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A great tradition dating back more than half a century, “Lawmakers of Montana” was first published for the 1949 session of the Montana Legislature.

The first edition had a light tan cover and noted it was “Compliments of Senator Hugo Aronson.” History buffs know that Aronson, a Republican oil producer from Cut Bank, was elected Montana governor in 1953. The first book was compiled by E.N. Joffray, who was an assistant sergeant-at-arms in the House of Representatives. In addition to Gov. John Bonner, Lt. Gov. Paul Cannon, and the legislators, photos of the secretary of the senate, chief clerk of the house, and sergeant-at-arms in both bodies appeared in the in the 1951 edition. Staff photos were not included in subsequent editions, however.

Subsequent “Lawmakers of Montana” in the 1950s had light-colored tan, green, and blue covers until 1959 when the cover was metallic gold, similar to the copper cover today. Those editions were “Compliments of The Independent Record.” The only session since 1949 for which “Lawmakers of Montana” was not published was 1961. This was roughly the time the Anaconda Copper Company sold its Montana newspapers, including Helena’s Independent Record, to Lee Enterprises. Former Montana Gov. Tim Babcock and former House member Jerome Anderson, a long-time lobbyist, confirmed that this is why no book was published for that session.

Publication resumed for the 1963 session and has continued until today with basically the same format. These versions have all had metallic copper covers, hence the book’s nickname, the “Copper Book.” The Anaconda Company published the book until it became a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield. When, for the 1987 session, Atlantic Richfield announced it would no longer publish “Lawmakers of Montana,” a group of trade associations banded together to ensure this yearbook of legislators would continue to be printed. At that time, Gary Langley took over the editing and publishing duties. In 1991, Pam Langley assumed these responsibilities for the next two decades. Following Pam’s passing in 2009, her and Gary’s daughter, Kari Jane Langley Raines, continued on with the publication. The Langley family is to be commended for their role in maintaining the legacy of the Copper Book. In 2014, Kari arranged the transfer of publication duties to the Montana Legislative Services Division. Charter Communications generously started sponsoring the publication of the Copper Book in 2017.

“Lawmakers of Montana” remains a valuable resource for legislators, lobbyists, and reporters, as well as the public, with its photos and background information about each of the 150 legislators, the governor, and the lieutenant governor. We look forward to the continuation of this unique Montana tradition.

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GOVERNOR GREG GIANFORTE

Greg Gianforte is a husband, father, grandfather, businessman, sportsman, and public servant. On November 3, 2020, he was elected Montana's 25th governor, earning more votes than any candidate for governor in Montana history and with the largest margin of victory for a first-term governor since 1920. Governor Gianforte was sworn in on January 4, 2021.

Before entering public service, Gianforte spent his entire career creating jobs and opportunities as he started five different startup companies. Greg and Susan Gianforte founded RightNow Technologies in 1997 from their Bozeman home and grew it into the town's largest commercial employer, creating over 500 high-paying Montana jobs.

After 34 years in the private sector, Gianforte was elected to serve as Montana's lone voice in the U.S. House of Representatives and represented Montana in Congress from June 2017 to January 2021.

Dedicated to working in our communities to make Montana an even better place to live, work, and raise a family, Governor Gianforte meets with Montanans in each of the state's 56 counties each year.

Married since 1988, Greg and Susan Gianforte raised their four children in Bozeman hunting, fishing, rafting, climbing, skiing, and backpacking on Montana's public lands.



**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
KRISTEN JURAS**

Kristen Juras, a fourth-generation Montanan who grew up on her family's ranch near Conrad, is a wife, mother, grandmother, attorney, and public servant. On November 3, 2020, Kristen became the second female elected lieutenant governor of Montana in the state's history. Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras serves as a partner to Governor Greg Gianforte as they lead the Montana Comeback.

Before entering public service, Kristen Juras served for 32 years as an attorney in private practice in Great Falls where she helped farmers, ranchers, and small business owners navigate legal issues. As an attorney, Kristen Juras provided pro bono legal services to clients with disabilities who confront homelessness and addiction. In 2000, Kristen joined the faculty at the University of Montana School of Law, teaching classes in property, contracts, estate planning, taxation, business, international, and agricultural law.

Kristen Juras graduated from Conrad High School, the University of Montana, and the University of Georgia Law School.

Married since 1984, Kristen and her husband John are the proud parents to three sons and grandparents to two grandchildren.



**The
Senate**



Sixty-Eighth Assembly





JASON ELLSWORTH
President of the Senate

Jason Ellsworth - Hamilton, Senate District 43, Republican. Born 1973 in Laconia, New Hampshire; moved to Montana in 1989; owner of Bitterroot Gun Garage; finance chair of Ravalli County Republican Central Committee; cochair of Montana Sportsman Caucus; son of Master Sergeant Wendell Ellsworth stationed at Malmstrom AFB; served in Senate since 2019; partner's name is Lindsey Murolo; three sons, Jeremy, Kyle, Jaimeson; one daughter, Brittany.

Steve Fitzpatrick - Great Falls, Senate District 10, Republican. Born 1978 in Helena; Helena High graduate 1997; B.S. in biological sciences, Montana State University 2001; J.D., Arizona State University College of Law; attorney; served in House 2011-16; served in Senate since 2017; spouse's name is Julia; three daughters.



Steve Fitzpatrick, Majority Leader



Pat Flowers, Minority Leader

Pat Flowers - Belgrade, Senate District 32, Democrat. Born 1956 in Akron, Ohio; moved to Montana in 1977; B.S. in forestry and M.S. in forest economics, University of Montana; natural resource consultant; served in Senate since 2019; spouse's name is Melissa Blessing; two daughters, two stepdaughters.

Kenneth Bogner - Miles City, Senate District 19, Republican. Born 1987 in Miles City; Custer County District High School graduate; B.A. in political science, Columbia University; M.A. in public policy, Middlesex University (UK); served in U.S. Marine Corps; served in Senate since 2019.



Kenneth Bogner, President Pro Tempore



Dan Bartel

Dan Bartel - Lewistown, Senate District 15, Republican. Born 1957; retail business for 42 years; served on House Appropriations and Section A General Government for six years; served in House 2017-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Danielle, three grown sons; five grandchildren.

Becky Beard - Elliston, Senate District 40, Republican. Born 1960 in Lewistown; B.A. in International Relations, Carroll College 1991; Beard Environmental & Technical Assistance, LLC, owner/partner; associate member, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association; previous Powell County School District No. 27 trustee; served in House 2017-22; House Majority Whip for the 66th Legislature; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Alden; one daughter, Jessica, and son-in-law.



Becky Beard



Ellie Boldman

Ellie Boldman - Missoula, Senate District 45, Democrat. Born 1975, raised in Idaho. Catholic schools, including Bishop Kelly High School; B.S., Boise State University 1997; J.D., University of Idaho 2001; licensed attorney; NCSL National Board of Directors; AAUW National Board of Directors; Rotary; ARPA committee; Governor's Housing Task Force; avid Griz fan; served in House 2011-18; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Dr. Tyler Smith; three sons, one Corgi, one feral cat.

Bob Brown - Thompson Falls, Senate District 7, Republican. Born 1963 in Port Angeles, Washington; moved to Montana in 1995; high school graduate; Washington Environmental Training Center attendee, water distribution and cross connection control; self-employed carpenter and stone carver; served in House 2015-2020; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Debbie; two daughters, Tiffany and Emily.



Bob Brown

Mike Cuffe - Eureka, Senate District 1, Republican. Born 1947 in Eureka; Lincoln County High School 1965; B.A. in journalism, University of Montana 1969; retired lumber/plywood mill management and advertising/publicity business; past president of Pacific Northwest Economic Region; Model T aficionado; served in House 2011-18; House Majority Whip 2013-14; former chair Consumer Counsel; served in Senate since 2019; member Finance & Claims and Energy & Telecommunications; vice chair Joint Long-Range Planning; chair State Administration; spouse's name is JoAn; son Matt, daughter Molly Jo.



Mike Cuffe

Willis Curdy - Missoula, Senate District 49, Democrat. Born 1948 in Hamilton; B.A. in history, M.Ed., University of Montana; wildland fire fighter (smokejumper, Forest Service pilot); Big Flat Irrigation District Commissioner 1983-88; Missoula Rural Fire District Board of Trustees 1990-94; flight instructor; part owner Curdy Farm LLC; taught in Missoula County schools 1971-2000; member Western Montana Teacher Center; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Gloria Shook Curdy; two grown sons.



Willis Curdy



Mary Ann Dunwell

Mary Ann Dunwell - Helena, Senate District 42, Democrat. Born 1954 in Wilmington, Delaware; moved to Montana in 2004; B.A. in speech/communication with emphasis on journalism and Japanese language; certifications in public health communications, crisis risk communication, leadership; retired from state government public information; former careers in broadcast journalism and nonprofit communication; former union officer; MFPE retired member; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; one son and daughter-in-law.

Janet Ellis - Helena, Senate District 41, Democrat. Born 1956 in Columbus, Ohio; moved to Montana in 1976; graduated from Upper Arlington High School in Columbus, Ohio; B.A. in Biology, University of Montana; retired as Senior Director of Policy for Montana Audubon after 29 years; served in House 2015-18; served in Senate since 2019; spouse's name is Jim Hansen; one son.



Janet Ellis



Daniel Emrich

Daniel Emrich - Great Falls, Senate District 11, Republican. Born 1988 in Nampa, Idaho; moved to Montana in 1989; home schooled; business owner contractor; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Ashley; five children, Kiera Kyler, Kali, Kess, and Karter.

John Esp - Big Timber, Senate District 30, Republican. Born 1952 in Bozeman; Sweet Grass County High School graduate; attended Montana State University; carpenter/cabinet maker; board treasurer of Sweet Grass Museum Society; served in House 2001-02 and 2011-12; served in Senate 2003-10 and since 2019; spouse's name is Stoney; two grown children.



John Esp



Mike Fox

Mike Fox - Hayden, Senate District 16, Democrat. Born 1959 in Fort Belknap Agency, Harlem; graduated Harlem High School; attended Eastern Montana College for four years - Non Grad; Tribal Councilman; retired military; Gros Ventre Tribe; U.S. Coast Guard 1977-81, Montana National Guard 1981-2002; Fort Belknap Tribal Council 2009-13, reelected 2019; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Delina Cuts The Rope; three sons.



Chris Friedel

Chris Friedel - Billings, Senate District 26, Republican. Born 1979 in Tampa, Florida; moved to Montana in 1992; Billings West High School; Montana Tech; business owner/general manager; Billings City Council member 2015-19; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Leslie; two children, Arabella and Liam.



John Fuller

John Fuller - Kalispell, Senate District 4, Republican. Born 1946 in Glendale, California; moved to Montana in 1995; B.A. in history and economics, Northern Illinois University; M.S. in education, National Louis University; retired high school teacher; U.S. Army, Vietnam veteran 1967-71; Montana Board of Public Education 2001-08; served in House 2019-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Cynthia; one child.

Bruce (Butch) Gillespie - Ethridge, Senate District 9, Republican. Born 1946 in Cut Bank; B.A., Montana State University; rancher; livestock nutritional representative; served in Peace Corps in Ecuador; former Cut Bank school board trustee and chairman; served in Senate since 2019; spouse's name is Doreen; two children, Kisten and Kent.



Butch Gillespie



Carl Glimm

Carl Glimm - Kila, Senate District 2, Republican. Born 1974 in Conrad; B.S. in construction engineering technology, Montana State University; home builder; president Glimm Homes Custom Home Builders; served in House 2013-2020; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Amy; three children, a son and two daughters, Matthew, Rylee, and Annah.

Jen Gross - Billings, Senate District 25, Democrat. Born 1982 in Billings; B.A. in environmental studies, Montana State University Billings 2011; casino attendant, 406 Kitchen & Taproom; served in Senate since 2017.



Jen Gross



Denise Hayman

Denise Hayman - Bozeman, Senate District 33, Democrat. Born 1951 in Winnipeg, Canada; moved to Montana in 1986; attended Pasadena City College; development director; five terms on Bozeman School Board; House Minority Whip 2019-20; currently chair of Legislative Audit Committee, served eight years; vice chair of Energy committee; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Michael Scott; two children.

Greg Hertz - Polson, Senate District 6, Republican. Born 1957 in Malta; B.A. in accounting, University of Montana; Certified Public Accountant; President and CEO Moody's Market, Inc., retail grocery stores; member of Rotary; served in House 2013-2020; Majority Whip 2015-16; Speaker Pro Tempore 2017; Speaker of the House of Representatives 2019; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Kate; daughter Kristin, son-in-law Michael, granddaughter Luna; son Matthew; son Adam, daughter-in-law Brittni, granddaughters Adalia, Giada, Ariana.



Greg Hertz



Steve Hinebauch

Steve Hinebauch - Wibaux, Senate District 18, Republican. Born 1955 in Havre, raised in Turner; Turner High School graduate 1973; graduated Platte Valley Bible College, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 1977; rancher; married since 1976; served in Senate since 2017; spouse's name is Beth; five married children; 18 grandchildren, two grandsons-in-law; one great-granddaughter.

Kathy Kelker - Billings, Senate District 24, Democrat. Born in Cleveland, Ohio; moved to Montana in 1978; B.A. in English/philosophy, Hiram College; M.S. in special education, Montana State University Billings; Ed.D. in adult education with a concentration on special education, Montana State University; executive director of Billings Head Start; board member of Billings Clinic Foundation, St. John's Lutheran Home Ministries, MSU Billings advisory board; 15 years as a school trustee for Billings Public Schools; YWCA Salute to Women; Child Advocate Award Billings Chapter of Rotary; Faculty Excellence Award at MSU Billings; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Paul; four children.



Kathy Kelker



Mike Lang

Mike Lang - Malta, Senate District 17, Republican. Born 1949 in Fort Belknap; Malta High School; Carroll College; B.S. in business administration, Eastern Montana College; self-employed agribusiness owner; certified crop advisor; local chamber and agriculture; economic development; Knights of Columbus; Legislative Interim Energy, Economic Affairs, Environmental Quality and Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team; 2015 chair of House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations Committee; 2019 chair of Local Government Committee; 2022 chair of Environmental Quality Council; 2021 and 2023 chair of Agriculture Committee; served in House 2013-16; served in Senate since 2017; spouse's name is Lorna; three children, Micah, Lisa, Lindsay; six grandchildren.

Dennis Lenz - Billings, Senate District 27, Republican. Born 1962 in Boise, Idaho; moved to Montana in 1983; certificate of ranch management from Texas Christian University; certificate of pastoral studies from Yellowstone Valley Bible Institute; farmed a family farm in central Montana 1987-2019; retired as a captain with the Billings Fire Department after 24 years; House sergeant-at-arms 2014-15; served in House 2013-14, 2017-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Deanna; two children, Danae and Dustin; one grandchild.



Dennis Lenz

Ryan Lynch - Butte, Senate District 37, Democrat. Born 1981 in Butte; Butte Central High School graduate; B.A. in business administration with an emphasis in marketing and international business, Gonzaga University; district manager for ADP; served in House 2013-2020; served in Senate since 2021.



Ryan Lynch

Forrest Mandeville - Columbus, Senate District 29, Republican. Born 1984 in Columbus; graduated Columbus High School 2002; B.A. in political science, Point Loma Nazarene University; M.P.A., Montana State University Billings 2013; land use planning consultant; served in House 2015-2020; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Rebekah; two sons, one daughter.



Forrest Mandeville



Theresa Manzella

Theresa Manzella - Hamilton, Senate District 44, Republican. Born 1964 in Pontiac, Michigan; moved to Montana in 1992; background experience includes construction and property development, restaurant management and the automotive industry; self-employed since 1992; owner, trainer, builder, and chief stall mucker at TNT Paints and Performance Horses; served on the agri-business committee and the Right to Farm and Ranch; 23-time state regional and national NHRA champion; Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the year for 2009; founder of Cowkids for Christ youth horsemanship program and Willing Servants horse rescue; recipient of Keeper of the 10th Award from MT Agri Women 2017; recipient of CPACs Conservative Achievement Award for every session served; served in House 2015-2020; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Ken Lengyel.

Eddie McClafferty - Butte, Senate District 38, Democrat. Born 1960 in Butte; B.S. in elementary minor in reading and special education, University of Montana; M.A. in Educational Leadership - Administration; seventh-grade reading teacher; Butte-Silver Bow County Commissioner 1992-2001; finance and budget chair; K-12 Data Task Force; served in House 2009-16; Minority Whip 2013-14; vice chair Education since 2011; served in Senate since 2017; spouse's name is Danny; three children: Amber, Jenny, and John.



Eddie McClafferty



Tom McGillvray

Tom McGillvray - Billings, Senate District 23, Republican. Born 1957 in Helena; B.S. in agriculture, Montana State University; retired financial advisor; great-great-grandfather came to Gold Creek, Montana, from California in October 1862 to mine gold; served in House 2005-12; Majority Whip 2007; assistant Minority leader 2009; Majority leader 2011; Senate President's Chief of Staff 2019; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Margaret; three children; five grandchildren.

Wendy McKamey - Great Falls, Senate District 12, Republican. B.S. in management and environmental design, Brigham Young University; rancher; Epsilon Sigma Alpha; graduate of Leadership Great Falls and Leadership Montana; accomplished pianist, vocalist, organist, and closet violinist; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Les; seven children; 26 grandchildren.



Wendy McKamey



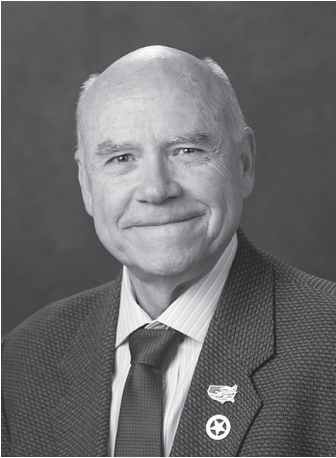
Brad Molnar

Brad Molnar - Laurel, Senate District 28, Republican. Born 1950 in Walkerton, Indiana; moved to Montana in 1968; attended University of Montana, studied forestry and journalism; retired; started and owned steel building and grain bin company; designed and built grain systems; Public Service Commission 2006-13; served in House 1993-1998; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Tao Zheng Molnar; three children.

Shane A. Morigeau - Missoula, Senate District 48, Democrat. Born 1984 in Missoula; L.L.M. from University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law; J.D. from University of Montana School of Law; B.S. from University of Montana, College of Forestry and Conservation; attorney/deputy executive officer, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; member of Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; served in House 2017-2020; served in Senate since 2021; partner's name is Sunya Berkelman Rosado; one daughter, Juniper Rose.



Shane A. Morigeau



Mark Noland

Mark Noland - Bigfork, Senate District 5, Republican. Born 1959 in Whitefish; studied business management at University of Montana; small business owner; Lake County Republican Central Committee Chairman; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Kathy; six children.

Shannon O'Brien - Missoula, Senate District 46, Democrat. Born 1968 in Portland, Oregon; moved to Montana in 2008; Ph.D. in education leadership, University of Montana; M.A., Gonzaga University; B.A. in political science, University of Washington; high school teacher; Dean of Missoula College; Missoula Women's Giving Circle; member of St. Francis Xavier Church; education policy advisor to Governor Bullock; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Chuck Dumke; one son, Carter.



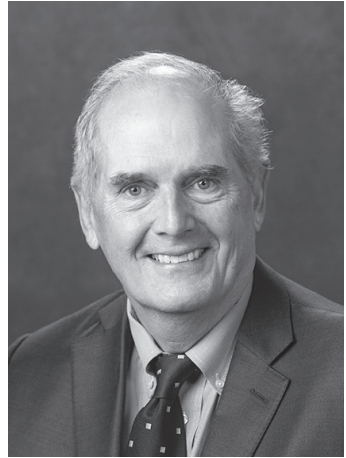
Shannon O'Brien



Andrea Olsen

Andrea Olsen - Missoula, Senate District 50, Democrat. Born, raised, and educated in Missoula; fifth generation Montanan; J.D., University of Montana; attorney; faculty affiliate at UM; served on UM Central Board in 1982 and 1983; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023.

Christopher Pope - Bozeman, Senate District 31, Democrat. Born 1952 in Biloxi, Mississippi; moved to Montana in 1991; B.A. in Spanish literature, University of Oregon 1976; M.A. in public and private management, Yale School of Management 1988; served in House 2015-16 and 2019-2020; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Maddy; two children.



Christopher Pope



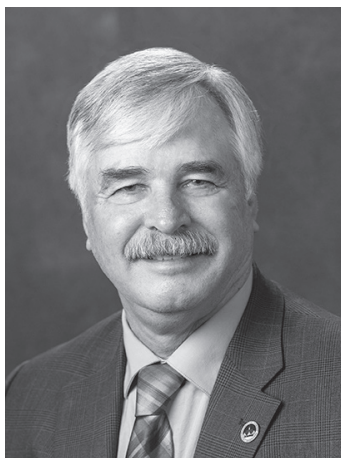
Keith Regier

Keith Regier - Kalispell, Senate District 3, Republican. Born 1951 in Nebraska, moved to Montana in 1975; B.S. in education, University of Nebraska; retired teacher; West Valley School trustee 1992-98; Flathead High School trustee 1999-08; served in House 2009-16; Majority Leader 2015-16; served in Senate since 2017; spouse's name is Jolene; three children.

Walt Sales - Manhattan, Senate District 35, Republican. Born 1960 in Clarinda, Iowa; moved to Montana in 1967; Manhattan High School graduate; attended Montana State University; rancher; served in House 2017-2020; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is LaRae; three children; four grandchildren.



Walt Sales



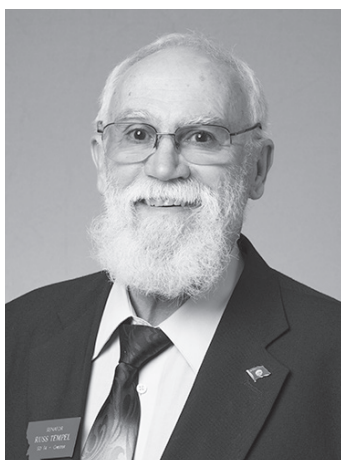
Dan Salomon

Dan Salomon - Ronan, Senate District 47, Republican. Born 1957 in Ronan; Ronan High School graduate 1975; B.S. in agricultural production, Montana State University; farmer; Ronan school board for thirteen years; served in House 2011-16; served in Senate since 2017; spouse's name is Janey; three children, Christa, Kelsey, and Katie.

Jason Small - Busby, Senate District 21, Republican. Born 1978 in Hardin; Sheridan College and Montana State University; boilermaker; Northern Cheyenne tribal member; served in Senate since 2017; two children, Clancy and Catalina.



Jason Small



Russ Tempel

Russ Tempel - Chester, Senate District 14, Republican. Born 1947 in Havre; technical degree in welding, Billings Vo-Tech; A.A. in business, Northern University in Havre; third generation farmer, also worked as an appraiser and in construction; served in U.S. Army; longest-serving Liberty County Commissioner 1999-2016; active in 4-H, church, HRDC, Sage Creek Water Board, and Montana Association of Counties; served in Senate since 2017; spouse's name is Judy; four children; 11 grandchildren.

Jeremy Trebas - Great Falls, Senate District 13, Republican. Born 1984 in Missoula; B.A. in business administration with the accounting option, Montana State University; operations director; certified public accountant; served in House 2017-18 and 2021-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Hannah; three children.



Jeremy Trebas

Barry Usher - Laurel, Senate District 20, Republican. Born 1965 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; moved to Montana in 2002; studied criminal justice/sociology at University of Maryland University College; U.S. Coast Guard 1983; owner of Beartooth, Buffalo Bill, and Beartooth Pass Harley-Davidson dealerships; past DP Solutions, Maui Wishes and Adventures, and DGN NASCAR Racing; life NRA member; Big Sky Young Presidents Organization/World Presidents Organization; NFIB member; Metra Park president/board member; Red Lodge Area Chamber president; Red Lodge Area Economic Development Corp president; NCSL executive board; vice chair Law and Justice Committee; served in House 2017-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Ann Marie; four children; six grandchildren.



Barry Usher

Shelley Vance - Belgrade, Senate District 34, Republican. Born in Bozeman; graduated from Bozeman Senior High School; grew up on family ranch participating in 4-H and the Montana Junior Hereford Association; 25 years in the Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder's Office with 18 years as elected Clerk and Recorder; 12 years as temporary legislative staff; proud wife, mother, and grandmother; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Gordy.



Shelley Vance



Terry Vermeire

Terry Vermeire - Anaconda, Senate District 39, Republican. Born 1954 in Kewanee, Illinois; moved to Montana in 1977; Galva High School, Illinois; Montana Tech; 25 years at Montana Power Company/NorthWestern Energy; owned and operated Vermeire Graphics for 21 years; elected to three consecutive terms in Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Cindy; one daughter, one son; two grandchildren.

Susan A. Webber - Browning, Senate District 8, Democrat. Born 1955 on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation; attended school in Browning public schools; enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation; B.A., University of Montana; M.A., Montana State University; educator, author, and a Blackfeet tribal historian; served in House 2015-18; served in Senate since 2019.



Susan A. Webber



Jeffrey Welborn

Jeffrey Welborn - Dillon, Senate District 36, Republican. Born 1968 in Dillon; Beaverhead County High School 1987; B.A. in business communications, May Technical College; owner, trailer dealership; construction services; agriculture; professional auctioneer; potentate Bagdad Shriners 2014; past director Montana Farm Bureau; past director Montana Auctioneers Association; Majority Whip 2013; served in House 2009-16; served in Senate since 2017; partner's name is Marni Fifield; two stepsons, Kash and Wyatt Kempf.

Daniel Zolnikov - Billings, Senate District 22, Republican. Born 1987; Roundup High School graduate 2005; majored in Information Systems, Marketing, Management at University of Montana, graduated 2010; MBA, University of Montana 2019; served in House 2013-2020; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Rep. Katie Zolnikov.



Daniel Zolnikov



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Matt Regier - Kalispell, House District 4, Republican. Born 1980 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate 1999; B.S. in marketing, University of Montana; real estate investor; served in House since 2017.

Sue Vinton - Billings, House District 56, Republican. Born in Boston, Massachusetts; moved to Montana in 1996; A.A.S. in human services, S.U.N.Y. Al; B.A. in criminal justice, Alfred University; paralegal certification; owner Vinton Construction Inc; Lockwood School Board of Trustees 2004-16; member of Montana School Board Association Board of Directors and Montana School Unemployment Insurance Program Board of Directors 2012-16; served in House since 2017; spouse's name is Mike; four children; six grandchildren.



Sue Vinton, Majority Leader



Kim Abbott, Minority Leader

Kim Abbott - Helena, House District 83, Democrat. Born 1979 in Cleveland, Ohio; moved to Montana in 2002; B.A. in philosophy and religion, University of North Carolina-Wilmington; nonprofit director; served in House since 2017; partner's name is Tara Veazey.

Rhonda Knudsen - Culbertson, House District 34, Republican. Born 1960 in Culbertson; B.S. in civil engineering, Montana State University; retired federal employee; Natural Resources Conservation Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs; Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa tribal affiliation; served in House since 2019; two children.



Rhonda Knudsen, Speaker Pro Tempore



Fred Anderson

Fred Anderson - Great Falls, House District 20, Republican. Born in Bozeman; Ph.D. in administration and supervision, Colorado State University; M.A. Colorado State University; B.S. Northern Montana College; retired school administrator; Rotary; Montana Army National Guard; served in House since 2017; spouse's name is Vicky; three adult children.

Brad Barker - Roberts, House District 58, Republican. Born 1972 in Oklahoma; moved to Montana in 2016; B.A. in economics, United States Military Academy at West Point; MPP, Georgetown University; served over 20 years in U.S. Army as an attack helicopter pilot and aviation commander; grew up on a farm and ranch; school district administrator for two years; mergers and acquisition advisor; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Carla; four children.



Brad Barker



Denise Baum

Denise Baum - Billings, House District 47, Democrat. Born 1967 in West Allis (a suburb of Milwaukee), Wisconsin; moved to Montana in 1997; B.S. in criminal justice administration with an area of specialization in psychology, Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, WI; employed for the past 19 years with the City of Billings Police Department, assigned as a detective primarily investigating crimes against children; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Craig; one son, Colton.

David Bedey - Hamilton, House District 86, Republican. Born 1954 in Hamilton; B.S. in civil engineering, Montana State University; M.A. in national security and strategic studies, U.S. Naval War College; Ph.D. in space physics, University of Alaska Fairbanks; retired U.S. Army colonel 1978-2008; chief financial officer of small engineering firm since 2010; Hamilton school district trustee 2009-18; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Deborah; one child.



David Bedey



James Bergstrom

James Bergstrom - Buffalo, House District 30, Republican. Born 1954 in Havre; B.S. business administration and accounting, A.S. computer science, College of Great Falls 1994; small business owner; public school teacher, 12 years; teacher Dawson Community College, two years; fourth-generation Montanan; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Sherri; son Daniel, daughter Amanda; five granddaughters, one grandson.

Marta Bertoglio - Montana City, House District 75, Republican. Born 1969 in Deer Lodge; B.S. in political science, U.S. Air Force Academy 1991; space operations officer; broker/owner of Uncommon Ground, LLC; U.S. Air Force active and reserves 1991-2004; Montana City School Board trustee 2012-2020; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Joe Chapman; two daughters, Marrin and Cecelia (Celi).



Marta Bertoglio



Michele Binkley

Michele Binkley - Hamilton, House District 85, Republican. Born 1968 in Illinois; moved to Montana in 2002; attended high school in Browning while living on the Blackfeet reservation in the 1980s, graduated from high school in Ft. Myers, Florida; escrow officer; career in banking and title; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Dwayne; two sons.



Laurie Bishop

Laurie Bishop - Livingston, House District 60, Democrat. Born 1970 in Rochester, New York; moved to Montana in 1996; B.A. sociology, Syracuse University; career in youth development, community coalitions, and nonprofit administration at the local and state level; currently Commissioner for Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE); served in House since 2017; spouse's name is Storrs; three adult children.



Larry Brewster

Larry Brewster - Billings, House District 44, Republican. Born 1951 in Idaho Falls, Idaho; moved to Montana in 1975; vocational school for radio electronics; U.S. Army 1969-73; industrial electrician; retired manager of telecom department, NorthWestern Energy; Heights Task Force; Billings school board, six years; Billings City Council, 11 years; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Vonda; two children.

Tony Brockman - Kalispell, House District 9, Republican. Born 1986 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate; B.A., history and political science, University of Montana; business owner; Flathead County Economic Development Authority; past treasurer, Evergreen Rural Fire District; Flathead County Sheriff's Citizens' Advisory Board; member of Kalispell Daybreak Rotary and Moose Lodge (1922); Leadership Montana ('12 and M. '20); recipient of 2022 Community Spirit Award, 2021 40 Under 40 (Kalispell Chamber), and 2010 ServeMontana; served in House since 2023.



Tony Brockman



Alice Buckley

Alice Buckley - Bozeman, House District 63, Democrat. Born in Pleasanton, California; B.A. from Yale University; facilitator and consultant; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Zach Brown.

Edward Buttrey - Great Falls, House District 21, Republican. Born 1965 in Helena; B.S. in electrical engineering, Montana State University; business owner; served in Senate 2011-18; Majority Whip 2015-18; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Jessica; three children, Kenzy, Macy, and TayLee.



Edward Buttrey



Mary M. Caferro

Mary M. Caferro - Helena, House District 82, Democrat. Born in Whitefish; Whitefish High School graduate; attended Helena College; community organizer/advocate; served in House 2005-10 and since 2019; served in Senate 2011-18; four children, Margaret, Hallie, Joseph, and Kenji Swain; grandchildren Eamonn Gray Asay-Swain and Merrin Wilder Conway.

Jennifer Carlson - Manhattan, House District 69, Republican. Born 1971 in Helena, grew up in Great Falls and Big Sandy; graduated high school from Big Sandy; B.S. in biomedical science, Montana State University; member of American Legion Auxiliary; board member of Montana Shooting Sports Association; former board member Gallatin Valley Outlaws American Legion Baseball; NCSL Opioid Fellow and Child Welfare Fellow; chair Human Services; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Don; five children.



Jennifer Carlson



Bob Carter

Bob Carter - Missoula, House District 98, Democrat. Born 1965 in Great Falls; B.S. in computer science with minors in math and media arts, University of Montana; third-generation Montanan; worked on farms and ranches through college; trained as computer scientist; worked as chief information officer; public school board trustee, 11 years; boards of directors for various nonprofit, governmental, educational, and agricultural organizations; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Laurie; three children: Ben, Max, Nick; over two dozen foster children.

Jill Cohenour - East Helena, House District 84, Democrat. Born 1966 in Havre; B.A. in chemistry, University of Montana; chemist at Montana State Environmental Laboratory; life member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; president of the Federation of Public Health and Human Services, Local #4573; chair of the AFT Program and Policy Council for Public Employees; trustee on Eastgate Water and Sewer Board; served in Senate 2015-22; served in House 2003-10 and since 2023; spouse's name is Joe; two daughters, Allysha and Taylor; two grandsons, Jace and Matthew; two granddaughters, Marilyn and Margaret.



Jill Cohenour

Lee Deming - Laurel, House District 55, Republican. Born 1955 in Anaconda; B.A. in education, Carroll College; M.A. in education, University of Montana; taught high school in Montana for 43 years; FWP Region 5 citizen advisory committee; Knights of Columbus 3rd degree; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Sherry; son Ryan, daughter Annie; grandchildren Shayla, Kennedy, Finley, Kian, Maguire.



Lee Deming

Julie Dooling - Helena, House District 70, Republican. Born 1971 in Kalispell; Series 7 and 63 and insurance licensed; paraplanner/financial professional at Sullivan Financial Group; Board of Directors, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce; Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana Farm Bureau; American Galloway Breeders Association; Montana Landlord's Association; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Joe; one son, Tyler, a sailor in the Navy.



Julie Dooling



Neil Duram

Neil Duram - Eureka, House District 2, Republican. Born 1969; B.A.S., University of Montana; retired Montana Highway Patrol trooper/sergeant with 28 years of service; veteran of Washington Air National Guard; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Rachel; two children; three grandchildren.

Sherry Essmann - Billings, House District 52, Republican. Born and raised in Billings; B.S. in applied management from Rocky Mountain College; worked in all phases of financial services for 35 years; retired as CEO from Montana Health Federal Credit Union; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Jeff; two children; three grandchildren.



Sherry Essmann



Jodee Etchart

Jodee Etchart - Billings, House District 48, Republican. Born in Billings; B.A. in physician assistant studies, Rocky Mountain College; B.S. in health and human services, Montana State University Billings; physician assistant; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is John; two children.

Terry Falk - Kalispell, House District 8, Republican. Born in Minnesota; moved to Kalispell in 1979; education in finance, accounting, and economics; long-time real estate lender and investor; served in House since 2023; two grown children; three grandsons.



Terry Falk



Dave Fern

Dave Fern - Whitefish, House District 5, Democrat. Born 1953 in Providence, Rhode Island; moved to Montana in 1988; attended Community College of Rhode Island and Ithaca College; small business owner; Whitefish School Board for eight terms; chairman, past president, board of directors of Montana School Board Association; CASA volunteer; served in House since 2017; spouse's name is Heather; three children.

Paul Fielder - Thompson Falls, House District 13, Republican. Born 1950 in Mount Kisco, New York; moved to Montana in 2007; A.A.S in agriculture, State University of New York at Cobleskill; B.S. in fisheries biology, Murray State University, Kentucky; M.S. in wildlife biology, Murray State University, Kentucky; retired wildlife biologist; served in House since 2021; two children.



Paul Fielder



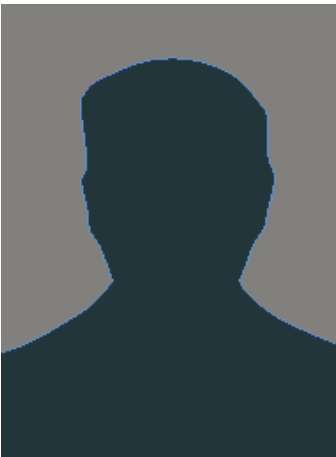
Ross Fitzgerald

Ross Fitzgerald - Fairfield, House District 17, Republican. Born 1949 in Great Falls; B.S. in agriculture production - agronomy; business intermediary/broker and real estate agent; member of the Fairfield Lions Club; fire protection specialist in the Montana Air National Guard 1969-75; served in House since 2017; spouse's name is Gretchen; four children; seven grandchildren.

John Fitzpatrick - Anaconda, House District 77, Republican. Born in Anaconda; Anaconda Senior High School graduate; B.A. in sociology, University of Montana; M.A. and Ph.D., Ohio State University; governmental affairs and business development, 40 years; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Connie; two sons.



John Fitzpatrick



Doug Flament

Doug Flament - Lewistown, House District 29, Republican. Served in House since December 2021.

Tom France - Missoula, House District 94, Democrat. Born 1951 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; moved to Montana in 1972; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; retired regional executive director, National Wildlife Federation; Montana Environmental Quality Council 1983-91; board of directors of North Dakota Natural Resource Trust, Save our Wild Salmon, Clark Fork Coalition; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Meg Haenn; three children.



Tom France



Gregory Frazer

Gregory Frazer - Deer Lodge, House District 78, Republican. Born 1983 at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, New Mexico; moved to Montana in 1984; graduated from Powell County High School; U.S. Army Reserve 2000-08, ammunition specialist, honorably discharged; mental health technician; one of two drummers for Walking Corpse Syndrome; served in House since 2021; three children.

Steven Galloway - Great Falls, House District 24, Republican. Born 1959 in Great Falls; high school graduate; business owner; founding member of Montana Freedom Caucus; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway; six adult children; fifteen grandchildren.



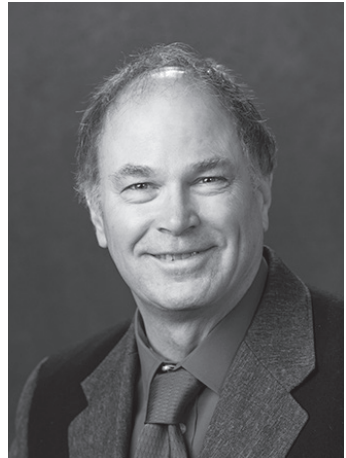
Steven Galloway



Jane Gillette

Jane Gillette - Bozeman, House District 64, Republican. Born 1971 in Tacoma, WA; moved to Montana in 2005; M.P.H., U of MT; D.D.S., U of WA; B.S., biology, Pacific Lutheran Univ.; Clinical Research Methods, U of WA; executive education in organizational leadership, Kellogg School of Business Management and Wharton School of Business; value-based healthcare, Harvard Institute for Strategy and Competitive-ness; Captain 2002-05 (active), 2005-13 (inactive) in U.S. Air Force; U.S. Air Force Achievement Medal (awarded twice); researcher and healthcare consultant; American Dental Assoc./American Assoc. of Dental Research; 2015 Evidence-based Practice Award; 2017 Bertha Morton Award; 2017 Future Generations Award; 2020 Excellence in Nutrition Advocacy; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Christopher; one daughter, two sons.

Steve Gist - Cascade, House District 25, Republican. Born 1960 in Havre; A.D. in nursing; RN; small business owner; provided testimony to committees; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Ginny; three children, four stepchildren, all grown.



Steve Gist



Paul Green

Paul Green - Hardin, House District 41, Republican. Born 1967 in Topeka, Kansas; moved to Montana in 1998; graduated from Sedan High School, Kansas, 1985; B.S. in managerial science, Rocky Mountain College, 2001; U.S. Navy sonar technician submarines; medically retired from U.S. Navy in 1994; currently farms and ranches north of Hardin; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Daina; daughter Nicole, son Caden.

Steve Gunderson - Libby, House District 1, Republican. Born 1957 in Seattle, Washington; moved to Montana in 1964; Libby Senior High School graduate 1975; Staff Sergeant E-6 in Montana Army National Guard and North Dakota Army National Guard for eight years; retired small business owner, mining contractor, retail sales, electronics tech, and fencing contractor; cofounder and 13-year spokesman for Montanore Positive Action Committee; founding member of Montana Freedom Caucus; served in House since 2017; spouse's name is Cherie; two sons; two grandchildren.



Steve Gunderson



Jim Hamilton

Jim Hamilton - Bozeman, House District 61, Democrat. Born 1955 in Hampton, Virginia; moved to Montana in 1976; B.S. in special education, University of Northern Colorado; retired financial adviser; Sunrise Rotary Club of Bozeman; volunteer firefighter; served in House since 2017; spouse's name is Sue; two children; four grandchildren.



Derek Harvey

Derek Harvey - Butte, House District 74, Democrat. Born 1989 in Butte; A.A.S. in fire and rescue, Helena College University of Montana; firefighter/EMT with Butte-Silver Bow fire department; Eagle Scout; active Mason and Shriner; served in House since 2019; House Minority Whip 2021; spouse's name is Kayla; two daughters, Josie and Nora.



Donavon Hawk

Donavon Hawk - Butte, House District 76, Democrat. Born 1981 in Hardin; occupational safety and health/surgical technician, Montana Tech; public relations and marketing; Crow/Crow Creek Sioux; served in House since 2021.

Lyn Hellegaard - Missoula, House District 97, Republican. Born 1958 in Moab, Utah; moved to Montana in 1970; graduated Sentinel High School; small business owner and executive director Montana Transit Association; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Steve; one son, one daughter.



Lyn Hellegaard



Caleb Hinkle

Caleb Hinkle - Belgrade, House District 68, Republican. Born 1992 in Butte, grew up in Philipsburg; former Montana Army National Guard sergeant with the MOS of 11C Indirect Fire Infantryman; served in House since 2021.

Jedediah Hinkle - Belgrade, House District 67, Republican. Born 1980 in Sitka, Alaska; moved to Montana in 1984; B.S. in fish and wildlife management, Montana State University 2002; taxidermist; served in Senate 2015-18; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Kyndall; two children.



Jedediah Hinkle



Mike Hopkins

Mike Hopkins - Missoula, House District 92, Republican. Born 1984 in Helena; degree in public administration, University of Montana; management consultant; member of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Montana; business manager, ASUM 2013-14; chairman, Montana Federation of College Republicans 2013-14; president, University of Montana College Republicans 2012-13; served in House since 2017; spouse's name is Leah.

SJ Howell - Missoula, House District 95, Democrat. Born 1980 in South Carolina; moved to Billings in 1980; B.A. in English from University of Montana 2002; community organizer and nonprofit director; served in House since 2023; partner's name is Zuri Moreno; one son.



SJ Howell



Llew Jones

Llew Jones - Conrad, House District 18, Republican. Born 1962 in Helena; Conrad High School graduate; B.S. in agriculture business and M.S. in applied economics, Montana State University; small business owner, farmer, and rancher; Conrad Chamber of Commerce past president; Pondera Coalition for Progress President; two terms as a Conrad City Councilman; served in House 2005-10; served in Senate 2011-18; Majority Whip 2013-14; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Carole; four children; seven grandchildren.

Jonathan Karlen - Missoula, House District 96, Democrat. Born 1999; B.S. in wildlife biology; M.P.A., University of Montana; Wildlife Conservation Fellow at University of Montana; former Max Baucus Leader in U.S. Senate; Demmer Scholar in Legislative Affairs Office, U.S. Forest Service; MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks research tech; Montana representative at 2021 Western Governors' Leadership Institute; Missoula Energy and Climate Team; served in House since 2023.



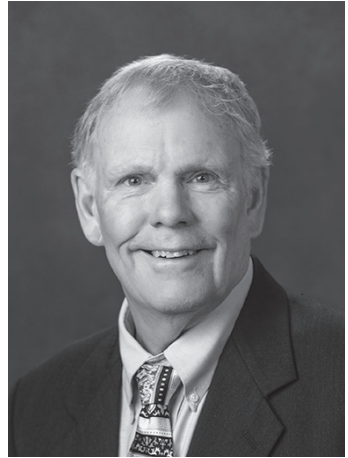
Jonathan Karlen



Josh Kassmier

Josh Kassmier - Fort Benton, House District 27, Republican. Born 1981 in Fort Benton; B.A. in political science with a minor in public administration, Carroll College 2004; crop adjuster; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Chelsey; three children, CoraLynn, Banks, Regina.

Bob Keenan - Bigfork, House District 10, Republican. Born in Salem, Massachusetts; moved to Montana in 1982; B.S. in hotel, restaurant, and travel administration, University of Massachusetts; retired; served in Senate 1999-2006 and 2015-22; Senate President 2003-04; Senate Minority Leader 2005-06; Senate Pro Tempore 2017-18; served in House 1995-98 and since 2023; spouse's name is Suzie; five children.



Bob Keenan

Connie Keogh - Missoula, House District 91, Democrat. Born 1955 in Red Lodge; B.A. in elementary and special education, Montana State University Billings; M.A. in education, Western Governors University; educator; served in House since 2019; two children.



Connie Keogh

Scot Kerns - Great Falls, House District 23, Republican. Born 1986; attended Randolph-Macon Academy, a military boarding high school in Virginia; attended U.S. Air Force Academy; B.A. in theology with minor in history, Concordia University Chicago; M.Div., Concordia Theological Seminary; currently earning MBA, University of Montana College of Business; former Captain in U.S. Air Force; currently Christian clergy; volunteer firefighter; longtime Civil Air Patrol member; Eagle Scout; American Legion member; served in House since 2021.



Scot Kerns



Emma Kerr-Carpenter

Emma Kerr-Carpenter - Billings, House District 49, Democrat. Born 1989 in Watertown, New York; B.A. in international relations and religion; retail; nonprofit; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Dan Cohn; one child, Asa.

Greg Kmetz - Miles City, House District 38, Republican. Born 1956 in Cheyenne, Wyoming; moved to Montana in 1979; graduated from University of Wyoming 1978; owned and operated Nolley's Welding, 41 years; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Alice; three adult children.



Greg Kmetz



Casey Knudsen

Casey Knudsen - Malta, House District 33, Republican. Born 1990 in Havre; graduated high school in Malta; B.S. in mechanical engineering technology and minor in aerospace design, Montana State University; rancher; real estate sales; served in House since 2017; vice chair Agriculture committee 2019; Speaker Pro Tempore 2021; chair Rules committee 2023; spouse's name is Megan.

Kelly Kortum - Bozeman, House District 65, Democrat. Born 1985 in Ekalaka; Carter County High School, Ekalaka; B.S. in computer science, Montana State University Bozeman; systems administrator; served in House since 2021.



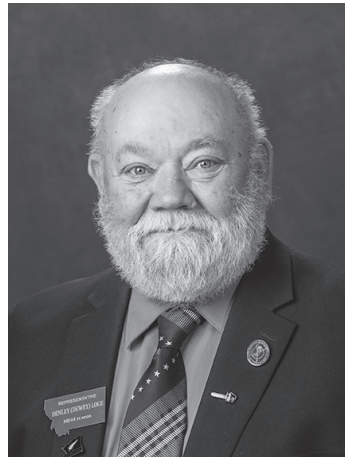
Kelly Kortum

Brandon Ler - Savage, House District 35, Republican. Born 1985 in Sidney; Sidney High School 2005; self-employed; Savage school board, six years; Savage Volunteer Fire Department, ten years; Eastern Land Office wild land fire fighter, three years; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Stephanie; three children, Evelyn, Arntson, Eloise.



Brandon Ler

Denley Loge - Saint Regis, House District 14, Republican. Born 1950 in Valley City, North Dakota; moved to Montana in 1964; St. Regis High School graduate; B.A. in geography, University of Montana; rancher; retired highway maintenance/construction; AFSCME highway policy chairman; Missoula/Mineral Farm Services Agency; Mineral County Soil Conservation Board; Mineral County Forest Coalition; Sanders County Collaborative; Mineral County Planning Board; UM Alumni Band; Governor's Private Land/Public Wildlife Council; Region 2 FWP Citizens Advisory Committee; Trinity Lutheran Church; Western Legislators Academy 2018; founding member Missoula Maggots Rugby Club; served in House since 2017.



Denley Loge



Jennifer Lynch

Jennifer Lynch - Butte, House District 73, Democrat. Born 1991 in Butte; Butte High School graduate; B.A. in elementary education, University of Montana Western; title teacher at Emerson Elementary School; negotiation's chair for Butte Teacher's Union; small business owner; served in House since 2023.

Marty Malone - Pray, House District 59, Republican. Born 1948 in Appleton, Wisconsin; moved to Montana in 1948; B.A. in agribusiness, Montana State University; sales; County Commissioner; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Gayleen; two children.



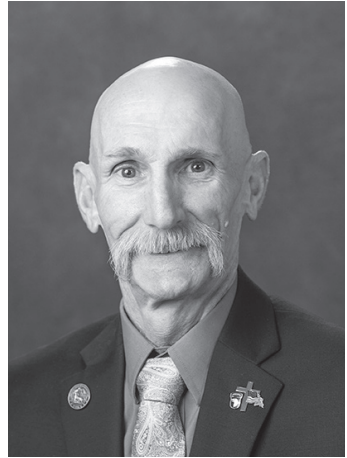
Marty Malone



Marilyn Marler

Marilyn Marler - Missoula, House District 90, Democrat. Born 1971 in Lynwood, California; moved to Montana in 1994; B.S. in biology, University of California Davis; M.S. in biology, University of Montana; botanist; Missoula City Council 2007-16; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is David Schmetterling.

Ron Marshall - Hamilton, House District 87, Republican. Born 1962 in McClellan Air Force Base, California; high school graduate; U.S. Army 1982-96; small business owner; American Legion; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Deanna; two children.



Ron Marshall



Eric Matthews

Eric Matthews - Bozeman, House District 66, Democrat. Born 1974 in Bozeman; Bozeman High School graduate; elementary education degree, Montana State University; masters in science and science education, Montana State University; educator in Bozeman, 24 years; served in House since 2023.

Bill Mercer - Billings, House District 46, Republican. Born 1964 in Billings; B.A. in political science, University of Montana 1986; M.P.A., John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University 1988; J.D., George Mason University School of Law 1993; attorney, Holland & Hart, LLP; United States Attorney, Montana, 2001-09; Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 2005-06; Acting Associate Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 2006-07; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Marci; two children.



Bill Mercer



Russ Miner

Russ Miner - Great Falls, House District 19, Republican. Life-long resident of Cascade County; B.S. in agricultural production from Montana State University, 1976; extensive knowledge of Montana agriculture business; serves on agriculture, church, and youth boards; works with children in foster care; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Lorie; two sons.

Braxton Mitchell - Columbia Falls, House District 3, Republican. Born 2000 in Whitefish; Columbia Falls High School; Flathead Valley Community College; works in family businesses Montana Jerky Company and Vandevanter Meats; served in House since 2021.



Braxton Mitchell



Terry Moore

Terry Moore - Billings, House District 54, Republican. Born 1952 in Billings; B.S. in business, Montana State University; Senior Executive Management Program, Columbia University; retired chief financial officer for First Interstate BancSystem; certified public accountant at KPMG prior to banking; board member of Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch; past board member of Montana Family Foundation, St. Vincent Healthcare, Montana Board of Investments, Billings West Rotary, Special K Ranch, La Vie, and ADF Foundation; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Tena; three children; five grandsons.

Fiona Nave - Columbus, House District 57, Republican. Born 1954 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin; moved to Montana in 1959; Park High School, Livingston; B.S. California Polytechnic University, Pomona; operations research analyst for U.S. Navy; chairman, Stillwater Republican Central Committee; member, Stillwater Ambulance District #1 board; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Brent; one daughter, one son.



Fiona Nave



Nelly Nicol

Nelly Nicol - Billings, House District 53, Republican. B.S. in public relations, minor in mass communications; fourth-generation Montanan; started and sold a successful business; first served on a workers' compensation board at age 18; currently serving on multiple boards including Kids Chance of Montana; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is William; four children.

George Nikolakakos - Great Falls, House District 26, Republican. Born 1979 in Albrightsville, Pennsylvania; A.A. in Persian-Farsi, Defense Language Institute; B.A. in history, Excelsior College; U.S. Air Force active duty 2002-15; Montana Air National Guard 2015-22; retired Senior Master Sergeant; life member, Veterans of Foreign Wars; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Melissa; four daughters, Story, Reagan, Melody, and Abigail.



George Nikolakakos



Greg Oblander

Greg Oblander - Billings, House District 40, Republican. Born 1957 in Billings; Billings West High School; B.S. in human life science, Logan University; graduate degree in Chiropractic, Logan College of Chiropractic, St. Louis, Missouri; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is JoAnna (Jo); six children.

Gary W. Parry - Colstrip, House District 39, Republican. Born 1952 in Butte; junior high school and high school in Helena; graduate; B.S. in geology, University of Montana; professional geologist in uranium and coal exploration; MBA, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas; worked as a geologist and landman at the Jewett Mine, Jewett, Texas; returned to Colstrip in 1996 and worked in lands, leases, and contracts; retired 2019; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Nola.



Gary W. Parry



Bob Phalen

Bob Phalen - Lindsay, House District 36, Republican. Born 1951 in Miles City; high school graduate; farmer/rancher; active 1970-73 in U.S. Navy; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Connie; four children.

Joe Read - Ronan, House District 93, Republican. Born 1955 in Ronan; studied agricultural mechanics at Montana State University-Northern; A.A. in forestry, Salish Kootenai College; farmer/small cattle operation; large fire and disaster response; Eagle Scout; grew up in the Shriner's Hospital in Spokane due to being born without hip sockets; served three sessions on the State-Tribal Interim Committee; served in House 2011-12 (HD15) and since 2019 (HD93); spouse's name is Jill; three sons, two daughters; five grandchildren.



Joe Read

Amy Regier - Kalispell, House District 6, Republican. Born 1978 in Kalispell; B.S.N., Montana State University 2000; registered nurse; served in House since 2021.



Amy Regier

Linda Reksten - Polson, House District 12, Republican. Born 1951 in Polson; Ed.D. in teaching studies/education administration, UCLA; M.A. in education administration, Point Loma Nazarene University; B.S. in secondary education, biology major/chemistry minor, Eastern Montana College; Superintendent of Schools in Butte and Polson; member of Greater Polson Community Foundation, Lake County Republican Women, Pachyderm Club; wrote two books for Corwin Press on technology and student achievement; honored by President Bush for high student achievement at Disney Elementary, Burbank, California; served in House since 2021.



Linda Reksten



Melissa Romano

Melissa Romano - Helena, House District 81, Democrat. Born 1976 in Spokane, Washington; moved to Montana in 1978; M.S. in education, B.A. in science, University of Bridgeport; elementary instructional coach, Helena School District 1; National Board Certified Teacher in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts Early and Middle Childhood; 2018 Montana Teacher of the Year; 2012 awardee of the Presidential Award of Excellence in Math and Science Teaching; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Eric; four children, Benton, Brody, Aidia, and Aila.

Tyson Running Wolf - Browning, House District 16, Democrat. Born 1974 in Browning; Browning High School graduate; B.S. in forest resource management, University of Montana; forest resource manager - fire management officer; Blackfeet tribal affiliation; four-year Tribal Council member for the Blackfeet Nation; served as secretary on the executive board for Blackfeet Nation; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Lona; five daughters, two sons; three grandchildren.



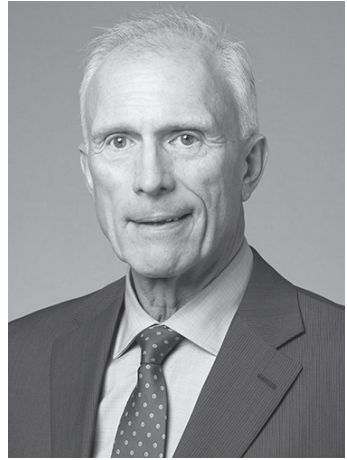
Tyson Running Wolf



Wayne Rusk

Wayne Rusk - Corvallis, House District 88, Republican. Born 1970; moved to Montana in 1992; high school education; commercial/backcountry pilot.; self-employed tradesman for the past 25 years; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Carrie; two children.

Jerry Schillinger - Circle, House District 37, Republican. Born 1955 in Wolf Point; Vida elementary school; Circle High School; attended Montana State University; B.S. in accounting, University of Montana; C.P.A., University of Montana; farmer; Chairman of the Board, McCone Health Center; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Carol; three sons; five grandchildren.



Jerry Schillinger



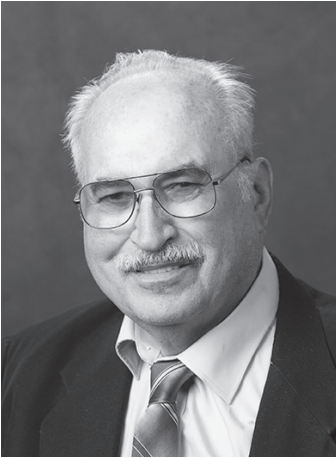
Kerri Seekins-Crowe

Kerri Seekins-Crowe - Billings, House District 43, Republican. Born in Hardin; B.B.A., University of Alaska Fairbanks; M.B.A. Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina; Realtor and business development consultant; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Michael Crowe; two children; one granddaughter.



Lola Sheldon-Galloway

Lola Sheldon-Galloway - Great Falls, House District 22, Republican. Born 1959 in Great Falls; Vaughn Elementary School; Simms High School; music education at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1978; A.A in elementary education, Montana State University College of Technology, 2010; co-owner of Dairy Queens and Great Falls Do It Best Lumber and Hardware store; music aide in local school districts; stay-at-home mom; Great Falls Fourth of July parade, 2006, cochair since 2015; treasurer, Citizens for Sun Prairie Park Improvements; MTGOP vice chair since 2019; HD22B precinct committee woman; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Rep. Steven Galloway; six children; fifteen grandchildren.



Frank Smith

Frank Smith - Poplar, House District 31, Democrat. Born 1942 in Poplar; graduated high school in Poplar; NCO and EMT training, Air Force; retired small business owner; taught at Dawson Community College; Fort Peck tribal council; Fort Peck and Sioux Assiniboine; in U.S. Air Force 1964-69; Boys and Girls Club of Fort Peck Reservation; started Fort Peck ambulance service; served five years on the Fort Peck Tribal Council; served in Senate 2005-08 and 2017-2020; served in House 1999-2004, 2011-12, and since 2021; one son, three daughters.

Laura Smith - Helena, House District 79, Democrat. Born 1982 in Salt Lake City, Utah; moved to Montana in 2010; B.S. and B.A., political science and English, University of Utah; J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School; certification in business and public policy, Wharton Business School; federal prosecutor in the Montana U.S. Attorney's Office; received awards for leading complex prosecutions; deputy director, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services; can carry a violin tune; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Mac; two children.



Laura Smith



Tanner Smith

Tanner Smith - Lakeside, House District 11, Republican. Born 1975 in Missoula; raised in Stevensville; graduated Stevensville High School 1993 with honors; moved to Lakeside in 1993 to work in the family excavation business, Smith Construction, now a third-generation Montana business; school board trustee, District 29 Lakeside/Somers; served in House since 2023; partner's name is Kelly; three boys, two girls.

Courtenay Sprunger - Kalispell, House District 7, Republican. Born and raised in Kalispell; fifth-generation resident of the Flathead Valley; Bigfork High School graduate; B.A. in communications, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, California; founder (2008) and present owner/CEO of Big Sky Public Relations; 2015-22 board of directors, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, 2021 chair; Montana Ambassadors since 2014; aunt to thirteen nieces and nephews; served in House since 2023.



Courtenay Sprunger

Ed Stafman - Bozeman, House District 62, Democrat. Born 1954 in Key West, Florida; moved to Montana in 2008; B.A. in math, State University of New York at Stony Brook 1975; J.D., Florida State University College of Law 1977; completed coursework for Ph.D. in religion, Florida State University 2007; Rabbinic ordination, ALEPH Rabbinic Program 2009; Rabbi Emeritus; attorney; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Beth; two grown children, Laura and Logan.



Ed Stafman

Sharon Stewart Peregoy - Crow Agency, House District 42, Democrat. Born in Crow Agency; Hardin High School graduate; B.S. in elementary education, Montana State University; M.Ed. specializing in curriculum and instruction, Seattle City University; 39-year career in pre-K and K-16 education; faculty at Little Big Horn College; enrolled member of Crow Tribe; founded the Apsaalooké Youth Leadership Cadre; fluent speaker of Crow language; served in Senate 2009-16; served in House since 2017; one daughter, Catherine “Buffy” Stewart.



Sharon Stewart Peregoy



Mallerie Stromswold

Mallerie Stromswold - Billings, House District 50, Republican. Born 2001 in Billings; Billings Senior High School graduate; currently a student at Montana State University; served in House since 2021.

Katie Sullivan - Missoula, House District 89, Democrat. Born 1983 in Denver, Colorado; raised in Tucson, Arizona; moved to Montana in 2001; B.A. in human biology, University of Montana; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; LL.M. in intellectual property and information technology law, University of Colorado School of Law; solo patent and trademark attorney; part owner of small manufacturing business; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Phil Stempin.



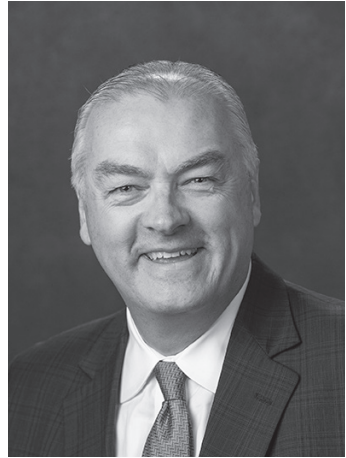
Katie Sullivan



Mark Thane

Mark Thane - Missoula, House District 99, Democrat. Born 1959 in Missoula; B.A. in education, University of Montana; M.Ed. in educational leadership, University of Montana; retired Montana public school teacher/administrator; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Mary; two daughters, Lindsay and Emilie.

Paul Tuss - Havre, House District 28; Democrat. Born 1965 in Anaconda; B.A. in political science, University of Montana 1988; executive director, Bear Paw Development Corporation; past president, Montana Economic Developers Association; board member, National Association of Development Organizations; former chairman, Montana Board of Regents; former member, Montana Tourism Advisory Council and Judicial Nomination Commission; served in House since 2023; two grown children, Dolan and Caroline.



Paul Tuss

Kenneth Walsh - Twin Bridges, House District 71, Republican. Born 1954 in Stockton, California; moved to Montana in 1962; Twin Bridges High School; B.S., M.S. in agriculture education, Montana State University; currently a rancher; retired as president/CEO of Ruby Valley Bank; Twin Bridges Rotary Club; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Mary Beth; two sons.



Kenneth Walsh

Marvin Weatherwax - Browning, House District 15, Democrat. Born 1966 in Butte; A.A.S. in network system support, Blackfeet Community College; Blackfeet language coursework for Class 7 teaching certificate; tribal councilman; Blackfeet tribal affiliation; veteran of U.S. Marine Corps; first in family to serve in state government since grandfather JD Weatherwax in the 1800s; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Melissa; four sons, three daughters.



Marvin Weatherwax



Tom Welch

Tom Welch - Dillon, House District 72, Republican. Born 1950 in Butte; B.S. in general business/finance, University of Montana; retired CEO/president of Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan; served in House since 2017; spouse's name is Phyllis; two daughters, two sons-in-law; four grandchildren.

Jonathan Windy Boy - Rocky Boy, House District 32, Democrat. Born 1958 in Fort Belknap; studied telecommunications at Southwestern Polytech Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico; professional dancer, singer, policy advisor, public motivational speaker; Chippewa Cree, Assiniboine; sponsored legislation for language preservation language immersion laws and Zortman/Landusky gold heap leach mine reclamation; served in Senate 2009-16; served in House 2003-08 and since 2017; one child; four granddaughters, three grandsons.



Jonathan Windy Boy



Zack Wirth

Zack Wirth - Wolf Creek, House District 80, Republican. Born 1951 in Helena; attended Montana State University with studies in agricultural economics, history; served in Montana Army National Guard 3669 Engineering 1972-79; owns/operates Rocking Z Guest Ranch near Wolf Creek; member of various county advisory boards; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Patty; six adult children; eighteen grandchildren.

Mike Yakawich - Billings, House District 51, Republican. Born 1959 in Butte; moved to Billings in 1987; B.S. from University of Montana; retired small business owner; two terms on Billings City Council, 2014-21, and deputy mayor the last two years; Elks Lodge member since 2005; nonprofit director; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Yukiko; four boys, one girl; six grandchildren.



Mike Yakawich

Zooley Zephyr - Missoula, House District 100, Democrat. Born 1988 in Billings; B.A. in business administration; BFA in creative writing, University of Washington; graduate work, University of Montana; worked as program coordinator/manager at University of Montana 2015-22; served in House since 2023.



Zooley Zephyr

Katie Zolnikov - Billings, House District 45, Republican. Born 1997; degree in business administration from Montana State University Billings; small business owner; third-generation Montanan; served in House since October 2020; spouse's name is Sen. Daniel Zolnikov.



Katie Zolnikov

