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PUBLIC WORKS BOSS TURNING THINGS AROUND

Nancy Marks



Garbage disposal and road maintenance are essential services everywhere, and in Broadwater County, the person in charge of both is Public Works Supervisor Josh Obert, a soft-spoken man with strong ideas about ways to improve the efficiency of his two departments.

In an interview Friday, Obert was first asked about recycling at Townsend's Cedar Street dump station. "We take all metal such as washers and dryers. We take grass clippings, unpainted wood, tree limbs and paper," he said. The newspapers and paper are picked up by J5 Recycling of Bozeman, he said.

Obert said the county no longer recycles cardboard because it costs \$89 a ton to recycle. Still, the Cedar Street station has a canister dedicated to cardboard because people have been so good about breaking down their cardboard boxes. "We really appreciate having the cardboard knocked down, otherwise it takes up so much room in the containers which costs us more money in transferring to the Helena landfill," he said.

All aluminum cans are collected in a shed for Townsend's American Legion post which sells them to raise money. Winston Eager Beavers 4-H club handles the aluminum cans at the Winston dump station.

Obert explained that the Cedar Street station is no longer taking motor oil because the site was being abused. "People would put frying oil, kerosene, and other non-oil products in the container. Until we have



Public Works Supervisor Josh Obert with the Cedar Street cardboard cannister. Credit: Nancy Marks.

a setup with full supervision, we cannot take oil." Residents are encouraged to take used oil to folks who burn oil in their shops, or to the county shop.

Obert began the Public Works job in June of 2020.

He had worked for Conoco Oil in oil fields as a construction contractor for 13 years. During that time, he trained as an efficiency expert.

One of Obert's jobs is to advise the Solid Waste Board. Daniel Davis is the only active member of the advisory group so the board is not meeting regularly. Four board member seats are currently open.

Obert said that when he signed on with Broadwater County, the Solid Waste Department was \$270,000 in debt. That included a \$49,000 loan for new canisters. The department is now in the black and has a Capital Improvement Program fund of \$250,000. "That money will go to replacing or repairing our two hook-lift trucks that are wearing out."

Early in his tenure, Obert studied the routes used to pick up garbage at the five dump stations in the county. Sometimes twice a day, the hook-lift truck would go out to each station only to find a canister at Toston would be about one-eighth full, while two canisters of the six canisters at Winston would be overflowing. "At \$5 a gallon diesel fuel, it was breaking us. The system just wasn't working," he said. Former county commissioner Jim Hohn told him about cameras that are used to check remotely on the status of dump canisters. Now the foreman can check daily on how full the canisters are at each station. The cameras also show if prohibited objects, such as dead animals or tires, are deposited in the dumpster and who used the dump. "We have installed ten cameras for \$750 so far and have seen a one-third cut in diesel fuel use," he said.

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American Legion Auxiliary President Debbie Westphal and Chaplin Larry Westphal separate aluminum cans from unwanted items at the Cedar Street Solid Waste Station. American Legion members volunteer for the recycling project to raise money to fund their annual Broadwater High School senior scholarships. According to volunteer Tim Pool, the group hauls 260 pounds of aluminum cans twice a month to Helena. The work, excluding their donated time and gas money, nets the Legion about \$250 per month. Mr. and Mrs. Westphal asks the recycling public to only put aluminum cans in the bin. Please do not recycle tin cans or garbage. "We have to pick out the tin cans and garbage by hand, which is a miserable, dirty job," Debbie said. Credit: Nancy Marks

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10AM - 7PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
9AM - 6PM

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Cedar Street Sign. Credit: Nancy Marks.



SOMEONE KIDNAPPED OUR ANNOUNCER! RUMOUR IS THAT HE'LL BE FOUND ON BROADWAY DURING THE GHOST STROLL! UNTIL THEN WE'VE HAD TO HIRE THIS LLAMA TO ANNOUNCE OUR 2ND ANNUAL STREET ACTIVITY COMPETITION.

(OK, that didn't quite work as well as we'd hoped... But you can win \$250 with the best street activity. Applications at the store!)

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Historic Townsend Hardware

WORKS, from above

Obert said, "I try to listen to the employees to understand their ways of doing the work, and how they see the job. Then little by little I introduce new ways to make the work easier and more efficient." He said he has introduced a leadership skills training model for his employees. Obert praised TJ Graveley, Roads and Bridges Department foreman, for exceeding the course and passing that on to his direct employees.

Graveley's department in 2020 improved 1.6 miles of road, with gravel upgrades and culvert replacements. In 2021, 26 miles were improved. So far this year, 49.3 miles have been upgraded. Currently, there are 876 gravel roads in Broadwater County.

Improvement, Obert explained, means adding gravel and the chemical magnesium chloride to the surface of a road to help stabilize the surface and provide dust control. Such an addition cuts down on constant maintenance by the Road Department.

Previously, Price Road in the southern end of the county off Hwy. 287 surveyed at 800 vehicle trips a day. Because the road was so wash-boarded and full of potholes, Graveley's crew had to either drive their graders at 4 miles per hour to the road or haul the graders on lowboys, sometimes twice a month. "After we were able to improve the road with 4 inches of gravel and add magnesium chloride, the roadbed hardened. We have not had to blade it for nine and a half months," Obert said.

A survey of 270 vehicle trips a day made Ray Creek Road, off Hwy. 284, a dangerous and dusty road to travel. Since then, the road from Hwy. 284 turnoff to where the road splits has been upgraded. "Every gravel road we improve cuts our maintenance use. It has added one-third life to the graders we use," he said.

Some people have complained that magnesium chloride is dangerously corrosive. Obert explained

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THE ROTARY FALL FEST CAR SHOW

Gerald Rodacker

When the mid-fifties arrived, at 14 years of age, I was able to obtain my driver's license and drive I did. Even though I'd been driving all our farm vehicles long before that, from farm equipment to the big truck, the license made it legal. I then nominated myself to be Mom's chauffeur, taking her in Dad's Buick anywhere she needed to go. Her wish was my command.

As a growing boy, I hung around the car garages. I tried to keep out of the way but helped when I could. I visited with and learned much from the mechanics and auto body men. I hold them in high esteem for the wealth of knowledge I received about cars in general. I remember when the '55 Chevy came out. I said, "One day, I will have one of those", and I did. My senior year is memorable.

A few years back, Rotary featured "50s cars" as the theme for our annual car show. Most all those cars were my favorites. However, each year we try to spread it around to include all years, makes, and models so owners and builders are appreciated for their talent for all to see.

This year the Rotary car show theme is called "Five Star Generals", emphasizing the five divisions once held by General Motors which include: Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac. Who can forget the tri-five Chevys and Corvettes, those wide-bodied Buicks loaded with chrome, the Olds J-2 power, and the beautiful Pontiac Bonneville. Of course, Cadillacs stood alone, oozing in luxury.

This year's car show is Sunday, October 2. Registration is from 7:00-11:00 a.m. on North Pine Street. Starting at 7:00 a.m., parking is designated on Broadway. From 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., music is played by a DJ on Broadway. At 4:00 p.m., awards are presented.

Each year the car show has been growing. It has been said that our car show is very popular in the state and this year should be no exception.

Townsend has the last car show of the season. Women who come with their husbands love the Fall Fest Car Show. They don't have to stay on Broadway and talk "iron" all day. They can walk a couple of blocks to Heritage Park and check out over 100 vendors selling their wares and enjoy the many bands performing for free all day.

We hope to see you this year at the Townsend Rotary Fall Fest Car Show. To register online or to learn more about Fall Fest see: <https://www.givsum.com/charities/rotary-club-of-townsend-mt-fall-fest>



Fall Fest Car Show on Broadway. Credit: Townsend Rotary.



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.

Working meetings are held in various locations, please review the notice of the working meeting to determine the location. Working meetings are not recorded and as a result are not available on the website.

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 Public Hearing: Trident Solar I, LLC ("Trident Solar") for a property tax abatement pursuant to Mont. Code Ann §§ 15-25-1401.

10:20 AM Discussion and Decision: Trident Solar I, LLC property tax abatement pursuant to Mont. Code Ann §§ 15-25-1401.

10:30 AM Discussion and Decision: Jania Hatfield, Acting County Attorney, Additional County Attorney.

10:40 AM Discussion and Decision: Nichole Brown Director of Community Development and Planning, Bridger Brewing East Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat Approval.

11:00 AM Discussion Update from Josh Obert, Public Works Supervisor.

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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Correction

We regret misspelling Kirk Flynn's name in last week's article about the Flynn Building dedication.



TOWNSEND WIFI PARK

Victor Sample

WIFI Park is a small "park" area on Front Street across from the CarQuest auto parts store. It is a small stand of tall cottonwood trees just north of the Copy Cup. The park is maintained by the Townsend Tree Board.

It is called WIFI park because there is free internet access there (donated by Montana Internet). I have seen several people parked there, sitting in their cars or at the picnic table using the free WIFI on their cell phones. Customers of the Copy Cup have also been able to gain internet access through the WIFI Park internet.

About a week ago I received a call from Pat Planenberg about the internet access at WIFI Park not working. Pat was at the Copy Cup. The owner, Dawn Thompson, told Pat that quite a few customers reported they could no longer access the free WIFI at the park. He asked if this was something BCDC (Broadwater County Development Corp.) could look into, and if the WIFI was no longer available, would BCDC be willing to sponsor getting service back at WIFI Park.

I contacted the rest of the BCDC Board members to relay Pat's message and to see if this was something the Board felt BCDC could take on. John Hahn, BCDC Vice President/Treasurer, called Montana Internet support and found that they have always donated internet access at the park and that the support person could "ping" the Montana Internet router at that general location. That is to say, the router was up and running.

Both John and I went to WIFI Park and found that not only was the WIFI active and available there were people at the park actively using the internet access. I then went to the Copy Cup where I was able to access and use the internet.

The name of the free WIFI network is "Helena Hotspot". The Montana Internet support representative said that as a free service the usage threshold on Helena Hotspot is pretty low. So, perhaps people could not access Helena Hotspot and were being denied service because the usage threshold was reached.

In summary, WIFI Park is working and you can access the internet through Helena Hotspot at the park itself or from the Copy Cup IF the usage threshold has not been reached.

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that originally road departments used calcium chloride, which is more corrosive. He said a new natural product has come on which is not corrosive. He is looking into purchasing some for a trial.

Asked about the role of Tri-County Disposal of Helena plays in Broadwater County's solid waste picture, Obert praised the company for offering county residents the convenience of having their garbage picked up each week, rather than having to haul it to the dump site themselves. The garbage disposal company has a good relationship with the Solid Waste department. The private pickup lowers the amount of garbage that county trucks must haul. But the company weighs the amount it picks up and charges the county for hauling it to the Helena Landfill. The county pays for the disposal of the waste Tri County picks up. Tri-County only charges the customer for container rental.

Tri-County Disposal customers in Broadwater County have asked to be removed from the solid waste fee on their tax bills. Those county residents must still pay a portion of the disposal \$29 per ton tipping fees charged to the county by the disposal company.

"The City of Townsend provides the same service for residents within the city limits," he added.

Roads are a big issue in Broadwater County's subdivision regulations. Obert is hoping that a Rural Improvement District with solid waste as a critical infrastructure section of the new regulations will be instituted. "Our study shows each new household generates 6,500 pounds of garbage per year," he said, "We need to include solid waste in our subdivision rules."

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KATHERINE MCDONNELL

Nancy Marks

Broadwater High School 2016 graduate Katherine McDonnell is shown here with a TH57 helicopter in Pensacola, Florida. She is specializing in helicopter flying after graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy military school in New London, Connecticut in 2020. She was commissioned as an ensign and has since been promoted to Lt. Junior Grade Officer.

McDonnell qualified for a Coast Guard Academy scholarship right out of high school. She spent four years earning a mechanical engineering degree. The course is paid for by five years of active military service after graduation.

She opted for flight school where she trained first in flying Cessna planes then on to the T6 Navy turboprop planes school where she studied for ten months. She now trains on the Navy TH57 helicopter. She explained the helicopter is old, "but reliable so they just keep working." She will receive her "wings" as a winged aviator and will be able to fly in the Coast Guard fleet.


The 80,000 active-duty members of the US Coast Guard are deployed from ports on both US coasts doing search and rescue and contra-drug enforcement. The Coast Guard trains its flight recruits at a shared base with the US Navy in Pensacola.

Asked if the Coast Guard will be her life's career, McDonnell said maybe, but it is an additional commitment of 13 years from 2020. "However, it is pretty hard to walk away because the Coast Guard pays our living expenses and all our insurance, plus a good wage," she said.

McDonnell is the daughter of District #1 School board member Kevin McDonnell and Beth Ihle of Santa Fe, New Mexico.



Katherine McDonnell. Credit: Nancy Marks.



Monarch migrations

Unlike other butterflies that can overwinter as larvae, pupae or even as adults in some species, monarchs cannot survive the cold northern winters. In autumn they migrate, using a combination of air currents and thermals to travel about 50 to 100 miles a day. Some have been recorded traveling over 200 miles in one day! It can take up to two months to complete their journey to their winter homes in Mexico and California.

- Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.fs.fed.us, www.monarchwatch.org

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LEADERS IN MONTANA HISTORY

Bev Monigal

In conjunction with Humanities Montana, the Crimson Bluffs Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Foundation proudly hosts a Montana Conversation with Hal Stearns. Mr. Stearns will be in Townsend on September 28 for a free community lecture about leaders in Montana history. The talk will be at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Donations accepted. This is a unique opportunity for the community and we hope you will join us.

Program Description


A variety of leaders are discussed, from Sitting Bull to Custer, the Copper Kings to Wheeler and Mansfield, Rankin to Cobell, and more. Under the microscope, a few leaders are great, some are famous, others fair at best. The past gives us many lessons.

Whether politician, military commander, educator, chief, or coach, leadership is key. It is a mix of art and innovation, charisma and communication, brave or brash. Hal Stearns tells stories about Montana's past leaders to start a discussion about Montana today.

Presenter Bio

An educator for 34 years, today Hal is an instructor for the University of Montana's Lifelong Learning Institute and Humanities Montana. He has a particularly fond interest in sharing his passion for Montana and the West and education with community members, students, teachers and administrators. He has led tours coast to coast and lectured in over 40 states, Germany, England, Japan, Korea and Brazil. His undergraduate degree is from the University of Notre Dame and his advanced degrees are from the University of Montana. His military schools include OCS, Command and General Staff and the Army War College.





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RESOURCES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES

Monique Prevel

If you live in Broadwater County and have a family member with special needs, chances are you have had a hard time finding resources and information to navigate the murky waters of disability services, rights, and advocacy for both adults and children.

By the Numbers: According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), 1 in 6 children between the ages of 3 and 17 have been diagnosed with a developmental disability including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD), Sensory Processing Disorder, Fragile-X Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and Down Syndrome, just to name a few.¹

Furthermore 61 million adults live with some kind of disability in the U.S. alone.²

Although our lovely little county may not be the "hub of services" for special needs, our area is serviced by several nonprofit organizations worth mentioning.

Please note, the following is not a complete list of organizations providing services for our area but is a good starting point for families.

- **Family Outreach of Helena:** Early Intervention, Support Services, and Applied Behavioral Analysis Services. Phone: (406) 443-7370 Website: www.familyoutreach.org
- **Montana Empowerment Center:** Family Advocacy in the Educational System, Navigating IEPs, and Transitional Planning. Phone: (877) 870-1190 Website: www.mtempowermentcenter.org
- **Disability Rights Montana:** Information and Referral Services, Individual Advocacy, Legal Representation, Outreach, and Training. Phone: (406) 449-2344 Website: www.disabilityrightsmt.org
- **West Mont:** Day Programs for Adults, Supported Living and Residential Services, Vocational Training and Supportive Employment. Phone: (406) 447-3100 Website: www.westmonthelena.com
- **Special Olympics Montana:** Sports and Competition, Health and Fitness, Unified Champion School Program. Phone: (800) 242-6876 Website: www.somt.org
- **Big Sky Autism Project:** Individualized and Group Adaptive Fitness Programs, Information, Resources, and Inclusive Community Events. Phone: (406) 461-5656 Website: www.bigskyautismproject.org

Watch for more articles on Special Needs Families in Broadwater County in MT 43 News.

¹<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/developmentaldisabilities/about.html>
²<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/infographic-disability-impacts-all.html>

and showed me how to write, address and stamp a handwritten note to my great-aunt.

Sure, it's easier nowadays to give thanks with an email or a text, but the handwritten word does so much more. Expressing gratitude with pen on paper says something about how the thankful person went out of their way to do something extra special. That's why Wendy Brown, former video producer and mom of three, is passionate about handwritten thank-you notes. She started her inspiring blog dedicated to the art of handwriting (www.brownink.com).

At the age of five, her mom gave her personalized stationary, and she



Wendy helps her kids write a thank you note to their grandparents. Credit: Donna Erickson.

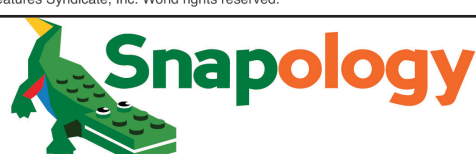
was hooked. To this day, her prized possessions are shoeboxes filled with letters to and from family, notes to friends and travel journals. "There has never been a more important time to slow down and relish the

power in handwriting and the excitement of receiving a note, especially one that says, "Thanks," she says.

Here are two ideas for doing that with young kids, as they reflect and write personalized thank-you notes of appreciation to summer camp counselors, coaches, relatives and friends.

Preschoolers: Set out a piece of paper, fold it in half and let your preschooler stamp or attach stickers of images on the front side of the paper that are symbolic of things they enjoyed doing with the recipients, such as eating ice cream cones, going to the beach or catching fish off a dock. Prompt your child to dictate a thank-you message that you write inside.

School-age kids: Young school-age kids will have fun choosing and printing out their favorite summer photos from your computer and gluing the small prints on paper. Encourage them to write words around each photo, describing the activities they did together with the person they are thanking. Show them how to sign, address and stamp the envelope.



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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

SAYING "THANK YOU" TO SUMMER

Say, "Thank you." Those two important words are so embedded in us as children that we continue to pass the gesture of politesse to the next generation as part of the social drill.

My mom was no exception. At a young age, she taught me to get in step every year when my great-aunt Miriam sent me a birthday card with crisp \$1 bills inside. Since she lived miles away, I couldn't just "say" thank you. Instead, Mom shared her stationery



Lacie Reed

Ellie West

We would like to take a moment to thank **Badger Materials** for being a 2022–2023 Banner Booster member and supporting our Bulldogs!

Here are the players of the week!

Football: Senior, Jesus Garcia had five catches for 99 yards and two touchdowns and intercepted two passes in last Friday’s home opener versus Florence.

Volleyball: Senior, Alleigh Burdick

Had 10 digs and 2 aces against Whitehall. At the Manhattan Tourney: Played very consistently and led her team to a 1st place finish with 60 digs, 3 aces and 2 kills.

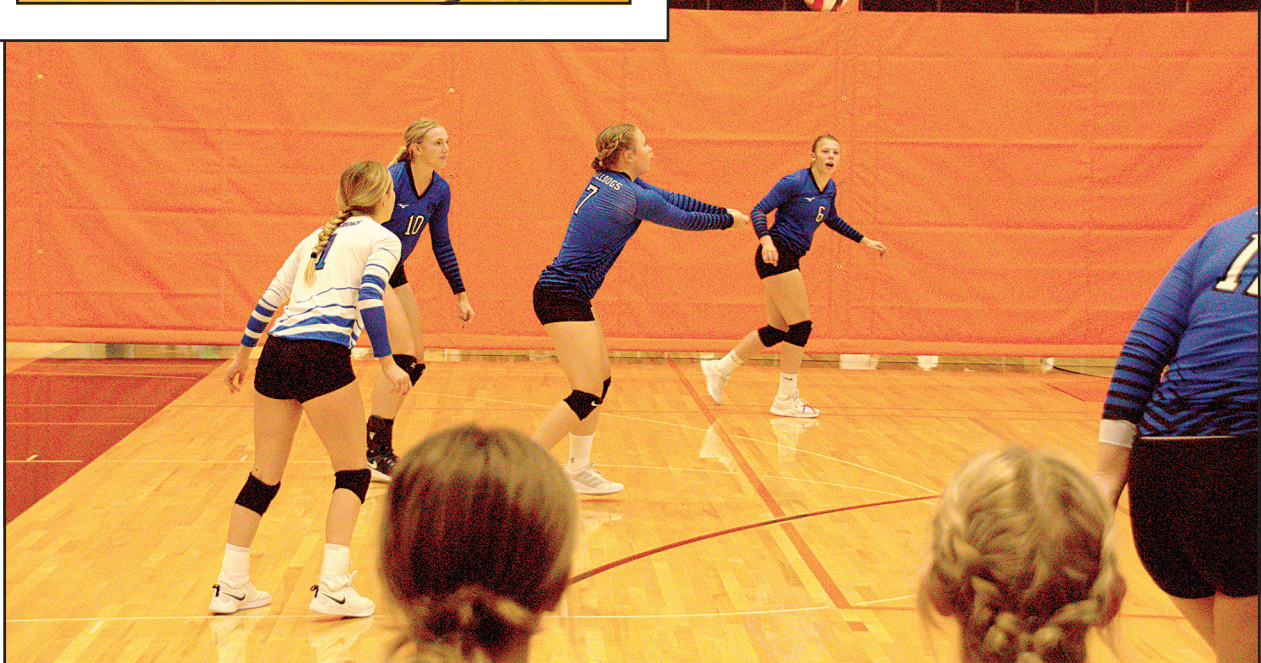
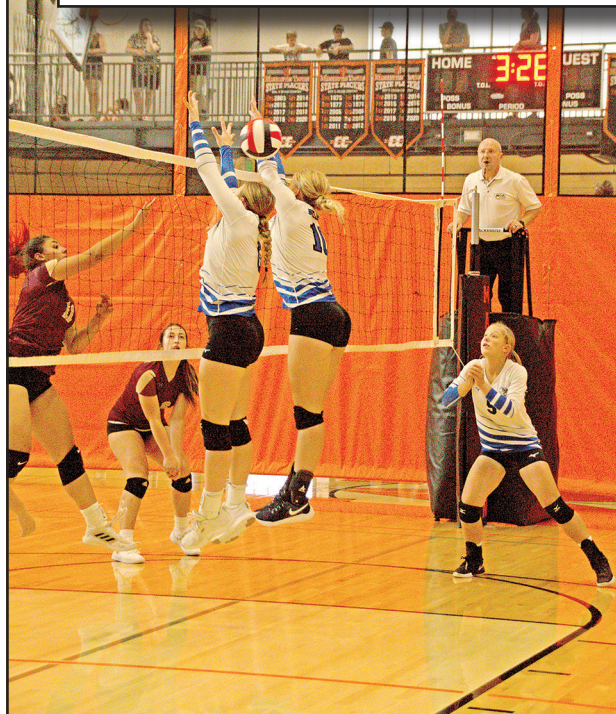
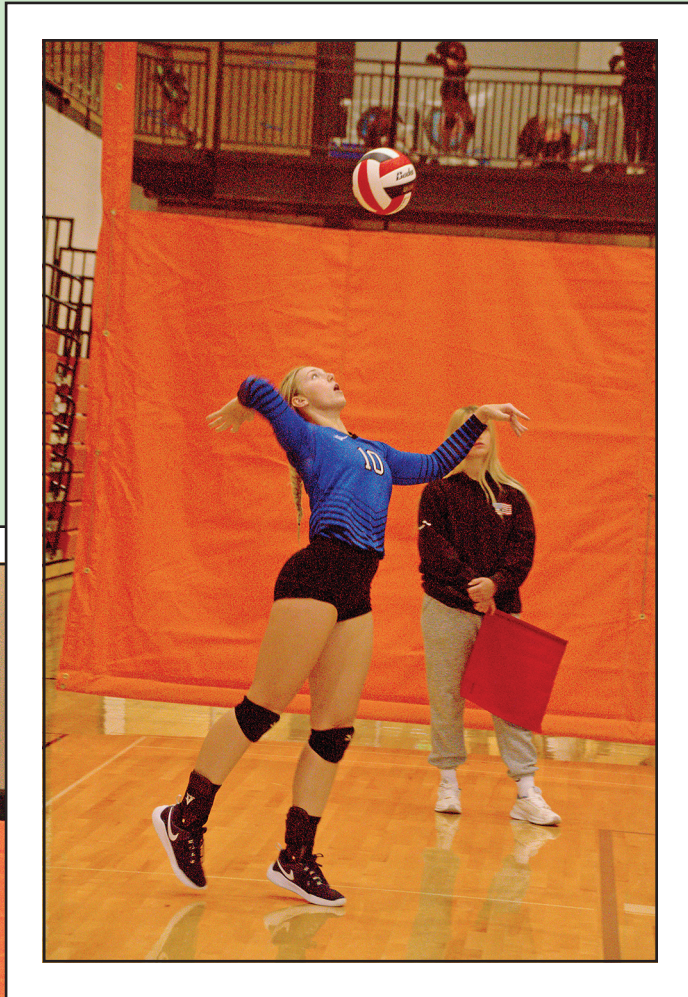
Boys Cross Country: Sophomore, Teagan Martin ran a personal best in Belgrade with a time of 20:35.

Girls Cross Country: Senior, Justene Santi running a 23:10.

The Ladies in First Place Again!

(I know, right?)

Our Lady Bulldogs won first place in the Gold Bracket for the third year in a row at the Manhattan High School Shake, Rattle and Roll Tournament on September 3rd. Clockwise from bottom: Junior Havyn Vandenaere passes the ball. Wilson and Junior Reese Wolfgram jump to block the ball during a match against Bridger High during the September 3rd Manhattan tournament Gold Bracket play. Junior Emily Bird serves during a match against Bridger High during the September 3rd Manhattan tournament pool play. Junior Trinity Wilson serves. Sophomore Cassidy Flynn spikes the ball. Credit: Eliza McLaughlin.



As the summer months wind down, we enter into a new season — Fall. You step outside, and you can feel it. There is something different in the air. The cooler temperatures, the cozy sweaters, the warm drinks, the explosion of vivid colors, the beauty surrounding us, and the shorter days. It's a beautiful season.

The children are back in school with fresh supplies, anticipating a new school year with new teachers, a new environment, and perhaps new friends. A change for many of them.

The landscape colors change rapidly with each new day. The leaves change and begin to drop, and the grass no longer grows as quickly as it did during the peak of the summer months.

Just as the leaves begin to dry and fall from their branches, the fall season makes room for opportunities and growth.

It's a time to let go of the things that no longer serve you. Fall shows us that change can happen.

As the summer eases into fall, we begin to prepare for the winter months. With our short growing season, we begin to harvest what has been growing throughout the summer.

We planted garlic for the first time last fall, and it grew throughout the year. It became ready for harvest mid to late summer, and only then did we reap the rewards. We waited months, but it was worth the wait. Plants go through the planting, watering, and growing season, and so do we.

Our lives parallel the different seasons. With each new season, opportunity knocks for growth and change. Just looking at the leaves on the tree doesn't make them change. In the same way, we don't change without being intentional.

Sometimes we need to wait as we cultivate a new skill. Dr. Seuss talks about the Waiting Place in the book *Oh the Places You'll Go*. It's a place for people just waiting:

*Waiting for a train to go;
or a bus to come, or a plane to go,
or the mail to come, or the rain to go,
or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow,
or waiting around for a Yes or a No,
or waiting for their hair to grow.
Everyone is just waiting.*

Do you wait and wait, or do you take action because you are not yet where you want to be? You may have heard it said, "It's not about the destination; it's about the journey."

But what happens when you are stuck?

I understand what it means to be stuck. Most recently, I was stuck while writing my book. I would write some and put it away and wait. I'm not sure what I was waiting for, maybe for something to change. But I also knew that my book would not get finished unless I became intentional and specifically set time aside to write.

It was a process, but it also brought change. Change in how I thought about things. Change in how I wanted to get my story out there. Change in my daily routines. Change to be open to new ideas and concepts.

What can we learn from the Fall? It teaches us that we can't harvest our gardens all at once. Nor can we change all at once. We must gather items one piece at a time.

Is there something that you would like to change about yourself?

It may take longer than you think to plant, water, and cultivate.

I had to allow change to make room for further growth and opportunities. With this coming Fall, I grow more excited for the new season I am entering.

Your new season is coming... it's just right around the corner!

"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." — Unknown.

To Connect with Ellie @coachelliewest coachinghearttoheart.com.

"Soar" *How to Rise Above the Turbulence and Watch Your Dreams Take Flight* by Ellie West will launch on Amazon on September 23.

Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it

George S. Halas



THE HARVEST MOON

Jeff Ross



In our part of Montana we have transitioned from a summer-long stretch of clear skies (at least when it wasn't raining!) to hazy/smoky skies. As I write this, visibility is down to two miles. Overnight I could not even see the lights of town or the Silos across the lake--let alone anything in the night sky.

Once our clear skies return we'll have plenty to see. Already, favorite fall and winter constellations are visible, rising in the east before dawn. From where I am, the Pleiades are a few degrees above the Big Belts around 2:00 a.m. Taurus rises next. Just before dawn we can see the shoulders of Orion. It won't be long before we will see all of Orion in the dawn sky.

Saturday our Moon reaches full. This full Moon is the closest to the Autumnal Equinox and in our culture is known as the Harvest Moon, rising at approximately sunset for about three nights in a row. Folklore says that these extra bright nights after sunset allowed farmers more time to bring in the harvest before the frosts of fall arrive.

In our area, the Blackfoot people call the August Full Moon

Pak-Ki-Pis-Tsi'o-Taa'-T-Ts-Pi or "When the Chokecherries Are Ripe". The September Full Moon is II-Ta-Wa-Pi'-Ts-ko or "When the Leaves Change Color".

Regardless of what we might choose to name this Full Moon, it is a good time to take a few moments to watch the Full Moon rise over the Big Belts around sunset. The unaided eye works fine but if you have them, a pair of binoculars really work well. First, you'll see a brightening glow on the eastern horizon. In moments you'll be able to see just a bright sliver as the Moon crests the mountain. With surprising speed the Moon will clear the mountain as our Earth rotates, bringing the Moon into view. It is a powerful visual reminder of just how fast our planet rotates.

With clear skies, of course.



WHICH COMPUTER SHOULD I BUY?

Victor Sample



What computer should I buy? The answer depends on a lot of personal preferences. An important first question is do you want an Apple McIntosh or a PC running Windows? While that is an important decision, in this article I am going to discuss PCs running Windows.

There are quite a few computer manufacturers such as HP, Dell, Lenovo and Acer and they all make good computers.

The next decision point is do you want a "desktop" computer or a laptop? I like laptops because they are portable and since they have batteries they continue to work in the event of a power loss. Other people feel more comfortable with desktops that usually come with more ports and offer the ability to add more devices.

Many people think they need a computer with the newest, fastest CPU (Central Processing Unit) but most people rarely use enough of the capacity of their CPU to be concerned about CPU speed. Far more important to the performance of the computer is the amount of computer Memory. Memory is different than Storage. Storage usually refers to your disk storage that is persistent and remains after you turn the computer off. Memory is where the computer stores the data you are actively working on; when you turn the computer off the Memory is lost.

Accessing disk storage is very, very slow in terms of computer operations; accessing Memory is very fast. However, when the amount of Memory you are using exceeds the amount of physical memory you have, the operating system starts writing Memory to your disk and starts swapping memory - which is very, very slow.

If you are a user that has a lot of windows open and a lot of tabs open in your browser, you probably want to get a computer with a lot of Memory. Look for a computer with 8 to 16 gigabytes. If you are just a casual user 4 gigabytes will suffice.

The type of disk used in the computer is also important. In an earlier article, I discussed HDD (standard hard disk drives) vs. SSD (Solid State disk drives). Solid State disk drives are a newer technology that is much faster than HDD and should last longer since there are no moving parts.

However, SSD drives are very expensive. Lower priced PCs come with a 256 gigabyte SSD; expensive PCs with a 512 gigabyte SSD. PCs with HDD drives usually have much more disk storage. If you have a lot of data (pictures, videos, etc.) you probably want to choose a PC with an HDD - although you can purchase inexpensive external drives that provide a huge amount of storage.

You can find laptops ranging from around \$300 to \$2000 or even \$3000. Unless you are a "gamer" you will rarely need a computer that costs thousands of dollars. The \$300 to \$600 range will suffice for most of us. We recently bought an HP laptop for a little over \$300 and are very happy with it.

Think about your usage of the computer and the amount of Storage you actually use and pick a computer that matches your usage.



POLITICAL SIGNS MISSING

This morning I woke up to find one of the political signs in our yard missing. Since the wind was blowing quite hard yesterday, I searched the neighborhood to see if I could find it. I found nothing which leads me to believe that it was stolen!! If that's the case, this really ticks me off!!!!

If you are the person or persons who took the sign, you not only stole the sign but you trespassed on private property. You should be aware that you could serve jail time and pay a fine. You not only could face the above charges but now you have shown the world you have performed a "low" despicable act and that you lack character and integrity! You have infringed on my rights as a citizen of the United States to support candidates of my choice in an election. What makes you think this is OK?

The Political sign involved was for a gentleman by the name of Gary Buchanan. Gary is running for Congress as an Independent. I worked for an agency within the State Commerce Department when Gary was the Administrator of that Department. He is a good guy!!! He is honest, hardworking, keeps his word, and cares about Montana and its people. I'm voting for him and I encourage everyone to do the same. You won't be sorry!!!!

For more information about Gary, go to: www.buchananformontana.com.

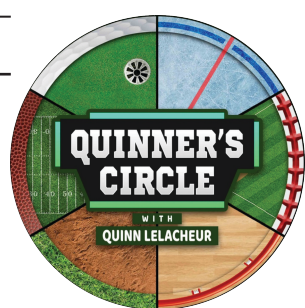
If you see a "Buchanan for Congress" sign laying in a ditch or in someone's garbage, will you please let me know?

Judy R. Gillespie
Townsend, MT



QUINNER'S CIRCLE

Angie Janacaro



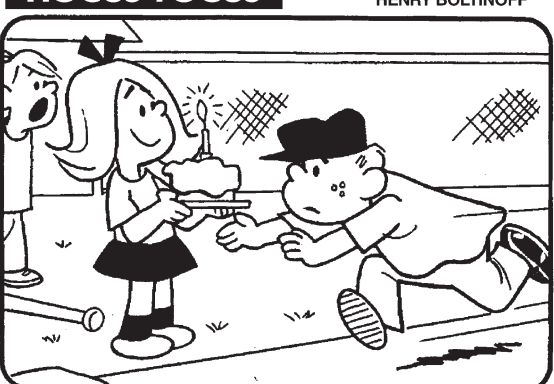
2016 Broadwater High School graduate, Quinn LeLacheur has recently launched an all-sports podcast suitably named Quinner's Circle. The podcast is a twenty-five-minute, twice-weekly show focusing on the big four professional sports: NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB. It can be found on Spotify and on Apple Podcasts.

Early in Spring 2022, the twenty-four-year-old pulled up stakes and moved to Indianapolis, choosing the Circle City not only because it is the home of his much-loved Indianapolis Colts, but also because the city offers relative proximity to many big sports markets and is an affordable place to live. LeLacheur signed up for a mentor training program through the Broadcasters Sportscasters Mentoring Group (BSMG). The focus of the group is to give prospective broadcasters training and hands-on learning by working one on one with a trained, industry professional inside a broadcast studio. LeLacheur's mentor is Jake Query, a long-time broadcaster in Indianapolis, currently the co-host of The Kevin and Query show and an announcer for the Indianapolis 500.

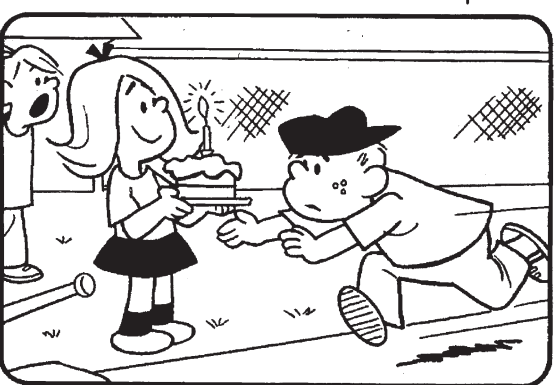
LeLacheur sees himself staying in the world of podcasting or radio, citing podcasts as, "Where it's at to get information out a lot of people and hopefully do it in an entertaining, informative fashion." As for his current podcast, Quinner's Circle, he says, "It's a start, just like everything you need to practice and get reps to be good at what you do."

LeLacheur will continue working with his mentor, putting out episodes of his podcast and sending out demos to radio stations in hopes of landing his own spot. For now, he sees himself staying in the Indianapolis area, excited for the opportunities it offers and for a chance to watch the Colts win the AFC South this season as predicted in episode 2 of Quinner's Circle.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Bat is moved. 3. Cake is different. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Shirt is different. 6. Sneaker is different.

TOWNSEND ROTARY FALL FEST

2022 FALL FEST AUTUMN/HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Townsend Rotary is sponsoring a Townsend Fall Fest Business Decorating Contest: a special committee will do the judging and determine First Place (\$100.00), Second Place (\$75.00) and Third place (\$50.00) winners.

The cutoff date for entering the event is September 23rd. The winners will be announced in MT 43 News on September 30th.

Call Ross Johnson at 406-465-7040 to enter.

top ten

Oldest Words in English Language

1. I
2. We
3. Black
4. Mother
5. Give
6. Man/Woman
7. Fire
8. Ashes
9. Hand
10. Hear

Source: Dictionary.com

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

WEATHER IS NICE, ALL THE CHORES ARE DONE...

THIS IS TURNING OUT TO BE A PERFECT DAY.

JIM, COME HERE AND SEE WHAT YOUR SON'S DONE!

WELL, TO BE FAIR, THE DAY'S NOT OVER YET.

IN ETHERAL DARKNESS, A CREATURE WHOSE ONLY INSTINCTS ARE TO SLAUGHTER AND CONSUME FEELS PAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A MILLENNIUM.

AND WITH A FURY UNFATHOMABLE, IT PURSUES THE CAUSE OF ITS TORMENT.

ITS SINGULAR PRIMAL DESIRE... DESTROY... DESTROY... DESTROY!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS BUTTON IS THE TIMER. YOU RUN UNTIL THIS BEEPS RATHER THAN UNTIL YOUR MICROWAVE DINNER IS DONE.

FLASH GORDON

WITH A HERCULEAN EFFORT, FLASH BURSTS BACK THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS!

THUNG!

Swampland University
Meaningless Degrees at Luxury Prices!

DO YOU HAVE ANY FINANCING AVAILABLE?

YEAH... HIM.

SELL THE HOUSE AND BUY A CAR!

BARELY ABLE TO STAND, FLASH STEADIES HIMSELF AS THE MONSTER RETREATS.

WH... WHERE AM I??

YOU HAVE SURVIVED THE DARK DIMENSION, MY FRIEND. I AM IN AWE. ONE CAN'T HELP BUT ADMIRE YOU, EARTHLING. YOU ARE A CREDIT TO YOUR RACE.

GUARDS...

KILL HIM.

NEXT: GARAKAHN!

GRIN and BEAR IT

It's times like this that I wish we didn't have a cool car!

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THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

I GOTTA CHAT WIT' SOME SWABS WHO DINED AN' DASHED ON ROUGH HOUSE.

GO ON, I KIN ENTERTAIN MESELF.

'SPECIALLY SINCE I FIGURED AT TH PASSCODE TO POPEYE'S PHONE.

HEY, WHO PAYS FOR THESE EXPENSIVE POLITICAL PROMOTION TOURS??

REMEMBER US IN THE UPCOMING ANDRETTA ELECTIONS!

OF COURSE YOU DO, YOUNG MAN... BUT IT'S WORTH IT!

OPEN & CABINET TO THE ZEPHYRUS TOURS TO PROMOTE BETTER CLIMATE BILL!

BOY, EXPLAIN YERSELF!

I'M IN YER PHONE AS 'PAPPY'!

WHY D'VA HAS ME PHONE?

BUT YE GOTSK SOMEONE ELSE IN YER PHONE AS 'DAD'!

THAT'S WHALER JOE.

AN' WUT DID HE DO T'DESERVE BEN' CALLED 'DAD'??

HE RAISED ME WHILE YA WUZ CHASIN' MERMAIDS AN' MA WUZ CHASIN' YOU.

HERE WE GO AGAIN, POOR LIL' ORPHAN POPEYE!

GET OVER IT! WE ALLS HAS BAD CHILDHOODS!

I SURE DID!

I'LL NEVER FORGET TH' AWFUL THINK ME PA SAID T'ME.

ME SON, I LOVES YA, BUT YA NEED TKNOW YA AINTSK THE CENTER 'O' THE WORLD.

OTHER PEOPLES MATTER, TOO.

WORSK PART? I THINKS HE MEANTSK IT!

MAYBE I'M BIASED, BUT I'M NOT SURE YOU'VE BEEN SOCKIN' THE RIGHT PERSON.

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

DON'T YOU JUST HATE TO LEAVE ME?!

I HATE HAVIN' TO LEAVE YA, RILEY!

STAY HOME AND PLAY WITH ME!

I WISH I COULD JUST STAY HOME AND PLAY WITH YOU ALL DAY!

DO IT! DON'T GET ON THAT BUS!

WELL... I'M OFF! BACK TO SCHOOL!

HMPF! STUPID SCHOOL BUS ALWAYS WINS!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

NEVER DO TODAY WHAT YOU CAN PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW!

WHY NOT?

I'LL TELL YOU TOMORROW.

LAFF - A - DAY

PLEASE OPEN YOUR TEXTBOOKS TO CHAPTER FOUR.

SCHOOL BUS

THIS TEACHER SHORT TAKE IS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

BECAUSE EXTRA BACKSPIN COUNTERACTS SIDESPIN, THE MORE LOFTED THE CLUB THE LESS LIKELY YOU'LL SLICE OR HOOK SEVERELY. USE THAT ADVANTAGE, PARTICULARLY ON DOWNWIND TEE SHOTS.

YOU'LL GAIN EXTRA YARDAGE ANYWAY FROM THE WIND, SO SLUGGING WITH THE DRIVER ISN'T NECESSARY. PLAY YOUR 3-WOOD OR 4-WOOD, SWING SMOOTHLY AND GET THE BALL ON THE SHORT GRASS!

PLEASE OPEN YOUR TEXTBOOKS TO CHAPTER FOUR.

SCHOOL BUS

THIS TEACHER SHORT TAKE IS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

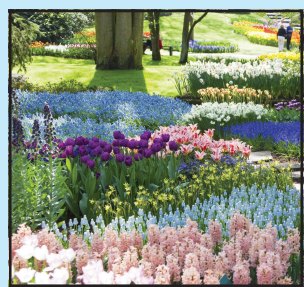
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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- The Invitation (PG-13)
Nathalie Emmanuel, Thomas Doherty
 - Bullet Train (R)
Brad Pitt, Joey King
 - Beast (R)
Idris Elba, Liyabuya Gongo
 - Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13)
Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly
 - Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero (PG-13)
Masako Nozawa, Toshio Furukawa
 - DC League of Super-Pets (PG)
Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart
 - Three Thousand Years of Longing (R)
Tilda Swinton, Idris Elba
 - Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG)
Steve Carell, Pierre Coffin
 - Thor: Love and Thunder (PG-13)
Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman
 - Where the Crawdads Sing (PG-13)
Daisy Edgar-Jones, Taylor John Smith
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- GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country in the world without an official capital city?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which Chinese zodiac animal is celebrated in the year 2022?
- BUSINESS: When did the auction site eBay launch?
- HISTORY: How many years has Queen Elizabeth been on the throne?
- MOVIES: Who played Wolverine in the X-Men movie series?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's motto is "Mountaineers are always free"?
- ASTRONOMY: What is the only planet in our solar system that isn't named after a Greek-Roman deity?
- MYTHOLOGY: Which Egyptian god has the head of a jackal?
- TELEVISION: How many times has the hospital's name changed in the drama "Grey's Anatomy"?
- RELIGION: Where was the founder of Buddhism born?

- Answers
- Nauru, an island nation in the Pacific Ocean.
 - The Year of the Tiger.
 - 1995.
 70. She just celebrated her Platinum Jubilee.
 - Hugh Jackman.
 - West Virginia.
 - Earth.
 - Anubis, god of death.
 - Three.
 - Buddha was born in what is modern-day Nepal.
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Super Crossword

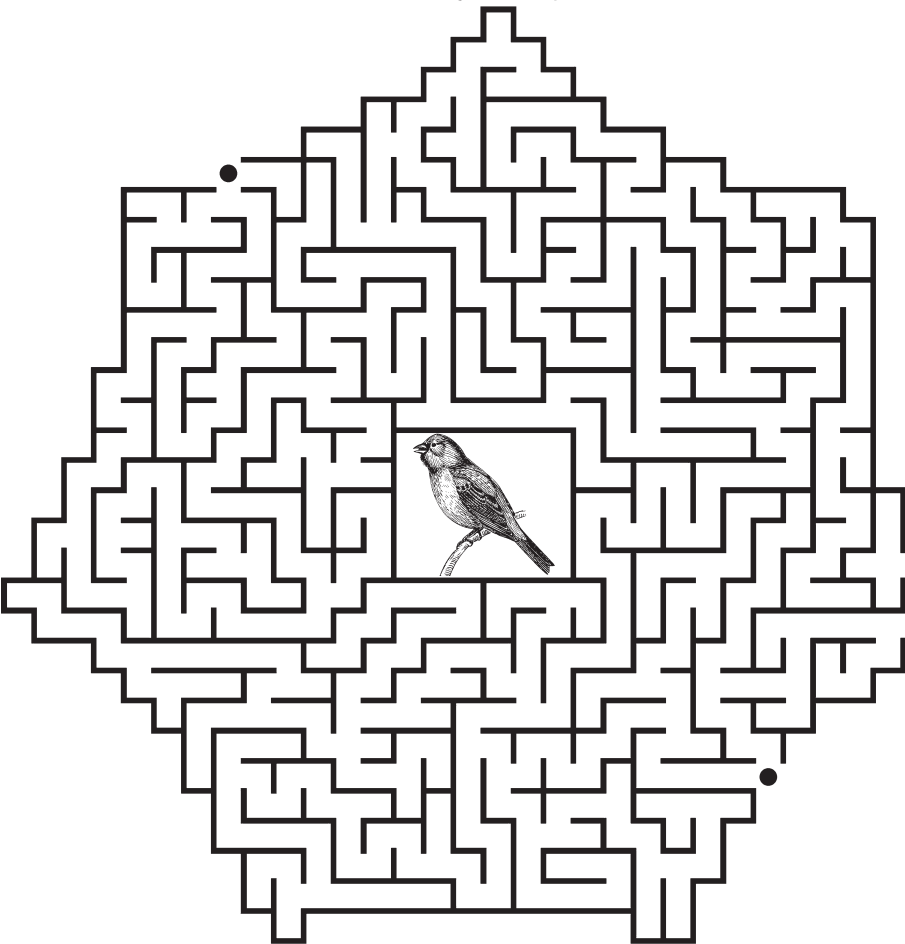
GIFTS OF THE YEAR

- ACROSS**
- 1 First scale syllables
 - 7 Gripping tool
 - 11 Arid expanse in Mongolia
 - 15 Move like a grasshopper
 - 19 "Not Afraid" rapper
 - 20 Affirmation of self-ability
 - 21 De-wrinkle
 - 22 Giant fair
 - 23 Stocks and shares [1st]
 - 25 Stand-up comedian
 - 26 Super serves
 - 27 Low digit
 - 28 Play starter
 - 29 American robin's close relative [5th]
 - 31 Figure on a kid's toy battleground [10th]
 - 35 Revolutionary War mercenaries
 - 36 Wed. follows it
 - 37 Yellow-disked flower
 - 39 Zine
 - 40 Canon camera line
 - 43 Rapping noise
 - 47 She sang "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" [15th]
 - 51 Online selling
 - 52 Driver's license, SSN, etc.
 - 55 Determined to accomplish
 - 56 Living space
 - 57 1988-91 war drama series [20th]
 - 60 Earth's heater
 - 61 Bluegrass fiddler
 - 62 Longtime ISP option
 - 63 Laundry receptacle
 - 65 &&&
 - 66 "Hey, over here ..."
 - 68 Tree of eastern North America [25th]
 - 72 Lid fastener
 - 76 Infamous
 - 78 Very small minority
 - 80 Mineral spring
 - 81 Taxi driver
 - 84 Angry
 - 87 Small, pungent pickling vegetable [30th]
 - 89 Player's top effort, informally
 - 90 Literary leaf
 - 92 Part of IPA
 - 93 Slow a car down
 - 94 Dorothy's magical shoes [40th]
 - 97 Filleted
 - 99 Cough up
 - 100 Low digit
 - 101 Rapscaillon
 - 104 PC key abbr.
 - 105 Daughter of JFK
 - 109 Half-million-selling album [50th]
 - 114 Mae West play [60th]
 - 116 "Dies —" (hymn)
 - 117 Dog coater
 - 118 "Eso Beso" singer Paul
 - 119 Revered sort
 - 120 Occasion associated with the starts of 10 answers in this puzzle
 - 124 Salt Lake City NCAA team
 - 125 Soothe
 - 126 Profit
 - 127 Actor Steven
 - 128 Work honcho
 - 129 Deli breads
 - 130 Possesses
 - 131 Attractive
 - 34 Grazing area
 - 38 Near-grads: Abbr.
 - 41 Part of 122-Down
 - 42 Beholds
 - 43 Quick review
 - 44 Eldest
 - 45 Kite features
 - 46 Has a link (with)
 - 48 Actor Erwin
 - 49 Whole lot
 - 50 Disconcert
 - 53 Author Roald
 - 54 1976-81 skit series
 - 58 Sink bowl
 - 59 Color shade
 - 61 Get down to propose
 - 64 "It's freezing!"
 - 65 Filmmaker
 - 67 Singer
 - 69 See 70-Down
 - 70 With
 - 69-Down, tourist's printed guide
 - 71 Ring, as bells
 - 73 Nepali, e.g.
 - 74 Said words
 - 75 Sectioned, as a window
 - 77 Conductor
 - 79 Teeter
 - 81 Be a kvetch
 - 82 Juan's water
 - 83 Sweetums
 - 84 Swabby's tool
 - 85 High mount
 - 86 Semi fuel
 - 88 College org. for sailors-to-be
 - 90 Occasion for unrestricted amusement
 - 91 Tolkien terror
 - 95 More silly
 - 96 Eastern Michigan city
 - 98 Corn serving
 - 102 "Top o' the — to ya!"
 - 103 Prairies, e.g.
 - 106 Accrue
 - 107 "Victory is yours"
 - 108 Brother on "Frasier"
 - 110 Actor Patel of "Lion"
 - 111 No longer a minor
 - 112 Countryish
 - 113 In a deadpan manner
 - 114 Smear on, as paint
 - 115 Crazy about
 - 120 Past
 - 121 PC key abbr.
 - 122 Speed Wagon maker
 - 123 Golfer Snead

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Mega Maze

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Z equals Y

ZHS FKORRZ WYHSRCQ'U

CDWFKJOFG UYKWK PDQK LKHLRK

PFHN UYK LDQK UFKK WUOUK.

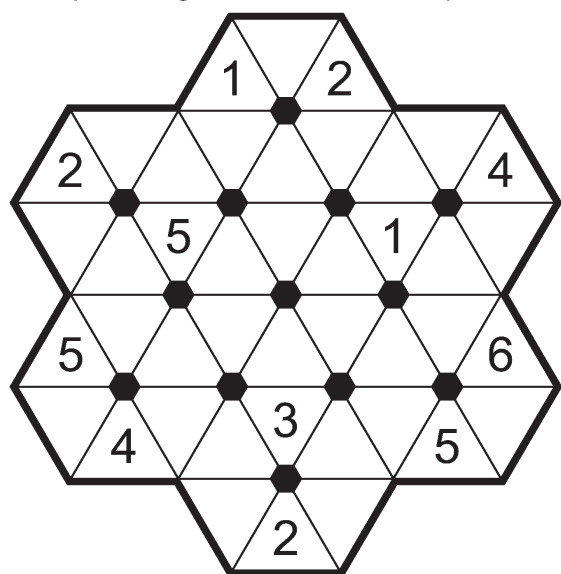
NDQC ZHSF NODQKFW!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

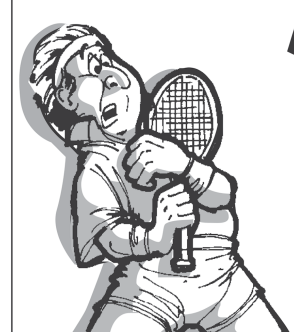


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

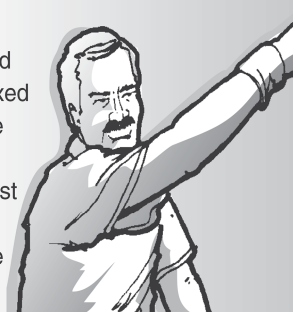


MAKE IT LOOK EASY

It's hard to play well if you are tense. Take a look at some great players in other sports — they often make the game look easy. The best athletes look relaxed and fluid while playing.

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Try to find a way to play relaxed, without tension and fear of failure. If you're relaxed when playing, you will have better timing, which can improve your accuracy. Most importantly, it will reduce fatigue and make the game much more enjoyable.



STUDY FINDS MONTANA UNDERPAYS MEDICAID PROVIDERS BY TENS OF MILLIONS

Behavioral health and disability service providers say the suggested rate increases could be a "game changer."

Mara Silvers
Montana Free Press



For Dave Eaton, hiring enough staff to help developmentally disabled clients in Livingston with day-to-day tasks is a constant, brutal cycle. Out of every 10 people who come to work at Counterpoint Inc., the small nonprofit he leads, Eaton estimates three leave within a year.

Eaton, the organization's longtime executive director, attributes the high turnover to one key factor: finding people who want to work a tough job for less than \$16 an hour isn't easy.

"The work that we're doing, it involves a lot," he said. His employees help clients with essential parts of their lives, he explained, like shopping for groceries, applying for jobs and attending community events. Counterpoint's starting wage is \$15.72 an hour.

If he could, Eaton said, he would raise wages to stay competitive with other job options. But Counterpoint, like many other Montana health and social service providers, relies heavily on dollars from Medicaid, the state-administered, federally subsidized public health insurance program. While Montana is responsible for setting reimbursement levels for providers who accept Medicaid patients, money the state puts into its program is matched by federal dollars.

Eaton estimates Medicaid payments make up about three-quarters of Counterpoint's revenue, but says they ultimately don't come close to covering the true cost of its services. The nonprofit routinely resorts to soliciting donations to make ends meet — otherwise, Eaton said, his wages would be even lower.

"We're competing with organizations, fast food organizations or whomever, to try to pay a living wage," Eaton said. "And it's really been impossible for us to do that, given the Medicaid reimbursement."

A new study, commissioned by the Legislature and supported by Gov. Greg Gianforte's appointed leadership at the state health department, affirms what providers like Eaton have been saying for years: that Montana Medicaid has underpaid providers for the care they provide to seniors in assisted-living facilities, people with disabilities, and children and adults with mental illnesses and addiction.

The 186-page report, authored by the international consulting firm Guidehouse Inc., found that Montana's Medicaid rates for those types of providers are nearly 22% below what the consultants identify as "benchmark standards" for actual cost of care, based on provider records and comparable data from other states and health care organizations. For disability service providers like Counterpoint, Guidehouse calculated the state is underpaying by even more, nearly 26%.

The study says it would cost the state and federal governments an additional \$82 million a year to bring Medicaid reimbursement rates up to par for child and adult mental health providers, addiction treatments, disability services and senior and long-term care facilities. The state's share of that cost would be roughly \$28 million annually. In comparison, lawmakers allocated about \$856 million in state funds to the state health agency for the current fiscal year.

Department of Public Health and Human Services Director Charlie Brereton acknowledged the importance of the study's findings in an emailed statement and said the health agency is considering the recommendations.

"As expected, the preliminary results of our provider rate study demonstrate significant disparities in Montana's Medicaid reimbursement rates," Brereton said. "DPHHS is eager to use these evidence-based findings to inform its budget request for the next biennium and support potential rate adjustments that will further develop Montana's continuum of care."

The final Guidehouse report is based on a detailed survey of provider expenses, input from months of work group meetings with different provider categories, feedback from union leaders, and public comment. The study's \$2.75 million price tag will be covered by federal pandemic relief funds.

Providers say the problems identified in the study predate the pandemic by several years. When the study was authorized by the Legislature last year, some stakeholders were pessimistic about launching into an expensive and drawn-out process that might only confirm what providers already knew, said Patrick Maddison, CEO of Flathead Industries and board president of the Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS), in an interview this month. But with the results now in hand, Maddison said the study could provide the Gianforte administration and Legislature the hard data they need to prioritize fixing the issue.

"What the rate study really shows is how underfunded our system has been for over a decade," Maddison said. "I'm very hopeful that the intent was really how to fix the problem and how to not kick the can down the road. Because I think this administration has inherited the can that's been kicked down the road for a very long time."

One of the earliest indications of the study's impact will be whether Gianforte includes a proposal to increase Medicaid rates in his November budget draft before the 2023 Legislature begins in January. In an emailed comment, Gianforte press secretary Brooke Stroyke said the governor supports the state health department's efforts "to modernize Montana's provider rates, and looks forward to receiving the agency's recommendations."

Maddison, Eaton, and other providers said implementing the changes proposed by Guidehouse would help their struggling institutions stay afloat and continue providing critical services. In a MACDS poll of 35 disability service providers last summer, Maddison



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.

said, the average staff vacancy rate was 25%. Finding workarounds to adequately staff group homes and outpatient services is complicated, he said, and the wait-list of people seeking services just keeps growing.

"We are still expected to care for the same amount of people with a quarter less manpower that we need to do the job," Maddison said.

At Counterpoint, Eaton said, those staffing struggles are familiar. But increasing rates in line with the study's recommendations, he said, would be "a game changer for our field."

"It would be a chance for Montana to really do what needs to be done," Eaton said. "These are really, really necessary and vital services to the people we work for."

Providers in other parts of the health care industry, including the Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana, shared similar sentiments. Matt Bugni, CEO of the statewide mental health and disability service provider AWARE, said the Guidehouse rate recommendations "will be a great start to shoring up this system of care that is teetering on collapse," if adopted in the governor's budget and the Legislature.

The study's final recommendations have yet to be dissected in public hearings before interim legislative committees. Rep. Matt Regier, R-Kalispell, who chairs the bipartisan budget committee with oversight of the state health department, said he plans to set aside "a couple hours" to discuss the report during the committee's upcoming Sept. 14 meeting.

To be listed in this calendar send email to News@MT43News.com



September 9 TSD HSFB vs Three Forks @ 7:00 p.m.

September 10 *Postponed!* LDS Church Preparedness Fair (916 Broadway) has been postponed. Water Bath 101: Salsa Edition 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

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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September 8, 1938

Canton News

William Franklin is visiting old friends and neighbors in this vicinity where he, with his family, resided for several years, moving later to Arkansas and living there until after the marriage of their children and the death of his wife three years ago. Since then, he has worked in Colorado and California and now back to "God Old Montana".

Mr. and Mrs. Will Daniels and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beatty of Beaver Creek, spent Sunday at Lake Sewell with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Haegele of Helena, at their cabin home. The day was spent motor boat riding on the lake, fishing and swimming and other sports. Mr. and Mrs. Haegele and family were spending the holidays there.

Several of the valley folks attended the rodeo at White Sulphur Springs on Monday, including Wayne, Hubert, Laird Plymale, Paul Jones and Buddie Ringer, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mannix and family.

Mr. and Mrs. P.G. Kinney and daughters, Genevieve and Lenore, returned home Monday after a week's vacation in several of the western coast states and also visited at Camp Lewis.

Lillian Daniels departed on Tuesday morning for Billings where she will attend the Mountain Polytechnic college.

1949

Memorial to Departed Veterans to be Erected

According to plans of a committee from the Spanish American War veterans, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign wars, shortly there will be erected in the park opposite the courthouse a memorial to all of the veterans of all wars from Broadwater County. The plans call for a monument of native marble carrying a suitable bronze plaque, surrounded by wide concrete walks, with a steel flag pole at the rear of the monument and shortly to be flanked by an artillery piece on either side.

The memorial is being erected by the veterans themselves in memory of their departed comrades and doubtless. Down through the years, each Memorial Day, the services will be held at its site.

Almost half a century has passed since the Spanish War ended. It will soon be thirty-one years since War I ended. It is more than four years since War II ended. The veterans feel the time has arrived for some memorial to the departed, and thus, are seeing to it that

a long-delayed honor is paid to them.

Delegated on the committees from the veterans' organizations are: George Penell, Spanish-American War; Fred Geiser, Frank Hooks, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Fred Williams, Les Anders American Legion.

1955

Valley News

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Merritt entertained guests at a chicken dinner August 28th for their son, Wilbur, who left for the army Monday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cummings of Helena, Mrs. Rose and family of Helena; Miss Elgie Miller of Townsend, Miss Jackie Young, Jerry Merritt and Don Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Whaley and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell and two girls and Mrs. Fred Schultz were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Merritt and family.

Pete Sullivan returned to Carrol College for his Junior year and Ronald Marks enrolled at Carroll as a freshman Tuesday.

There will be a square dance at the Johnson school-house this Saturday night. Ernie Kind of Fairfield will be the caller.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Swanson of Olympia, Wn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marks and other relatives in Townsend and Toston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sullivan visited in Ronan recently. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan now have an apartment in Helena. Larry is attending Carroll College and Louise is employed at the Capitol.

1966

Who is Where in the Service

Navy Ensign Laurence D. Hagbom, son of Mrs. Lulu Hagbom of Winston has received his naval Flight Officer's "Wings" following completion of advanced NFO training at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas. He has been transferred to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Meriden, Miss. Hagbom entered the Navy in January 1965.

Radersburg News

Mike Dolan has returned to the Riverside Ranch where he lives with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris, after spending a few days here with his niece, Mrs. Charlie Hough and Mr. Hough.

Mrs. A.D. Grandchamp has returned to her home here after spending several days visiting friends and

relatives in Missoula. She attended a meeting in Livingston last Monday and is again teaching in the Crow Creek School.

School started as scheduled bright and early Tuesday with all the children boarding the big yellow school bus at 7:30 to be transported to Toston. So again until 4:30 there are no school kids in sight. It was a real thrill for the lower-grade kids.

The summer has been unusual with not more than a week of extremely warm days and even less rain. There were only two or three good rains and about two electric storms, not severe. Several heavy wind storms have mowed off trees and large branches. One dead tree was uprooted and broke a power line. We have a real abundance of grasshoppers. They have eaten several gardens to almost nothing and any other green sprig in sight.

Mr. and Mrs. David Greaves and son, Jay, of Missoula, drove over Tuesday and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and son, Tom.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Miller, Brent and Christie moved to Twin Bridges Thursday where Dennis will be teaching during the coming year. He had been working at Ennis all summer. Saturday his brother, Devon, departed to make his home with them and enroll in the school there. We are very sorry to have them leave.

1977

Descendant of Reuben Rader Buys First

Mrs. Edith Rader Walker of Granbrook, B.C., Canada who has been visiting relatives in Radersburg this week and reviewing remains of her grandfather's holdings and the connecting history, was excited and pleased to find out that such a history would appear in the "Broadwater Bygones", now in the process of being published.

Mrs. Walker accordingly put her pre-publication order in for the first book when it was finished. Her grandfather, Reuben Rader, appeared alone in what is now the Radersburg vicinity and found the first gold there. He and his wife raised their family there and spent the remainder of their lives in that vicinity. Two sons, Lee and Clifford, went to Canada after their father's death.

Returning to reclaim any association with Radersburg was Edith, daughter of Lee Rader. So impressed was she and her husband, that they are considering returning to make their home here.

Read the story of Reubin Rader in "Broadwater Bygones".



YESTERYEAR

MRS. SIDNEY

Victor Sample

Laura Sidney was a former slave that lived most of her life in the Townsend area and was one of Townsend's most colorful characters. Born into slavery in 1850 in Winchester, Missouri, she moved to Iowa upon being freed. There she met and married Albert Sidney.

Like many former slaves, the Sidneys decided to move to the western frontier. They found their way to the small town of Bedford (home of the Bedford Mill). J.C. Ballard had a contract to build the bed for the Northern Pacific Rail Road. The Ballards built a 2-story boarding house in Bedford to house and feed the men working on the railroad. Mrs. Sidney told many stories of cooking for the railroad men at the Ballard boarding house.

With the coming of the railroad and the establishment of the city of Townsend, Bedford quickly died. Like many of the Bedford residents, Mrs. Sidney then moved to Townsend where she had a home on the far outskirts of North Pine Street.

Mrs. Sidney worked for many families in Townsend doing cooking, cleaning, sewing and watching the children of the families.

According to an article in the Townsend Star, Mrs. Sidney's frame dwelling home caught fire and burned to the ground. She had recently had a new heating stove installed in her small home and had gone to neighbors for a bottle of milk. Upon turning around, she saw her home in flames.

The people of Townsend were quick to come to the rescue. She stayed with neighbors while volunteers in town rebuilt her small frame house with lumber donated by Brown Bros. Lumber company.

Gary Richtmyer, a classmate of mine, recently asked me if I had any information about Mrs. Sidney. Gary's father, Wallace "Bud" Richtmyer had told him several times that a small building just north of their house had once been the rebuilt home of Mrs. Sidney. The building reputed to be Mrs. Sidney's home is located just north of the home at the intersection of Harrison and 4th street; it's tucked away in the trees just off the west side of Canton Lane.

At her death in 1940, Laura Sidney was remembered by the people of Townsend as a good, kind and generous neighbor. She died at the age of 90 in Helena and was buried at Forestvale Cemetery near the grave of her husband, Albert.

The information about Mrs. Sidney is from the Broadwater Bygones and from Harla Gillespie's book "Hidden Tales Well Told". The two small stories about Mrs. Sidney in "Hidden Tales Well Told" are from articles originally published in the Townsend Star.

Both books are available at the Broadwater County Museum. Curator Linda Huth is always willing to spend time with people interested in the history of Broadwater County. A visit to the museum is always worthwhile!



Building purported to be Mrs. Sidney's rebuilt home. Credit: Vic Sample.

Let's Celebrate!

1.92%^{APY} | 7-MONTH CD SPECIAL

In celebration of 100 years of serving Montana, we're offering a CD special rate with a nod to our founding on August 16th, 1922. We're offering this certificate special for one month only.

Prefer a longer term? Additionally, we are offering a 13-month special at 1.00% APY*

*Annual Percentage Yield. Certificate must be opened between August 1, 2022, and August 31, 2022, to receive the annual percentage yield. Requires \$500 minimum opening deposit. Opening deposit amount may not exceed \$250,000. No additional deposits accepted after opening. Minimum balance of \$500 required to obtain APY. Automatic renewal at maturity. Early withdrawal penalties may apply; this may reduce earnings. For terms 12 months and greater interest will be compounded annually and at maturity and interest credits annually and at maturity. For terms less than 12 months interest will be compounded at maturity and interest will credit at maturity. Institutional funds and public entity funds are not eligible.



THE MYSTERY OF THE YELLOW LEAVES

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



This time of year, I get lots of calls and emails about trees or plants that look unhealthy. I hear “my tree is dying”, “my plants are turning yellow”, “the leaves are curling” or other statements describing the unhealthy plant. With easy access to information on the internet, many people have already self-diagnosed the issue. Unfortunately, solving the problem isn’t as easy as looking at the yellow leaves.

I think it’s the same problem a doctor faces. If you have a fever, is the fever a symptom or the cause of you not feeling well? The fever is a sign or symptom that there is a bigger issue, likely a viral or bacterial infection. The same goes for trees. If leaves are yellowing, it’s a symptom of a larger cause. Unfortunately, determining the cause is not always straightforward and it means becoming a detective to figure it out.

First, let’s take a quick dive into plant biology to understand why a plant is green. To put it simply, it is green because it is producing chlorophyll. When a plant stops producing chlorophyll or produces at a reduced rate, the leaves change color, usually yellow. A fancy way to say the plant is turning yellow is to call it chlorosis, which is defined as the lack of chlorophyll. This sometimes affects the entire plant, sections of the plant, or even a speckled appearance. Sometimes, the leaves will be yellow between the veins which is called interveinal chlorosis.

What causes chlorosis? This is where it gets complicated. One possible cause is an environmental factor such as soil condition, temperature, nutrient imbalances or weather conditions. The soil is the lifeblood of the plant. When soil conditions are not ideal, plant and root growth can be impacted, which in turn affects the plant’s ability to absorb water and nutrients.

One example of a common soil condition in Broadwater County that causes interveinal chlorosis is soil pH. Broadwater County has alkaline soils (high pH). When the pH gets high, certain minerals become difficult for plants to absorb. Specifically, the main issue is iron. Iron deficiencies show up as interveinal chlorosis.

Another possible cause of yellowing leaves is herbicide injury. The pattern depends on the herbicide type. Typically, you see yellowing along with other symptoms such as leaf distortion or curling, browning and dieback.

Yellowing could also be caused by diseases, nematodes, insects or mites. Diseases can interfere with nutrients and plant functions. This can lead to a reduction in chlorophyll which causes the leaves to turn yellow. Nematodes are microscopic worms that are important to the soil food web by feeding on bacteria, fungi and plants. Plant parasitic nematodes can be an issue though when they feed on plant roots, stems or leaves. One of the first symptoms of nematodes is yellow plants.

There are many insects, mites and other arthropods that can cause yellow leaves. As insects feed on leaves,

they cause injury which reduces the plant’s ability to produce chlorophyll, turning the plant yellow. Some insects feed on roots which reduce the plant’s ability to absorb water and nutrients. Because the plant’s ability to thrive is compromised, it can turn yellow.

Many things cause a plant to turn yellow, so how do you figure it out? Just like a doctor can figure out a cause of a fever using the process of elimination or analyzing multiple symptoms, you can do the same for a plant. Here are a few things to look for:

- What other symptoms do you see? Leaf curling? Stunted growth? What else? If you can’t see any obvious symptoms above ground, then dig up some of the plant to look at the roots.
- Could weather be a factor? Review the recent and seasonal weather patterns. For example, this year we had a really wet June followed by hot dry weather in July and August which made perfect conditions for fire blight.
- What are the soil conditions? What is the pH? Is the soil compacted? Have you applied any fertilizer or herbicides?
- Do you see any patterns? Is this issue only affecting one plant or multiple plants?
- Have you done anything differently this year that could have caused the issue?

With some investigative work, the cause can hopefully be determined. Sometimes fixes to chlorosis are easy. Other times, such as issues caused by drought or herbicide injury, it might be too late to fix the problem.

Keep in mind that your local MSU Extension Office provides free services to help identify issues. Don’t hesitate to contact us at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu if we can help in any way.



Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Joseph Damico (Flower Mound, TX) day speed \$120.00
- Katierose Cox (Helena) day speed \$20.00
- David Cameron (Helena) day speed \$20.00
- Savannah Chapton (Genoa, NV) day speed \$20.00
- Tyler Bloom (East Helena) day speed \$20.00
- Amy Balmain (Helena) day speed \$70.00
- Arthur Anderson (Helena) expired registration \$85.00
- Tadhg Allen (Anchorage, AK) day speed \$120.00
- Juliet Loneman (Fort Washakie, WY) day speed \$20.00
- Aaron Larson (Helena) day speed \$20.00
- Jennifer Lipscomb (Ogden, UT) day speed \$20.00
- Duncan Hamilton (Bozeman) day speed \$20.00
- Larry Houser (Bozeman) day speed \$70.00
- Natalie Gates (Bozeman) day speed \$70.00
- Amber Edwards (Bozeman) day speed \$20.00
- Kennedy Dorrington (Helena) day speed \$70.00
- Refucio Delgado (Helena) driving w/o valid DL \$135.00
- Roger Young (Helena) night speed \$70.00
- Elizabeth Spolar (Butte) day speed \$20.00

- Todd Schneider (Helena) day speed \$20.00
- Ethan Riedle (Bozeman) day speed \$70.00
- Samantha Plaster (Clancy) day speed \$20.00
- Cody Pack (Townsend) day speed \$20.00
- Dylan O’Keefe (Valier) day speed \$20.00
- Angela Mcneil (Oceanside, CA) day speed \$70.00
- Gavin Mills (Fairfield) day speed \$20.00
- Gregory Miller (Nyack, NY) day speed \$20.00
- Raymond Lopez (Phoenix, AZ) day speed \$70.00
- Rhonda Hedalen (East Helena) day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

- Kerwin Swant – (Helena) – Reckless Driving-1st offense, pled guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.
- Jessica Clanin-(Helena)– Operating without liability insurance in effect -2nd offense, pled guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees; day speed, pled guilty, \$20.00 fine.
- Joseph Meyer -(Helena)– Operate Non-commercial vehicle with an alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater -1st offense, pled guilty, sentenced to six months in jail all suspended, on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program, surrender DL to the Court.
- Darren Steelman – Hope Mills, NC - Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked -1st offense, pled guilty, sentenced to six months in jail, all suspended, on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees; Operating without liability insurance in effect -1st offense, pled guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees.
- Collin Delli Bovi- Clancy – Day speed, pled guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, on conditions, \$70.00 fine.
- Tabitha Creason -Townsend - Operating without liability insurance in effect -1st offense, pled guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees; seatbelt violation, pled guilty, \$20.00 fine.
- Isaac Smith – Townsend – day speed, pled guilty, \$20.00 fine.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

- Lyle Harlan (Helena) Violation of comm. Or dept. orders or rules \$135.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

- Joshua Bingham –(Helena)– Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked -1st offense, pled guilty, sentenced to six months in jail, all suspended, on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

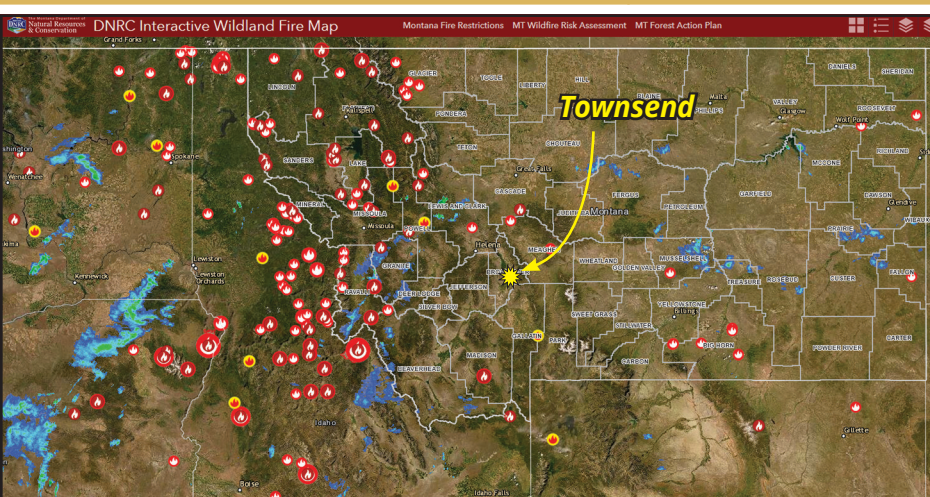
- Brayden Corcoran Clancy day speed \$20.00
- Michelle Wilson (Helena) day speed \$20.00
- Jeffery Van Wart Big Sky day speed \$20.00
- Jeffery Stubbs Roslyn, Wa day speed \$20.00
- Adam Jenkins Missoula day speed \$70.00
- Amber Decamp Belgrade day speed \$120.00
- Christopher Bomberger Indianapolis, In day speed \$20.00
- Tish Dayak Clancy day speed \$20.00
- Stephen Danner Manhattan day speed \$20.00

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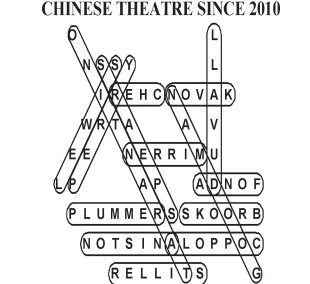
- David Maki Columbus Expired registration \$85.00
- Log not current \$135.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

- Robert Boothman – Cascade Co. Justice Court, \$750.00 bond
- Robert Boothman – City of (Bozeman) Municipal Court, \$2888.99 bond

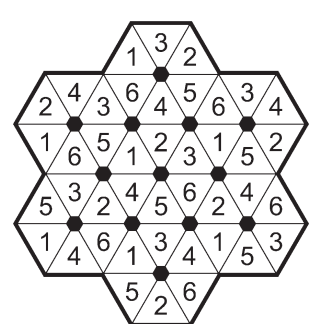


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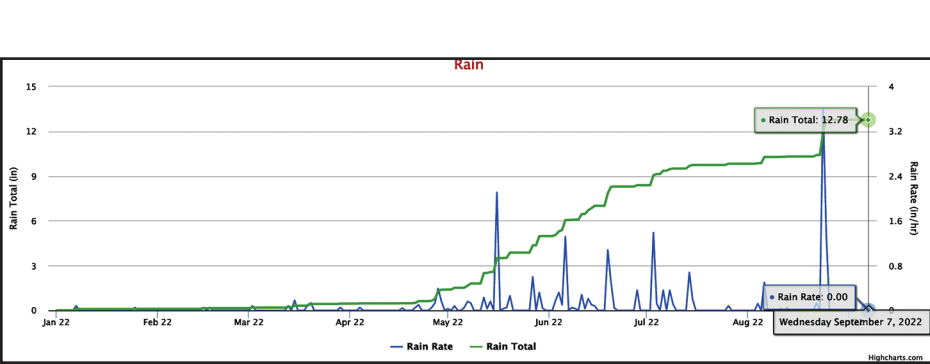
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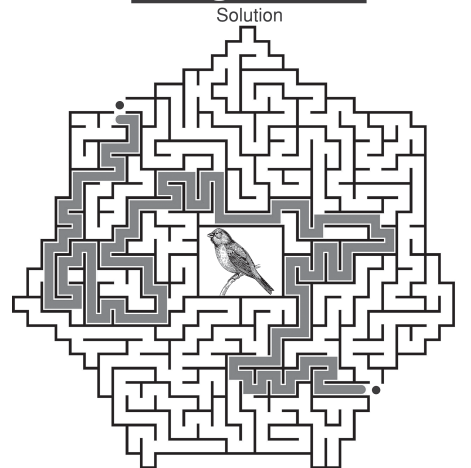
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CryptoQuip

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Mega Maze



Super Crossword

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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.

AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of the City of Townsend has been conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, CPA's, P.C. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires the publication of the following summary of significant findings.

Summary of Significant Findings

The audit report for the City of Townsend for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, were unmodified.

The audit report also contained several other auditor's reports. Following is a list of the reports and a summary of the findings included in each. This is only a summary and is not intended to be used as an audit report.

1. Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. This report contained findings in the following matters:

- a.) Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (repeat finding 2020-006 and 2019-003)
- b.) Misclassified Intergovernmental Revenue
- c.) Misclassified Expenditures
- d.) Segregation of Duties (repeat finding 2020-003, 2019-002, 2018-2017-003)
- e.) Uninsured and Uncollateralized Deposits
- f.) Revolving Fund Restricted Cash Requirements

2. Report on Other Compliance, Financial and Internal Accounting Control Matters. This report contained no findings.

3. Report on Audit Report Recommendations. This report summarized the findings from the prior audit report, and noted the action taken on them.

- a.) Misclassified Intergovernmental Revenue (Repeated)
- b.) Review of Journal Vouchers (Implemented)
- c.) Segregations of Duties (Repeated)
- d.) Payroll Tax and Benefit Payments (Not Repeated)
- e.) Uninsured and Uncollateralized Deposits (Repeated)
- f.) Management Discussion and Analysis (Repeated)

Public Inspection of Audit Report

The complete audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at City Hall.

Very Truly Yours,
Coleen Ward, Clerk/Treasurer
City of Townsend

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.



Graymont announces launch of community-focused Carbon Reduction Fund and invites applications for 2022 initiatives

We are proud to announce the launch of the Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund , an innovative, grass-roots initiative designed to support the development of carbon-reduction initiatives in the communities across the globe that we call home.

The fund's role is to support projects focused on:

- Protecting the environment by the responsible use of resources
- Reducing our carbon footprint through increased energy efficiency
- Developing and maintaining natural, biological 'carbon sinks' such as agricultural land, forests or peat bogs that act as a natural offset for carbon

If you have a project idea that relates to any of these topics, the GCRF is looking for you!

For additional information, please contact Steve Bugni at (406) 521-6003 or sbugni@graymont.com

Application deadline is September 30, 2022

Graymont's mission is contributing to a decarbonized world by providing essential lime and limestone solutions.

National Preparedness Month

The life you've built is worth protecting

Step 01 Make A Plan

Make a plan today. Know which types of disasters could affect your area.



Step 02 Build A Kit

An emergency kit contains basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.



Step 03 Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness

Know nearby disasters and hazards, how to get emergency alerts, and evacuation routes.



Step 04 Teach Youth

Involve your children in the planning process. Allow them to help make the emergency kit.



9-6-22 FIRE INFORMATION: MURRAY FIRE

Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation
County Assist Team

Incident Objectives: 1) Protect human life; firefighter, aviation, and public safety are of the utmost importance. 2) Implement a safe and aggressive full suppression strategy utilizing direct and indirect tactics where safe and appropriate to do so. 3) Protect infrastructure, property, and natural resources.

Fire Summary: Firefighters worked with local landowners to establish and improve access for crews and heavy equipment to the fire. Aviation resources worked in conjunction with smokejumpers and a hotshot crew to establish control lines where safe and effective to do so. The fire is estimated to be 55 acres and is currently 0% contained. Coordinating agencies on the fire include Montana DNRC, USFS, and BLM.



DNRC HELICOPTER 88M PERFORMING BUCKET WORK
PC: ANDREW DALE

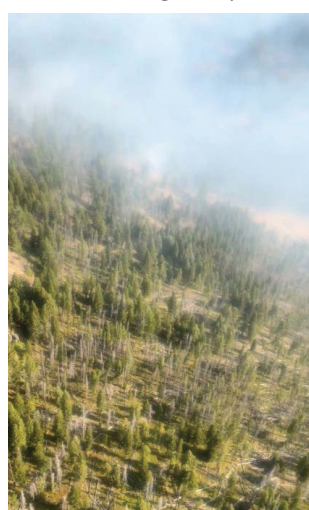
Fire Situation: The fire was reported at 6:00 am on September 5th and the cause is under investigation. There are no evacuations in effect, and roads in the fire area are open to local traffic only for firefighter and public safety. Firefighters are working to keep fire growth to a minimum using aircraft to slow the fires forward progress while ground crews work to establish control lines. Fire crews are preparing for red flag conditions tomorrow, with forecasts calling for temperatures in the upper 80s and wind gusts up to 40 mph.

"In anticipation of the high winds and red flag conditions tomorrow crews worked to establish safe ingress and egress routes from the fire while working with aircraft to establish control lines."

- Cory Calnan, CAT Operations Section Chief

"The fire is burning in steep rugged terrain, and fire crews are using the resources and judgement necessary to safely engage and suppress the fire."

- Erin Carey, BLM Missoula Field Manager



AERIAL VIEW OF THE FUELS THE MURRAY FIRE IS BURNING IN.

COUNTY ASSIST TEAM



MURRAY FIRE

SIZE: 55 acres
CONTAINMENT: 0%
CAUSE: Under investigation
FIRE LOCATION: 12 miles Southwest of Helmville
INJURIES: 0
PRIMARY STRUCTURES BURNED: 0
EVACUATIONS: None
ROAD CLOSURES: Local traffic only
PROTECTION: State
OWNERSHIP: BLM
RESOURCES: 130 personnel
INCIWEB:

<https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/8389/>

COUNTY ASSIST TEAM

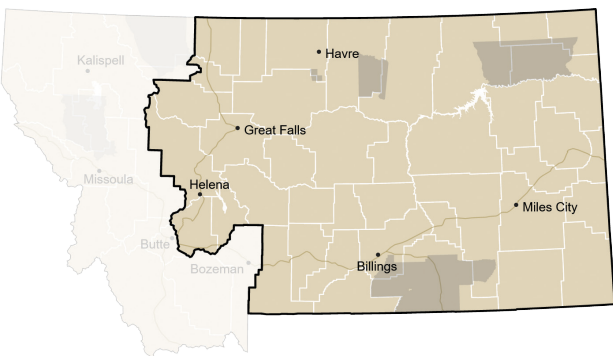
INCIDENT COMMANDER:
David Hamilton

FIRE INFORMATION:
Wyatt Frampton,
406-662-1750 (7:30 am – 9:00 pm)
DNRCat.team@gmail.com



U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2 (EAST)

Data provided by Montana Free Press



REPUBLICAN

Matt Rosendale
Incumbent U.S. Representative

June 7 Republican primary vote

Matt Rosendale	76%	73,453
Kyle Austin	12%	11,930
Charles Walking Child	6%	5,909
James Boyette	6%	5,712

Count reported by Montana secretary of state as of 7/19/22

DEMOCRATIC

Penny Ronning
Former Billings Councilwoman

June 7 Democratic primary vote

Penny Ronning	58%	21,983
Mark Sweeney	23%	8,586
Skylar Williams	19%	7,029

Count reported by Montana secretary of state as of 7/19/22

LIBERTARIAN

Sam Rankin
Billings realtor and attorney

June 7 Libertarian primary vote

Sam Rankin	47%	958
Samuel Thomas	27%	554
Roger Roots	26%	526

Count reported by Montana secretary of state as of 7/19/22

INDEPENDENT

Gary Buchanan
Billings financial advisor

FWP SEEKS COMMENT ON SEVERAL PROPOSALS FOR OCTOBER 20 COMMISSION MEETING

HELENA – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking public comment on several proposals slated to go to the Fish and Wildlife Commission in October. Under the new commission process, FWP is taking public comment on these proposals now through Sept. 22.



Commissioners can offer amendments to the proposals as they see fit. The proposals and supporting documents, commissioner amendments and collected public comment will be available on the FWP website two weeks prior to the commission meeting, Oct. 6.

The commission will make a final decision on these proposals at its Oct. 20 meeting.

Danford Pond Wildlife Viewing Area Easement Acquisition and Construction

FWP is proposing an easement for public wildlife viewing at the Danford Pond Conservation Easement. The easement would be a no cost easement and FWP would construct a parking area and wildlife-viewing area using funds from the Nongame Tax Check-off account.

Fleecer Mountain WMA Grazing Lease Renewals, Region 3

FWP is proposing the Fleecer Mountain WMA leases for a nine-year term beginning in May 2023 to include the EOU, cash grazing, and EOS leases as presented. This comprehensive approach would help achieve habitat objectives for the WMA while benefitting local livestock producers.

2023/24 Fishing Regulations

FWP is proposing a suite of regulation changes for the 2023/24 fishing regulations.

Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Hunting Regulations

FWP is proposing hunting regulations for the Bad Rock Canyon WMA that include hunting by limited access permit only. Archery season is open Thursday through Sunday (or Monday if it is a holiday) to archery

equipment for all legal species, limited to two individuals/week awarded by lottery. General hunting and spring turkey seasons are open to youth ages 10–15 and hunters with a PTHFV for all legal species, limited to one party/day awarded by lottery. Closed to spring black bear hunting. Area rules, maps, and the access permit application process are available at FWP's Region 1 Headquarters, 406-752-5501.

Editor's Note: The following is of specific interest to Broadwater County.

2023 Annual Work Plan for Elk Management in Areas with Brucellosis

FWP is proposing substantive recommendations from the brucellosis working group that differ from the 2022 plan, including:

Allow the use of elk management tools within the DSA and in other specific areas where brucellosis-exposed elk have been confirmed.

Add the exploration of new hazing techniques based on the efficacy of past efforts and new research findings. New hazing techniques could include the use of drones, dogs, remote cameras that alert landowners to elk presence, hazing even when elk are not present, or hazing at night. The work group recommends implementing at least one new technique in 2023 followed by an analysis of efficacy.

Add the expanded opportunity to use fencing that reduces the ability for elk to cross into or use high-risk areas, such as calving pastures. This fencing was previously authorized for use only in the Paradise Valley.

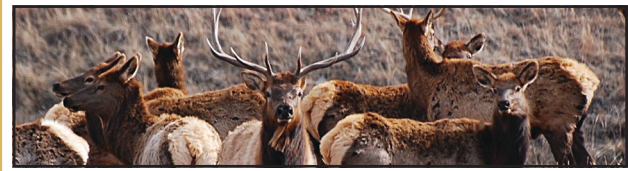
Add the target of implementing at least one habitat manipulation project that encourages elk to stay away from high-risk areas in 2023 followed by an analysis of efficacy.

Remove the annual cap of \$2,500 per landowner for fencing material.

City of Havre Urban Deer Management Plan

FWP is proposing the commission approve the City of Havre Deer Management Action Plan. The plan contains strategies that can effectively remove urban deer.

To comment and for more information on these proposals, go online to <https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission/october-2022-meeting>.



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