

UPDATED: HOW TO VOTE IN MONTANA'S NOV. 8 ELECTION
 Got questions about how to register to vote or cast your ballot next month?
 Here are the latest up-to-date answers to some basic questions.

Montana's 2022 general election is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 8. And after a lengthy court case, eligible Montanans will be allowed to register to vote and cast a ballot on Election Day. Credit: Alex Sakariassen / MTFP

The 2022 general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8, and as absentee ballots have already gone out, odds are that scores of Montanans are already busy filling in their votes. If you're not registered yet, are planning to vote at the polls, or are still confused about what election laws may or may not be in effect right now, Montana Free Press has endeavored to make things a little easier with our 2022 Election Guide. And since the legal landscape has been such a moving target this year, we're taking the added step of posting answers to some basic questions right here to help make sure everyone has the most up-to-date information at their fingertips.

WHEN ARE THE 2022 ELECTIONS IN MONTANA?

Montana's 2022 general election is scheduled for Nov. 8. Polls open at 7 a.m. and will remain open until 8 p.m.

DO I NEED TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Yes, you do.

HOW DO I DO THAT?

First off, go to the Montana secretary of state's My Voter Page and make sure you aren't registered already. If you aren't, you can stop by your county election office any time during regular business hours to pick up an application. After you've filled it out, you'll need to get it back to your county election office, either in person or via mail, and you'll have to provide a photo ID or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you happen to be applying for a Montana driver's license or identification card before the election, you can register to vote at the same time.

CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY?

That's one of the million-dollar questions this year. As of Sept. 30, yes. Montana had allowed Election Day voter registration since 2006, but a new law passed by the Legislature last year ended that practice. That law was the subject of lengthy litigation, but on Sept. 30, a district court judge issued a final ruling in the case, declaring the law unconstitutional. So, in short: Yes you can register to vote at your county election office any time on Election Day, Nov. 8, provided you're in line by 8 p.m.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY REGISTRATION IS ACCURATE AND CURRENT?

Go to the Montana secretary of state's My Voter Page and enter your first name, last name and date of birth. The page will list your voting status, legislative House and Senate districts, and the location of your polling place. There's even a map with directions.

WHAT TYPE OF ID CAN I USE?

This is another timely question. Last year, the Legislature revised the types of photo identification voters are required to present when registering and casting their ballots. The Yellowstone County District Court on Sept. 30 overturned those changes, declaring the law that implemented them to be unconstitutional. The current acceptable forms of identification if you're voting at the polls include a current Montana driver's license, state-issued photo ID, tribal or military photo ID, a U.S. passport or a student ID. If you don't have a photo ID, you can use a utility bill, a bank statement, a voter confirmation card or any other government document that shows your name and address.

IF I'M MAILING MY BALLOT, HOW DO I MAKE SURE IT'S RECEIVED?

You can track your ballot using the My Voter Page, which will tell you when the county election office receives it.

CAN'T I JUST VOTE ONLINE?

Nope, that's not an option in Montana.

ARE THERE ANY SITUATIONS WHERE I'M NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

According to state law, you can't vote if you'll be under 18 on Election Day, are not a U.S. citizen, or have lived in Montana less than 30 days. Convicted felons who are currently incarcerated in a penal facility and people whom judges have ruled to be of unsound mind are also ineligible to vote. Otherwise, you're good to go.

I HAVE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER WHO ISN'T ABLE TO DROP OFF THEIR BALLOT. CAN I DO IT FOR THEM?

Yes, you can. While the Montana Legislature did make some changes to ballot collection laws in 2021, those changes only affected paid ballot collection, and those changes aren't currently in effect anyway due to the Yellowstone County District Court's Sept. 30 ruling.

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 TOWNSEND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 OCT 31
 4:30-6:30pm



Broadwater County HALLOWEEN EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 28
 Adult Costume Contest - Lakeside on Hauser - 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29
 Candy Drop and Pumpkin Decorating - Edgewater Farms - 3 p.m.
 Trunk or Treat - Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 4:30 to 6 p.m.
 Adult Costume Contest - Bunkhouse Bar - 6 p.m. to 12
 Adult Costume Contest and Karaoke Night - Commercial Bar - 9 p.m. to 12

MONDAY, OCT. 31
 Trick or Treat on Main Street - Three Forks - 3 to 5 p.m.
 Ghost Stroll Trunk or Treat and Street Activities - Broadway Street - 4 to 6 p.m.
 Kids Costume Contest (pre-K through high school) - Reading Leaves - 6 p.m.

Canton Church Annual Meeting Held at The Legion Club

Vic Sample



Canton Church Restoration, Inc. held its Annual Dinner and Meeting at the Townsend Post 42 Legion Club on Sunday, October 23. There were 42 people that came for the dinner and to see Linda Huth’s presentation “Outstanding Citizens and Colorful Characters”.

A no-host happy hour started at 4:00 p.m. with Linda Huth’s presentation at 5:00. Before introducing Linda, Vic Sample listed Canton Church Restoration, Inc.’s major accomplishments this year:

- * The painting of the exterior of the Church and the new metal roof replacing the badly damaged cedar shake roof
- * The six summer events featuring new performers, long-time favorite performers and a historic presentation about W.E. Tierney
- *The 4th annual (except for the year of Covid) hosting of the Townsend Middle School students for a field trip and presentation of the history of Broadwater County.

Everyone appreciated Linda Huth’s humorous and informative presentation on several early pioneers that were “Outstanding Citizens and Colorful Characters”. Linda is planning to present a longer version of the program as a Canton Church summer event in 2023.

Afterward, the American Legion volunteers served a wonderful meal of tri-tip steak, potatoes and vegetables. Tony and Janet Wagner did a wonderful job of cooking while Mark Boaz, Larry and Debbie Westfall did the serving of the meal. The Canton Church Restoration Annual Meeting was held after dinner. The 2023 officers were elected: Keith Kirscher – President, Gary Richtmyer – Vice President, Robin Kirscher – Treasurer and Keith Obert – Secretary. Canton Church Restoration Inc. also welcomed new board members Joe Foster and Gary Peters. We look forward to working with Joe and Gary!

Bob and Barb TooTell also attended the meeting. They are neighbors and great friends of the Canton Church and have proposed holding a Christmas Holiday Event at the Canton Church. The Board thinks that is a great idea but believes that we have to improve the electric capacity at the Church before we can have a winter event. We are discussing having everything in place for a Christmas event in 2023.

The American Legion Post 42 donated the use of the Legion Club to Canton Church Restoration, Inc. It was a perfect location for the Meeting and Dinner. The meeting room is beautifully remodeled, complete with a built-in projector/screen and a great sound system.

Pat Plantenberg announced that he and his wife Mary Mystic grew up in large families and getting served first was always a priority. So he organized an auction of the “First Table Served” which ended up going for \$225.00 with all proceeds being donated to the American Legion Post #42. There were several tri-tip roasts left over after the dinner. Pat Platenberg acted as an auctioneer for the leftover roasts with all proceeds again going to the American Legion.

Canton Church Restoration, Inc. would like to thank all of the people that attended the dinner and all of the community members that attended our summer events and made donations to help us maintain and preserve the Canton Church, an important Broadwater County historical building.

“Halloween was confusing. All my life my parents said, ‘Never take candy from strangers.’ And then they dressed me up and said, ‘Go beg for it.’”

Rita Rudner



Perfect Pumpkin Bread

A warm, comforting aroma of the season will waft throughout your home when you bake this delicious and moist pumpkin bread that my neighbor passed on to me years ago. It never disappoints. Using smooth canned pumpkin is the trick to provide consistent results. Get your kids involved in the planning and shopping. Before you head for the grocery store, let them investigate and see if the spices and baking powder hiding in the back of your cupboard are out-of-date. Fresh is always best.

When it's time to bake, gather the ingredients and basic tools you'll need and set them out on the counter. Preheat the oven, put on aprons and get started. Measure, sniff, stir and talk together as you make and bake this spicy bread.

Serve slices warm with mugs of cider and relax together as you experience a new fall memory -- and one of the simple joys of family and home.

PERFECT PUMPKIN BREAD

Makes one loaf

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon each of ground cinnamon, cloves, allspice, nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup raisins or coarsely chopped nuts, such as pecans or walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease and flour a 1-1/2-pound loaf pan. (Place parchment paper or waxed paper on the bottom of the pan for easy removal.)

In a large bowl, mix together oil, sugar, eggs and pumpkin until well-blended.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour, spices, salt, baking soda and baking powder.

Stir dry ingredients into pumpkin mixture alternately with water.

Fold in raisins or nuts, if you wish.

Pour into pan. Bake about 1 hour, or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from pan. Cool thoroughly before slicing.

Extra idea: While all the ingredients are out, make an extra loaf or two to give to others.

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LETTERS AND OPINIONS

To the Editor,

If you believe the 2020 election was rigged, don't vote in the 2022 election. Why participate in something you do not trust? Put your actions where your mouth is.

I believe the 2020 election was the most secure in our Nation's history. That is why I have already voted. I believe in and trust our democracy. America and Montana need to make it easier to vote, not take away voting rights.

It is easy to tell IF an election is rigged. It is when your candidate cannot Lose. I voted to make the 2022 election Fair. I voted to make sure your candidate will lose.

Doug Purcell
Townsend MT

Dear Editor/Broadwater County Voters,

I am writing my final letter to the editor for this election. I want to thank each and every person that has donated, reached out, and helped spread the word. I am humbled by all the support.

I have been in Law Enforcement for 14 years. I started my career in the Broadwater County Detention Center. I worked for the Meagher County Sheriff's Office for five years, and then the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for three years. In 2017, my family and I decided to come back home and give back to the community that helped raise me. I started out as a Deputy in 2017. In the Spring of 2018 I was promoted to Sergeant of Patrol. Later that year I took over our Detective duties while still the Sergeant of Patrol. In December of 2019 I was promoted to Captain, where I currently am positioned. I have been a Coroner since 2010. I hold my Coroner Basic, Law Enforcement Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory and Command Certificates. I have dedicated my career to giving back to the communities I had the pleasure of serving. I truly believe that experience should matter.

I was born and raised here in Townsend. I graduated from Broadwater High School in 2004. I then went to College in Kalispell where I graduated with an associates degree in Criminal Justice. I want every person in Broadwater County to know that I will do my best to continue to provide Law Enforcement services to everyone. Law Enforcement has been a family history for me. My Great Grandfather George Kieckbush was a Deputy and the Sheriff in Broadwater County from 1934 to 1950.

Some things I would like to work on if I am elected are providing more law enforcement services to the North and South ends of Broadwater County. They are growing at a rapid pace, and we need to find solutions to providing Deputies to those ends of the County. I understand that there is a rising drug problem that needs to be addressed. I am hoping to find solutions to keeping a healthy work environment in the Sheriff's Office and work on retention. When one or two employees quit it makes it very hard to focus on these issues. Lastly I would like to start the lunch with a cop program and work on providing a healthy relationship with the youth in the County. I had the pleasure to assist with coaching junior high football these last couple of months and I had a great time coaching these kids. I also had the pleasure of coaching Tball last spring. We need to work on the relationship between youth and law enforcement. I want them to know that we are always there to help.

I hope that I have gained your trust and vote with the election coming up very soon.

Thank You
Nick Rauser

To Broadwater County Voters:

I've been told I am dying and won't make it through another term and that am currently too physically ill to perform the duties of County Commissioner. I am sorry to disappoint anyone, but I am not physically incapacitated, and I am not dying. Like the other 37 million Americans with kidney impairment, I don't have the stamina to perform the physical labor I used to. That's why my partner, Tate Pool, has stepped up to run Delger Construction. I have only missed two weeks of work since I was diagnosed with igA nephropathy, and that was due to Covid, which can happen when a bunch of old people get together for a reunion. Just because I can't frame a house for 12 hours a day does not prevent me from working 5 – 7 days a week as a commissioner. I am not running for commissioner to get health insurance. It's a nice perk, but as far as my kidneys go, that is being handled by the Veterans Administration. I am on their list for a new one, which these days is a common procedure.

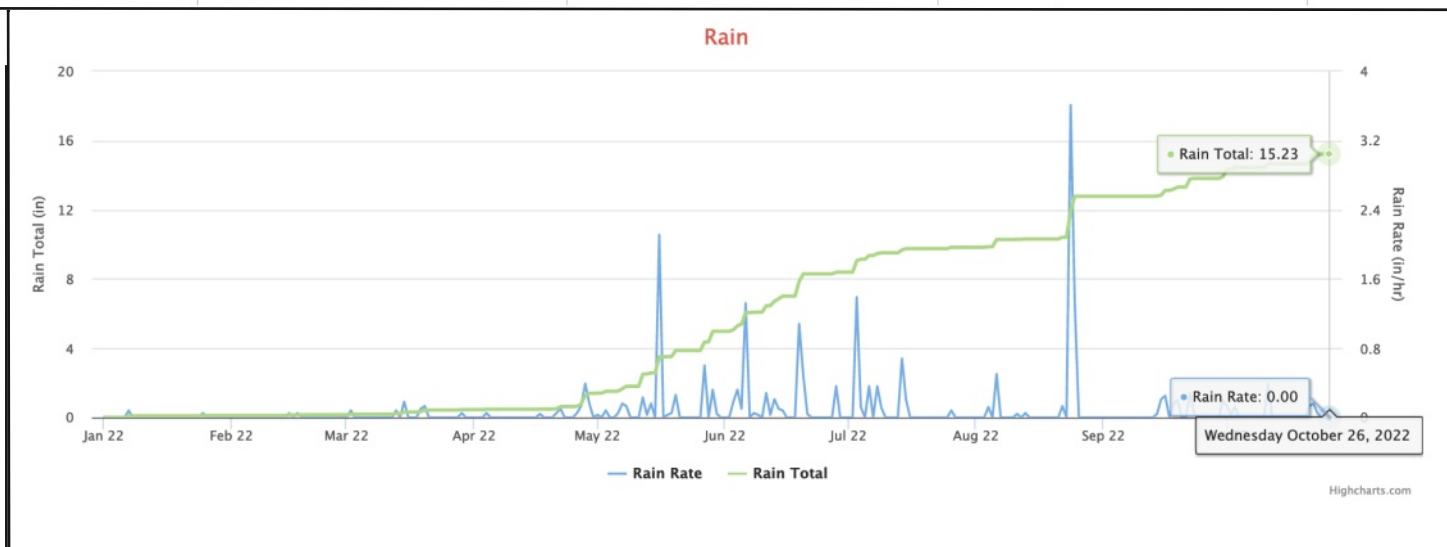
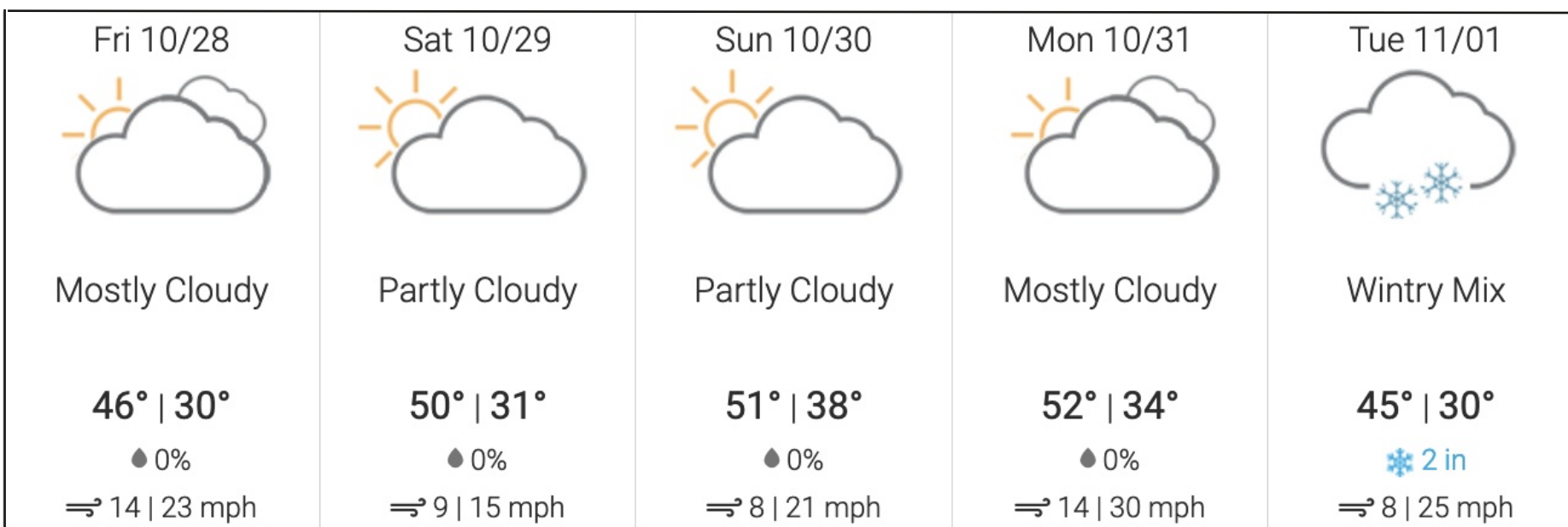
We were able to reach some concrete goals in the past six years. The biggest accomplishment was removing the Townsend Health Center from the county taxes by arranging a loan for \$750,000 that allowed the health center to transition to a critical care facility, which in turn promoted the sale to Billings Clinic. This sale allowed the county to retire outstanding debt across the board and purchase the former Opportunity Bank building which now houses the MSU extension office, video-enabled commissioner meeting room and provides ambulance storage. The county continues to set aside funds to buy ambulances in the future with PILT federal funds. In the end, we were able to halt the levying of mills (more taxes) for hospital district funding. We continue to fund ambulance replacement, and we generate revenue by renting ambulance storage to Billings Clinic. We now have three health care facilities: Billings Clinic, St. Peter's Health Care and Family Medical Clinic, run by Doc Campbell.

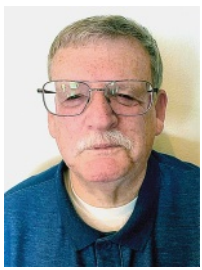
In 2019, the Commission established a targeted economic development district ("TEDD") at the southern end of the county. What the TEDD does is allow the district to reinvest taxes from improvement in the district into infrastructure of the district. We continue to collect taxes based on 2019 values that go to all areas of the county. When the TEDD reaches its life run, we will have established \$10 million in taxable value. The sticking point about the TEDD is the prohibition of residential and work force housing within the zone, a step we took because the nearby school system would not receive residential tax revenue from that housing, which would place an undue burden on the Three Forks school system. I will continue to oppose residential and work force housing within the TEDD. The TEDD developers have offered a land lot to construct a building for public safety, fire, ambulance and search and rescue. We have a request for proposal going out this week, and the building process will subsequently start.

When I stepped into my first budget meeting, things went exactly how they told us it would go at the newly elected officials conference. After the campaign to pass the mill levy for Public Safety, we hired a consultant to improve our budget process. Rather than hashing out every detail of every budget, we transitioned to a budget process that uses the previous years' mill value for the budget base. Now, the budget stakeholders know what they have to spend, and any unused funds are transitioned to capital improvement projects ("CIP"), such as building up savings for equipment replacement, heavy and office. Now that all the departments have CIP savings, we have nearly eliminated emergency funding requests. This year, for the first time, we have a 22-23 fiscal year budget that was completed in mid-June rather than a last-minute budget that fails to allow departments cushion to plan for fuel and utility cost increases.

Please remember to vote and visit www.townsendmontana.com before you do.

Thank you!
Mike Delger, Commissioner





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Alice M. D'arcy
Vic Sample

Alice Darcy was one of many Irish immigrants to locate to the town of Canton along the Missouri River.

She was a fascinating woman who served as Superintendent of Schools for Meagher County and was an early businesswoman in Canton and Townsend. Alice Darcy was the Great Aunt of Eileen Perry who passed away this year.

Alice Darcy (who later changed her last name to D'Arcy) was a particularly good friend of W.E. Tierney another Irish immigrant that eventually located to Canton and then to Townsend. Alice D'Arcy and W.E. Tierney maintained a very close relationship throughout their lives.

Alice was once the Superintendent of Schools for Meagher County before Broadwater County was established and the town of Canton was in Meagher County. At that time, Meagher County ran from the east side of the Missouri River in this valley to the other side of the Snowy Mountains – close to 150 miles. Imagine being responsible for the public schools in that vast area, when travel was by wagon!

Miss D'Arcy also became a successful businesswoman. She opened stores in Canton, Hassel and Radersburg before eventually moving to Townsend. Like her good friend Tierney, Alice understood the importance of the town created by the Northern Pacific Rail Road and moved her store to Townsend.

W.E. Tierney and his partners J.R. Marks and Dan McCarthy built the first major buildings in Townsend – the Townsend House Hotel and the Tierney Mercantile. The Tierney Mercantile was a large department store; the building still stands on Broadway across from TK's Garage (J Rock Jewelry and the closed auto parts store are in the building).

W.E. Tierney allowed Alice D'Arcy to have a small corner of the Tierney Mercantile to open a store in Townsend which was a successful venture for both of them. Alice D'Arcy eventually built her own building at 309 Broadway (where the Mint gaming room is located) and moved the store there. At that time Miss D'Arcy lived with her mother and sister in town. The store was very successful and Alice D'Arcy decided to build an even bigger store with an apartment above it for her own living space. She built a grand, two-story brick building at 314 Broadway (the "Gambles" building now occupied by Broadwater Blooms) and moved into the apartment above the store.

According to the Broadwater Bygones, "Miss D'Arcy made buying trips to New York and stocked her store with the best of materials and women's wear, shoes and fine china and silver." Alice D'Arcy lived in and operated her store until she sold the building to Fred and Bob Kapinos. Miss D'Arcy never married and was living with her niece Mary D'Arcy when she died in 1935. She was interred in the Canton Cemetery in a plot with her mother and sister, Ellen.

Alice M. D'Arcy played a large part in the founding of pioneer Montana both in Meagher County and later Broadwater County. Alice and her good friend W.E. Tierney helped found Townsend and shaped the future of the town.

Most of the information in this article came from the Broadwater Bygones (available at the Broadwater County Museum) and from Linda Huth's presentation "A Walk Down Mainstreet".

Introducing "Little Braid's Quest In The West"

Laura Stevenson

My brother and I collaborated on creating a 58-page children's book in the mid 90's that we titled "Little Braid's Quest In The West". Don Larsen, the author (retired elementary school teacher), provided the historical and ecological details, while I had the joy of sketching out 29 full-paged illustrations. A story you can color!

The story narrative is about a young Native American girl who uses her animal tracking skills to solve a mystery for her tribe. The book's format is unique as the storyline parallels into it an interactive history lesson centering on the West's Native American tribes, North American animals, and plant environments.

Little Braid's and her friend Browtine (elk/wapiti) set out their journey following animal tracks. The introduction of various animal tracks provides a wonderful opportunity to explore with the reader the incredible animal life, aquatic life and ecosystems that are found in North America. We were even able to inject some Montana history using the idea of a "quest" by introducing the Four Georgians and Last Chance Gulch.

The first printing was done in 2005 by the Owyhee County Museum in Murphy, ID. I feel the story has so much value that I had a second printing done in April 2022 by The Copy Cup in Townsend. The Copy Cup has done a fantastic job and were wonderful to work with.

The book can be found at the Reading Leaves Bookstore and The Bird's Nest. Both businesses are located on Broadway Street in Townsend.

Join us on November 6, 2022 from 1:00pm--4:00pm! We are excited to have an opportunity to share the book and feature local Native American artists! We will play "Ring the Stick Game", enjoy Fry Bread Tacos and follow some animal tracks!!! Our event will be hosted at The Bird's Nest located on 200 Broadway Street in Townsend ,MT.

See you there!



November 6, 2022 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Featuring Native American artists and the interactive history book, Little Braids Quest in the West. We'll play "Ring the Stick Game", enjoy Fry Bread Tacos and follow some animal tracks!!!

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Weed of the Month: Horsetail

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

This unique plant goes by many names: horsetail, scouring rush, mare's tail, snake grass, jointed grass or horse pipes. Horsetail is considered a living fossil and the most ancient plant family alive today. It is the only surviving genus in the horsetail family, a group of plants that flourished during the Devonian period about 350 million years ago. It is mentioned in many historical records including by the Romans as a medicinal plant and during colonial times for scouring dishes and butter churns (hence the name scouring rush). It even was used by cabinet makers for sanding.

Description & Habitat

Horsetail is native to North America. Even though it is a native plant, it has some weedy tendencies that can cause frustration in certain situations. Horsetail is typically found in moist areas such as ditches, fields, meadows, along streams and around ponds. The plant is easy to identify. Horsetail has hollow round stems with ridges. The stems are jointed and easily separate the plant into sections from the joints. Typically, there is a white or black band at each joint. Many times horsetail does not have any branches or leaves. Even if it does have branches, it does not appear to have leaves. However, technically leaves are there even though they look more like scales. Another unique characteristic of horsetail is that it does not flower; instead, it reproduces by spores. It has a rhizomatous root system which means that it can also spread through its root system.

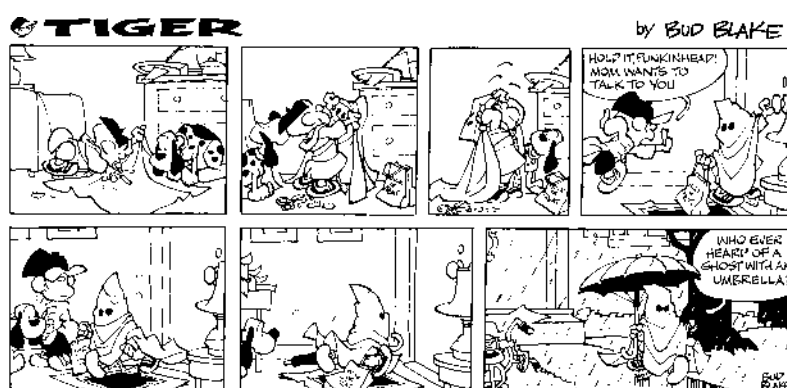
In most situations, there is no concern for horsetail. However, despite its name, horsetail is toxic to horses. It can also be toxic to sheep and cattle, but they have a higher tolerance. However, even horses must eat an excessive amount, more than 20% in hay, to cause death. Usually, animals avoid the plant. There have been a few accounts of horsetail being a nuisance in the garden.

Management

Horsetail is difficult to control due to its reproduction system, extensive roots, stem structure and lack of leaves. Additionally, there has been little research done on the control of this plant. Tillage is not effective and can actually increase the population because of the rhizomatous root system. If you till a field with horsetail, make sure to clean your equipment before going to a new field to avoid transporting rhizomes. Repeated mowing and hoeing can control horsetail, but there is no research on frequency or duration. Similar plants require at least 2 years of repeated disturbance to eliminate. Mulch can be helpful in the garden for control.

Herbicides often suppress rather than control horsetail and are most often effective in combination with another control method. The branched form of horsetail is typically more susceptible to herbicides. Plan for repeated applications of herbicides. Commonly used chemicals include Casoron, Curtail, MCPA, Perspective, Remedy, SedgeHammer and Telar. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Horsetail often grows close to water so make sure to read the label to understand any restrictions related to water. Common chemical names are used for clarity but the Extension Office does not endorse a product or brand.

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



Jail Ministry Gives Inmates Hope Nancy Marks

Pat Lether gives hope to some of Broadwater County Detention Center's inmates. Lether, a member of Trailhead Church, knows the inmates' anger and lost feelings. She has served for ten years first at Montana State prison and then at the Bozeman detention center as a Bible studies leader. In an interview last Tuesday, Pat and Claire Clark of Mountain Valley Church had just finished their ministry with women in the Center. "The women who do come, and not all chose to come, must have permission to leave their cells. They join the Bible Study looking for someone who cares, someone who can give them hope. We help them find the love of Christ and hope," Pat said.

The ministry is a new calling for Claire who just started attending the Bible study. Trailhead Church member TJ Lynde has been leading the men's group for three years. "Some of the guys come because they are curious, but most join the study because they want to be there," he explained. Many of the men are incarcerated because of domestic violence and anger issues. TJ said he has watched men so full of anger eventually let the anger go and find some peace. "That's the Lord's work in action," he said.

While Bible study is learning how to meet the Lord, ministry leaders often become listeners and counselors. TJ explained the jail ministry is important because many of the inmates will go on to serve sentences at Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge. "Our time together gives the men and women the ability to carry the word with them so they find purpose in the long months they have yet to serve," he said.

The group encouraged anyone interested in serving in the jail ministry to contact their church leaders or the Sheriff's office.



Changes for VA Small Businesses Freddy Groves

If you hope to set up a business as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) or a veteran-owned small business (VOSB), your verification will no longer be done by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Instead, as of the beginning of 2023, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will be in charge.

No new applications will be accepted after Oct. 24, 2022, for either verification or reverification, due to the transition to the Small Business Administration. If you currently have a business and wonder about your next steps, go to vetbiz.va.gov and click on "See frequently asked questions concerning this change."

The Vets First Verification Program, using the Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE), will be your go-to for all types of assistance, including working through the initial steps: Intake, Assessment, Federal Review and Decision.

The benefits are worth the trouble to become VA-verified, if only for the set asides that are at the heart of how the VA helps small businesses -- competition is limited, which helps veterans compete for federal contracts. At least 3% of those contracts are held for service-disabled veterans who own their businesses.

To be a SDVOSB or VOSB, a business must be owned 51% or more by a veteran who did not receive a bad conduct or dishonorable discharge, and be controlled on a daily basis by a veteran who has the managerial experience to run the business. In addition, the veteran has to be the highest paid person in the company, working full time and holding the highest position in the company. To qualify as a service-disabled business, the veteran must meet all of the above qualifications and also have a disability rating letter from the VA confirming a service-connected disability.

If you're ready to start a business, check out www.va.gov/osdbu/verification/index.asp and scroll to the guides and forms.

If you're still at the thinking stage and need direction and help in becoming an entrepreneur, go to www.va.gov/OSDBU/entrepreneur/index.asp for information on finding financial backing, growing your business or doing business with federal agencies and more.

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Townsend Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous

Townsend has two weekly meetings open to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesdays – 5:30pm Fridays – Noon

Both meetings are held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church located at 301 N Cherry Street.

Here is a short definition of A.A.'s main purpose:

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership. We are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution, does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety."

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If you need assistance or have any questions, please call or text:

Women (406) 980-0067 or Men (310) 351-1482

JOP October 28th, 2022

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Noelle Beirwagen	Loma	day speed	\$20.00
Michael Aguirre Jr	Townsend	day speed	\$20.00
Zhorana Albertson-Gore	Lewistown	improper pass	\$85.00
Hayden Lohr	Townsend	fail to drive to the right except when passing	\$85.00
Teri Matosich	Havre	day speed	\$20.00
Cindy Martinson	Townsend	fail to give notice of accident by quickest means	\$285.00
		Careless driving	\$85.00
Nicholas Griggs	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Thomas Gardner	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Jackson Destrieck	Snohomish, Wa	day speed	\$20.00
Kaylyn Chafin	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Isabella Croston	Great Falls	night speed	\$120.00
Douglas Mallard	East Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Karlene Kelley	Saint Charles, Il	day speed	\$70.00
Elizabeth Jobe	Toston	day speed	\$20.00
January Heicher	Townsend	day speed	\$70.00
Tracee Hume	Bozeman	day speed	\$70.00
Patrick Hern	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Ryan Holm	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Landi White	Townsend	day speed	\$20.00
William Van Vleck	Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
Thomas Tuttle	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Sydney Tallman	East Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Chelsey Roberts	Livingston	day speed	\$20.00
Austin Rowan	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Carly Ryan	Helena	day speed	\$70.00
Lilly Putman	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Kelly Phillips	Townsend	day speed	\$20.00
Brinley Nielson	Bozeman	night speed	\$20.00
Shane Selva	Helena	day speed	\$70.00
Gino Rapana	Chicago, Il	day speed	\$70.00
Brayden Rivers	Billings	day speed	\$20.00
Shawn Soyland	Butte	day speed	\$70.00
Tavi Mcgregor	Billings	day speed	\$20.00
Shane Mckay	Three Forks	day speed	\$20.00
Leland Brown	Richfield, Ut	day speed	\$20.00
Jason Claar	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Jose Gamez Sanchez	Bozeman	No insurance-1st offense	\$285.00
		Driving without a valid license	\$135.00
Derek Geiss	Billings	operating or passenger on MC/quad w/o Helmet under 18 YOA	\$40.00
Houstus Heppler	Helena	No insurance- 1st offense	\$285.00
Valerie Baraza	Townsend	day speed	\$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS 3

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Heidi Larue-Gallegos – Helena – fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00; seatbelt violation, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine; expired registration, plead guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees.

Dennis Hinchey – Three Forks – seatbelt violation, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine; fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle -owner or operator – 3rd or subsequent offense, plead guilty, \$35.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

William Howey Three Forks violation of commission or dept orders or rules
\$135.00

Quinton Mcelvain Helena checking station offenses \$85.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Bert Ginsberg – Townsend – Obstructing a peace officer or other public servant, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended, on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

Travis Dryer – Jefferson City – expired registration, plead guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees; operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, plead guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Austin Menard Berkeley, Ca day speed \$20.00

Tyler Raue Billings day speed \$70.00

Shelley Cline Bozeman day speed \$20.00

COUNTY CRIMINAL

DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Jeron Miller – City Court of Belgrade, \$585.00 bond

Dylan Kimbrough – Probation and Parole, \$20,000.00 bond

Wilma Howard – Probation and Parole, \$10,000.00 bond

Kalene Bowser – City Court of Dillon, \$250.00 bond

Robert Saylor – Jefferson County Justice Court, \$785.00 bond

Bert Ginsberg – City Court of East Helena, \$1000.00 bond

Bert Ginsberg – Municipal Court of East Helena, \$2500.00 bond

Bert Ginsberg- Municipal Court of East Helena, \$1625.00 bond

Bert Ginsberg – Municipal Court of East Helena, \$610.00 bond

BOUND FOR NATIONALS: BROADWATER HIGH SCHOOL FFA

Eliza McLaughlin

Broadwater High School has sent its fourth team to the National Future Farmers of America Convention in Indianapolis from Oct. 26-29. They are competing in parliamentary procedure after earning their invitation to the convention in an “unexpected way.”

The six-student team placed fourth in the parliamentary procedure during the state competition during the 2021-22 school year. All of the higher-placing teams were unable to attend the convention creating an opening for the Bulldogs. The Townsend team received rather short notice, leaving them with plenty of last minute preparations.

Jemma Loughery, a teacher at Broadwater High and the school’s FFA advisor, said the team was contacted at the end of August about representing the state of Montana at the national convention. Despite having graduated two of its team members and needing to train a newcomer, they accepted the task. “They’re excited to give it a go,” Loughery said, explaining that the teams representing other states have likely practiced and fundraised all summer.

Returning team members include Justene Santi, Jacob Pesicka, Mikayla Kraft and the two graduated seniors: Brooke Edgerton and Bailey Taves. Joining them is Amanda Pesicka, who has not competed in a parliamentary procedure before. Four other FFA members, Broadwater High Principal Sheri Heaven and an FFA alumni member will join Loughery and the team in Indianapolis.

Parliamentary procedure requires participants to learn how to properly run a meeting, proving their knowledge by making a series of required motions while debating during a mock meeting.

Santi and her teammates became involved with the competition after being “blackmailed into it,” she said. While at an FFA convention the previous year, Santi and her cohorts requested that their 9:30 p.m. curfew be extended so they could swim in the hotel pool. After what Loughery referred to as a series of “negotiations,” she permitted the extension under the condition that they form a parliamentary procedure team. “It turned out for the better because now we get to go to nationals,” Jacob Pesicka said.

Loughery was especially interested in having a parliamentary procedure team since she participated in the competition during her time in FFA. The team’s preparations for the competition have included learning Robert’s Rules of Order and how to use the book, and taking a “big test” on general motions, according to Kraft. “That was crazy, that took all day,” she said.

Once at the national competition, each team member will receive a card that lists a motion they must make within the 11-minute mock meeting. They will have one minute to look it over privately. Although team members will see all of the required motions, they won’t know who has which ones. The team must make additional motions while providing debate on the topic to earn maximum points, according to Loughery. Following the mock meeting, the team must answer questions from the judges about the motions they made.

In addition to preparing for the competition, Broadwater High’s FFA has also spent time fundraising to cover the cost of travel. Loughery said it cost the group approximately \$13,000 to attend, at roughly \$1,000 per student. Broadwater FFA Alumni have donated \$100 per student to help with travel costs. Any uncovered expenses were paid for by the students. With such short notice, the only fundraising the FFA was able to conduct was selling funnel cake at Townsend’s Fall Fest and requesting donations.

Broadwater High School Sports Recap

Eliza McLaughlin

The regular fall sports season has come to a close and post-season competitions are underway.

Volleyball

The Lady Bulldog volleyball team played its final regular season match on Tuesday, Oct. 18 against the Whitehall Trojans in an away match. After claiming the first set 25-12, the Trojans battled back to earn the second 26-24. The Lady Bulldogs refocused and took the next two sets 25-18 and 25-20.

The Lady Bulldog volleyball team began its post-season play in Manhattan at the District 5B Volleyball Tournament on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 2:45 p.m.

Football

Bulldog football did not have any scheduled games this week, but will return to host a first-round playoff game on Oct. 29 as the number one team in the conference.

Despite their lack of preparation time, the crew is excited to attend. “Nationals is just a huge experience,” Santi said, calling it the “opportunity of a lifetime to go and compete at a national level.” Since this is Amanda Pesicka’s first time attending the national convention, she is most excited to see and meet people from different areas while learning how they run their teams. And meet new people they will. Loughery said that more than 70,000 people often attend the National FFA Convention. Bringing people together is one of the many reasons the Broadwater High team participates in FFA. “It brings outside kids in,” Santi said, adding that they form their own little family. “Everyone fits in in FFA, it doesn’t matter where you’re from.”

And for anyone confused about what FFA does, Santi says it best: “It’s more than just cows,” FFA provides students with both leadership and career development, Loughery said, which could lead to scholarships later on. Since FFA is an “extracurricular” program, it is a critical piece to an “all-inclusive agriculture program,” according to Loughery. The other pieces of this agriculture education puzzle are in classroom instruction and supervised agriculture experience, which Loughery requires as part of her agriculture classes. “FFA is the fun part,” she said.

After being hired at Broadwater High, Loughery helped set up the school’s FFA program, which kicked off in 2015. And she never doubted that running the program was what she wanted to do. “It wasn’t whether or not to do FFA but how to do it,” she said. Now in the eighth year of the program, Loughery said her students have accomplished unheard of things, including getting to go on a livestock tour in Scotland and Ireland in 2019 after placing high enough at the national convention.

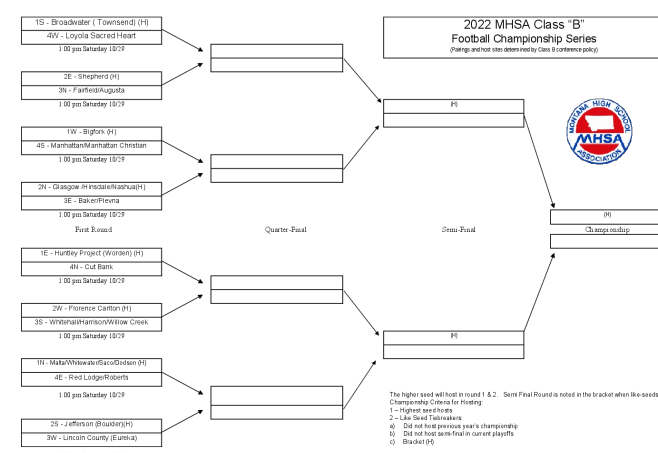
Once the team has returned from the national convention, they will jump right back into competing at the Montana Agriculture Exposition in Bozeman on Nov. 10—12. Loughery plans to take 13—15 students to the expo to compete in various areas. “We’ll need a bus this time!” Loughery said, excited by the program’s growth.

The teams, divided into livestock, sales, vet science, meat evaluation, FFA creed and prepared speaking, are determined by the students’ personal interests. Regardless of the competitions students participate in, the expo will provide them with an intensive schedule, which Loughery said will keep them busy from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Attending the exposition will cost the group \$900 overall and like the national convention, students will pay uncovered expenses out of pocket.

Those interested in donating to the Broadwater High FFA program can do so at the high school’s front office or via Venmo: @Broadwater-FFA. Good luck at nationals!



The picture is the 4th place Montana Parliamentary Procedure Team. The only one not attending nationals will be Colton Noyes (he was on our 2019 national team) Amanda Pesicka is taking his place on the National Team this year. From Left to Right : Jacob Pesicka, Justene Santi, Bailey Taves, Brooke Edgerton, Mikayla Kraft, Colton Noyes, and Mrs. Loughery.



Are You Ready to Vote?

Do you know for sure that you are registered to vote, and in which county? Is it too late to register? What identification is needed? When and where can you vote?

For answers to questions about your eligibility and much more about the November 8 general election, visit soselections@mt.gov. That is the election website of Montana Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen. Click on the “My Voter Page” and fill in your name and birth date to find your own voter registration status, precinct and voting place. It’s all quite simple. A sample ballot is also available.

If you are not registered, it’s not too late. You can register at your county elections department until polls close at 8 p.m. on election day. The elections department for Broadwater County is in the Clerk and Recorder office in the courthouse at 515 Broadway in Townsend.

You may also cast an absentee ballot at the county office. Identification needed is a photo ID document, including but not limited to a valid driver’s license, a school district or postsecondary education photo ID, or a tribal photo ID. Otherwise, a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document that shows the elector’s name and current address.

Ballots were mailed on October 14 to voters on the regular absentee list.

Broadwater County’s five precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. The polling place for precincts 7, 11 and 12 is in the Townsend school library community room. The Precinct 13 polling place is the Toston Firehall, and that of Precinct 1 is the Winston Firehall.

Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County elections administrator, may be contacted at 406-266-3405, or at elections@broadwater.mt.us.

INSIDE INSPIRATION

Unpacking your Baggage

Ellie West



I celebrated 42 years as a Flight Attendant for a major airline this year. As I was thinking about all those years, it dawned on me while packing my bag for my London trip that my bags have been packed for over 40 years. When I come home, I clean my bag, wash my uniform and clothes, then repack my bag for my next trip.

After 9/11, many security-related procedures changed in the United States and abroad, especially air travel. We were repeatedly asked: who packed your bag, has it been in your possession since the time you packed it, and has anyone given you anything to carry? They wanted to know if the bags you are carrying were really yours.

Could it be that we have lived with our emotional baggage for so long that we don't know if it is our baggage? We may even wonder if we are carrying someone else's baggage. Our bags are sometimes packed so heavily that when we get to our final destination, we wonder why we brought so much stuff. Chances are the stuff you are lugging around sits in your bag...you know...just in case. Is it possible that we use our baggage to hide our stuff or to possibly hide from others?

It seems that we often miss our purpose or calling because of the baggage in our life: the limiting beliefs, anxiety, fears, doubts, and not feeling capable, worthy, or good enough.

In 1Samuel10:22 when Samuel went looking for Saul, he could not find him. Samuel asked God, "Is he anywhere around?" God said, "Yes, he's right over there...hiding in that pile of baggage. Perhaps Saul's hiding place could have been both emotional baggage and physical baggage. Saul was jealous of David, the Shepherd boy. Saul did not feel capable, worthy, or good enough. The Hebrew word for baggage is "Keli," which is translated as bags, gear, and goods. In other words, it was just stuff.

Saul was hiding in "the stuff." Perhaps we hide in our stuff as a shield to protect ourselves. Some may see us as having it all together, and yet, we are paralyzed and continue to hide. People ran to where Saul was hiding and dragged him out into the open. They saw him as a man with great potential, but Saul didn't see himself that way. Saul was scared, and he was attempting to hide from the crowd and God himself. He was dragged out of his place of safety and into the safest place he could ever be had he stayed in the center of God's purpose and plan for his life. Saul used his baggage, his stuff, to hide from his call on his life.

As we continue to read in 1Samuel 17:22, when Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other, David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines, and entered to greet his brothers. David dropped his baggage, his cumbersome stuff and left it in the care of the baggage keeper. We know in this story that the baggage is not emotional baggage but rather tangible stuff. Both weigh down the person carrying the load. David knew that his baggage weighed him down, and he knew that with the baggage, his chances of being all that God called him to be would be significantly lessened. He knew that following God's call was not something to fear, so he ran towards the call, knowing he was not confined or restricted by all the stuff in his life. David chose to let go of his baggage.

There have been times in my life when I was like Saul, but I am choosing to be more like David, willing to let go of the stuff in my bags that has been holding me back. We have a choice to make: do we live like Saul and hide or live more like David and let go of the heavy baggage that no longer serves us?

Leave behind all that excess baggage that's weighing you down! Travel light!
To connect with Ellie @coachelliewest
www.coachinghearttoheart.com

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@

Community Calendar

October 28
TSD District VB - Manhattan
TSD End of Q1

October 29
TSD 1st Round FB Playoffs

October 31
Commission Meeting

TSD Shakespeare in the Classroom

Chamber Ghost Stroll - 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

November 1 Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING- Meadows III Subsequent Minor Subdivision

November 7 Regular Commission Meeting

November 8 ELECTION DAY (All County Offices closed except County Election Office)

November 9 Weed Board Meeting

November 15 Planning Board Working Meeting

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesdays - 5:30pm
Fridays - Noon
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church :
301 N Cherry Street

Senior Center

Sr. Center Menu for the week of Oct 31 - Nov 4	Wednesday, Nov. 2 Pork Chops Steamed Potatoes Sliced Beets
Monday, Oct. 31 Happy Halloween! Spooky Joes on a Bun Batty Beans	Dinner Salad with Beans Apricots
Creepy Coleslaw Freakish Fruit	Thursday, Nov. 3 Tuna Noodle Casserole Green Peas
Tuesday, Nov. 1 Terriyaki Chicken Breast Wild Rice	Carrot Raisin Salad Sweet Peas
Key Largo Vegetables Garden Salad Sweet Peaches Dessert	Friday, Nov. 4 Chili Con Carne Fresh Baked Biscuit Sweet Corn Tossed Salad Pineapple

"One, remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet.

Two, never give up work. Work gives you meaning and purpose and life is empty without it.

Three, if you are lucky enough to find love, remember it is there and don't throw it away."

Stephen Hawking

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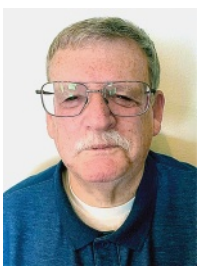
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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



Tech Talk KataOS Vic Sample

Google recently unveiled KataOS, a secure operating system written specifically for “embedded systems on open-source” chips. The operating system is not designed to run on PCs or on Smart Phones. It is designed for the “Internet Of Things” (IOT). Well, that is a lot of tech-speak!

The Internet Of Things refers to the growing number of devices that are not PCs or Smartphones but that are internet ready. Many people have devices that interface with Alexa (The Amazon device that understands voice commands). The Ring Doorbell with a security camera is a popular Alexa-based home monitoring device.

Amazon offers “Dash Buttons”: small electronic devices that can be placed near where you use specific products (like laundry detergent). When you are low on detergent you can just press the button and it will automatically reorder the product, from Amazon, of course. However, the Internet Of Things offers very little security. If they are connected to a network they can be hacked. Alexa in particular was found to be vulnerable to hackers (although there have been no reported incidents of Alexa being hacked).

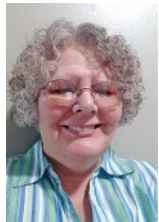
The Google KataOS project is specifically to make the IOT devices secure. In other words, Google is your watchdog looking over your IOT devices. But who is watching Google? Since its inception and until recently, the Google Code of Conduct contained the phrase “Don’t Be Evil”. In 2015 the Google Parent Company Alphabet revised the motto slightly to: “do the right thing”.

However, Google is quite often accused of violating your privacy. The Google Chrome Browser offers an “incognito mode”. Incognito stops Chrome from saving your browsing history, cookies, the information you entered in forms, etc. Your browsing history is not visible to other users of the device. (Note: Google incognito mode does not claim your activity is invisible; you might still be visible to websites, the owner of your network, your ISP, etc.)

Google recently received a \$5 billion proposed class-action lawsuit with plaintiffs accusing Google of illegally invading the privacy of millions of users by tracking their internet use even when they browsed in “incognito mode”. Incognito mode was touted as keeping your browsing history private, except to Google, of course.

The Google KataOS is designed to keep your IOT devices secure – except maybe from Google?

Court Beat 10-21-22 Dee Gannon



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley’s courtroom on Friday, October 21 was as follows:

Jimmy Joe Flanagan had a Change of Plea, pleading guilty to misdemeanor driving without a license. In his elocution, Flanagan stated that he was driving without a license in Broadwater County on December 1, 2021. He is Sentenced to six months (all suspended); a \$500 fine, fees and surcharges of \$80, with the Office of Public Defenders fee waived. He was originally charged with criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth) and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, but discovery made by the State made them reevaluate those charges.

Nancy Wilson, charged with criminal possession of dangerous drugs had her Jury Trial date vacated, waiving her right to a speedy trial. Her Pre-Trial will be on February 17, 2023, with the Jury Trial scheduled for March 13.

Wayne Johnson had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth) and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without liability insurance and seatbelt violation. His Omnibus is due by December 9, Pre-Trial is set for May 12, 2023, with the Jury Trial scheduled for June 5.

John Hart had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment pleading not guilty to charges of fourth or subsequent DUI of alcohol or drugs, sexual assault, criminal trespass to property, and obstructing a peace officer. Omnibus is due by December 16. The pre-trial is set for June 16, 2023, with the Jury Trial scheduled for July 17.

“I personally think we developed language because of our deep need to complain.”
Lily Tomlin

Lt. Colonel Chase Ragen Promoted

Matt Nelson

On Saturday, October 15th there was a promotion ceremony at Fort Harrison for Lt. Colonel Chase Ragen. It was attended by his family, friends, and several National Guard members consisting of both enlisted (mostly sergeants) and officer personnel, including General Jamie Wilkins and Retired General Don Emerson. Chaplain Brian Daum said the opening and closing prayers. COL (Promotable) Renea Dorvall made the promotion presentation and swearing-in of Chase to his new rank of Colonel. Right after Chase was sworn in there was a formal pinning ceremony and an exchange of his Lt. Colonel uniform shirt for a new uniform shirt showing the insignia of a full bird Colonel. Then Chase gave a speech honoring his fellow service members and his family. COL Ragen recognized his family for all the support over the years. He highlighted his mother, Sharon, as a true Patriot who has embodied the Army value of selfless service. Sharon has sacrificed weekends for the past 29 years, which has allowed both Chase and his wife, Daniela, to serve their State and Country. COL Ragen and Daniela also have much gratitude for Ernie and Carolyn Nunn, as well as Gretchen Carrols who have watched their kids over the years. It takes a village.

This is a summary of his bio and Army career (written in army-ese!):

“COL ChasePatrick G. Ragen was born in Townsend, MT, and joined the MTARNG in 1993 as a M1A1 Tank Crewman. COL Ragen graduated from the Montana Military Academy Officer Candidate School, a recipient of the McCarthy Award, and received his commission in August of 2000.

During his career, COL Ragen has served as Platoon Leader & Company XO - 3669th GS Maint Co, TAC Officer - 208th RTI, Company Commander - 1063rd SMC, S4 - 208th RTI, Executive Officer - 495th CSSB, MAIT Team / Deputy Division Chief - G4, S3 Operations Officer - 1889th RSG, Battalion Commander – 190th CSSB, Division Chief – G4, Branch Chief – G3, and his current position as Training Center Commander.

COL Ragen deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan in 2013 as Executive Officer of the largest Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in theatre.

COL Ragen graduated from Western Montana College of The University of Montana in 2000 with a degree in Business Administration. COL Ragen, a business owner, has worked in the agricultural finance field since 2001, in addition to multiple real estate investment ventures. His military education includes the Ordnance Basic Course, Army Instructor Training Course, TAC Training Course, Tactics Certification Course, Logistics Captains Career Course, Command & General Staff Officer Intermediate Level Education (ILE) and Advanced Operations Course (AOC). COL Ragen is currently attending Army War College, DL.

COL Ragen’s awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, ARCOM (3 OLC), AAM (3 OLC), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, & Montana National Guard Commendation Medal.

COL Ragen resides in his hometown of Townsend and is married to LTC (Retired) Daniela Ragen. Together they have 5 children: Sergeant Devinn Ragen (25), Zyanne (19), Jazzie (13), Ellie (7), & Millie (6 - going on 13).” Chase and his father Patrick are owners of the Farm Ranch Credit Services, Inc, located in Townsend.

As a side note, in May of this year, Daniela was presented a Congressional Record award presented by Montana Senator Steve Daines. At the time she was a Major; in July she was promoted to Lt. Colonel and retired from the Montana Army National Guard in August. Congratulations to both LT. Colonel Daniela Ragen and Colonel Chase Ragen. Sergeant Devinn Ragen also serves in the Montana Army National Guard. Thanks go to all three of you for your service to Montana and the United States. Chase and Daniela and their family are strong Christians, and are quite active in the Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church.



COL (Promotable) Renea Dorvall made the promotion presentation and swearing in of Chase to his new rank of Colonel.



COL Chase Ragen giving his acceptance speech



Colonel Chase Ragen and his family.

Left to right: LTC (Retired) Daniela Ragen, his mother Sharon Ragen, Colonel Ragen, Ellie, Zyanne, Millie, Sergeant Devinn Ragen, and Jazzie



Moose on the Move Nancy Marks



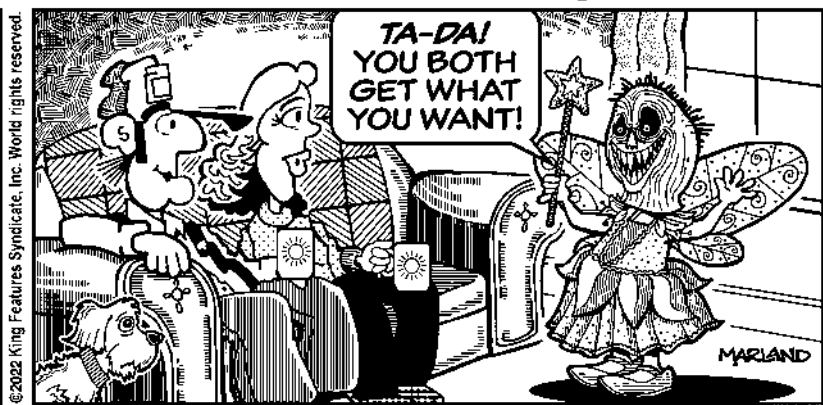
Fall finds moose on the move from the foothills to the wildlife management area next to Highway 287. A semi grazed a calf moose knocking the animal into an oncoming car. The animal was killed outright. The drivers were not injured but the car was badly damaged, according to Sheriff Meehan. The accident happened around 6:30 a.m. Thursday. “The darkness that time of day limits drivers’ ability to see an animal until their car is right on top of it,” he explained.

Meehan cautioned drivers to be extra careful between the Lake View Manor subdivision on Highway 287 and the river bridge this time of year. In the last two years, three bull moose have been hit between mile markers 75 and 76 on that highway, he said.

R.F.D.



by Mike Marland



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

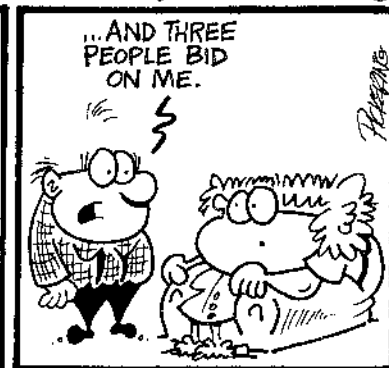
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

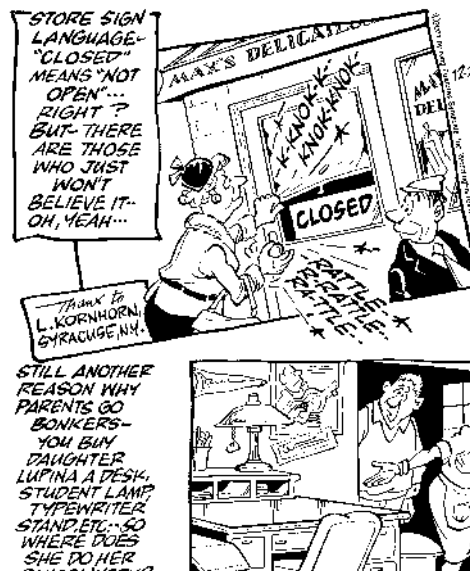


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



BY AL SCADUTO



Super Crossword SQUARE PHASE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Work unit
 - 6 Duo plus one
 - 10 Orangutans, e.g.
 - 14 Plot out, as an equation
 - 19 Desert refuge
 - 20 In an obliging manner
 - 22 Evoking an earlier style
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Rob of "Melrose Place"
 - 26 Enticement
 - 27 "— longa, vila brevis"
 - 28 March Madness org.
 - 29 — mama (rum cocktail)
 - 30 Tamish
 - 32 Rd. with a number
 - 33 Hormone released during childbirth
 - 35 Riddle, part 2
 - 41 Signified
 - 42 Valentine's Day feeling
 - 43 Angle measure
 - 44 History unit
 - 45 Pretend
 - 46 Particular printing
 - 48 Lock go-with
 - 49 Marina del —
 - 51 Riddle, part 3
 - 56 Considers to be
 - 60 Like unripe bananas
 - 61 Always, in poetry
 - 62 Hugs, in letters
 - 64 Airline of Israel
 - 65 Pod fillers
 - 66 Riddle, part 4
 - 71 Dallah player
 - 72 Hotel
 - 73 "— longa, vila brevis"
 - 74 History unit
 - 75 Inedible type of orange
 - 77 Coiled length of yarn
 - 79 Riddle, part 5
 - 85 Fleeced male
 - 87 "The Walking Dead" ailer
 - 88 "Royals" singer
 - 89 Anti votes
 - 90 —Kosh B'gosh (kids' clothing brand)
 - 93 1998-2008 Toyota model
 - 96 Former Nintendo rival
 - 97 Orlando theme park
 - 99 End of the riddle
 - 103 Lack of vigor
 - 104 Suffix with beat
 - 105 "— was saying ..."
 - 106 "See ya!," British-style
 - 107 Ernie's pal
 - 109 Pierre's pal
 - 111 Lariat part
 - 115 Covered with vines
 - 116 Riddle's answer
 - 120 Nairobi's land
 - 121 Prep schools
 - 122 "The Magic Flute," e.g.
 - 123 Provided with a border
 - 124 Small equine
 - 125 Film liness
 - 126 Dot in the sea
- DOWN**
- 1 Droopy cheek
 - 2 Waikiki
 - 3 — friendly
 - 4 Tackle, guard or center
 - 5 Supposed psychic gift
 - 6 Thunder god
 - 7 Sales agents, for short
 - 8 Unsound
 - 9 Like most sandals
 - 10 Sainly glow
 - 11 Court declaration
 - 12 Yale Daily News staffer
 - 13 Similarly defined wd.
 - 14 Enlarged variety
 - 15 Broadcast again
 - 16 Briefcase variety
 - 17 First-ever
 - 18 Christian cry of praise
 - 21 Stood up to
 - 24 Wyatt at the O.K. Corral
 - 29 To a large degree
 - 31 Apparel
 - 32 Totally absorbed
 - 33 Outdated
 - 34 VI doubled
 - 35 PC support whiz, perhaps
 - 36 "Drink" for a constantly critical sort
 - 37 Alternatively
 - 38 Fat-and-flour mixture
 - 39 Utah city
 - 40 Oscar winner Dunaway
 - 41 See 82-Down
 - 47 Have a hunch
 - 48 "On the Road" novelist Jack
 - 50 Cowboy cry
 - 52 "Absolutely, sarge!"
 - 53 Big retailer of outdoor gear
 - 54 Hawaii's Mauna — partner
 - 57 Posh quality
 - 58 Scooped over, perhaps
 - 59 Devious
 - 63 "Get Shorty" star Chris
 - 65 "Masterpiece" network
 - 67 Set — (brawls)
 - 68 Game akin to crazy eights
 - 69 Dot-com address
 - 70 "Magnum, P.I." star Tom
 - 76 Trapshooting targets, informally
 - 78 Stereotypical working-class family man
 - 80 Ace or deuce
 - 81 "If — be so bold ..."
 - 82 With
 - 41-Down, lotus sitters' cushion
 - 83 Asia's — Sea
 - 84 "Spring ahead" hrs.
 - 86 Ties down, as a boat
 - 90 Resembling a hooting bird
 - 91 Bundled, as wheat
 - 92 High — (snubbing)
 - 94 Pull along
 - 95 Khan who married Rita Hayworth
 - 96 "I'm OK with it"
 - 98 Comedian Emo
 - 100 It might be given by a flirter
 - 101 Way to serve ham or pastrami
 - 102 Café au —
 - 107 Wheat husk
 - 108 Water whirl
 - 109 City in Iowa
 - 110 Plateau's kin
 - 112 Law school newbie
 - 113 Folklore giant
 - 114 Exam for H.S. juniors
 - 116 Brief snooze
 - 117 — friendly
 - 118 Fossil fuel
 - 119 — polloi

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The Garden Bug
Roasting pumpkin seeds

- Preheat oven to 300° F.
- Toss 1½ cups raw pumpkin seeds, 2 teaspoons melted butter and a pinch of salt in a bowl, mixing well.
- Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown. — Brenda Weaver

Source: Allrecipes.com

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MOMENTS IN TIME

- * On Nov. 21, 1941, Tweety Bird debuted in the Warner Bros. cartoon "A Tale of Two Kitties." Originally a wild, naked chick with rather malicious tendencies, the character evolved over the decades into a wide-eyed canary with a far more genial demeanor that increased (and retained) his audience popularity.
 - * On Nov. 22, 2005, Angela Merkel became a prime example of "smashing the glass ceiling" and an inspiration to a rising generation of young girls when she was elected the first female chancellor of Germany.
 - * On Nov. 23, 1910, Johan Alfred Ander was convicted of murdering Victoria Hellsten during a robbery that he conducted in an effort to solve his ongoing financial problems. He was the last person to be executed in Sweden and the only one in Swedish history to be executed by guillotine.
 - * On Nov. 24, 1877, Anna Sewell's novel about a horse named Black Beauty was published. Alternately scribbled on scraps of paper and dictated to the author's mother, the book would go on to become not just a beloved classic and adapted for cinema, but play an important part in the animal rights movement.
 - * On Nov. 25, 1950, the "Appalachian Storm" dropped nearly 60 inches of snow in that area, carrying with it unseasonal temperatures and causing widespread property damage. About 150 people were believed to have died as a result of the storm.
 - * On Nov. 26, 2018, the robotic probe InSight, designed to study the deep interior of Mars, landed on Elysium Planitia on the red planet. Data collected from it could bring a new understanding of how Mars, as well as other terrestrial planets, formed and evolved.
 - * On Nov. 27, 1968, Penny Ann Early became the first woman to play major professional basketball for the Kentucky Colonels in an ABA game against the Los Angeles Stars. At just 5 feet, 3 inches tall and 112 pounds, she was also the smallest pro basketball player ever to compete.
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**City of Townsend
City Council Meeting**

October 18, 2022

Call to Order: Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Mayor Evans, Vickie Rauser, Angie Wintrow, Christina Hartmann, Ken Urich, Matt West, (Nate absent) Others present were Coleen Ward, Kari Williams, Tim Rauser, public works supervisor, Keith Hartmann, Nancy Marks, and Jessica Crusch.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Minutes: Minutes approved by VR, Angie seconded, mentioned that there needs to be a typo change bottom of the 2nd page regarding Fall Fest weekend, should be a topic of conversation next year.

Unfinished Business: Peter won't be here tonight however Peter told Mike we received a letter from Copper Springs Subdivision Phase I—constructed and final plat applied for in 2022. We would like to request that Phase I schedule be extended to the end of 2024. The Planning board has okayed this. It will be on the agenda for next time. (scheduled for a public hearing on November 15) Peter is still working on the pool employee manual. And we had a meeting with the Sherriff's office and contract.

Law Enforcement Committee: Matt said there was an initial meeting, in relation to the noise ordinances. We will have to go through things with Peter as there will need to be a change in the ordinances that we want them to address. Peter wants the council to go through all of the fines and make sure they are in line with the offense. Brandon understands the financial constraints of the city and will come back with some numbers. Law enforcement committee meeting on 10/31 at 9:00 a.m.

Noise Ordinance Committee: Noise ordinance has been revised by Peter, but we don't have a printed copy. Fireworks have been brought up for hours to allow on New Year's Eve and 4th of July. No time frame on when they have to stop shooting fireworks. Is there a difference between noise ordinance offense vs disturbing the peace offense? How many times can one person be fined? Peter needs to address these questions. Peter to get revisions to the council.

Pool: Christine asked Tim about the pool. Tim has called a guy but doesn't have any answers yet. Matt asked for clarification on if the pool can be fixed. Tim is saying that the pool can be fixed but needs attention now. No funding has been set aside for pool maintenance. Tim said the pool needs attention now, but it depends on how much cash we want to put into it now. The pool issue needs to be researched and go from there. Pool maintenance will be on agenda for the next meeting.

Donation button on the website: Coleen sent an email to Pega to put a disclaimer disclosing the donation button vs the payment button. There will be two buttons. Jessica had a question about what the 2nd button should say. Donate to City Projects (button)—the list of city projects will come up on the next page.

Matt: Volunteered to sign up for the committee that Peter wants to put together regarding ordinances/times/fines. Mike said that we'll address Solicitor first and then Noise. Angie asked if we could do two hearings on the same day, and Coleen responded yes.

Ken: Citizens have approached him on the vaulted toilet. There is an odor; Lid needs to be closed. Someone said that they called the city office to report it. Matt asked if Mike could call the company to see if there's anything they can do with it, possibly a taller stack. Should it be faced differently depending on the sun hitting it and the wind direction? Tim said he's looked at it, but not sure. There should be a sign stating to close the toilet lid after use.

Tim: He had Jenny send an email to the council regarding the annexation of N. Cherry Street. Brad Koenig looked at it and made some changes, and he wants a response. We need to get back to him. Vickie said to have him come down next week. We also received another email from Blackfoot Communications. Tim read the letter which stated they have an upcoming tower build for Townsend east of HWY 12 and needs to know what kind of permits are needed. Coleen has told them they'll need to contact the Highway Department. Tim wants the council to be aware of this.

Adjournment: Ken motioned to adjourn; Christina seconded.

CITY OF TOWNSEND

AGENDA FOR November 1, 2022
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:30 PM
CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE
MINUTES: Minutes of October 18, 2022
GUESTS and CORRESPONDANCE
Jeff Langlinais-Rotary
Brad Koenig-Whites Annexation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

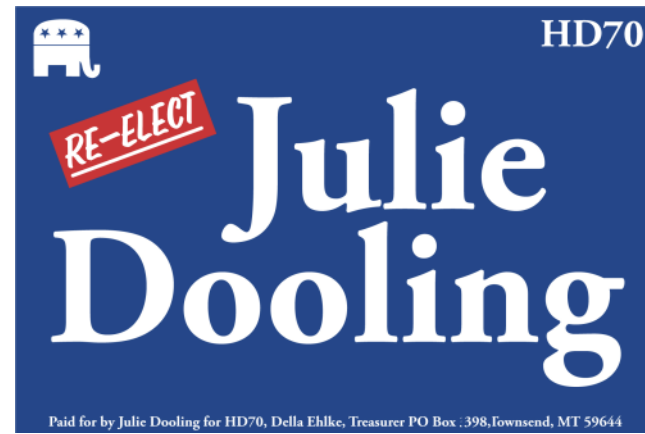
Sewer Ordinance
Water Storage
Noise Ordinance Committee
Law Enforcement Committee
Solicitor Ordinance Committee
Pool Employee Manual Committee
Donation Button on Website
Pool Maintenance
Vaulted Toilet

NEW BUSINESS

Agreements Coming Up for Renewal
Montana Internet – Look at 01/2023
Blackfoot – Look at 01/2023
Joe Nelson AG Lease – Look at 01/2023
Airport – Look at 01/2023
Judge – Look at 01/2023
Law Enforcement – Look at 01/2023
Weed Management – Look at 01/2023

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515 Broadway, Townsend

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All County Offices closed on November 8th (Election Day) except County Election Office

Monday, October 31, 2022 (Unofficial)

10:00 AM Discussion and Decision, County Surveyor, Jania Hatfield, Acting County Attorney

10:10 AM Discussion and Decision, Lucifer Street in Toston

10:20 AM Discussion and Decision, Jania Hatfield, Acting County Attorney, Revision Trident
Solar Resolution and Road Plan

10:30 AM Discussion and Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Helsen Boundary Relocation COS

10:40 AM Discussion, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director,

Headwaters Subsequent Minor Subdivision- Preliminary Plat Approval

11:15 AM Discussion and Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Building Lease or Rent (BLR) unit vs. building

11:25 AM Open Proposals for PAR (Preliminary Architect Proposal) for Emergency Services Facility in the southern part of Broadwater County

11:30 AM Discussion and Decision, Angie Paulsen, Clerk and Recorder/Elections Administrator,

2022 Federal General Election Judges and Polling Places

11:40 AM Discussion and Decision, Approval of Jennifer Krueger, Director of Nursing to the Broadwater County Board of Health Board.

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

November 1 Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING- Meadows III Subsequent Minor Subdivision

November 7 Regular Commission Meeting

November 8 ELECTION DAY (All County Offices closed except County Election Office)

November 9 Weed Board Meeting

Bulldog Cross Country Team Competes At State Meet

Kelly Morris

The Bulldog Cross Country team traveled to Missoula last Saturday for the State Cross Country Meet, held at the University Golf Course. While the Bulldogs didn't bring home any hardware this year, Coach Brooke Dolan stated "I am very proud of this team. Each runner came into State with a plan, they executed that plan well, and they competed with integrity!"

The Girls team finished 8th overall, and the Boys team finished 10th.

Justene Santi led the Girls team with a time of 20:52, making the podium, finishing in 11th place. Nolan Flynn finished in 23rd place with a time of 18:04 to lead the Boys team.

"This is a tough course" Dolan explained. "This isn't a course that you see very many personal records (PR's), but Teagan Martin, Scarlett McDaniel and Carsyn O'Dell all had their season records!"

The Bulldogs have had to battle through some injury issues and other adversities this year. Dolan said that she is "very pleased with how they have faced these adversities, and have grown and learned from them, both as a team, and as individuals".

When asked about next year, Dolan said "I'm excited to see the new kids coming up next year. And we are losing some key team leaders to graduation this year, so I am also excited to see others step forward and develop their leadership skills."

This may be the end of the regular season, but Coach Dolan creates opportunities for the runners to keep training nearly year-round. She organizes fun-runs for the team, and they even compete in some competitive events in the spring and summer. Dolan explains, "My goal is that they learn that running is a lifetime sport. It doesn't have to end after high school or college. If I can do that, then I am happy!"



The Lady Bulldogs at the start of the State Class B Girls race in Missoula last Saturday.



Justene Santi on the podium after finishing in 11th place in the State Class B Girls race last Saturday in Missoula.



The Bulldogs at the start of the State Class B Boys race in Missoula last Saturday.

all photos courtesy of Kelly Morris

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

Here are the athletes of the week!



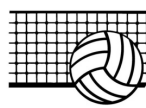
Girls Cross Country:
Senior, Justene Santi: 11th with an All State nod



Sophomore, Nolan Flynn: Placing 23rd with a time of 18:04. (Photo credit: Alexa O'Dell)

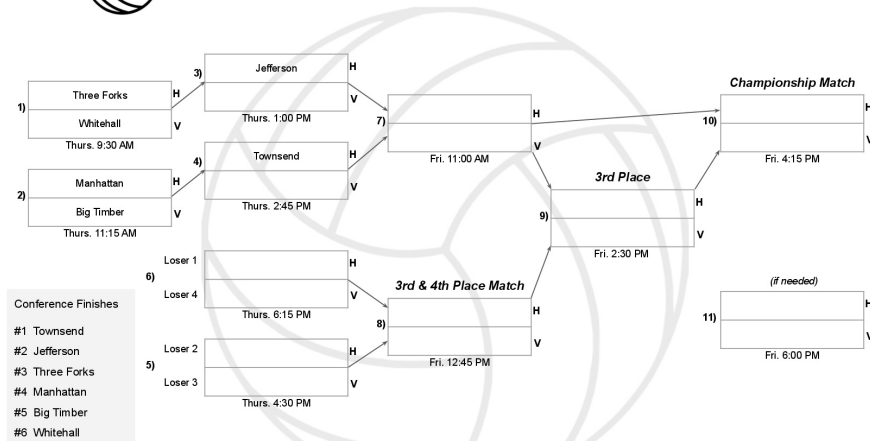


Volleyball:
Sophomore, Nevada Willis
Against Big Timber: 2 assists, 1 dig, 1 ace
Against Whitehall: 22 assists, 2 digs



District 5B Volleyball Tournament

October 27 & 28, 2022
Manhattan High School



- Conference Finishes
- #1 Townsend
 - #2 Jefferson
 - #3 Three Forks
 - #4 Manhattan
 - #5 Big Timber
 - #6 Whitehall



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