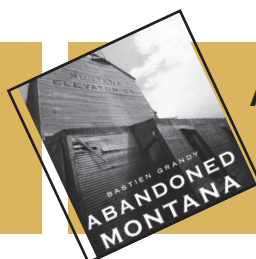




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## SCHOOL DISTRICT REVISES STRATEGIC PLAN

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

During its Nov. 28 community meeting, the Townsend School District is once again revisiting its strategic plan, after prior discussions sputtered out in August of 2021, focusing mostly on potential schedules. Nearly three dozen Broadwater County residents comprised of teachers, school staff, school board members, parents and other interested parties gathered together in the Broadwater Library Community Room under the direction of Shaun Scott, a computer science professor at Carroll College, to begin laying the groundwork for the district's future.

“Always review, always think about it, always vision out. That’s what strategic planning is about, is that vision,” Scott told attendees.

After discussing the importance of making “data-driven decisions,” Scott turned the discussion to potential schedule formats. Although there are innumerable types of school schedules, the conversation focused on two schedules used in nearby institutions: a 4-day week and block scheduling.

“I think there’s enough information out there, I think there’s enough interest out there that it’s worth pursuing,” Van Zee said during the meeting, adding that lunchroom staff and several teachers are on board. However, bus drivers and janitorial staff could struggle to get in 40 hours of work with the shortened school week.

Van Zee also pointed out that, so far, five Townsend staff members have informed him that the district’s switch to a 4-day school week would be a “difference maker” in their decision to stay or seek employment elsewhere.

Another community member present at the meeting questioned what working parents do on Fridays, to which Van Zee said there are plenty of options. Three Forks School District offers Friday care options such as tutoring and remedial help. Jefferson High School offers similar academic help.

“We can cater to the needs of our community, we can develop it however we want it to be,” Van Zee said.

schedule format could be a compromise for special needs students and a better option than a 4-day school week. “Is a 4-day work week going to make our job easier? At my level, I don’t foresee it making my job easier,” she said, adding that more professional development could help make a difference and improve teacher retention.

With the updated strategic plan, the district also hopes to address student academics and to maintain low class sizes -- goals which Middle School Principal, Brad Racht, said were never specified with numeral goals in the district’s 2018 plan.

The elementary school’s fall scores show students excelling in math more than reading, a trend contrary to most schools in the state.

“My concern is when we start seeing the same graph over and over and over,” Racht said. “It means we’re not making a lot of progress.”

Superintendent Susie Hedalen clarified that improvements from the school’s new reading curriculum could take several years to begin showing up in the data.

Jeannie Steele and Tim Ravndal advocated for improving community involvement before moving forward with the plan.

“There’s a whole bunch of people in the community that aren’t here tonight. They don’t participate, you’ve got to make it as easy as possible for them,” Steele said. Improving community partnerships, Scott pointed out, is part of the strategic plan.

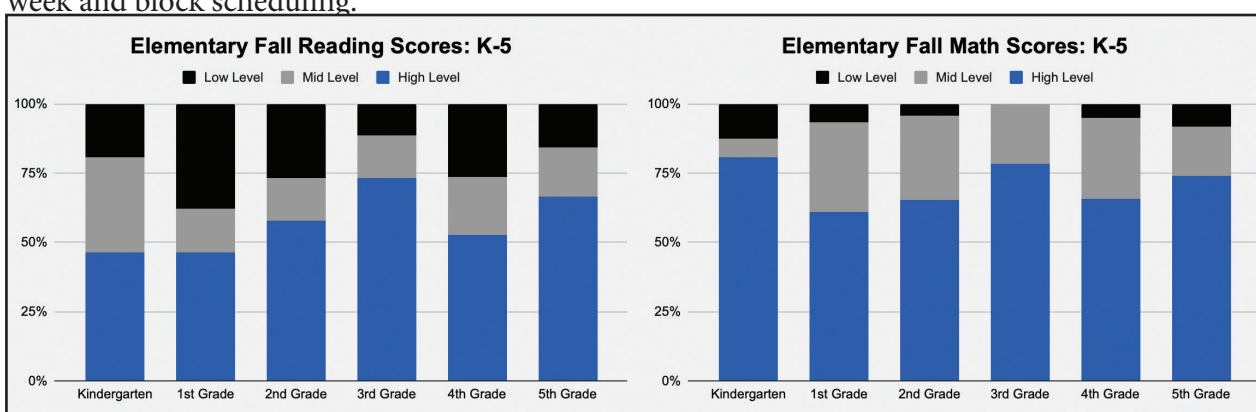
“Going forward, if there’s data we want the community to be able to understand and work with, we can do a better job of putting it out,” Hedalen said.

The next strategic plan meeting will take place at the Community Library community room on Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.

When a teacher suggested that a 4-day school week with longer school days would help with project-based classes, Scott pointed out that a 4-day school week could lead to longer days or a longer school year.

Scott also suggested that the school consider block scheduling -- which extends class periods -- as a better option for projects.

Kelsey Flynn, a second-grade teacher, said this



The Three Forks School District made the switch to a 4-day school week starting with the 2022-23 school year, following in Jefferson High School’s footsteps. Levi Van Zee, a middle school math teacher, said both these districts have similar demographics to Broadwater High School and have expressed only positive feelings toward the new schedule with newfound morale among teachers and students.



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# A LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Did you know the use of evergreens at Christmas predates the birth of Christ? The use of evergreens to celebrate winter festivals goes back thousands of years from the Pagans to the Romans to early Christians. The first decorated Christmas tree is credited to Latvia in 1510. Early Christmas trees were illuminated with small candles. Christmas tree lights can be traced back to Thomas Edison. His assistant, Edward Johnson, came up with the idea of electric Christmas lights in 1882. In 1890, the Edison Company published a brochure offering lighting services for Christmas.

Nearly 98% of all Christmas trees are grown on farms, while only 2% are cut from the wild. However, I would venture a guess that that number is considerably higher in Montana where there are fewer tree farms. Artificial trees started becoming popular in the early 20th century. They were first made from goose feathers and today are made from PVC plastic.

The tradition even in the early times was cut trees or boughs. However, in recent years there has been a new trend for living Christmas trees. This is a true living plant that can be planted after the holidays or in the spring. One advantage of this option is that there is less waste, and it is regenerative. However, it is not without its challenges.

If you decide to try a living tree, one of the most important steps is choosing the right tree for the environment. Even though you plan to decorate it for Christmas, the long-term goal is a landscape tree. In Broadwater County, choose a tree that is for zone four or lower, tolerant to alkaline soils and drought tolerant. Options include Rocky Mountain Juniper, Scotch Pine, Austrian Pine, Blue Spruce, Black Hills Spruce or Ponderosa Pine. Fraser fir is a popular potted living Christmas tree, but it will not do well in Montana's climate. The trees will either be in containers or balled and burlapped (B&B). B&B trees are typically larger and a little more difficult to maneuver.

Unlike cut trees, live trees should remain outside until right before Christmas. Live trees should only be kept indoors for 7 to 10 days. Some research even suggests no more than 4 to 5 days. Any longer and they will start to come out of dormancy and cannot be taken out into the cold again without causing injury. If you

plan to have the tree inside for longer than a week, then plan to have it inside until spring after the threat of frost has passed.

Once the tree is inside, it can be treated like a houseplant. Even though it is dormant, it still needs water. Evergreen trees transpire through their needles throughout the winter. Place the tree inside a pot or tub to collect excess water and avoid making a mess. If possible, keep it away from heat sources such as vents or a fireplace to keep it from drying out. LED or small electric lights should be used as they generate less heat than larger bulbs.

Do not plant your tree immediately after the holidays. It is unlikely to survive, and it may not even be possible if the ground is frozen. Keep it in a cool sheltered place like an unheated structure, shed or protected location. Add mulch around the root system or container. It may need to be watered periodically throughout the winter. When spring finally arrives, it is time to plant!

MSU Extension has many resources to help with tree planting and care as well, so don't hesitate to reach out to the Broadwater County Office at 406-266-9242 or [allison.kosto@montana.edu](mailto:allison.kosto@montana.edu) with all your questions. Happy Holidays!

## BROADWATER COMMUNITY THEATER AND DINNER

Nancy Marks

Christmas without theater is not Christmas in Townsend. The Broadwater Community Theater board welcomes you to its second annual Christmas Dinner at The Lodge with entertainment on Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday 17. Chairperson LaRinda Spencer told of ballet dancers and skits with local actors. "The night will be full of folks in formal dress fit for dancing afterward. It will be fun for everyone," she explained.

Tickets are on sale at Reading Leaves, 401 Broadway. Reservations will close Friday, Dec. 09 at 5:00 PM. Ticket price is \$40 per person. All tickets will be sold in advance, with none offered at the door.

County Creek Caterers, a new catering family in Townsend, will cook the three-course dinner. Kathy and Marvin Schaefer have recently moved to Townsend from Washington State and built a new home with a commercial kitchen.

The dinner will be served by members of the STOKÉ group, who did such a good job serving last year.

According to LaRinda, the board decided to put on the dinner-theater evening for two nights since last year's event sold out. Broadwater Community Theater has this event as its fundraiser for the year.

This season the theater group has sponsored Shakespeare in the Parks troupe performing "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged and Revised". In April two Helena Actors performed "The Ghost Talk Society". This October Karen and Neal Lewing of Pt. Polson Players entertained with "Meagher of the Sword". The highlight of the year was the "Aladdin" play directed by Carla Amundson and LaRinda, who miraculously transformed nine middle schoolers into singing actors.

In addition to the performances, the theater group has sponsored workshops for Townsend individuals who were interested in learning to act as well as learning theater arts and technical skills which involved setting up and running the lighting and sound systems at the Lodge. Errol Koch of the Virginia City Players led the workshops. In February the theater group sponsored Townsend Rotary's Speech and Drama Showcase. Broadwater High School students participated in that event.



Ruby Hohn Taylor and Bob Saxby provide comedy at the Christmas Dinner and Play Dec 18, 2001  
Photo by: (Nancy Marks)

Broadwater Community Theater board members in addition to LaRinda are Tina Homann, Carla Amundson, Pat Plantenberg, Nancy Marks and STOKÉ representative Jim Domino. Errol is the group's consultant. The theater was formally organized in June of 2021 and is underwritten by the Ryland KM Foote Memorial Trust.

## COUNTRY CREEK CATERING

Nancy Marks

Get ready for some finger-lickin' good food Broadwater County food lovers! Country Creek Catering has come to town.

Kathy and Marvin Schaefer have opened their catering business for service during the holidays. Schaefer's moved here from Issaquah, Washington where they ran a catering business for eleven years before 'retiring' to Townsend a year ago this past November.

Marvin has been in the construction business since he worked with his dad in Issaquah building houses. He opened his own business and has built forty houses since then. He and his wife of 47 years came to Townsend to visit friends. That was in April 2021. By November they had bought a lot and built a house with a commercial kitchen. They have close family ties here since now some of their children and grandchildren live here as well. "It all happened pretty fast," Marvin exclaimed.

So how did Marvin and Kathy get into catering from pounding nails? Marvin explained, "I always loved cooking with my mom and had wanted to go to culinary school. When my mom died, my business partner approached me about taking a chance and going to culinary school. I took the chance and life hasn't been the same since."

Marvin graduated from the Cordon Bleu School in Seattle in 2010. After graduating with honors, he did his internship with a butcher shop and catering business. He continued in the construction business where he learned to build kitchens specifically for catering businesses. "As it turns out the construction business and catering sort of go hand in hand," he said.

Marvin and Kathy work together to prepare food for several people or several hundred people. Kathy is a self-admitted organizer and they purchase the food together. Kathy had lived in several places growing up, but graduated from Issaquah High School. After she and Marvin were married she worked full-time raising their family and holding down jobs in the dental and the printing industry. They each worked all week, so they could 'play' at catering on the weekends.



Country Creek Catering 2022

In Washington they purchased much of their food supplies from the Costco Business Center which sells directly to caterers, Marvin said. Since there are none of those in Montana yet, they plan to purchase their supplies from the soon-to-be-opened Chefs' Store, near WinCo in Helena. The Chefs' Store also will carry catering equipment and appliances.

The secret to their success Kathy explained is making excellent food from a pretty set menu. "We've found what kinds of food people really like and have planned our menus around that," she said.

Country Creek Catering may be reached at [marv.schaefer@chef.net](mailto:marv.schaefer@chef.net) for more information.



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

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

## LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

MT43 News Staff

As the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission convened this week in Helena for a four-day work session, it appeared that Broadwater County is certain to be sliced into two state House legislative districts.

The five-member panel is nearing the final stage of developing its plan for dividing the state's population to fit into new election districts for 100 seats in the House and 50 in the Senate. Going into this week, the commission had already developed four tentative maps, each with its own combination of boundaries for the House districts. In each case, Broadwater is carved into two pieces.

One map puts about half of Broadwater County residents into a district running more than 150 road miles across four counties, from north of Winston to south of Lavina. On that map, the other roughly half of Broadwater people would be attached to part of Gallatin County.

This contrasts with the existing apportionment in which all of Broadwater County is in a single district, House 70, which covers all of Broadwater plus a small portion of adjoining Lewis and Clark County.

The commission took public comments on proposed House district maps during nine public hearings in August and September. The next opportunity for in-person and remote testimony will be on Dec. 10 when the commission takes comments on the proposed districts as evolved at this week's work session. This may include pairings of the 100 House districts to create 50 Senate Districts. The meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 102 of the Capitol Building.

For details on how to participate, visit the commission's website at [mtrredistricting.gov](http://mtrredistricting.gov).

Legislative and congressional districts are reapportioned once every 10 years to equalize district populations with counts of the latest U.S. census. As a result of population gain, Montana has been awarded a second seat in the U.S. House. As apportioned by the commission in November last year, District 1 covers about the western one-third of Montana and District 2 the eastern two-thirds. Both seats were won by Republicans in the general election this year, Ryan Zinke in the west and Matt Rosendale in the east.

The commission will submit its legislative redistricting plan to the 2023 legislature within 10 days after the legislature convenes on Jan. 2. The legislature then has 30 days to recommend changes. After that, the commission will accept final public comments. The commission is to submit its final plan to the secretary of state within 30 days of receiving the Legislature's recommendations.

Two members of the commission, Jeff Essman and Dan Stusek were appointed by Republican legislative leaders, and two, Denise Juneau and Kendra Miller, by Democratic legislative leaders. The fifth, Maylinn Smith, is the presiding officer appointed by the Montana Supreme Court.

## BASKET FUNDRAISER TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Townsend School District is kicking off its annual basket fundraiser this year with a theme that hits close to home: MSU Bobcats versus U of M Griz.

Tickets went on sale to students today, Dec. 2 at school and will open to the public at the City Office during the Dec. 3 Christmas Stroll event for 50 cents each. Tickets will also be available at various local businesses throughout the month of December.

The basket winners will be drawn during half-time of the Dec. 20 home basketball games.

"We, at the Middle School, think that this is a very worthwhile and fun fundraiser," read a parent letter sent out by the school.

Items in the baskets were donated by middle school families and staff.

All the money raised returns to the students in the form of rewards, incentives or programs, Middle School Principal Brad Racht told MT 43 News. These returns could include field trips, semester prizes, treats and dances.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOV. 22, 2022

Nancy Marks

On-time and within the budget. The school board trustees moved to approve two bids for contracts included in Phase III to finish the new elementary school Tuesday at their regular meeting in the library community room. Construction Consulting manager Shane Swanda of Hulteng, Inc discussed the need for additional funds for supplying lockers and some teachers' desks. The board approved the amount of \$50,000 for the additional equipment and furnishings.

The second proposal discussed for final approval was a \$1,293,895 bid from Dick Anderson Construction to build the two new classrooms in the southeast corner of the new elementary school. "These new classrooms will accommodate our burgeoning fifth-grade classes, and the 1st-grade classes coming up," according to chairman Jason Noyes. This final project will use up the \$18 million bond issue passed by the voters.

Superintendent Susie Hedalen recommended Kacey Williams to fill the position of District Clerk. She also recommended hiring, an interim clerk, Pam Watson who would work part-time on an hourly wage to help with training Williams for budget work. Trustees discussed whether Watson would be hired with a time limit. Contracts for the two positions will be under negotiation. No vote was taken.

In other board news, two new teachers were hired for an extra class each for the 1st grade and 5th grades. They are Brady Watkins, a 5th-grade teacher from East Helena who has a variety of experience. She is flexible as she is able to teach all grade levels K-8. Vicki Parker will teach the extra 1st grade. Parker has taught early elementary grades for many years in Montana and has recently returned from Nevada. Both teachers were able to begin working immediately.

## REDUCING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS - THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

Dacien Glueck, D.C. SMP Volunteer

On August 16, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (the "IRA") into law. The bill has several sections on the Medicare Program, particularly Part D.

First, the IRA required drug companies to pay the federal government if prices for certain drugs get more expensive more quickly than they should. Companies will no longer be able to raise their prices more than the inflation rate, keeping drug prices down over time.

Second, the IRA has created a "Drug Price Negotiation Program", which requires the government to negotiate prices with drug companies in order to reduce prices on some drugs. This means that these drug companies will be required to lower their prices, face higher taxes, or lose their Medicare status. The list of selected drugs will be published in September of 2023.

Third, the IRA changed the design of Medicare Part D so that there will now be a cap on the amount of money beneficiaries have to pay out-of-pocket for their prescriptions. Starting in 2024, there will be a cap of around \$3,250 per year; in 2025 the IRA adds a hard cap on out-of-pocket spending at \$2,000 per year.

Finally, the IRA changed the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Program. Under the act, individuals with incomes between 135% and 150% of the national poverty level will now be eligible for full benefits under the LIS program. This will assist an additional 400,000 people with their Part D benefits.

Through these provisions, the IRA is expected to lower Medicare Part D premiums and out-of-pocket drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries.

Source: H.R.5376 - 117 Congress (2021-2022) Inflation Reduction Act



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Source: Federal Trade Commission

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOV. 23, 2022

Nancy Marks

Last Wednesday the County Commissioners discussed hiring a county surveyor whose office would be combined with the County Clerk and Recorder's office. Acting County Attorney Jania Hatfield reminded the commissioners Montana State law requires the county to hire a county surveyor. Shawn Rowland currently works as a contractor for Broadwater County. During public comment, Susan Brooks Swimley, a land use lawyer from Bozeman, spoke to the choice of incorporating the county surveyor position with the Clerk and Recorder's office since the two offices work closely together. Hatfield will draft an order to combine the two offices for the Dec. 05 meeting.

County Planning Board Director Nichole Brown presented amendments to the Baldy Buildings for Lease or Rent (BLR) application. Under condition #2 the developers could lease or rent storage units to individuals but would be prohibited from selling individual units. Hatfield explained she had not done the research to clarify whether the county could restrict sales of private property. She will have the research for the commissioners' Dec. 05 meeting.

Brown also presented the Headwaters Minor subsequent subdivision for approval of the preliminary plat. The planned subdivision is near Tim's Diesel and Headwaters Livestock Auction Company in the southern end of Broadwater County. There were several errors in the proposed subdivision application which Brown pointed out. It was given preliminary approval with conditions. Included in those conditions is that the subdivision will be zoned commercial so it will not impact the Three Forks School District. Commissioners pointed out that the prospective buyers should be warned of heavy metals, including arsenic, maybe in the water wells. The subdivision's preliminary plat approval will be on the agenda for the Nov. 28 commissioner's meeting.

## Americanisms



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

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOV. 28, 2022**

Nancy Marks

Commissioners questioned whether the Meadows III subsequent minor subdivision would meet the criteria for qualifying for approval because the land, located three and a half miles east of Townsend on Highway 284, had been listed as prime farmland and in the fly zone for Townsend Municipal Airport. The proposed new subdivision, owned by MT 4D Properties of Belgrade, Montana, is part of the Meadows Major Subdivision formed in March of 2007 by owner Brad Campbell.

Community Development Director Nichole Brown explained the original Meadows Major Subdivision had been removed from being listed as agricultural land, nor should the proposed subdivision impact neighboring agricultural land. The previous developer retained the water rights which allowed farming on the acreage.

The three-lot, 20-acre minor subdivision will be allowed to have limited livestock if owners make a plan with the MSU County Extension office. Public comment at the Nov. 1 Planning Board meeting included questions by Meadows subdivision landowners about how many head of horses, cattle, goats, sheep or chickens would be allowed. Steve Wyatt questioned whether the 20-acre lots could be subdivided. A third question was what effect more wells and septic tanks would have on the landowners' wells in the immediate vicinity of the existing subdivisions.

The commissioners asked Acting County Attorney Jania Hatfield to do more research to see if the airport influence notification zone statutes were still applicable to the area around Townsend Municipal Airport. The subdivision proposal will come before the Commission on Dec. 05

During public comment Bernadette Swanson with Schaubert Surveying questioned whether the Kirk Family Certificate of Survey would come before the board. Commissioner Folkvord suggested the landowners set up a meeting with the board to discuss the issues involved.

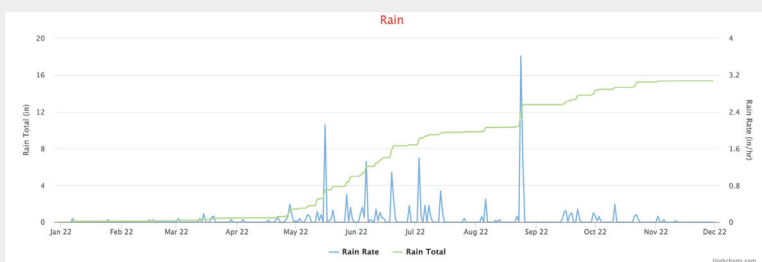
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Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk

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		No CDL for type of vehicle being operated	\$135.00
INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT			
INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION Jessica Mischel - Municipal Court of the City of Helena, \$10,000.00 bond			
Jessica Mischel - Justice Court of L & C Co., \$1,000.00 bond			

**AND NOW THE WEATHER..**



Fri 12/02	Sat 12/03	Sun 12/04	Mon 12/05	Tue 12/06
Light Snow	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
19°   11°	20°   16°	22°   16°	20°   12°	19°   5°
☁ 1 in	☁ 0%	☁ 0%	☁ 0%	☁ 0%
⇒ 9   16 mph	⇒ 12   19 mph	⇒ 10   16 mph	⇒ 8   16 mph	⇒ 9   17 mph

**OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

Kari Williams, City of Townsend Clerk/Treasurer

**City of Townsend City Council Meeting November 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Evans, Vickie Rauser, Angie Wintrow, Nate Brown, Ken Urich, Matt West, Others present were city attorney, Peter Simon, Kari Williams, Nancy Marks, Elizabeth Mclaughlin, Tim Pool, Adam Six. Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Minutes: Matt West made a motion to approve the November 1, 2022 minutes, Vickie Rauser seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Evans closed the meeting for the Public Hearing Copper Springs Major Subdivision: The clients are requesting an extension for the final Plat on Phase 1 to December of 2024. The other two Phases will remain the same. No one from the public made any comments. Vickie Rauser made a motion to approve the extension for Plat on Phase 1 to the end of 2024, Angie Wintrow seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Evans opened the meeting for the First Reading Noise Ordinance 2022-02: The Council put together a Noise Ordinance Committee, and they have been meeting to get the Ordinance up to date. Quiet time in the noise ordinance is 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Doris Mingay asked about the church bells fitting into this ordinance, and church bells have been determined normal noise and will not be restricted. Tim Pool asked what kind of noise is being addressed. Mayor Evans addressed the question saying that it's been more party noise, loud laughter, etc. The noise ordinance will include the Sheriff's Office. No further comment. Mayor Evans closed the Noise Ordinance 2022-02 First Reading.

Guests and Correspondence: Adam Six with BCDC spoke on the Mainstreet Montana Grant. The City Entity is the Mainstreet Montana member, so the city needs to be on board and write a letter of support to the Montana Department of Commerce Mainstreet Montana Grants. There will be an Impact Grant for \$50,000 and a Planning Grant for \$50,000. Part of the funds will be to construct a covered pavilion that is enclosed with 3 sides at the Reading Leaves business, and part of the funds will be helping the Professional Building finish their project with curb appeal, painting a mural, and completing the front windows that are currently boarded up. Adam brought up possibly using any excess money for the pool area, and having more walking space for folks to walk around and observe the swimmers.

The city needs to draft a support letter for each of the grants and sign off on both. This is a Department of Commerce Project. BCDC or the City, or both would be responsible for handling the funds. Vickie Rauser moved to make a motion in support both of BCDC Grants, Angie Wintrow seconded the motion, motion carried.

- Letter from Neal Lavang, P.E. RPA maps and plans of the White Annexation RPA is now waiting on a response from architect, Steve Erban.
- Letter from Trisha Bodlovic of RPA stating that the City would not qualify for a water grant that they recently had the opportunity to apply for.
- Letter from the Department of the Airforce was read by Mayor Evans and Vickie Rauser. This letter is requesting input on the proposed Environmental Assessment to establish and operate a helicopter aerial gunnery range and to establish restricted airspace at the Limestone Hills Training Area located near Townsend.

Angie Wintrow made a motion to write a letter of support for the above request, Matt West seconded the motion, motion carried.

Solicitor Ordinance Committee: Peter Simon addressed this information with the proposed changes. Page 1 of the Ordinance 2022-03 added a definition was for the word "moratorium"—meaning a period of time during which specific provisions of this Chapter shall not be enforced, as stated in and

authorized by a resolution of the City Council. Page 3 section 5 of Ordinance 2022-03 —Issuance of the License there was clarification added <Screen Shot 2022-11-30 at 11.51.53 AM.png> stating that no short-term license shall be issued during or overlapping with any moratorium, such as the Fall Fest or Christmas Stroll. Page 5 paragraph J of the Ordinance 2022-03 covers concerns regarding Farmers Market vendors. This group is considered "producers" as defined by the Montana Local Food Choice Act and are exempt from regulation of local government ordinances. With these updates, Peter Simon stated that the City and Council are ready to schedule a First Reading on this ordinance.

Angie Wintrow made a motion to schedule a First Reading of the Solicitor Ordinance 2022-03, at the next Council meeting. Matt West seconded the motion, motion carried. First Reading will be held at the December 6, 2022, Council Meeting.

Council signed a "Certificate of Survey" for the approved relocation of boundaries for Jill Flynn.

Vickie Rauser made a motion to approve the Street Closures/Barricades for the Christmas Stroll, Ken Urich seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ken Urich asked about the Water Rights Court Fees, and Mayor Evans said that \$5000 has been paid to secure the legal service of DMS.

Pool Maintenance: Ken Urich asked about any updates on the Pool. Mayor Evan's said that there is nothing new to report on this topic.

Mayor's Roundtable: Lakeside Distillery owner Jake Ballew addressed the Council regarding a bill that he received from the City. He stated that he paid \$400 to the City for a Variance, and then recently received another bill from the City for an additional \$620 with charges from the City's Engineer, Jeremy Fadness with WWC Engineering. A copy of the bill was made, and the City agreed to look into the charges on the second bill.

Nancy Marks introduced a new employee of the MT43 Newspaper, Elizabeth Mclaughlin.

Adjournment: Ken Urich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nate Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

# INSIDE INSPIRATION

## The Blind Horse

Ellie West

Thanksgiving is behind us, and we are gearing up for Christmas. This year, I have realized that not everyone enjoys or even celebrates the holidays.

Perhaps, it may be challenging for some who may have lost their job or a loved one, are going through a difficult separation or divorce, are emotionally distant from their family, are dealing with an unexpected illness or injury, are separated by miles, or they may be lonely, single, or hurting. There is a myriad of reasons that may be out of their control, but whatever the reasons, holidays can be tough for some, and some may even wish they could close their eyes and wake up when the holidays are over.

I am sure you may even know some who feel that way, lost in the wilderness or desert, trying to find their way. I know I do, as I have encountered people recently in my life experiencing each of those scenarios. How do we reach out to them and encourage and guide them through difficult and dark days?

In the fifth grade, my mom took me to the eye doctor because I was squinting and had difficulty reading the chalkboard. The eye doctor found that I was near-sighted and needed glasses. As we left the doctor's office with my new set of eyewear, I was amazed at how much better I could see in the distance. Things looked so much clearer and not fuzzy. Isn't it crazy how differently you can see and experience the world simply by having the right lens?

For just a moment, I want you to imagine a field with two horses. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But, as you walk by, you will notice something unusual and unique. If you look closely into the eyes of one horse, you will see that he is blind. The horse owner has chosen not to put him down and has discovered some creative ways in which the horse can have somewhat of a normal life.

When you are close to the horse and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. And you begin to wonder where the sound is coming from... you then realize the sound is coming from a much smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell which lets her blind friend know where she is so that he can follow her.

While you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is constantly checking on him and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

When she returns to the barn stall each evening, she occasionally stops and looks back for her friend, ensuring he isn't too far behind to hear the bell. Isn't it amazing how much we truly need each other?

Have we become blind to the truth, hope, peace, and joy, or do we live each day in a fog, seeing the world, culture, circumstances, and ourselves as a fuzzy mess but not knowing any better once our eyes are open?

There have been many times during my life when I have felt I was the blind horse. Instead of seeking out the wisdom of good friends or family, I was blinded by my surroundings, and there were many holidays where I wished I could wake up when they were over. But choosing to find gratitude in even the most minor things restored my hope and filled my heart with peace and joy. I could clearly see and hear the blessings (bell) that were right in front of me.

Sometimes you are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell, and other times, you are the guide horse, helping others see the way. That is why I value & cherish good friends, you don't always see them, but you know they are there guiding you.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart," ~Helen Keller.

To connect with Ellie, FB @coachelliewest  
www.coachinghearttoheart.com

Ellie will be doing a book signing during the Townsend Christmas Stroll from 3:30 - 4:30 pm Jeannie Steele Building

# OUR WALK IN FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**November 11 at 11:00 am**  
*American Legion Veteran's Day Celebration and Free Lunch*

**November 14**  
*County Commissioners Meeting*

**November 18**  
*At The Lodge: Free Shakespeare in the Park 50th Anniversary*

**November 24**  
*American Legion Thanksgiving Pot Luck*

**November 28 @6PM**  
*School Board meeting on Strategic Planning*

**December 3**  
*Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Stroll*

**Mondays 6-8pm**  
*Celebrate Recovery*  
*Meetings held in Mountain Valley Church building*  
110 E Street

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

**Thursdays 7pm,**  
*Al-Anon*  
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 310 N Cherry St



<b>SENIOR CENTER MENU FOR DEC 5 - DEC 9</b>	Beans Apricots
<b>Monday, Dec. 5</b> Sloppy Joes on a Bun Baked Beans Creamy Coleslaw Fresh Fruit	<b>Thursday, Dec 8</b> Tuna Noodle Casserole Green Peas Carrot Raisin Salad Sweet Pears
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 6</b> Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Plump Peaches	<b>Friday, Dec 9</b> Polish Sausage with Sauerkraut Steamed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Whole Grain Bread Fruit Crisp
<b>Wednesday, Dec 7</b> Pork Chops Steamed Potatoes Sliced Beets Dinner Salad with	516 2nd Street, Townsend 406-266-3995

## top ten

### Signs of 'Adulging'\*

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

\* ages 18-51 polled  
Source: Farm Rich

# BROADWATER COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM PARTICIPATES IN A JOINT HELICOPTER EXTRACTION EXERCISE

Matt Nelson

Brandt were at the command site in case of an actual emergency.

Jill Oie wrote: "We successfully executed a coordinated training exercise known as a "mock search" in the Limestone Hills area. Elkhorn SAR Coordinator Dave Kauffman developed the training and coordinated ground and flight operations in conjunction with the pilots of the UH-60 Blackhawk and Broadwater members at their command location. Teams from Broadwater SAR were given scenarios where they had to locate clues and four subjects with varying degrees of injuries in the mountains. Hoisting was demonstrated by the UH-60 crew out of and into the helicopter. Teams also "hot loaded" onto and off the helicopters, giving new meaning to the term "wind-chill". Team members located and assessed the subjects that were placed into the mock scenarios and prepared them to be evacuated via helicopter transport to a pre-determined landing zone. The weather was frigid and applicable for real-life situations that SAR teams could encounter, requiring extra steps in patient care and overall safety. Team members agreed that the training was invaluable and necessary and that it is a privilege to get to work with the high-caliber members of the Montana Army National Guard, ensuring that all team members are prepared to carry out the SAR mission "So Others May Live."

Clinic Bozeman EC145e helicopter crew participated in a mock search in the Limestone Hills. The Broadwater Ambulance crew was on standby if their services were needed. We were flown into an area close to the site of the injured subjects.

Teams headed to the GPS position that was given for the first set of injured subjects. When the teams



Blackhawk Pilot in Command, and Instructor Pilot CW3 Jenn Hoover. (Photo by Matt Nelson)

located the two patients' injuries were assessed and determined what other resources were needed to rescue the patients. The coordinator decided that an airlift was required to remove the injured patients from this area and a Blackhawk H60 Helicopter with the 189th Aviation Battalion was called in to assist. While waiting for H60 to arrive, teams packaged the patients for the extraction. The flight medic was hoisted to the ground and met with the EMTs of the team to get information on the patients. Teams cleared away from the immediate area during the actual hoisting process. When these patients were loaded, teams navigated to the second part of the scenario. Teams spread out to do a search for clues of simulated downed aircraft with two additional crew members missing. Teams searched about 1/2 mile and found the rest of the crew. The team again performed medical help to the patients and called into the coordinator the situation. Kauffman then radioed for the H60 helicopter to hoist the injured patients. Teams then had to wait to be loaded back onto the helicopter and flown out of the mountains to the command landing zone to finish the exercise. Teams then had an After-Action Review to discuss what we had learned and what we can do differently to be better help.



Broadwater County Ambulance EMTs Cyrus Brandt and Angie Brakefield. (Photo by Matt Nelson)

Broadwater County Fire Chief Ed Shindoll wrote: "Broadwater SAR teams, Elkhorn SAR teams, the Army National Guard 189th Aviation Battalion crew of the Blackhawk helicopter, and the Billings

BWSAR Team Deputy Mike Lewis, Steve Wyatt, Ed Shindoll, Lindsey Richtmyer, Tory Richtmyer, Carl, and Mike. (Photo by Matt Nelson)  
On November 18th, Ed Shindoll, Steve Wyatt, Lindsey Richtmyer, Tory Richtmyer, Deputy Mike Lewis, myself, Carl, Mike and members of the Broadwater SAR team, participated in a helicopter extraction exercise at the Limestone Hills. Elkhorn Search and Rescue of Jefferson County consisting of three team members David Kauffman IC, Jill Oie for medical set up, and Matt Horne for scenario set up and coordination. Army National Guard 1-189th General Support Aviation Battalion MEDEVAC team with H60 Blackhawk helicopter based in Helena and the Billings Clinic Bozeman MEDEVAC team with EC145e helicopter. The Blackhawk crew members were CW3 Jenn Hoover-Pilot in Command / Instructor Pilot, SSG Brett Garber - Flight Medic, SGT Chris Rawlins - Crew Chief, LT Otis Smith - Pilot, and LT Dom Deane - Pilot. They assisted in transporting SAR team members to the Limestone Hills since all searchers could not fit into the Blackhawk. The Broadwater Ambulance crew of Angie Brakefield and Cyrus

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Nov 25, 2022

Lacie Reed - Lacie J. Reed Photography

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

### Speech & Drama:

Cooper Hines & Will Lynde won first place in Humorous Theater! This was their first competition of the season. If you get a chance to watch this hilarious duo, don't miss it!



Cooper Hines & Will Lynde



# December School Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					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
11 ◆ FOOTBALL BANQUET - 4 P.M.	12	13 ◆ SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 6 P.M.	14	15 ◆ BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA REGIONALS @ DILLON ◆ BASKETBALL VS. CHOTEAU	16 ◆ BASKETBALL @ BIG TIMBER - 3 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING @ GREAT FALLS	17 ◆ SPEECH & DEBATE @ CHOTEAU ◆ WRESTLING @ GREAT FALLS

# INFLATION REDUCTION ACT AND PHARMACEUTICALS

Victor Sample

The power industry and the landline telephone industry have long been regulated because they are so important to businesses and people. Even the insurance industry is regulated, but the large pharmaceutical companies have avoided regulation even though the drugs they produce (at least some of them) are critical to people with health problems. It's been long known that the very same drugs that we buy here can be obtained in Canada, Mexico and Europe for a fraction of the price with laws prohibiting importing of the drugs at lower prices.

In 2015, Martin Shkreli, former CEO of Retrophin and Turing Pharmaceuticals raised the price of an anti-parasitic drug by 5455% raising the price from \$13.50 to \$750 PER PILL. Shkreli said the price was raised because they could raise the price. Martin Shkreli was later sentenced to prison, not because of the drug pricing, but because he was convicted of securities fraud.

Nostrum Laboratories quadrupled the price of their urinary tract infection drug from \$500 a bottle to \$2392 a bottle. Nirmal Mulye defended Martin Shkreli's actions stating "I think it is a MORAL REQUIREMENT to make money when you can".

In this issue of the MT43 News, we have published an article produced by the Senior Medicare Patrol about measures in the Inflation Reduction Act passed by Congress and signed by President Biden earlier this year. The act included several provisions limiting the drug companies' ability to unjustifiably raise the price of the drugs they produce.

Of course, there were many other provisions in the Act other than some rather small measures reigning in the uncontrolled pricing of the pharmaceutical companies and we always have to be aware of the "unintended consequences" of any Congressional bill. But, it is time that Congress finally started to act on behalf of the people of the United States of America and not for the Pharmaceutical companies.



## THE MOON AND MARS

Jeff Ross

December 7, 2022, could be a magical day for night sky watchers in our area.

First, our Moon will be in its Full phase meaning the lunar disc is completely illuminated. It will rise sometime shortly after 5:00 p.m., depending on how close you are to the Big Belts to the east. From our place, out on Ray Creek, actual Moon rise happens about 15 minutes after the predicted time. Taking a 10-minute break to consciously watch the Full Moon rise over the mountains is always a good thing to do.

You might also notice that when the Full Moon rises above the mountains it looks huge, much bigger than at any other time. This is an optical illusion. You can quickly bring the Moon back down to its correct size by simply holding your hand out at arm's length and bracketing the Moon between your thumb and forefinger. The reason we see the Moon as so much bigger than usual when it is near the horizon has been debated forever. Believe it or not, no single theory has yet won out.

Second, Mars also rises at about the same time as the Moon because it is at opposition, meaning that it is directly opposite us from the Sun. Opposition also means that Mars is at its brightest for the year.

Finally, because of where we live on our planet Earth we will see the Full Moon pass in front of Mars! Beginning at 7:52 p.m. MST the Moon will move in front of Mars and hide it from us until 8:59 p.m. MST. Watching that disappearance and then the reappearance is simply amazing. Do note that there is absolutely no connection between our Moon and Mars; this is just a happy coincidence as to how the celestial objects we can see line up.

With clear skies, of course.

# THE ROLE OF THE COUNTY SANITARIAN

Mark Hall, DPHSS



The professional sanitarian is one of the noblest and most important components in the world of Public Health. Although varied in scope across the U.S. – in Montana County Sanitarians provide a wide array of inspection and consultative services to the public and proprietors, protecting Public Health and safety to all. At the apex of our provided services is our role in reducing the incidences of foodborne illness through inspection and enforcement of the food rules of the state which are largely promulgated from the Montana Codes and Rules and the U.S. Model Food Code.

The foodborne illness most greatly affects young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and immunocompromised.

The leading causes of foodborne illness, according to CDC (most prevalent listed first), are poor hygienic practices, improper holding temperature, improper cooking temperature, food from unsafe sources, and contaminated equipment/cross-contamination.

The five top pathogens of foodborne illness (most prevalent listed first) are Norovirus, Salmonella, Clostridium perfringens, Campylobacter, Staph aureus.

It's interesting that the most prevalent agent causing foodborne illness is transmitted fecal-orally and the number one cause of foodborne illness is poor hygienic practices. The action of initiating corrective actions for improper procedures in food establishments DO reduce the incidences of foodborne illness. Throughout my 41-year career, there have always been non-believers in the importance of our inspections and actions. The fact is that annually, the number of people who die in the U.S. from foodborne illnesses is the same as the number of people who die in the U.S. from fires. In 1990 the annual deaths from foodborne illness were estimated at 5,500. For 2021 that number has dropped to an estimated 3,000. That reduction is due largely to the actions of a County Sanitarian.

Keep up the GREAT WORK.



- 1. Black Adam** (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Aldis Hodge
- 2. One Piece Film: Red** (PG-13) Mayumi Tanaka, Kazuya Nakai
- 3. Ticket to Paradise** (PG-13) George Clooney, Julia Roberts
- 4. Smile** (R) Sosie Bacon, Jessie T. Usher
- 5. Prey for the Devil** (PG-13) Jacqueline Byers, Virginia Madsen
- 6. Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile** (PG) Constance Wu, Scoot McNairy
- 7. The Banshees of Inisherin** (R) Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson
- 8. Till** (PG-13) Danielle Deadwyler, Jalyn Hall
- 9. Halloween Ends** (R) Jamie Lee Curtis, Andi Matichak
- 10. Terrifier 2** (NR) David Howard Thornton, Jenna Kanell

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# LETTERS TO THE & EDITOR



## Wheatland Rest Area

Dear Broadwater County Commissioners, Montana Department of Transportation District 2 Administrator Bill Fogarty and MDT Public Involvement Manager Lisa Olmsted,

Many questions have arisen in our area in the past year. We hope you can give us some answers.

When you, as County Commissioners, passed a resolution to create a Targeted Economic Development District in our area, your resolution and growth policy stated to the people that the TEDD was created as:

"The effort focused on retaining and expanding existing 'value-adding' businesses, as well as attracting new ones to the area. This will, in turn, create new employment opportunities and diversify and grow the County's property tax base over time. 'Value-added' businesses are those that take a Montana resource, product or process and transform it into a new product or process intended for interstate commerce."

The policy further states that

"TEDDs are authorized in Montana's Urban Renewal laws and enable the County to direct resources towards addressing infrastructure deficiencies hindering economic growth. TEDDs must 'target' businesses that add value to a product or process resulting in the creation of new wealth. State law permits using a variety of tools in a TEDD, including Tax Increment Financing (TIF), to fund public infrastructure improvements, such as sewer and water systems, roads, and utilities.

Montana statutes also require that a TEDD be zoned in accordance with the County Growth Policy."

We noticed that MDT, in their latest update on the Headwaters Rest Area states: "Construction update:

Construction of the new Headwaters Rest Area near the I 90/US 287 interchange is nearly complete and is anticipated to open this winter when the new rest area can be connected to the NEW COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM. MDT will announce the closure of the old facility and the opening of the new facility as soon as possible, pending the completion of some final facility details." There is NO COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM unless they are referring to the TEDD utility district designed to service members of the TEDD.

We're curious as to how a proposed "Rest Area" property falls under the category of a "value-adding business". A "Rest-Area" offers no value to a district and in fact burdens local and state taxpayers. A "Rest-Area" produces nothing.

The Resolution the Commission passed in 2020 creating the TEDD has the term "within the TEDD" repeated throughout the legal document. Why is the proposed rest area, tax parcel 0000J24T013, owned by Headwaters Investments, LLC attempting to hook up to a TEDD utility district? This property is NOT within the TEDD per the Montana Cadastral Property Record Card. In the General Property Information section "no exemptions exist for this property" is recorded, unlike the neighbors IN the TEDD which reflect

\*Tax Increment Financing District 43-236T\*

in the same section.

Headwaters Investment LLC's inclusion in the TEDD utility system is a glaring violation of your resolution, growth policy, and Montana Law. Allowing this privately owned property, which is outside of the TEDD and offers no value-added business, opens the door to any business or residence outside of the TEDD to do the same. This privately owned parcel of land is clearly not a beneficiary of a taxpayer subsidized district or its services. These property owners are saving millions by tapping onto a taxpayer funded utility system designed to support value-added businesses.

We'd appreciate an explanation of this abuse of the TEDD resolution and growth policy and why the County is allowing it to occur.

Sincerely,

Duane and Elizabeth Barto

Wheatland Meadows Subdivision

Nov. 23, 2022

## Commercial Bar Story

Editors of the MT 43 News:

The story of the Commercial Bar had a gap in it.

In 1989 on its 100-year anniversary the Commercial Bar was closed. It was then owned by American Federal Saving and Loan. A team of friends who loved the bar and its prominent importance to the community purchased it. Matt Donnelly, Don Hanson, Dave Hanson and Marcia Bieber were the new owners. Marcia sold to her partners and they then sold to Joe and Kim Kondelik in 1996. The rest of the story.

Sincerely, Marcia Bieber



# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

SPONSORED BY  
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& THE COTTER FOUNDATION

## “WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

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

### December 1

#### 1938

“Sheriff on Trail of Slot Machine Operators”  
No date has been set for the hearing of Douglas Pease arrested last Saturday by Sheriff Norman C. Bruce for the possession and operation of gambling devices at his place of business in Toston. A slot machine was confiscated and orders for all such games as “god rush” and dice devices and games of chance to be removed.

Slot machines have been banned in Townsend for over a year now, said the sheriff, who says he is going to try and enforce the gambling laws, especially as a preventative against an influx of those who follow the practice, now that there is chance of a decided increase in population. The gambling law protects benevolent societies in carrying on what is termed innocent games of chance for benevolent purposes, he says.

#### 1949

“Winston News”

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Diehl on Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lanning and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bisby. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Moe, Mr. Bob Myles, Mr. Warren Myles and Mr. Alex Doig were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson at the East Pacific mine on Thanksgiving. The Wayne

Herrington family enjoyed a turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Johnson. Miss Margo Welch of Townsend spent the week end last week with Norene Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. George Baum were hosts at a dinner party Saturday evening entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Jess Campbell of White’s Gulch, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baum, Bill Johansen and other friends.

#### 1955

“College Students Get Home to Eat Turkey”

College students who arrived here for the Thanksgiving holidays have all returned. They were Barbara Shuman, Patsy Kieckbusch, Glenn Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kieckbusch, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kimpton, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gravage, Marie Seaman, from MSC at Bozeman; Pete Sullivan, Dick Davey and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sullivan and Donald and Ronald Marks from Carroll College in Helena.

Three students who are attending school in Spokane were home, Miss Nan Ragen from Holy Names; Miss Patricia Nash from Gonzaga; and Miss Geraldine Nave from Kinman Business College. Miss Janet Fryhling returned to Tacoma where she is in her sophomore year at Pacific Lutheran College having had over a week at home. Kenneth Williams is at the University at Missoula and Miss Marjorie White is from Rocky Mountain College in Billings. Glenn “Tex” Williams is attending Western College of Education at Dillon.

#### 1966

“Bud Davis Heads Ski Club This Year”

The reorganization meeting of the Grassy Mountain Ski Club was held last Tuesday evening in the court house. Election of officers was held with the new officers being: Bud Davis, president; Dick Anderson, vice president and Edward Sherwood, secretary-treasurer.

During the business meeting reports on the work that had been done at the ski run on Grassy Mountain were given. They have increased the power on the lift, remodeled the rope tow and are doing some remodeling inside the chalet. Movies of the local run were shown following the meeting.

Approximately 20 people were in attendance.

“Local News”

There will be a square dance at Johnson Saturday night, Dec. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hunter, who have been living in Cut Bank, have moved to town and are at home in the Poole apartment on Broadway.

Students home from the University of Montana in Missoula for the holiday were: Gloria Fryhling, Sharon Rains, Bob Lundborg, Ray Thompson, Ted Ulmer, Ted Flynn, Keith Williams, Clark and Bruce Whitehead, Gene and Bob Thompson, Skip Sherwood, Nancy Marks and Jerry Waling.

Among students from Montana State University in Bozeman for the holiday weekend were: Joel Flynn, Bob Flynn, Bonnie Bruce, Bonnie Plymale, Felicity Dagnall, Marie Kirscher and Cindy Holland.

Northern Montana College students home for the holidays were Jex Hunsaker, Bob Miller, Terry Harris, Dean Massa and Tom Williams. From Easter Montana College in Billings Trudy Bucy was home. Home from Rocky Mountain College in Billings were Rodney Davis and Larry Lundborg. James Etwiler was home from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Among students home from Western Montana College in Dillon for the holiday were: Marcia Lots, Harry Buckingham, Chuck Smith, Jim Nave, Linda Walker and Judy Crum.

## OBITUARIES

### Larry Miles Pagett

2/15/40 – 11/17/22

Larry was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota to Moythan Pagett and Ardeth Crossan on February 15, 1940. He grew up in eastern Montana and graduated from Saco High School as Valedictorian in 1957. He attended and graduated from the University of Montana in December of 1960. A job in a bank brought him to Havre where he married Karen Pewonka on May 26, 1961.

Larry began his teaching career in Dutton, Montana in the fall of 1961. He also taught in St. Regis, and Seeley Lake, Montana. After 37 years teaching business and music, a retirement job brought him and Karen to Helena. During his time in Helena, he enjoyed playing the piano for church, refinishing furniture, carving Santas, and playing in a tuba band.

Larry is survived by his wife Karen, daughter Lesley Fickler, (Todd), daughter Penny Hurley, and four grandchildren, Bridger and Tucker Hurley, and Paige and Claire Fickler.

A small and intimate family service has taken place in Deer Lodge, with dear friend Rusty Craig officiating. Memorials in memory of Larry may be made to Touchmark in Helena where they will be used to fund visiting musicians. c/o Nancy Yager, 915 Saddle Drive, Helena, MT 59601

Written by Lesley Fickler

### ~ In Loving Memory ~

#### Norene (Reynolds) Sears

June 4 1933 - November 5 2022

Norene (Reynolds) Sears has gone to be with the Lord. Norene passed away on November 5, 2022 at the age of 89. She was born in Helena, MT. on June 4, 1933 to Raymond and Katherine (Sampson) Reynolds. When she was 3 months old, her parents moved to Winston, MT., where Norene was raised. She attended school in Winston and graduated from Broadwater County High School. She attended Helena Business College and went on to work for the State of Montana.



Norene married John Trarbach in 1953. John and Norene had 3 daughters. John Trarbach passed away in 1960.

Norene married Merle Sears in 1963. Merle and Norene had 2 daughters. They enjoyed many years of Model-T Racing and Snowmobiling. Merle and Norene also owned and operated Merle's Thunderbird Station and the Townsend School buses for 26 years. Merle Sears passed away in 1990.

Norene enjoyed 28 years with her loving companion, Ken Loessberg. For 17 years, Norene and Ken went to Yuma, Arizona, during the winter, where they made numerous friends. In 1996, they traveled 6 countries throughout Europe. They also enjoyed a Mexican cruise. They enjoyed many years of fishing, camping and gardening together. They loved playing cards and enjoyed the local Pinochle group.

Norene was a member of the United Methodist Church, and also a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 51 years. She enjoyed gardening, bowling, camping, fishing, sewing, crafts, cards and pool. In her teens, she taught herself to play piano, guitar and accordion.

Norene thoroughly enjoyed her 5 daughters, grandchildren and their families. She had 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter. Norene was preceded in death by her husbands and her daughter Vicki.

Norene is survived by her daughters, Vonnice Gorman (Lanny) of Kalispell, MT, Vallie Hulden (Gil) of Sun Lakes, AZ, Merla Wilkerson (Brady) of Helena, MT, and Marla Andrus (Paul) of Kalispell, MT, and Don Loessberg of Belgrade, MT, Bill Loessberg, of Helena, MT, David Loessberg (Tana) of Stevensville, MT, Jim Loessberg (Irene) of Belgrade, MT, Steve Loessberg (Katie) of Manhattan, MT, Susie Klompfen (Chad) of Bozeman, MT, Dan Loessberg of Bozeman, MT, KG Loessberg (Amanda) of Sheridan, WY, and Doug Loessberg of Helena, MT, and Godson Terry Trarbach of Salina, KS.

Norene will be greatly missed by her friends and family. Cremation has taken place, and a Celebration of Life will be held in the spring, with details to follow.

Norene wished any donations be made in her name to the Deep Creek Cemetery Association or the American Legion Auxiliary in Townsend.

### Jolene Barbeau Oelegeschlager



Jolene Barbeau Oelegeschlager passed away on November 9, 2022. Jolene was born on June 8, 1935, in Medford Oregon, she moved to Montana in 1991. Jolene loved to work with genealogy, so much so that she created generational pages and printed the reference documents for all her family and their spouses; she beamed when asked about someone in the family, she kept all that information in her head. Even while in the hospital she spoke to the nurses about the importance of family heritage. Her pantry was full of home-canned goodies, which she taught herself to do and passed down her perfected recipes to the next generation.

Jolene had 3 children with her first husband George Marple: Coleen, Curtis, and Craig Marple.

She re-married on July 11, 1998, to William (Ted) Oelegeschlager and they settled in Winston Montana.

Jolene was predeceased by her mother, Iola DeBates “Jean”; father, Joseph Garcia; biological father, Joseph Barbeau; sister, Thelma Medina (Alfred); half-brother, Joseph “Joey” Barbeau; son, Craig Marple.

Jolene is survived by her husband William “Ted” Oelegeschlager, daughter Coleen Marple Ward (Steve), son Curtis Marple (Dawn), and sister Kathleen Garcia Boscarino (Jack). Grandchildren: Scott Ward, Geoff Ward (Stephanie), Craig Marple Jr., Cristina Marple, Vanessa Marple. Great Grandchildren: Darian Ward, Kamryn Ward, Alexia Ward and Raegan Ward.

Jolene was cremated and a burial will take place later. A celebration of life may be scheduled later.

Written by Steve and Coleen Ward

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## Pheasant Poppers & A Trio of Flavored Coatings

While these poppers are juicy, tender and delicious with no dip (or with a low-cal chili sauce or ketchup) my preference is to dip them in creamy ranch dressing. Heat lovers may want to add a few drops of Tabasco sauce to the beaten egg with the Mexican version; perhaps a bit of red pepper flakes in the Italian.

Don't think pheasant is tender? We age all our birds until the feathers pluck easily, about 7 days, which is about the same time they're as tender as they're going to get, but some birds just aren't cooperative. A 24-48-hour brine will fix that. Mix 1 cup cold water, 1 tablespoon of salt and 2 tablespoons of brown sugar in a re-sealable baggie, add the cut-up meat and refrigerate it until you're ready to cook. Then pour off the brine and lightly dry the meat before dredging. It won't be salty. And if you are making a bigger batch than here, add more cold water.

Have a problem with gluten? The best fried calamari I ever had was at Mario Batali's Las Vegas restaurant, and they were dredged in almond flour, not wheat flour. It made a light, crisp, amazing coating on the calamari.

### For the pheasant:

8 ounces (1/3 cups) pheasant breast in bite-sized pieces (about 1 cubes)

Peanut or canola oil

1 cup flour

1 egg (beaten)

Ranch dressing

### Ingredients

#### For Italian-flavored coating:

1 cup dry breadcrumbs

3 tablespoons dry leaf basil

2 teaspoons dry leaf thyme

3 tablespoons dry onion flakes

4 teaspoons salt

#### For Curry flavored coating:

1 cup dry breadcrumbs

4 teaspoons curry powder

2 teaspoons salt

### Preparation & Cooking:

Let the pheasant meat come to room temperature. Preheat a deep-fat fryer to 350-375°F. In a small bowl, mix one of the seasoned breadcrumb mixes. Set it aside. Put the egg in a second bowl and the flour in a third.

Starting with the flour, followed by the egg and the bread crumbs, dredge, dip and dredge the pheasant bites. Fry in small batches until deep golden brown (about 2-3 minutes). Remove from the fryer and drain on paper towels.

Serve immediately as an appetizer or snack with creamy ranch dressing, chili sauce, salsa mixed with sour cream, or plain.

This is a recipe from Eileen's Upland Game Bird Cookery book, originally published by Ducks Unlimited with 100 upland game bird recipes from tiny quail and ruffed grouse to big noisy gobblers. It's available at Eileen's website, along with her other wild game cookbooks: www.riflesandrecipies.com/406-521-0273.

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## 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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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals W

ETSI EZLQN KZL YSQQ SYIXHUU  
IZRQPW PJ THX TZRH EHXH ZW  
S WSXXZE UPNH XZSN?  
QPQK ZJ ITH SQQHK.

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. In 1972, what Montreal Expos pitcher threw Major League Baseball's first no-hitter in Canada with a 7-0 win over the New York Mets?
2. A large piece of quartzite known as Howard's Rock is located in what college team's football stadium?
3. Name the Hockey Hall of Famer who holds the NHL record for goals (561) and points (1,374) by a player born in the United States.
4. Sisters Manuela, Katerina and Magdalena Maleeva were pro tennis players hailing from what country?
5. Philip Rivers, Russell Wilson, Mike Glennon and Erik Kramer all played quarterback for what college team?
6. What team won the gold medal in women's basketball at the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics? (Hint: The team no longer exists.)
7. What former golfer won 17 LPGA Tour events, including major wins at the 1992 and 1999 Nabisco Dinah Shore tournaments, during her pro career from 1988 to 2004?

### Answers

1. Bill Stoneman.
2. The Clemson Tigers.
3. Mike Modano.
4. Bulgaria.
5. The N.C. State Wolfpack.
6. The Unified Team (consisting of former Soviet republics).
7. Dottie Pepper.

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## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Which one of the five words below is spelled incorrectly?

VERMILION  
COMMITMENT  
OCCASION  
SILHOUETTE  
CONCILIATION

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1. What does NKOTB stand for?
2. Which artist wrote and released "Moondance"?
3. Who released "Little Deuce Coupe"?
4. Who wrote and released "Say Goodbye to Hollywood"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Pardon the way that I stare. There's nothing else to compare. The sight of you leaves me weak. There are no words left to speak."

### Answers

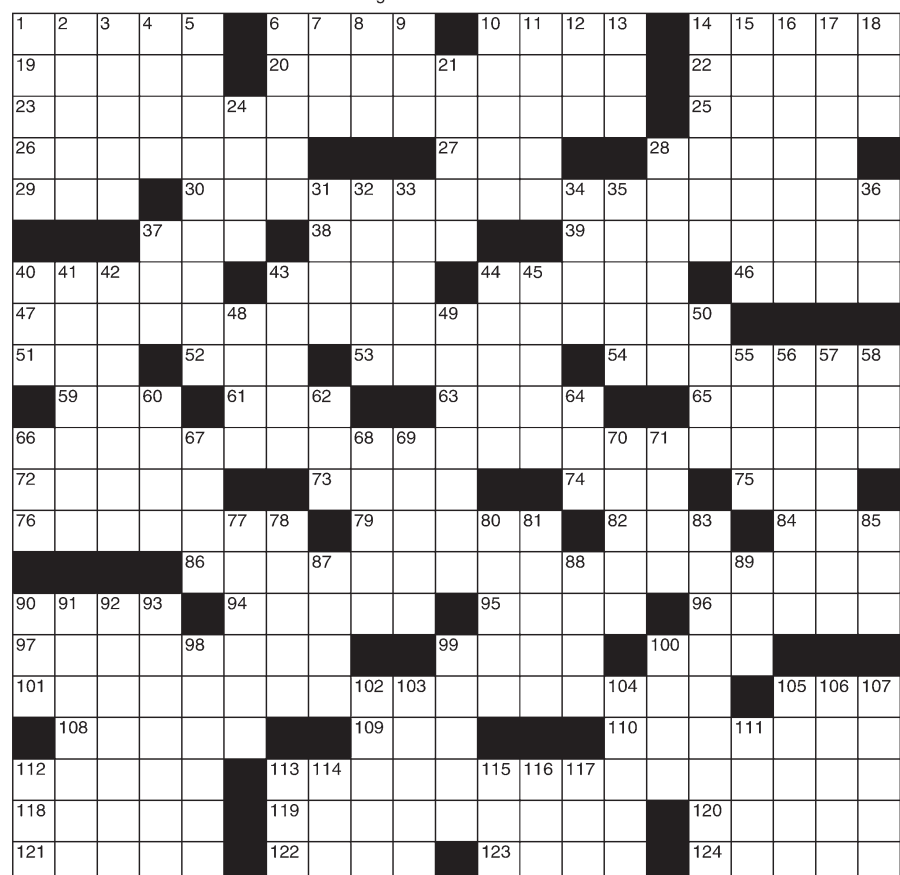
1. New Kids on the Block, an American boy band from 1984 to 1994. They were originally called Nynuk until Columbia Records insisted they make a change.
2. Van Morrison. The song appeared on his album by the same name in 1970, but he didn't release the single until 1977.
3. The Beach Boys, in 1963. The Deuce Coupe was a 1932 Ford. The reference to the "flathead mill" in the lyrics means it had a 65 HP V8 engine.
4. Billy Joel, in 1976.
5. "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," by Frankie Valli in 1967. The song was used by NASA during the Endeavour space shuttle mission as a wake-up song for a crew member who was having a wedding anniversary. There was a different song for each of the 17 days of the mission.

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## Super Crossword

A STUDY IN SCARLETT

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



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# WEEKLY COMICS

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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## CryptoQuip answer

What would you call actress Tomlin if her home were on a narrow side road? Lily of the alley.



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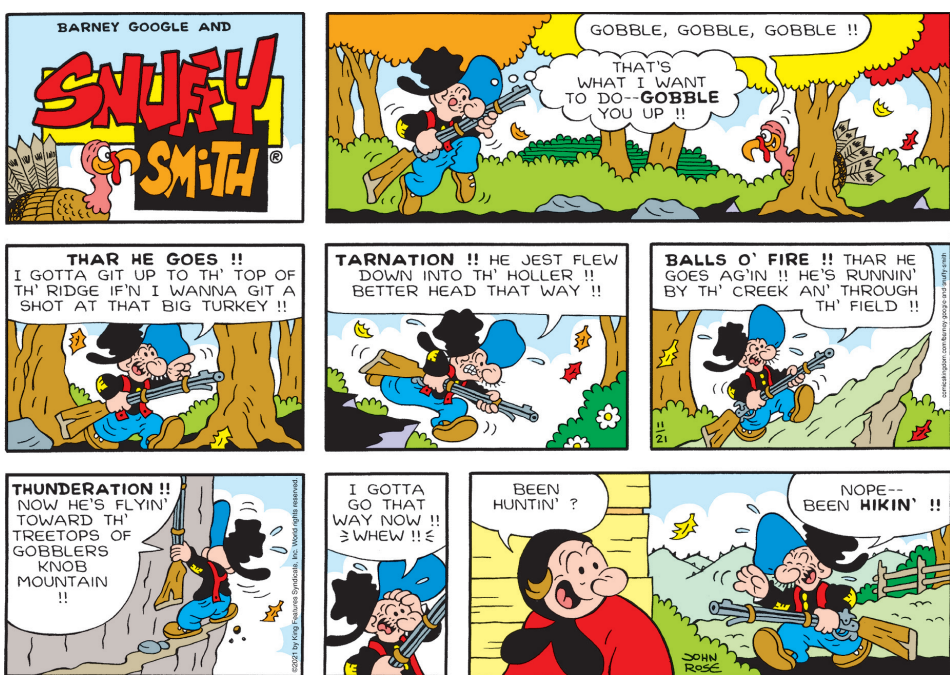
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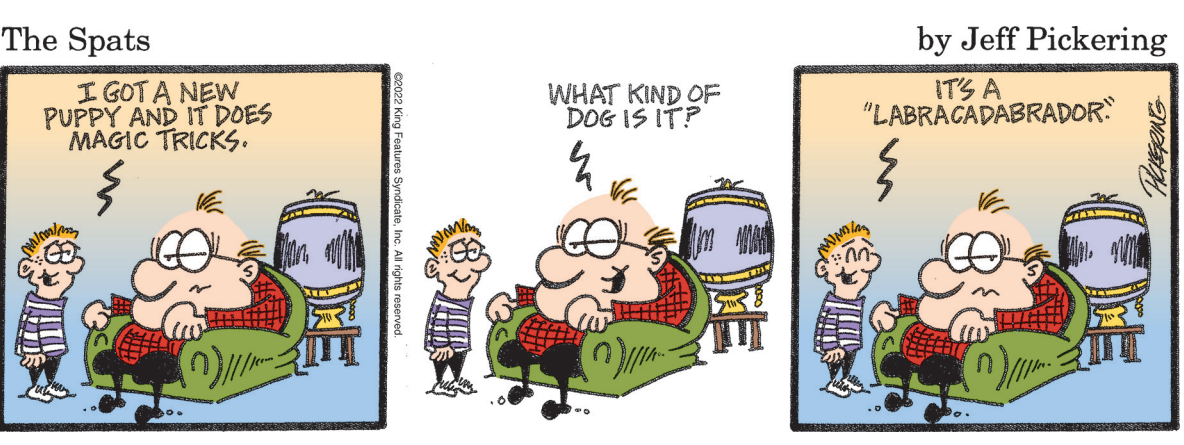
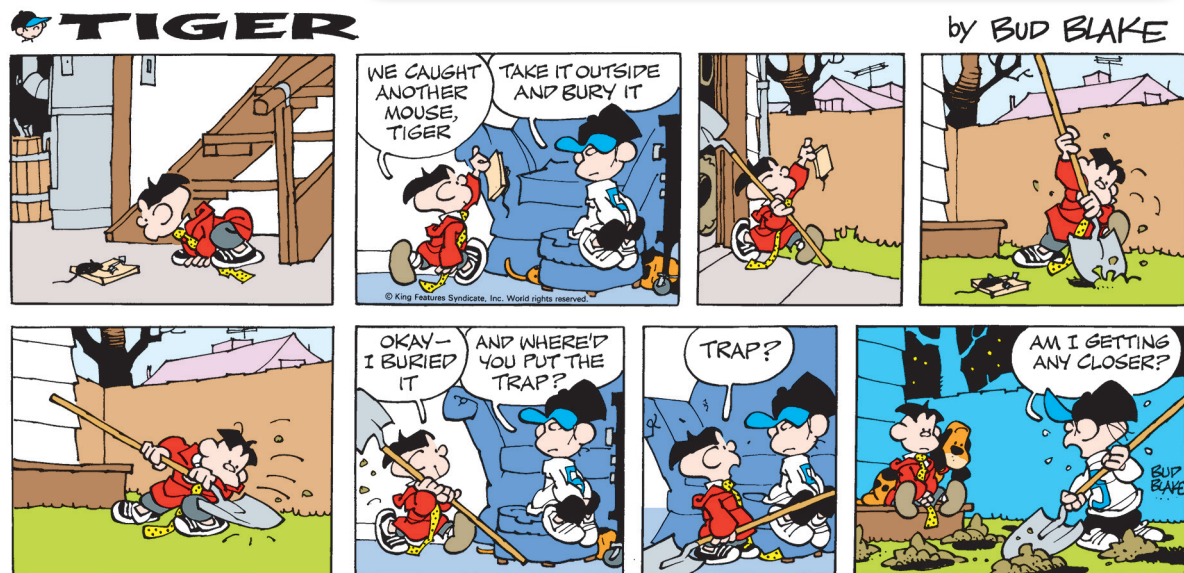
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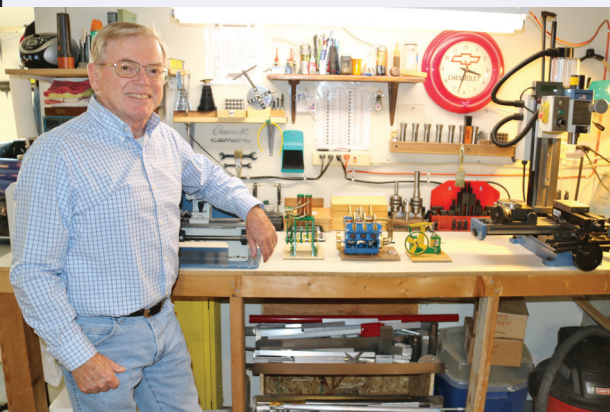
# HONORING OUR VETERANS: RUSS VOORHEES

Matthew Nelson

PART 2

This is a continuation about the United States Air Force Veteran Russell Voorhees.

“After a year in Viet Nam, I received orders for my next assignment: Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, Nevada. Even at that age, I knew how much trouble I could get into there, so I opted to do another tour in Viet Nam, where it seemed safer. My parents were furious, but, hey...I’ll decide! The second tour was just as exciting as the first, and by then I’d earned another stripe on my sleeve. My second tour was up, and now a sergeant, I received orders for Mountain Home AFB in Mountain Home, Idaho. Where in the world was that? I figured the Air Force could do better, so I tried to get a third tour but was told that the war was winding down and I’d have to go ‘home’ this time. So I did.



Russ with the steam engines he built

“Turned out, Mountain Home wasn’t that bad. Cold in the winter, but I could handle it. That’s where I fell in love with the Rocky Mountains! Off-duty time was spent fishing and hunting whenever I could. On duty, I was assigned to my very own General Dynamics F-111F “Aardvark” fighter bomber....(mostly bomber).

It was as ugly as its name implies, but it was so fast! And it required a lot of maintenance. Compared with my duties in Viet Nam, life was pretty boring, but I did what I had to for a year. For my last 6 months in the Air Force, I signed up for ‘Transitional Training,’ a program where you worked a civilian job, but got paid by the USAF. I worked for the city of Mountain Home, fixing their police cars, until my enlistment came to an end in November 1973, after 1,461 days of service. I don’t regret any of my military time, and it has shaped my life since.

“I went back to Indiana for a short time after I got out of the Air Force. Long enough to realize I missed the Rockies. I worked at US Steel, Gary Works for 4 years and earned my Heavy Equipment Mechanic journeyman’s card after a 4-year apprenticeship under the VA Benefits Program, then got transferred to Geneva Works in Orem, Utah. Upon arriving in Utah, I signed up for pilot training at the local airport and became a pilot. Shortly after that, I went back to school to get my civilian mechanic’s license so I could work on airplanes once more. Being a pilot and mechanic, I was privileged to meet so many influential aviators. My civilian flight time exceeds 1000 hours of logged flight time. I have ridden in all sorts of airplanes including the P-51 Mustang (11 times!), T-28 Trojan, AT-6 Texan, B-17 Flying Fortress, Stearmans, and Bird Dogs. I have flown (and won!) mock dogfights, performed aerobatics and participated in air races. In my repair shop, I restored a number of antique airplanes to better-than-new condition. And I even built one from scratch that flew off to Bozeman upon completion.

“The world was looking good again, but it was about to get better. I met my present wife,

Teresa, in June of 1983, and we married in December of the same year. Since then, we have done and seen so many things and traveled in our plane to so many interesting places. A trip to Montana sealed the deal, though, and we sold everything we owned to move to Townsend in 2005. I had Danny Stuben-deck build a big maintenance hangar at the Townsend airport (and also my house) and I ran a successful aircraft repair business there called Aircrafters, Inc., until I retired in 2017. When the airport would have its annual July 4th Fly-in, I would sponsor a Pinewood Derby race in the hangar for those not interested in airplanes. A good time for all!



Russ's Cherokee 180

“Even though I don’t fly anymore due to health reasons, Teresa and I live happily here in Montana, growing our garden, and taking care of our property. Teresa likes to crochet and knit and loves making things in her kitchen. (It’s a wonder I don’t weigh a ton.) I have a metal lathe and a milling machine in the garage, and I like to make small steam engines that actually work. We like to take road trips to different Montana towns, and do trail rides in the mountains during the summer. Aviation has been good to me, and it all started in the United States Air Force.”

I saw the Software Industry grow from a relatively small number of companies focusing on IBM Mainframes to a vast industry producing software for Mainframes, Unix Computers, PCs and smartphones as well as Gaming Devices and other devices like DVRs, Bluetooth devices, etc.

Of course, in today’s world, I could work remotely and live here in Broadwater County – the one place I have always called home. As a Director of Product Development at IBM, almost a quarter of the product development team worked remotely – wherever they wanted to work.

Have you ever thought about a program or an improvement to a program that would make your job or your life easier? Perhaps you are a gamer and have thought about writing computer games. How about an app on your smartphone that could do something you want to do?

None of those things are impossible for YOU to do! Computer programming is a skill like any other skill; it can be learned if you have the desire to pursue it.

In today’s world, there are literally no barriers to learning computer programming. If you have access to a PC on which you can install software, you have everything you need. All the software you need to write computer programs is FREE.

A recent article I read said that over 60% of college graduates regret the majors they chose and wish they had chosen a

different major. The majority of them would choose Accounting or Computer Programming. Just yesterday I read an article about the continuing growth of jobs in the software industry. It is not too late to think about a career in programming. In Helena, a few years ago, a company named Sofi was hiring ENTRY-LEVEL programmers starting at \$80,000 a year and you get to continue living in this region.

I was recently asked about doing an introductory programming class through the Old Baldy Adult Education program. The purpose of the class would be to help you evaluate whether you might like to do computer programming.

Watch for an announcement about the Old Baldy Adult Education program planned for winter.

**Senior Dinner and Light Tour**

The Rotary Club of Townsend and the Broadwater Lions Club are excited to once again be sponsoring the Annual Senior Dinner and Christmas Light Tour.

**It will be on both December 20th and 21st and will be a great time for everyone.**

The dinner will be prepared and served at the Senior Center and rides will be available for any that need them.

**If you are interested in joining in for this great Christmas Event you can contact John Rains at 406-202-5309 or Angie at 406-980-1607 for information or reservations.**

**Please plan on attending and enjoying the evening.**

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### A CAREER IN COMPUTER

#### PROGRAMMING

Victor Sample

Many people know that I grew up here in Townsend and graduated from Broadwater High School in 1970. As a fourteen-year-old freshman in high school, I decided I wanted to be a mathematician. I pursued that goal by researching colleges and, of course, studying mathematics. I selected the University of Washington and enrolled in the Mathematics Curriculum in 1970.

However, an odd thing happened in my last year at the University of Washington; after almost 8 years of working towards a degree in Mathematics, I discovered computer programming. I absolutely fell in love with computer programming.

I eventually took a job with the Montana Power Company in Butte as a “scientific” programmer – doing programming for the electrical engineering and gas engineering departments. I loved my job, but my heart was in Broadwater County. For several years I looked for programming jobs in Helena that would allow me to do the work I loved, but live in Broadwater County. But, in the late 1970s, there were very few programming jobs in the entire state of Montana.

I eventually left Montana to pursue a career in the software industry. I worked for several large, international software companies as a programmer, manager and as a Director of Product development. I ended my career working for IBM in south Florida.