

Liberty Bell





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The 2020 Liberty Bell High School track team includes (front, from left) Tristan Schmekel, Jackson Schmekel, Alex Whites and Galen Fonda; (second) Tyler Darwood, Cody Wottlin, Sammy Curtis, Tyler Darwood, Joslyn Rispone, Clementine Palinska, Magnus Treise, Lindsay Worrell, Isaiah Stoothoff, Ali Palm, Annika Libby, Ayeanna Rupercht, Julia Dietz, Caitlyn Cooley, Gretta Eberline, Shae Taylor, Camille Odell, Maisy Shaw and coach Katie Leauthauser.



The 2020 Liberty **Bell High School** tennis team includes (front, from left) Abby Wengerd, Hannah Simmons, Bailey Thomson, Sabyl Curtis, Hannah Wolack, Peyton Lawrence, Kelly Schuh, Mia **Tomatich and** Kayden Clapp; (second) Hailey Damman, Tommie Ochoa, Hannah Bakke, Madi Surface, Kiley Morgan, Kaylee Mitchell, Keyla Rispone, Kora Gilbert, Alyssa Cory, Faith Hannah and Denali Cool.

The 2020 Liberty Bell

High School baseball team includes (front.

from left) CJ Magruder, **Brody Barnhart, Jed**

McMillan and Dusty

Patterson; (second)

Lucaas Gonzalez-Ortega,

Crandall, Eli Neitlich and

Conner Arndt, Quinn Wengerd, Sawyer

The 2020 Liberty

Bell High School

left) Shiloh Luvon, Jayden Hammer,

Madison, Strauss,

David Kominak,

Grey Patterson,

Jake McMeans,

Noah Holston.

soccer team

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Gael Pacheco,

Wyatt Belcher, Kieren Quigley,

Conrad Laesch,

Seth Kurtz and Isaac

Methow Valley launches 'graband-go' meals

WINTHROP — Methow Valley School District launched its "grab-and-go" meal service March 18 to serve youngsters who are at home during the state-imposed school closure.

All youth in the district up to age 18 can received free meals, regardless of whether they attend the Methow Valley School District.

On the first day, the district prepared and delivered 566 meals, said Superintendent Tom Venable. Delivery is by school bus.

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday by bus drivers and staff at each bus stop on the regular morning bus schedule. Each grab-and-go bag contains breakfast and lunch prepared by the district's food services team.

The program is coordinated by Director of Operations Bud Hover, Operations Secretary Leanna Jensen, head cook Laura Wottlin, the food services team and bus drivers.

In addition, meals will be available from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at four drop zones: Carlton Fire Department, Independent Learning Center on the TwispWorks campus in Twisp, Winthrop Barn and Mazama Community Center.

Friday food bags will be distributed to those in need on a weekly basis.

As of Monday, March 23, the district began offering child care services to elementary-age students of the district whose parents are medical personnel and first responders. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participating students will be picked up at their regular morning bus stop. In the afternoon, drop stations are the Mazama Community Center, Winthrop Barn, Independent Learning Center and Carlton Fire Department.

Academic enrichment services were scheduled to start



The 2020 Liberty Bell High School tennis team includes (front, from left) Levi White and Ezekiel Kirk; (second) Angel Arellano, Konnor Doran, Isaac Blodgett, Shelby Vintin, Kristy Vieth and Ellie Blank.



Liberty Bell families, urged youngsters to put down their phones, turn off their video games and

limit online streaming. "Plant a garden, go outside, explore, learn to knit, read a book, read another book, write in your journal, help others less fortunate, write a business plan," he wrote. "Build a mountain bike trail, work on your

truck, clean your room, train for a marathon, color, paint, draw. Go for a walk, go for a hike, tell your parents you love them, make pizza dough from scratch, build a chicken coop. Wash your hands.'

Counselor Erik Spellman, in a message to seniors, said scholarship information would be provided electronically through

a shared Google File.

Simmons.

College information is avail-

able through Common App. Students also were encouraged to email teachers to inquire about making up work assigned before the closure. Information isn't yet known about advanced placement exams or graduation ceremonies.



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March 23, too.

"Recognizing we cannot replace what takes place between a teacher and student, please know that staff are working together with best intent under stressful conditions to design academic enrichment opportunities that are intended to be equitable and accessible to all students regardless of the challenges and barriers faced by some of our students," said a district announcement.

Activities are designed to be simple in design; promote research, critical thinking and communication skills; encourage outdoor play and exploration, and facilitate student practice to reinforce what has been learned already. Digital and hard copy resources are

offered.

District principals Crosby Carpenter, Sara Mounsey and Paul Gutlzer are coordinating the academic services.

"As with all of the services being provided by the (district) staff, we thank you for your patience and grace as we roll out an ever-evolving host of services in support of all students and families," Venable said.

All services will be suspended April 6-10 for spring

Parent-teacher conferences, which had been scheduled for April 20-24, will be done remotely on an as-needed basis as determined by the stu-

dent, parent and/or teacher. Carpenter, in a message to



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