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TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SAVE LOCAL NEWS

David Chavern, President and CEO, News/Media Alliance



Local journalism is a cornerstone of democracy and a vital source of information for communities across the country, with newsrooms covering local politics, high school sports, local business openings, cultural events, and other matters that help a community remain vibrant and connected. But the industry is facing an existential crisis because of the unyielding

power of Big Tech platforms such as Google and Facebook.

With less than four weeks left in this Congress, now is the time for the Senate to pass the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) (S. 673 and H.R. 1735). The JCPA was favorably reported out of Committee on September 22 with strong bipartisan support and now must head to the floor for a vote. The JCPA will hold tech giants accountable and provide a necessary lifeline for local papers, requiring Big Tech to compensate small and local outlets for the use of their content.

Big Tech benefits tremendously from journalism content, yet they refuse to pay local publishers fairly for the journalistic content that fuels their platforms. As a result, local papers are being replaced by tech platforms using black box algorithms designed to keep users inside their walled gardens – all while charging exorbitant ad fees – up to 70 percent of every advertising dollar.

Since 2000, U.S. newspaper circulation has

dropped by half, with 31 million fewer daily newspapers in circulation in 2020. The vast majority of U.S. counties with no regular newspaper – “news deserts” – are in rural areas. Despite record audiences, since news outlets transitioned to digital, revenue has drastically declined.

The tech giants have built their empires by profiting off the hard work of journalists without fairly compensating them. And as local publications struggle to stay afloat, Big Tech has only doubled down on their anticompetitive practices, further consolidating their control over the flow of information.

This is fundamentally unfair, and the JCPA will bring about much-needed change.

The JCPA will benefit small and local publishers exclusively and impose severe penalties if the tech platforms do not negotiate with them in good faith. The bill has a limited scope of six years to address a broken marketplace, while the broader competitive landscape is fixed through other legislat

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SUPPORTING LOCAL INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES - SHOP LOCAL

Rachael Elliott-Brug

Everyone has heard of Black Friday. The phrase itself dates all the way back to the late 1900s, the first reference to it being the crash of the US gold market in 1869. In relation to holiday shopping, the origins are a little more obscure. In the early 1960s police officers in Philadelphia, PA used it to describe the absolute chaos that took place when shoppers came to town to begin their holiday shopping. In the 80s the phrase had caught on around the country and retailers began to market the day after

Thanksgiving as Black Friday the beginning of the holiday shopping season. Stores began building campaigns and aggressively targeting consumers with huge sales and deals good only for one day, making it THE day to shop for the holidays. In 2005 the National Retail Federation coined the term Cyber Monday to label the surge of online sales the Monday after Thanksgiving, which has also gained popularity and sales for the sizeable online stores. This is all good for the big box stores and giant chains, but what about small local independent businesses?

In 2009, Plaid Friday was born in Oakland, CA. The idea behind Plaid Friday is to celebrate the small independent stores. The idea quickly spread across the country in a grassroots movement but has yet to become as widely known as Black Friday. The plaid pattern represents weaving the individual threads of small businesses together to create a strong fabric that

celebrates the diversity and creativity of independent local businesses. Plaid Friday is the relaxing and enjoyable alternative to the big box store Black Friday and is designed to promote both local and independently owned businesses during the holidays. Many small retailers across the country even advertise discounts for those consumers who wear plaid to shop.

In another push to shop small, Small Business Saturday was created in 2011 by American Express, and quickly backed by the Small Business Association. With these two major financial backers, Small Business Saturday has caught on more quickly than Plaid Friday, but carries nearly the same message; support small local businesses during the holiday season.

So when you are out shopping this holiday season, and every season, remember to support the local businesses that support our community.

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THE TEDD

Vic Sample

In a previous article, we discussed the creation of the “J24” line that divides Broadwater County special districts with the north side of the line going to Broadwater County and the south side going to Three Forks/Gallatin County. The school district, fire district and hospital district are all split along the J24 line.

The sudden, explosive growth of the Wheatland area has added a lot of pressure to many services in Three Forks – most notably the school district. Even though the Wheatland area is in the Three Forks school district and the residents do pay taxes to the Three Forks school district, many people in the area do not realize that Wheatland is part of the Three Forks school district rather than the Townsend School District.

Several years ago, Bridger Brewing purchased 240+ acres just east of Highway 287 in the Wheatland area with the intention of building a large commercial brewery, taproom, restaurant and amphitheater. Bridger Brewing intended to sub-divide the area and create a commercial development area with retail businesses, hotels, restaurants and light manufacturing.

However, Bridger Brewing needed a lot of infrastructures to be able to fulfill its plans: a municipal-style water system and sewer system; high-speed internet; natural gas; phone lines. All of that is very expensive and would be extremely prohibitive for Bridger Brewing

The answer to the problem was to create a Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD). A TEDD is a legislatively created entity intended to increase economic development (businesses and jobs) to underserved rural areas. The creation of a TEDD is very regulated and must be approved the State Legislature.

I have heard (and read) that companies in the TEDD do not pay property taxes during the life span of the TEDD – in this case, 15 years. That is absolutely not true! The businesses in the TEDD are assessed taxes and they pay property taxes – just like everyone else in the county. They do NOT get a tax abatement.

Of course, there are benefits to being in the TEDD. There would be no reason to have the concept of a TEDD if there was no benefit to creating a TEDD. The benefit to the TEDD is that the property taxes paid (in full) by the businesses in the TEDD go to building the infrastructure needed to create and attract commercial businesses to the area. The money does not go into the county general fund or into the special districts - it goes into a fund managed by a TEDD supervisory board.

Why would the Broadwater County Commissioners approve a TEDD if the property taxes are going to build infrastructure in the TEDD and not into the general fund? The TEDD life span is 15 years and after that, all property tax money will go to the county general fund and to the special districts.

One County Commissioner told me they expect just the Bridger Brewing property assess-

ment to be over \$20 million dollars by the end of the TEDD. If other companies take advantage of the TEDD, the amount will be much higher.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Eliza McLaughlin

Properties, Properties and More Properties: Broadwater County Commissioners

The Broadwater County Commissioners considered several issues regarding three properties within the county: a family transfer and property boundary change, an aggregation of two lots and a discussion on the Brady BLR Building.

First came a discussion on the aggregation of two properties owned by Monique and Steven Helsen.

Although Broadwater County Acting Attorney Jania Hatfield told the Commissioners that she had found a legal means by which to justify the combination of the properties, she warned that the properties existed under separate subdivisions and the new lot would be required to follow both of their covenants and pay their fees.

It would then be up to the property owner to determine how to address conflicting covenants.

Commissioner Debi Randolph said she wanted the property owner to be well aware of the requirements before moving forward with the aggregation. The commissioners tabled the discussion and decision.

Next came a case for a family transfer and a property boundary change on a property owned by Johnny Kurtz.

While Hatfield said the property has undergone several family transfers and boundary changes in the past and posed a concern for evasion of subdivision regulations, Bernadette Swenson of Schaubert Surveying clarified that previous surveys had only been used for property boundary changes and that no new lots were created until the newly requested family transfer.

Commission Chair Darrel Folkvord expressed concern that the property boundary change proposed alongside the family transfer could lead to more homes without review by the Department of Environmental Quality.

“I think if Kurtz could provide some more assurances for us, we might be able to,” Folkvord said.

Folkvord also said that he worried misuse of the family transfer laws could be in danger this legislative session and wanted to avoid misuse of the law.

Randolph motioned to approve Kurtz’s request, but it died without a second motion. Swenson said she would arrange for Kurtz to attend a meeting to state his case.

The final property issue considered during the Nov. 14 meeting was the discussion and decision on the Brady BLR Building for lease or rent.

Broadwater Community Development Director Nichole Brown proposed an amendment that would prevent the owners from selling individual storage units to address Randolph’s concerns about the building being used for residential purposes.

Hatfield worried that the verbiage would infringe on the property owner’s rights and requested that the council wait until she could do further legal research.

Broadwater Christmas Connection

- Applications have gone out through the Schools, Senior Center & Head Start
- Applications can be picked up & returned to Reading Leaves Bookstore
- Please have in by November 22nd to be on the Angel Tree
- **FINAL DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 10th!!**
- Angel Tree will be up on November 25th @ the Bookstore
- Gifts are due back at the Bookstore by December 14th
- Pick-up day is December 17th @ the Firehall

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LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN ART ABOUND

Dee Gannons



The wind blew in some wonderful sights, sounds, and smells to the Bird's Nest on Sunday, November 6 as Native American Heritage Month kicked off with local artists presenting their talents.

The vision of this event was to bring our local Native American community together, providing a platform where they could display/sell their art, jewelry and food.

Let's start with Takota (Bruce) Oldham's infamous frybread. Covering it with taco makings are Sarah Tallwhiteman and her daughters, Tatiana and Kianna; of course, after helping Takota in the preparation of the frybread. Lessons forever remembered.

If the smell of tacos wafting outdoors isn't a draw, the beautiful artwork outside will convince you to examine the beautiful artwork of TeeJay Hemsworth, who, wearing her Native regalia, is a showstopper.

Every design, and every accessory, on her dress has its own meaning. She has been using different media for her art for as long as she remembers. "I always used my art as an escape from the life I was living when I was young. Now, I use my art to celebrate my life; and my life as a Lakota-Sioux." She also brought a jingle dress and a ribbon dress; again, these have specific meanings and uses.

Amy Lee Smith, a Seminoles-Cherokee, sitting with TeeJay, brought some of her rattlesnake vertebrae jewelry to sell; as well as a pair of baby moccasins (her first ever). Amy has since sold a few pairs of mocs and is hard at work hand-sewing and beading them. Amy makes chokers, necklaces, and earrings out of rattlesnake vertebrae. She says "Nature inspires my designs; using claws, teeth, vertebrae and feathers whenever possible". And, it works to Amy's advantage, as she crafts beautiful jewelry, always presented to the bearer with a deep smile, a hug, and a blessing. Amy's Aunt Mary was a sculptor from Helena, Montana; so, it seems that art runs in her blood.

No one was overlooked...kids had a blast, and played ring n' stick; a game played by Native children.

Laura Stevenson, the organizer of the event, wants to thank the presenters, the participants, and everyone who stopped to see what was going on. "I especially want to thank Birdi Kribs, of the Bird's Nest for allowing us the space for this event. My vision is that there be more events like this; not having to wait for a special day or month."



CIRCLE 100 CLUB NEWS AND INFORMATION - FALL 2022

Sharon Potenza

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have any inquiries or suggestions, please contact any of us: Judy Gillespie (406-266-3861), Sharon Potenza (617-953-7637), Sherry Scofield (406-980-1591), Helen Turcotte (406-521-0934).



TeeJay Hemsworth & Amy Lee Smith



HOLIDAY ART SHOW AT THE HOLTER PRESENTS TOWNSEND ARTIST

Nancy Marks



Good art reflects the personality of the artist and Amanda Detterman's work is no exception. The 2001 Broadwater High School graduate is showing 22 books she painted or created and bound herself. Ten of them are watercolor or mixed media in the Coptic stitch of bookbinding. Twelve are artists' journals with fabric covers and embroidery. "Those are my specialty," Amanda said, "I print the pages with linoleum block prints or pastels of some kind. Sometimes they are called junk journals. Artists can draw on them or make collages."



Amanda Detterman (photo by Nancy Marks)

Amanda completed both her bachelor's and master's at the University of Montana in Missoula. By 2013 she was working at Washington State University in Pullman where she did artwork for four years. She returned to Montana as a marketing manager at Carroll College for three years. Since then she has been working as a freelance artist. Amanda lives in the Silos area.

The Holter Museum, on Lawrence Street in Helena up from Bert and Ernies Restaurant, is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 am-5:30 pm and Sunday from noon to 4 pm. They are closed on Monday. The Holiday Art Show began on Nov. 3 and will be on display until Dec. 31st.

"Parade of Lights"

Christmas Parade Float Entry Form
Saturday, December 3rd, 2022
4 P.M. Line Up on Pine Streets, Kickoff at 4:30

Name of Business/Organization _____

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 FLOAT
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LADY BULLDOGS END FANTASTIC SEASON WITH 3RD PLACE FINISH AT STATE



Kelly Morris

The BHS volleyball team finished their season this last weekend, competing in the Montana All-Class State Tournament in Bozeman. Leading up to the State Tournament the Bulldogs compiled a 22-1 overall record, finishing undefeated in District 5B and taking 1st Place at the District tournament.

At the Southern B Divisional tournament, they then ran into issues with injuries. After defeating Forsyth in the opening round, the Ladies then played defending State champs Huntley Project in the second round, losing a close match 3-2. Already assured of a berth at the State Tournament, Coach Megan Bleile rested starters Trinity Wilson and Cassidy Flynn due to injuries in their match against the Colstrip Fillies, starting two very promising Freshmen in their place. The Bulldogs lost to the Fillies 3-1 finishing in 4th Place, but still qualifying for State. Coach Bleile stated, "We could have played Trinity and Cassidy, but our goal was to make it to state, and we had already accomplished that."

Coming in as a 4-seed at the State Tournament isn't for the faint of heart. But then, everyone knew that the Bulldogs weren't your normal 4-seed! After a week of rest and healing, the Bulldogs had all of their starters ready for action. In their first match, the Lady Bulldogs took on the 1-seed out of the West Division, the Thompson Falls Blue Hawks. Our girls made quick work of the Blue Hawks, winning in straight sets 3-0.

This set up a rematch with Huntley Project later that evening. The Lady Bulldogs played very well, splitting the first two sets, but then lost a heartbreaker in the third set by 2-points. The Red Devils would go on to win the match 3-1.

On day 2 of the State tournament our Lady Bulldogs played what, I believe, was their best volleyball of the season. First, they took on a tough Choteau Bulldogs squad, and though every set was hard-fought, our Ladies won in straight sets, 3-0. This would set up a rematch with the Colstrip Fillies later in the evening. This match looked nothing like the match with the Fillies the week before! The Lady Bulldogs were playing very well in all facets of the game. They won this one easily in straight sets. Making it to Saturday of the State Tournament

assures a team that they will place in the top three!

On Saturday the Bulldogs took on the Shephard Fillies in a semi-final match that would determine who went on to play in the championship match against Huntley Project, who had gone undefeated through the tournament.



Trinity Wilson goes up for a spike (Photo By Kelly Morris)

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, they had one of those matches where nothing you do seems to work, and everything the other team does, does. Not to take anything away from the Fillies, who played outstanding volleyball, especially on defense! The Bulldogs would lose this match 3-0. In fact, the Fillies went on to beat Huntley Project in their first match, forcing a

second, but would lose that last match to Huntley Project, who repeat as State Champions.

I had a chance to talk to Trinity Wilson about their season. Trinity said "This season was a success, no matter what! We came into the season with high expectations of each other and the team. We battled through some issues. Some players were playing new positions, and we learned to trust each other".

Asked about the tournaments, Bleile said "Our seniors have done a great job of leadership all season, and it showed at Tournament time. The District tournament went as expected, but at Divisionals we experienced some injuries, so didn't finish where we would have liked. But we made it to State. At the State tournament, I was so impressed with our play! On day 2 of the tournament, we played the best volleyball we have played all year! I was especially proud of Cassidy Flynn. She's had a knee injury for a while now, but she hung in there and played her heart out!" Bleile said that she was "very proud" of their season.

And what a season! The Lady Bulldogs finished the regular season undefeated at 14-0, and finished with an overall record of 22-4. Senior standout Trinity Wilson broke 4 school records, Kills in a single match (29), Kills in a single season (549), Kills in a career (1291) and Blocks in a career (382). Senior Alleigh Burdick shattered the school record for Digs in a career with 2,275!

A number of Lady Bulldogs have received even more recognition. Outside Hitter Trinity Wilson, Defensive Specialist Alleigh Burdick and Setter Emily Bird were all selected for both 1st Team All-Conference AND All-State. Defensive Specialist Luci Horne and Outside Hitter Cassidy Flynn received 2nd Team All-Conference honors. Congratulations Ladies! And congratulations to all of our Lady Bulldogs and their coaches!

From Eliza McLaughlin, Staff Reporter Senior Trinity Wilson finished 12th in the state among all classes for kills with 249 throughout the season and fourth in class B. Wilson also was number one in Class B and fourth in the state for blocks with 68.

Junior Emily Bird ended the season with 548 assists, earning her third in Class B and seventh in the state.

Senior Alleigh Burdick finished 10th in Class B and 16th in the state for digs with 307 throughout the season.



SPEECH & DRAMA

Cassidy Johnson kicked off her Senior season with a First Place win in Dramatic Solo. This is Cassidy's first solo, having competed in Dramatic Theater her freshman and sophomore years and Classical Theater last year. We are looking forward to great things from her this season!



We would like to thank Townsend Drug & Spirits for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster member and supporting our Bulldogs! Here are the athletes of the week!

Lacie Reed, player of the week author

VOLLEY BALL

These Lady Bulldogs led their team to a 3rd place finish at state for the second year in a row.

Sienna Everett:
21 kills, 3.5 blocks, 10 digs



Alleigh Burdick:
97 digs, 6 assists, 3 aces, 2 kills



Trinity Wilson:
23 blocks, 46 digs, 75 kills





GRATITUDE - ALL YEAR

Ellie West

Several years ago, I saw a post about a gratitude jar. Each day throughout the year, you write down what you are grateful for that day and drop it in the jar. At the end of the year, you open and read each gratitude. I loved the idea, so we adopted it about five years ago. My husband and I will take turns opening and reading each note. We do this on December 31st or January 1st.

When our granddaughters visit, we have them write down what they are grateful for and drop it in the jar. They love writing their gratitude on a small piece of paper and putting it in the jar, and we love reading what they have written. It's a simple reminder to reflect on the past year as we read each gratitude. What we have found to be so interesting, as we read through each one, is that we have forgotten much of the goodness that had come our way throughout the year.

I must admit that we have not been consistent in writing our gratitude every day, but our jar is full by year's end, and it is such a joy to open each folded piece of paper and read it aloud.

We will soon celebrate Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday, a time of giving thanks. Thanksgiving is an expression of gratitude, especially to God. I love celebrating the holiday with family, which has become a priority. Our homes are filled with the aroma of turkey, all the fixings, and apple pie as we gather for an incredible meal to enjoy each other's company. We may even throw in a couple of games. No pressure, just families or friends being together.

I am incredibly thankful for family and friends who bring me much happiness and joy, and I never want to take that for granted. It truly doesn't matter where you are celebrating or with whom as much as it is that you are celebrating gratitude. That in itself is a gift.

When I think about the early settlers and their first successful harvest, I wonder what it must have felt like to reap the rewards of their labor. They must have been so grateful for their bountiful food and thankful for having enough. The abundance most of us have is nothing compared to what the first settler may have experienced.

Over the last several years, I have come to understand that gratitude is the key to abundance. When we appreciate what we have been given, we receive more. When we become dissatisfied because we don't feel we have enough, we seem to have less. I don't know why or how this happens...it has been my experience that it just does.

According to Dr. P. Doraiswamy, head of biologic psychology at Duke University Medical Center, giving thanks is good for your health. He states, "If thankfulness were a drug, it would be the world's best-selling product with a health maintenance indication for every major organ system". Studies on gratitude have shown measurable effects on everything from neurotransmitters to inflammatory and immune systems stress hormones. Other medical studies have indicated that a thankful attitude reduces stress and boosts immunity.

Take time this Thanksgiving to think about and appreciate all you have. Let it be a reminder to be grateful for all things...not just this one day of the year. Reconnect with those you have lost connections with, and don't lose sight of the value of family connections, even if you aren't close at times. Maybe now is the time to find things you have in common instead of recognizing what you don't. As you build bridges to connections, you are well on your way to experiencing love, peace, and abundant living.

"Gratitude can transform common days into

thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."
~William Arthur Ward

Book signing during the Townsend Christmas Stroll Dec. 3 from 3:00 pm - 4:14 pm
Jeanne Steele's Building "Soar" How to rise above the turbulence and watch your dreams take flight.

To connect with Ellie: www.coachinghearttoheart.com FB: coachelliewest



SPEECH AND DRAMA IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

Denise Bakkum, Speech and Drama Coach

The Townsend Bulldog Speech and Drama Team kicked off their season on Saturday, Nov. 12, traveling to Big Timber and capturing the Class B Drama Championship. The team is looking forward to a strong season with 14 skilled competitors returning as well as a talented group of 10 freshmen.



Also joining the team this season is new assistant coach, Allie Lampman, "I'm excited to help coach such a strong team. Hopefully, Denise and I can continue to grow the Speech and Drama program and bring home some more hardware!"

BIG TIMBER TOURNAMENT RESULTS: Cassidy Johnson (Dramatic Solo) first; Jonah Wishman/ Scarlett McDaniel (Humorous Theater) second; Kayden Greene/Nykia Mondragon (Classical Theater) third; Jasmine Thomas (HOI) fourth; Riley Rauser (Mime) fifth; Creighton Wright/Hannah Hall/Noah Borrer (Dramatic Theater) fifth; Jenna Mainwaring/Jenna Smucker (Dramatic Theater) sixth; Berlin Korr (Humorous Solo) sixth; Trista Moos (DOI) seventh; Logan Barkhurst (Dramatic Solo).

The annual Townsend Invitational Tournament, will be held Saturday, Jan. 7. Judges are needed and very appreciated!

Contact Coach Bakkum at dbakkum@townsend.k12.mt.us

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Nancy Marks



Ten Broadwater High School students attended the Future Farmers of America (FFA) fall conference in Bozeman at Montana State University over the weekend, according to Amanda Pieisicka who lives on a ranch near Radersburg. The group competed with FFA groups from all over the state in a recitation of the FFA creed, career development and leadership events. The career and leadership events include such events as livestock evaluation and civic activities such as parliamentary procedure. "Being involved in these aspects of farming and ranching helps us make decisions about what we would like to pursue when we graduate," she explained. Amanda is the secretary for the organization.

The group, led by advisor Jemma Loughery, competes throughout the year. Their activities culminate in a district meet in December, then they travel to State in March.

Amanda, who has been involved with FFA since she graduated from 8th grade, says she loves the camaraderie of the Townsend group and feels the most important aspect of the organization she has learned is how to network. "Because we meet so many students and coaches from different schools, we have a broader view of where we might like to go to college and gives us the confidence to do what we want to do in the future," she concluded.

STUDENT COUNCIL ATTENDS STATE CONFERENCE

Nancy Marks

Broadwater High's student council members attended the Montana Association of Student Councils in Great Falls earlier this month where they participated in leadership workshops and heard from three keynote speakers. The students also participated in a "business session" where they wrote and presented resolutions for other student leaders to discuss and vote on approving or denying them.

BHS student council advisor, Allie Lampman, said the crew had "a great time meeting new people" and is looking forward to next year's conference.



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27	28	29	30	1	2 ◆ FALL PLAY: CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY @ 7 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING @ CASCADE	3 ◆ FALL PLAY: CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY @ 7 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING @ CASCADE

WINTER CARE FOR BACKYARD CHICKENS

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Winter can be a tough time for chickens and other birds. They can survive but may not thrive. It's not unusual for hens to stop or slow-laying eggs during the winter. Some breeds such as Plymouth Rock, Ameraucana and Orpington do better during the winter than smaller or less feathered birds.

However, there are several things you can do to improve conditions and increase the likelihood of laying. An egg is more than 70% water which is one of the reasons why water is the most important nutrient for chickens. However, it can also be one of the most challenging ones to provide during the winter.

Chickens will drink about 2 pounds of water for every pound of food they eat. In addition to egg production, water is important for digestion and temperature regulation.

There are several techniques you can use to keep water thawed, and you may need to experiment to see what works best. Heated bases for waterers are available. Highly insulated waterers are also available and may help delay freezing. You can also hang heat lamps over the waterer. If all else fails and you can't keep water thawed, then provide fresh water twice daily. Rubber pans are ideal for removing frozen water without breaking the pan.

As temperatures drop, the energy requirements for chickens goes up. Feed free choice feed during the winter. Another strategy is to supplement with a high-energy feed such as grains or oil seeds. One downside of a high-energy feed is that the excess energy can lead to increased feather-pecking. If you see this, reduce your supplementation or stop completely for a while. Providing options to keep chickens active can help with this too such as offering plant material like hay, straw, vegetables, pumpkins, etc.

THREE FORKS SLOWER SPEEDS

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

City Council Pumps the Brakes on Slower Speeds

After racing towards slower speeds, the Three Forks City Council put the brakes on conducting a speed study which could determine whether the town's 15-mile-per-hour speed limit signs are enforceable within city limits during its Nov. 8 meeting.

Montana law requires that in-town roads have set speed limits of 25 miles per hour, except around parks and schools. To reduce the speed limit on any other street, a speed study must determine that driver behavior at a faster or slower speed could be curbed by a slower speed limit.

"Typically statutory speed limits on local routes are set to match driver behavior and roadway operation characteristics. To maintain the existing 15-mile-an-hour speed limit on these routes it would be necessary to show that the existing driver behavior matches the desired speed limits," read a letter from Abelin Traffic Services out of Helena.

The letter also explained that speeds lower than 25 miles per hour on roads other than parks and schools are uncommon.

Council president Gene Townsend and another council member agreed that spending \$5,200 on the speed study would likely be a waste of money.

"I think what they're going to find is there's no reasons that would allow us to go beyond the state statutes and set our own speed limits," Townsend said.

Rather than spending money on the study, Townsend and a fellow council member opted for the purchase of radar speed signs which will

Egg production slows when temperatures drop below 55 degrees F. A large number of chickens will produce enough body heat that additional heat may not be needed. A smaller flock is unlikely to do this and will need supplemental heat. Safety is a concern with heating chicken coops though. Make sure to shield your heat source and keep it clear of debris. Hang heat lamps with chains, not ropes or the cord. Improving insulation with fiberglass matting or Styrofoam panels can be another way to increase heat retention. If you start to notice egg production decreasing and feed consumption increasing, this is likely a sign that the chickens are cold. Try to keep the temperature at least 40 degrees during cold snaps.

Finding the right balance for ventilation is also important. Too much ventilation and you lose precious heat. However, not enough can also cause issues. Chicken manure contains a lot of water, and this moisture can build up over time and increase the prevalence of respiratory disease. Additionally, wet litter can produce ammonia which is harmful to chickens and you. If you smell ammonia, then ventilation needs to be improved. Bedding of straw or shavings can also help absorb manure. Make sure to clean it regularly.

Light is another critical factor especially for laying hens. Naturally, hens lay eggs when the days are long and stop in the fall after molting. Even though selective breeding has improved this, short days will naturally decrease egg production. Lights can be used to keep day length at 14 hours or more a day to stimulate laying. Sixteen hours of light is ideal.

Watch for frostbite, especially if chickens have access to outside areas. You'll see frostbite on combs, wattles and toes first. To help prevent frostbite, apply petroleum jelly to wattle and combs and try to avoid letting them walk on snow and ice.

Contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County with your livestock questions at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

notify drivers when they exceed the speed limit.

"I think they'd work," Townsend said.

City Treasurer, Clerk Kelly Smith said she was unsure whether the 15-mile-per-hour signs need to come down or if the Sheriff's Department could simply enforce a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit.

A member of the public in attendance at the Nov. 8 meeting told the council that raising the speed limit would simply increase the number at which people speed, adding that drivers should receive tickets at 26 miles per hour for violating the speed limit.

"If you gotta go faster, move to a different state," he said.

If 25-mile-per-hour signs are installed, Townsend echoed the desire of a member of the public saying he hoped it would be strictly enforced.

"I mean we can't tell the Sheriff's Department what to do," he said.

Councilman George Chancellor motioned in favor of conducting the study. It was not seconded.

Americanisms



"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude."
— Cynthia Ozick

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AMERICAN LEGION

POST #42 HOSTS VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Nancy Marks

American Legion members and their families gathered Friday to commemorate the 11-11-11 Ceremony honoring all veterans who served in America's wars. The event was held at the American Legion. Guest speaker Legislative District #70 representative Julie Dooling spoke to a crowd of about 40. Following her speech, Legion Membership Chairman Tony Wagner presented consecutive-year membership pins to the following veterans:



They are Martin Clark, 45 years; James Spatz, 35 years; John and Karon Kougioulis, 30 years; Joe Norcross, Tony Wagner, Michael Fay, 20 years; Roland Heaton, David Macura, Al Bourgeois, 10 years and Mark Boaz and Joann Kolberg each 5 years. John Kougioulis held the office of past district commander and Martin Clark served as post commander.



My congratulations to Lyndsey Richtmyer for her strong win for the county commissioner's office. I am the first to say bravo to Broadwater County's young people to step up and do the hard work involved in doing the people's business.

In her winner's remarks, Lyndsey promised to help manage the county's rapid growth and to improve communication between the public and its county government. She certainly can speak to the latter. She knows and understands communication. She has a degree in journalism. I could not agree with her more. That's why several of us have made this huge effort to start a second newspaper in Broadwater County.

Her first point is another subject: The learning curve for gathering information and understanding the laws and regulations of county population growth is extremely steep. As I have learned just covering the County Commission and City Council meetings, just deciphering the acronyms is overwhelming! There are the COSS, the RFPs, TEDD and the J24 along with BCDC, MACO and MBAC, not to mention researching in the MCA.

Commissioner Mike Delger knows the history of the county and has given these six years to learn the ins and outs of the laws passed by our state legislature that he and his fellow commissioners are mandated to enforce. I especially appreciate and say thank you to Mike for his diligent attention to the details not only of the laws that bind him and his fellow commissioners but also to recognize and speak up for the little guys.

To Mike, I say thank you for your hard work and good luck in your next endeavor. Don't stray too far. We need your perspective on the county's business. To Lindsey, I say we'll all be watching as time and situations change the events you will be influencing for your fellow Broadwater County residents.

Nancy Marks

TOP GUN AUTO BODY REPAIR TO OPEN IN EARLY 2023

Nancy Marks

Ted Culbertson likes Townsend. He likes our rural community well enough to purchase the old Broadwater Ford building and completely refurbish the former car repair and showroom to become a second home to Top Gun Auto Body and Repair which he owns and operates at 2809 York Road in Helena.



Ted Culbertson poses with his "Top Gun" Sign

In an interview Thursday, Culbertson said his operation in Helena had outgrown his current location. He has 24 employees, but not enough room for all the equipment they need to do their job repairing cars, trucks and "whatever else comes in the door". The Helena shop will continue operating even after the Townsend location opens sometime in early 2023.

A former Freestyle Motocross rider, Culbertson is no stranger to risk-taking. "I feel the Townsend location for a major recreational vehicle and boat repair shop is perfect. It is right between Bozeman and Helena on a major highway between the two, plus the lake is right there, for boat repair," he ventured.

Culbertson has been in the auto repair business virtually since he was 16 years old. "I had a full ride to college, but I just couldn't get pounding on fenders out of my mind." He opened the Helena shop in 2005. The large shop has grown into using computerized estimates, pickup and delivery, and finally full towing services in the Helena area.



The Townsend location will begin with three employees, one of whom is now being trained and who lives in Townsend. "I want to fully engage with the community. I would like to work with the high school shop classes to interest students in entering the auto body repair business. The work has become so computerized, so that means we need young people to match the need," he explained.

Culbertson was a major sponsor of Townsend's Fall Fest this year. He intends to get involved in the community's activities. Townsend has become a hub for auto parts and repair with two parts stores, three tire businesses and three engine repair shops with one small auto body repair shop. Top Gun Auto will complement the services.

4-H MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

On Sunday, November 6, Broadwater County 4-H celebrated its annual 4-H Achievement Night which recognizes 4-H members, volunteers and community members for their achievements and contributions from the past 4-H year.

One of the highlights of the event is recognizing senior-level 4-H members who have gone above and beyond to learn and excel in 4-H. The Achievement Award is given to a 4-H member that has become a skilled, productive and self-directed leader by attaining a broad knowledge of 4-H projects and activities. This year's recipient was Colton Noyes.

The recipient of the Leadership Award was Cassidy Flynn. This award is given to members who have learned to identify and understand roles, attitudes and tasks necessary for effective lifelong leadership.

The Citizenship Award is given to members who have practiced leadership skills and roles to participate in community affairs and show social responsibility by respecting and responding to the needs of others. The award went to Tamsyn Kockler.

Ross MacDonald and Cassidy Flynn were the recipients of the Agriculture Award, which is given to members who have demonstrated leadership qualities in agricultural project areas and challenged themselves to continue learning about their project while participating in other facets of the program.

The I Challenge You Award is given to emerging leaders who have the qualities and abilities to lead and to challenge them to achieve their highest potential to influence others through lives of leadership and service. This award went to Bryleigh Erickson, Kenzie Knaub, Cinch Reynolds and Teigen Volkman.

The Friend of 4-H Award goes to a community member, organization or business that has provided a unique contribution to the 4-H program. This year the award went to Eric and Marlo Leachman for their commitment and support of the 4-H program over the years, especially in the 4-H livestock projects. The 4-H Spirit Award was given to John and Samantha Ferrat. They are long-time 4-H leaders who continue to give back to the program in many ways.

Jason Noyes was recognized with the Montana 4-H Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award for 4-H District 6. This award recognizes outstanding volunteers in Montana 4-H that have more than 10 years of service. He will be formally recognized at the Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute in Billings in February.

Stetson Reynolds received the Ike Delger Memorial Award for excellence in the woodworking project. Mishayla Lambott, Gabriella Rico and MaKenzie Truesdell received the Club Secretary Award, and Andrew Beatty, Karolyn Schmaus and Codie Skillman, the Club Historian Award. The following members were recognized for outstanding 4-H stories: Grady Erickson, Myla Graveley and Kyla Meissner.

The following members were recognized for year completion, project work, contests, livestock carcass quality, or Cloverbuds:

Crow Creek Clovers 4-H Club: Anna Dabling, Zoe Dabling, Nathan Ferguson, Bridger Greene, Canon Greene, Gunner Greene, Ari Judd, Benson Judd, Devynn Judd, Emry Judd, Dylan Kamps, Danika Kockler, Tamsyn Kockler, Colter Kolodka, Tanner Kolodka, Colton Merritt, Kortney Merritt, Parker Merritt, Jesse Patton, Gabriella Rauser, Willow Rauser, Blake Roberts, Chayce Roberts, Olivia Roberts, Cole Shumway and Conner Shumway.

Old Baldy 4-H Club: Ava Boaz, Kayley Conner, Cash Hensley, Wyatt Hensley, Bennett Kirksey, Campbell Kirksey, Everett Kirksey, Titus Kirksey, Grace Kroeger, Abigail McCauley, Calvin McCauley, Arabella McDaniel, Scarlett McDaniel, Kyla Meissner, Addyson Mosher, Savannah Paulsen-McLaughlin, Haedyn Poe, James Poe, Jazel Ragen, Kaelyn Sangray, Kensley Sangray, Lane Santi, Tana Santi, Karolyn Schmaus, Karter Schmaus, Caleb Swanson, Claire Swanson, Madelyne Truesdell, MaKenzie Truesdell and Parker Truesdell.

Radersburg Rattlers 4-H Club: Cheyenne Douglas, Gage Douglas, Autumn Henke, Gabriella Rico and Codie Skillman.

Rocky Mountain Rough Hands 4-H Club: Cylas Bingham, Gracie Bingham, Bryleigh Erickson, Grady Erickson, Cassidy Flynn, Colby Flynn, Myla Graveley, Hallee Harrigfeld, Sawyer Harrigfeld, Bentley Hoppe, Greyson Hoppe, Jeffry Klompfen, Kayla McDonald, Ellie Nelson, Cinch Reynolds, Rosyn Reynolds and Stetson Reynolds.

Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club: Andrew Beatty, Anna Beatty, Emily Bird, Tanner Bird, Spencer Braaten, Caleb Crusch, Katey Crusch, Kay Crusch, Aiden Kitto, Alex Kitto, Kenzie Knaub, Mishayla Lambott, Dannika McRae, Colton Noyes, Kaitlyn Noyes, Kathryn Six, Bailey Taves, Emily Taves, Teigen Volkman and Tucker Volkman.

Winston Eager Beavers 4-H Club: Barrett MacDonald, Elaine MacDonald, Ross MacDonald, Lydia McKenzie, Wade McKenzie, Wyatt McKenzie, Sarah Morgan and Christina Pavao.

For information about 4-H, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406.266.9242 or broadwater@montana.edu. 4-H is a youth development program of Montana State University Extension.

Marcia Thompson Jarrell

Jarrell Family

Marcia (Thompson) Jarrell left this earth on November 4th, 2022, surrounded by family.

Independent, sassy, sarcastic, empathetic, kind, generous, smart, beautiful, soulful, funny, artist, prolific reader, good listener, baker, planet lover, teacher, animal rescuer, seeker of knowledge, good human, mother, grandmother, aunt, sibling, wife, friend. She was so many things to so many people.

Marcia left her mark on many people's hearts and is survived by: her four children Jennifer (Colby) Woods, Jason Colby, Sara Jarrell, and Shane Jarrell, her best friend Steve Jarrell, four siblings Beth Taylor, Richard Thompson, Mary Hogue, and Tom Thompson, eight grandkids, two great grandkids, and many near and dear friends and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Mary Thompson, as well as her brother, Ray Thompson.

Known for her prowess in the kitchen, particularly as the cookie queen. Marcia spent a life in service to others whether she was teaching someone to read or making them a meal in her kitchen. She lead with kindness and an open heart and mind ready to give whatever she had to help another. We are so grateful for the time we got to spend with Marcia, we are all better for it.

A celebration of life service will be held on December 3rd, 2022 at 3 pm at Jubilee, 46 Wall St. Asheville, NC 28801. Please bring your memories of Marcia and your favorite cookies for a cookie swap if you like.

An additional Celebration of Life will take place during the summer 2023 in Montana.

The family asks in lieu of flowers to make donations to one of Mom's favorite charities:

Cancer Research Institute

World Wildlife Fund

OBITUARIES

Barbel K. Scyphers, 73, of Townsend, Montana passed away Saturday, November 5, 2022.

Simple Cremation Montana has assisted the family.

To view the obituary and share remembrances, visit: www.SimpleCremationMT.com.

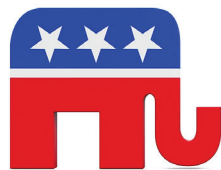
Kimberly Ann Carter, 57, of Townsend, Montana passed away Saturday, November 5, 2022.

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LEGISLATIVE REPUBLICANS EXCITED TO GET TO WORK FOLLOWING THE ELECTION

MT Senate Majority



HELENA, MT— Republicans are excited to get to work advancing conservative policies for the people of Montana following yesterday's general election in which the GOP won commanding majorities in the state Legislature. The 68th Montana Legislature will convene on January 2, 2023.

"Now that it's known who will be serving in the Legislature, Republican lawmakers are ready to ramp up their efforts to provide Montanans with financial relief, strengthen our economy, protect our freedoms, and preserve the Montana way of life in the upcoming session," said Kyle Schmauch, a spokesperson for legislative Republicans.

Republicans are on track to secure a historic supermajority in the state Legislature. As of midday Wednesday, Republicans had won a minimum of 98 legislative seats. If ongoing vote tallies hold, voters will have elected 34 Republicans to serve in the Senate and 69 Republicans to serve in the House, for a total of 103 Republican legislators, three above the supermajority threshold. A handful of races could come down to provisional ballots and one is flagged on the Montana Secretary of State's website for a potential recount.

No political party has had a legislative supermajority under the current 100 representatives and 50 senators makeup of the Legislature, which was established in 1975. Between 1975 and 2021, the Republicans' record was 99 seats in the Legislature in 1997 and the Democrats' biggest total was 97 in 1975.

The record in each chamber was 68 House Republicans in 2011 and 34 Senate Republicans in 1997.

"Voters spoke loudly and clearly that they want Republican lawmakers to build on the historic successes of the last legislative session and they're excited to get to work," Schmauch said.

Schmauch also highlighted the broad diversity of experience within the incoming Senate Republican caucus.

"The Senate Republican caucus includes eight senators with careers in agriculture, three teachers, at least 10 who are primarily business entrepreneurs, a boilermaker, an attorney, and a horse trainer," he said. "Senate Republicans' professions also include forest products, social services, financial planning, construction and carpentry, public service, land use planning, law enforcement, and journalism and public relations."

"The caucus is also proud to have five military veterans who will serve as Senate Republicans as well as one senator who was in the Peace Corps. Further, the caucus has a strong sportsman and conservation ethic, with 94% of Senate Republicans having been hunters and fisherman during their lives and many who are currently very avid hunters and fishermen."

The next major milestone for legislators will come next week when they gather to caucus and elect their leadership teams on November 16. Following leadership elections and committee appointments, legislative leaders will start outlining their priorities and goals in more detail as they prepare to gavel in the upcoming session.

Tax relief, handling Montana's budget surplus, and red tape relief are early priorities that legislative Republicans expect to address during the 68th Legislature.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod, 301 N. Cherry St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Women of the ELCA meet second Tuesday every month at 6:00 PM. Bible Studies meet weekly. Call Ross Johnson, Council President, for more information, at (406) 465-3791.

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

Townsend United Methodist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Mele Moe, 266-3390 Townsend-UMC.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.



November 11 at 11:00 am

American Legion Veteran's Day Celebration and Free Lunch

November 14

County Commissioners Meeting

November 18

At The Lodge: Free Shakespeare in the Park 50th Anniversary

November 24

American Legion Thanksgiving Pot Luck

December 3

Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Stroll

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays - 5:30 pm Fridays - Noon

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church :

301 N Cherry Street

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MENU NOVEMBER
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Dessert
Birthday Cake

Monday, Nov. 21
Swedish Meatballs
Steamed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Apricot Halves

Wednesday, Nov. 23
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Golden Corn
Tossed Salad
Plump Peaches

Tuesday, Nov. 22
Thanksgiving Dinner
Roasted Turkey
Mashed Potatoes

Thursday, Nov. 26
Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Bread Stuffing
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Plum Peaches

Friday, Nov. 27
Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



Signs of 'Adulging'*

1. Have a budget
2. Buy a house
3. File own taxes
4. Track credit score
5. Invest in 401(k)
6. Do own laundry
7. Regular doctor visits
8. Make grocery list
9. Cook own dinners
10. Watch nightly news

* ages 18-51 polled

Source: Farm Rich

The difference between "garden" mums and "florist" mums is their hardiness. "Florist" mums are sold from grocery stores and flower shops, useful only as indoor potted plants for seasonal decor and won't survive a winter if you plant them outdoors. "Garden" versions are sold from nurseries as tough perennials meant for outdoor landscapes year round. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.hgtv.com

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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"What Happened this Week in History"

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November 17

1938

"Canton Valley News"

Miss Grace Mannix of San Francisco, Calif. and Miss Nellie Mannix of Divide were weekend guests of their uncle John Mannix and family near Canton.

Glenn Betty and Ralph Kirscher of Bozeman, Bill Davidson, Edith Agnes Ballard and Marian Trumbull of Townsend attended the Grizzly – Bobcat game at Butte on Saturday, returning that evening to the Guy Kirscher ranch near Canton and remained over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weiferich and family had as Sunday guests Mr. Joe Myer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan and family

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. Gray Keen were capitol business callers on Saturday and Monday respectively.

Mrs. Lloyd Noble and children departed for their home in Helena Sunday after visiting the past week at the Roy Noble ranch and in Townsend with her mother, Mrs. Chas. Burgess. Lloyd motored to Helena yesterday with his father.

Hubert Plymale, Roy Noble and son, Lloyd Noble, Ben Bellville and sons, Lester and Lloyd, Ray Roope, Ray Hancock, Tommy Perkins are reported as being successful in bagging their buck a few days before the closing of the season. Ben's deer, a four point, weighed 184 pounds, and Tommy Perkins' 238 pounds. And is thought to be the largest in this county killed this season.

Miss Thelma Bellville is preparing to move to Canton this week to keep house for her two brothers, Lloyd and Homer, during the winter months the boys are attending school at Canton since there is no school in the Missouri Valley school district this year.

1949

"Senior Play Said to Excel Other H.S. Productions"

A large and appreciative group attended the senior play "Oh Promise Me", a comedy, given here last Thursday night by the senior class of Broadwater County High School. Three directors, Miss Campbell, Mr. Cusick and Mr. Reyner assisted.

Those who took the roles, all of whom deserve much credit for the successful production were: Dick Bales, Max Luna, Ray Nydegger, Romana Luna, Alice Miller, Betty Smith, Billie Zimmerman, Peggy Graveley, Sharley Williams and Jacob Mitchell.

"Local News"

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ragen and Mrs. W.J. Gaab returned from Chicago Monday evening after a three weeks visit there.

A number of Townsend men took the Shrine obligations in Helena last Saturday among them W.D. Neifert, Paul Carson, Woodrow and Cleveland Wallace and Don Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Day and little son came from Ennis to spend the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Watkin.

Miss Louise Flynn passed thru Townsend from Helena to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Flynn near Toston.

Wm. Cotter was a recent visitor in Missoula attending to business, he said, and visiting his daughter Rose, who is a student at the university.

1955

"Junior Class Play Tuesday"

The junior class of Broadwater County High School will present the annual play to the public next Tuesday, November 22nd. The class have chosen a humorous production entitled "A Boy Named Beulah". It's a "howl-arious funfest" in three acts for eight young men and eight young women. A matinee will be given on the previous afternoon.

Those taking the roles are: Bryan Welch as Corky; Mona Karhoff as Polly; Dennis Quinn as Hank; David Olsen as Ted; Tommy Perry as Scat; Judy Sitton as Aimee; Mary Ann Doucett as Ava; Phyllis Molitor as Nanelle; Wally Rauser as Chillford; Kenny Schwisow as Grant; Mary Pat Sullivan as Beulah; Claudia Flynn as

Aunt Beulah; Patricia Blaisdell as Nora; Larry Heberle as Bertie; Janet Adams as Marmalade; Jimmy Deadmond as Tongo.

There will be entertainment between acts and those who attend are sure to be well entertained.

1966

"Gillespie Honored by Quarterback Club in Helena"

Broadwater County High School head coach, Jack Gillespie, received special honor at the November meeting of the Capital City Quarterback Club in Helena Monday night. He was accompanied by his assistants and the football squad.

Gillespie spoke to the group about 8-man football and directed a question and answer period. Colored films of the Townsend football games were shown.

Gillespie was an all-state end at the Helena High in 1958 and a 2 time Montana Collegiate Conference end selection. He was also MCC javelin champion and qualified for the NAIA national finals.

"Local News"

Jimmy Brammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brammer, was six years old Tuesday, Nov. 8, and to help him celebrate Mrs. Charles Holling gave a birthday party for him. The guests played games and were served refreshments and Jim opened his gifts. Those joining the fun were Jenny, Joey and Annie Dwyer, Kelly Sullivan, Barry Clark, Johnny Geisser and Kim Brammer.

"Walker Opens Youth Recreation Center Here"

Hank Walker is announcing the opening of a Youth Recreation Center in the old Ross building that was recently vacated by the Townsend Implement. The west half of the building only is being used for this purpose.

There have been pool tables, juke box, etc. put in the building for the amusement and pleasure of the youth. Although all the equipment and fixtures have not been installed, Walker has opened for business.

Mr. Walker has established very strict rules for the business and says they will be strictly enforced. He invites all parents to visit the Youth Center. Mr. and Mrs. Walker will operate the business which will not be open during school hours.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

515 Broadway, Townsend

Meetings are held at the Flynn Building (old Opportunity Bank) 416 Broadway.

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Monday, November 21, 2022 (Unofficial)
No meeting. Wednesday, November 23, 2022 (Unofficial)

10:00 AM Public Hearing, Resolution of Intent to Consider Consolidation of Clerk & Recorder Office and County Surveyor

10:05 AM Discussion and Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development Director, Brady BLR (Building for Lease or Rent)

10:10 AM Discussion & Decision, Headwaters Minor Subsequent Minor Subdivision 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 meet-

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DPHHS Reminds Montanans about Increased WIC Benefits

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) officials said today that increased benefits are now available to families through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, commonly known as WIC.

"We want to ensure that WIC recipients and those who are eligible, but not yet enrolled for the program, are aware that benefits increased in October," said Kevin Moore, acting WIC Director for DPHHS. "This is great news because we know that with increases in food prices, times are tough for many families. The additional benefit will help families get the nutrition they need."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which funds WIC, increased the monthly benefit to buy more fruit and vegetables. Households will now receive \$25 per month for children up to age five, \$44 for those pregnant, postpartum, or partially breastfeeding, and \$49 for those who are fully breastfeeding for fruits and vegetables. On average, this amounts to a monthly benefit increase of 37% for Montana families.

The last time the benefit amounts experienced this large of increase was in 2009.



"When I was first enrolled in WIC, program staff helped ensure my family had necessary information, such as proper nutrition and the benefits of breastfeeding," said former WIC recipient Whitney Fisher of Helena. "Program staff helped answer all questions gave us tools to be successful as parents. They just really helped relieve so much angst, and I can't thank them enough."

WIC in Montana includes 29 local agencies and over 80 clinic sites serving all 56 counties and seven tribal reservations. In Montana, almost 14,000 women, infants and children

are enrolled. DPHHS and local WIC offices across the state encourage all those who are interested and possibly eligible for the program to apply.

WIC eligibility requires participants to be pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding, or have a child younger than five. Participants must also meet income requirements—making less than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level or qualify for Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, or free/reduced school meal program. Specific WIC eligibility guidelines can be found on the DPHHS website.

WIC was created in 1974 to help families and young children during a critical time of growth and development. The program's benefits include providing families access to healthy food, breastfeeding education, referral to other health and social services, and much more. WIC is a voluntary program, and participation does not interfere with other programs such as SNAP or Medicaid.

To learn more about WIC or find out if you are eligible, go to www.dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/wic/index. Families can also reach out to your local WIC clinic or visit www.signupwic.com. The state office may be reached at 1-800-433-4298 or via email at montanawicprogram@mt.gov

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Johnny Umami Soup

Eileen Clarke - Rifles and Recipes

Serves 4

Let's start with Johnny—he's my husband—then move on quickly to umami. Umami is one of the 5 flavors humans are capable of tasting: sweet, sour, salt, bitter, and umami. The first four are self-explanatory. Umami is beef, soy sauce, Parmesan cheese, you get the gist. We all favor one or two of the flavors. Personally, I'm heavy into sweet and salt. And, obviously, Johnny is umami, thus the name of this soup. PS: I like to start this soup with a skillet and a Dutch oven. Oh, and all but the fresh marjoram & Madeira can be found at Bob's Thriftway. If you don't have fresh marjoram, the usual substitution is for a third less dried leaf: so 1 tablespoon. Bob's has that too. (The Madeira is at Townsend Drug.)

- 3 cups water
- 2 tablespoons turkey or chicken BTB base
- 3-4 tablespoons oil
- 1 pound chopped venison
- 11 ounces (2 ½ to 3 cups) sliced portobello mushrooms
- 1 ½ to 2 yellow onions, chopped (about 2 1/2 cups)
- ½ cup Madeira
- 3/8 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- Several sprigs of marjoram (at least 3 tablespoons fresh)

1. Start the Dutch oven (DO) over high heat. Add the water and BTB. When it comes to a simmer, turn the heat down so it remains at a simmer. At the same time, start a large fry pan over

medium-high heat with 2 tablespoons of the oil.

2. When the oil starts to sizzle, brown the meat on both sides in two batches, and transfer each batch to the DO as it is done. Add another tablespoon of oil, and add the onions. Sauté them until soft, not browned, and add them to the DO. Now add a bit more oil and add the sliced mushrooms to the pan. Turn the heat down to medium-low and let the mushrooms darken and soften. (Mushrooms tend to soak up a lot of oil, so add a bit, if needed.)

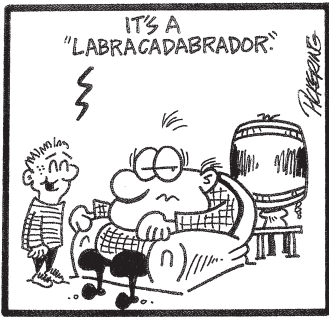
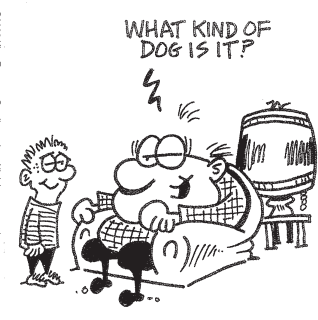
3. Once the mushrooms are dark and soft, pour the Madeira into a measuring cup and add it to the mushrooms. Raise the heat to medium, and let the Madeira simmer away until you can run a spatula through the mushrooms and not have the liquid back-fill right away. Add that to the DO.

4. Using fresh marjoram? Tie the sprigs together with string and submerge them in the soup. Gently. Add the pepper, cover the DO and bring it to a simmer. Simmer for 30 minutes and serve with hard rolls.

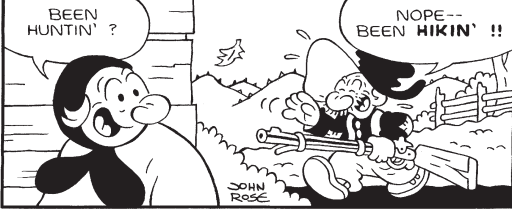
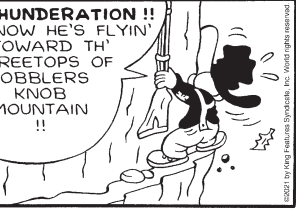
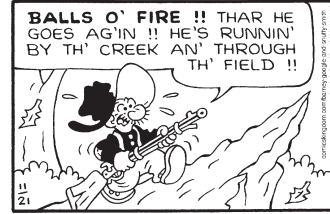
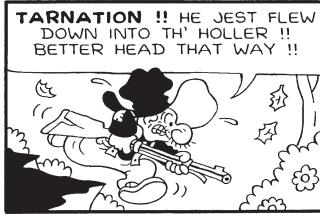
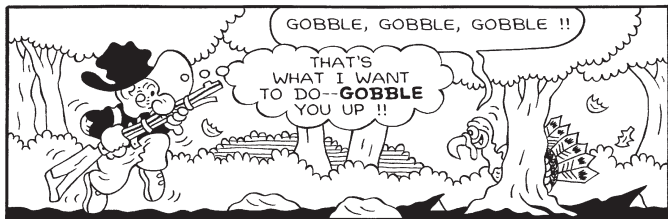
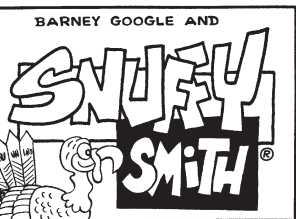
Game Care Notes: This is a quick-cooking soup, so it's important to use tender meat, which usually means younger animals/brining or marinating, or aging the meat before cutting. Why? All animals have collagen. Lopez-Alt, in *The Food Lab*, adds that newborn fawns' and calves' collagen is 'soluble' but as any animal ages, the collagen 'organizes' or toughens.

Right now I'm thinking of the bull elk my John took a few years ago. It was several years old, a 7x7. Had lots of time to organize his collagen. He wasn't as tough as the muskox John took in Nunavut, Canada, but he was not tender. The weather was perfect for aging, at 33-39 degrees and I decided to do an experiment. While the rest of the bull hung in our garage, I trimmed the backstraps, put them in the fridge (a constant 37F, so comparable to the garage) and waited. Every 2-4 days, I cooked a small slice. The result? One week made it more tender; 2 weeks noticeably more tender; 2 1/2 weeks not an appreciable difference. We immediately cut, wrapped and froze the elk.

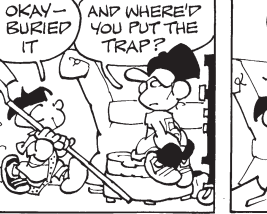
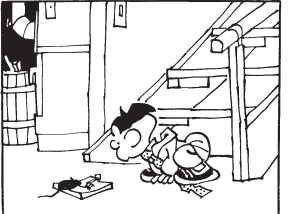
The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

Super Crossword

A STUDY IN SCARLETT

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- 1 Acquire a wintry glaze
 - 6 Ending for Rock
 - 10 Dollars and cents
 - 14 Woodard with four Emmys
 - 19 Many a Jamaican believer, informally
 - 20 Canine pain
 - 22 "Yes, —"
 - 23 1936 film sequel with William Powell and Myrna Loy
 - 25 Utter words
 - 26 — Boys (hit rap trio)
 - 27 "Lenore" poet
 - 28 Suffered
 - 29 Abbr. on a naval vessel
 - 30 A wide physical variety
 - 37 Stretch (out)
 - 38 Oscar winner
 - 39 Seattle baseball team
 - 40 Possible reply to "Who's there?"
 - 43 Debater's platform
 - 44 Model Klum
 - 46 While lead-in
 - 47 1997 James Bond film
 - 51 — trial basis
 - 52 Mess up morally
 - 53 Locale of Ali's "Rumble in the Jungle"
 - 54 Immune response
 - 59 Mess up
 - 61 Canine coat
 - 63 Scarf site
 - 65 "Yay, me!"
 - 66 Question about a weak effort
 - 72 Woman on the throne
 - 73 Designer
 - 74 Father
 - 75 LA-to-IN dir.
 - 76 Apply via an aerosol
 - 79 Rockability singer
 - 82 "Send help!"
 - 84 Epoch
 - 86 Influential Brian Eno album of 1975
 - 90 Peter of "Columbo"
 - 94 Dark beer
 - 95 Rock guitarist
 - 96 No-brainer
 - 97 Cut across
 - 99 "La Roi d'Ys" composer
 - 100 Sun. church oration
 - 101 Fifteen minutes of fame
 - 105 Triceps' place
 - 108 Quick snacks
 - 109 Intense anger
 - 110 Electrical resistance
 - 112 Shrink back
 - 113 Novel and film whose last line is formed by six key words in this puzzle
 - 118 "— Is Born"
 - 119 Came to an end
 - 120 Finnish architect
 - 121 Comes to an end
 - 122 Je ne — quoi
 - 123 Bullets, e.g.
 - 124 Hair lock
 - 3 "Cómo —?"
 - 4 Rugged trucks, briefly
 - 5 Ones sharing in meals, e.g.
 - 6 Jazz singer
 - 7 "Little piggy"
 - 8 Young child
 - 9 Verb suffix in the Bible
 - 10 Olympic craft
 - 11 Top points
 - 12 "— Na Na"
 - 13 She cackles
 - 14 Home of St. Francis
 - 15 Contour of one's kisser
 - 16 Coldest refrigerator part
 - 17 Bookworms
 - 18 "Oh no, mice!"
 - 21 River giant, informally
 - 24 Floor square
 - 28 Actor Brody
 - 31 Deli side dish
 - 32 Ketchup brand
 - 33 Befuddled
 - 34 Surrounded by
 - 35 Gymnast
 - 36 JFK jet, once
 - 37 Angry music genre
 - 40 Skater Midori
 - 41 Gets rid of some flab
 - 42 More brainy
 - 43 Dunkable treat
 - 44 "— mud in your eye!"
 - 45 Put up
 - 48 Rock fissure
 - 49 Pickling liquid
 - 50 Clc — (Bic brand)
 - 55 Persia, now
 - 56 Artillery unit members
 - 57 Aged
 - 58 Prefix with classical
 - 60 Actress
 - 62 Pi follower
 - 64 Early English dramatist
 - 66 Mental figs.
 - 67 Novelist
 - 68 Peace
 - 70 Surrounded (by)
 - 71 Japanese brand
 - 73 Wheat noodle
 - 77 Beginnings (fuss over)
 - 78 Tally mark
 - 80 Strain at —
 - 81 Shrimplike crustacean
 - 83 Sugary delicacy, old-style
 - 85 Org. for periodontists
 - 87 Carry along
 - 88 Race in "The Time Machine"
 - 89 Rowing tool
 - 90 Bouquet-bringing co.
 - 91 Middle East
 - 92 Let have it
 - 93 Ski mask, e.g.
 - 98 Villains' looks
 - 99 Lerner's partner in musicals
 - 100 "Quiet down"
 - 102 Moses' mount
 - 103 Hunts quarry
 - 104 Reached
 - 105 Moving sprly
 - 106 Fees for flats
 - 107 Old PC platform
 - 111 Wage — of words
 - 112 Used to exist
 - 113 Motorist's navig. aid
 - 114 Ending for Rock
 - 115 Boise is its cap.
 - 116 Actor Hanks
 - 117 Fan sound

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Winter Watermelon Radish Soup

Ari LeVaux

Relish the Radish

At the final farmers market of the summer, I was buying winter melons from a farmer named Nancy. She's from Northern China, and often sells produce I've never heard of. After I filled my bag with those obscure winter melons, which taste sweetly like muskmelon, Nancy pivoted smoothly into giving me the hard sell on a tuber the size and shape of a russet potato. She had one left. It had grown so quickly that its pale green skin was split open, revealing red-pink flesh inside. This root crop was another melon of sorts, an heirloom radish known as watermelon radish.

"Very good for soup," she assured me in her thick, endearing accent. "So good with pork," she added wistfully, speaking my language fluently.

Also known as a Chinese Red Meat Radish, and sometimes called the "beauty heart radish," the watermelon radish is an heirloom variety of daikon. It can keep for months if stored properly, making it a favorite among winter market farmers. I've noticed it at specialty grocery stores too, since Nancy put it on my radar. While the skin is spicy and slightly bitter, the flesh is mild, whether it's raw or cooked.

I didn't learn many of those watermelon radish facts from Nancy though. In fact, I had somehow managed to walk away from her stand thinking that I had just

bought a red-fleshed turnip.

Super Crossword

Answers

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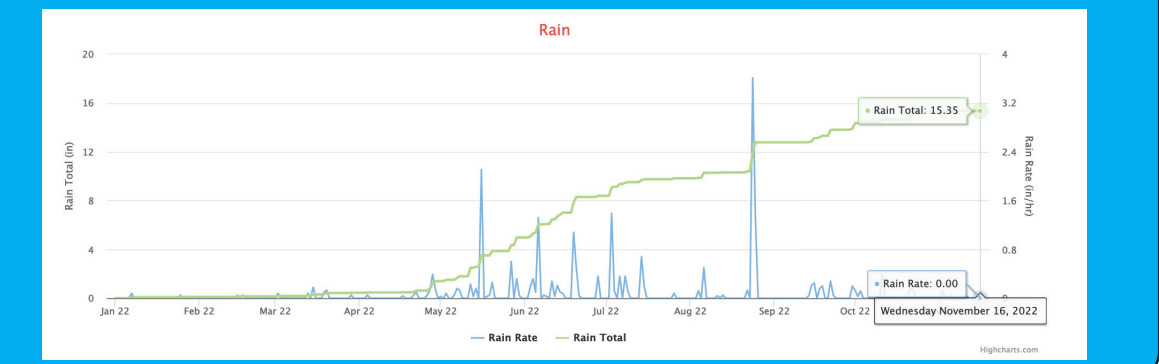
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Grateful For...

On May 1 many in our community participated in a community day of prayer, fasting and tithing for rain. During the weeks and months since, our area received much needed moisture that has benefited gardens and crops. At the same time we were also protected from flooding and other aspects of inclement weather that struck surrounding areas. Many people reported successful gardens and crops. As we give thanks this season, please join me in expressing gratitude for these blessings.

Monica Howick

HONORING OUR VETERANS - TJ LYNDE

Matthew Nelson

Signalman 3rd Class Petty Officer Taylor Justaad (TJ) Lynde served in the U.S. Navy from January 1991 until January 1995. "After Boot Camp at Great Lakes (near Chicago), I went to the Signalman's school in Orlando, Florida for eight weeks to learn flag hoist, semaphore, and Morse code for ship-to-ship communications.



TJ Lynde (Photo by Matt Nelson)

"I served on the destroyer USS Merrill DD-976. What was exciting about the Merrill was that it was the first Tomahawk sea platform and our ship's claim to fame. It was a big privilege for the Merrill to have this missile on board. We would fire them off, then we would all go down to the mess deck and watch on TV Navy jets following the Tomahawks. They would hit targets such as old vehicles hidden in bunkers with incredible accuracy.

"I was just a few years out of high school when Desert Shield started building up. Saddam Hussein had gone into and totally robbed Kuwait and bullied his way into there. I thought I should enlist but I saw all of those Marines and Army guys marching through the desert with heavy backpacks, and I didn't want to do that, and they were calling for people to volunteer, so I joined the Navy.

"I was halfway through Boot Camp, it's in January, it's freezing, we were there going through with shaved heads, it is well below

zero, and you hardly get any sleep in Boot Camp. In the middle of the night, all the lights go on in the barracks, and our company commanders come in, yelling at us, and they say, 'Gentlemen, we are going to war. We have invaded Kuwait.' We went from Operation Desert Shield to Desert Storm. They announced 'It's the real deal guys, we are going to war! Have a good night!' They turn off the lights, and we say, 'WHOA! You know, we are going to be involved with that!'

"Operation Desert Storm was so successful and well planned and the Iraqi forces were so ill-planned, that it seemed like a week or so later the same thing happened again in the middle of the night. The commanders came in, turned all the lights on, and said, 'Gentlemen, the war is over!' So there we were in the middle of Boot Camp when our conflict to stop Iraq's involvement with the invasion of Kuwait was over.

"When I finished my Signalman's school I went to the Merrill and was there a short time before we went on our 1991 WESTPAC Cruise to the Persian Gulf. Saddam Hussein had placed a lot of mines in the gulf. He lit oil wells and offshore drilling wells on fire. We were part of a NATO operation called Operation Desert Sweep to destroy the mines. There were several times when we were in mine-infested waters. I slept below deck. You think, if we bump into something tonight it will be all over. That was the only danger that I was in as far as a combat scenario. Those of us who were there were given the Southwest Asia Operations Medal.

"After the Persian Gulf action, we rescued refugees when Mt. Pinatubo, a volcano in the Philippines, exploded. We got all those people out that were in the aftermath of the volcano and displaced from their homes. Another year was spent in President Bush Senior's war on drugs off the coast of Columbia. We provided

support working with the Coast Guard.

"My Dad served in the Navy, during the Korean Conflict as a Personnel Man, and after that, he went to New York to go on to create the Latigo, Ricko'Shey, and Hip Shot cartoons. (Yes, Stan Lynde was TJ's dad!)

"I do art professionally, and my wife Samara works for Rocky Mountain Development Council in Helena. We are a Navy family. My older brother Mark went through Hell week in the Seals program, and was an electrician on the Okinawa; my dad was Navy, my uncle was Navy and he was on a destroyer as well. I was on a destroyer, and now have two sailors, Scout and Will.

"My daughter Scout is in the Religious Program working with Navy Chaplains and Marines in Cherry Point, North Carolina. She joined last year. She will probably be promoted to Third



Scout Lynde

Class Petty Officer about Christmas time.

"My son Will is a Senior in High School and wants to do the same thing. He has already signed up and will report for duty next June.



Will Lynde

Obviously, Samara and I are very proud of both of them."

The Lynde family all have a strong Christian faith. TJ goes to the Broadwater County jail to pray with the prisoners and spread the word of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God Bless all of you.

GALLATIN VALLEY OUTLAW ALL-STARS: BASEBALL FROM THE GROUND UP

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What does it take to become an all-star baseball player when you are 10 years old? The same characteristics that it takes to excel in any effort that takes hold of you: grit, work, practice and support. Once in a while, that effort can lead you from the fields of southwest Montana to your first walk on the beaches of the Pacific Ocean.

This is exactly what happened to a group of hardworking kids from communities that surround the Gallatin area. The team members are from Whitehall, Three Forks, Manhattan, Amsterdam, Harrison, Ennis, Sheridan and Townsend. Three Townsend kids played for Gallatin Valley Outlaw teams: Charlotte Collins and Mason Bauman. However, this article is about the team that Townsend team member Tyzer Rains played on. Tyzer is the son of Anya Rains, grandson of John and Lori Rains.

The concept of creating a Gallatin area small-town team, that plays after city league play has ended, was hatched in 1994. This particular team came together as 10-year-olds in 2021. In that year, The Gallatin Valley Outlaw All-Stars played in the East Division of the state Cal Ripken tournament. They were victorious over big-town teams such as Bozeman and Belgrade. This team plays together for 6 weeks. The other teams play together all year. This scrappy Gallatin Valley team has won the state tournament for the past two years. They have gigantic rings to prove it!

The Cal Ripken league you ask? The biggest difference between Cal Ripken and Little League is this: The Cal Ripken pitching distance is 50 feet whereas the pitching distance in Little League is 46 feet. The bases are 70 feet apart in Cal Ripken play whereas they are 60 feet apart in Little League. After age 12, play-

ers leave both Cal Ripken and Little League for Babe Ruth Juniors (ages 13-15) and then Babe Ruth Seniors (16-18).

Any kid from the surrounding area can try out for the Gallatin Valley Outlaw All-Star teams. Show up in Three Forks and give it your best shot for speed, pitching and hitting. The coach is then given the stats. If you make the team, you get the call within 3 days. The families pay for the uniforms but there is no team equipment. You bring your own. However, during league play, USSA rules state that only certain bats can be used. No fancy \$750 bats are allowed until tournament play.



The teammates have seen each other over the years in this sport as well as in other sports. The coach emphasizes that there are no guarantees as to position or playing time. They must focus and work hard. This particular group of 11-12-year-old boys are kind-hearted and competitive with each other. The support from coaches, staff, parents, relatives, volunteers and sponsors becomes a village. They fundraise for travel expenses by selling water at rodeos, selling 50/50 tickets, having bake sales, barbecues and getting donations from local businesses. A dynamic baseball family at work!

An example of the true grit and determination of this team was evident in the 2022 State tournament. The GVO 11u All-Stars lost their very first game to Helena, 14-2. Did that blunt their attitudes? No. As the tourney continued, they had to play Helena again, this time defeating them by 1 run. Later that day they became champs by trouncing the Bozeman Bucks 9-2. These kids gave their hearts and soul, even when they were exhausted.

Upon winning the state championship in 2021 and 2022, they advanced to Pacific Northwest Regional play. The first year they played in Eugene, Oregon... hence the day trip to the beaches of the Pacific Ocean. This year they played in Kennewick, WA.

One of the coaches said he would keep coaching if the team wanted to participate in an October Fall Extravaganza Rocky Mountain School of Baseball tournament in St. George, Utah. Parents of other well-funded teams (with \$750 bats in use) were very impressed by the skills and play of Tyzer's GVO team. There were 16 teams. The Gallatin Valley All-Stars played 2 games on Friday and 3 on Saturday including the Championship Game against Utah Rake. These gritty boys ended up taking second place.

Congratulations are in order to all who put forth the time and effort that make these jaunty sports stories a reality. Bravo!

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