

HOMECOMING! BROADWATER HIGH SCHOOL

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Senior Steak Fry a Savory Success

Eliza McLaughlin

A lot goes on during Broadwater High School's homecoming week. The elementary students gather on Broadway to cheer as the high school classes show off their handmade floats, each sport participates in a highly competitive match and students spend the week participating in dress-up days. Although these events are highly attended, perhaps the most attended homecoming event is the senior steak fry.

"The senior steak fry is an annual event held before the homecoming football game that raises funds for the senior class graduation activities," steak fry committee president Emma Spurlock told MT 43 News.

These activities include a senior banquet, decorating the graduation ceremony and the senior all-night party. The all-night party, which uses most of the steak fry funding, takes place after graduation and provides seniors with a safe, alcohol-free place to celebrate, according to Spurlock. In addition to the steak fry, the seniors host a silent auction during the event. Items for auction were provided by the students' families and local businesses.

Planning for the 2022 senior steak fry began the first week of school, and parents of the senior class met every week working to ensure a savory success. "I was very grateful to have such a wonderful group of parents that were willing to jump in and help anywhere they could, from prepping food to washing dishes," Spurlock said, adding that local businesses supported the event too. The seniors pitched in as well, helping sell tickets before the event, and they fulfilled their job.



Scott Scoffield (left) and Mike Millay (right) man the grill



Cassidy Johnson (left) and Kailey Knaub (right) help serve customers



Jim and Brenda Hinman (front) share a meal with Harold and Laura Gibbs (back) at the Broadwater High School Senior Steak Fry on Oct. 7. (Eliza McLaughlin / MT 43)

BHS Spirit Week

Ashten Obert & Jazlyn Martin

October 3--7 was Broadwater High Schools' homecoming spirit week. During these days upper and lower classmen competed against each other, dressing up, decorating hallways and floats, playing mini-games during lunch hour, and many other fun activities. During study hall the following morning, the students gathered in the main gym to be counted to determine the winning class of that day. They collected points from their winnings and the winning class was announced at the homecoming football game during halftime at 7:00 p.m. Friday.

Monday of spirit week students had "color wars". Each class was assigned a color to dress in. Whichever class got the most participants got a certain amount of points.

Tuesday was country club vs. country day. The country definitely won because, well it's Montana!

Wednesday was anything but a backpack day where students could bring literally anything but a backpack. (Of course except for animals, motorized vehicles and other obvious no's).

Thursday was white lies day. Basically, students wore a white tee shirt with an obvious lie on the front or back.

Finally, Friday was spirit day, where students showed their Bulldog spirit by wearing as much blue & white as possible!

At the football game, it was announced that the seniors had once again won the pizza party prize for Hoco week! Staff members, students and others enjoy homecoming week more than any other. So much creativity and brilliant ideas running through the halls and classrooms. Although we might be competitive, we Bulldogs really have spirit!

We apologized and have our clue! It's "Selfie."
(You might need a camera during the Stroll...)

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OCT 31
4:30-6:30pm

FALL FEST BEGINNINGS

Linda Huth

Recently there was an article in the "MT 43 News" regarding the beginnings of Townsend's Fall Festival. I would like to offer the following additional information regarding those "beginnings" of Fall Festival.

For several years my late husband, Ernie Forrey and I owned a craft store on Front Street. Because I was working at the time and was not really involved in the function, I don't remember the exact year for certain, but I think it was 2000 or 2001, Ernie Forrey hosted a craft show on the Railroad right of way on Front Street. I know for certain that Dick Black and his wife were vendors. I think Ernie hosted the event for a couple of years. The event kept growing and in 2002, it was moved to Heritage Park. Ernie approached the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce to see if they would be interested in taking over hosting it. The Chamber declined, so he approached the local Rotary Club. The rest is history.



Ernie Forrey

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“ McKenna” and Grace Kroeger dance on a class float in the 2022homecoming parade



The Broadwater High School cheer squad executes a basket toss during the homecoming football game



Callie Gentry cheers during the homecoming football game on Oct. 7



Justene Santi and Will Lynde



Allie Burdick and Ryan Racht



Sienna Everett and James Pitassy



Walker Spurlock and Sienna Everett were crowned homecoming king and queen at the football game on Oct. 7.



Walker Spurlock and Montana Hedstrom

"Life's just one great journey. It's a road we travel as we go from point A to point B. What makes that journey worthwhile is the people we choose to travel with, the people we hold close as we take steps into the darkness and blindly make our way through life. They're the people who matter."
Dr. Seuss

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HERE ARE THE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK!

We would like to thank Capital Transfer & Storage for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster member and supporting our Bulldogs!



Girls Cross Country:
Sophomore, Carsyn O'Dell



Senior, Ridger Jones recorded 22 tackles two TFL's and caught three passes one for a touchdown in Friday nights homecoming 47-8 win over Columbus



Senior, Sienna Everett :
Against Jefferson: 6 kills, 2 blocks, 1 assist
Against Choteau: 1 kill

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

last three meets

If you've never been to a Cross Country meet, you are missing out. Saturday, October 15th is your chance to see the Bulldogs in action at their home meet. Come out and support these runners for the 2023 season.

	Fergus County Invitational	Headwaters Invitational (Three Forks)	7x7 in Helena
Boys			
James Pitassy	18:29	17:12	18:11
Nolan Flynn	19:21	17:52	18:21
Will Lynde	20:30	19:07	
Teagan Martin	21:36		
Aidan Easter	23:03	19:21	20:14
Ross MacDonald	21:44	20:28	20:55
Connor Lamb	21:02	20:01	21:20
Kaden Bruins		20:06	20:04
Kayden Green	24:27:00	20:39	21:58
Wyatt Cocker	24:09:00	22:18	23:18
Cael O'Dell	28:09:00	27:06:00	26:45:00
Isaiah Cassidy	32:51:00	24:30:00	28:26:00
Keaton Cavazos	32:42:00	27:51:00	27:05:00
Girls			
Memphys Meier			
Justene Santi	22:10	20:52	22:31
Abby Wickens			
Kaelyn Sangray	24:21:00	22:17	23:09
Scarlett McDaniel	25:18:00	24:13:00	25:36:00
Sydney Forrey	27:54:00	25:22:00	26:42:00
Anna Beatty	42:59:00	35:39:00	38:11:00
Carsyn O'Dell	31:36:00	30:30:00	31:49:00

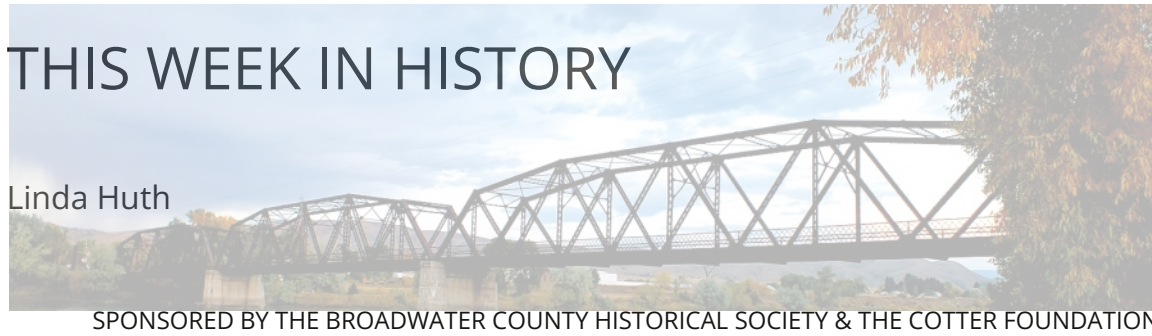


Connor Lamb

The high school cross country team has been busy the last two weeks, with races in Lewistown, Three Forks, and Helena. Individual times continue to see improvement and the Bulldogs are getting stronger as they approach the last two races of the season. Bulldog cross country will host the final regular season event/senior night on Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Old Baldy Golf Course.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AVAILABLE AT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Margaret Ruckey, R.N., Director, Broadwater County Health Department

- The Health Department offers the services listed below, and more. If you have questions or want to find out about a service that is not listed, please don't hesitate to reach out to us here at 406-266-5209.
- * Homemaker program: We go into the homes of our aged community members and help with light housework as well as help them with coordinating any care they may need in the community.
- * Medication set-up: We have staff that can help members of the community set up their medications on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. We coordinate this care with the provider and the community member to ensure safety and dosing.
- * Immunizations: We have our Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Adults (VFA) programs in place that ensure no child will be turned away due to an inability to pay for vaccinations.
- * Foot care: We offer foot care for those in the community that are not able to reach their feet. This service included nail trimming and assessment with education to follow-up with the person's doctor or need for a specialist.
- * Detention Center Nurse: We have worked with our local detention center to provide care to the inmates Monday through Friday.
- * Social Services: We have worked hard to connect with different groups and organizations that serve our community. We have print, online, and contact information for various services and are willing and able to help our community members find what services they may need and access them.
- * WIC Pop-up: We have the WIC team from Helena come down to Townsend to have in-person meetings with anyone who is on the WIC program.
- * Grants: We have several grants that help us to stay open and focus on various different needs in the community. We also hold various activities related to these grants, including our local Bike Safety Rodeo.
- * Blood pressure checks: We offer free blood pressure checks to anyone in the community who needs them. We can help with tracking this information and making sure that the community member's doctor gets the information.
- * Baby weights: We offer free weight checks for newborns and infants.
- * Weight checks: We offer free weight checks for any community member.
- * Communicable disease education and investigation: Public health is responsible for investigating a large number of communicable diseases as required by Montana statute. We help to educate our patients on resources for care and how to prevent getting the diseases in the future.



October 20
1938

“Attractive Prizes to be Feature of Catholic Bazaar”

Next Tuesday, October 25th, the Altar Society of the Roman Catholic Church will hold their annual bazaar at the I.O.O.F. Hall. The sale of candy, home handcraft and the other features of attraction will be in readiness during part of the afternoon and during the supper hour a full course dinner will be served to the public following which games will be played. The following committees are in charge:

Soliciting: Mrs. J.S. Connors and Mrs. C.B. Fairchild, south side: Mrs. Gene McCarthy and Mrs. Richard O’Hearn, north side.; candy: Mrs. F.P. Nash and Miss Marie Lasby; Needlework: Miss Margaret Gillogly and Mrs. Pauline Ferrat; Beano: Mrs. Frank. T. Hooks; Dining Room: Mrs. Frank Lenahan; Kitchen: Mrs. Frank Smazal.

A hand painted Indian study is one of the valued prizes to be awarded at the Holy Cross Altar Society’s bazaar next Tuesday. The picture “Gossip at the Cross Roads”, is of two squaws bending over a camp fire and the title is explanatory of the study. It will be of interest to those who are admirers of Dr. D.S. Buisson’s pictures, the donor, to know that this week a connoisseur from New York saw the picture and offered \$50.00 for it. It was refused as it had already been given the church to be used as an attraction for its bazaar. This is only one of many attractive prizes to be given away at the bazaar next Tuesday.

1949

“Winston News”

Mrs. Bert Lanning returned home Tuesday from Helena where she was a patient in St. Peters hospital for the past two months. Bill Diehl and D.D. Cooper of Townsend left Friday for the Big Hole country on a hunting trip. They returned Sunday.

Beacon Lite Club The Beacon Lite Club met at the home of Mrs. Betty Hohn in East Helena Thursday. A dessert luncheon was served to Mrs. Neil Castle, Mrs. Rosella Dallas, Mrs. Annabelle Diehl, Mrs. Hazel Pigman, Mrs. Verna Whitehead, Mrs. Lottie Miles, Mrs. Hamlin, Mrs. Mabel Albright and visitors Mrs. Pearl Mailcote, Mrs. Minnie Malicote, Mrs. Jake Hohn, Mrs. Vincent Hohn, Mrs. Millie Juich and Mrs. Loretta Lamping. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Mabel Albright and a discussion was held about a card party which was decided to be held Nov. 5 at the school house. The project was then presented and discussed. A quiz was presented with Mrs. Vincent Hohn winning first prize and Mrs. Jake Hohn second. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mabel Albright in Helena in November.

1955

“Program for PTA Monday Announced”

The regular meeting of the Townsend unit PTA will be next Monday, October 24th, at the Multi-Purpose room with the following hostess committee in charge of the refreshments hour. Mrs. J. Garrison Rains, chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Biggs, Mrs. Frank Flynn, Mrs. Bill Bieber, Mrs. Willis Smith, Jr., Mrs. Scott Grover Mrs. Walter Doig, Mrs. Bertha Hanson, Mrs. Melvin Pennington, Mrs. Douglas Christin, Mrs. Leslie Cameron, Mrs. Postin, and Mrs. Albert Hanson. Superintendent D.J. Jeffries has charge of the program, according to Heinie Huth the unit’s program chairman.

“Valley News”

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McKay of Santa Ana, Calif. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marks several days last week. Callers Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the mountain home of Mrs. Thomas L. Perkins were Mrs. Veva Smith of Helena, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGinnis of Winston. Mrs. Nora Kinney and daughter, Mrs. John Walter, visited in Helena with Mrs. Kinney’s sister. Mr. and Mrs. Fryhling Tangen and daughters and Fred McGaffey of Helena called on Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Marks one afternoon Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Folkvord and daughter, Shirley, of Helena and Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Gilstrap of Cardwell were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilstrap.

1966

“Jo Ann Hunsaker Chosen Queen of Bulldog Day”

The senior class dominated the winning circle at the “Bulldog Day” activities last weekend. Their candidate, JoAnn Hunsaker, was selected as the Queen of the festivities and their float entry was chosen winner in that category. The activities included the big Townsend- Rosary football game and ended with a school dance on Friday evening.

“Crow Creek News”

Mrs. Earl Webb and daughter, Susan, attended the Rainbow dinner in Townsend Saturday. Pam and Rod Kitto, Dixie and Tim Turman and Mrs. Kenneth Kitto and boys attended a party Friday evening at Manhattan given by Cindy and Steve Robinson. Misses Pearl and Mary Kitto were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies and Allan in Winston. Mrs. Don Hollaway was a Friday luncheon guest of Mrs. Kenneth Kitto

Among those attending the Farm Bureau dinner Monday evening from the Crow Creek valley were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conrad, Mark and Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kimpton and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Kimpton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kimpton and Mr. And Mrs. Bill Williams.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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ADULT ED RETURNS

Terey Artz

Old Baldy Adult Education is returning this fall with classes to inspire lifelong learning and an active lifestyle! Join us for one of these no-cost activities:

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country, popular with all age groups and fitness levels for being fantastically fun in addition to being great exercise. It's been described as a mash-up of tennis, badminton and ping pong. Join local "picklers" on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the Broadwater High School stage gym to learn basic rules and strategies of play. No cost to participate and no need to pre-register. Dress to be active but no need to bring any special equipment. Pickleball rackets will be available to lend to new picklers.

Open gym draws adult basketball players and lap runners on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the high school "old" gym. No cost to participate and no need to pre-register. Please dress appropriately and bring your good cheer.

Book Club is a great opportunity to meet fellow readers, explore new or favorite authors, and learn from other perspectives. There's no cost to participate but please register by Oct. 21 to ensure you receive a copy of the book to read before meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 ("Munich" by Robert Harris) and Dec. 8 ("My grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry" by Fredrik Backman). Book Club meets in the Broadwater School and Community Library. To register: Email tartz@townsend.k12.mt.us

As more phases of school construction are completed and community spaces become available we'll coordinate registration for additional classes offered in the Fall/Winter 2022 session of Old Baldy Adult Ed.

Do you have ideas for classes you'd like to take or to teach? Email your ideas to Terey Artz, Old Baldy Adult Education and Facility Use Coordinator: tartz@townsend.k12.mt.us

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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**TECH TALK
SOLID STATE DRIVES**

Vic Sample



A few weeks ago I wrote an article about Solid State Drives (SSD) and Hard Disk Drives (HDD). Everyone should be familiar with Hard Disk Drives. They have been the standard disk drive in PCs for decades. SSDs are relatively new and are very expensive. A standard hard drive with 1 terabyte (100gb) of storage adds very little cost to a PC. SSDs are only available at 256gb and 512gb – and getting a PC with 512gb instead of 256gb increases the price of a PC dramatically.

Why get a PC with an SSD drive instead of a regular Hard Drive? SSD drives are faster and theoretically will last longer since they don't have moving parts. This week I was installing Windows updates to a PC at the MT 43 News office. Windows updates are very large and can take a long time to download and install. I have been doing Windows 10 updates for many years on a lot of different PCs and have watched the performance of the PC while the updates are being applied.

My laptop has a standard HDD drive. When the updates are being applied the usage of the HDD goes to 100% and the Central Processing Unit (CPU) usage drops to around 3-5%. That means that the PC is basically spending a lot of time waiting for reads and writes to my hard drive to complete. Most of the 30-45 minutes it takes to download and install the update is spent waiting for my hard drive to do its work.

The computer at MT 43 News uses a small (256gb) Solid State Drive (SSD). As usual, I monitored the performance of the PC while the Windows update was running – and the results were stunning.

The usage on the SSD ran about 30% (instead of 100% on my standard hard drive) and the CPU usage ran 30-35% (instead of 3-5%). Instead of taking 35-40 minutes to do the Windows update it took about 5 minutes!

The slowest activity on any computer is reading/writing from a storage device. The CPU is extremely fast so computers tend to spend a lot of time waiting for reading/writing to complete. In fact, that lag time is how computer can run more than one program at a time; when the CPU has to wait for a read/write operation to complete it has time to run other programs. The reason it only took 5 minutes to update Windows on the PC with a Solid State Drive is that the read/write operations are much, much faster so the CPU spends less time waiting and more time working.

So, the next time you need to buy a new PC really consider getting one with a Solid State Drive (SSD). It will probably give you less storage capacity; but if you don't need a full terabyte (1000gb) you might consider the smaller SSD drive – your computer should perform much better!

"I sit beside the fire and think
Of all that I have seen
Of meadow flowers and butterflies
In summers that have been
Of yellow leaves and gossamer
In autumns that there were
With morning mist and silver sun
And wind upon my hair." — J.R.R. Tolkien

Americanisms



**"If you don't like something,
change it. If you can't change
it, change your attitude.
Don't complain."
— Maya Angelou**

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FALL FEST, TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING?
Nancy Marks

Fall Fest and its related car show attracted thousands of people to Heritage Park and downtown Townsend again this year, generating money for Townsend Rotary Club to spend on its many community projects, grants and activities. But with the success came headaches for some business owners, problems with parking congestion, trash and access for emergency and fire vehicles in case needed.

Some businesspeople and home dwellers weighed in with their thoughts on it all at the Oct. 3 City Council meeting. JB Howick, owner of Townsend Hardware on Broadway Street, offered a solution to festival parking and garbage woes. "There is an easy way to solve the problem. Fall Fest has to go," he said. "The council should just refuse to let Rotary use Heritage Park for Fall Fest," he suggested.

Angie Wintrow, a council member and owner of the Mounty Moose bakery, said she saw it from both sides. "I lose all my regular Saturday customers because all the Broadway Street parking is taken up in front of my business. I make up for the loss by opening on Sunday. In fact, I had several people come in who had never been in the shop. That is a good thing," she explained. But the garbage cans behind her shop getting overloaded with trash discarded by Fall Fest throughs was another problem, she added.

Ken Urich said he tried to drive down an alley near Heritage Park. The alley was blocked on one end by a parked car. As he tried to back up, a driver parked behind him, blocking him in. He was able to flag down the driver who moved his car. Public Works Supervisor Tim Rauser said his crew put out signage and a barrier barring parking behind the old city hall where the city stores emergency equipment. He said people drove around the barrier and ran over signs to park in alleys.

Sandy Booher who lives at 205 South Pine across the street from Heritage Park, said she solves parking issues every year very simply. "When the vendors or whoever parks in our driveway, I just call Doug Sitton, the emcee at Fall Fest. He announces the license numbers and says their vehicles will be towed away shortly. It always works. The vehicles are moved immediately," she laughed.

Fall Fest business proved a boon for the Lolo Pogi Boutique apparel shop on Broadway. Owners MJ and Steve Stieler installed a vendor booth at the festival. That gave them great exposure, mostly with Helena and Bozeman festival goers who had never been in their shop. "We were overwhelmed at the booth, especially on Saturday during the rain. People came in to look but just stayed. I had to stand outside so the ladies could look at our wares. Finally, we suggested they go to the uptown store," she said. They were open both Saturday and Sunday at the uptown store. "We will definitely have a booth next year, only bigger," she said, laughing.

Meanwhile, Broadway bars and the brewery seemed to do great business, particularly during the car show on Sunday. Empty stools or tables were hard to come by. Townsend Rotary Club, which stages the annual event, is certainly aware of problems caused by the growing numbers of Fall Fest vendors and visitors, club president Jeff Langlinais told MT 43 News. He said the club has worked hard and coordinated with business owners and the city to control parking. Beyond that, the club has weighed the feasibility of moving the festival to the county fairgrounds or elsewhere with more room than the park and where it would cause less disturbance to downtown businesses. The stumbling block, he explained, is that Rotary is already at its manpower limit in terms of membership and recruited volunteers to produce Fall Fest. Keeping it at Heritage Park would prevent it from growing beyond Rotary's limited abilities.

Langlinais said, "The Fairgrounds is the wrong place for this kind of event because we have so few volunteers to run it. Plus, it was put together with the idea of helping downtown businesses. Keeping it in town makes it self-limiting. Our plan is to work out the problems with the business, nearby homeowners, and the city so it works for all of us."

Chickens Crossing the Road
Jill Flynn

Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the Chicken Poop Bingo contest, of course! Along with the chicken, a number of Townsend Fall Fest visitors participated in the contest as well, as they contributed to the annual fundraiser for the Broadwater County Social Services Committee. The BCSSC, which serves as an umbrella organization for health and wellness agencies in the area, carries out the event to raise money for such projects as Kids Count, supplying school supplies and clothing for local students, the Role Model Poster Project, creating posters of high school activity students who exhibit positive lifestyle behaviors, and Imagination Library, purchasing books for young readers.

This year, the event raised over \$2000. The lucky winners were Townsend Farmers' Market and Jennifer Beatty, who garnered first place in the respective chicken coops, and Heidi Bingham and Bill Kearns, who were the 2nd place winners. The Committee would like to thank the winners who donated back their winnings and everyone who purchased tickets and joined in to watch the event. A big thank you to our event sponsors: Bob's Supermarket, Rocky Mountain Supply, Opportunity Bank, Helping Hands Townsend, and the Townsend Lions Club. We are also grateful to our agency sponsor the United Way of Lewis and Clark County.

On another note, the Social Services Committee is always looking for community members to join the group. We meet the second Thursday of every month at noon at the Extension Office. We also welcome any contributions to support our various projects. If you have any questions or would like to lend any support, please contact Jill Flynn at 406-441-3456, or send mail to PO Box 342 in Townsend.

Planting in autumn

Gardeners often think that fall is too close to bitter winter weather to plant a young tree, but cooler temps and autumn rain help to establish roots before they must contend with extreme heat or drought of the following summer. New roots establish more quickly in a hole that is 1) roughly twice the diameter of the tree's root ball, and 2) a depth that allows the tree to stand at the same level as the nearby soil, so that water does not pool around the trunk. - Brenda Weaver

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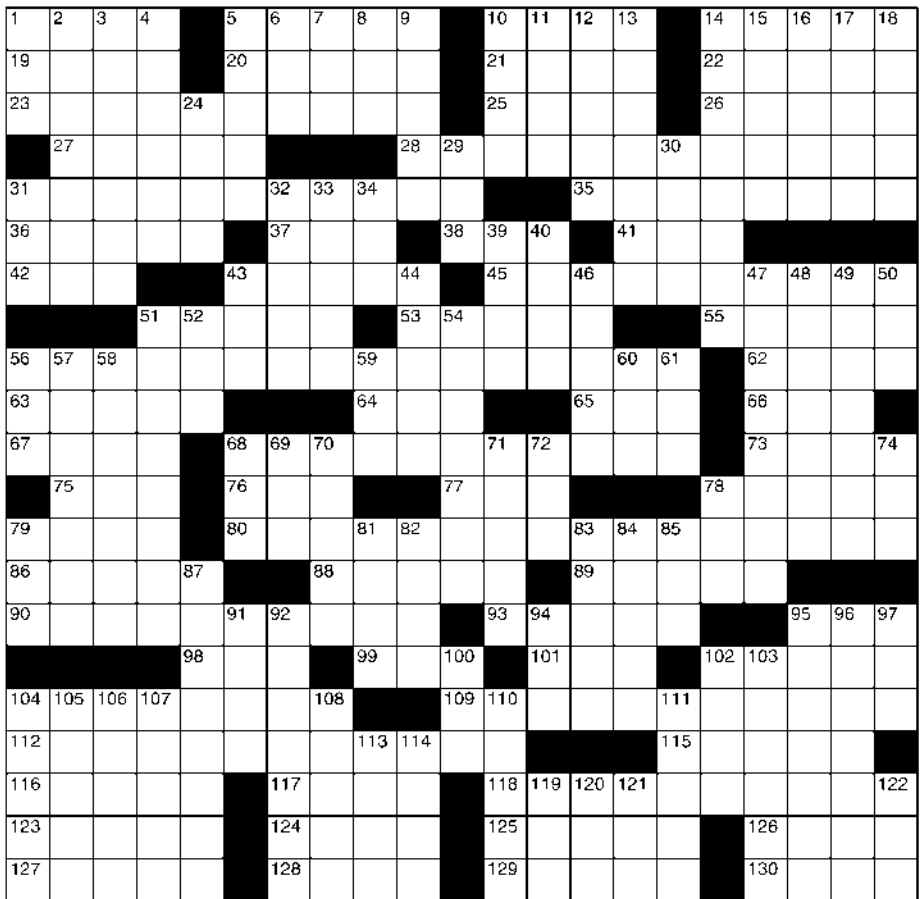
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Super Crossword BEST OF BREED

- ACROSS**
- 1 Agents, informally
 - 5 Wombs
 - 10 Soccer great Mia
 - 14 Warm up
 - 19 Fix up copy
 - 20 Condor claw
 - 21 Emollient plant juice
 - 22 Incandescent
 - 23 Good occasion to buy securities
 - 25 After-hours
 - 26 Youngest of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
 - 27 Davenport, e.g.
 - 28 Dish of melted cheese on toast
 - 31 Small marsupial with long hind limbs
 - 35 Doubters
 - 36 Dutch painter Jan
 - 37 Actress Thurman
 - 38 Depot: Abbr.
 - 41 Financier Onassis
 - 42 Rocker Nugent
 - 43 Tiny flash of light
 - 45 Light classical orchestra
 - 51 Flips out
 - 53 Met again, as a legislature
 - 55 Painful spots
 - 56 Mendelssohn orchestral piece in A minor
 - 62 Mclrot, e.g.
 - 63 "Yentl" actress
 - 64 Paranormal gift, for short
 - 65 Prankster's messy missile
 - 66 Prankster's messy missile
 - 67 Hunt quarry
 - 68 Pack animals around Lhasa
 - 73 Actor Julia
 - 75 "Dr." of rap
 - 76 Lean red meat source
 - 77 — Bo
 - 78 Eisenhower's wife
 - 79 On Soc.
 - 80 Popover served with roast beef
 - 86 Thin as —
 - 88 Gorbachev's wife
 - 89 "Count" of jazz
 - 90 "The Simpsons" ainer
 - 93 "Lorna —"
 - 95 — -cone
 - 98 U.S. spy org.
 - 99 Part of OTC
 - 101 Platform for iDevices
 - 102 Entr'— (interludes)
 - 104 Dispute
 - 105 go-betweens
 - 109 Very sleek
 - 112 Maine and Montana, to Canada
 - 115 Fact fudgers
 - 116 Fircghter Red
 - 117 Residence
 - 118 Crossbreed apropos to this puzzle (hint: see the starts of 10 long answers)
 - 123 Resolved to accomplish
 - 124 Fairway club
 - 125 At the zenith
 - 126 Org. looking for aliens
 - 127 Party givers
 - 128 Annoyer
 - 129 Playwright Clifford
 - 130 Eve's garden
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Yank's rival
 - 2 Instruct
 - 3 Flew, as a plane
 - 4 Patron of physicians
 - 5 Ogden native
 - 6 Pothole filler
 - 7 Lean red meat source
 - 8 Fish spawn
 - 9 Bisected
 - 10 Corridor
 - 11 " 'Tis so sad"
 - 12 Fliers drawn to flames
 - 13 African mongoose
 - 14 Very sharp road curves
 - 15 Heron variety
 - 16 Cover story
 - 17 Pick-me-up
 - 18 Hits hard
 - 24 Thom — shoes
 - 29 Canon camera
 - 30 Prefix with space
 - 31 Q-U link
 - 32 Big swallows
 - 33 Mennonite subgroup
 - 34 Oversaw
 - 39 Recipe amt.
 - 40 Ark builder
 - 43 Moo goo — pan
 - 44 Lovers' get-together
 - 46 "You can't train"
 - 47 Sports drink brand
 - 48 Art of paper folding
 - 49 Waddling bird
 - 50 Opposite of NNW
 - 51 Didn't leave the house
 - 52 To the — degree
 - 54 Ones who can sense others' feelings, in sci-fi
 - 56 Engine additive
 - 57 Jockey Angel or baseballer Wil
 - 58 Burden too heavily
 - 59 Lay eyes on
 - 60 Suffix with neat
 - 61 "Absolutely!"
 - 68 Novelist Josephine
 - 69 "I believe ...," in texts
 - 70 Small donkey
 - 71 Water nymph
 - 72 "— darn tootin'!"
 - 74 Chair piece
 - 78 Roman 1,501
 - 79 Brit. mil. fliers
 - 81 Go- — (kid's racer)
 - 82 Certain Indian believer
 - 83 Kindle buy
 - 84 Violet variety
 - 85 Purpose
 - 87 Podiums
 - 91 Stadium part
 - 92 Frigate, c.g.
 - 94 Engine additive
 - 95 Really raged
 - 96 Web location
 - 97 —Kosh
 - 100 Suffix with Vietnam
 - 102 Luc's gal pal
 - 103 Vulgar
 - 104 Embarrass
 - 105 Calf-roping competition
 - 106 Littleimps
 - 107 — -proof
 - 108 Place to shop
 - 110 Retort to "It ain't so!"
 - 111 Ice mishaps
 - 113 "Famous" cookie guy
 - 114 Teepee
 - 119 Purpose
 - 120 No. on a road sign
 - 121 Decay
 - 122 Mark, as a ballot square



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- ♦♦ Challenging
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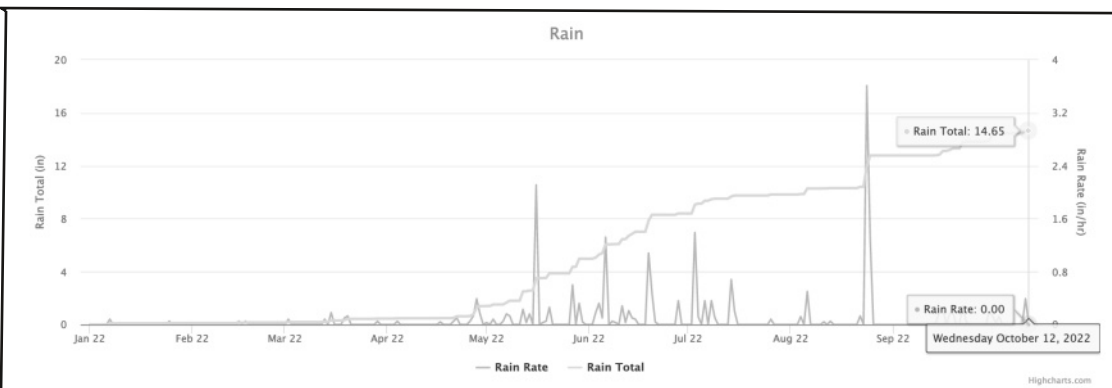
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LAFF - A - DAY



"You woke up Mother!."

"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple." Dr. Seuss



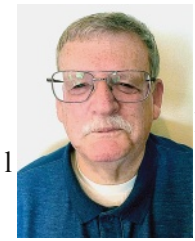
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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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YESTER YEAR William A. Clark and Townsend? Vic Sample



William A. Clark, Marcus Daly and F. Augustus Heinze are the three men often referred to as the “Copper Kings”. All three men amassed huge fortunes from the copper mines in Butte; but, William A. Clark quite often gets mentioned in Broadwater County history. Clark studied law at Iowa Wesleyan College, but came to Montana to be a miner. He only made a moderate amount of money as a miner but invested well and made a substantial amount of money importing and selling basic supplies to miners. He soon changed careers and became a banker in Deer Lodge. He repossessed mining claims from miners that defaulted on loans. He acquired claims in Butte and made a huge fortune from his holdings there. He expanded into small smelters, electric power companies, newspapers and railroads.

A 1907 article in the New York Times state that based on money in the bank John D. Rockefeller was the richest man in America. However, based not only on money in the bank, but the value of his copper holdings, William A. Clark might have been richer than John D. Rockefeller. Clark was not as charismatic as the other Copper Kings. He was perceived as a cold, ruthless and morally bankrupt man who waged many political wars and feuded with Marcus Daly. Mark Twain once said of Clark: “He is as rotten a human being as can be found anywhere under the flag. He is a shame to the American nation”.

Referendums were held in 1892 and 1894 to determine the location of the capital of Montana. Marcus Daly favored his company town of Anaconda. Naturally, William A. Clark opposed Daly and championed Helena to remain the capital. The 1894 referendum was marked by huge sums of money spent legally campaigning for the towns and illegally bribing votes. Of course, Clark won out and Helena has remained the capital of Montana.

Clark also had political ambitions and wanted to become a U.S. Senator. Amid widespread allegations of bribery, Clark was elected by the Montana Legislature as a Senator. Clark's son reportedly said “We will send the old man to the Senate or the poor-house”. Once in Washington, the U.S. Senate refused to seat Clark due to the wide-spread allegations. During the hearings, Clark was unrepentant and quoted as saying, “I never bribed a man that did not want to be bribed”.

Clark eventually resigned as Senator (never having been seated) and returned to Montana. Once back in Montana, Clark conspired with the Lieutenant Governor of Montana to have the Governor sent out of state on business. In the absence of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor became acting Governor. The acting Governor immediately appointed William A. Clark to fill the Senate seat that was open due to the resignation of --- William A. Clark. Since there was no bribery involved in the appointment the U.S. Senator would certainly have to seat the appointed Senator.

The Lieutenant Governor that conceived and orchestrated this political maneuver was A. E. Spriggs, the Townsend resident largely responsible for the creation of Broadwater County. Upon hearing of the appointment, the elected Governor of Montana returned, revoked the appointment of Clark and appointed Paris Gibson as Senator. Clark reportedly stayed at Townsend's first hotel, The Townsend House. He was also tied to Gordon G. Watt from Townsend, "The Grand-Daddy of Broadwater County", who could not be bribed and despised the corrupt Clark. W.E. Tierney was also investigated as part of the bribery investigation but was found not to have been bribed.

Clark was not from Townsend or Broadwater County but seems to continually be mentioned in the history of Broadwater County.

*As a footnote, William A. Clark did finally get legitimately elected as Senator from Montana and served one term. He apparently did not actually care for being a senator and returned to Montana.

Much of the information in this article came from “Montana: A History of Two Centuries” and the research done by Paul Putz, Historian.

JUDGE STRIKES DOWN THREE MONTANA VOTING LAWS AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL Election Day registration, paid ballot collection and using campus-issued IDs back on the table

By: Darrell Ehrlick - September 30, 2022 7:09 pm

<https://dailymontan.com/2022/09/30/judge-strikes-down-three-montana-voting-laws-as-unconstitutional/>

In a sweeping 199-page ruling, Yellowstone County District Court Judge Michael G. Moses struck down three laws passed by the 2021 Legislature that would have changed voter identification laws, prohibited paid ballot collection and eliminated Election Day registration.

The decision means that unless the case is appealed or stayed by the Montana Supreme Court, Election Day registration will be legal and in place during the 2022 Election, paid ballot collectors can receive ballots and college-issued identification remains legal for primary identification for the election as well.

The decision came after a two-week trial in early August. The legal cost to voters to defend the lawmakers' actions has been \$1.2 million and counting. And, for one of the laws, it was the third time such legislation has been attempted, challenged and struck down by three different judges.

PAID BALLOT COLLECTORS

Moses ruled that Senate Bill House Bill 530, which prohibited paid ballot collectors, has been found repeatedly unconstitutional by Yellowstone County District Judges Jessica Fehr and Donald Harris.

“HB 530 is a solution in search of a problem,” Moses said. “It furthers no legitimate, let alone compelling, state interest and constitutes a disproportionate, severe, and unconstitutional burden on Plaintiffs’ constitutional right to vote.” Moreover, Moses additionally ruled that the bill’s language was so vague and poorly defined that it made it impossible for citizens to understand, therefore inhibiting their fundamental right to core political speech as exercised by voting.

“There is no identifiable policy, standard, or rule in HB 530 that informs the administrative rule regarding the meaning of ‘pecuniary benefit,’” Moses said. He also pointed out to another unclear passage that’s a definition of a government agency.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

The judge also ruled that Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen, who was called upon to defend lawmakers’ action, had not presented any evidence of voter fraud or widespread problems with Election Day Registration, which had been bumped back by House Bill 176, to the Monday (the day before Election Day) at noon, effectively cutting out 16 hours, or a day-and-a-half of registration and voting.

Moses said that even though the Legislature has the constitutional power to set statewide elections, once it grants privileges, like Election Day Registration, which was adopted in 2005, courts had the ability to review legislative changes. He ruled that the two-week trial presented substantial evidence that Election Day Registration does not lead to higher rates of fraud, doesn’t ensure safer or faster elections, and is used by many people such that eliminating it would lead to disenfranchising voters.

“Removing one-and-a-half days during which Montanans could register to vote and cast their vote is a severe burden on the right to vote. HB 176 denies Montanans their right to vote for one-and-a-half days during each election cycle. It would be unconstitutional to deny Montanans the right to bear arms for one-and-a-half days. It would be unconstitutional to deny Montanans the right to freedom of religion for one-and-a-half days,” he said.

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IDENTIFICATION

Finally, Moses held that there was no reason for state lawmakers to eliminate college-issued identification as a primary form of ID for voting. He said adopting Senate Bill 169 put college or university students at a disadvantage if they met the residency requirements, but had no other form of identification. Furthermore, he noted that concealed-carry permits — something lawmakers elevated as identification — are not standardized throughout the state and offer no more security than college IDs.

“Young voters and voters in all other age groups are otherwise similarly situated, but SB 169’s prohibition on out-of-state driver’s licenses or Montana college or university IDs – two forms of ID accepted for years without resulting in a single known instance of fraud or any other problem – disproportionately and disparately burdens young voters,” the ruling said. “It is no accident that the Legislature passed SB 169 just months after Montana’s youngest voters turned out to vote at record rates.”

Moses said that the concerns of voter fraud and its attendant penalties are already addressed elsewhere in state law.

Please note, this article has been edited for length. The full text may be read at:

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INSIDE INSPIRATION

LIFE IS LIKE SWISS CHEESE

Ellie West

I am in a season of life where I frequently ask myself, "What are God's plans and purpose for my life? I am reminded of the familiar verse: "For I know the plans I have for you." declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV - I have more questions when I think about and dissect this verse. I often wonder if I am correctly hearing God's plans for my life.



Life is like Swiss cheese, a metaphor that resembles the battles we often face. The holes are the struggles, challenges, and storms of life. Going through the holes instead of being stuck in the hole is how we become more resilient. The holes are there to build our character, mold us and shape us into the uniquely beautiful person we were created to be. The bigger the hole in the Swiss cheese, the sweeter, more delicious, and flavorful. Our lives will never be perfect as we continue to fight battles, endure struggles, and even experience waves of rejection. But in the midst of all, there is a perfectly laid out life plan.

Growing up, I was that person that followed the crowd although I didn't necessarily agree with their thoughts, beliefs, or actions. Later in life, I realized that I was not being true to my authentic self, and it was robbing me of inner peace and joy. I have asked myself this simple question, "Are the people I'm following going where I want to go?"

I have worked in the same profession for 40-plus years, but there is so much more that I want to learn and experience. Over the course of those years, I have learned many lessons...I believe those were the lessons I had to learn to move confidently into my future. It seems that I was in the purpose-planning stage for 40 years. I have new dreams, visions, and goals. Our attitude is the most significant gift we have been given, and we must strive to have an attitude of gratitude. To think is the highest function of any human being... to be impeccable with our thoughts and words. When we grow, we must build our foundation on truth and not sand, as with sand, you will sink. The biggest lesson I have learned over the past several years... we become what we think about most of the time.

We go through life each day, and more often than not, we find ourselves in our comfort zone. We operate on auto-pilot and pull away from our reliance on God. The routines and habits we have set up create a protective shield, or so we think. Honestly, is it protecting us or keeping us from experiencing God's plan and purpose for our life?

Before 2020, I was in my comfort zone. I was flying the same monthly schedule with many of the same people. The only thing that changed on my trips was my passengers. Over the past two years, I have slowly come out of my cocoon. It was a painful experience. Many of you may still be experiencing the struggle, pain, discomfort, and sadness the last couple of years have brought. How you respond will determine your welfare and future. The season you are in is not to crush you or destroy you but to make you stronger. It is to give you hope and a future. Perhaps, it's time to rebuild your foundation and resist the urge to shrink back into your comfort zone... you will not be the same as you step out of your comfort zone and into your purpose.

As Dean Briggs cleverly stated, "Do your work. Not just your work, do a little more, but that little is worth more than all the rest. And if you suffer, as you must, and if you doubt, as you must, do your work. Put your heart into it, and the sky will clear. Then, the supreme joy of life will be born out of your doubt and suffering."

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www.coachinghearttoheart.com

"Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are." – Will Ferrell

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 Moa, 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

Missoula	
October 14 TSD HSFB at Big Timber - 7:00 p.m.	October 27 TSD District VB - Manhattan
October 15 TSD CC at Home Rusty Raisland - 10:00 a.m. TSD HSVB - Choteau - 2:00 p.m. TSD Senior Night!	October 28 TSD District VB - Manhattan TSD End of Q1
October 17 TSD 1st Day of JHBBB Practice TSD HSVB v. Sweet Grass - 4:00 p.m. TSD Senior Night! City/County Parks & Recreation Board - 6:00 p.m.	October 29 TSD 1st Round FB Playoffs
October 18 TSD HSVB - Whitehall - 4:00 p.m.	October 31 Ghost Stroll TSD Shakespeare in the Classroom Chamber Ghost Stroll - 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
October 19 TSD Picture Retake Day County Board of Health - 1:00 p.m. County Airport Board - 7:00 p.m.	
October 20 TSD PIR-MEA/MFT Days (No School)	
County Planning Board - 6:00 p.m.	
October 21 TSD PIR-MEA/MFT Days (No School)	
October 22 TSD State CC -	

Senior Center

Sr. Center Menu for the Week of	Beef and Veggie Stew
October 17 --21	Fresh Baked Biscuit
Monday, Oct. 17	Tossed Salad
Fish Patty on a Bun	Zesty Pineapple
Macaroni Salad	Thursday, Oct. 20
Mixed Veggies	Polish Sausage with Sauerkraut
Crisp Coleslaw	Steamed Potatoes
Plump Peaches	Key Largo
Tuesday, Oct. 18	Vegetables
Birthday Dinner	Whole Grain Bread
Baked Chicken	Spiced Apples
Rice Pilaf	Friday, Oct. 21
California	Tater Tot Casserole
Vegetables	Garden Peas
Dinner Salad with Beans	Carrot Raisin Salad
Blushing Pears	Apricot Halves
Birthday Cake	
Wednesday, Oct. 19	

Canton Church Restoration Annual Meeting and Dinner



Sunday October 23, 2022
The American Legion Club
Tri-tp Dinner catered by the American Legion
\$30.00 per person
Social Hour 4:00-5:00 with No-Host Bar; Program at 5:00;
Dinner at 6:00

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THE AGING of MEAT

Allison Kosto, MSU Extension Agent

It seems like hunters can rarely agree on the length of time that meat should be aged. Some say the longer the better; others are ready to cut the next day. What is the correct answer? What is aging and what are the benefits, if any?

Aging meat is also called seasoning, ripening or conditioning. It is the practice of waiting to cut meat for a period of time. During this period enzymes break down the complex proteins in the muscle. This results in a more tender and flavorful product. It is commonly done with beef and is less common or less consistent with other species. After an animal dies, the muscle fibers shorten and harden as a result of rigor mortis. This results in a decrease in tenderness immediately after death. The carcass should then be cooled to temperatures ranging from 34 to 37 degrees F. The meat continues to change during this time as a result of enzyme activity. Typically, it will return to the original tenderness level on the third day after harvest.

Beef is one exception that is typically aged longer than average. Beef animals are typically older at slaughter than pork or lamb. Well finished beef will continue to undergo enzyme changes up to 10 days after slaughter. Typically by 7 to 10 days, most of the advantages of aging have been achieved. There is a trend in the industry for beef that has been aged longer, usually 14-21 days, but could be as long as 35 days. Beef that has been aged longer is often called dry-aged beef. Proponents of dry-aged beef believe that longer aging time intensifies flavor. However, the longer you age meat, the greater loss of meat you have in addition to increased storage cost. As a result, dry-aged beef comes with a higher price tag and is often individual preference. Aging for 7 to 10 days is the standard in the commercial industry because it achieves the best balance between tenderness, flavor and economics.

Not all meat should be aged. It is not recommended with carcasses with little or no fat cover because they lose moisture more rapidly. This results in weight loss and surface discoloration. It can also result in more trim loss. Additionally, lean meat is susceptible to deterioration through microbial growth and bacterial slime development.

Meat from carcasses that will be ground or processed for salami, bratwurst or other sausages does not need to be aged. The process of grinding or chopping tenderizes the meat. Jerky meat does not need to be aged either. Pork is not aged because these animals are typically slaughtered at a young age when the meat is naturally tender. Likewise, other young animals such as a yearling doe does not to be aged for the same reason. Research has also found that since pork is higher in unsaturated fat than other species that it can develop a strong rancid flavor when aged.

Now back to wild game. If you plan to age wild game, keep the skin on if possible. Removing the hide results in higher moisture loss. Additionally, the hide protects the meat from dirt. Temperature is another key factor. If wild game is harvested when the weather is at 65 degrees, the enzyme process will happen much faster, and it does not need to be aged. However, if game is harvested at lower temperatures in the 30s or below, then aging is beneficial. Try not to let a carcass freeze. Enzyme activity is very slow at freezing temperatures, and alternating periods of freezing and thawing can lower meat quality.

Below are recommendations from the University of Wyoming for aging wild game. The recommendations assume best conditions where a carcass is chilled rapidly to an ideal temperature between 34 and 37 degrees F.

- * Antelope – Cut and wrap within three days.
- * Deer, Sheep, Goat, Cow Elk and Cow Moose – Cut within 7 days. Cut sooner if held at temperatures above 40 degrees.
- * Bull Elk or Moose – Cut within 14 days. Cut sooner if held at temperatures above 40 degrees.

Do not age wild game if the animal was harvested in warm weather and not chilled rapidly, if the animal was severely stressed prior to harvest, gunshot areas are extensive, or if the animal is under one year. As most of you know, conditions during and after hunting are rarely “ideal.” However, use your best judgement, and you’ll be able to enjoy wild game throughout the year. For more information, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

BROADWATER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS FLU SHOTS

This month is our flu shot season and we are busy here making sure that anyone in the community who would like a flu shot has access to get one. Below is a list of dates and times for the flu clinics in the county. If you are interested in scheduling for a flu shot or any other immunization, please call 406-266-5209. Please know that while we have been able to accommodate walk-in immunizations in the past, we are finding ourselves out in the community more and we don’t always have someone in the building to give immunizations. We now ask that the community call and schedule a vaccine appointment to prevent any delay in getting your shots. We can usually accommodate same day appointments so call ahead before you come in. We also ask that you please bring your insurance card to each appointment to verify that we have the correct information on file.

Monday, October 17th we will be at Townsend Drug and Spirits from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome at this event.

Friday, October 21st we will be at Wheat Montana in Three Forks from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome at this event.

Thursday, October 27th we will be having a COVID vaccine day for anyone who needs either a first, second, or booster dose. We have both the original and bivalent vaccine available. Appointment required for this event.

DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET COMING UP!

JESSE SWENSON

The Upper Missouri River (Townsend) Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet is coming up on Saturday, November 5th, at Watson’s Gym. Fundraising banquets such as these preserve and create wetlands that will help ensure that waterfowl will have places to nest, raise their young, migrate through and winter in each year. Your attendance at the Townsend banquet will help DU conserve wetlands and critical upland habitat vital to North America’s waterfowl and the more than 900 other species of wildlife that use these same habitats. DU has conserved more than 14 million acres of waterfowl habitat in North America, more than any other conservation organization in existence, including restoring, enhancing, and protecting 257,937 acres within Montana. While DU’s #1 priority is waterfowl, more than 900 wildlife species benefit from our conservation work.

There will be many raffles, drawings, and door prizes for the adults and the kids (Green Wings). Prizes include a Youth 20 ga. TriStar Shotgun, a Weatherby Mark V 6.5 300 mag, two Tristar 12ga., a Henry Bigboy .44, a Traditions Buckstalker 50 cal. Muzzleloader, Benelli 20 ga., Colt 1911 .45ACP, Retay 12 ga., Springfield 9mm, Legacy .410 O/U; Canik 9 mm pistol, Winchester 12 ga., Artwork, Decoys and many more items for raffle, silent auction, and live auction. Doors open at 5:00pm with raffles, games, and drinks catered by the Commercial Bar, dinner catered by the Watson’s of Prime Rib at 6:30pm, and the Live Auction will start at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale at Schauber Surveying, 64 Jack Farm Rd in Townsend. Ticket prices are: Sponsorship Couples \$325, Single \$65.00, Couples \$100.00, Greenwings (children) \$30.00 (Under 4 years are free). Ticket price includes dinner, door prize ticket, 1-year membership to Ducks Unlimited, and a subscription to their magazine. This year our VIP Tables are available for \$1,200.00 and include seating for 6 guests, which includes a DU Sponsorship, dinner tickets, DU memberships, door prize tickets, \$100.00 worth of raffle tickets, and your choice from over 30 items on the Guns and Gear Banner, including a selection of guns, ammo, Yeti Products, Tools, and more! For more information, call or stop by Schauber Surveying, 64 Jack Farm Road, 406-266-4602.

Volunteers are the backbone of Ducks Unlimited. Without them the conservation work Ducks Unlimited does would not be possible. If you want to help make a difference...join your local DU Chapter...you will not regret that decision. You will help leave a legacy for future generations and ensure we have wetlands and waterfowl forever. Call the number below to get involved with the local DU chapter in your area or if you or your business would like to make a donation for cash, prizes, or silent auction items.

Make plans now to join us for another great DU event in Townsend. Your attendance will help ensure that we’ll raise critical dollars for wetlands conservation. Call Jesse Swenson at (406)266-4602, go to www.ducks.org/Montana, or find us on Facebook at @townsendmtDU for more information! Seating is Limited!! Reserve your Tickets Today!

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

515 Broadway, Townsend

Meetings are held at the Flynn Building (old Opportunity Bank) 416 Broadway. 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. 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>. OFFICAL agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1st floor bulletin board), Broadwatercountymt.com, on the bulletin board on the 1st Floor of the courthouse, and in the window of the Flynn Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Monday, October 17, 2022 (Unofficial)

- 10:00 AM Discussion and Decision, Airport Camera Grant
- 10:10 AM Discussion, Susanne Hill, SIM-MT Sales Director, Emergency Personnel Simulation Training
- 10:15 AM Discussion and Decision, Appointment of Public Works Supervisor

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

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters
- Debi Randolph 406-266-9270 and 406-980-2050
- Darrel Folkvord Chairperson 406-266-9272 and 406-980-1213
- Mike Delger 406-266-9271 and 406-521-0834
- E-mail commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us

*Please note that these times and dates may change. For the most recently updated information, please visit our website at www.broadwatercountymt.com.

Future Meetings

- October 17 BC Park and Rec Board Meeting
- October 19 Board of Heath Meeting
- October 19 Airport Meeting
- October 20 Planning Board/ PUBLIC HEARING-Headwaters 2 Minor Subd.
- October 24 Regular Commission Meeting

LETTERS AND OPINIONS

Dear Voters of Broadwater County,

I am asking you to re-elect Mike Delger to the office of County Commissioner for District 2. His opponent, Lyndsey Richtmyer, is smart and idealistic. It is commendable that she wants to serve in this important position. But at this time of unprecedented change and growth in Broadwater County, I feel that Mike's experience in local government is the steady hand that we need.

Mike Delger has the big picture of the county's challenges well in hand. He has a deep understanding of the responsibilities for handling taxes, roads and development. A life-long resident, who grew up on a farm, and a local business owner, he has served on the MT Ditch Board, City Council as well as the County Commission.

We are very fortunate to have a unified and compatible group of commissioners who are doing a good job of protecting our tax dollars by going by the laws and regulations of the county and state. Of course, that is frustrating at times but it protects us, and our tax dollars, from legal liability.

I believe we should count our lucky stars and keep this team of Commissioners together. Please vote to re-elect Mike Delger.

Sharon Potenza

I would like to thank our local Crimson bluffs Historical Society and Humanities Montana for sponsoring Hal Stearns and his lecture - Larger Than Life Leaders in Montana History on Sept. 28 at the Legion. Montana has been blessed to have a variety of leaders in our state's history. Some have been great, some mediocre and some let's say had room for improvement. One interesting political tidbit that was brought to the attention of everyone at the lecture was the idea one leader had of having our politicians in Helena being seated alphabetically in the state House of Representatives and Senate rather than the Democrats on one side of the aisle and the Republicans on the other. Perhaps this simple concept might improve communication between politicians and maybe we as citizens should start a letter writing campaign to our leaders in Helena advocating such an idea. If you ever get the chance to listen to Mr. Stearns, please take advantage of the opportunity to learn about our Montana leaders and the history of our State.

Craig Vietz

I am writing in support of Lindsey Richtmyer for Broadwater County Commissioner. Broadwater County is one of the fastest growing counties in Montana with many policy issues facing the commission. These issues are not a question of "if" we grow, it is a question of how well we grow. Lindsey Richtmyer has the intelligence and determination to ensure Broadwater County remains a great place to live and raise our families.

In the years I have known Lindsey I am continually impressed by her drive to improve, learn and change. Lindsey wears many hats as an avid sportswoman, physical trainer, EMT, journalist, physical therapy assistant, religious education teacher, search and rescue volunteer and most importantly, mother and wife. In every role she pursues excellence; always asking what needs doing, how it can be done better, why it needs doing and who benefits. Lindsey's abilities and training allow her a pragmatic approach to problems and opportunities alike.

As voters in Broadwater County we are exceptionally fortunate to have the choice to vote for Lindsey Richtmyer for County Commissioner.

Angela Janacaro

YOUR VOTE COUNTS -USE IT WISELY

On the week of July 25th, U.S. Rep. Matt Rosendale's D.C. office sent out an official flyer. The headline was "Leading the Nation on Veteran Issues" and included a photo of the congressman with four National Guard soldiers and a paragraph, "Supporting Senate-amended Honoring Our PACT Act." It is ironic the Congressman sent out a press release criticizing others for using veterans as "political pawns" on September 14. He proudly announced his opposition to the PACT Act on March 3, 2022 and voted against it six times before voting Yea in July for substantially the same bill he once bragged about opposing after it passed both the House and the Senate by substantial majorities.

The EVEST Act requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to automatically enroll veterans who are eligible for VA health care into the VA healthcare system. It passed the House by a vote of 265 - 163, Matt Rosendale voted no. In June 2021, Rosendale was among 21 House members who voted against a resolution to give the Congressional Gold Medal to police officers who defended the U.S. Capitol on January 6th. On September 2021 he was one of 19 House members to vote against the final passage of the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, which funds our military. As a Montana state senator, Rosendale voted "no" on funding for the southwest Montana Veterans home in 2013 and 2015 but showed up at the groundbreaking ceremony claiming he had a better idea when asked by the press about his NO votes.

Rosendale's 2013 Republican primary campaign website said, "Matt Rosendale is a conservative proven leader who has dedicated his life to working for Montana." He moved here from Maryland when he was 42.

We have too many politicians, and too few Statesmen. What's the difference? A politician has one primary objective - to get elected at any cost. A politician flip-flops on issues as the polls change, makes promises but rarely keeps them once elected. A politician bases decisions on power or personal interests defined in terms of power. Rather than seeking office for the good of his constituents, State or Country, a politician strives for personal and party power.

A statesman does everything for the common good of the people. Statesmen stand on a platform of fundamental truths. A statesman believes in certain core values and doesn't change beliefs to get ahead in politics. A statesman is a political realist, looking at policy in terms of its effect on constituents, state and country. A statesman knows exactly what needs to be accomplished in office. A statesman must be nonpartisan and build consensus with the people being represented.

A politician works for self-interest and a statesman works for constituents and future generations. This November you have a clear choice on who you would rather have represent you and your interests in Congress. It is a choice between a politician and a statesman.

The politician: Matt Rosendale. He moved to Montana in 2002; 2010 ran for the Montana House of Representatives; 2012 ran for the Montana Senate; 2013 ran in Republican Primary for the US Congress; 2016 ran for State Auditor; 2018 ran for the US Senate and 2020 ran for the US House of Representatives.

or

The statesman: Gary Buchanan. He is a lifelong public servant. Gary was the first Montana Department of Commerce Director. He is a former chairman of the Montana Banking Board; served two terms on the Montana Board of Investments including as chairman; chairman of the Board of Crime Control; served on the Montana Power Authority; former chairman of the Nature Conservancy of Montana; awarded lifetime honorary membership in national Trout Unlimited. Character, honesty, selflessness, decisiveness, trust and integrity are the bedrock characteristics of a good public servant. Gary Buchanan possesses all of these and is the kind of individual we need representing us in Congress.

Gary Buchanan has been endorsed by former Gov. Marc Racicot, former Secretary of State Bob Brown (2001-2005) and Dorothy Bradley, Montana House 1971-1992. Matt Rosendale has been endorsed by out-of-state political figures and dark money groups.

We the undersigned think Matt Rosendale is a threat to the Montana Constitution and the Republic! We enthusiastically endorse Gary Buchanan and encourage Veterans to Vote for him.

Michael Lawson US Marine Corp Sergeant, 3rd Marines/FMF VN 66-69

Michael Vincent US Marine Corp Sergeant, 3rd Marines VN 67-68

Elton W "Mick" Ringsak US Army, Major, 27th Combat Engr Bn VN 68-69

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"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards out of men." Abraham Lincoln

"I choose a lazy person to do a hard job, because a lazy person will find an easy way to do it." - Bill Gates



Precision Business Resources celebrated its grand opening October 7 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

From left to right: Dan Steber, Candace Spencer, Shelby Davis, Dallas Smith, Anna Gleukert, Owner, Brandi Pierson, CPA, Corie Sobpena, and Jacinta Hedstrom

Oct 3, 2022

MT 43 NEWS
401 Broadway St Ste A
Townsend, MT 59644

Dear People:
We were visiting family in Townsend last week and enjoyed reading the paper. It gave us a ray of hope of the way our newspaper can continue to be so important and vital to our communities. Your news coverage was interesting, well written and I learned something with each article. Enclosed is a donation to support your effort and commitment to make things better.

Sincerely,
Mary K Helsley

DOWNSIZING ESTATE SALE OF GARY & EAN WELCH

904 N 3rd ST. TOWNSEND (OFF North Harrison)
FRIDAY/SATURDAY OCT. 14-15 9:00-3:00
SUNDAY OCT. 16 10:00-2:00

Wildlife/fish mounts; guns/amo; upscale outdoor clothing; JD riding mower; Forge recliners; tent; fishing poles; outfitting accessories; backpacks; trunks; saddle/horse blankets; camping; golf; small safe; nice clothing; several sprayers; chains; cap collection; custom 3 dog transporter; pickup canopy; several liquid pumps; air compressor; pickup tool boxes; bbq; tools; linens; canning jars; queen bed; deep fat fryer; pressure cooker; tack, much more. Cash, check, credit card.

WHERE I STAND

Lindsey Richtmyer



In meeting and talking to many residents around our county over the past few months, I am continually asked where I stand on “things” or what I stand for. Surprisingly, I don’t have one issue that is driving me toward a spot on the county commission. Rather, it is the scope of the job and the many different topics and challenges it encompasses, while working toward the future of Broadwater County, that drives my motivation to be a part of our local government.

My roots, principles, and values stem from an upbringing in a conservative, multi-generational military family. I respect the freedoms we are afforded in our county and the many blessings those freedoms allow us to enjoy as a society and nation, including the opportunities to work and engage with those whose views diverge from our own. I adore our agricultural lifestyle and open spaces. Every summer of my life was spent on our family ranch in the Castle Mountains. I also welcome the gumption of local business owners trying to bring more services and amenities to our community. I believe our county can respect the past while guiding growth and planning for the future.

As for my character, I am passionate in my convictions, and I validate my words with actions. In public office, it is my values, solid research, and a willingness to listen to community input that will guide me.

I communicate. A lot. Just ask my husband and co-workers. It is not enough to post an agenda. More in-depth information must be available, easy to access, and understand. While not realistic to provide every detail of county business, I want the citizens here to be aware of the bigger projects and topics facing the commission and why I do or do not support and vote a certain way.

I am a proactive go-getter. I love to learn and jump in with both feet to find solutions to problems. I am not afraid to ask questions, explore possibilities, investigate, and take time to research options that may have to be outside the box. My bachelor’s degree is in journalism. I have an inherent need to get answers. My second degree and job as a physical therapist assistant demands an exceptional level of patient care that requires coordination of multiple disciplines, assisting patients with navigation of our medical system, and seeing them through a process of healing that often requires research, ideas, and adaptation.

I believe in collaboration. Whether with our boards, neighboring counties, or city council, we can accomplish more for Broadwater County working together. As the county seat, Townsend is the heart of Broadwater County and for it to maintain its distinction as such, planning efforts can and should be aligned.

I am a fighter. Those who know me appreciate I’m not afraid to make my own decisions. And when I do, I have a valid, factual reason for doing so.

Most of all, I am invested in our county and community. It is my child’s home and his future. His generation inherits the effects of our policies.

Thank you for your consideration as the next District 2 Broadwater County commissioner.

Please get registered to vote! The election is November 8.

paid for by Lindsey Richtmyer

City Council Hires New City Clerk
Council Minutes, Oct. 4, 2022

Townsend City Council hired Mrs. Kari Williams as the new city council clerk, replacing Coleen Ward who will be retiring Dec. 15. Williams, who has a 15- year background in banking and finance lives with her husband Jamie here in town. Born in Livingston, Williams grew up in Townend and graduated from Broadwater High School. They had moved around before returning to Townsend in 2005. The couple has two sons who live with their families in Billings. Asked what prompted her to apply for the job, she said “I applied for the city clerk job because I wanted to get back to working here and being a part of the community. The driving back and forth to Helena was hard.”

City webmaster Jessica Crusch and clerk Ward have built a spot on the website for people to either pay their utility bills with a credit card. People may also donate to the city on the same page. They will work out the bugs on the site.

Council Member Ken Urich asked about the ordinance for how many dogs were allowed on a property before the owner had to buy a kennel license. The answer is three dogs per household.

Public Works Supervisor Tim Rauser reported pipes under the swimming pool needed to be repaired due to a large amount of water loss. “The water system for the pool was built in the 1960’s and replaced in the 1980’s. “We need to open up the area to see if it can be repaired, or it must be replaced,” he explained. He is also replacing the submersible pump in Well #3 near the old City Hall building on Spruce Street. He will replace it with a new pump system which he estimated to cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 rather than putting in another submersible pump. “This is the third submersible pump to go out, so I am looking at a better system,” he said.

Council member Vickie Rauser announced the Broadwater County Review Listening Sessions which will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12 and 13 in various county locations. The Review is sponsored by MSU Extension Service and Broadwater County Development Corporation(BCDC).

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting after the council approved claims.

Coffee for Dinner: A great way to treat yourself during a dwindling grilling season
Eileen Clarke

I don't know what I expected the first time I had a coffee marinade. Probably something like what my friend Marty calls a La Brea Sauce, as in thick as tar. I was disappointed, but only for the first bite. You can't really taste it. It's rather delicate in that way. But coffee's an acid, so it tenderizes, rather gently but rather effectively, carrying the other flavors into the heart of the meat without dominating them—as if anything could dominate cayenne pepper and coriander.

Spicy Coffee Marinade Kabobs

Serves 4

The Marinade Ingredients (All measurements level)

- 1 pound venison steaks, cut in 1½” chunks
- 1 cup strong coffee, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Up to ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Put the steak chunks and marinade ingredients in a re-sealable plastic bag and refrigerate 24 hours. When you take the meat out to cook, don't rinse the marinade off.

The Rest of the Ingredients

- 2 cloves elephant garlic, peeled, trimmed and sliced ⅛” thick*
- 1 whole shallot, peeled, trimmed and sliced ⅛” thick*
- 10 mini-sweet peppers (red, orange and yellow), stemmed and halved lengthwise

Cooking

1. Preheat a propane grill to medium-hot, 350 to 400°F. Alternately, start your coals. When they are covered with white ash--the vast majority of them, not just a few--spread them out for cooking. When it's hot, scrape the cooking surface with your grill brush, then wipe it with oil.
2. Remove the steak chunks from the marinade, and arrange them on the skewers, alternating veggies and meat until you've used them all. Cook about 10 minutes total, turning only once after about 6 or 7 minutes.
3. Take the kabobs off the grill when a meat thermometer reads 125°F for rare, 130° for medium rare or 135° for medium.
4. Serve on the skewers or slide the meat and veggies off the skewers onto a platter. Either way, they'll look and taste wonderful.

Tenderize the Wild: 100 Marinades, Brines and Rubs is available at Eileen Clarke's web site:



Crimson Bluffs Chapter
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.

Crimson Bluffs Chapter, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will have our last meeting of the season at 3:00 PM, Oct. 26, 2022 at the Townsend American Legion, 211 Broadway Street. Everyone is welcome. All things Lewis and Clark in Broadway County discussed here!

Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame Announces 2023 Inductees

Christy Stensland, Executive Director, Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center, Inc

The Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center (MCHF & WHC) announces their 15th class of inductions into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame. The inductees were chosen from a field of candidates nominated by the general public. Inductees are honored for their notable contributions to the history and culture of Montana.

“The Hall of Fame exists to honor those who have made an impact in their part of the state and represent Montana’s authentic heritage for future generations,” said DuWayne Wilson, MCHF & WHC president. “Our volunteer trustees around Montana vote on nominations that come from the district in which they reside. This process gives the local communities a strong voice in who will represent them in the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame.”

The MCHF & WHC board of directors has designated 12 trustee districts across the state from which up to 20 trustees may be appointed. Nomination criteria established by the board for the Class of 2023 inductions allowed the election of one Living Inductee and one Legacy Inductee from each of the 12 districts.

In District 8 *(Broadwater, Jefferson, & Lewis and Clark Counties):* Living: Charles Gilbert “Chuck” Plymale of Townsend; Legacy: Wesley Robert “Wes” Synness of Helena will be inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame.

The MCHF & WHC plans to honor these inductees, and those from the other Districts, during the MCHF Annual Induction Ceremony & Western Heritage Gathering on February 11, 2023, in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn. Look for more information as it becomes available on our Facebook page and on our website.

Full biographies for past inductees are available on the MCHF & WHC’s website, <http://www.montanacowboyfame.org>. This year’s inductees will be added to the website in the near future.

*The mission of the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center is to “honor our cowboy way of life, American Indian cultures and collective Montana Western heritage.” We exist to serve as a resource to all who wish to see this way of life passed forward to the next generation. To learn more, visit [**www.montanacowboyfame.org*](http://www.montanacowboyfame.org)

MONTANA COWBOY HALL OF FAME LIVING INDUCTION

CHARLES GILBERT “CHUCK” PLYMALE DISTRICT 8 - YEAR 2023



When someone says the word cowboy, Chuck Plymale comes to mind.

His birthright began in 1899 when his grandfather, Bert, came to Montana from Ohio to build a cattle and sheep ranch in Broadwater County. Charles Gilbert Plymale was born to Laird and Eva (Quist) Plymale in 1943 in Townsend, Montana. His sister Bonnie joined the family two years later. It is here that Chuck learned the cowboy way of life. At a young age, he kept busy on the ranch helping with the livestock. Chuck loved being with Uncle Hubert and the sheepherder hired by the ranch. A favorite task of his was to “help” by riding the sheepherder’s horse while the herder walked alongside.

Chuck was known as his Uncle Hubert’s sidekick. It was Hubert who taught him about livestock and took him along on many cattle drives. Later, Chuck was able to break his own horses. As he progressed in his understanding of livestock, he became the trail boss of the Plymale cattle drives which hosted guests from all over the world. On one of those drives, his cowboy wisdom should have been heeded by his daughter: do not follow cattle when they struggle to cross a bog or downed log as the horse will lunge to cross and the unsuspecting rider will be thrown off. After ensuring she was okay, Chuck simply shook his head and continued up the trail trusting that his daughter had learned her lesson.

The building of Canyon Ferry Dam in Broadwater County flooded most of the family ranchland and the decision to keep only the cattle was made. In 1954, Bert formed a partnership with his sons Hubert, Laird, and Wayne, who at the time were all in their mid-thirties. This was the beginning of the Plymale Brothers Ranch which remains in operation today with Chuck, his son David, and cousins Dwain, William, and Randy Plymale.

When Chuck was thirteen years old, he purchased his first cattle herd, which consisted of two cows he used for his 4-H project. He earned three dollars a day when he began working on the ranch and paid three dollars per month to pasture his cows.

In later years, he was again involved in 4-H with his children Francie, Jennifer, David, Suzanne, and Carrie. Many hours were spent helping to teach them how to lead a steer, feed the right portions for weight gain, and getting a horse trained and ready for the fair. He in turn had them help with the ranch: feeding livestock, branding, cattle drives, fencing, and farming.

Chuck played football all four years of high school. The Broadwater Bulldogs won the state championship for two years and were co-champions the third year due to a terrible blizzard that prevented the playoff game.

In his college years, 1961-1965, at Montana State University in Bozeman, he was involved with rodeo club and the wool judging team. He graduated with a degree in range management which was utilized in his ranch life. During cattle drives he would enjoy pointing out various flowers, grasses, and weeds to his family and providing their names.

His college roommate and close friend, Jerry, introduced him to Carole Gliko who was a student at the College of Great Falls, now the University of Providence. It was during his visits with Jerry that Chuck’s relationship with Carole grew and they were eventually married in 1967.

Chuck joined the United States Army Reserve and served as a medic in San Antonio, Texas. He took part in the maintenance and transportation fields. His granddaughters agreed that they always felt safe with “Papa” because he had medical training.

Chuck was instrumental in constructing the Broadwater County Rodeo Grounds in Townsend. He proudly maintains the roping chutes and keeps them in good working condition. Chuck participated in parent-child roping as well as team roping with his wife and fellow cowboys.

Chuck belongs to the Masons and is Past Master of Valley Lodge #21. He was a member of the Broadwater County School Board for twenty years and it was during these years that he presented his children with their high school diplomas. He is a forty-year member of the rural Broadwater County Fire Department and served as battalion chief for ten years. He was a board member of the U.S. Farm Service Agency and is currently president of the Broadwater County Farm Bureau. Chuck has been a deputy brand inspector for forty years and willingly inspects cattle and horses at the drop of a hat.

This cowboy is a gentle and quiet man; carefully weighing his words before sharing his thoughts on a subject. He has instilled the love of his nation and western way of life in his children and grandchildren as well as set an example of being a good neighbor. When seeking out someone to help move cows, write a brand inspection, or engage in a discussion about agriculture look no further than Chuck Plymale.

Bulldog Roundup

Eliza McLaughlin

Volleyball

Bulldog volleyball had a packed homecoming week, hosting both a face-off with Jefferson on Oct. 6 and Choteau on Oct. 8. The Bulldogs secured the win after claiming the next two sets at 25-15 and 25-13, respectively.



Just two days later, the Bulldogs swept Choteau in three sets with scores of 25-15, 25-17 and 25-14.

Townsend is ranked number one in the conference.

Bulldog volleyball will travel to Choteau to take on the team again on Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. before playing the Sweet Grass Shepherders on Oct. 17 in Townsend at 4 p.m., celebrating cheer and volleyball seniors during the event.

Townsend's final conference match will be on Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. in Whitehall.

Football

Ranked number one in its conference, Bulldog football held nothing back during its Oct. 7 Columbus game. The Bulldogs finished 47-8, winning their homecoming game. The Bulldogs will take on Big Timber on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

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“Training horses, heck riding horses, isn’t easy. Failing is part of the process. It’s how you brush yourself off and get back in the saddle that counts the most. There’s beauty in the breakdown. Everything is about balance.” Carly Kade.

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