Buffalo, stared in awe at the reindeer, most likely wondering if it was Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, or Blitzen.



OFF WITHOUT A HITCH — The Shelby County Fair was anything but ordinary this year. With the COVID-19 pandemic canceling many county fairs statewide as well as state fairs throughout the Midwest, fair officials here opted to put on a modified event, and it was very successful. 4-H'ers and FFA'ers were able to show their projects and animals in a socially distanced, safe and healthy fashion. Fair officials said the event was a success due to the cooperation of all involved, who worked diligently to put on a safe fair. See inside today's Harlan News-Advertiser and Tuesday's Harlan Tribune for more photos and animal contest winners. Here, Nash Nordby, 4, the son of Aron and Danielle Nordby of Shelby, checks out how far he has climbed up a tree at the fairgrounds after the queen contest³³ Monday, July 13.



JACKIE VENEGAS | THE OZONA (TEXAS) STOCKMAN

OHS nurse Vicki Childress gets her ear examined by CCCSD Nurse Farran Morris using a TytoCare camera as part of the new Telemedicine Program at Crockett County Schools.



TONI WALKER, STEEL COUNTRY BEE (DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS)

Brightly colored Christmas trees can be seen around Spring Creek Park in Hughes Springs throughout the holiday season.



HUNTER DAWKINS, THE GAZEBO GAZETTE, PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Long Beach High School student Sullivan Wilson sings acoustic with fellow mascots before the 24th Annual Cruisin' the Coast parade in Long Beach, Miss., Monday, Oct. 5, 2020.



LUANN SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

WINTER WONDERLAND — Sunday's snowstorm paints a picturesque scene along Clearwater Creek, with icy, frosted trees and a light blanket of fluffy snow. Individuals hoping for a white Christmas need to enjoy the snow while it lasts. Temperatures are projected to reach the 50-degree mark this weekend, with a high of 37 on Christmas Day. Snow showers are expected late evening on the holiday.



ELIZABETH ODELL | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

HANGING OUT — A honeybee hangs out on a red clover blossom during a cool September morning.



JULIA HANSEN | WASHINGTON (MISSOURI) MISSOURIAN

ROUGH LANDING — St. Clair’s Lance McCoy catches Cardinal Ritter’s Amarhyrious Edwards mid-air Friday, Nov. 13. Trainers and staff attended to Edwards following the play, but he ended up walking off the field.



BRANDON DAVENPORT | THE EAGLE, CHADRON, NEBRASKA

A University of Wyoming bulldogger attempts to bring down his steer, Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, during the Chadron State College rodeo at the Dawes County Fairgrounds in Chadron, Nebraska.





ZACHARY CARLSON | THE EAGLE, CHADRON, NEBRASKA

CSC's 184-pounder Terry Winstead, redshirt freshman of Harrah, Oklahoma, slams Isaac Lopez, senior of Albuquerque, New Mexico, during the Eagles' 29-12 loss against Adams State University, Thursday, Feb. 5, 2020 in the Chicoine Center in Chadron.



MATTHEW STRISSEL | LEWISTOWN (MONTANA) NEWS-ARGUS

Kieran Netburn swims as fast as he can in the boys' 13-14-year-old 50-meter butterfly race at the Lewistown Invitational swim meet.



TY RUSHING | THE SHELDON (IOWA) MAIL-SUN

Rafael Beato Sr. of Miami surprises his son, Rafael Beato Jr. of Sheldon, before Friday's Sheldon High School football game. They had not seen each other in three years.



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

Tanner Bowman (left) jumps into the air, fights off a defender, hangs onto the ball, and comes down in bounds in the end zone for a Uvalde touchdown. His spectacular catch came late in the first half of the Uvalde-Comfort football game Friday night. Bowman caught five passes for 96 yards and two touchdowns in the contest.



JESSI DODGE | BUFFALO (WYOMING) BULLETIN

Clay Reiner practices at home as many nights as his schedule and the weather allows, including on June 19, 2020 at his home outside Buffalo, Wy. Reiner is one of three local high schoolers to qualify for the National High School Finals Rodeo that was relocated to Oklahoma due to COVID-19. Reiner qualified in both calf roping and steer wrestling.



SANDY RUTHERFORD | POCAHONTAS (IOWA) RECORD-DEMOCRAT

Junior Chase Cook goes up for the football against MNW's Cael Collins. Cook would be victorious in the battle and gain yardage after the catch.



CATHI UTLEY | HERMANN (MISSOURI) ADVERTISER COURIER

2 American Legion Kids baseball trying to save a home-run.



MICHAEL CUMMO | WYOMING TRIBUNE EAGLE

Dakota Ornelas-Moore competes in steer riding in front of a rainbow during first Double Bar G Bulls & Barrels event of the year Friday, June 19, 2020 at the Archer Complex east of Cheyenne.



MIKE OEFFNER | HARLAN (IOWA) NEWSPAPERS

CLASS 3A RUNNER UP — Jesse Schwery accepts the runner-up trophy along with fellow Cyclones Jordan Schechinger (left) and Tyler Mumm.



JACKIE VENEGAS | THE OZONA (TEXAS) STOCKMAN

SHOWING SUPPORT FOR A TEAMMATE: Senior Varsity Lions Izac Adkins (#77) and Austin Castro (#60) put their arms around fellow Senior Jose Dominguez (#4) at the beginning of Friday's game against Brackett at Lion Stadium. Dominguez was injured in the Oct. 9 game against Center Point. All three teammates are friends on and off the field.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA (TEXAS) STOCKMAN

VARSIY LADY LION PAIGE SANCHEZ scrambles for the ball in the Nov. 23 game against Harper.



TONI WALKER, STEEL COUNTRY BEE (DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS)

Daingerfield's Zaylon Jeter (3, blue) sets up to pass as Pewitt's Eric Morris (3, white) gives chase. Jeter and the Tigers topped Morris' Brahmas in the game, 49-17 on Oct. 23.



HUNTER DAWKINS, THE GAZEBO GAZETTE, PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Pass Christian Pirates Freshman Running Back Terry Patton takes a handoff from Quarterback Kameron White. Patton finished with 131 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the 31-6 victory over West Harrison.



CLAYTON DUNN | TOOELE (UTAH) TRANSCRIPT BULLETIN

Grantsville's Blake Thomas (14) dives into the end zone for a touchdown as Tooele's Christian Gallegos (22) and Drake Gritzmacher try to tackle him during the first half of Friday's rivalry game at Cowboy Stadium in Grantsville. Thomas ran for two scores in the Cowboys' 21-0 win.



AMY KERKMAN | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

SKY HIGH — Wyatt Wagner flies into a Renegade defender during the Bobcats' 40-35 win. Wagner led scorers with nine points.



CARM THRAMER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

Learning the game Ruby Ahlers and Kaylee Jenkins battle for position of the basketball. The girls are members of the Summerland third and fourth grade basketball team. Recently, the team showed off the skills they have been practicing during halftime of a Bobcats game in Ewing.



LUANN SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

UPSIDE DOWN — Eli Thiele upends West Holt's Channing Ogden during a match at the Bobcat Invite, Friday, in Clearwater. Ogden claimed an 8-4 sudden victory during the third round match.



TRAVIS RUDLOFF | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

BORN TO BUCK — A Clearwater rodeo contestant rides a bull, raised by Hollenbeck Rodeo Company, of Winner, South Dakota. Hollenbeck Rodeo has supplied stock for the Clearwater event for 52 years.



JODY SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

SANDWICHED — Summerland youth football team member Steven Mast gets stuffed between two Santee players. The young Bobcat team kicked off its inaugural season, Sunday, in Clearwater.



COURTNEY SOPER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

ON TARGET — Jordan Cox takes aim at a 3-D target during Antelope County 4-H shooting sports competition, Sunday. Archery participants scored points during practice and ventured through a wooded area, searching for targets.



JENNA HEMENWAY | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER (CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA)

HAIR-RAISING EXPERIENCE — Summerland varsity volleyball players celebrate a point against CWC in the conference championship match, Friday, in Atkinson.