



## RIBBON CUTTING AT TOWNSEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SEPT.27, 2022

Nancy Marks

Dignitaries from Townsend Elementary, the city and the county, crowded around on Tuesday evening to witness the official opening of the new grade school. American Legion Post #42 members Jen Dalrymple and Linda Cosineau raised the flag with the help of Havyn Vandanacre who sang The Stars Spangled Banner.

School Board Chairman Jason Noyes congratulated all who worked on the project from conception through bond issue to construction. He thanked students and parents for their patience throughout the messy worksite during the year, but pointed out how much the teachers and students were enjoying their new rooms. The \$18million bond issue more than covered the demolition of the old grade school, built in 1951, as well as completing a two- story, 56,000 square foot facility with a huge modern kitchen, dining room and community space room. This work was covered in Phase I of the 3- year project. Phase II will involve connecting the grade school to the library and upgrading electrical in the high school. "We are happy to announce will eventually include two new classrooms because we kept our budget tight, so had funds to move forward with Phase III to be completed next spring," Noyes explained. He thanked project partners Hulteng Construction Management Firm owner Shane Swandal, A & E Design and Dick Anderson Construction for their work on the project.

Unique to the facility is a learning stairs room, built with giant steps to resemble an amphitheater. The room opens on to the outside covered patio area by way of a glass garage door. "The learning stairs room is an exciting space because we can have an entire grade of students take part in activities such as Tree Board's presentation on Arbor Day. The space brings the outdoors in with light," Principal Kristina Hartmann explained. The space will be available for community groups as well.

Teachers and Principals Brad Racht, Hartmann and Sheri Heavrin accompanied members of the public through the facility after a tour by the kitchen for cookies and coffee.

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Townsend Cross Country ran in East Helena last Saturday. The course was 3.4 miles  
Girls - Abby Wickens and Kaelyn Sangray Boys - Teagan Martin  
photos courtesy of Alexa O'Dell



**“THROWDOWN WITH FELLOW MONTANANS”  
FALL FEST MUSIC LINE-UP PACKED WITH LOCALS**  
Eliza McLaughlin

This week, a dozen local musicians will converge in Townsend for the 2022 Townsend Rotary Fall Fest, entertaining guests as they enjoy the rest of the weekend’s festivities. The musical performances begin on Friday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. with Montana Neon Ridge. Following the group’s set, The Max, a 3-piece band from Bozeman, will help spread joy with their “power pop party rock” music.

Music will resume on Saturday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. with Conductor and continue through noon with Phatt Lipp. Following the stein-hoisting contest, Helena based group “Justin Case Band” will get the crowd moving with classic rock and country selections. “We’re just honored to be back again,” band member Mike Killeen told MT 43 News. “It’s always super fun.” Killeen, a guitarist, a vocalist and the booking manager for the group, said Townsend is home to several of his favorite stops, including the Full Belli Deli and the Mountie Moose Bakery. “I gain 10 pounds every time I pass through Townsend,” he said.

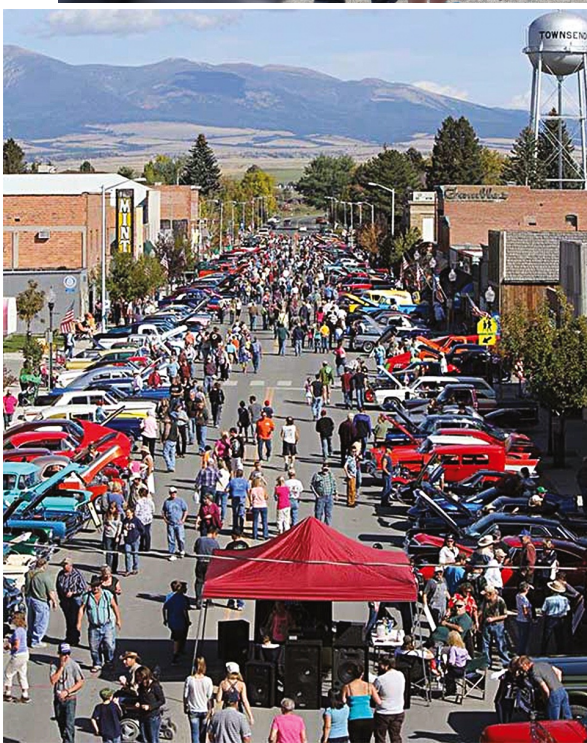
Since Justin Case Band finishes its set at 2:00 p.m., Killeen said the group will spend some time listening to other artists and enjoying the rest of the festivities. Other members of the group include Luke Michelson on bass guitar and Jeremy Lead on drums and percussion. All members of Justin Case Band are lead vocalists. Closing out the Saturday performances is Wild Prairie Smoke from Missoula, followed by two Helena-based bands: SunsAh406 and Longhorn. “The band and I are very excited to play our first Townsend Fall Fest,” said Jarred Hanson from SunsAh406, adding that the performance is a great way to end a busy summer. “Broadwater County, get ready for some [Montana] Americana music!”

The final Fall Fest acts will take the stage at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 2 with the band Close, But No Seger taking the stage first followed by Reverend Slanky, a band with Townsend connections. Headlining Sunday’s performances is another Bozeman band, Laney Lou and the Bird Dogs. Lena “Laney Lou,” Schiffer told MT 43 News that listeners should expect “an interactive show with sing-alongs, dancing and an overall raucous Bird Dog set.” This year will be The Bird Dog Band’s first time playing at Townsend Fall Fest.

“We are really looking forward to the show,” Schiffer said. “Our band loves playing in our home state, and after a summer of being on the road, we are ready to throw down with fellow Montanans!”



Fall Fest images courtesy of Rotary



**FALL FEST: A COLLECTION OF STORES AND STORIES**

Amongst the many other Townsend Fall Fest activities is a slew of business vendors, many of them locals sharing their unique talents with the community in the form of hand-made treats, crafts and other products. These booths are more than just stores. Each one contains the stories of the business owners, their family members and their crafts. Lolo Pogi Boutique

Broadway Street business Lolo Pogi Boutique will be one of many vendors filling Heritage Park to display their products at Fall Fest this weekend. Steve Stieler, an owner of Lolo Pogi Boutique, said their booth will showcase their store's seasonal items, allowing customers to “fall into great style.” The Lolo Pogi Boutique fall collection consists of sweaters, vests and boots designed for the colder days of this season.

**Treasure State Candy**

For those seeking out a sweet treat at the 2022 Townsend Rotary Fall Fest, look for the Treasure State Candy booth. This family-owned business creates freeze-dried candies and treats, according to owner Kristal Leonard. “We will have freeze-dried Skittles, Flathead cherries and a couple of other candies for sale,” Leonard told MT 43 News. Leonard said they came up with the idea after watching a YouTube video about making freeze-dried candies and “decided to try it” for themselves. “Once freeze-dried, they become a crunch snack that is so fun to eat,” she added.

Not sure if freeze-dried treats appeal to you? Stop by the booth to try a free freeze-dried Skittle sample.

**Crochet by Louann and Lowen’s Lures**

Louann Rogers and her husband Lowen Nunn, will also showcase their unique talents at Fall Fest, with Rogers selling her handmade hats, scarves and afghans and Nunn his handmade fishing lures, flies and keepsake boxes. Rogers and Nunn are not typical crafters, traveling from show to show selling their products. This husband and wife duo is a Townsend Fall Fest exclusive.

Explore these and many other local vendors at Fall Fest Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 a.m.--6:00 p.m. and Sunday,

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THREE FORKS SCHOOLS OPEN, CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Eliza McLaughlin

The Three Forks School District opened its doors to students for the first day of school on September 6 with the all too familiar sound of construction humming in the background. School administrators expect that noise to continue through December.



Andy Becker, the bond project manager, told the Three Forks School Board during its September 20 meeting that some spaces in the south addition will become available for a phased turnover starting in mid-October, with others following through mid-December. Although Becker does not have specific dates for handing over classrooms, the elementary addition and the music room are at the top of the priority list, followed by the special education room. Once construction in these areas wraps up, crews will move on to the Cafeteria, the high school admin space and then the high school renovation.

Three Forks Middle School and High School Principal, Greg Heys, said teachers have maintained a positive attitude through the project, but Superintendent Rhonda Uthlaut said the dust and noise have made classes difficult at times. Additionally, some of the school's much needed space is still under construction, limiting classes abilities to lay claim to one space. Uthlaut told the board that some programs rotate to share spaces, ensuring everyone has the space they need when they need it. Uthlaut also informed the board that weight lifting classes will likely have to relocate after basketball season since the boiler in the gym, which heated the space, was disconnected during construction. "It can be temporarily heated, but we'll probably have to MacGyver a solution into the air handlers for the gym,"

Becker also gave the board the good news that the long-awaited walk-in cooler, which was ordered in May of 2021, was scheduled for delivery on Thursday, September 29. One board member was not convinced of the delivery date, saying, "I'll believe it when I see it."

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Reese Blasdell - Sheridan, Wy - day speed \$20.00

Michael Harvey - Townsend - day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

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Bret Reynolds - Townsend - Driving without a valid Driver's License, pled guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

Lukas Illion - Helena - Careless Driving, pled guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.

Victoria Barbeau - Townsend - Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs -1st offense, pled guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all six months suspended, on conditions, \$885.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program and follow all counselor recommendations.

Mark Lambert - Townsend - Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs -1st offense, pled guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all six months suspended, on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program and follow all counselor recommendations; Owner permitting operation of vehicle without liability insurance -4th or subsequent offense, pled guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail with all ten days suspended, on conditions, \$525.00 fines and fees.

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Brittany Doney - East Helena - Driving without a valid Driver's License, pled guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

Slade Teigen - Toston - Operate Non-commercial with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater - 3rd offense, pled guilty, sentenced to one year in jail, all but thirty days suspended, on conditions, \$5085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program followed by monthly monitoring for one year, surrender DL to the Court.

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MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

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INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Onie Knecht - Cascade Co. Justice Court, \$5000.00 bond

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THREE FORKS CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS GROWTH POLICY

Eliza McLaughlin

The Three Forks City Council adopted the amended Growth Policy Plan during its September 13 meeting, after eight months of revisions and public input, but not without further additions. The motion to pass a resolution that would adopt the Growth Policy included the stipulation that a timetable for future review of the policy and a mention of the conditions of sand and gravel pits be added.

Three Forks City Clerk Crystal Turner told The Voice that the changes came after a tip from another city clerk "I was approached by another town's clerk that their draft did not include a number of things required to be addressed in a governing body's [Growth Policy] per [Montana Code Annotated]," Turner said. "I reviewed everything and found all but two that hadn't [been] addressed as specifically as we could, or not at all."

During the final review of the policy, Council President Gene Townsend asked whether the board should review the local growth policy more proactively, rather than waiting until the required five-year review. Townsend suggested that the council "at least talk about" the growth policy on an annual basis. "Things are happening in a hurry," Townsend said, referring to growth and development in the area. The revised Growth Policy states that the council should amend the document as needed; however, there was no specific timetable listing when to do so, until one was added in the final motion approving the policy.

Turner said the city staff will likely keep a list of items to readdress during annual reviews. The following language will be added to pages 1-4 of the growth policy, clarifying the timetable of review:

The Growth Policy is to be reviewed every five (5) years. Revisions shall be made in response to changing infrastructure needs, social, cultural, economic, and physical characteristics and in an effort to ensure the future health, safety and welfare of the Three Forks community.

The MCA requires that sand and gravel be specifically mentioned in growth policies. Turner and Three Forks City Treasurer Kelly Smith worked together to address the subject, choosing the specific language to be added to pages 1-7 of the adopted policy. Turner said the growth policy will also include a map of the four current and former gravel pits in the area. Planning for future housing developments in the Three Forks area, was a significant portion of the council's discussion during the meeting, focusing primarily on affordable housing options. It's no secret that the cost of living in Three Forks and the surrounding areas has skyrocketed. At the moment, renting a single-family home in the city of Three Forks costs approximately \$1,500 per month, according to City Treasurer Kelly Smith.

To find a more affordable solution, the council discussed the potential of allowing more higher-density development options. "We all want big lots. We all want lots of elbow room, but is that really realistic for people to be living in town," Smith questioned during the meeting. City Planner Randy Carpenter suggested that the council implement low, medium and high-density zoning restrictions, which would provide developers with more choice. Although some members expressed concern about approving high-density spaces, Carpenter said that developers won't always choose the smallest lot size simply because it is available.

Although it didn't make it into the final motion, Townsend also raised questions about references to agriculture in the Growth Policy, specifically those suggesting the removal of potential barriers to successful agriculture and those urging the city to encourage farmers and ranchers to apply for property tax exemptions. "Who is the person that tells this ag person that he should be applying for Montana agricultural property tax exemptions, you know," Townsend said. "Knowing farmers and ranchers the way I do, they might tell me it's none of my business."



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Monday, October 3, 2022 (Unofficial)

- 10:00 AM Public Hearing, Budget Amendment
- 10:00 AM Discussion and Decision, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer, Budget Amendment
- 10:10 AM Discussion and Decision, Budgetary Authority Resolution, CDBG funds for Bridger Brewing
- 10:15 AM Discussion and Decision, Inmate Excess Medical Insurance and/or Claims Administration Management
- 10:15 AM Discussion and Decision, Authority for distribution of county minimum allocation grant (ARPA) for City of Townsend Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects
- 10:25 AM Discussion and Decision, Josh Obert, Public Works Director, BARS Resolution
- 10:30 AM Discussion and Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development Director and Planning, Helsen Boundary Relocation
- 10:35 AM Discussion and Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development Director and Planning Nelson Boundary Relocation
- Wednesday, October 5, 2022 (Unofficial)
- 10:00 AM Discussion and Decision, Public Hearing, Open Bid for Fairground Improvements

Public comment period (on items not on the agenda) will be at the beginning of each meeting. Mail & Items for Discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change.

Items for Discussion / Action / Review / Signature - Consent Agenda

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- on-going advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail - ongoing grants- Correspondence - support letters

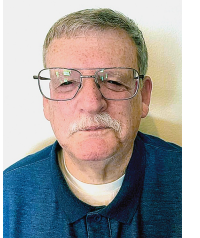
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Future Meetings

- October 4 Planning Board
- October 5 Commission Meeting-Public Hearing
- October 12 Commission Meeting
- October 13 Fair Board Meeting
- October 19 Board of Heath Meeting
- October 19 Airport Meeting

TECH TALK - OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE  
Vic Sample



My first professional programming job was with the Montana Power Company in 1977. At that time IBM Mainframes were the most used computers in the world; personal computers were strictly for hobbyists. Companies "bought" software to run on the IBM mainframes (they really just bought the right to use the software) and then paid an extra fee to get maintenance for the software. The maintenance agreement allowed them to get access to customer support and fixes for any problems they encountered and also to get new releases. Software products and maintenance agreements generally ran tens of thousands of dollars.

When PCs suddenly burst onto the computing scene in the early 1980s the software model changed. PC software products were much cheaper, sometimes less than \$100. The software companies made money selling high volumes of software. Generally speaking, there was no "maintenance". You just lived with problems until the next release and then bought the new release.

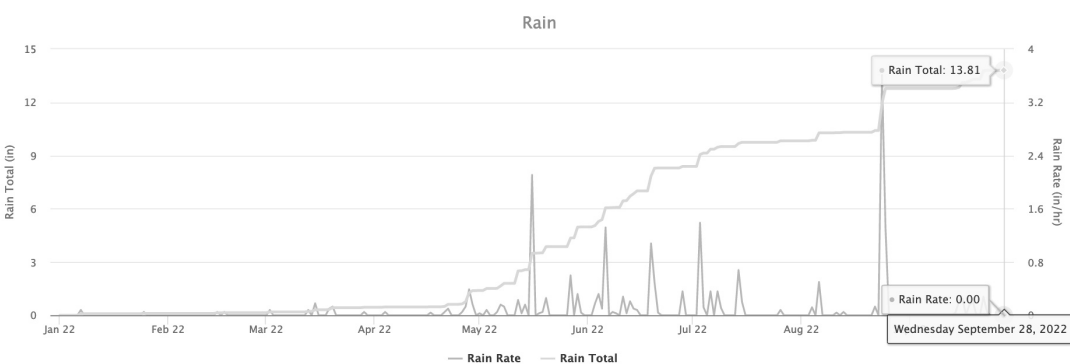
In the 1990s a new software model appeared - open source software. The Linux Operating System (I wrote about that in an earlier article) that provided a Unix operating system on PCs was free. Then the internet became a worldwide phenomenon. Netscape was one of the first widely used browsers and you had to buy it but soon, browsers proliferated and were free. Microsoft provided Internet Explorer with Windows. If you bought a PC with Windows you got the browser for free.

The internet ushered in a new set of software that was free: Java, Javascript and PHP are all computer programming languages that were free to download and were used to build websites. The Apache web server software used to power many websites is free. WordPress used to manage websites is free. A multitude of new computer languages were being created and all were free to download. The software tools for programmers to use programming languages were made available for free downloads. Several database software products were offered as free downloads.

To be sure, not all software is offered for free. Many small businesses here in Townsend use Quickbooks - and it is definitely not free. However, most software products that have to be purchased have free alternatives. Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint) is not free. But Libre is a free alternative to Microsoft Office. Libre offers alternative programs to do word processing, spreadsheets, presentations and create publications. While there are differences Libre is very compatible with Microsoft Office.

Many of you already use free software: Gmail and Thunderbird are free email clients that a lot of people in town use. You should definitely think about using the Free software. I use quite a bit of open source software: Microsoft Visual Studio, Libre Office, Paint.net, video editing software, image conversion software, etc. Almost any task that I want to do I can find Open Source software for free.

Open Source, free software can save you a lot of money but be careful! You are downloading software onto your PC and that opens you up to installing MALWARE. Before you download any software you need to do research. Do your due diligence to make sure the software is reputable and that the download site is reputable.



Date	Weather	High/Low	Wind
Thu 9/29	Thunderstorms	74°   46°	63% ⇒ 10   27 mph
Fri 9/30	Light Rain Showers	60°   47°	59% ⇒ 7   15 mph
Sat 10/01	Thunderstorms	62°   49°	54% ⇒ 6   13 mph
Sun 10/02	Partly Cloudy	66°   46°	0% ⇒ 6   16 mph
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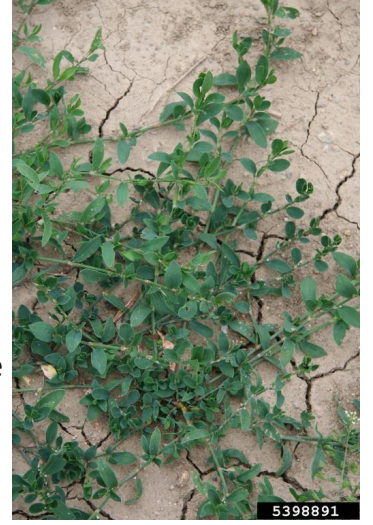
### WEED OF THE MONTH: PROSTRATE KNOTWEED

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Having an uncanny ability to grow where other plants cannot on compacted soils, between sidewalk cracks and on driveways makes prostrate knotweed a frustrating weed!

#### Description & Habitat

Native to Europe, prostrate knotweed is now found throughout North America and is widespread in Montana. Prostrate knotweed prefers full sun and drier soils. It has the ability to grow in poor soils where other plants cannot and is often found in highly compacted soil including road and driveway edges, sidewalk and pavement cracks, pathways, waste areas and lawns. It can withstand some trampling. An annual plant (life cycle of one year) in the Buckwheat family, it is a low-growing plant that can form mats along the ground. Stems are wiry with many branches and can grow up to two feet long. Mats can be four feet in diameter. Leaves are very small and lance-shaped. The flowers are inconspicuous. It has a small taproot and only reproduces by seed. Seeds mature fairly early in the summer. Prostrate knotweed is often confused with spotted spurge which has a similar look and growing pattern. An easy way to distinguish them is that spotted spurge has a milky white sap when the stems are broken. The plant can quickly cover bare soil and can prevent native or desirable species from establishing. Prostrate knotweed is also a host for several fungi, viruses and nematodes.



#### Management

Thankfully, prostrate knotweed weed is fairly easy to control. The most successful defense is a healthy lawn. Prostrate knotweed thrives in compacted soil, so aeration may improve weed control. As with most annual weeds, the key is to prevent the plant from going to seed. If you find it in your lawn, hand pulling can be highly effective, and the root is usually easily pulled. If the plants are along a driveway or sidewalk, water the area before pulling and the plant should pull right out. Mulch, at least three inches deep, is also an option where practical. Since the plant prefers compacted soil, tilling will discourage development but is often not practical where this weed is typically found. Mowing is not effective because the plant grows along the ground, below mower height.

Herbicides can also be used to control prostrate knotweed. Commonly used chemicals include 2,4-D, Banvel, Chaser, MCP, SpeedZone, Trimec, TZONE and Roundup.

For best control, spray herbicides at the seedling stage. As the plant becomes more mature, it will become more resistant to herbicides.

The plant is moderately resistant to 2,4-D even at

the seedling stage, and it should be combined with another herbicide. Pre-emergent herbicides can also be effective in lawns and perennial landscapes. Always read and follow the entire label

when applying herbicide.

Common chemical names are used here for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and management,  
contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242.

## WITH CLEAR SKIES

### THE STARLINK SATELLITES - Jeff Ross

Recently this note came in: "A lady at the Senior Center had a request for "the guy that writes the "With Clear Skies" column. Last week she couldn't sleep so was sitting on her porch having a cup of tea and enjoying the stars. She saw a string of lights in the sky and took a picture. There were about 5 lights, like beads on a string. Someone told her it was Elon Musk's "Sky Link", dropping off satellites. She wanted to know if you knew what it was and, if you do, would you write an article so that people who see it would know."



I am happy to oblige, although this may not be what lovers of the night sky, as I am, would want to hear.

Internet access is still not available to a lot of rural people around the planet. Satellite internet was born trying to solve this problem. Back in the 1990s, the very earliest satellite providers used a landline connection to a satellite up-link facility in Texas to connect to a satellite in Earth's geostationary orbit. That fancy term means that the satellite rotates the earth at the exact speed necessary to remain over the same spot on the surface below. To achieve that, the satellite must be 22,236 miles above mean sea level and be located directly over the equator. 22,000 miles might not sound like a lot, but that round trip to and from the satellite adds a noticeable delay (latency) to each and every internet connection. If you are streaming video from Netflix you hit the delay only when the stream starts. If you are loading a complex web page you get that delay on every part of the page as it loads. Anyone who has used satellite internet knows how painfully slow it can be.

SpaceX's version of satellite internet is completely different. The satellites, currently over 2800 in number, are in orbits ranging from 208 to 304 miles above mean sea level. SpaceX's goal is to have around 12,000 satellites in orbit by 2026. Because these satellites orbit much lower than geostationary satellites, latency is almost non-existent. Starlink claims to have 500,000 subscribers worldwide and provides them near fiber optic speed. It's fairly pricey with a \$600 equipment charge and a \$110 per month subscription fee.

SpaceX puts up to 140 Starlink satellites on a single launch. As those satellites disperse on the way to their final orbit they spread out a little. Almost certainly the "5 lights like beads on a string" was a Starlink launch. Like all satellites, these will all be visible in the night sky at various times and are actually quite bright. Astronomical observations at some of the world's largest land-based telescopes have been ruined by a Starlink train passing in front of the telescope as it was being used to photograph the stars above.

SpaceX has made some attempts to lower the amount of light reflected by the Starlink satellites but none have proven very successful yet. Even worse for star gazers are some of the plans other companies have for providing competing services. The Starlink satellites are small. Some of the competitors are planning on launching satellites with massive solar arrays that will outshine everything but the Moon in the night sky. In a few years, it is possible that when we step out at night to look up at the Milky Way, instead of seeing a river of stars stretch overhead we will see an endless stream of bright satellites.

Clear skies might not be such a treat then.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Oct. 16, 1793, Marie Antoinette, the last queen of France, is taken to the guillotine and beheaded nine months after her husband, the former King Louis XVI of France. Marie Antoinette and Louis, unpopular and accused of high treason due to France's financial woes, had been caught trying to flee to Austria.

\* On Oct. 10, 1845, the United States Naval Academy opens in Annapolis, Maryland. The curriculum for the 50 midshipmen students included French, English, gunnery and steam and chemistry. In 1850, the name was changed from the Naval School to the U.S. Naval Academy, and students were required to serve on ships during summers for four years.

\* On Oct. 14, 1857, engineer and inventor Elwood Haynes is born in Portland, Indiana. Haynes designed one of the very first American automobiles using a gas engine he saw in use at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. The finished product weighed 820 pounds and moved on 28-inch bicycle wheels.

\* On Oct. 12, 1915, British nurse Edith Cavell is executed by a German firing squad for helping Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during World War I. Cavell was honored with a statue in St. Martin's Place, just off London's Trafalgar Square.

\* On Oct. 11, 1925, novelist Elmore Leonard is born in New Orleans. After publishing numerous Western novels (including "Hombre"), Leonard turned to suspense and crime fiction. Best known of these are "Get Shorty" and "The Big Bounce."

\* On Oct. 13, 1953, the 45-foot Artmobile, the world's first art museum on wheels, arrives in Virginia carrying 16 paintings by 15th- and 16th-century masters. It attracted 5,000 visitors in the first few weeks. Art objects were loaned for exhibit by famous museums across the country until the Artmobile was canceled in 1994 due to budget cuts.

\* On Oct. 15, 1965, in one of several identical events across the country, Catholic priest David Miller burns his draft card in New York. For violating the recent law banning the burnings, Miller was arrested and sentenced to two years in jail.



# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## CRISSCROSS – COOKING VERBS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

**3 Letters**  
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 MIX

**4 Letters**  
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**5 Letters**  
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 STEEP  
 TASTE  
 TOAST

**6 Letters**  
 BLANCH  
 BRAISE  
 GREASE

**7 Letters**  
 COMBINE  
 MEASURE  
 STIR-FRY

**8 Letters**  
 BARBECUE  
 DISSOLVE  
 SCRAMBLE

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## LAFF - A - DAY



"You know very well what fish!"

## 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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### COMFORT FOOD

#### Chocolate Sunrise Pudding Treats

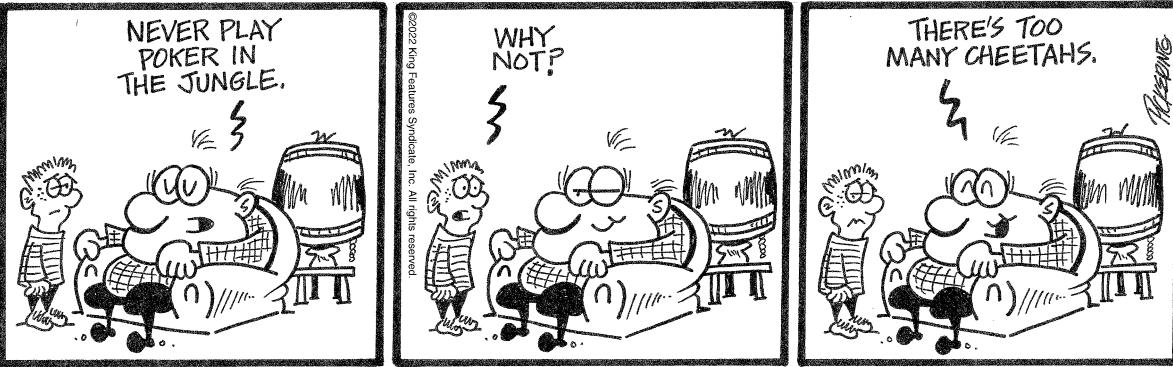
When every minute counts and you have more commitments in your day than you have hours, you don't have to forsake desserts -- not even chocolate desserts. One bite of this ultra-quick delight and you'll feel you have your world under control once again.

- 1 cup (8-ounce can) sliced peaches, packed in fruit juice, undrained
  - 1/2 cup unsweetened orange juice
  - 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant chocolate pudding mix
  - 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
  - 1/2 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
  - 2 tablespoons chopped pecans
1. In a blender container, combine undrained peaches and orange juice. Cover and process on BLEND for 10 to 15 seconds or until mixture is smooth. In a large bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and blended peach mixture. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in whipped topping.
2. Evenly spoon mixture into 4 dessert dishes. Top each with 3/4 teaspoon pecans. Refrigerate for at least 10 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

\* Each serving equals:  
 154 calories, 2g fat, 5g protein, 29g carb., 400mg sodium, 1g fiber  
 Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fruit, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk, 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Fat.

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### The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

**WELL, GOOD NEWS, THESE PANTS ARE AVAILABLE IN SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, XL AND COMFORTABLE.**

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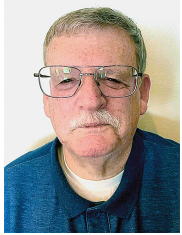
**"It takes a village to raise a child" and the village showed what a great community we have supporting the Vandyken College Fund for Jackson and Otis. We could not have made this such a success without all those that took time to help and all who attended. A very special thanks to all of you.**

**Bunkhouse Bar- Jake and Patience Foster  
 Brian Kimpton and Debbie Clark & family**



## YesterYear

W.E. Tierney – Broadwater Pioneer and Leader



W.E. Tierney was an early pioneer in what is now Broadwater County and had a great influence on how Townsend developed. He invested heavily in Broadwater County and brought many of his friends and relatives to Broadwater County.

William Edward Tierney was born into a large family in County Fermanagh, Ireland in 1838. When the potato blight decimated Ireland's food supply and economy, the Tierney family emigrated to America in 1847. They eventually ended up in a mining area of Wisconsin. The gold discoveries in Montana drew Tierney's attention and he left to seek his fortune in Virginia City, arriving there in 1864. Tierney then followed the new gold discoveries to Confederate Gulch (then part of Meagher County) where he was involved in mining and merchandising.

Tierney soon realized there was more money to be made supplying miners, than in being a miner. He established stores in several locations including Diamond City, Cave Gulch, Canton and Hassel. In 1870 Tierney and his partner, Henry Whaley, were listed as grocers in Hassel, located on the upper Indian Creek.

By 1880 Tierney had made the town of Canton along the Missouri River his base of operations where he had a store, house, barns and race horses. Tierney made many connections throughout the Missouri Valley and collected mining claims and ranches on both the Jefferson and Meagher County sides of the river. When the Northern Pacific Rail Road established the new city of Townsend in 1883, Tierney realized that Townsend would soon eclipse the other towns in the area, including Canton. Tierney moved his base of operations to Townsend.

Tierney, along with his partners J. R. Marks and Dan McCarthy, built the first hotel in Townsend (the Townsend House) where J.R. Marks was the manager for over 20 years. Across the street on the north side of Broadway, Tierney and his partners built the first main business building – the W. E. Tierney Company with Dan McCarthy as the manager. He built the stone building behind his store as a cold storage building. Both buildings are still in use.

Tierney also invested in Townsend banks. He was one of the original investors in the Bank of Townsend that operated from 1890 to 1898. Then, in 1899, W.E. Tierney along with J.G. Blessing and Al Schreiber filed articles of incorporation for The State Bank of Townsend. J.P. Kearns (a relative of W.E. Tierney) was the largest stockholder and was the bank's first cashier.

Tierney was also involved in politics. He was elected to represent Meagher County in the Territorial House of Representatives. He also served terms as a Montana State Representative and a Montana State Senator. Working with A.E. Spriggs, Peter Meloy and Gordon Watt, Tierney helped create Broadwater County. For many years he served as a Broadwater County Commissioner. Tierney had a tremendous influence on Townsend and Broadwater County. It's hard to envision either without the guiding hand of W.E. Tierney!

The information in this article came from the Broadwater Bygones and from a presentation created by historian Paul Putz.

### TOWNSEND VOLLEYBALL PARTICIPATES IN DIG PINK

Megan Bleile

This year, thousands of volleyball athletes from around the country will be participating in The Side-Out Foundation's Dig Pink® program. Middle school, high school college, club, and adult teams will become advocates for those with metastatic breast cancer while raising funds to support breast cancer research that is giving more time to those living with MBC.

Broadwater High School will be hosting a Dig Pink® match on October 11, 2022, to support the Side-Out Foundation and raise funds for a local community member fighting cancer. Admission for the event will be \$7 adult/ \$6 child. Before, during, and after the volleyball match, there will be many special events such as a bake sale, basket raffles and t-shirt sales. Part of the proceeds from all donations will benefit the Side-Out Foundation, a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Fairfax, VA. Side-Out dedicates the majority of donations to their own metastatic breast cancer research. In addition to research, Side-Out allocates a portion of its funds to high-quality support services for cancer patients and their families, as well as college scholarships for students who participate in the Ambassador Program. The other part of the proceeds will go to a local community member fighting cancer.

For more information about the event, please contact Megan Bleile at [mbleile@townsend.k12.mt.us](mailto:mbleile@townsend.k12.mt.us)

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Lacie Reed - Townsend Booster Club

We would like to thank Blackleaf Homes for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster member and supporting our Bulldogs!

Here are the players of the week!

Volleyball:

Junior, Havyn Vandenaere

Against Manhattan: 2 aces, 6 kills, 2 blocks, 1 assist & 4 digs.

Against Fairfield: 9 digs, 4 kills and 1 ace.

Football:

Senior, Dawson Sweat scored four touchdowns and had 203 yards receiving while intercepting a pass and accounting for six tackles and three TFL's on defense in Townsend victory 27-17 over Jefferson last weekend

Girls Cross Country:

Scarlett McDaniel

Boys Cross Country:

Aidan Easter

## Broadwater High Sports

As Townsend schools prepare for homecoming week, their sports teams have already climbed to the top of the rankings, and don't show signs of stopping.

### Volleyball

Currently, the Lady Bulldogs are ranked second in the Class B - Southern B - 5B District, under Jefferson High School. So far this season, the Lady Bulldogs have won eight matches and lost one; however, they have won all three of their district matches.

The Lady Bulldogs took on the Manhattan Tigers on Thursday, Sept. 22, taking the team down in just three sets scoring 25-10, 25-10 and 25-8.

Junior Emily Bird led the Lady Bulldogs in stats, tallying 24 assists, five digs, two kills, one block and an ace throughout the match.

Senior Trinity Wilson followed with eight kills, seven digs, one block and one ace. Junior Havyn Vandenaere was next in line with six kills, four digs, two blocks, two aces and one assist.

Following their win against the Tigers, the Lady Bulldogs hosted the Fairfield Eagles on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Once again, the team was able to win the match in just three sets: 25-16, 25-17 and 25-11.

Bird repeated her lead for the team in stats with 26 assists, eight digs and four aces. Bird was followed in achievement by Wilson with 11 kills, eight digs, two blocks and one ace.

Junior Luci Horne also had a great game with 11 digs and five aces throughout the match.

On Oct. 6, the Lady Bulldogs volleyball team will host the Jefferson Panthers, where the teams will face-off for the second time this season.

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Big Timber to take on the Shepherders on Thursday, Sept. 29, after MT 43's print deadline. Check the Oct. 7th edition for scores and statistics.

### Football

Bulldog Football played yet another impressive game on Friday, Sept. 23 versus the Jefferson Panthers.

The Bulldogs were the first to score during the game, with Dawson Sweat, making an impressive run into the end zone. Just a few minutes later, Sweat repeated the run for the Bulldog's second touchdown.

By the end of the first quarter it was 21-7 Bulldogs, and Townsend was on the 1-yard line ready for another.

Although the Panthers were able to gain some territory during the second quarter, the Bulldogs held them off for a half-time score of 21-8.

In the third quarter, the Panthers got some extra wind and were able to score another touchdown with a successful kick for an extra point. Sweat answered their efforts with another touchdown for the team, bringing the final game score to 27-17.

The Townsend Bulldogs will host the Whitehall Trojans on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. for the team's senior night. JV Football will play in Ennis on Monday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m.

The Townsend football team is ranked number one in the district with four wins and one loss throughout the entire season. The Bulldogs have yet to lose a conference game, setting them up well for districts.

### Cross Country

The boys and girls cross country teams traveled to East Helena on Saturday, Sept. 24. The teams also traveled to Lewistown on Tuesday, Sept. 27 for a race, after MT 43's press deadline.

On Friday, Sept. 30, the Bulldog cross country teams will participate in the Headwaters Invitational Race in Three Forks, followed with another close to home race on Oct. 6 in Helena.



# INSIDE INSPIRATION

## “While we wait...Not everything goes as planned” Ellie West

For everything, there is a purpose. Timing is divine if we allow it. We will be anchored if we can push through those times that don't go as planned.

In writing my book, there were many setbacks and roadblocks until the day before my “big” public launch. That did not deter me from pushing through, as I knew only good things were coming my way on the other side of those setbacks. Sometimes our well-thought-out plans are not necessarily God's plans.



As I was preparing, planning, and getting ready for the big launch day I had so methodically planned, I thought nothing would stop me. My launch team of nineteen was in place, briefed, and ready to go, two weeks before the launch date. I thought it was foolproof! My team had one week to read my story and get back to me with feedback so that the necessary changes could be made before the soft launch. The person formatting my book was uploading our files to the Kindle version, and it would not accept the file. It came back as a corrupted file.

What? How does that happen? We were told there was something in the original file that was creating issues with the Kindle version. The file was sent to Amazon for troubleshooting. We had to wait until they could get back to us! It was something in the original .doc that was creating the issue.

So we wait. The person formatting tried troubleshooting but to no avail. We wait some more for Amazon to get back to us. In the meantime, I had a trip to London. The day before my trip, I received a call notifying me that there was a change to my schedule. What? My week was so planned out for my book launch. I had a three-day London trip followed by a mandatory meeting in Seattle. I took a deep breath and told myself everything happens for a reason. Sometimes we don't know or understand the reasons, but there is a divine purpose for everything.

An exceptional person on my team was formatting and began rebuilding the Kindle Version. She didn't feel we could wait any longer, so she downloaded their app and imported the text. The reformatting had to be done in their software.

So we wait. We are now days passed the soft launch deadline. My hand-picked launch team are extraordinary people who encouraged me to hang in there! I am so grateful for them! But, I couldn't help thinking about the reason for the delay.

I am now in London for an extra day, and the mandatory meeting in Seattle has also been moved back a day. I will now be getting home a day later on Wednesday night, and my big public launch is Friday morning. Still, the Kindle version will not upload.

While in Seattle, I saw one of my passengers on my flight from London. It just so happens that he is the GM of two of our bases. He told me he was hoping to run into me and how thrilled he was with the service he received on his flight. I had no idea who he was. I was touched and humbled by his kind and thoughtful words. Had my trip not changed, I would not have had the opportunity to meet him outside the flight.

On Thursday, the day before the launch, we could finally upload the Kindle version without issues. I could now reach out to my team to give them an update as they patiently waited.

Why the setbacks? I'm not sure, but I trust that everything works together for a divine purpose.

I had to learn to let go, as many things were out of my control. What I thought was a very well-thought-out plan did not go as planned. But, looking back, I wouldn't change a thing. It worked out exactly the way it was intended.

To connect with Ellie: FB Coachelliewest  
www.coachinghearttoheart

# Our Walk in Faith

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 Ross Johnson, Council President, for more information, at (406) 465-3791.

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 Mele Moe, 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. 7th-12th grade youth group, Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. meeting at 407 S. Cherry St., Townsend. Pastor Mark Roelofs, 266-4406 or info@trailheadchristianchurch.com, www.TrailheadChristianChurch.com.

# Community Calendar

<b>September 30</b>	<b>October 18</b> TSD HSVB - Whitehall - 4:00 p.m.
Fall Fest TSD Q1 Midterm Senior Night! HSFB vs Whitehall - 7:00 p.m.	<b>October 19</b> TSD Picture Retake Day County Board of Health - 1:00 p.m. County Airport Board - 7:00 p.m.
<b>October 1-2</b>	<b>October 20</b> TSD PIR-MEA/MFT Days (No School) County Planning Board - 6:00 p.m.
Fall Fest	<b>October 21</b> TSD PIR-MEA/MFT Days (No School)
<b>October 3</b>	<b>October 22</b> TSD State CC - Missoula
TSD Homecoming Week! TSD JHFB - Whitehall - 6:00 p.m. TSD JVFB - Ennis - 4:00 p.m.	<b>October 27</b> TSD District VB - Manhattan
<b>October 4</b> TSD 3-12 Parent/Teacher Conference - 4:00-7:00 p.m. County Planning Board - 1:00 p.m. County Museum Board - Unknown TSD JHVB - Whitehall - 4:00 p.m.	<b>October 28</b> TSD District VB - Manhattan TSD End of Q1
<b>October 5</b> Assistance for Business Clinic: Doubletree in Helena, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. \$45.	<b>October 29</b> TSD 1st Round FB Playoffs
<b>October 6</b> TSD CC - Helena: 7 on 7 TSD HSVB v. Jefferson - 4:00 p.m.	<b>October 31</b> Ghost Stroll TSD Shakespeare in the Classroom Chamber Ghost Stroll - 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
<b>October 7</b> TSD HSFB v. Columbus - 7:00 p.m.	
<b>October 8</b> TSD HSVB v. Choteau - Unknown	
<b>October 10</b> TSD 1st Day of S&D Practice TSD JVFB v. Simms/Flint Creek - 4:00 p.m.	
<b>October 11</b> TSD HSVB v. Three Forks - 4:00 p.m. TSD JHFB at Jefferson - 4:00 p.m. TSD JHVB at Manhattan - 4:00 p.m. TSD School Board - 6:00 p.m.	
<b>October 13</b> TSD HSVB at Manhattan - 4:00 p.m. County Fair Board - 7:00 p.m.	
<b>October 14</b> TSD HSFB at Big Timber - 7:00 p.m.	
<b>October 15</b> TSD CC at Home Rusty Raisland - 10:00 a.m. TSD HSVB - Choteau - 2:00 p.m. TSD Senior Night!	
<b>October 17</b> TSD 1st Day of JHBBS Practice TSD HSVB v. Sweet Grass - 4:00 p.m. TSD Senior Night! City/County Parks & Recreation Board - 6:00 p.m.	
To be included in this calendar please send email to: copy_editor@mt43news.com	

# Senior Center

<b>MENU OCTOBER 3--7</b>	<b>Thursday, October 6</b>
<b>Monday, October 3</b>	Roast Pork
Cabbage Rolls	Mashed Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes	Mixed Vegetables
Mixed Vegetables	Whole Grain Bread
Mandarin Oranges	Cinnamon
<b>Tuesday, October 4</b>	Applesauce
Baked Cod	<b>Friday, October 7</b>
Rice Pilaf	Turkey ala King
Carrot Coins	Steamed Potatoes
Bean Medley	Sweet Corn
Mixed Fruit	Garden Salad
<b>Wednesday, October 5</b>	Sweet Peaches
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	
Green Beans	
Tossed Salad	
Pineapple	
Dessert	





### “What Happened This Week in History”

Linda Huth

October 6

1938

#### “Toston News”

Mrs. James Greaves and son, Wilbur, of Toston were shoppers in Helena Tuesday evening. William Stubblefield of Toston transacted business in Helena Monday. Wilbur Greaves departed for Spokane on Monday where he will enroll in a barber school.

Ben Townsley of Toston was a business visitor in Bozeman.

#### “Radersburg News”

Bub Harris, Mike Dolan and Mrs. Henry Doughty motored to Helena Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Wesley Crago and family.

Mrs. Charles Mahony and little daughter and mother, Mrs. Huth, and Mrs. C.E. Coleman of Ventura, Calif., visited at the Al Easterly home one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Sixteen moved into the Holdaway house on Main Street Sunday. Willis Hossfeld moved them down.

Robert Dundas and Pat Kearns were home over the weekend. They are employed at Twin Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Olai Kallevang enjoyed a day's outing on the Madison last Thursday.

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#### “Memorial to Veterans Will be Dedicated at Public Ceremony”

The monument honoring all Broadwater County veterans of all wars is now completed and will be unveiled at dedicatory ceremonies here at 12 o'clock noon Sunday, October 9th. The dedication will come at the end of a parade on Main street which is part of the district convention to be held in the afternoon. Don Hollaway, Commander of Broadwater Post No. 42 will act as the Master of Ceremonies at the dedication and the Hon. Hugh Adair of Helena will make a short address in dedicating the new marker stationed in Memorial Park, Townsend. The memorial was completed today when the copper plaque was placed on the large polished marble slab. Previously the concrete walk, platform and flag pole was finished and now stand as a lasting memorial to all veterans who, before their heroic deaths, were members of the Broadwater County people's families.

The meeting of the Legion convention will be held in their hall at 1:30 and the Legion Auxiliary will hold their meeting in the Methodist Church at the same hour. A banquet for both organizations will be held in the Masonic Temple. The completion of this monument fulfills a desire of many over a period of over 25 years. There has been much talk about such a memorial and a park was landscaped for the purpose almost as many years ago. The living Veterans took the lead in erecting the memorial and it now stands a credit to the community and an appropriate and beautiful tribute to those who worked to erect it and to those who gave their lives for their country. Funds for the construction came from money earned during the last war through paper and metal drives. The money, earmarked for the memorial for first consideration, has been safely kept for the purpose and has been some personal donations and a guarantee for the Veterans organizations to see it thru. L.J. Anders, who was chairman of the construction, has presented the names of the following who made voluntary contributions: Jas. Ward, \$10; Louis Green \$10; Mrs. Sperling, \$10; Mrs. Hollaway, \$5; Frank Hooks, \$5.00; Cecilia Hazelton, \$2; Chas. Adams \$5

1955

#### “Neifert-White Firm Receives National Recognition as Outstanding Designed Store Building”

Neifert-White Co., local lumber and building materials company, has been notified that a photograph of its recently constructed store building has been selected for national recognition. The photograph, to be enlarged to mural size, will be included in a display of the country's best designed retail lumber stores to be held October 11 to 14 at Cleveland, Ohio as a feature of the Building Products Exposition sponsored by the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association. The purpose of the display of specially selected photographs is to show the evolution which has occurred in the retail industry as dealers have expanded and improved the efficiency of their merchandising operations.

The exposition, which will be attended by retail lumber dealers from all parts of the country, is being held to call attention to the wide variety of services that dealers offer customers interested in building or modernizing homes and other structures. Other features of the exposition include product displays by several hundred of the nation's largest manufacturers and a series of clinics at which dealers will learn about new trends in lumber yard management and merchandising.

The payroll of this firm is the largest in the community. Besides the owners, H.G.. White and W.D. Neifert, there are two bookkeepers, Martha Schmidt and Lillian Fisher; Logan Davis, Harvey McCormick, Bill Duede, Maurice Boster, Clayton DeBorde, Virgil Karhoff, Floyd Kirley, Dick Evans, Fred Mize, Harvey Barraugh, Planing Mill: Harry Smith, Clint Hysel, Hank Meyer and Lester Gorman.

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#### “Two Governors”

An unusual set of circumstances prevailed at the Republican dinner here Monday evening when we had our own Boys State Governor, Jim Ragen, introducing Governor Tim Babcock. This is the first time that a Broadwater County boy has held the highest office of Boy State and, of course, the first time we have had both governors meeting in Townsend.

#### “River Inn Area Shows Signs of Development”

Signs of development of the state park at the old River Inn site have been seen. Two double comfort stations have been installed with a septic tank and drainage system attached. The Montana Fish and Game Department, which now is the state park department, has placed this area high on their list of new state parks to be developed.

#### “Local News”

Mrs. Heinie Huth and her daughter, Mrs. Ronald Barraugh, Kelly and Rhonda of Helena, left Thursday for Tulsa, Okla. Where they will spend some time visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Robert Wells, Mr. Wells and Patsy.

Miss Judy Hunsaker and Miss Sharon Adams, students at Kinman Business College in Spokane were home over the weekend and attended the Rains-Hunter wedding. Maurice Hunsaker went to Spokane to get the girls and took them back.

The first meeting of the Beacon Lite Club was held Thursday, Sept. 22 at the home of Annabelle Diehl. Main business of the meeting was an election of officers. New officers are: Louise Moe, president, Ivy Barthule, vice president and Annabelle Diehl, sec.-treas. Since there are several young children in the community a Halloween party is planned for Monday, Oct. 31, at the Winston Hall. Games will be played, prizes awarded for best costumes and refreshments served by the club women.

Phyllis Diehl was a guest and became a new member. Ethel Gutekunst won the prize donated by Helen Moe and will donate the prize for the October meeting which will be held at the home of Bertha Cobban on Oct. 20 After the meeting adjourned, games were played and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

### CANYON FERRY ANNIVERSARY MARKED WITH CONTINUED MISUSE

Eliza McLaughlin

Misuse of the Fish Hawk Campground has decreased, according to officials, since the Bureau of Reclamation switched the site to day-use only, while other areas continue to experience various forms of abuse.

Alterations to permitted site uses came after a closure of the campground in February of 2022 due to continued misuse of the site during the previous summer and fall. “Conditions have generally improved and Reclamation has only encountered a couple of issues as a result of people not reading the new signs and attempting to camp in the area,” Public Affairs Specialist Brittany Jones told MT43 News. Jones said that throughout the summer of 2022, vandalism, graffiti and littering were discovered at other Canyon Ferry sites, primarily those without a campground host. “Overall, this year has been better than some previous years,” Jones said.

Visitors can report misuse or vandalism to the Canyon Ferry Field Office at (406) 475-3921.

“Reclamation appreciates that most people who visit Canyon Ferry to recreate respect the area and leave it better than they find it,” Jones said.



**CIRCLE 100 CLUB NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - FALL 2022**

Whether you are a long-time resident or a new neighbor in our valley, you may have heard of The Circle 100 Club. We are here to enlighten you and ask for your enthusiastic support.

The Circle 100 Club was started in 2012 as an offshoot of The Broadwater Community Health Foundation. In that year our little hospital was hit with a blow to its finances when it lost its Medicare funding. A group of hardy souls took up the cause to save the institution...especially the Long-Term Care Facility whose beloved residents were moved to Helena and other cities far from their families.

In these ten years, the Circle 100 Club has raised funds to procure equipment and facility upgrades as recommended by the hospital staff. Now that Billings Clinic has provided stability and excellent care for our citizens in general, the needs of our Long-Term care facility will be our focus. The comfort and personal needs of each Long-Term resident will be our priority.

The original vision of Circle 100 Club membership was to make an annual donation of \$100 and have one meeting per year. Those meetings were to celebrate our good deeds and decide on the next purchases. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic has interrupted these celebrations but we are ever hopeful for the future. In our last year, your contributions purchased a blanket/towel warmer (beloved by all), an insulated meal delivery cart and over-the-bed tables.

Your contribution this year is vital. Please renew your membership or join us for the first time. Your contribution will make a difference to the people who reside there. You can mail your tax-deductible donation check to:

The Circle 100 Club, P. O. Box 1215, Townsend MT 59644

If you have any inquiries or suggestions, please contact any of us.

Judy Gillespie Sharon Potenza Sherry Scoffield Helen Turcotte

**NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

Kay Ingalls

At 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month, Broadwater School and Community Library has a book club meeting. We take turns choosing a book at least one of us has read and can "vouch for," and all read the same book (sharing copies between us.) When we get together at the library, we discuss what we've thought of the book and often find ourselves exploring tangents the book may have brought up.

The book club is open to everyone! It's great to hear different perspectives on things we've read. It also expands the kinds of books we might otherwise pick up. Anyone interested, call Kay at the library and we will add you to the roster.

Book Club reads for the next few months are as follows:

October 13, 2022 The Bloody Bozeman by Dorothy M. Johnson.

November 10, 2022 Munich by Robert Harris

December 8, 2022 My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman

**Extension for VA Debt Hardship Relief Period**

Freddy Groves

If you owe benefit debts to the Department of Veterans Affairs, your hardship relief period, previously set to expire on Sept. 30, has been extended to Dec. 31. Those types of debts can include those for education, disability compensation and non-service pension, and you might have been approved for either a waiver, a compromise or an extended repayment plan, as well as the hardship suspension of debt.

These debts impact half a million veterans and sometimes can be the result of a clerical error, the veteran not being able to understand the paperwork or a letter being lost in the mail. Worse is when the error occurred when the veteran didn't see the fine print and suddenly started receiving collection bills for debts he didn't know he owed.

By now you might have received a letter from the VA, if you have been making payments. Don't be afraid to open that letter. It's likely extension information for you. Consider using it to apply for a hardship extension that will carry you to the end of the year.

If you ever received an overpayment and were told you have to pay it back, give them a call at 800-827-0648. If the money you owe results from either a pharmacy co-payment or medical care debt, instead call 866-400-1238 and talk to them.

Get to the bottom of the actual source of the debt. Did a clerk make a mistake? Did you fail to verify dependents or write in a wrong number? Do you have the canceled checks to show that you actually paid? Find out what's wrong.

The VA has taken a number of steps over the years to help veterans saddled with VA-related debt. They canceled co-pays from April 2020 to September 2021. They changed the income to qualify for relief. They took away the Financial Status Report for hardship eligibility. And, a big deal: They cut nearly all the reports to credit agencies for medical debt. That

**Townsend School Job Vacancies**

September 20, 2022

- Assistant Clerk: Payroll, filing, and other administrative duties. 30-40 hours per week \$14.73-15.58 DOE. Applicants will preferably have experience and extensive knowledge in multiple computer programs and be skilled in typing and editing. Full job description available at the district admin office.
- Kitchen Aide: Prep cook for fresh fruits and vegetables and assist in serving. \$10.05-\$10.29 with benefits DOE. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Morning Cook: We need to fill this critical position to make warm nutritional meals for our students! \$11.28-\$11.58 with benefits DOE. 6:00a.m.- 2:00p.m.
- Custodian: Join the fabulous crew and help keep our school in great shape!
- Paraprofessionals: The Townsend School District needs elementary, middle, and high school paraprofessionals. Duties include instructional para and SPED para work, recess duty, and more.
- Activity bus drivers: Bus drivers with a passenger CDL to drive students to sports and activities this school year.
- Substitute Teachers and Staff: Please sign up for any positions you may be able to help us in this school year.

Contact: Superintendent, Susie Hedalen  
shedalen@townsend.k12.mt.us 406-441-3454

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| Veteran Readiness and Employment | Peer Support          |
| Brain Injury                     | And much more...      |

**October 1, 2022**

**The American Legion Post 42**

**211 Broadway, Townsend**

**1 to 5 p.m.**



A big thank you to our local contributors for all the amazing door prizes and giveaways!

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| Haircuts           | Tire Rotation            | Food              |
| Coffee/Espresso    | Free Memberships         | Firewood          |
| Flower Arrangement | Gas & Grocery Gift Cards | And, much more... |
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| DB Automotive             | Natural Grocers               | Town Pump             |
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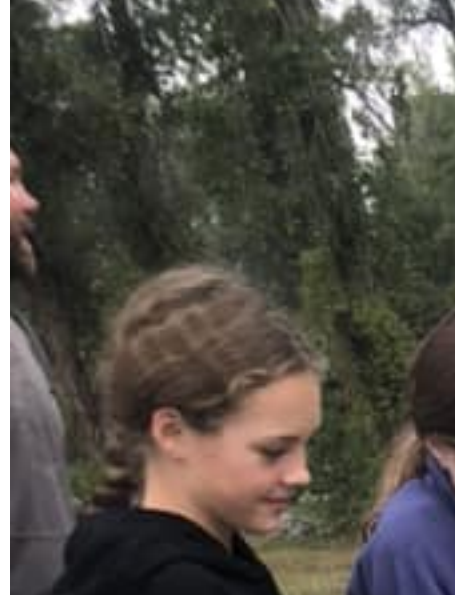
## SIXTH GRADERS HAVE CONSERVATION FIELD DAY

LaRinda Spenser

Broadwater Conservation District hosted a 6th Grade Conservation Day on September 14, 2022, at York's Island. This is an annual event for BCD with presenters educating students while they had fun in the great outdoors. Students learned about conservation issues like Be Bear Aware, Compass Training, Invasive Species, Tree Health, Outdoor Litter, Invertebrates, Local Fish, How Water Flows and Fly Fishing. Presenters are all volunteers that love teaching children about conservation and the great outdoors.

6th-grade teachers, and over 55 kids, arrived at the park early. Broadwater Cattle Women served delicious sandwiches for lunch. This day was made possible by a grant through DNRC and the Supervisors of Broadwater Conservation District. BCD believes in common sense conservation issues and works tirelessly to assist local landowners with issues related to conservation.

"Thanks for including us in your 6th Grade Conservation Day event. I really, really enjoyed working with the students. They were great. They had great questions and responded well. They inspired me. I certainly would look forward to working with them or another group of kids in the future." Chuck Bartelough, Be Bear Beware



## MEAGHER OF THE SWORD

PERFORMANCE AT THE LODGE October 14, 2022

Nancy Marks

The incredible saga of Thomas Francis Meagher, the Irish patriot who became Montana's first acting territorial governor, comes to life on the stage at The Lodge in Townsend. Neal and Karen Lewing, noted producers of the Port Polson Players theatre in Polson, MT, present "Meagher of the Sword" at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14, sponsored by Broadwater Community Theater.

Thomas Meagher, born in Waterford, Ireland in 1823, was sentenced to death for his hand in the 1848 rebellion against British rule, following his introduction of the Irish tricolor flag. That sentence was commuted to life in Tasmania. He escaped and made his way to New York to become a sought-after orator. In the Civil War, Meagher founded the storied Irish Brigade. At the war's end, he was sent to Montana Territory where his ultimate demise in Ft. Benton in 1867 remains a mystery.

"Meagher's story has so many twists and turns it is almost unbelievable," says Neal Lewing, the show's composer. "He lived a very full life in a short span of time. We want everyone to know about the guy on the horse outside the Montana State Capitol,"

Lewing researched and wrote this performance. The show has toured the region since 2011, has performed in Ireland and received an invitation to perform at the Cygnet Folk Festival in Tasmania. Lewing has presented other musical shows multiple times at the Canton Church Summer Events.

The Ryland KM Foote Memorial Trust underwrites Broadwater Community Theater. The trust is a nonprofit organization that awards art, music, theater and foreign language scholarships to elementary and middle school students in Broadwater County.

Tickets for "Meagher of the Sword" are available at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway. They are \$25 per person. Doors will open at the Lodge, 131 So. Spruce, at 6:30 p.m. A no-host bar and snacks are available. For more information, please call (406) 266-3710.

*Karen and Neal Lewing, award-winning producers of Port Polson Players Theatre, bring the story of Thomas Francis Meagher to Townsend on Friday October 14 at 7:00 p.m. The show, presented at The Lodge, 131 So. Cedar St., and sponsored by Broadwater Community Theater, is a live musical representation of our first acting territorial governor, the guy on the horse at the Montana State Capitol. The Lewings are recipients of the Montana Governor's Arts Awards.*



## Cattle Ranchers Choose Their Season

Samantha Ferrat

Agriculture is the one industry in which a truly new product is created, grown and harvested. Farmers and ranchers are solely credited for the creation of new life each and every year. For many ranchers across the U.S. the early spring months bring the beginnings of new life - calving season. But some ranchers choose to breed their cattle for a May-June or a September-October calving season for example. At our place, Ferrat Ranch Limousin, our momma cows are bred to calve in September and October and have done so since the 1960s. Granted, there are pros and cons associated with calving at any time of year, and every ranch knows what works best for their operation and breeding programs. We have found that Fall calving is best suited for our operation for multiple reasons, which currently outweigh any drawbacks.



The labor and infrastructure associated with fall calving can be significantly less than the winter-spring months, but demanding nonetheless. Being able to keep our pregnant cows in the pasture grazing throughout the calving season decreases our work load. We do not have to feed them hay during calving. We keep hay that was baled throughout the summer in reserve for snowy weather. We stockpile forage in our calving pasture to ensure we have plenty of grass for grazing throughout the season, as well as provide adequate and necessary salt and minerals for daily consumption, all of which keep the cattle in good health and body condition.

Weather is usually not a problem for fall calving - nothing freezes overnight. Barns are not necessary. Extreme heat can sometimes be an issue; we just deal with weather as best we can, like any other fellow rancher! Herd health is also easier to maintain and sickness is usually greatly reduced when calving in the nicer warm weather. Another positive aspect is not needing to check our cows at night because the temperatures are mild and also the cattle are out on pasture. One would run over calves if trying to check on them at night. We do occasionally bring cows up to our corrals for closer observation which can turn into night checks.

Fall calving suits our operation as we have no high mountain pastures for late season grazing. In addition, our summer hill pastures are efficiently utilized by the time our pregnant cows are due to come home for calving. We find that our cattle can maintain the desired body condition very efficiently. Calving at a different time than most other ranches in the U.S. gives us management options for marketing our calf crop at times when the markets are not flooded with other cattle, usually resulting in premium prices.

There is not a single system that fits every ranch. For us, continuing to breed our herd for fall calving is a good fit for our operation. What started as a way to better utilize the resources available on our land and reduce labor inputs, has remained profitable and sustainable for over 60 years.

Wishing you all a bountiful harvest, happy fall roundup and successful calving - whichever season you may choose!





## FROM HARDWARE STORE TO BOOKSTORE!

READING LEAVES IS MOVED AND REMODELED

Nancy Marks

Reading Leaves Book Store on Broadway has completed its new look with an update of new paint inside and outside and a garage “window,” according to owner Rachael Elliot-Brug. Brug and her husband Warren and family made the big move from the other end of Broadway to the former Bert’s Hardware in June.

Rachael decided to start a bookstore in Townsend because her husband had family here and because she had been a substitute teacher in Helena and Townsend. Her education is in Elementary Education. She studied to be a reading specialist where she put those talents to work as a substitute teacher at PAL (Program for Alternative Learning) school in Helena and at Capitol High School. Meanwhile, she researched independent bookstores and decided to open a business. The name Reading Leaves evolved from Rachael’s interest both in reading and in tea.

In addition to painting the outside of the building and adding a popup piano, Rachael planted new trees between the store and the old Professional Building which is being remodeled. “I think our new businesses such as Lolo Pogi and J Rock Jewelry will perk up the east end of Broadway and bring more economic activity to this side of the street,” she said. Besides an array of different books, Reading Leaves offers all kinds of gifts such as Montana mixed teas and chocolate. The store also specializes in

games for all ages.

Rachael wanted to institute a “third place,” a gathering space for book clubs, craft classes, and birthday parties. “We hope to open a tea and coffee café at some point,” she explained.

Rachael lives in Winston with her husband, sons Levi and Peter. They have a daughter, Sabrina, who is studying at the University of Montana in Missoula.

The Reading Leaves building also houses the Mt 43 News office. Reading Leaves hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday.



## BRAD CAMPBELL RETIRES FROM TOWNSEND HEALTH SYSTEM

After an incredible ten-year journey as a member of the Townsend Health Systems Board of Directors, Bradford Campbell has announced his difficult decision to retire his position with the board and spend much-deserved time with his family. Brad joined Broadwater Health Center in 2012, a time when the hospital and nursing home struggled with threats of closure after difficult circumstances turned the community’s health system upside down. It was then Brad who raised his hand to make a difference and joined an infant board of trustees determined to keep local care available to its citizens.



Over the past ten years, Brad has served as Trustee, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Board. He’s served on and chaired quality, finance, and executive committees and has been instrumental in some of the most difficult decisions Broadwater has had to make. An advocate of education, Brad attended multiple trustee trainings a year including Montana Hospital Associations Trustee Conference and the Western Region Trustees Training.

Acting as spokesman for the Broadwater Health Center, Brad counseled to pave the way in fundraising efforts, equipment upgrades, and staff recruitment. While under his tenure the health system received a deficient-free state survey and numerous rewards including 2016’s US News top-ranked Best Nursing Homes. Not only has Brad provided years of outstanding service to the community, but he was also instrumental in providing strategic leadership in the health system securing a partnership with Billings Clinic and expanding outreach services to secure the future of healthcare available to Broadwater County.

Those of us that know Brad personally admire him not only for his business efforts and support, but for his personal lifetime values as a devoted friend, husband, father, and grandfather. We are grateful for Brad Campbell’s leadership during his tenure on the Townsend Health System Board of Directors and we will continue to carry forward the foundation and the vision for keeping and providing quality care locally. The team at the health system wish you all the best and thank you for your service Brad.

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It is the nature of water to want to be somewhere else.”  
Mary Oliver*

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