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## BROADWATER FOOD BANK LOW ON CLIENTS

Nancy Marks

The Broadwater Food Bank has experienced a steep drop in the number of families seeking help over the past several years, perhaps because a shortage of affordable housing has forced needy people to leave our community. That is the speculation of operations manager Karoline Nelson. She says the Food Bank used to serve up to 40 families every week. The number is now down to about 15 families every other week.

The Food Bank, a non-profit charitable organization, has new leadership, with Daryl Blumhagen joining the board of directors as president, replacing longtime president Don Peace.

Asked if he had any thoughts about leaving the Food Bank, Don said, “I have been here ten or eleven years. I came on when Marge Cheever was the leader. She had recently moved the Food Bank from the old Duehr barber shop on Broadway to the present location at 315 Broadway.”

Don first joined the board as a representative from his church when he and his wife Maxine first moved to Townsend. “It was an exciting time at the Food Bank,” he said. “Mary Parker, who had once owned a grocery store, laid out the shelves and aisles. Townsend church members were all highly active and we had many customers.”

Daryl became interested through serving for his church as well. He welcomed major painting and refurbishing of the facility spearheaded by the Townsend Rotary Club last spring. Members of the Amish community near Radersburg painted the outside of the building. Townsend Flooring supplied both the materials and the labor to install a new floor. Helen Turcotte, through the Broadwater Community Foundation, set up a matching fund to purchase two new upright coolers. Rotary members moved all the canned goods, painted the room, put in the shades, then replaced the canned goods on the shelves.

“It was a community effort and welcomed by all

of us who work here, and by those who use our services,” Daryl said. The Food Bank board is made up of representatives from seven Townsend churches plus the officers and one member at large. Members from Faith Baptist, Townsend United Methodist, Holy Cross Catholic, Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Trailhead Christian Fellowship and Mountain Valley (Alliance) churches serve on a rotating basis throughout the year.

Karoline explained the change in Broadwater Food Bank’s clientele. “Up until COVID, we served twenty to forty families every week. That amounted to about 100 persons. When COVID hit, we boxed up food and set it out for people to pick up. Our regular families slowly disappeared. The number of people we serve has never come back to those high numbers. We are open only twice or three times a month, and maybe see 15 families.”

They have tried to put the word out that the Food Bank is open, she said. They used to have a Facebook page, but no longer. Rotary members have tried unsuccessfully to interest young people in keeping up a Facebook page for the facility. Karoline said she suspected one of the reasons their client numbers are low is because of the lack of housing in the area. “Our people can no longer afford to live here,” she said.

Karoline is a ten-year member of the Food Bank board. Members stock shelves and wait on clientele.

Food available on a regular basis includes beef, chicken, wild game meat, cheese, milk, butter, eggs, bread, canned goods, baking ingredients, seasonal vegetables, and fruit. Whole turkeys are given at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Food donations from the community are welcome on the first, third and fifth Fridays of every month beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Food Bank has two major contributors: Town Pump of Montana and the annual “Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat,” program put on



Daryl Blumhagen, right is the new president the board of directors of Broadwater Food Pantry replacing long time president Don Peace, left. Steve Visocan, center, is treasurer. Credit Nancy Marks.

by the youth of the local churches. The youth gathered 1,800 pounds of canned goods last year Karoline said. Town Pump puts on an annual match program from September to November. Last year they matched the annual fundraising with \$7,500. The Food Bank raises money at events such as Fall Fest. It also has contribution boxes at Bob’s Supermarket.

“Town Pump has been very generous. During COVID we received an extra \$1,000 each year. In addition, the local Town Pump raised \$5,413 in contributions for us,” Karoline explained.

The Broadwater Food Bank offers food to anyone who is in need. Financial proof is not necessary. The service is open the first, third and fifth Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, please call Karoline at (406) 438-3981.

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## TOWNSEND SCHOOLS OPEN AUGUST 30

Nancy Marks



The learning curve has been high for teachers, administrators, and now for students and parents. Townsend Elementary School is brand new. It has a

new address, new ways to drop off students and new places for everyone to park.

Elementary School principal, Christina Hartmann, said Tuesday K-8th grade is ready for the 350 students signed up for the school year, along with 186 students registered in the Middle School. The state fire marshal and Broadwater County’s Sheriff’s office will walk through the safety inspection to check the school’s evacuation plan and to check new entrance procedures. All outside doors have buzzers which will allow visitors to enter the building.

Mrs. Hartmann said safety was the reason for closing Second Street in front of the school. “We ended up with four lanes of traffic, some going one way and some going the other. More than once we had cars nearly miss hitting a child, or someone pulling a child out of danger,” she explained. She said the new system will prevent accidents and make dropping off children a smoother activity.

She said the plan allows for parents who enter the drop-off driveway to pull in the right lane only. Cars that pull in the left lane must wait until a spot opens in the right lane to let off students.

“We have encouraged parents to use three drop-off places to eliminate the traffic jams we had before,” she said. Children may be dropped off in front of the future playground, in front of the high school or parents can drive into the staff parking lot to the south of the school. From there, children can cross at the crosswalk to enter the building. In the next few months, until the renovation

is complete, the best place to drop off children will be in the rear of the high school or football field parking lot on Cedar Street, she said.

Buses will be in their former parking space on Pine Street, which is now the front of Townsend Elementary School. The large parking space is now on school land instead of being in the street boulevard. The space is large enough to accommodate visiting team buses as well.

As we walked around the new school to the new kitchen entrance, Mrs. Hartmann pointed out another 15-minute parking lot to be used for food delivery and short-term parking.

She said phase two of the \$18 million project will include completion of the common (lunch) room, a music room, storage, bathrooms and a hallway connecting the school to the library. That work should be completed in late October or early November. “If we have some money left over, the school board plans to complete two more classrooms,” she concluded.

Townsend Schools will host an Ice Cream Social for parents and students Monday, August 29 beginning at 5:30 p.m. so everyone can learn where to go for their new classrooms. School starts on August 30.



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Back row: Betty Mockel, (vice queen), Sandy Vanover, (queen), Margo Dale, Patty Stucky, Helen Turcotte, MaryAnn Salladay, Linda McCullough, and Sharon Lewis; Front row: Barbara Wogamon, Trenna Scofield, Sharon Obrigewitch, Bonnie Olsen, Gerry Kimpton, Ann Lindsay, and Martha Wilson; Present but not pictured: Margie Stocks

## THE CRIMSON GALS!

Townsend's Red Hats, the Crimson Gals, met at the Commercial for lunch on August 18th. Each month they meet for lunch at a Broadwater County business. The Crimson Gals try to give every business our attention. We meet for friendship, laughter, and good food!

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JUNE 24	3-6 PM	<b>Neal Lewing—Inlaws and Outlaws</b> <i>Award winning singer/songwriter</i>	5 PM
JULY 15	3-6 PM	<b>WE Tierney</b> <i>Broadwater County Pioneer and Leader</i>	5 PM
JULY 29	3-6 PM	<b>John Larsen, Family and Friends</b> <i>Toe tapping music</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 12	3-6 PM	<b>The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire</b> <i>Folk, Country and Gospel music</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 26	3-6 PM	<b>Jim Foster</b> <i>Folk, County, Gospel and Patriotic music</i>	5 PM

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## BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### UNOFFICIAL AGENDA FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022

*NOTICE: No meeting will be held on Monday, September 5, 2022 due to the Labor Day holiday. The Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.*

Meetings may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com/home/pages/board-videos>. Public comment is taken either in writing in advance of the meeting or in person at the meeting. Public comment is not taken by the website.

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Agenda, documents, official meeting minutes and videos of past Commission meetings are available at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com>.

Official agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1st floor bulletin board), [broadwatercountymt.com](https://www.broadwatercountymt.com) and in the window of the Flynn Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The public comment period (items not on the agenda) will be at the beginning of the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change.

**10:00 AM** Discussion and Decision: Contract Number 2023-004-007 between Rocky Mountain Area IV Agency on Aging and Broadwater County Health Department for Provision of in-home care services to the elderly.

**10:05 AM** Discussion and Decision: Canyon Ferry Airport Lease Agreement Form for Dwight Thompson.

**10:10 AM** Discussion and Decision: Jania Hatfield, Deputy County Attorney, Resolution for Special Deputy Attorney.

**10:30 AM** Public Hearing: Budget Amendment.

**10:40 AM** Discussion and Decision: Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer, Budget Amendment.

**10:45 AM** Discussion and Decision: Nichole Brown, Director of Community Development and Planning, Greenway Subsequent Minor Subdivision.

**12:00PM** Dedication of the Flynn Building, Public is invited.

*Items for Discussion, Action, Review or Signature:*

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters

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### Americanisms



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## SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS BUS CONTRACT

by Nancy Marks



School District #1 board members awarded a school bus contract to Bulldog Buslines owned by Jeramy Rice at last Tuesday’s regular meeting. All board members were present, including Kevin McDonnell, who participated virtually. The contract will include routes four, five and six. Route six will use the District’s special needs bus to pick up special needs students.

Superintendent Susie Hedalen reported she had been able to hire another first-grade teacher. The first-grade enrollment is at 54. That number is over the limit allowed under state regulations. She also reported enrollment for the 5th grade is very high. She has not been able to fill a third teacher position for that grade. She will use paraprofessionals to help until she is able to fill the position.

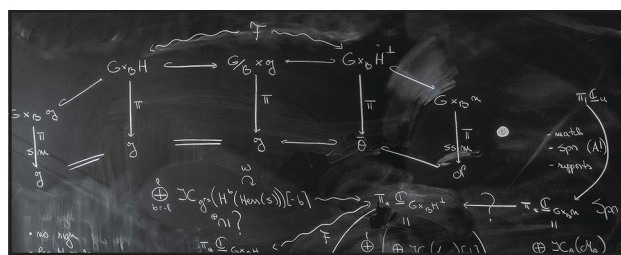
Hedalen approached the board about signing on to a teacher residency program for rural schools offered through the Office of Public Instruction. The one-year program would be a substitute for a graduating college senior’s student teaching experience. She will give the board more information on that program at a later meeting.

Hedalen is asking for a full-time Assistant Clerk to help Administrative Assistant Kristie Sangray with payroll, budgeting and working with Broadwater County officials to keep up with the expanding workload. Board member Shaun Scott suggested a temporary worker. No action was taken.

A certified American Sign Language coordinator position has not been filled. She is in contact with Montana School for the Deaf and Blind to ask about a lead to fill the position.

“We were fortunate to have a certified sign language person who lived in Townsend and worked with us. She retired. Now we are finding it very difficult to fill the position because there are no certification programs in Montana’s university system,” she said.

Following Hedalen’s report, Chairman Jason Noyes turned the meeting into a budget session which ran into a late-night session. By law, the board must put forth an approved budget by the start of school. Hedalen said she and the board will work again Thursday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Library room. The meeting is open to the public.



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley’s courtroom on Friday, August 19 was as follows:

Donald Dewit had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment, pleading not guilty to DUI (fourth or subsequent) and reckless driving. His Omnibus is due by January 6, 2023. The pre-Trial is set for April 14, 2023, with the Jury Trial scheduled for May 8, 2023.

Steven Mikkelson was scheduled for an Evidentiary Hearing but chose to opt-in with the Plea Agreement settled earlier, pleading guilty to criminal endangerment (creating substantial bodily injury or death). He is Sentenced to 10 years in Montana State Prison, with 253 days credit time served, to be served concurrently with three previous charges out of Lake and Sanders Counties. If he is paroled, standard conditions of release are in effect. He must pay \$80 in fees and surcharges.

Bobby Price had his Change of Plea continued until September 16.

James Swan III had his Omnibus memorandum signed. The Office of Public Defender is now in charge of his defense.

Casey Smith had a Change of Plea, pleading guilty to felony criminal endangerment. He will have a status hearing on August 26.

Nancy Wilson had her Omnibus continued until September 16.

Jason Wahlrich appeared for an Initial Appearance and Arraignment, pleading not guilty to DUI (fifth or subsequent offense, and speeding on the interstate. His Omnibus is October 21, Pre-Trial is February 17, 2023, and Jury Trial is scheduled for March 13, 2023.



## THE SUMMER MILKY WAY

Jeff Ross



This week the Moon passes through its New phase on August 27 and becomes a Waxing Crescent. Waxing means that the visible illuminated slice becomes wider with each passing night until the First Quarter when half of the lunar disc is lit.

When our Moon is in this phase it isn't bright enough to overpower anything else in the night sky. That means this week is great for seeing everything else. Three of the outer planets that are visible with an unaided eye

See MILKY WAY, 8

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2022–23 school year! It is a great pleasure to welcome our returning families and those new to our district.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school, August 30.

If you have any registration questions, please visit us at the front desk of the high school (the entrance on Cedar Street is open). The ice cream social for the elementary school on August 29 from 5:30–6:30 will give families and students an excellent opportunity to meet teachers, get familiar with classrooms, and unpack supplies!

The high school freshman and 6th-grade/new middle school student orientation will be on the 29th from 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

The construction project is on schedule. Phase one is being completed and inspected. This includes the new elementary school entrance, kitchen, commons, admin offices, classrooms, and more. Phase two is also on schedule and is expected to be completed in November. Phase two includes the playground and the connecting wing between the buildings, which will provide additional office and learning spaces. Building two additional classrooms with the remaining funds from the building project is under consideration and would be completed in the spring.

The Bulldog Team has been attending training in technology, school safety, and reading curriculums. We still have some openings on the team. Please see the website for current vacancies. Please help welcome the new staff to Townsend.

Everyone is excited to begin the school year in the new elementary and updated middle and high school! Many projects are now completed to update the schools for safety, air quality, technology, and improved learning environments. The ribbon cutting and community tour of the building will be in September and will be advertised!

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Susie Hedalen

Superintendent of Townsend School District  
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BULLDOGS TO BRITAIN A SUCCESS!

by Jill Flynn

Well, it finally happened! After almost four years and two cancellations, the Broadwater High School Bulldogs to Britain crew finally made their trip to London for a week of education and exploration. Of the original 11 students who had signed up to travel in 2018, only 5 were finally able to travel after all the delays, but along with their three BHS chaperones, the group had a marvelous experience.

Working through Education First, an educational travel organization with over 50 years of experience organizing student trips, Bulldogs to Britain adventured to England from June 4 to June 11, to learn about the culture, theater and literature of London and the Stratford-on-Avon area. Traveling with the group were students Taylor Noyes, Savanna Delger, Jana Paulsen, Caitlyn Hahn and Sierra Slyker, and chaperones Sheri Heavrin, Kallie Audet and Jill Flynn.

Highlights of the trip included visiting the Tower of London, Windsor Castle, Warwick Castle, and the homes of William Shakespeare and his wife, Ann Hathaway. The group also rode the famous London Eye, attended 4 amazing theater performances, walked all over London saw well-known tourist sights, and sampled British and other international cuisines. They learned lessons in traveling internationally, navigating subway systems, coping with a bustling major world city, trying new foods and stepping outside their comfort zones with new experiences. One major goal of the trip was accomplished, when one traveler noted, "I think I would be able to travel overseas on my own now!"

The group would like to extend their gratitude to all who made this trip possible and supported them over the years until they could finally travel. Special thanks go to major financial contributors: Townsend Booster Club, Broadwater Community Foundation, Saltzman's Fleet and Street, Headwaters Flying, Infinite Hope Counseling, Townsend Marine, Canyon Ferry PT, Rotary, Hidden Hollow Hideaway, Joni Carlton, John and Michele Klara and everyone in the Townsend Community who donated to fundraisers and left tips at Concession sales. Thanks, too, to the parents of the students who helped with fundraisers and supported their children in making this experience possible. It was a trip of a lifetime, and the memories and life skills learned will last forever.



Pictured left are Kallie Audet, Savanna Delger, Jill Flynn, Sheri Heavrin, Taylor Noyes, Sierra Slyker, Caitlyn Hahn and Jana Paulsen outside the Tower of London. Center, at the home of Anne Hathaway, Shakespeare's wife. Right, standing before the Thames and Tower Bridge. Photos courtesy Jill Flynn.



Coach Joe Horne puts the Broadwater Bulldog football players through their paces to prepare for Friday night's game in Thompson Falls.



This year's school bus drivers shown here left to right: Corine Swan, Larry Woodring, Buffy Woodring and Dallas Diehl. Not shown: Jeremy Rice and Gail Vennes.

Photos above and below courtesy Nancy Marks.



The brand new commercial kitchen at Townsend Elementary School has all new equipment along with an office for the kitchen manager, a separate area for washing dishes. The coolers for the kitchen have yet to arrive, but will be installed as soon as they do arrive, according to Townsend Elementary School Principal Christina Hartmann.



Townsend Elementary School Principal Christina Hartmann proudly displays the front of the new grade school.



The new drop-off area for students and parents will prevent traffic jams plus make the area safer for children.



# SCHOOL BUS

#1 WINSTON BUS ROUTE TIMES			#2 CANYON FERRY / HWY 284 BUS ROUTE TIMES			#3 DEEP CREEK BUS ROUTE TIMES			#4 RADERSBURG BUS ROUTE TIMES			#5 TOSTON BUS ROUTE TIMES		
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7:20	Blinking Light	4:18	7:22	Cameron	4:17	7:20	777 Hwy 12	4:24	7:08	Flynn	4:18	7:08	Flynn	4:18
7:27	Spruce Grove	4:25	7:25	Duck Creek Rd	4:14	7:22	Clopton Ln	4:22	7:09	Folkvord	4:19	7:09	Folkvord	4:19
7:33	Quarter Circle Rd.	4:11	7:28	Chamberlain	4:12	7:22	641 Hwy 12	4:19	7:15	Dry Hollow	4:21	7:15	Dry Hollow	4:21
7:39	Winston Store Parking Lot	4:05	7:30	Gurnett Creek Rd	4:11	7:22	610 Hwy 12	4:28	7:20	Mill Rd	4:20	7:20	Mill Rd	4:20
7:45	Silos	3:59	7:31	Dry Gulch Rd.	4:05	7:22	472 Lower Deep Creek	4:16	7:22	Williams Turnaround	4:22	7:22	Williams Turnaround	4:22
8:00	School	3:40	7:32	Bruins/ Canton Church	4:03	7:28	431 Lower Deep Creek	4:11	7:24	Carpenter	4:20	7:24	Carpenter	4:20
			7:33	Campbell	4:02	7:29	10 Litening Barn	4:10	7:26	Parker Loop	4:17	7:26	Parker Loop	4:17
			7:34	McCauley	4:02	7:33	Lower Litening Barn (Bird)	4:08	7:27	One Horse	4:14	7:27	One Horse	4:14
			7:35	Ray Creek Rd	4:01	7:35	81 Litening Barn	3:56	7:30	Lewis/Kitto	4:30	7:30	Lewis/Kitto	4:30
			7:36	Braaten (Sod Works)	3:59	7:36	Flynn/Beatty (Flynn Ln)	4:01	7:33	Ferrat/ River Rd	4:33	7:33	Ferrat/ River Rd	4:33
			7:37	Cottonwood Rd	3:58	7:40	Greyson Creek	4:03	7:38	Bunkhouse	3:55	7:38	Bunkhouse	3:55
			7:38	Anderson	3:57	7:42	Wickens/Richtmyer	4:06	7:43	Harper (pickup only)	3:55	7:43	Harper (pickup only)	3:55
			7:39	Copperdale Rd	3:56	7:45	Deep Creek Estates	3:53	7:50	School	3:40	7:50	School	3:40
			7:40	Windy Meadow Rd	3:55	7:49	80 Jack Farm Rd	3:51						
			7:41	Stony Trail	3:55	7:50								

**#6 ROUTE TIMES**

A.M.	STOP	P.M.
8:10	Antelope	3:10
8:20	Springville	3:15
8:35	School	3:25

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.  
Vidal Sassoon

## TOWNSEND SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION 2022-2023

Townsend School Offices: (406) 441-3430

Contractor:  
Bulldog Bus lines, Jeremy Rice  
Bulldogbuslinesllc@gmail.com  
(406) 439-8197

Transportation Director:  
Superintendent, Susie Hedalen  
shedalen@townsend.k12.mt.us  
(406) 441-3454

# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

YOU TWO GO PLAY, BUT NOT COWBOYS AND INDIANS. THAT IS CULTURALLY INSENSITIVE.

AND DON'T DO COPS AND ROBBERS AS THAT JUST GLORIFIES GUN VIOLENCE.

AND FORGET DODGEBALL AS THAT JUST PROMOTES BULLYING WEAKER KIDS.

WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING A KID? EVEN WHEN YOU'RE BEING GOOD YOU'RE BAD.

MUSIC AND REVELRY FILL THE AIR SURROUNDING THE PALACE OF KING BARIN.

# FLASH GORDON

WONDERFUL PARTY, BARIN!

YOU CAN THANK AURA FOR THAT, FLASH. SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...

ANOTHER GIFT HAS ARRIVED, DARLING. COME SEE!

WHAT COULD IT BE?

WELL, LET'S TAKE A LOOK!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

STRANGE, IT BARELY REFLECTS THE LIGHT.

FLASH AND DALE ATTEND A GALA BALL IN HONOR OF KING BARIN'S BIRTHDAY.

AND THESE MARKINGS... SOMETHING UNNATURAL ABOUT THEM...

BARIN!

FLASH!

TOO LATE, HE'S GONE!

NOOOOO!!

NEXT: THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS!

# Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

THURSDAY... \*#!\*

DARYL CURSES THE DAY HE BOUGHT HIS OUTDATED CALENDAR

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

...THERE'S MONSTERS IN THAT MINE. DON'T NO ONE COME OUT!

KEEP OUT!

IT'S JUST TOO DANGEROUS TO GO EXPLORIN'!

SOMEHOW YOU TWO HIGH-FIVIN' IMPINENT PERIL IS MORE UPSETTIN' THAN THE PERIL ITSELF.

IMPRESSIVE IF ULTIMATELY FUTILE EFFORT, SAILOR.

YOU MAY HAVE DEFEATED MY FOLLOWERS, BUT YOU ARE NOT PREPARED FOR THE MIGHT OF...

DERLETH THE DESTROYER, CONSUMER OF REALITIES!

I WILL DEVOUR YOUR PUNY—

OW!

THAT REALLY HURT! ALL I WANTED TO DO IS DESTROY YOUR REALITY!

I'M GOIN' HOME!

EUGENE, KIN YA BRINGS IM SOMETHIN FER ME?

JEEP! JEEP!

\*SNIFF\* POPEYE SENT ME AN APOLOGY CARD!!

I'M SORRY WE GOTSK OFF ONNA WRONG FOOT. LET'S START AGAIN WITH A RIGHT.

WHAM!

SOME INTRADIMENSIONAL BEIN'S IS SO FRAGILE.

JEEP!

WHAT DOES THAT EVEN—

# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

SO, WHERE'S THE LEMONADE?

OUT OF STOCK. SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES.

LEMONADE 25c

BUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO HELP SUSTAIN MY BUSINESS THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES...

WOW. SHOULD WE REPRIMAND HER FOR BEIN' A NAUGHTY LITTLE SCAMMER OR PRAISE HER FOR HER INGENUITY!

# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

WE NEED TO HAVE A TALK ABOUT THE BIRDS & THE BEES.

UH... I GUESS THAT'S OKAY...

...BUT I'D RATHER TALK ABOUT SEX!!

# Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

WITH A STRONG TAIL WIND, TOO MUCH DISTANCE CAN BE JUST AS PENALIZING AS TOO LITTLE.

SO WORK HARD AS USUAL ON YOUR CLUB SELECTION AND SWING TECHNIQUE WHEN PLAYING A SEEMINGLY "EASY" SHOT.

STOPPING THE BALL ON THE FAIRWAY OR GREEN IS OBVIOUSLY THE BIG CHALLENGE.

TRY TAKING ONE OR EVEN TWO LESS CLUBS THAN NORMALLY AND THEN RELEASING FULLY AND HITTING HARD TO PRODUCE MAXIMUM HEIGHT AND BACKSPIN.

# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

GOOD NEWS FELLAS, A FEW PEOPLE GOT LET GO TODAY SO THERE'S EXTRA DONUTS IN THE BREAK ROOM.

Congress just passed my \$194 billion Climate Change and Healthcare Bill! So let's come together and unite our country!

TELL THEM TO JUMP OVER MY DEER, MR. PRESIDENT!

DIVIDED WE STAND, UNITED WE FALL!

# GRIN and BEAR IT

by Wagner

OCTOPUS OIL

OIL PRICES

"Who owns the hybrid in the executive parking lot?"

DONORATE. THINK WE SHOULD BE CHECKING THIS?

PAID IN FULL

# LAFF-A-DAY

No, ma'am, you don't get to keep the man you pick from the lineup.

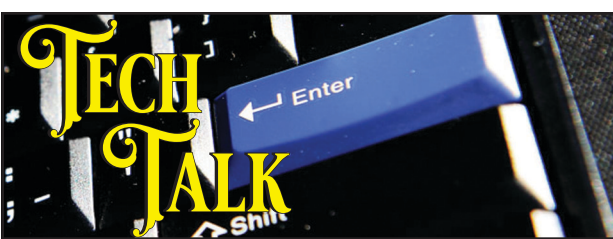
# THREE WAYS TO GAMBLE...

SLOT MACHINES

BLACKJACK

BUY AN AIRLINE TICKET





## LINUX – THE KID FROM THE PEANUTS CARTOON?

Victor Sample



No, Linux is not the kid from the Peanuts Cartoon. Linux is an operating system like Windows or Apple's MacOS.

You have probably never heard of Linux and you may be wondering why you would even want to know about it. Learning a little bit about Linux may save you money if your computer is getting old OR if Microsoft won't let you upgrade your computer from Windows 10 to Windows 11.

In the late 1960s, Bell Labs (if you are old enough you can still remember the Bell Phone Companies) was working on a new, monolithic operating system they called Minix. By 1969, Bell Labs realized that the huge operating system they were developing was too big to work. However, a couple of the engineers working on it created a smaller version of the operating system and were able to run it on a Digital Equipment Corporation PDP computer. They called the system UNIX.

Digital Equipment Corporation was successful in selling their PDP computers running Unix to universities and colleges. Many of the computer science students in the 1970s and 1980s learned computing on a Unix system. HP, Sun Microsystems and even IBM began making computers that ran Unix.

A Finnish computer student, named Linus Torvald, loved working on Unix systems, but there were no PCs that ran Unix. So, in the early 1990s, Torvald began writing his own "clone" of the Unix operating system that would run on a PC. In a play on words, Linus Torvald called his operating system Linux: a combination of his name and Unix.

A lot of computer engineers and hobbyists loved the idea and since Linux was free they started installing it on their PCs and running Linux instead of Windows. Linux has continued to grow and now runs on PCs and Macintosh computers. Many web servers around the world are running on Linux.

The Android operating system, used on the majority of smartphones, is a variation of Linux. Chrome OS is also a variation of Linux. Many devices, like Dish Networks DVR, run variations of Linux.

Compared to Windows or MacOS, Linux is smaller and requires fewer computer resources. Over the years Windows has kept growing and requires bigger, faster computers. Many people have abandoned perfectly good older PCs and laptops because Windows became too slow.

Linux works well on even older PCs and laptops. If you have an older PC and are considering getting a new one, you might consider switching from Windows to Linux. Microsoft will not let you install Windows 11 on many computers only a few years old. Eventually, Windows 10 will become obsolete and will not be compatible with new technologies. Again, Linux will run on those machines and will allow you to keep current.

And Linux is FREE!  
Why isn't everyone moving to use Linux? Because change is hard. Learning to use a new operating system is not easy; but, if you are adventurous you might find that Linux solves a lot of problems for you!



**Elkhorn Community Fellowship**, 126 N Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Eric Crusch, 949-0183.

**Faith Baptist Church**, 5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend. Services: Sunday, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Service, 11:00 a.m. Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Mike Wenzel, 266-4219.

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**, 101 S. Walnut St. Townsend. Mass: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Thursday, 9:00 a.m., Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Adoration: Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturday, 5:15–5:45 p.m. or by appt. Rel. Ed. classes: Pre-K–5th Grade, Wednesday, 5:00–6:30 p.m. Middle & High School grades, Wednesday, 6:15–8:30 p.m. Adult classes, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Father Cody Williams, 266-4811 or office@holycrossmt.org.

**Mountain Valley Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA)**, 110 E Street Townsend. Services: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Kids ministry during Sunday services. Life groups meet during the week. Pastor Eric Krueger, 465-5895. MountainValleyChurch.org. We stream our services on Facebook: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406. (Was Alliance Bible Church.)

**Radersburg Baptist Church**, 7 Main St. Radersburg. Services: Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Richard Summerlin, 410-0458.

**Set Free Christian Fellowship**, meets at the Bridge at 107 E street (PO Box 1163), Townsend. Services: Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Set free recovery Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Bible study, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Pastors Bill and Carol Bergstad, (406) 461-0135.

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study, 10:30 a.m. Pastor John Witcombe, 594-1710 or 431-2810.

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod**, 301 N. Cherry St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Women of the ELCA meet second Tuesday every month at 6:00 PM. Bible Studies meet weekly. Call Pastor Anna Viehland for more information, at (406) 272-2352.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 916 Broadway St. Townsend. Choir Practice, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Christian education, Sunday, 10:40 a.m. Youth activities Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Family History Center, Tuesday, 6:00–9:00 p.m. or by appt. (Director Rebecca Mitchell, 980-0270). Bishop Matt Graham, 266-4255.

**Townsend United Methodist Church**, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Daniel Viehland, 266-3390. TownsendUMC.org.

**Trailhead Christian Fellowship**, 20 Trailhead View Dr. Townsend (5 mi. north of Townsend). Sunday School and Christian Education, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Services Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Middle School youth group, Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Pastor Mark Roelofs, 266-4406 or info@trailheadchristianchurch.com, www.TrailheadChristianChurch.com.  
*To be listed in this calendar send email to News@MT43News.com*



<b>SENIOR CENTER MENU AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 2</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 31</b>
	Roasted Turkey
	Mashed Potatoes
	Green Beans
<b>Monday, August 29</b>	Whole Grain Bread
Baked Ham	Plump Peaches
Scalloped Potatoes	
Garden Peas	<b>Thursday, Sept. 1</b>
Carrot Raisin Salad	BBQ Pork Sandwich
Spiced Apples	Potato Salad
	Pickled Beets
<b>Tuesday, August 30</b>	Cinnamon Applesauce
Sloppy Joes on a Bun	
Baked Beans	<b>Friday, Sept. 2</b>
Creamy Coleslaw	Salisbury Steak
Juicy Pears	Steamed Potatoes
Dessert	California Blend
	Carrot Raisin Salad
	Mandarin Oranges



<b>August 26</b>	<b>September 11</b>
Jim Foster	Patriot Day Parade on
5:00 p.m. @ Canton Church	Broadway @ 11:00 a.m.
	Church Picnic
<b>August 29</b>	Shepherd of the Valley
First day of JH Practice	Lutheran Church picnic,
K-5 Ice Cream Social @ 5:30 p.m., Freshman Orientation @ 6:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m. at Heritage Park
	<b>September 12</b>
<b>August 30</b>	JHFB vs Three Forks @ 6:00 p.m.
First Day of School	
	<b>September 13</b>
<b>September 1</b>	School Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
Townsend Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. HSVB vs Whitehall @ 4:00 p.m.	
	<b>September 15</b>
<b>September 2</b>	Townsend Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. JHVB vs Whitehall @ 4:00 p.m.
JVFB vs Florence @ 3:00 p.m., HSFB vs Florence @ 7:00 p.m.	
	<b>September 18</b>
<b>September 3</b>	Comedy Night at Canyon Ferry Brewing 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Montana Saddle Club Association O-Mok-See @ the Fairgrounds	
	<b>September 19</b>
<b>September 4</b>	JVFB vs Manhattan @ 4:00 p.m.
Montana Saddle Club Association O-Mok-See @ the Fairgrounds	JHFB vs Manhattan @ 6:00 p.m.
	<b>September 22</b>
<b>September 5</b>	Townsend Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. HSVB vs Manhattan @ 4:00 p.m.
Labor Day	
	<b>September 24</b>
<b>September 6</b>	JHVB vs Anaconda @ 4:00 p.m.
JHVB vs Anaconda @ 4:00 p.m.	HSVB vs Fairfield @ 1:00 p.m.
<b>September 8</b>	<b>September 26</b>
Townsend Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. JHVB vs Belgrade @ 4:00 p.m.	JVFB vs Jefferson @ 4:00 p.m.
	JHFB vs Jefferson @ 6:00 p.m.
<b>September 9</b>	<b>September 29</b>
HSFB vs Three Forks @ 7:00 p.m.	School Picture Day
	Townsend Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
<b>September 10</b>	
Preparedness Fair	<b>September 30</b>
LDS Church (916 Broadway) @ 9:00 a.m. Host Christine Graham.	Q1 Midterm
	Fall Fest
Water Bath 101: Salsa Edition	Senior Night!
Canning classes in Three Forks (Wheatland) 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; Townsend 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. \$15 fee & RSVP required: 406-266-9242	HSFB vs Whitehall @ 7:00 p.m.
	<b>October 1</b>
	Fall Fest
	<b>October 2</b>
	Fall Fest

## CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday September 11, 3:30 p.m., Heritage Park**

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is hosting an Old-Fashioned Church picnic with food, games and music, Sunday, September 11, at 3:30 p.m. at Heritage Park. Along with our regular members, we are inviting anyone new to the community and anyone who just wants to "get back" to church.

If you are interested in learning about what SVLC has

to offer, we welcome you to join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for services at 301 N Cherry St. If you find you would like to join us in this fellowship, please add your name to the reservation list if you plan to attend the picnic; or you may call Carol at (406) 521-0386. We must have your reservation by September 6th.



### MILKY WAY, from page 3

can be seen overnight. Saturn rises around 8:00 p.m. and can be seen all night. Jupiter follows at 9:30 p.m. and Mars rises about midnight. Of course, "rising" actually means that the rotation of Earth makes the planets appear to rise in the night sky.

Mercury and Venus are going to be too near to the Sun to see.

Summer is the best time of the year to see the full glory of the Milky Way, especially on these nights when we have no visible Moon. The river of stars overhead are best viewed with the unaided eye so our field of view isn't curtailed at all. Binoculars still provide a decent amount of sky and will bring out many more stars.

Overhead, all night during the summer is the asterism we call The Summer Triangle. The Summer Triangle is three bright stars, Vega, Deneb and Altair; they are the brightest stars in Lyra, Cygnus and Aquila, respectively. Vega is almost directly overhead so is the easiest to spot. Deneb can be found to the lower left of Vega, Altair is the lowest in the sky.

Once you see the Summer Triangle you'll never have a problem finding it again. It's always a wonderful sight on a warm summer night with the Milky Way dominant right through the middle.

With clear skies, of course.



# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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## August 25, 1938

### 4-H Achievement Day Festivities Postponed to Stop Spread of Disease, One Case of Meningitis Reported

The annual Achievement Day for the 4-H clubs of the county, which was to have been held this Saturday, has been postponed, according to Mrs. W.G. Kirscher, president of the county's 4-H Club Council. Mrs. Kirscher pointed out that with the one case of meningitis in town, the council thought it advisable to seek advice from the health authorities and co-operate in forestalling the spread of the disease, if possible. Health Officer Frank P. Nash advised that the postponement of the affair would be advisable for a few weeks, and it is thought the program will be carried out in about one month.

The condition of Miss Joan McCarthy, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.G. McCarthy, now suffering from spinal meningitis, is improved. She has been seriously ill at her home here for the past ten days. The house is under a strict quarantine and so far, no other case has been reported.

One case of scarlet fever was reported during the week. Boyce Robbins is practically recovered from a light case of this disease.

The whooping cough epidemic is under control, according to Dr. F. P. Nash, health officer.

## 1949

*Swimming Classes to Close Saturday Tommy Jenkins Says*  
Swimming classes are being held at the Missouri River bridge and the attendance for this class hit an all-time high Monday with 127 children checked in and out according to Tommy Jenkins, who is conducting the classes.

The classes will end Saturday, August 17, Mr. Jenkins said and he wishes to thank the following high school boys for their help in watching the children: Kenny Marcott and Donny Clare.

He also said he wished to thank Ted Kieckbusch for letting them use his planks for the diving boards.

### Toston News

Bert Quinn entertained a large number of relatives and friends at a lawn picnic at the home on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Present were Mrs. Clarence Berberet of Portland, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tiddy and family of Butte, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Austin and family of Helena, Mr. and Mrs. Casey and Mr. and Mrs. J. Farley of East Helena, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Quinn and family of Townsend, John McCullough, Frank Ross and Mrs. Ed Talbot.

Little Miss Lee Ann Wilcox celebrated her fifth birthday Wednesday afternoon by entertaining ten of her friends at a birthday party. Those who attended were Linda Belknap, Billy Cole, Bobby Flynn, Jeanie Greaves, Joyce and Judy Johnson, Gary Smith,

Cheryl and Jimmy Thompson and Alan Wilcox. After an afternoon of games, the guests presented Lee Ann with gifts and refreshments were served by her mother.

## 1955

### Toston Overpass Spanning River & R.R. Opened

The Montana Highway Department opened the newly completed Toston Bridge to U.S. Highway 10 traffic Saturday.

Highway officials said the \$625,000 bridge over the Missouri River was built to replace the hazardous, 15-foot wide bridge that had bottlenecked U.S. 10 traffic for a number of years. In addition, the structure forms an overpass over the Northern Pacific railway tracks. In the past, the railway crossed the highway at one end of the bridge creating a traffic hazard.

Officials said the \$625,000 cost included grading work, bridge construction and erection of the overpass. Two separate contracts were let on the bridge and overpass

Anyone stopping in Toston will double back off highway 10, a distance of about a quarter of a mile.

Frank Byers has erected a new building on the highway to house his bar, the Red Rooster, and moved from Toston to the new location the first of the week.

## 1966

### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters and sons left Saturday for Conrad where they will make their home. Mr. Peters has accepted a teaching position in the Conrad schools for the coming school year.

Gary and Tony Kaul and Mike Ragen were in Salt Lake City over the weekend.

Ronald and F.L. Olsen have taken their racehorses to Missoula where they will race in the fair this week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wake and family returned home Friday from Farmington Ill. where Mrs. Wake and the children had stayed with Mr. Wake's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wake, while Dave attended school at Champaign Ill. He was enrolled at the University of Illinois where he attended the National Science Foundation Summer Institute with modern math as his course.

### Fighter Squadron One Five One

Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif. 96601  
12 July 1966

Dear Editor:

The hard fighting Vigilantes of Fighter Squadron 151 take a great deal of pleasure in announcing the selection of Miss Candace Diane Davis as our Tonkin Gulf girl of the month. Her sweet visage is a welcome companion through the flak ridden skies

of north Viet Nam.

We ask that you present the enclosed squadron patch and charm to Miss Davis as a remembrance. May success follow her in her academic endeavors at Western Montana College.

The Townsend Star comes to us weekly through one of our fellow officers, Lt. jg. Bradley C. White. This weekly has caused Townsend, Montana to become for us, in the Thorton Wilder sense, "Our Town".

Sincerely,  
The Officers of VF1151

## 1977

### Radersburg News

Jane Bottler and Lola Ricketts attended the Blood Pressure clinic held at the Senior Citizen Center a week ago. Mrs. Mary Grandchamp accompanied them to Townsend.

Debbie and Alan Smith got their trailer house today, Monday, after two weeks of long hours and hard work putting in water line and septic tank and hauling dirt away, not far to haul; George Hough needed it for fill around his place.

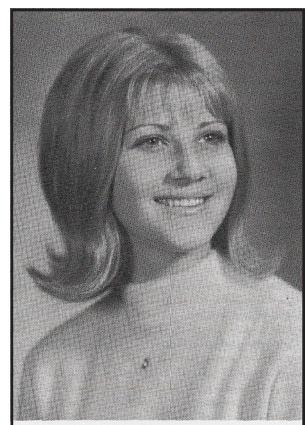
Mrs. Minnie Heisey and Mrs. Leslie Parks of Helena were Radersburg visitors one day last week. Leslie took her brother, Bill Holdaway, to town for shopping and Minnie visited with Oppie and Me.

Saturday, July 16, the Williams Brothers, Doc and John, took cattle to the Holdaway place for summer pasture. A picnic lunch was enjoyed at the new cabin site by most everyone.

Bea (Harris) Baker and her husband, of Santa Monica, Cal., left the Houghs after spending some time in Radersburg and headed for Helena and Butte. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cobban and family of Winston. Then with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Barraugh of Helena.

They were in Billings to visit her sister, Bobby Ann and family before returning home. Mrs. Hough received a letter on Monday that they had made it home safely.

Patti Ragen Schwisow, who is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, while her husband is in school for the summer, left Thursday for Missoula to attend a wedding Saturday of a friend. She came home Sunday.



CANDACE DIANE DAVIS



## CHARITY DILLON - OLD WOMAN'S GRAVE

Victor Sample



The "Old Woman's Grave" road runs from where it splits from River Road to MT Hwy 285, just east of Radersburg. The road was the original stage line route from Springville (near the Cook Mansion) to Radersburg and was part of the major route from Helena to Radersburg.

Along the road, nestled in the Limestone Hills, was the home of the woman known as Charity Dillon. Her home was not a stagecoach way station, but a favorite stop for travelers on the road. Whether it was for a meal, a drink of water from the spring (or perhaps a little stronger drink), everyone was welcomed by Charity.

Charity Dillon has become a legend in Broadwater County although very little is actually known about her. The most common lore regarding Charity Dillon is that she was born in Missouri as Priscilla Allen and became engaged to a young man who decided to go west to seek his fortune. He promised to return to her after creating a life for them in the west.

He never returned.

Priscilla Allen decided to go west and search for her

fiancé. Lore has it that traveling alone by horseback, she arrived in Diamond City in 1866. From Diamond City, Priscilla traveled to Radersburg, where she found her fiancé happily married to another woman and with 2 children. The courageous Priscilla did not want to upset her former fiancé's life but she still loved him and wanted to be nearby. So, she built a four-room cabin on the stage line between Radersburg and Springville. Legend has it she became known as "Charity" because of her famed kindness to travelers.

Charity Dillon was found dead by a traveler stopping at her cabin in February 1870. According to a small squib in the Helena Herald on February 25, 1870:

"Found Dead: We have received a letter from a well-known citizen of Springville, Meagher County, stating that a man by the name of John Boyce, arrived in town on the evening of the 23rd and reported that he had found dead in her house a woman by the name of Charity Allen."

She was buried alongside the road near her cabin. The site became known as the "Old Woman's Grave" despite the fact that she was quite young. Various accounts give her age as 25, 30 or 32 years old. Today there is a marble stone and a cross marking her grave site just off the west side of the "Old Woman's Grave Road".

Charity Dillon remains a mystery! No one seems to know why she was known as Charity Dillon or even how old she was when she died. Some people think she was an alcoholic and drank herself to death. Other accounts attribute her death to food poisoning. Despite the account in the Helena Herald, the "Old Woman's Grave" headstone says she died in 1872.

Her story has fascinated local people and visitors alike for 150 years!

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"Innocence and despair... fire and explosion shelter from kindness in a possible future people and creatures of the wild" (WALL STREET JOURNAL)

**FOX AND I**

AN UNCOMMON FRIENDSHIP

CATHERINE RAVEN

Join us in welcoming **Dr. Catherine Raven!**

Raven will discuss her path to publication and writing process and read from her bestselling memoir, FOX & I.

**Sunday August 28th @ 1:30 pm**

Purchase of Fox & I, or donation to our literacy project strongly encouraged.

"In biologist and former Glacier National Park ranger Catherine Raven's hands, the story—of isolation and tender friendship with a wild fox—feels new. ... Her memoir reminds us that connection to the natural world comes in many forms." -Time Magazine, Summer Reading Pick



Old Woman's Grave marker. Credit: Vic Sample.



EXTENSION

LOCAL CANNING CLASS OFFERED

Allison Kosto  
MSU Broadwater County  
Extension Agent



'Tis the season where we can enjoy the bounty from our gardens! It always seems like all garden produce matures at the same time, and we have more than we can eat. However, there are several options for food preservation including canning, freezing and drying, so you can enjoy your homegrown produce year round.

MSU Extension in Broadwater County is offering a food preservation class, Water Bath 101: Salsa Edition,

on Saturday, September 10. Water bath canning can be used for high acid foods such as fruits, some tomatoes and most pickled products. The class will be offered near Three Forks, from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and again in the afternoon in Townsend from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 pm.

Class size is limited so register early! The cost is \$15 per person. This is a hands-on class and participants will get to take home a jar of salsa. The class is taught by MSU Extension Food & Nutrition Specialist, Brianna Routh. Registration closes on September 1.

Why is it important to learn to properly can? A few years ago there was a botulism outbreak in Ohio at a church potluck dinner. There were twenty confirmed cases of botulism and one woman died. The cause? Home canned potatoes used in a potato salad. Botulism is caused by a toxin that can grow and reproduce in improperly processed home-canned foods. The USDA has done considerable research on how to prevent this food-borne illness and has developed guidelines for safe home canning.

Understanding the type of produce you are canning is the first step to successful canning. There are two types of canning, pressure canning and water bath. Low acid foods such as vegetables (except most tomatoes), meats, poultry and fish require a pressure canner. Acidity is essential to prevent botulism. These foods do not have much natural acid, so they must be processed at higher temperatures and pressures that can only be achieved by pressure canners. Even though this

class doesn't specifically cover pressure canners, there will be an opportunity for question and answer on any food preservation method with Dr. Routh. High acid foods include fruits and properly acidified tomatoes and pickled products. These products can be canned using the water bath method, which will be covered in the class.

Another important factor for canning is elevation. Water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit at sea level, but boils at a much lower temperature at higher altitudes. As you move up in elevation, you must adjust the processing times and pressures for your canners. Both water bath and pressure canners need to be adjusted at 4,000 feet. This county varies in elevation from Townsend at 3,842 feet to Winston at 4,360. There are several online applications that can help you determine your elevation.

Be cautious about where you get recipes. There are many ideas on Pinterest and blogs. However, unless it has been tested by USDA, you cannot guarantee that a recipe meets the standards to prevent the botulism bacteria.

Pressure canner gauges should be checked at least once a year. This is a free service provided by MSU Extension. Simply bring your lid to the office to have it tested. For more information or to RSVP to the class, contact 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu.



THREE FORKS ADVANCES TOWARDS FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Eliza McLaughlin

The Federal Emergency Management Agency in Denver has selected Three Forks for further review before awarding the town a Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant, which would fund most of the city's project.

Being selected for further review brings Three Forks one step closer to a \$4.15 million grant, which will cover 75% of the town's project costs. Three Forks City Treasurer Kelly Smith told The Voice that while receiving the award is unofficial, "it does look good." During the city council's Aug. 9 meeting, the council was informed that Jeremiah Theys, a Natural Resources Business Unit manager at Great West Engineering, had never seen an application this far into the process get denied.

Smith went on to explain that if there aren't any issues, the city can expect to receive an award in early 2023. "We do plan to keep moving forward with the project," she said.

Work to receive this grant has been in the works for more than two years, according to comments made at the August 9 city council meeting.

Completion of Three Forks Area Flood Mitigation Project will help protect 1,000 structures from the effects of flooding while offering benefits such as protection

from wildfires and drought. Additionally, the flood mitigation project will eliminate the need for flood insurance on several properties and alleviate building restrictions and codes in the current flood area.

These benefits offer cost savings to citizens, which would offset the possibility of a tax imposed to fund the remaining 25% of the project.

Although the city of Three Forks is one step closer to receiving the award, completion of the project is still a ways off. During the Aug. 9 city council meeting, Smith informed the council that "It's still going to take years, but at least we know ... we have the funds."

The council has also made headway on the city water project and is currently waiting for the Department of Environmental Quality to permit Well 6A. While the DEQ attempts to fast track the approval process, the council was advised that the new well may not resolve the town's water supply and demand problems.

SCHOOL PURCHASES NEW BUSES, SEEKS OTHER EQUIPMENT

Eliza McLaughlin

The Three Forks School Board approved the purchase of two new school buses and tabled discussion on whether or not to



purchase grounds maintenance equipment during its August 16 meeting.

The new buses will cost the district approximately \$225,000. The district plans to supplement the cost of the two buses by trading in three from its current fleet for \$86,100, leaving a \$138,500 bill for the district to cover.

Three Forks School District Superintendent Rhonda Uthlaut said the district could cover the cost using funds in the transportation account and the extra income from the depreciation fund added by the new buses.

"All our buses would be updated to basically new," Three Forks Transportation Manager Craig Potts said.

Two of the three buses approved for trade-in have "depreciated out," while the third bus has given the school quite a headache. When the district purchased the third bus in 2019 with no warranty, they were unaware that its rear-end pusher motor made it unsuitable for gravel roads. Four radiator replacements later, Potts is ready for a change.

"I either keep getting it repaired all the time, or we discard it now," Potts told the board. "It's a good built bus, but it's really good at throwing rocks into the radiator."

Currently, the bus only has 25,000 miles, which Potts said have accumulated mostly from driving it to and from repairs.

The new buses will include warranties, much to Potts' and the district's relief.

Trustees voiced concerns that by trading three buses for two, they would be short a bus and be limited in the number of routes they could fill. Potts assured the board that the trade would leave the district with two spare buses. "Long story short, we have more than enough buses for all of our routes," Potts said, adding that the district's lack of drivers prevents them from adding routes anyways.

Currently, the district has three bus routes and hopes to have five. After the trade-in, the district's fleet will contain 6 buses.

Potts also approached the board with a request to purchase a skid steer or similar piece of equipment for maintenance, such as snow removal, moving bleachers and more. With the recent parking lot and building expansion, Potts said, the campus will require twice the amount of snow removal as it did before.

Potts received three quotes for potential equipment, noting that it was difficult to find used options: A John Deere loader for \$96,000, an all-wheel skid steer from Camp Implement for \$86,000 and a tool cat for \$80,000.

"None of these things are cheap, unfortunately," Potts told the board, adding that the John Deere loader is his preferred option.

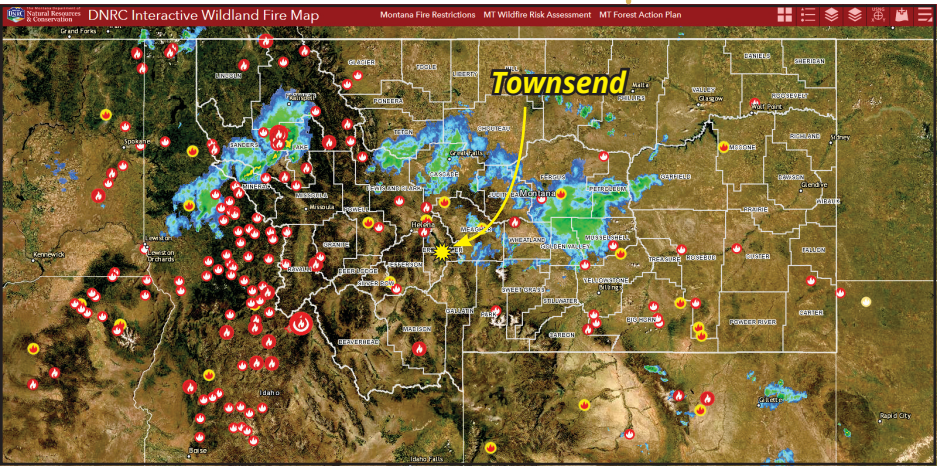
While the other options have limited attachments and low lifting capacity, the loader can lift more than 5,600 pounds and works with all skid steer attachments such as a bucket, snow blower and forklift hooks.

So far, Potts has borrowed or rented equipment to complete tasks around campus.

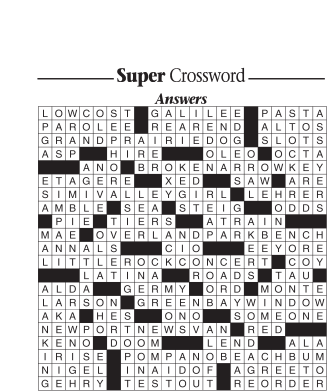
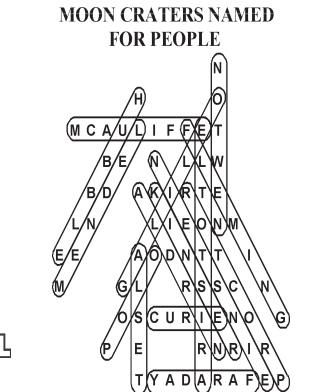
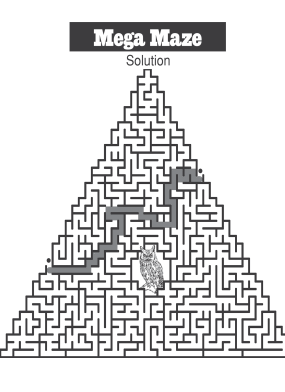
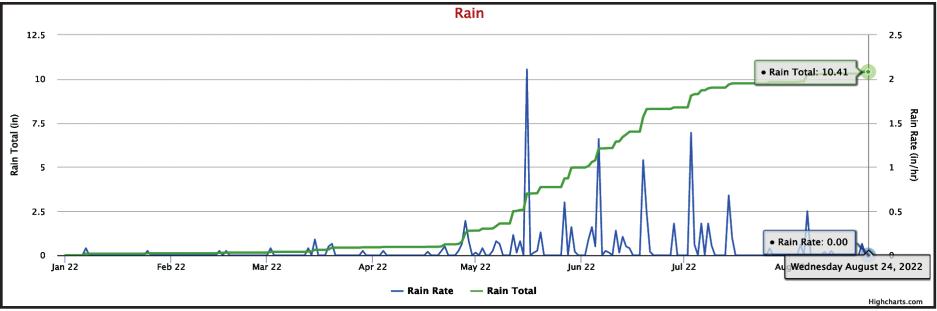
The school board also discussed the fiscal year 2023 budget during the August 16 meeting but broke for recess until 6:30 p.m. on August 23 since the budget isn't ready for approval yet.

"It is in progress," Uthlaut said.

The Three Forks School Board then resumed its budget discussion and hosted a special meeting for other agenda items.



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3. Las Vegas, NV
4. New Orleans, LA
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6. Oahu, HI
7. Island of Hawaii
8. San Diego, CA
9. Savannah, GA
10. Kauai, HI

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**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
What is the term for someone who's examining the life of president Gerald? A Ford explorer.



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**SECTION 00100 INVITATION TO BID**

Separate sealed bids for construction of the Broadwater County Fairgrounds Restrooms and Wastewater Improvements will be received by Broadwater County at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644 until 5:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, and then publicly opened and read aloud on September 7, 2022, at 10:15 a.m. local time at the regular Commissioners meeting.

The project would include an approximate 815 square foot expansion of the existing 4-H Building on the north side of the building. The addition includes new bathrooms, foyer, concrete foundation and pads, overhead door, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical improvements. The wastewater component of the project consists of installing a new collection system, septic tank, dosing tank, and drainfield.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at [www.greatwesteng.com](http://www.greatwesteng.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Current Projects Bidding" tab. The contract documents, consisting of half-size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined or obtained at the office of Great West Engineering, located at 2501 Belt View Drive, Helena, MT 59601, phone 406-449-8627 in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required fee of \$50 per set, which is not refundable.

In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations: Butte Builders Exchange, Great Falls Builders Exchange, Bozeman Plan Exchange, Helena Copy Center.

There will be a Pre-Bid Conference at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds 4-H Building at 189 US Hwy 12 E, Townsend, MT at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 23, 2022. Interested Contractors are encouraged to attend.

Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding for doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, PO Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by Montana Prevailing Wages. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Broadwater County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

This project is funded in part or in whole with grant/loan funding from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (PUB.L. No. 117-2) allocated to the State of Montana by the U.S. Treasury Department.

Award of the project will be contingent upon receiving funding and award concurrence from Montana Governor Gianforte (HB 632) and DNRC. Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in Section 16.02 of the

Instructions to Bidders after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner.

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Broadwater County Commission  
515 Broadway Street  
Townsend, MT 59644

**END OF SECTION**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Request for Proposal Notice is hereby given that Broadwater County Commissioners are requesting proposals for the design, supply and construction of a pre-engineered metal building canopy located at the Broadwater County fairgrounds, 189 US Hwy 12E.

Design/install criteria: Meet all current IBC codes for this location:

- Pre-Engineered Metal Building Canopy to cover 80' X 100' 25', +/- 6" bay spacing. No X Bracing in bays, must have clear pass through
- 16', +/- 6" open sidewall height 360 degrees
- Low slope roof not to exceed 2.5"/12"
- Metal roofing gauge no smaller than 26 ga pre-finished
- All steel members to be fully primed ready for paint
- All footings and foundations included in the design and construction proposal
- Miscellaneous cleanup and disturbed area grading to be included in proposal
- No doors required
- No insulation required
- No utilities to be installed

Ground work and foundation to be completed prior to building arrival. It shall be the responsibility of the successful proposer to obtain all licenses and permits, as required, to complete this project at no additional cost to the County. Completion date no later than July 1, 2023.

Award will be for a single General Contract which includes all work. Broadwater County Commissioners require the selected contractor to provide 100% performance and payment bonds and contractor must provide/meet all insurance requirements specific to Broadwater County requirements to include

builder's risk to include full cost of building replacement. Contractor must carry a minimum of \$1 million in general liability insurance. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall name Broadwater County as additional insured under Commercial General Liability, Automobile, and Excess or Umbrella policies.

Contractor shall comply with all Fair Labor Practices of the State of Montana. The Contractor and his/her subcontractors shall comply with the Montana Contractor's law and shall have a Certificate of Registration from the State of Montana, Department of Labor and Industry, Employment Relations Division.

Contractor must comply with all current "Montana Prevailing Wage" for Building Construction determinations to include providing certified payroll for each labor class anticipated in the completion of the project. All Montana Prevailing Wage Rates are available on the internet at [erd.dli.mt.gov/labor-standards](http://erd.dli.mt.gov/labor-standards) or by contacting the department at (406) 444-6543. Full text for rates and compliance can be found on the State of Montana Department of Labor website:

[https://erd.dli.mt.gov/\\_docs/labor-standards/Prevailing-Wage/BC-Final-2022-Amended-Insulation-Worker.pdf](https://erd.dli.mt.gov/_docs/labor-standards/Prevailing-Wage/BC-Final-2022-Amended-Insulation-Worker.pdf), or by contacting the Department of Labor & Industry at (406) 444-6543

- Advertisement dates: 8/19/22, 8/26/22, 9/2/22
- Proposal due Date: September 6th, 2022 5:00 pm MST
- Proposal Open Date: September 7th, 2022 10:15 am MST

This is a turn-key proposal request, all components of the design and install of a complete building package must be included in the proposal. Costs related to the preparation of a response to this solicitation are solely those of the proposer, and the County assumes no responsibility for any such costs incurred by the proposer.

**Provide the following;** Total Installed Price, Additional cost to provide and install drainage gutters on building, Start Date, Completion Date. Provide information on past experience with three references, proposed building design, and assurances on ability to meet contract terms and schedule. Each proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Broadwater County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked 4-H Metal Building Proposal. Submit four (4) bound hardcopies. Proposals shall be signed in ink with the name of the proposer typed below the signature. A proposer may be requested to present further evidence of his, her, or its experience and qualifications and the entity's financial ability to carry out the terms of the contract. Proposals will be evaluated based on the information submitted; therefore, the submitted information should be in sufficient detail to facilitate a comprehensive analysis. The proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Pricing: 40%
2. Proposer's Past Experience (include 3 references): 20%
3. Proposed building design: 20%
4. Ability to meet contract terms and schedule: 20%

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, and to accept the proposal that is in the best interest of the Owner.

Proposal address:  
Broadwater Co Commissioners  
515 Broadway  
Townsend MT 59644  
(406) 266-9271

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The City of Townsend will hold a public hearing on September 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the City Council Meeting.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments on the proposed FY23 Budget for the City of Townsend, all persons are encouraged to attend.

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The City of Townsend is now accepting applications and Resume for the position of City Clerk/Treasurer.

This is a Full Time Position which includes Employee Paid Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance, Mandatory Enrollment into the Montana Public Employees Retirement System, Paid Vacation and Sick Leave and availability of Aflac and Nationwide 529 Deferred Compensation Plan.

Applications may be picked up at Townsend City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend Montana. Applications should be filled out in your own penmanship. Include a recent printed or typed Resume. Salary for this position is Depending on Experience (DOE)

Submit Application Package in a sealed envelope to Peter Simon, Townsend City Attorney, 303 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 by 5:00 pm. September 16, 2022, this position may be held open until filled.

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF POSITION: Under Administrative Direction, performs a variety of complex work; directs department procedures and processes. Work varies considerably within established legal standards and procedures.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Must possess the ability to meet the public and communicate

orally and in writing, hear and speak with clarity, and possess computer knowledge and skills.

- Work is primarily performed in an office setting involving prolonged sitting, bending, stooping, lifting 35#s (greater with assistance), and walking.
- Must be bondable and certified as a Notary Public; and
- Must possess valid Montana Operator's license and dependable transportation.

**MAJOR AREAS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE:**

- Serves as custodian of official City records and public documents, performs certification and recording for the City as required on legal documents and other records requiring such certification; seals and attests by signature to ordinances, resolutions, contracts, easements, deeds, bonds, or other documents; catalogs and files all city records.
- Attends regular and special city council meetings; oversees or performs an accurate recording of the proceedings, preparation of the minutes, recording, indexing, and filing for the public record, and distributes information as requested.
- Prepares and advertises meeting agendas, bids, legal notices of public hearings and special meetings, distributes materials, minutes, and records of meetings.
- Files ordinances and resolutions of the City Council and oversees the codification of ordinances into the municipal code.
- Work performed may include the preparation of Mayor's and Council Members' correspondence and other documents from copy, rough draft, or recording.
- Position requires substantial contact with the public and fellow employees in which tact and diplomacy are necessary and often involving confidentiality.
- Communicates official plans, policies, and procedures to staff and the public.
- Manages and supervises Department operations to achieve goals within available resources; plans and organizes workloads and staff assignments, trains, motivates and evaluates assigned staff; reviews progress and directs changes as needed.
- Gathers, interprets, and prepares data for a variety of studies, reports, and related information for decision-making purposes.
- Administers the investment program, maintains required investment records, and prepares related reports as required, answers cash management and investment related questions.
- Maintains records for bond payments, fiscal agent, and related redemption ledgers.
- Prepares Claims for payment and issues warrants for approved claims.
- Assures Department responsibilities are performed within budget; performs cost control activities to assure sound City-wide fiscal control by monitoring revenue and expenditures, prepares annual budget requests and assures the effective and efficient use of budgeted funds, personnel, materials, facilities, and time.
- Balances bank statements monthly.
- Performs other related duties as needed.

SUPERVISION - RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK OF OTHERS: Responsible for the supervision of Department personnel.

**EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Graduation from high school or its equivalent; PLUS
- Three (3) years of progressive office experience, records information management, computer skills and accounting experience required (knowledgeable with GAAP, Generally Acceptable Accounting Procedures preferred).
- Supervisory skills through course work or actual supervision of employees preferred.
- Advanced Excel and Black Mountain Software experience desirable; and
- Must possess a valid Montana Operator's license and dependable transportation.

**EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND EXPECTATIONS:**

- Possesses the ability to operate a personal computer including word processing, spread sheet software, central financial computer software, document scanner, 10 key calculators, phone, and copy machines.
- Issues municipal licenses, including business, animal, various regulatory licenses in accordance with applicable city ordinances and other regulations.
- Attends seminars and workshops related to City Clerk duties and responsibilities.
- Responsible for materials and equipment requiring care.
- May receive money from other departments and credits the correct account codes.
- Prepares accurate and timely reports for State and Federal governments.
- Communicates and works effectively with employees, Accountant, and Auditors; and
- Performs all other duties as required.

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**Townsend School District Job Vacancies August 12, 2022**

- Elementary Teacher likely a 5th Grade Position
- Custodian
- ASL Interpreter
- PK-2 Special Education Teacher
- Paraprofessionals
- Kitchen Aide
- Activity bus drivers
- Substitute Teachers and Staff
- Playground Aide
- Part time Adult Education Programming

## DOES THE STATE LEGISLATURE NEED A SPECIAL SESSION TO SPEND DOWN THE BUDGET SURPLUS?

Arren Kimbel-Sannit  
Montana Free Press



Republican legislators are divided on calls to assemble in a special session and pass income and property tax rebates, the latest proposal to spend down a substantial state budget surplus.

Two separate pushes for a special session, a comparatively rare phenomenon in Montana politics, have emerged. Each faces the hurdle of either getting the governor on board or gathering majority support among legislators. And while Republicans hold more than enough legislative seats to make the latter path a possibility, some factional flare-ups mean not every member of the majority caucus is aligned behind the effort.

Rep. Brad Tschida, R-Missoula, and Republican legislative candidate Lyn Hellegaard, who is running to succeed Tschida in his House seat, ignited the effort late last month with an op-ed in the Missoulian proposing to return a maximum of \$3,000 in state income taxes to people who filed in Montana in the 2021 and 2020 tax years.

That call was followed in mid-August by one from Sen. Greg Hertz, R-Polson, who proposed to disburse the surplus with \$1,000 rebates for Montana homeowners who paid property taxes in the last two years, rebates of up to \$1,250 for individuals and \$2,500 for couples who paid resident income taxes during those two years, and \$100 million to pay down state debt.

At play is between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion in state revenues beyond the baseline in the current biennial budget, according to legislative fiscal analysts. That surplus is a product of higher-than-predicted tax collections.

The two pushes are ostensibly separate. Only Hertz, along with nine other legislators, has initiated the process to call the Legislature into a special session by requesting that the secretary of state's office poll the Legislature to determine if a majority supports a special session.

"When an overpayment of this magnitude occurs, it's logically expected by the people of Montana and fiscally responsible for the state government to return the overpayment in an efficient manner and on a timely schedule," Hertz wrote in his letter requesting the polling.

That request was submitted to the secretary of state Aug. 12. Lawmakers have 30 days to respond; non-responses are counted as votes against.

Republicans hold 67 of 100 state House seats and 31 of 50 Senate seats — more than enough to achieve the simple bicameral majority needed to approve a special session.

But some prominent voices in the party have spoken out against the proposals, most notably Rep. Llew Jones, R-Conrad, chair of the House Appropriations Committee and de facto leader of a sub-caucus of comparatively moderate Republicans who regularly find themselves at odds with hard-line conservative lawmakers like Tschida.

Jones and his allies have opposed a number of special session proposals so far this interim: to restrict abortion in the fallout of the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs decision, for example, or to pass election integrity measures, or to draw new Public Service Commission maps.

Jones said the current special session proposal would rush a relatively rare opportunity to invest a large surplus to benefit taxpayers in the long run — an opportunity he said is better suited to the regular session, where passing a budget is the Legislature's only constitutional duty.

In his own July op-ed, Jones called for using the money to bolster the struggling state hospital at Warm Springs, top off the state's wildfire and emergency funds, pass temporary property tax reductions and more. Democrats, meanwhile, have proposed investing \$1 billion of surplus funds into affordable housing, childcare, property tax relief and mental health care services.

"It takes away a discussion," Jones told Montana Free Press last week of the special session proposal. "Can we do something for mental health? Can we do simple things, like \$500 or \$600 million to unfunded pension liabilities? At least, a conversation ought to be held. It takes away our ability to consider those investments that will benefit future taxpayers."

Over the weekend, another comparative moderate and Jones ally, Rep. Frank Garner, R-Kalispell, wrote his own op-ed questioning why certain legislators would want to gather the Legislature in special session just over three months before the scheduled meeting of the regular session.

Special sessions, he noted, have historically been called to attend to immediate emergencies.

"The current proposal is to address approximately \$1.5 billion in approximately two days," Garner wrote. "As I consider my weighty decision on this session call, my first concern is if this proposal is driven by an imminent emergency or by those wanting to write checks to voters because their emergency is merely an imminent election."

If it is convened, the special session would likely occur right before ballots are mailed out in October, he added. Tschida, for one, is running for an open Senate seat in a competitive Missoula district against current Democratic Rep. Willis Curdy.

"Had we been able to do this earlier when we wanted to call a special session a month ago, it would not have bumped up against the election," Tschida said in response to Garner's suggestion Monday.

Tschida also said there are good reasons not to wait. "In my estimation, why would we wait to give taxpayers their money back during session when two things are working against it: We have new legislators who don't understand the process and how it works, and by the time a decision is made those taxpayers probably won't get their money back until June, July or August next year," Tschida said.

Republican leadership is also split on the idea. House Majority Leader Sue Vinton and Senate Majority Leader Cary Smith, both of Billings, were both among the signatories to Hertz's letter, and have called on constituents to ask their representatives to support a special session.

Senate President Mark Blasdel, meanwhile, agreed with the concept of returning money to taxpayers, but was non-committal on the specifics.

"Legislative Republicans are excited to return excess tax money back to the taxpayers who paid it," Blasdel said in a statement. "The timing of a legislative session to accomplish that and the exact mechanisms for returning the money are points of ongoing discussion among legislators."

Those pushing for a special session have found no support among Democrats. House Minority Leader Kim Abbott, D-Helena, told MTFP her caucus is unified against the idea, noting the tens of thousands of dollars required to run a special session with questionable benefit.

"We put out a pretty comprehensive plan on how we feel some of the income balance should be spent this session," she said. "We see this as a pretty expensive-for-the-taxpayers election game."



## DERMATOLOGY OUTREACH COMING TO TOWNSEND!

by Justin Tiffany  
Director of Clinic & Ancillary Services

We are excited to share that we now have dermatology outreach available right here in Townsend at Billings Clinic Broadwater.

Billings Clinic Bozeman board-certified dermatologist Christopher Crowley, M.D., Ph.D., FAAD, will be coming to Billings Clinic Broadwater every month to provide diagnosis and treatment for the full range of adult dermatologic conditions.

A Helena native, he is now happily back at home in Montana after training for many years in California. He received his undergraduate degree at Montana State University and combined Ph.D. and medical degrees at UCLA. Dr. Crowley then completed a transitional internship at Los Angeles County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in 2014 and a dermatology residency at UC San Diego in 2017.

When he's not in the clinic, Dr. Crowley is likely to be outdoors, trying to keep up with his kids.

Dr. Crowley will be in Townsend on September 15; to schedule an appointment with him at Billings Clinic Broadwater, please call 406-898-1200.

Along with this new Dermatology outreach, Billings Clinic Broadwater also continues to bring specialists in Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Cardiology and Podiatry to Townsend to provide high-quality specialty care close to home.



# Get a sports physical and support your school!

We are offering this sports physicals special offer for the month of August.

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Get your athlete ready for the sports season ahead and schedule a sports physical by calling 406-266-3186.



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