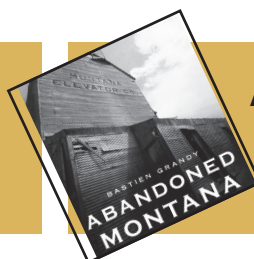




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## TBS DINER OPENS IN TOWNSEND

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

opening hour to 7 a.m.

Good food at a reasonable price” — TB’s Diner opens in Townsend

When you walk through the doors of Townsend’s newest dining experience, there’s a “ray” of sunshine waiting to greet you.

TB’s Diner had its soft opening on Wednesday, Nov. 16 in the building formerly known as Penny’s Breakfast Station under the ownership of local favorite TB Flamingo Grill.

“We worked really hard and made [our] opening day,” the Diner posted on Facebook. “Come in and see the new diner in Townsend!”

Initially opening from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, the diner has since shifted its



TB’s Diner serves classic diner breakfast food before moving on to serving more diner classics during the lunch and dinner hours. Fol-

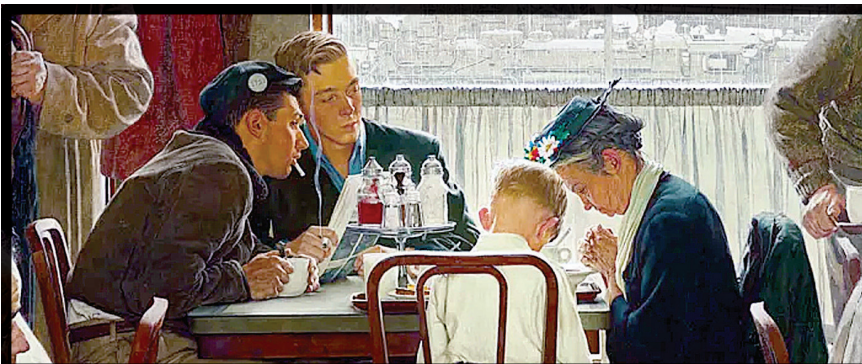
lowing the main course, diners can choose between several unique dessert options, including caramel apple nachos, milkshakes and skillet cookies.

“I think it’s my new favorite breakfast place,” Townsend resident Bill Bergstad said while visiting the diner on the morning of Nov. 18.

There’s been a rumor that the diner will serve prime rib on Sundays, but TB’s Diner did not confirm the rumor before MT43News’ press deadline.

No matter what diners order, waitress Raileen is confident they’ll enjoy the food and the cost.

“It’s good food at a reasonable price,” she exclaimed.



*What E'er Thou Art,  
Act Well Thy Part*



# Happy Thanksgiving

## BULLDOGS BRING HOME SECOND PLACE IN DRAMA CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIP

Denise Bakkum, Speech and Drama Coach

The Townsend Bulldog Speech and Drama Team took the quick trip to East Helena on Saturday, November 19, and brought home their second Class B Drama Championship of the season. There were fewer empty seats on the bus, with team members joining us after the successful State-run of our Bulldog volleyball team!

We are still building momentum as competitors work out partnerships, pieces and props. Watch for additional competitors in drama, speech and maybe even debate!

We are looking forward to our next meet December 11, in Livingston. If you are interested in judging, we will be hosting the annual Townsend Invitational Tournament, on Saturday, January 7, contact Coach Bakkum at dbakkum@townsend.k12.mt.us.

**BIG TIMBER TOURNAMENT RESULTS:**  
Will Lynde/Cooper Hines (Humorous Theater) 1; Jonah Wishman/Scarlett McDaniel (Humorous Theater) 3; Kayden Greene/Nykia Mondragon (Classical Theater) 3; Riley Rauser (Mime) 3; Creighton Wright/Hannah

Hall/Noah Borrer (Dramatic Theater) 5; Jenna Mainwaring/Lexi Davies/Jenna Smucker (Dramatic Theater) 7; Berlin Korr (Humorous Solo) 7; Cassidy Johnson (Dramatic Solo); Havyn Vandenaere (Humorous Solo); Ashley Sanderson (Dramatic Solo); Jasmine Thomas (HOI); Aidan Easter (Informative); Anna Beatty (HOI)



Townsend Speech & Drama in East Helena 2022

## 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



**COURT BEAT 11/18/22**

Dee Gannon

The criminal docket in Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday, November 18 is as follows: Michael Coyle had an Initial Appearance; answering charges of count 1) sexual assault of a person under 16; when he is 3 years or more over. Count 2) sexual assault of a minor younger than 16; where the offender is 4 (or more) years older than the victim. He will be Arraigned on December 9, 2022.

Bobby Joe Price was Sentenced to charges of possession of dangerous drugs with intent to deliver. He is currently serving time at Montana State Prison. He is Sentenced to three years MSP; to be served concurrently. Upon his release, he must comply with the standard conditions of release and pay about \$80 in surcharges and fees. There may be a post-judgment finding on credit time served.

## Together We Can!

BROADWATER COUNTY RESOURCES AVAILABLE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

**CHRISTMAS CONNECTION**  
Food for Christmas Day and gifts for children are available for pick up on December 17th. Applications can be picked up at Reading Leaves Bookstore and are due back to Reading Leaves by December 10th. For more information contact Bret Anderson at (406) 980-0790

**KIDS COUNT**  
School supplies and winter clothing are available for K-12 students through the Broadwater County Social Services Committee. For more information or an application please contact Jill Flynn at (406) 441-3456

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
Dinner on Christmas Eve Day will be delivered to you by the Trailhead Church between 12:00pm-1:00pm. For more information contact [events@trailheadchristianchurch.com](mailto:events@trailheadchristianchurch.com) or (406) 266-4406 To sign up for a meal you can call, email or find more information on our website at [trailheadchristianchurch.com](http://trailheadchristianchurch.com)

**FOOD PANTRY**  
Food is available for pick up on the first, third and fifth Saturday from 9:00am-10:45am at 315 Broadway St. Drop-ins welcome! No one should go hungry this Christmas! For more information contact Karoline at (406) 438-3981

**LIONS AND ROTARY CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR**  
Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner and a ride to see the Christmas decorations in our community will be at the Legion this year on December 20th and 21st. For more information contact John Rains at (406) 202-5309

## SCHOOL EVENT CALENDAR

NOV - DEC 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					25 NO SCHOOL	26 ◆ SPEECH & DEBATE @ EAST HELENA
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
4 ◆ VOLLEYBALL BANQUET @ 5 P.M.	5 ◆ MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT @ 7 P.M.	6 ◆ HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT @ 7 P.M.	7	8 ◆ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONCERT @ 6 P.M.	9 ◆ BASKETBALL @ MANHATTAN ◆ WRESTLING @ WHITEHALL	10 ◆ BASKETBALL @ MANHATTAN ◆ WRESTLING @ WHITEHALL ◆ SPEECH & DEBATE @ LIVINGSTON

## AN UPDATE FROM FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Mikayla Kraft

For the past four weeks, FFA has been working hard and continuing to get involved in any opportunities that come into our reach! FFA has been involved in events such as going to Nationals at the end of October, competing in the John Deere Ag Expo the second week of November, and giving K-4 students a glimpse into another harvest for Harvest of the Month. To kick off December, FFA will be involved in the Christmas Stroll and cannot wait to see the Townsend community there.

From October 26-29th FFA took members of the Montana representatives for the parliamentary procedure team, two delegates, our principal (Sheri Heavrin), and our advisor (Mrs. Loughery) to Indianapolis for Nationals. Hugh Braaten and his daughter Kadyn Braaten, a recipient of the American degree, also attended.

The parliamentary procedure team consisted of Jacob Pesicka, Brooke Edgerton, Bailey Taves, Amanda Pesicka, and Kayla Kraft. Our team placed in the bronze division at Nationals. Kadyn Braaten received her American degree. This is a rare honor given to FFA members as less than 1% of FFA members receive this degree.

The John Deere Expo took place November 10-12th. We took eight students and Mrs. Loughery to the expo and competed in three events: Livestock Evaluation, Vet Science, and Creed Speaking. We listened to Stuart-Ellis-Myers, also known as Twitchy, as our keynote speaker. He spoke on mental health and used comedy to relate with the FFA members. Twitchy taught everyone an abundant amount and we cannot wait to bring this back to our community!

The K-4 students get to experience a lesson

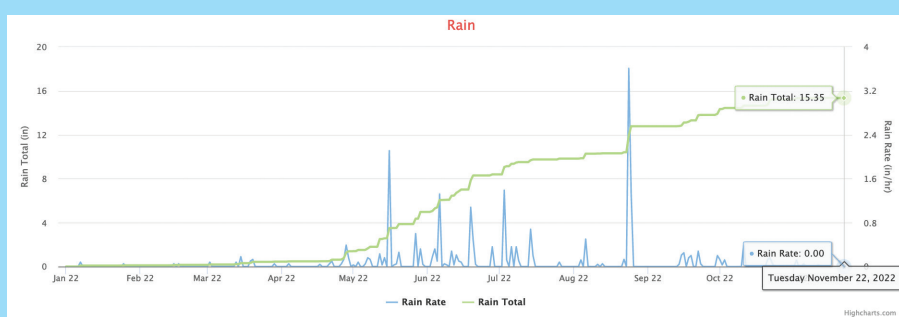
taught by high school FFA members over a couple of days each month to learn about some sort of produce. This month we talked about apples for our harvest of the month. They learned about the oxidation that occurs to apples over time, colored a picture of an apple, watched an educational video, and made applesauce. The students love to interact with us and learn so much about agriculture through this monthly event. Next month our harvest of the month is lentils and we are excited to introduce the kids to a whole new world!

These events have already happened; however, FFA will have a booth at the Christmas Stroll on December 3rd selling baked goods and giving hot chocolate! I encourage you to stop by our booth and get to know your FFA members who strive to make our community a better place.

(school sports on pg. 4)

## AND NOW THE WEATHER..

<p>Fri 11/25</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>34°   27°</p> <p>◆ 0%</p> <p>⇒ 11   17 mph</p>	<p>Sat 11/26</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>32°   20°</p> <p>◆ 0%</p> <p>⇒ 9   13 mph</p>	<p>Sun 11/27</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>28°   19°</p> <p>◆ 2 in</p> <p>⇒ 9   16 mph</p>	<p>Mon 11/28</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>24°   0°</p> <p>◆ 0 in</p> <p>⇒ 8   16 mph</p>
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## SHH! CITY NOISE ORDINANCE PASSES FIRST READING

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Following a series of complaints over the summer, Townsend City Council got to work reformatting the town's noise ordinances which passed its first reading during the council's Nov. 15 meeting.

The new ordinance will provide the city with more power to enforce violations, Mayor Mike Evans said during the meeting.

General prohibitions of the new ordinance include making unnecessary, excessive or unusual noise that annoys or disturbs the peace. More specific prohibitions include the discharge of exhaust without a muffler, the use of loudspeakers for commercial purposes without a permit, the use of vehicles in such disarray that it produces loud noises and the repeated use of horns or breaks except as a warning signal.

Residents can also expect a quiet time from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. with stricter sound rules. "During quiet time, no person within the limits of the City shall operate construction equipment, including derricks, heavy machinery, hoists, pile drivers, pneumatic hammers and other such construction type devices, or perform any construction or repair work on buildings projects or structures," states Section 4B of the ordinance.

Councilman Matt West clarified that sounds which would "bother the general public" will be considered violations of the ordinance.

The ordinance also builds in, of course, exemptions for sounds created by emergency vehicles, athletic sporting events, grounds maintenance and marching bands practicing or parading.

Violations of the noise ordinance will be addressed first with a written warning and then a misdemeanor offense and a fine no more than \$500

Those interested in seeking "relief" from the ordinance — the legal way around the restrictions — can apply for a permit from the city council.

Councilwoman Vickie Rauser told MT 43 News after the meeting that she understands some residents may feel like the ordinance infringes on their rights; however, she said the ordinance stems from people "not doing the right thing" as a neighbor.

## SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS PLAY SHAKES THE LODGE WITH LAUGHTER

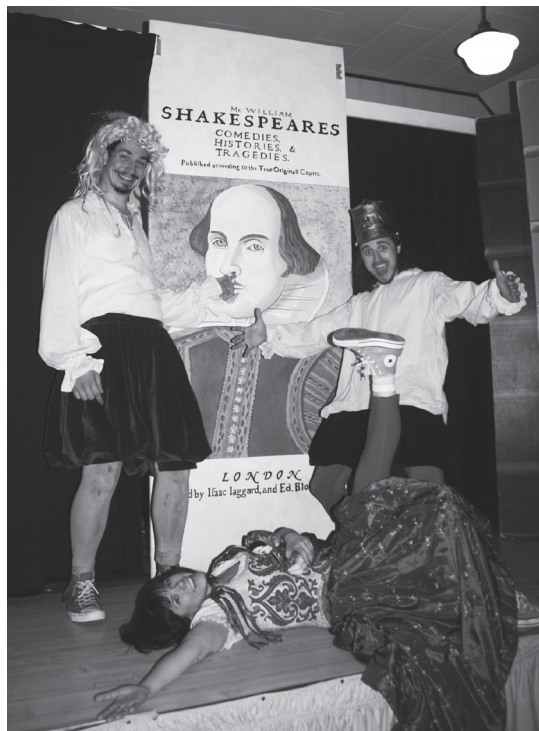
Nancy Marks

The jokes were slightly bawdy. They were in Elizabethan Age language, the middle schoolers present at the Shakespeare in the Parks play Friday night at the Lodge probably missed the point. Those who got the jokes laughed until their sides hurt.

In its 50th-year celebration of performing, the four actors presented 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged and Revised,' with bits and pieces of the bard's 37 plays. They wore crazy costumes, performed crazy physical feats including several sword fights and engaged wholeheartedly with the audience. The audience of 30 did not disappoint them. The audience members laughed and hollered in unison at the actors' insistence.

All the actors are professionals. Charlotte Ellison an eleven-year actor from Chicago, said she really enjoyed this performance particularly because it was a change to engage more personally with the community. "In other acting jobs, we don't get to connect with the community," she said.

Calvin Adams hails from an acting family and grew up in Minnesota. He has been on the stage since 6th grade. A graduate of the University of Montana Guthrie Theater Actor Training Program, he has perfected the unusual art of the thousand different ways to perform vomiting on the stage. He also was amazing in his character voice changes "Since we play a different town or city every night. The different spaces and audiences give the play new life every time," he said.



From right to left - Calvin Adams, Charlotte Ellison, Riley O'Toole (Photo By Nancy Marks)

Riley O'Toole is on his eighth tour with Montana Shakespeare. Originally from Sacramento, California O'Toole graduated from the University of Minnesota Guthrie Theater with a bachelor of fine arts. "I keep acting because it is so inspiring to be supported by people in Montana who support the arts," he said.

As a thank you to Montana theater supporters, the troupe began performing the 50th-anniversary shows in 17 Montana cities and towns. The troupe has Townsend connections as well. Callie Kimpton Hamilton is the group's new Director of Community Partnerships. Townsend was fortunate enough to be one of the towns, thanks to the support of The Lodge which houses an auditorium and to Broadwater Community Theater board members who worked to engage the show. All donations given at the door went to fund Montana Shakespeare in the Parks.

## AMERICAN LEGION ATTENDS REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION

Jennifer Dalrymple, American Legion Post #42

A group of ten American Legion Department of Montana members participated in Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Canada.

Past Department Commanders Jeff Nelson, Larry Dobb, David Driver, and Jim Grosset (not pictured), past Department Adjutant Gary White, District 6 Commander Linda Cousineau, Jan Dobb, Ray Stolp, past Post 42 Commander Jen Dalrymple and Auxiliary member Valerie Grossett (not pictured) represented the only American contingent present.



Remembrance Day Attendees (Photo by Jen Dalrymple)

The Canadian combined five-community Ceremony was held on the 11th month, 11th day, and 11th hour at Coleman Consolidated High School, and two smaller ceremonies at the Royal Canadian Coleman Branch in Coleman and at the Bellevue Branch in Bellevue. The Canadians were very gracious hosts and we all enjoyed the time with our northern comrades in arms as we honored our Veterans past and present.

## MONTANA FAMILY FOUNDATION

Paul Kroeger

On Friday, November 11 the Montana Family Foundation celebrated its 20th year, with a banquet in Bozeman.

The Montana Family Foundation is a faith-based research, education, and advocacy non-profit organization working in association with Focus on the Family. They envision a God-honoring Montana where life is cherished, families flourish, and religious freedom thrives.

Randy Wilson was the keynote speaker, introduced by the master of ceremonies, YNOP General Manager, Roger Lonquist. Randy is the founder of Father-Daughter Purity Balls and is the Family Research Council Director of Men's Ministries.

Jeff Laszloffy, President and CEO of Montana Family Foundation, gave his perspective on the results of the recent state elections, and where the Foundation is headed in the years to come. His fresh and knowledgeable insight was very eye-opening. He also announced that they have recently hired an in-house attorney to help advocate for their mission.

Mr. Laszloffy believes problems we face in our communities and our nation are not just political and cultural, they are spiritual in nature (Ephesians 6:10-13). Consequently, these problems ultimately require a spiritual solution, administered by spiritual, wise leadership. Rather than, unknowing Christians abdicating their responsibilities thinking the problem is too big, doesn't concern them, or they can't individually make a difference.

Montana Family Foundation works in the name of advancing faith, family, and freedom in Montana.

Jeff can be heard every Friday at 1 PM, right after Focus On The Family on your local YNOP radio station. His website can be found at montanafamily.org

## OPENING ON THE FAIR BOARD

Broadwater County Fair Board

The Broadwater County Fair Board is looking to fill two open board member positions. These positions are board chairman and the social media/technology/rodeo board liaison position. The Fair Board meets 1x monthly (usually a Thursday evening at 7 pm) for about 10 months out of the year.

The fair board is responsible for planning and organizing the annual fair as well as the operations of the fairground facilities. If you are interested in becoming involved in your community this is a wonderful opportunity!

## Americanisms



"Thanksgiving is so called because we are all so thankful that it only comes once a year."  
— P. J. O'Rourke



# RIVALRIES AND REBUILDING : BHS WINTER SPORTS

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter.

New faces: that's the theme for the Broadwater High School Bulldogs 2022 winter season, and those new faces will be making appearances both on and off the court.

Leading the Bulldogs' charge on the basketball court this season are two new head coaches.

Although new faces will line the Lady Bulldogs' bench this season, David Lawson has had some experience in the program. He's helped coach at the middle school and c-team level for both boys and girls.

In fact, the freshman on the c-team during his first year coaching at the high school level are now the seniors on varsity. Despite the two-year gap, Lawson said he feels like he's moved up with the girls, making this season especially important: "I love this community and I love coaching these girls."

Lawson is calling the season a "rebuilding year" after last year's team lost out at the district tournament. And he's got the team to do it.



Trey Hoveland dribbles past a Three Forks' defender (Photo by Kelly Morris)

"We have some kids that want to get up and down the floor," he said, adding that some talented underclassmen will be taking the to the court. But even talent needs to be led, and Lawson is leaving that to the team's four seniors: "[I'm] looking forward to seeing them take the underclassmen under their wing"

Over the summer, the team participated in 18 games, allowing Lawson to identify areas for improvement this summer. First, he said, the team needs to improve their basketball fundamentals and then develop better team chemistry.

"I think our goals for this season [are] to rebuild a competitive program, to create an identity that separates ourselves from other programs and to represent our community," Lawson said.

Creating a new identity will be especially difficult since the Bulldogs are now the underdogs

in the district, Lawson explained. Starting at the bottom means that all the other teams stand in the Lady Bulldogs' way.

"Technically everyone is our rival," Lawson said.



Ella Begger shoots against the Three Forks' Wolves (Photo by Kelly Morris)

While the girls rebuild, first-time coach Tyler Patrick has his eye set on the prize.

"To win state, that should be the goal every single year. ... To make the state tournament and go as far as possible with what you got," he told MT43News.

Patrick is originally from Townsend but spent his high school years playing basketball and tennis at Charles M. Russel High School in Great Falls. After graduation, he attended Montana State University, student taught at Broadwater High and kept a close eye on Bulldog Basketball.

"It's kind of like coming back home," Patrick said, adding that his stepping into the head coaching position was a stroke of luck. History would say Patrick coming into the position was anything but a fluke since his father held the same position on the girls' team in the 1980s.

Last year, during his student teaching, Patrick watched the Bulldogs face a "loaded district," losing the first round at districts to the Manhattan Tigers — the eventual 5B district champs — before beating the Big Timber Shepherders. Their double elimination came in an unfortunate match-up with the Three Forks Wolves, the team that would eventually go on to claim the state championship.

This year the team has several returning players who are fresh off the football field: Jesus Garcia and Ryan Racht. Patrick expects these two along with "the crew" — the team's other seniors — to stand out, with younger players stepping up as well.

"There's a lot of young guys on the team that they're really selfless when it comes to playing basketball, so they share the ball and a lot of the time it's the team that ends up shining at the end of the game. ... Makes my job a lot easier," Patrick said.

Over the summer, the boys developed a strong team bond and "gelled together," with their height being their biggest weakness going into the season. Although the team has some taller

players, Patrick said these are the younger, "raw" players who will need some training.

By the end of the season, Patrick is confident the Bulldogs will be a "really solid team."

Like Lawson, Patrick said everyone is a rival for the Bulldogs, but that's the way he likes it.

Coming from AA, Patrick said Class B is much more competitive, making every game more interesting. "Every single game is considered a rivalry game," Patrick said. "It's cool to have several rivals in the district."

Even if the team suffers some losses, Patrick is confident that the team will be able to handle it.

"They have a great attitude when it comes to anything; They want to win, they want to succeed and they want to do it together," he said.

Both boys' and girls' basketball will kick off their 2022-23 season on Dec. 9 and 10 at the Manhattan tournament, before hosting their first home game against Choteau on Dec. 15. at 3 p.m. After graduating eight seniors last year, Wrestling Head Coach and Athletic Director John O'Dell expects this year's team to be young and few in numbers.

"We're pretty young this year, but we'll get tougher as the season goes," O'Dell said.

Although the team will be young, O'Dell said its numbers will be the team's greatest weakness.

"We've been pretty fortunate, we've mostly filled our weights throughout the years," he said, but with only 15 wrestlers, this could be difficult.

The trend in lower numbers, O'Dell said, is happening with other contact sports at the high school level such as football.

Despite being young and few in numbers, he thinks they can handle it: "The boys that we have are tough."

And they'll need to be brought to accomplish O'Dell's season goals, which include having a winning dual record



Walker Spurlock executes a single leg take down (Photo by Kelly Morris)

"This year we just need to build back up and win as many matches as we can," he said. But the more important goal is recovering the Copper Shamrock.

"Gotta get the shamrock back!" O'Dell shouted. The copper shamrock traveling trophy tradition between Townsend and Anaconda, started eight years ago when the Anaconda coach told O'Dell he didn't have any rivals, and a friendly competition was born.

Although Townsend has the winning record with six wins, the last two years have gone to Anaconda.

The Anaconda-Townsend rivalry allows the wrestlers a fun day of competition, but O'Dell said everyone else will be a rival as well. But according to him, wrestling rivalries are different from other sports.

"Kids will be enemies while they're wrestling and as soon as it's done, they're best friends," he said.

Broadwater Bulldog wrestling will kick off in Cade with a two-day tournament on Dec. 2 and 3 at 10 a.m. before traveling to Whitehall for the Whitehall Duals on Dec. 9 and 10 at 10 a.m.



## BROADWATER BULLDOGS: A SEASON OF SUCCESSES

The Broadwater Bulldogs finished off their 2022 fall season with a slew of successes. Among those successes were several all-conference and all-state nominations in both football and volleyball. The first team nomination is a higher commendation than the second team.

### ALL CONFERENCE

#### FIRST TEAM

##### Football:

Jesus Garcia - Wide Receiver and Defensive Back  
 Ryan Racht - Quarterback and Defensive Back  
 Dawson Sweat - Running Back and Linebacker  
 Walker Spurlock - Defensive End  
 Ridger Jones - Linebacker

##### Volleyball:

Trinity Wilson  
 Alleigh Burdick  
 Emily Bird

#### SECOND TEAM

##### Football:

Ridger Jones - Tight End  
 Deegan Mattson - Wide Receiver  
 Julian Stewart - Defensive Tackle  
 Dawson Sweat - Return Specialist

##### Volleyball:

Luci Horne  
 Cassidy Flynn

### ALL STATE

##### Football:

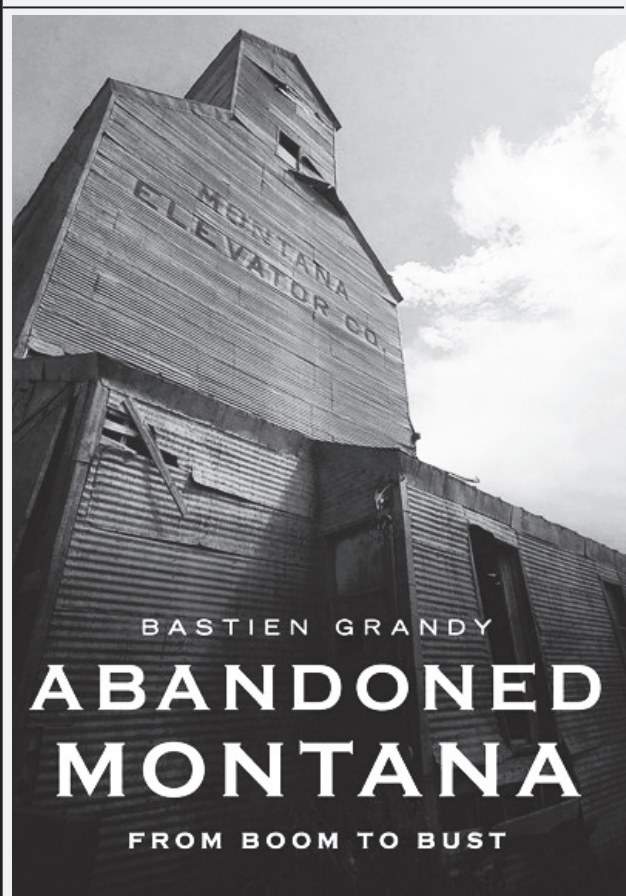
Dawson Sweat  
 Ridger Jones  
 Ryan Racht  
 Jesus Garcia  
 Walker Spurlock - Alternate  
 Tanner Campbell - Alternate

##### Volleyball:

Trinity Wilson  
 Alleigh Burdick  
 Emily Bird

# ABANDONED MONTANA BOOK SIGNING

Rachael Elliott-Brug



First-time Townsend Author Bastien Grandy greeted a crowd at Reading Leaves Bookstore Saturday evening. He graduated from Townsend Schools last spring and his book, "Abandoned Montana", was released earlier this year through

Arcadia Press.

In the book, you will find photographs taken by Bastien on his explorations of places in Montana that have, for one reason or another, been deserted. Some of these places might be familiar, others a little more obscure, but all are within driving distance of Townsend.



Author Bastien Grandy

Bastien spoke a little about each place, how he found them, gained permission, and the safety precautions he took exploring some of the more dangerous structures. Some places requiring heavy-duty clothing and a respirator. He also talked about his 'wish list' of other abandoned places he would like to explore and his possible plans for another book.

He hopes people who see his photographs and learn a little about the history of these places will feel the same awe and reverence he feels while exploring them. He was amazed at how quickly nature and the elements took back the spaces.

After the discussion, Bastien answered questions about different aspects of his process and signed books for everyone who came.

# Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: At which popular restaurant does Penny work in "The Big Bang Theory"?
2. ASTRONOMY: Which one of Jupiter's moons has active volcanos?
3. GEOGRAPHY: The Tiber River flows through which famous capital city?
4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Martian Chronicles"?
5. U.S. STATES: Which river forms the eastern border of Iowa?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to give a televised address from the White House?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What image on Canada's flag is a recognizable symbol of the country?
8. MEASUREMENTS: Which ancient civilization used palms, digits and cubits to measure length?
9. MOVIES: Who voices the character Princess Anna in "Frozen"?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: An elephant has the most muscles in which part of its body?

### Answers

1. Cheesecake Factory.
2. Io.
3. Rome.
4. Ray Bradbury.
5. Mississippi.
6. Harry Truman.
7. A maple leaf.
8. Egyptians.
9. Kristen Bell.
10. Trunk.

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# Meteor Fireball Explodes Over Broadwater County

Jeff Ross

On November 20, 2022, at 4:11 am my automated aurora cameras caught an amazing and relatively rare event. A meteor, probably from the recent Leonids meteor shower, exploded over Broadwater County.

After watching the full video from that night's run (mt43news.com/001) I quickly realized I'd

captured something far more. I extracted the best image and a short clip of the video and uploaded them both to the American Meteor Society's web page for reporting fireballs.

Monday morning I got an email from a post-doc graduate student asking if I'd send him the "rawest" images I had of the event. As I was preparing an even 10 unprocessed images to send I discovered that I had captured an unbelievable series of images.

Words will not describe this fireball. I made

a short 12-second video and posted it on my Starhouse Observatory web page.

You can view the video of the fireball at

<https://mt43news.com/005>

If you happened to see this fireball in real time please send an email to [jross@openvistas.net](mailto:jross@openvistas.net) and let me know!

Enjoy!

# UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO EXPLORE SPRINT DEGREES

Alex Sakariassen, Montana Free Press

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University system to explore 'sprint degrees'

By Alex Sakariassen on Oct 31, 2022 05:09 pm

Spurred in part by ongoing staff shortages in Montana's health care industry, the Montana University System is exploring ways to condense the academic timeline for certain college degrees and usher graduates into the state's workforce more quickly.

A pilot program, which is currently under development with a target launch date in June 2023, would shrink the time required to obtain a traditional four-year bachelor's degree to six or seven semesters over two calendar years. In the case of an associate's degree, the goal is to condense the existing two-year timeline to three semesters. As MUS spokesperson Angela King told the Montana Board of Regents in announcing the pilot earlier this fall, these so-called sprint degrees would effectively make higher education a full-time undertaking for participants.

"This will take a lot of time and commitment on a student, and this will hopefully feel to the student like they are going to work every day, this is their job," King said.

Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education Brock Tessman told Montana Free Press in October that Montana State University-Billings and its affiliated City College will serve as the initial test sites for the sprint degree pilot, with a first-year cohort of 30 to 50 students. The specific degrees that will be offered on an accelerated track have not yet been identified, but Tessman said early conversations with industry

partners including Billings Clinic and St. Vincent Healthcare prompted the university system to focus the program on workforce shortages within the local health care community.

"Radiological technicians, surgical technicians, medical technicians — there are a lot of areas where they have a need," Tessman said.

Josh Billstein, director of Billings Clinic's Office of Strategic Planning and Development, said staffing issues have become particularly pronounced in recent years. Demand for services continues to rise as Montana's population grows increasingly older. n.

The types of degrees MUS is eyeing for the pilot involve not only in-class coursework but hands-on experience in clinical settings. They're also overseen by separate accrediting organizations to ensure that student outcomes and academic quality are maintained. According to Sep Eskandari, MSU-Billings' provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, that means any new degree pathways developed as part of the pilot will have to secure support from the appropriate accrediting organization — one of several challenges he said the university is preparing to meet head-on.

"My hope is that within the next month, we can really have very clear direction from the accrediting bodies about one or two of these programs," Eskandari said.

Eskandari predicts that the pilot's accelerated timeline will also require MSU-Billings to begin offering certain core courses during the summer and offer special faculty advising for pilot participants. He added that the campus intends to keep the pilot contained to one associate's degree and one bachelor's degree to start, in the hope that the limited focus will produce better results that MSU-Billings and other campuses can later apply to other areas of high workforce demand.

The MUS pilot joins a growing list of initiatives around the state designed to respond to

pressing economic needs. Over the past year, the University of Montana-based partnership Accelerate Montana has developed a series of rapid training programs for jobs in manufacturing, construction and health care. Accelerate Montana Director Paul Gladen said one of those programs, dubbed Job Site Ready, consists of 30 hours of online coursework and 15 hours of on-site experience, all culminating in entry-level employment. The partnership estimates that more than 450 Montanans will complete its rapid training programs by the end of 2022. Gladen believes many of those participants are people who may not have otherwise considered higher education.

"There's a lot of people that are looking at academic programs and they're saying, 'You know what, I'm not sure I want to do a two-year degree or a four-year degree,'" Gladen said. "It's like, 'Fine, let's focus on training that can get you into a job. And maybe then you see the benefit of the training and education and want to do more of it.'"

Eskandari and Tessman expect the experimental sprint degrees to appeal to multiple groups of students, from high school seniors who want to forego the traditional college experience in favor of a fast track to a well-paying job to mid-career professionals seeking a new direction within their chosen industry. And overall, Eskandari said, an accelerated pathway should reduce the long-term cost of education for students as well. According to Billstein, Billings Clinic is even discussing ways to provide financial assistance to sprint degree students, since the rigors of the pilot likely preclude outside employment to help them pay for their studies.

"We're definitely looking at some novel ways that we can support folks so that they don't have to make some of those tough choices around loans and things like that," Billstein said. If successful, Tessman said, the sprint degrees pilot would serve a purpose well beyond the state's immediate health care needs. He envisions the accelerated degrees as a "living portfolio" that can help campuses respond to the ever-evolving demands of Montana's economy more broadly.

# INSIDE INSPIRATION

What sparks a light in you?

“You often feel tired, not because you’ve done too much, but because you’ve done too little of what sparks a light in you.” ~Alexander Den Heijer

I find this quote to be accurate, especially during the holiday season. In preparing for the festivities over the next five weeks, I often hear people say, “I’m tired, I’m too busy, or I’m overwhelmed.”

But what sparks a light in you? Are you operating in your passion, gifts, and purpose? Do you do something because you think it is what others think you should do? Maybe you are doing something for financial gain, but it doesn’t bring you joy. Whatever your reason, take some time to reflect during this beautiful season and ask yourself...what are my gifts? What am I passionate about? What is my purpose? How can I bring joy and contentment to my life? How do I get unstuck?

When people hear how long I have been flying, I always follow it up with, “I love what I do, I love serving others, and I love hospitality! It is not work if you are genuinely doing what you love and have been called to. It sparks a light and brings joy to your innermost being.

In continuing with Gratitude and Thanksgiving this month, I want to share a story I recently read. I hope it inspires, encourages, sparks a light in you, and brings you hope in this magical season.

Leah’s story is about a woman who lives near Chitipa, Malawi, a remote area many people shy away from. In doing the work she was passionate about, Leah is doing what sparks a light in her.

A friend from her church had invited Leah to join a small group called “Light,” but Leah was reluctant to join. She would have to contribute a little bit of money to a group savings fund each week to join the group. Her family could barely scrape by, and they didn’t even have enough money to educate their kids or repair their thatch-roofed house. Her friends encouraged her to give it a try, so she did.

After the group savings fund accumulates for a few months, any group member can borrow money, use it to do something valuable, then pay it back. After a year, the savings are shared out equally by each group member, and it all starts over again.

First, Leah borrows a small amount from the savings pool to buy sugar cane in bulk. She sold it, paid the loan back to the fund, and had money left over. Alas, she began to believe that she could do this.

She started to dream again!

# 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 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.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<b>November 11 at 11:00 am</b>
<i>American Legion Veteran's Day Celebration and Free Lunch</i>
<b>November 14</b>
<i>County Commissioners Meeting</i>
<b>November 18</b>
<i>At The Lodge: Free Shakespeare in the Park 50th Anniversary</i>
<b>November 24</b>
<i>American Legion Thanksgiving Pot Luck</i>
<b>November 28 @6PM</b>
<i>School Board meeting on Strategic Planning</i>
<b>December 3</b>
<i>Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Stroll</i>
<b>Mondays 6-8pm</b>
<i>Celebrate Recovery</i>
<i>Meetings held in Mountain Valley Church building 110 E Street</i>
<b>Tuesdays – 5:30 pm Fridays – Noon</b>
<i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>
<i>Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church : 301 N Cherry Street</i>



<b>MENU</b>	Mashed Potatoes with gravy
<b>NOVEMBER 28</b>	Golden Corn
-	Garden Salad
<b>DECEMBER 2</b>	Whole Grain Bread
	Plump Peaches
<b>Monday, Nov. 28</b>	
Beef Stroganoff	<b>Thursday, Dec 1</b>
Egg Noodles	Chicken and Rice
German Vegetables	Casserole
Carrot Raisin Salad	Green Peas
Mixed Fruit	Purple Beets
	Dessert
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 29</b>	
BBQ Pork Ribs	<b>Friday, Dec. 2</b>
Corn Bread	Scrambled Eggs
Baked Beans	Sausage Links
Crisp Coleslaw	French Toast
Applesauce	Diced Potatoes
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 30</b>	Key Largo Vegetables
Carol's Meatloaf	Fruit Salad



- Black Panther: Wakanda Forever** (PG-13) Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o
  - Black Adam** (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Aldis Hodge
  - Ticket to Paradise** (PG-13) George Clooney, Julia Roberts
  - Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile** (PG) Constance Wu, Scoot McNairy
  - Smile** (R) Sosie Bacon, Jessie T. Usher
  - Prey for the Devil** (PG-13) Jacqueline Byers, Virginia Madsen
  - The Banshees of Inisherin** (R) Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson
  - One Piece Film: Red** (PG-13) Mayumi Tanaka, Kazuya Nakai
  - Till** (PG-13) Danielle Deadwyler, Jalyn Hall
  - Tar** (R) Cate Blanchett, Noemie Merlant
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## top ten CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES\*

1. United States
2. Russia
3. China
4. India
5. Japan
6. South Korea
7. France
8. United Kingdom
9. Brazil
10. Pakistan

\* Largest Christian population  
Source: Pew Research Center

# WEED OF THE MONTH: COMMON MULLEIN BUGWOOD

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

A large and unique plant, common mullein has an interesting history that dates back to colonial times. The plant is listed as a noxious weed in Colorado, Hawaii and several Montana counties



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Common Mullein (Photo by Allison Kosto)

**Description & Habitat** Native to Europe, northern Africa and Asia, common mullein was introduced to America by early settlers. The settlers discovered that if the seeds were toxic to fish, so they crushed them and put them in water to poison and collect large quantities of fish. It was also used as a medical plant to treat burns and rashes. By the late 1800s it had made its way across North America. It is common in burned areas, roadsides, fields, pastures, forest and disturbed areas. It is often found in dry, sandy or gravelly soils, and is often one of the first plants to colonize disturbed areas.

Common mullein is a biennial (lifecycle of two years). The first year it forms a rosette up to 2 feet in diameter with large furry leaves. Leaves are light green and covered with many soft hairs. The second year, the plant grows a single stem, 2 to 6 feet tall. The plant stems are woody and can persist as skeletons throughout the winter. Flowers are yellow in color and clustered around the top section of the stem. Common mullein has a deep taproot and only reproduces by seed. One plant can produce between 136,000 to 175,000 seeds. The seeds are unique because they require light to germinate. This is why the plant often thrives in bare soil after disturbances. The seeds are less likely to travel long distances and do not compete well with dense vegetation.

Because common mullein grows quickly in disturbed soils, it can delay establishment of native plants and grasses by forming dense colonies. It may disappear or diminish over time once desired plants become more competitive. However, it can be a perpetual issue in areas that are overgrazed or frequently disturbed.

**Management** Avoiding disturbance or overgrazing is also often effective to prevent establishment of common mullein. Once its established, the key to managing it is to prevent it from going to seed. This can be done with hand pulling, digging or hoeing before seed production. Make sure to cut or remove the crown. Mowing is not effective because plants can regrow.

Herbicides can be used but are also challenging due to the woolly leaves. It's important to use a surfactant with the herbicide to improve absorption. Commonly used herbicides include 2,4-D, Cimmaron, Grazon (restricted use), Escort, Milestone, Telar and Tordon (restricted use). Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

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

## WITH CLEAR SKIES

Jeff Ross

*"Being country bred, I am at ease in darkness"*

- Mary Oliver

I, too, am at ease in darkness.

A few years ago I was in New York City, a place where there is no darkness, for a work-related conference. Most of the time I was there we were under grey damp and dreary skies, but the last night we got a break in the clouds and I was able to see the first quarter Moon through the Manhattan skyline. But that is all I could see in the night sky. Here at home, under a similar moon, the stars and planets are diminished but still visible. In New York, there is simply too much light at night.

There is growing concern worldwide about the diminishing night sky. Even here, where we still have relatively dark skies, night glow is visible on our horizon from Helena, Great Falls, and Bozeman. Not only is this a concern to those of us who enjoy the night sky and its wonders, but increasing night light pollution is known to have

a profound impact on the migration of birds and other wildlife.

One of the biggest organizations spearheading the struggle to preserve our night skies is the International Dark Sky Association ([www.dark-sky.org](http://www.dark-sky.org)). They have an abundance of resources available, covering everything from if we should light at night and where we must, how to do so properly; the promise and problems of LED lights, especially as cities begin to switch to LED street lights and to the impact improper lighting has on wildlife and even on our own health.

There are opportunities for citizen scientists to participate in mapping the actual quality of the night sky by using smartphone apps to photograph and analyze the night sky wherever you might be. For iOS devices, look for Dark Sky Meter (\$1.99) or for Android devices look for Loss of the Night. Data from these apps are automatically uploaded to a central database.

About a week ago we were under the natural light of a full moon lighting the snow-covered hills and dominating the night sky for a few nights but the natural cycle of the moon's rotation around our Earth meant that our dark skies did return and we are able to see all the wonders of the visible universe again.

With clear, and dark skies, of course.

## MONTANA WOODWORKS

Dee Gannon

Set in the back area of The Bird's Nest, Montana Woodworks will soon be on everyone's lips.

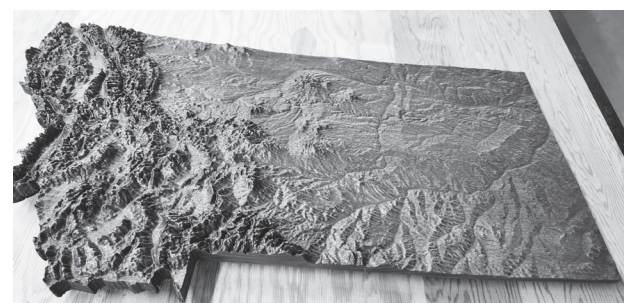
Why you ask?

Because Chris Roberts and his partner, Staci Meredith, are the nicest people; they make stunning pieces out of wood and steel. Their workshop is home to many machines which are mysteries to the usual layman. They have everything from planers to laser cutters, and even host workshops to educate others on their use and misuse.

Staci was born and raised in Helena; Chris hails from Maple Valley, Washington. In high school, Chris was introduced to fabrication; and ran with it. He went to work, learning even more, which began a passion for "making stuff with stuff."

He moved to Montana about ten years ago, and his passion grew. "We worked out of our garage for years, but it got so hard with the different phases of fabrication. I am so grateful to have this space with the ability to spread out. We have room for all our machinery; plus, we have room for classes and workshops. The workshops have been successful so far.

"We want to expand, so that we have a couple of workshops a week, teaching others what we know, and giving them a chance to learn on our equipment. They may never have this kind of opportunity again."



The wall hanging shown is about 17"x23". It is topographically correct, and all fabricated. It's a beautiful piece of art in person; pictures do it no justice. It took 16 hours to create; with prices from \$100-\$600. Chris quoted \$350 for the Montana topographical wall hanging.

They fabricated the wooden sign above the front door of the Bird's Nest; keeping it as rustic as possible. If you are interested in looking at their pieces; and curious about "how in the heck do they do that?" Come into the Bird's Nest on the weekend; you may get to watch Chris & Staci work their magic. Maybe even be curious enough to sign up for their next workshop or class.



• "During the holidays, our schedules change so much, it's hard to keep track. I used to write and re-write our family calendar, but now I just make a grid for the days/weeks, and I use Post-it notes to enter parties, school obligations and anything that is a 'maybe.' It's much easier to move around, and to add or delete events as needed." — via email

• "Fasten all buttons, snaps, fasteners and zippers on your clothes before washing and drying. It will help them keep their shape. Turn socks inside out, too. It will help prevent them from getting fuzballs." — M.W. from Saskatchewan, Canada

• "I pick up extra coffee mugs from second-hand stores, then clean and fill them with hot chocolate packets, small coffees and wrapped tea bags and a few little chocolate bars. These make nice little gifts for friends and service people. I am on a fixed budget, but I find that I can be generous this way." — T.L. in North Carolina

• When mailing packages, keep in mind that secure cargo is tightly packed. You don't have to buy expensive packing peanuts or bubble wrap; you can use what's around. For instance, plastic grocery bags are always in abundance. They can be tucked into any spare room and they barely weigh a thing. Same with newspaper; fill all the available space so that nothing bounces around in transit. Save your bubble wrap for the following tip.

• "When mailing cookies, make sure they are packed well. Use an appropriate size container, and give layers some space by separating them with small sheets of bubble wrap. My cookies arrive intact every time." — J.J. in Florida

• "I use a black permanent marker to 'erase' scuff marks on my black heels. I only wear them a couple of times a year, so I have to make them last. It works." — R.E. in Minnesota

Send your tips to *Now Here's a Tip*, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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## FOOD PREPARATION SAFETY

Department of Public Health and Human Services

DPHHS Reminds Montanans About Food Preparation Safety Prior to the Upcoming Holiday Season  
State and local public health officials are reminding Montanans about ways to stay healthy when preparing and consuming food during the upcoming holiday season.

So far in 2022, there have been 25 gastrointestinal illness outbreaks reported in Montana in numerous counties. Twenty-three of these outbreaks were caused or suspected to be caused by norovirus. Norovirus is the most common cause of gastroenteritis outbreaks in Montana and the United States, and people with norovirus infection experience symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, and stomach pain.

Foodborne illnesses are often caused by consuming food that is undercooked, has not been stored or washed properly, or has been contaminated by another food item or a sick food handler. Additionally, every year there are

many foodborne illnesses that are never linked to an outbreak or never reported to providers and public health.

According to Rachel Hinnenkamp, epidemiologist for the Department of Public Health and Human Services, raw meat such as chicken, beef, and oysters may contain bacteria such as

viduals.

Staci Evangeline of the Food and Consumer Safety Section emphasizes that people should follow the four steps of food safety to avoid illness.

These steps are:

**Clean:** wash hands, utensils, and surfaces often when cooking. **Separate:** separate germ-spreading raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from cooked food and produce. **Cook:** use a food thermometer to make sure foods are cooked to an internal temperature that kills germs. **Chill:** refrigerate perishable foods and leftovers within two hours. Refrigerated products should be kept at or below 41 degrees Fahrenheit. Evangeline says if there's ever a question whether food is safe for consumption, always stick to this basic message: "When in doubt, throw it out," she said. "It is also important to remember not to cook for others while you are ill, as this can spread illness to the people who are consuming your food."

For more information, visit the Montana DPHHS website at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/public-health/cdepi/diseases/foodborne>

# MONTANA DPHHS

Salmonella, Shiga toxin-producing E. coli, and Vibriosis. "These foods should be cooked thoroughly to avoid causing illness," she said.

Additionally, some groups of people are more likely to become seriously ill, including children under five, pregnant women, adults aged 65 and over, and immunocompromised indi-



### Cutting back perennials

When it comes to perennials, don't cut them back until after several hard frosts. The roots are still reclaiming energy for healthy growth in the spring, and the decomposing leaves insulate the plant during freezes and thaws and provide fertilizer for spring growth. Leave seedheads standing to feed the birds in cold weather. However, you should remove dead foliage containing pests or disease.

Source: [www.almanac.com](http://www.almanac.com)

— Brenda Weaver

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## PHISHING AND SMISHING

Victor Sample

Phishing is an email attempt to "lure" you into clicking on a link to a malware site or to call a phone number. Obviously, the term comes from the word fishing.

According to the FBI, phishing is the most common type of cybercrime and is growing rapidly. Phishing has been around as long as people have been using email through the internet. Hopefully, all of you are aware that the Nigerian prince that needs to move his money out of Nigeria and is asking you to allow him to use your bank account in return for a huge reward is not real and is someone trying to trick you into giving them your bank account information. After everyone started recognizing the Nigerian Prince's phishing attempt, I started receiving variations: a businessman in India or Canada that is dying and wants to give away his vast fortune and for some reason out of 350 million people randomly selected me to help him – in return for a reward. Or perhaps you received an email from an "attorney" informing you that a very distant relative (in a foreign country) has left you a vast fortune and if you would just send him your bank information....

I personally have received at least 100 to 200 notifications that I won lotteries worth millions (the best one was \$225 million). They were lotteries I never even entered! If only I had bothered to collect my millions...

The phishers moved on to more sophisticated schemes. You may have received emails or phone calls informing you that Microsoft Technical

Support has been monitoring your PC and they have noticed you have major problems on your computer. For a small fee (usually hundreds of dollars) they will fix it for you. Microsoft Technical Support is NOT MONITORING your pc for problems. Nor do they have "partners" monitoring your pc for problems. IT IS A SCAM!

The current phase of phishing seems to be oriented on very sophisticated emails from well-known companies informing you that you have been selected to receive a "customer loyalty" gift. They feature very nice graphics that look very real. I have received them from Target, Home Depot, Kohls, etc.

Another type of phishing is an email that tells you your order is ready and will be shipped to you, or there is a problem delivering a package to you, or your bank account information needs to be updated. Always look at the actual email address that was used to send the email. If it is a string of nonsensical letters DO NOT RESPOND. Your bank will NEVER send you an email asking you to click on a link to update/verify your banking information.

Smishing is a term that I had never seen used. It is, of course, a different type of phishing. The technology used for sending texts from your smartphone is called SMS. Smishing is a cute reference to phishing done via texts.

Just like phishing emails, smishing is an attempt to get you to click on a link to a malware site or call a phone number to a scam artist. However, it is much harder to verify where the website link is going or that the phone number is a scam. NEVER answer those types of texts; never call the number; never click on the link.

Err on the side of caution!

I have been asked to do an Old Baldy Adult Education class on "safe surfing". The class will be free and open to anyone that wants more information on these types of phishing/smishing. Watch for an announcement of the Adult Education programs being offered.



## Plan Now for the Cost of a New Pet

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** As the holiday season approaches, many people are thinking about adopting or purchasing a pet as a gift. Can you remind readers that the cost of owning a pet can be quite high? Unexpected pet care expenses are one reason that pets wind up at shelters after the holidays. — Carl W., Indianapolis

**DEAR CARL:** You brought up this issue at the perfect time, as many families start thinking about and committing to getting a pet for Christmas. Potential owners have a lot of things to think about and discuss, and one big item is the cost of owning a pet.

Bringing home a cat or dog from the shelter can cost \$1,200 to \$1,800, a Geico Living post reports. Adoption fees, the initial vet visit and supplies are part of the upfront costs. Smaller pets like hamsters and goldfish will cost about \$200 initially when a tank, cage and supplies are factored in.

Then there's the cost of continuing care. A cat will cost at least \$800 per year in litter, food, toys, medical care and more. Dogs can cost \$1,500 per year or more, and if a professional trainer is needed, that adds to the cost. And if your pet gets sick, veterinary bills can be quite expensive.

This is not to talk people out of owning a pet, but to make them aware that a pet will impact the household budget more than most new owners expect. Know the upfront cost of a new pet. Budget for the monthly and annual costs of keeping a pet healthy and happy. Minimize financial surprises, and you can focus fully on your pet's well-being.

*Have unexpected pet expenses affected you? Tell us your story at [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).*

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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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## “WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

Submitted by Linda Huth; Sponsored by: The Broadwater County Historical Society and The “Cotter Foundation” November 24 1938

“Toston News” Bill Berberet left for California Wednesday where he will visit friends and relatives. Miss Mary Berberet of Butte spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Berberet, in Toston. Jake Ross is spending a few days with relatives and friends in Helena. Jack Berberet of Helena spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Toston. Edward Conrad, who is attend college in Bozeman, spent Saturday evening with relatives in Toston and Townsend. Miss Verna Rudeck of Helena spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rudeck and family, in Toston.

1949

### “Carnival for High School Nets \$744”

The annual Broadwater County High School carnival, held last Saturday night, was a complete success both financially and socially. An unusually large crowd enjoyed the variety of entertainment that was offered, according to D.D. Cooper, superintendent of schools. Of the event Mr. Cooper said: “Due to the generosity of the parents and business people in donating prizes, the expenses were held to a minimum and thanks to the large, generous crowd who attended the carnival, the net proceeds were \$744.10. \$100 of this sum has been distributed to the elementary grades and high school organizations who assisted with the booths and other entertainment. The balance goes to the athletic department and will be

used for paying outstanding bills and the purchase of new basketball uniforms. “It was intended to list all of the donors of merchandise, but there were so many that it would be virtually impossible to list them all. However, every merchant and business man in Townsend and a very large number of parents from all over the county contributed generously. “We wish to express our appreciation to these people and to those who helped in the kitchen and booths during the carnival. “The minstrel show produced by Mrs. Mosier and her 5th grade students was delightful and enjoyed by a great many people. “The carnival was directed by Coach Radakovich, assisted by all of the elementary and high school teachers and “B” club members. “Mr. Heberle’s shop boys helped with the construction of booths and Norman Sanderson acted as straw boss. “Last year, the profits from the carnival went to the music department, this year to the athletic department and present plans are that next year they will go to the dramatics department for stage equipment.”

1955

“Winston News” Mrs. Ned George returned home Wednesday from Wenatchee, Wa. where she had spent a week visiting her sister and her ninety-year-old father. She drove her car and was accompanied from Helena by a friend, Mrs. Helen Lehmann. Mary Hagbom walks around her home a little now. Progress has been slow, but we rejoice with her parents that she is gradually coming back to normal. Charlie Masolo sold some of his bulls at the big sale in Butte November 12. He placed fifth with a pen of three bulls and one of his bulls brought third highest price paid at the sale. Not bad, Charlie. “East of Townsend News” Donald George Graveley arrived home Saturday from Norfolk, Virginia. He has completed his three years active duty with the navy. His sisters, Mrs. Joe Monico of Anaconda

and Mrs. Gary Welch were home Saturday for a reunion of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graveley. Ronald Marks will board the Milwaukee train at Three Forks Thursday morning for his all-expense paid trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Miss Barbara Shuman, student of nursing at Montana State College in Bozeman, will spend the holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Shuman. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Iverson and three children expect to spend Thanksgiving with relatives in Utah. Highway markers indicating curves have been put up, along our new highway. We still need stop signs at all roads.

1966

“Crow Creek News” Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conrad and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark of Toston attended the Obern Kirchen Children’s Choir Concert in Bozeman. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lucas and boys of Helena spent from Thursday through Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber and family. The men enjoyed hunting for a few days. Mrs. Abe Fandrich was guest of honor Wednesday evening at the Ray Horne home in celebration of her birthday. She was presented with a gift. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barringer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heuer, Mrs. Bertha Hinch, Abe Fandrich and son, Abe, all of Townsend. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kitto and family were hosts at an early Thanksgiving dinner. Guests were Misses Pearl and Mary Kitto and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kitto and boys. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kitto of Winston were unable to attend because of bad weather. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sanderson and boys of Bozeman were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sanderson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber and family visited Sunday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber.



## YESTERYEAR LOMBARD

Victor Sample

Lombard was a small, very isolated town located on the eastern edge of Broadwater County about a mile north of where Sixteen Mile Creek meets the Missouri River. The town was walled in by natural rock cliffs and was inaccessible except by railroad and horseback (and presumably on foot) until a road was constructed about 1930. Ironically, the town paid road taxes from the time of its founding in 1895!

The town was at the intersection of two railroads, the Montana Railroad and the Northern Pacific Railroad. It was the western terminus of the Montana Railroad (nicknamed the Jawbone Railroad) built by Richard Harlow. It was nicknamed the Jawbone Railroad due to “the persistent wagging of the jawbone of its promoter”. In 1910 the Montana Railroad was acquired by the Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad.

Lombard was famous for the Lombard Hotel built by the Montana Railroad. Many people traveling to Maudlow for dances liked to stop in Lombard overnight and enjoy a great meal at Billy Kie’s restaurant located in the hotel.

Billy Kie was a Chinese immigrant who made a fortune as the hotel and restaurant operator. After making his fortune, Billy returned to China and invested his fortune in the wrong political party – he was subsequently beheaded!

In 1925 a severe earthquake occurred centered above the town on Lombard Hill. The effects of the earthquake were felt for a 50-mile radius and the town was totally cut off from the rest of the world while nearby residents pondered if the town was buried.

The movie “Danger Lights” was filmed in and around Lombard and in Miles City. According to Danger Lights Wikipedia article “The plot concerns railroading on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (Milwaukee Road), and the movie was largely filmed along that railroad’s lines in Montana.” The movie starred Jean Arthur and James Farley. The “Townsend Star” of Sept 3, 1931, said, “Jean Arthur was the only actress in a movie troupe of 100 men.” Also, “One of the locomotives used in the picture was said to be the largest and fastest passenger engine in the world.”

The population of Lombard slowly declined throughout the first half of the twentieth century. The post office (which opened in 1896) closed in 1957. By the time the Milwaukee Railroad was abandoned in 1980, the town was totally deserted.

The Montana Railroad was conceived and built through the efforts of Richard Harlow. In the 1880s, mining in the Castle Mountains was a major industry. Castle Town, on the southern end of the Castle Mountains, had a population of around 2000 people.

Harlow wanted to connect the mining district to the Northern Pacific Railroad at the mouth

of Sixteen Mile Creek. He raised money and built the railroad section by section, but never did reach Castle Town – it came to Leadboro just south of Castle Town. Unfortunately, by the time the Montana Railroad reached Leadboro, the mining boom was over and Castle Town had dwindled from 2000 people to about 20 families.

Harlow then continued the railroad to Martinsdale to take advantage of the huge wool trade built by Charlie Bair. Eventually, the railroad continued on to Merino (later renamed Harlowton) and to Lewistown.

In 1910 the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad purchased the Montana Railroad. According to the “Montana Pay Dirt,” after the sale “Harlow paid all his debts...and redeemed every warrant .... before he died”.

The information in this article came from the Broadwater Bygones, and from Wikipedia articles about Lombard, The Montana Railroad and the movie “Danger Lights”. The Broadwater Bygones are available at the Broadwater County Museum. Visit the Broadwater County Museum to learn more about Lombard and Broadwater County History.

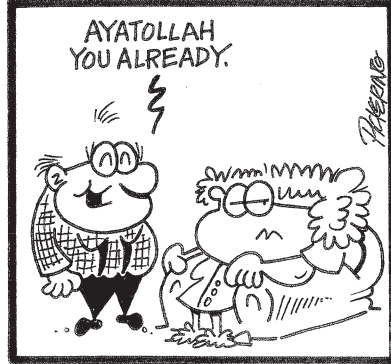
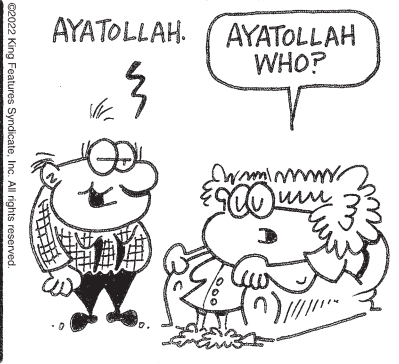
# It's all Fun & Games!

WORD SPIRAL ANSWER

WORD LADDER ANSWER  
CROSS, CHOPS, CHOPS,  
CHAPS, CHATS, COATS

## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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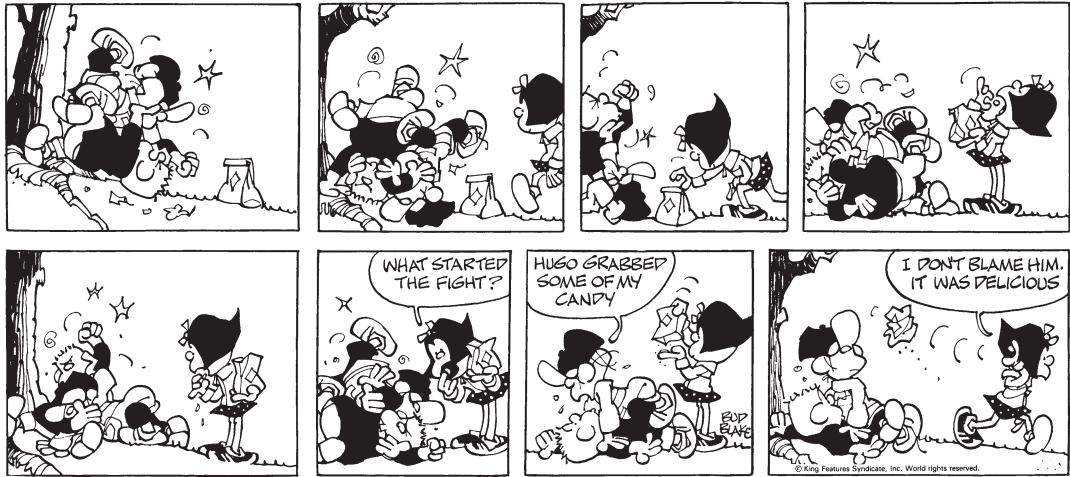
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## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



## WORD LADDERS

Can you go from CROSS to COATS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

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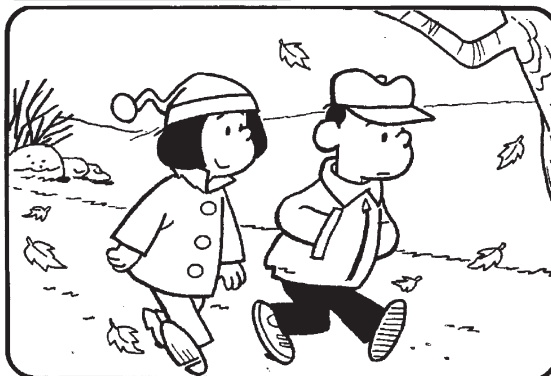
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COATS

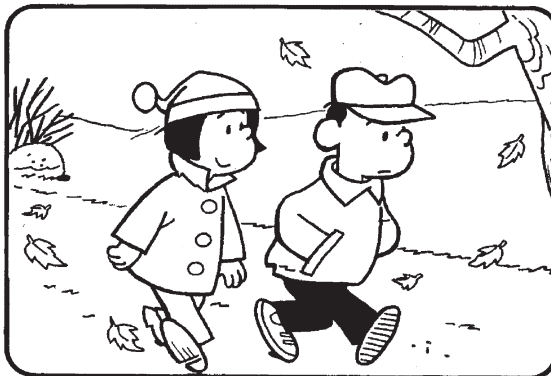
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Rocks are missing. 2. Tassel is shorter. 3. Hair is different. 4. Pocket is moved. 5. Zipper is missing. 6. Leg is moved.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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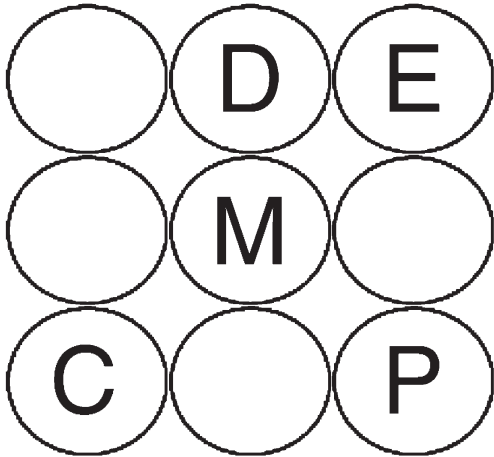
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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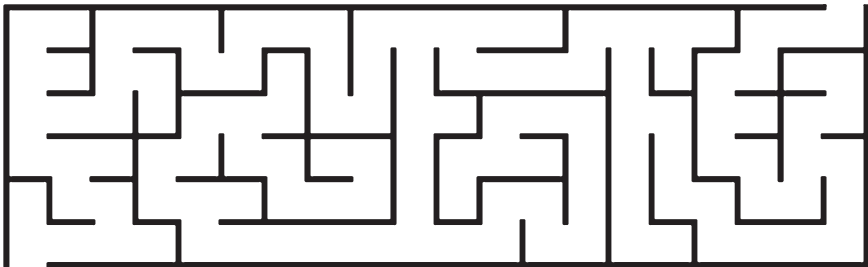
## WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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## Kids' Maze



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## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

### RIDDLE SEARCH – THINGS THAT ARE RED

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What is red and has feathers all over?**

APPLE	F	A	E	L	R	B	L	O	O	D
BARN	L	I	N	T	O	M	A	T	O	A
BEE	A	T	R	H	S	I	D	A	R	L
BERRY	M	U	A	E	E	R	Y	P	K	I
BLOOD	E	C	B	E	E	T	B	P	B	C
CARDINAL	H	E	H	Y	B	N	U	L	A	O
CHERRY	O	L	U	E	S	H	G	E	R	R
CRAB	L	B	E	R	R	Y	I	I	C	I
FIRE ENGINE	L	A	N	I	D	R	A	C	N	C
FLAME	Y	P	P	O	P	H	Y	N	G	E
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HOLLY										
LADYBUG										
LEAF										
LICORICE										
POPPY										
RADISH										
ROSE										
TOMATO										

Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Super Crossword

EASY-PEASY

- |                                                               |                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                                 | <b>DOWN</b>                                 |
| 1 Conceptual framework                                        | 1 Italian tenor Tito                        |
| 7 Nickname of jazz pianist Earl Hines                         | 2 Devise, as a plan                         |
| 12 Cat feature                                                | 3 Would really rather not                   |
| 16 Mailbox item: Abbr.                                        | 4 Application filename extension            |
| 19 Cajoles                                                    | 5 Actor Gibson                              |
| 20 Backcountry                                                | 6 According to                              |
| 21 Actor Alan                                                 | 7 Not stale                                 |
| 22 Before                                                     | 8 Vienna's nation: Abbr.                    |
| 23 Saving a Hilton from being demolished?                     | 9 Two after uno                             |
| 26 Rove (about)                                               | 10 Persists in discussing                   |
| 27 Eisenhower, informally                                     | 11 Thomas — Edison                          |
| 28 Dawn deity                                                 | 12 British bye-byes                         |
| 29 Country that's the setting of a story told by Jesus?       | 13 Perp's excuse                            |
| 31 Confusion when a golfer can't find the club for the green? | 14 Reversed one                             |
| 36 2000-15 CBS show                                           | 15 Narrow road                              |
| 37 Two racing Unsers (do some modeling)                       | 16 Groups of trial lawyers                  |
| 38 Strike — (do some modeling)                                | 17 Fleeting quality                         |
| 39 Admission of defeat                                        | 18 Comic Foxx                               |
| 41 "The way things now stand ..."                             | 24 Mythical bird                            |
|                                                               | 25 Bitterly cold                            |
|                                                               | 30 Jungle den                               |
|                                                               | 32 Recipe qty.                              |
|                                                               | 33 Always                                   |
|                                                               | 34 Assistance (informal segue)              |
|                                                               | 35 Bullring holler                          |
|                                                               | 40 Sky light                                |
|                                                               | 41 40-Down studier's sci.                   |
|                                                               | 42 Eyelid malady                            |
|                                                               | 43 One of a flight of steps                 |
|                                                               | 45 MPG monitor                              |
|                                                               | 46 USA's Uncle                              |
|                                                               | 47 A Gershwin                               |
|                                                               | 48 Be an omen of                            |
|                                                               | 49 Feudal vassal                            |
|                                                               | 50 Big galoot                               |
|                                                               | 51 Outrage                                  |
|                                                               | 52 Impair                                   |
|                                                               | 57 Frank Sacks' "the Unicorn"               |
|                                                               | 58 Plunk lead-in                            |
|                                                               | 59 Helpful hints                            |
|                                                               | 60 Get it wrong                             |
|                                                               | 61 "Be My Girl" (top 5 tune for the O'Jays) |
|                                                               | 66 Source of CBD oil                        |
|                                                               | 67 "Right on!"                              |
|                                                               | 69 Ancient Egyptian god                     |
|                                                               | 70 Dwarfs' count                            |
|                                                               | 71 Vodka brand, familiarly                  |
|                                                               | 72 In support of                            |
|                                                               | 73 Govt. health agcy.                       |
|                                                               | 74 "— you act now ..."                      |
|                                                               | (informal segue)                            |
|                                                               | 75 Is unrivaled                             |
|                                                               | 76 Hardly ever employed                     |
|                                                               | 80 By way of                                |
|                                                               | 81 Hostel                                   |
|                                                               | 82 Mil. officer                             |
|                                                               | 84 Bean curd                                |
|                                                               | 85 Touch                                    |
|                                                               | 86 Traitor                                  |
|                                                               | 87 Yale alum                                |
|                                                               | 88 "The Good Doctor" aier                   |
|                                                               | 91 Virgin Mary's mother: Abbr.              |
|                                                               | 95 Actress Lanchester                       |
|                                                               | 96 Many #1 songs                            |
|                                                               | 97 Calder Cup rink org.                     |
|                                                               | 98 Writer Santha Rama —                     |
|                                                               | 99 Email giggle                             |
|                                                               | 100 Verdi's "— tu"                          |
|                                                               | 104 Instead (of)                            |
|                                                               | 105 Danish port                             |
|                                                               | 106 Big Apple MLB squad                     |
|                                                               | 108 Coll. in Philly                         |
|                                                               | 109 Made grain-sized                        |
|                                                               | 111 Skater Sasha                            |
|                                                               | 112 Python in "The Jungle Book"             |
|                                                               | 113 Scrabble 4-pointer                      |
|                                                               | 114 Hernando de —                           |
|                                                               | 115 Engine stats                            |
|                                                               | 116 A Great Lake                            |
|                                                               | 117 Roman 402                               |
|                                                               | 122 Sydney's state: Abbr.                   |
|                                                               | 123 Non- — food                             |
|                                                               | 124 Sprinted                                |
|                                                               | 125 "Inc." relative                         |

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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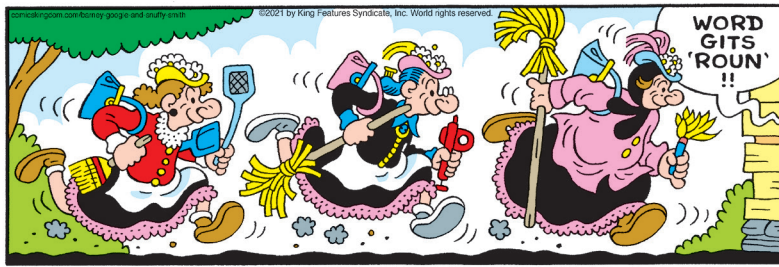
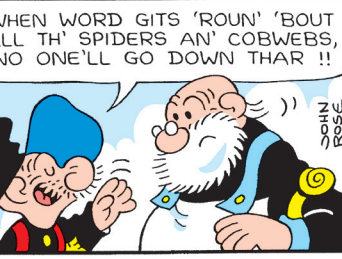
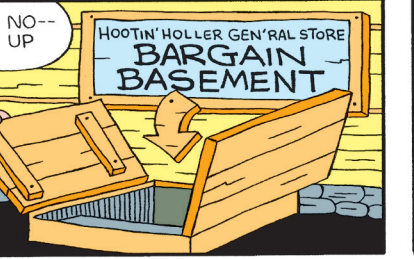
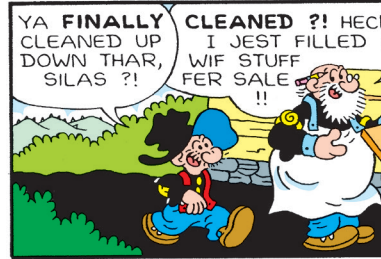
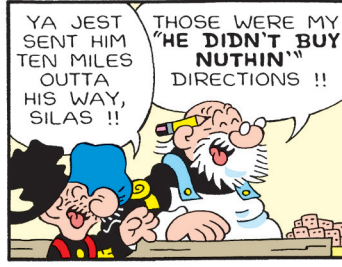
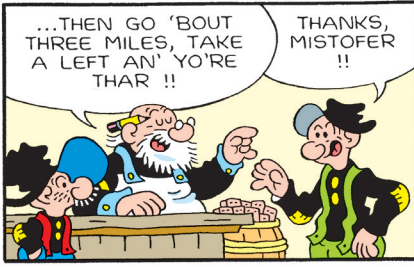
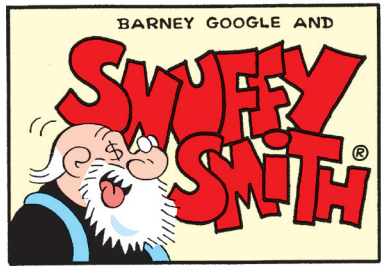
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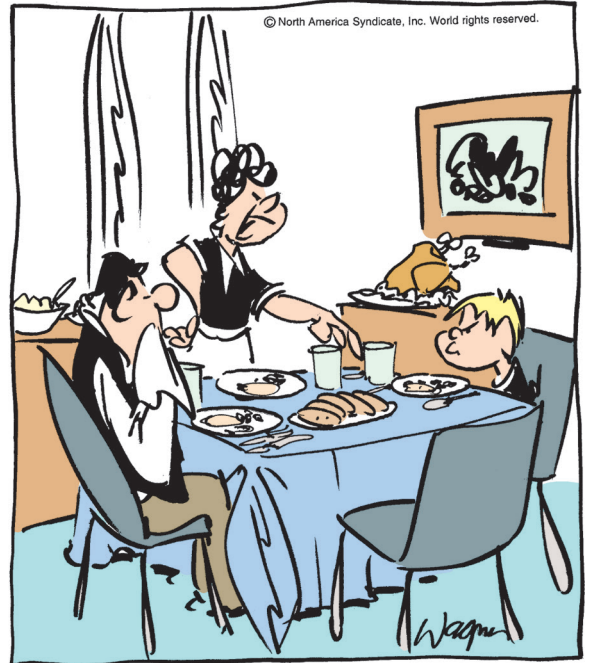
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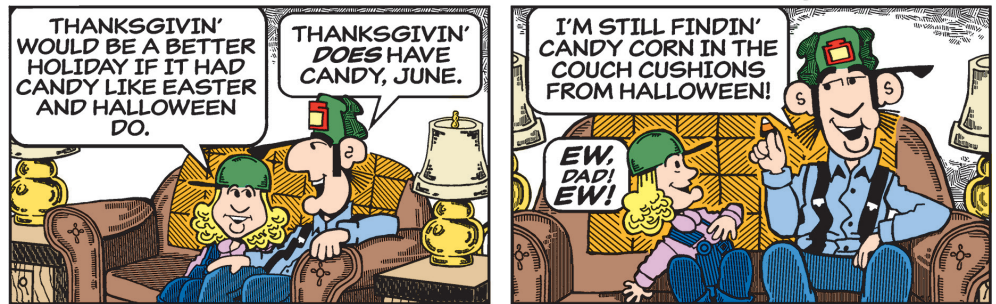
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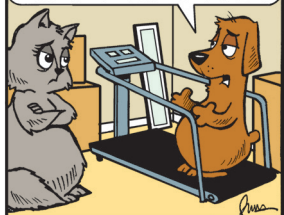
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# HONORING OUR VETERANS: RUSS VOORHEES

Matthew Nelson

PART 1



U.S. Air Force Sergeant Russ Voorhees served for four years, from 1969 until 1973. "I enlisted in the United States Air Force on November 23, 1969, which left an empty seat at the table on Thanksgiving Day that year. My flight to Texas was the first time I had ever been on a commercial aircraft. That group of new recruits arrived at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where we would be at the mercy of the meanest person I'd ever met for the next 8 weeks. But he made sure we had nice haircuts, food, exercise, and clothes. What more could a person ask for? Basic training was all about learning the military way, how to march, how to shoot, how to be a stronger person, and how to wear that great USAF uniform proudly.

"With Basic Training completed, and a new stripe on the sleeve of my uniform, I went to Sheppard AFB, in Wichita Falls, Texas, for technical training. Before enlistment, I'd had to take several tests to qualify for the training I wanted and I had scored well. Poor eyesight kept me from flying, but I wanted to be around the aircraft. The Air Force thought I'd make a good jet mechanic. The technical training was intense, but I enjoyed all of it.

We marched to 'school' after breakfast every day for the next 14 weeks. The school was a

huge aircraft hangar with several contemporary fighter aircraft staged around the periphery of the hangar in various stages of disassembly to show the workings of all the aircraft systems. As a unit, we learned everything we needed to know about the aircraft and how to maintain them efficiently. There was a war on, and when we were later sent to our first assignments, we were expected to make sure our airplanes were launched on time, and if they returned with battle damage, we were expected to be able to repair them and see to it they were ready for their next mission. It was a huge responsibility for an 18-year-old kid from Indiana. I loved it.

"After Tech School, I arrived at Luke, AFB, in Phoenix, Arizona, for my first assignment with another stripe on my sleeve. I was assigned to a sergeant who was the crew chief on the North American F-100F fighter. He taught me the finer points of how to launch and recover 'our' airplane. (In the enlisted man's mind, those airplanes were ours, and we only loaned them out to the pilots so they'd have something in which to train.) If there was any doubt about who owned the airplane, one had only to look just below the plexiglass canopy and see whose name was stenciled there.



But the heat of Arizona in June, July, and August was just too hot for me. After 3 months of 116-degree days, I went to the Personnel Office for a transfer. My only recourse was to volunteer for a tour in Viet Nam, so I signed up to work on the Mistys flying F-100s out of Tuy Hoa, just north of Saigon. The Mistys were a crack F-100 squadron with an outstanding reputation. I was looking forward to the assignment.

"After the required 30-day leave for anyone going to Southeast Asia, I arrived 'in country' at Saigon on September 11, 1970. It was raining, and it didn't stop until February, such is the monsoon season. I hopped aboard a C-130 transport to Tuy Hoa, but when I arrived, I was told that all the F-100 aircraft had been transferred to the South Vietnamese Air Force. I was in limbo for a week waiting for a new assignment. Soon I was aboard another C-130 headed further north for Da Nang Air Base, just 50 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). When I arrived, I was told that there were no F-100 fighters at Da Nang. It was an F-4 base, and I had no F-4 Phantom training. I was given the choice of working in the sheet metal shop or working with the Crash Recovery Squadron.



Crash Recovery it was! It was the most exciting time of my life. Our mission was to keep the two 10,000-foot runways of Da Nang open. At the time, Da Nang was busier than O'Hare Airport in Chicago. With the air war raging up north, returning aircraft with battle damage was a constant. Some barely made it to the runway and had to be removed on a flatbed trailer. Others could be towed away. Some had to be lifted with our 50-ton crane before they could be removed. Being so far north, Da Nang was attacked regularly (at least twice a month) with rockets and mortars, followed usually by a ground attack. Of course, this almost always took place in the wee hours of the morning. Crash Recovery had two crews and we worked 24 hours on, then 24 hours off. It was a very busy time, but I enjoyed my work. Occasionally, I would have to hop on a helicopter to retrieve aircraft from the jungle, but most of the work was done on the base.

## THREE FORKS SCHOOL BOARD: GOOD DIGITAL CITIZENRY

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

The Three Forks School Board discussed methods to ensure technology does not become a distraction at school as well as ways to teach students to be "good digital citizens" while at home during its Nov. 15 meeting.

As part of this goal, the district has scheduled a "Fight the New Drug" assembly for Feb. 7. The program, Superintendent Rhonda Uthlaut said, is intended to educate children about the problems involved with pornography use.

"Fight the New Drug exists to raise awareness on the harmful effects of porn using only science, facts, and personal accounts," states the organization's website.

Although Uthlaut said technology can be a great learning tool, she voiced concerns that electronic devices can be a "nightmare" for both parents and teachers alike.

School board member, Joe Petersen, questioned whether banning personal technology from campus would be an effective method to combat negative cyber uses, but Uthlaut argued that it would have the opposite effect.

"It might make things a little easier during the day, but the real root of the problem is the minute they go out the [school] door, they're still posting things and doing things [online]," she responded. "It's not just in the walls of the school, it's carried home and it happens

throughout the evening, and honestly it carries into school the next day."

School admin also voiced concerns about cyberbullying and other negative digital practices, which could impact students' future college and job applications.

"When kids have their own devices, we have to do a better job of just teaching them digital citizenship," Uthlaut said, clarifying that this means teaching students how to use their devices responsibly. "We need to make sure our kids know they're leaving a footprint with their messages."

### Coach resignations

The Three Forks High School volleyball coaching staff tendered their letters of resignation to the school board during its Nov. 15 meeting.

"I would like to thank all of you for your support over the last two years," Head Coach Shan Mack said in his letter to the board. "Once a wolf, always a wolf"

Uthlaut said the school would miss Mack's

expertise on the volleyball court.

Both assistant coaches, Shelby Allen and Tiffany Lynch cited growing family responsibilities as their reason for resigning. "I feel as though it's time to step aside and focus on my family," Allen's letter read.

Lynch expressed a similar sentiment to Allen's letter, adding that the last two years have been the most memorable in her 15-year coaching career.

Uthlaut said the resignations "hit the district hard" and were saddened to see, acknowledging that coaches often stay late and miss out on time with their families.

"You don't do it for the money, you do it because you really have a passion for it and care about the kids," she said.

The district plans to wait to advertise the open positions until the spring season.

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