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#### **CURBSIDE SNOW PILES HAZARDOUS TO TOWNSEND SHOPPERS**

Nancy Marks

It is Christmas shopping time. Townsend merchants are asking people to shop locally. But how do shoppers get to Broadway Street stores through the icy piles of snow next to the sidewalks?

The question of who should remove snow on Broadway, which is also State Highway 12, came up at the Nov. 15 City Council meeting. Councilman Ken Urich mentioned that Townsend Hardware owner JB Howick had removed snow from the south side of the 200 block of

Broadway with a skidsteer. He piled the snow on Spruce and Pine side streets without authority from the city.

Howick told MT43 News that he has been moving snow in front of businesses in his block for three years. The only complaint he has ever had from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) is if he pushes snow back onto the street instead of removing it. So now he piles It out of the way on Pine and Spruce streets. Snow and ice buildup at crosswalks and at sidewalk curbs are a safety hazard for business customers, according to Howick. "MDOT won't remove plowed snow from the edge of the street, and the City crews can't do it because they have no jurisdiction on the state highway right of way," he said

The buildup clearly has two causes: shopkeepers shoveling snow off their sidewalks into the gutter, and highway snowplows pushing snow off the street toward the curb. The result is a mess of compacted snow and ice that makes parking difficult and both dangerous and difficult for people to get through on foot.

Howick said that during a review of documents, City officials found one from the mid-1980s and one from 2000 that held agreements between MDOT and the city, but neither addressed snow removal. He said that in December of 2021 an agreement was signed between Broadwater County and the City for the City to borrow snowplow vehicles from the County to plow city streets if



the snow reaches 18 inches or more deep. There is no mention of Broadway.

According to Townsend Public Works Supervisor Tim Rauser, his crew removed Howick's snow piles from Spruce and Pine streets. "We probably shouldn't have moved the snow piled on the side streets, but we did because it was dangerous and would be there until they melted in April," he

Rauser had only praise for the MDOT district highway crews stationed in Townsend. "They have a huge job to do when a snow event hits. "We have to give them a little time to clear a few blocks on Broadway," he said. Rauser, who once worked for the department, said, "If folks had to jump in a snowplow during a whiteout, they would understand how difficult the job is."

Asked if MDOT has a policy concerning snow removal on highways that run through municipalities, Ted Jones, maintenance superintendent of the Bozeman Division, said there is no set policy. But he added, "If private individuals want to remove snow on the highway, they need to obtain an encroachment permit online."

Townsend Section Supervisor John Antonich explained in no uncertain terms that removing plowed snow from Broadway is not a priority for his crew. "My crew plows Front Street and Broadway whenever there is a snowstorm, in the middle of the night on their way to clear highways," he

Antonich said his crews plow and sand Highway 12 between Townsend and Grassy Mountain; Highway 284 from Townsend north to the Spokane Hills turnoff and from Townsend south through Toston and almost to Three Forks, as well as the highway between Toston and Radersburg. "Our job is to see that high-speed traffic on those main arteries are clear of snow and ice, so vehicle crashes are kept to a minimum and lives are saved," he said. "We have bigger fish to fry than removing snow from Broadway."

He schedules snow removal in town when the snow event is over, but he has no intention of piling up snow in the middle of the street. He added, "If the snow piles on the sides of the street are a hazard, I suggest people park somewhere else."

Broadway business owner Adam Six has been concerned about the snow and ice piles at the

street corners and along the street sides for some time. He related that some years ago a woman fell and broke her hip. "We appreciate what the highway department does plowing Main Street. We try to maintain our sidewalks for our patrons without piling up snow in



the street. But it is the area between the two that causes the trouble." Six suggested, "We look at other Montana communities who have highway streets to see how they handle the problem. All the local partners - the City, the Highway Department and downtown businesses must get involved in solving the problem."





# NSEND STROLLS INTO HRISTMAS SPIRIT

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter



Residents of Broadwater County gathered together on Main Street to share

in the Christmas spirit while partaking in what local businesses had to offer.

At Reading Leaves, the STOKE program hosted an edible creations competition, while LaDawn Whiteside sold jars of homemade jam. Across the street, Lolo Pogi displayed its winter fashions with a glowing reindeer display.



The Bird's Nest was constantly full with

lines stretching out the door at times. J. Steele Realty was host to several other artists, selling candles, fishing lures, aprons, crocheted items, cutting boards, custom hats and paintings that help stop human trafficking.

But, the highlight of the evening, was the Parade of Lights.



And there he was, the man of the hour. Mr. and Mrs. Clause, riding in their sleigh drawn by Car-Quest Auto Parts.

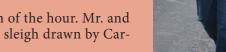


An elf on a float in the Parade of Lights

At the front, Rocky Mountain Rough Hands 4-H Club had Broadwater County's 4-H's rendition of the polar express as it chugged down the

street, with Santa's sleigh in tow. Many more joined the parade including an elf, a horse dressed as a reindeer, and shepherds kneeling in a manger.

"Ho, ho, ho!"





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# **ANGIE PAULSEN TAKES ON ANOTHER** ROLE

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County's Clerk and Recorder/Elections Administrator, will now take on the role of county surveyor -- sort of.

Title 7, Chapter 4, Part 28, Section 12 of the Montana Code Annotated dictates that the board of county commissioners can assign the responsibility of supervising and directing all highways, bridges and causeways in the county to a county surveyor or county road superintendent. While Broadwater County has a road and bridge department, it has operated without a surveyor or road superintendent, until the county commissioners approved the consolidation of the surveyor and the clerk and recorder's office during its Dec. 5 meeting.

Paulsen said the commission's decision to assign a county surveyor was spurred by the need to supervise county roads.

"I'm glad to serve the county where there's a need, and based on the discretion of the County Commissioners, Broadwater County needs to adjoin Clerk and Recorder and County Surveyor," Paulsen told MT 43 News, adding that the decision was spurred by the need to supervise county roads.

As Clerk and Recorder, Paulsen stores all the county's maps and works directly with surveyors, she said combining the two offices made sense. Combining the two offices also allows Broadwater County to avoid the requirement that the county surveyor be either a professional engineer or land surveyor.

"When the office of county surveyor is consolidated with another county office within the county, the requirements of subsection (1) are waived. Unless the officeholder has the qualifications prescribed in subsection (1), the officer shall, with the approval of the governing body, contract for the services of a person with those qualifications to perform the duties of county surveyor," states 7-4-2801 of the MCA. In other words, the law allows the county to assign someone "incompetent" who will then hire those who are "competent."

Former acting county attorney Jania Hatfield told the commissioners that Paulsen will essentially act as a conduit for the county's surveying needs, adding that the commissioners may need to review her budget to accommodate for the contracts.

"My office will now contract qualified surveyors depending on the specific needs of each project," Paulsen told MT 43 News after the meeting.

Hal Plummer, a member of the public attending the meeting, suggested that the county hire a single Foundation award. Terry Nugent received recognicontractor to improve "continuity" among projects. tion for his 35 years as a club member. Commission Chair Darrel Folkvord added that the county's current "on-call engineer" could be a good selection.

As county surveyor, Paulsen is technically responsible for making surveys, establishing grades and preparing plans, specifications and estimates. Additionally, MCA states that county surveyors should "make progress reports and estimates of all work and other facts in relation to the work as may be required by the board [of commissioners.]"

The consolidation of offices went into effect by unanimous vote on Dec. 5.

## **BASKET FUNDRAISER** - A VARIETY OF **PRIZES**

Eliza McLaughlin, Staff Reporter



Terri Fischer, poses amongst the various grade levels' themed baskets. Prizes could include a starter circuit set-up, a gourmet s'mores bar, the perfect game night collection, Bobcat gear and so much more.

Tickets are on sale for 50 cents at City Hall. Winners will be drawn at the first basketball home game on Dec. 20.

Fischer, a second-grade teacher, who heads up the basket fundraiser each year, said she was grateful for the donations received from the various students and families which made the fundraiser possible. "They do a great job," she said. "They always look great."



## **TOWNSEND LIONS** CLUB CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

**Bob Brastrup** 



larley Kondelick, Kevin Reed, Lacie Reed, Christina Hartmann (Photo by

The Broadwater County Lions Club, founded in 1982, celebrated its 37th birthday during its August meeting. District Governor Verna Love complimented the club for contributing more than \$100,000 to the community since the club was first organized. Funds for this outstanding accomplishment come from fundraising efforts such as the perch derby, corndog wagon and Slice of Summer.

Club community efforts include eyeglasses and hearing aids for local residents, the Christmas Dinner and light tour for senior citizens, the Easter Egg Hunt, A For Attitude books for thirdgrade students, providing American Flags to firstgrade students, sponsor delegates to Boys' State, Girls' State and Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference, provides an educational scholarship for a graduating senior, and other activities. The club also supports the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, the national Lion Foundation, the Florence Crittenton Home and the Leader Dog program.

For her outstanding support, Sheri Brastrup received the club's highest honor, the Melvin Jones award. It was presented by last year's recipient, Dela Chatriand.

Cynthia Monteil received the club's second-highest award, the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing

# SUICIDE PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION

Linda Huth, Canton Women's Club

The Canton Woman's Club has existed in Broadwater County for almost a century. There are over 3,000 clubs nationwide. This organization is dedicated to promoting civic improvements through volunteer service. According to Wikipedia, the General Federation of Women's Clubs remains one of the world's largest and oldest nonpartisan, nondenominational, women's volunteer service organizations.

The theme for this year's state president is "Suicide Prevention through Education". So following that theme, the local club has been working on local projects to bring attention to this most impor-

The club sponsored one of Melinda Holom's windows, which are dressed in local businesses, to bring attention to this important issue.

Melinda Holom is the Broadwater County Peer Recovery Coach. She attended a meeting of the local organization to explain her duties and gave insight into suicide prevention.

On November 30 members of the Canton Women's Club presented the Broadwater High School Junior and Senior students with wristbands. These wristbands have both a text number (MT741741) and a phone number (988) on them. These numbers are for anyone who is in crisis and feels there is no one they can talk to, they can use one of these numbers and find help.



It is the hope of the club members that students will be provided with these wristbands and if they save even one life, the effort has been a success.

Prior to the presentation members attended a Mental Health class during which Captain Nick Rauser of the Broadwater County Police Department made a moving presentation of issues facing today's young people; one of those issues being suicide.



Eileen Glarke Rifles and Recipes



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(Serves 6-8)

If you're new to ribs, or just like to keep things simple, this is the recipe for you. Choose a tomato-based barbecue sauce, but one with little, if any, smoke flavor. (The smoke will only intensify in the roasting and may get too strong.) Then just sit back and let the roaster do its stuff. As for the beer, the most common ones, like Miller Genuine Draft, work very well.

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 tablespoons oil 2-3 pounds moose or elk ribs (in sections)
- 1-2 pounds pork ribs; 2 12-ounce cans of beer
- 12 ounces of your favorite tomato-based barbecue sauce

#### Gooking

- 1. Preheat the oven to 300°F. Separate the elk/moose ribs and dry with paper towels. Arrange them in the roasting pan, so they make an even layer;
- 2. In a large skillet, brown the pork ribs in the oil over medium heat until just golden. Transfer them to the roasting pan, covering the game ribs;
- 3. In a large bowl, combine the beer and barbecue sauce; two 12-ounce beer bottles, with 1 1/2 cups (12 ounces, total) barbecue sauce. Pour over the ribs. (If you need more liquid to cover, mix more beer and barbecue sauce in that 2-to-one ratio.);
- 4. Cover the roasting pan and roast the ribs 2-3 hours or until tender.

\*Tips & Tactics: Better Ribs The trick to ribs is first to have enough meat on the ribs to make cooking worthwhile. A trophy eer, whitetail or mule deer, will provide some, but any adult moose or elk will provide lots of meat to gnaw on. Does and young ork horn deer simply don't have the padding. However, you can pad those big buck ribs by leaving the brisket and any other flank neat on the ribs, rather than boning it off for the burger pile. Elk and moose have lots of meat on the ribs without having to pad hem. But you still can. The second thing is to saw the ribs into manageable lengths when you're butchering-say, something that will fit into your turkey roasting pan. Sawing them by hand takes time, but doesn't strew quite as much bone dust around as a power band saw or reciprocating saw. Aside from the rut and blood, guts and hair nothing makes meat gamier than bone dust. So, aw them carefully, then rinse the dust off as soon as you're done cutting. \*\*Since prepared barbecue sauces vary in salt and pepper content, it's best to not add any salt and pepper to the cooking sauce. Taste the ribs when they're done, and then you can add alt and pepper to taste at the table.

# **GRADESCHOOL AND** MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT COMMUNITY THEATER **BRINGS JOY TO FULL AUDITORIUM**

Nancy Marks



Townsend grade and middle school students warmed the cold evening Monday night with songs they had just learned and Christmas songs for the season. Music teacher, Harlan Conroy, led both the 5th grade and the middle school bands in renditions of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas", and "Jingle Bells". Fifthgrade guitar assistants, Bradi Watkins and Travis Regan, accompanied the fifth-grade guitar students in playing "A Christmas Song".

Fifth-grade and middle school choir members selected "Sounds of Christmas" for their song along with a solo performance by six grader, Kyndal Sell. Mrs. Olga McNulty, the elementary school music teacher, led the

## **CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY:** A SWEET HIT

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Broadwater High School's drama club performed Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3, drawing in crowds of parents, friends and interested community members.



Will Lynde as Willie Wonka (Photo by Eliza McLaughlin)

William Lynde, fulfilled the lead role as Willy Wonka, capturing the culinary creator's wacky personality and sparking much laughter among the audience. All in all, it was a delightful evening of theatrics.



Cooper Hines as Charlie Bucket (Photo by Eliza McLaughlin)

Joining Lynde on the stage is fellow thespian, Cooper Hines, in the role of Charlie Bucket. Bucket tells his family how he found the final golden ticket. Jenna Mainwaring as Grandma Josephine; Jonah Wishman as Grandpa Joe; Logan Barkhurst as Mrs. Bucket; Kailey Knaub as Mr. Bucket; Jasmine Thomas as Grandma Georgina; and Kayden Greene as Grandpa George.

# **THANK YOU TO** BROADWATER

Hannah Jacobsma - Director of Community Acess and Engagement

Hello, and greetings from Montana Shakespeare in the Parks!

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks (MSIP) would like to extend our sincere and ample gratitude to the Broadwater Community Theater (BCT) for their support in bringing our special 50thanniversary performance, the Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] to Townsend, MT. From home-cooked meals to helping set up the show, Broadwater Community Theater made MSIP actors feel welcomed and sup ported throughout the duration of their time in

This 50th-anniversary tour is all about giving back to communities who have supported us for the last 50 years, and BCT has made it possible for us to come to Townsend and share this performance with their community. We at MSIP feel incredibly fortunate to have groups such as BCT, who continue to support and hold enthusiasm for free community theatre, and MSIP's mission that Shakespeare is for all people, for all time.

Hannah Jacobsma - Director of Community Access and Engagement Montana Shakespeare in the





1. Black Panther: Wakanda

**Forever** 

(PG-13) Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o

2. Strange World (PG) Jake Gyllenhaal, Gabrielle

3. Glass Onion: A Knives Out

**Mystery** 

(PG-13) Daniel Craig, Edward Norton

4. **Devotion** 

(PG-13) Jonathan Majors, Glen

Powell

5. The Menu (R) Ralph Fiennes, Anya Taylor-Joy

6. Black Adam (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Aldis

Hodge

7. The Fabelmans

(PG-13) Michelle Williams, Gabriel

LaBelle

8. Bones and All

(R) Timothee Chalamet, Taylor Russell

9. Ticket to Paradise (PG-13) George Clooney, Julia

Roberts

10. Homecoming (NR) Shahar Isaac, Jonathan Roumie

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# **PUBLIC HEARING ON** REDISTRICTING

Nancy Marks

Now it appears likely that all of Broadwater County will be contained in a single state House Legislative District for the next 10 years.

Last Thursday, Dec. 1, after four days of partisan haggling, Montana's five-member redistricting commission adopted a tentative state map that places all of Broadwater into a district that would also contain a sliver of adjoining Gallatin County. It would also include the Gallatin County towns of Logan and Manhattan, but not Three Forks.

The Districting and Apportionment Commission

will hold a public hearing on the map at 9 a.m. this Saturday, Dec. 10, in Room 102 of the Capitol in Helena. People who intend to offer public comments remotely via Zoom need to submit a request by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, to receive the login information. Visit mtredistricting.gov for complete information. Adoption of the map came when MayLinn Smith,

the commission chair, broke a tie by voting in favor of the map proposed by the commission's two Democrats. Smith, who is a professional mediator, emphasized that the map is only tentative. She said she expects robust discussion at Saturday's public hearing. She also expressed the opinion that the two sides are much closer together than they believe.

The commission will meet again on Dec. 15 and Dec. 21. It is to submit its plan to the Legislature within 10 days after the legislative session begins on Jan. 2. After the Legislature submits recommendations, the commission will once again accept public comments.

Smith was appointed to the commission, as chair, by the Montana Supreme Court. Its other members, Republicans Jeff Essman and Dan Stusek, and Democrats Kendra Miller and Denise Juneau, were appointed by legislative leaders.

# **COOKIE AND** ORNAMENT **EXCHANGE**

Dee Gannon



Group Photo (Photo by Dee Gannon)

Annual Cookie and Ornament Exchange, on Friday, December 2nd. Hosted by LaRinda Spencer and Lyz Fligge; this year's soiree was at the Lodge. 20 attendees, young and old, dug into the scrumptious potluck dishes and played a few games, with prizes presented by Jaxon Fligge.

LaRinda and her mom, Geri Hameker, had hosted it in their home, but the event grew; this is their second year at the Lodge.

"It's a wonderful time for family and friends to gather before the busiest time of year, just to have fun and relax."

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# SCHOOL SPORTS

## DAWGS TOP PODIUM AT CASCADE **WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

Eliza McLaughlin, Staff Reporter

### BASKETBALL IS BACK

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

The Broadwater Bulldogs opened their 2022 basketball season with some in-house competition at the blue versus white scrimmage on Thursday, Dec. 1, and the teams proved that they are ready to take on some other

schools.

Although the event's Although the event's officials had not arrived by the time the Lady Bulldogs were ready to kick off the event, the game went on without a hitch with the help of player Ryan Racht and boy's Assistant Coach, Kirk Flynn.

Scrimmage teams
— the Bluedogs and
the Whitedogs — con-Scrimmage teams sisted of both JV and varsity players.

By the end of the

first half, the Lady

Whitedogs led the Lady Bluedogs 27-10 and were geared up to finish the job in the third quarter.

Number 5 for the Lady Bluedogs, sophomore, Abigail Wickens, got the opportunity to shoot some free throws early in the third, bringing the score to 11-27. Senior, Kady Clark, #45 for the Lady Whitedogs quickly responded with a lay-up followed by a free throw, increasing the team's lead to 30-11.

But the shots just kept coming, starting with freshman, Emmalin Fischer, #41 for the Lady Whitedogs, followed by #1 freshman, Kaitlyn Noyes, #25 senior, Montana Hedstrom and wrapped up by Fischer.

A basket by freshman, Holly Newman, #11 for the Lady Bluedogs, followed by a successful free throw brought the score to 14-40.

As the clock ticked down, the Lady Bluedogs gained another two points but finished behind the Lady Whitedogs 16-40.

And although the score leaned in one direction, And although the score leaned in one direction, the girl's head coach, David Lawson, felt positive about the evening.

"What we worked on in practice, we saw glimpses of in the scrimmage," Lawson told MT 43 News. "We just got to keep on practicing and improving.'

Next came the boys.

The Whitedogs got possession after the toss went out of bounds off a player for the Bluedogs. Testing out the limits of the new shot clocks, the Broadwater Bulldog wrestling ended its first tournament of the 2022-23 season with four podium

Eight Dawgs entered the tournament, taking on wrestlers from all classes.

Julian Stewart (Junior) started off strong in the 285 lb. weight-class with a win over Columbus/ Absarokee's Carter Short, before falling to Leo Scafani of Whitehall. On the consolation side, Stewart beat Three Forks' Alex Fletcher. In the battle for third, Stewart came out on top of Three

boys ran out the clock several times, eventually getting in a groove with the system.

Sophomore, Deegan Mattson, #1 for the Bluedogs, was first to score, earning three points for his team, which #5 senior Camden Ferguson followed up with a lay-up.

Sophomore Ryedan Reed, #0 for the Whitedogs, responded to the baskets with a three-pointer of his own, bringing the score to 3-5.

> The boys proved to have an equal mix of competitive players on both teams, with scoring going back and forth throughout the first quarter. A lay-up by #3 for the Bluedogs, senior, Ryan Racht, upped the team's lead to 7-3. Watching the shot clock tick down, #11 for the Whitedogs made a desperation shot, keeping the teams neck-and-neck at 7-5.

By the end of the first quarter, the Bluedogs maintained their lead 11-5, increasing it to 26-17 by the end of the second quarter.

The match's intensity increased as the third quarter ran out with a half-court pass from Racht to Mattson, returned to Racht for a textbook lay-up.

The third quarter finished 42-27 with the Bluedogs on top. After convincing the volunteer referee, and head coach for the girls, David Lawson, to stay for the fourth quarter, the game was back

Unwilling to lose, the Whitedogs went on a

scoring streak starting with a lay-up by Garcia, 29-42.

The boys kicked it into overdrive when the clock broke four minutes, bringing the score to 37-46 after several breakaways by Reed and

Garcia rebounded a missed free throw for two points, earning himself a free-throw on the shot, 40-45.

In the end, the Bluedogs maintained their lead 48-40, although shortened by the Whit-



Montana Hedstrom looks to pass. Blue vs. White Scrimmage

The close game was a testament of how well the boys connect with each other, according to head coach Tyler Patrick.

"I think we got a really tight-knit group of guys, and you can see even when they're competing against each other, they still love playing together," Patrick said.

Both the boys' and girls' teams will participate in the Manhattan Tournament on Dec. 9 and 10, this time on the same team. Good luck Bulldogs! Forks' Josiah Gonzalez.

Walker Spurlock (Senior) was next on the podium, placing fourth in the 182 lb. weight-class. Spurlock started the tournament against Conrad's Cole Chambers before going on to beat Jerry Belcourt of Arlee. After falling to Whitehall's Miles Hoerauf in a semi-final match, Spurlock won a consolation semi-final match and claimed fourth place. Cael O'Dell (Senior) also participated in the 182 lb. bracket.

JR Harrell (Junior) climbed nearly as far, finishing in fifth in the 126 lbs. weight-class after a win over Shelby's Parker Bushnell and Conrad's Carsen Sullivan. A fall to Three Forks' Logan Douma, put Harrell in the consolation bracket where a loss to Wyatt Hood of Columbus/Absarokee put him in a final match against Columbus/Absarokee's William Fitch.

weight-class. Wellestein started off with a win in a match against Columbus/Absarokee's Jake Ellison. After falling to Fairfield's Layne Carter, Wellestein landed in a loser-out face-off with a fellow Dawg: Parker Hunt (Freshman). Wellestein came out on top and battled his way to sixth place. Connor Lamb (Junior) and Eric Humphreys

Blake Wellenstein (Junior) wrestled in the 138 lb.

tively.

(Sophomore) wrestled at 160 and 152 lbs., respec-

Bulldog wrestling will return on Dec. 9 and 10 for the Whitehall duels.

# **LADY BULLDOGS BLUE AND WHITE SCRIMMAGE**

Wanda Lambott, Lady Bulldogs Assistant Coach

The 2022/2023 Lady Bulldog basketball team took the court for a Blue and White scrimmage last Thursday. For the first time, they used a 35-second shot clock, run by volunteers, Mr. Dan Hazlett, and student, James Pitassy. Snowy conditions prevented MOA officials from being at the contest, so Mrs. Heavrin put up the jump ball at center court to start the game. Kirk Flynn then volunteered to lace up his sneakers, wear the stripes and blow the whistle.

Coach David Lawson, first-year head coach for the Lady Bulldogs, primarily coached the Blue team, but admits he was a little distracted taking in the performance of the entire squad! He was helped from the bench by first-year Assistant Coach, Wanda Lambott. Junior Varsity Assistant Coach, Kevin Reed, led the charge for the White team.

Senior Kady Clark won the jump ball to set the teams in motion. The first quarter was back-andforth possessions between the two teams as they showcased the work they have been putting in during practice. The Blue team was led by Bri Williams (senior), a transfer from Dillon MT and the White team was paced by Ella Beggar (junior) and her solo lay-up finishes. (Senior) Montana Hedstrom took care of boxing out and pulled down some rebounds for the White team while Kailey Knaub (senior) remained aggressive on defense and drove the lane for the Blue team.

By halftime, the White team was starting to pull away from the Blue team, employing great defensive hustle, led by a very quick Kaitlyn Noyes (freshman) at both ends of the court. Melania Lambott (junior) found her footing as she gained position to rebound for the White team, while her sister, Mishayla Lambott (freshman) had some dominant post moves and ran the floor for the Blue

At the start of the third quarter, both teams settled in and played some quick-paced basketball. Abby Wickens (sophomore) did her part to control the half-court offense for the Blue

team, and (sophomore) Maddy Schritz attacked the basket for the White team. Holly Newman, (freshman) capitalized on a 3-pointer and forced some White team turnovers. Down the stretch, Emmalin Fischer (freshman) had some good looks at the basket for the White team and Taylor Cartwright (freshman) was a "spot-up shooter" on the three for the Blue team. Marly Wellenstein (sophomore) held her ground as she posted up for the Blue team against Tava Giomi (freshman) who played "Wall-Up Post D" for the White

Due to time, the scrimmage was called at the end of the third quarter. Coach Lawson praised the effort and performance of the entire team and is excited to see what the future holds for the program.

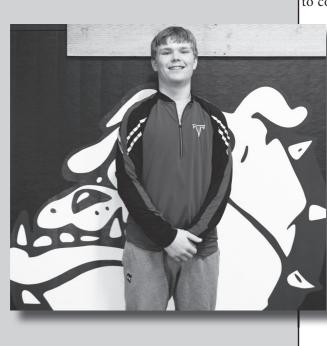


December 1st, 2022 Lacie Reed - Lacie J. Reed Photography

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!

#### Wrestling:

Walker Spurlock (Senior) at 182 pounds is the athlete of the week. He placed third out of 20 kids at the Cascade Badger invite.



Ellie West

In 2012, "Giving Tuesday" was born out of the need to counteract the outrageous spending after Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It is an important date as we have an opportunity to honor the value of generosity in giving back. This global movement is now celebrated across more than 85 countries.

I am very grateful to have a day like "Giving Tuesday." But also believe it shouldn't be just one day. We should be generous with what we have been given all year.

The day after Thanksgiving, a day celebrated in giving thanks for ALL things, 9.2 billion dollars were primarily spent in part by the millennials between the ages of 24 - 35. On average, they were spending \$419.52, up 13.7 % from last year. I was astounded, and my heart was sad after reading those numbers.

Why do we feel the need to buy more things? Could we want to feel better and move away from hurt and sadness? Or we may want to feel better as buying things pleases us.

The commercials, and now social media, start the same way...they show you a short story of a person feeling discontented, then show you a product and how it will magically cure all that ails you. Does it work? Yes, most of the time. You buy the product. It's excellent marketing.

But, I wonder if the basic things we need to exist are taken for granted...things like food, fresh water, electricity, shelter, and clothing. We seem to want more as everything is much more convenient and readily accessible at our fingertips, like grocery stores, restaurants, and online shopping.

You have been given abundantly to share with others. Are you generous with your time, energy, gifts & talents, and finances? Giving without notice makes a significant difference in one's life and brings joy to your soul. It demonstrates your gratitude and acknowledges what God has given to you. Being generous monetarily and with your time and talents is a way to celebrate the one who gives abundantly, God, your creator.

Growing up and coming from a large family (ten of us), we didn't have much, and I remember thinking, why do we live in the area we live, in a house with four bedrooms and two bathrooms (2 - 3 to a shared room) and why do my friends seem to have so much more than we do? But now, looking back, we had everything we needed, food, clothing, and shelter.

Dad had a tender and generous heart and spirit. He came from nothing and always wanted to help those less fortunate. He lost two businesses, a gas station, and an appliance store, because he gave away too much, and he would tell us, "they need it more than me." He was right...he had a heart for others!

Although he didn't verbalize it, he believed that God would always provide for our family and that our needs would be met. He was right! For that, I am very grateful. I have learned to be generous and thankful for what I have been given.

I remember my dad telling me the story about the poor widow in Mark 12:41-43 (TPT).

"Then he sat down near the offering box, watching all the people dropping in their coins. Many of the rich would put in very large sums, but a destitute widow walked up and dropped in two small copper coins, worth less than a penny." "I tell you the truth, the poor widow has given a larger offering than any of the wealthy. For the rich only gave out of their surplus, but she sacrificed out of her poverty and gave to God all that she had to live on, which was everything she had.

Today, I challenge you to be generous and encourage others to do the same. Give back in any way you can. There are many needs out there...find a need and fill it. It may be in your family, neighborhood, or community.

Generosity should always be low-key and silent. Let your generosity flow - with your gifts, talents, time, energy, and finances.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." ~ Winston Churchill

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





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.



November 11 at <u>11:00 am</u>

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

School Board meeting on Strategic Planning

November 28 @6PM

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



Senior Center
Menu for the week
of Dec 12 - Dec 16

Monday, Dec 12
Cabbage Rolls
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, Dec 13
Birthday Dinner
Sweet-n-Sour Pork
Fried Brown Rice
Oriental Vegetables
Dinner Salad
Baked Apples
Birthday Cake

Wednesday, Dec 14
Spaghetti with Meat
Balls
Green Beans

Green Beans Sweet Corn Pineapple Dessert

Thursday, Dec 15
Baked Cod
Rice Pilaf
Carrot Coins
Bean Medley
Mixed Fruit

Friday, Dec 16
Teriyaki Chicken
Breast
Wild Rice
Key Largo Vegetables
Garden Salad
Sweet Peaches



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# HONORING GUR VETERANS: OHN JARSEN

"I was born in 1935 at Glendive, Mt, and we moved to Idaho in 1940, mainly for economic reasons, we starved out on the homestead in Richland County and we were victims of the drought and the grasshoppers.

"I went to school first in Marsing, Idaho, and wound up graduating from high school there; I lettered in four different sports while I was there. That's the advantage of going to a small school. Then I went into the army and I had a chance to get into the 82nd Airborne – the paratroopers. Normally, that was the incentive for three years, but they were hard up to find people. They were letting two-year people join the airborne,

and you got \$50 a month for hazardous duty pay. With good money like that it's hard to turn it down. That's what I did – I went into the 82nd Airborne. That was in 1953 and I got out in 1955. It did one thing for me there that was advantageous - I grew up. While I was there I decided that I wanted to do something with my life.

"I came out and went to Boise Junior College which is now Boise University. Then I went down to the University of Colorado to study engineering and wound up graduating from the College of Idaho in 1959. My degree came out in Business. Then I went to work for the Idaho Survey

and Rating Bureau checking insurance policies and then I had a chance to go to Seattle to work for Boeing. That was more interesting than checking insurance policies. We moved up there and I worked for Boeing in engineering and then I went to work for Pacific Car and Foundry and I worked there in Seattle until they ran out of our military contract.

"Then I came back to Idaho and became an insurance investigator working for Farmers Insurance and after 15 years of that I went to work as a realtor.

"At the same time I also got involved with motorcycling, mainly with trail bikes, and I had trouble supporting my motorcycle habit because I didn't

have any extra money so I found out I could sell articles about motorcycling and I began to write for the motorcycle magazines in 1968. In the process of writing for these magazines, I came up with my own publication called Trail Cycles. We needed to produce 50,000 copies to get national distribution but we were unable to do that. I actually wrote articles for six different motorcycle magazines and used the proceeds for my motorcycle habit. I wrote the maintenance and owner's manual for Bultaco Motorcycle Company.

"Another job I had for three years was the production manager of Ste. Chapelle Winery in Sunnyslope, Idaho.

"In 1976 I went to work in McCall, Idaho for Stein and Volk Fine Instrument Wood making guitar tops out of Idaho Engelmann spruce. I started making guitars in 1960, and have a patent on guitar tops bracing systems." He continues

to make guitars to this day. "While at Stein and Volk I built a cabin at Cascade, Idaho, and did all the work except the metal roof. "

#### JUSTICE OF THE **PEACE REPORT-DEC 2 2022**

Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk

December 2, 2022

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

#### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Dayvina Johnson – Butte – Driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

Trenton Byrd - Townsend – operating without li-ability insurance in effect-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; seatbelt violation, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.

Falisia Cruz – Belgrade – expired registration, plead guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees; seatbelt violation, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine; driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$175.00 fines and fees; operating without liability insurance in effect -3rd offense, plead guilty, \$535.00 fines and fees.

Janelle Clausen – Great Falls – driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

#### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES Felicia Angel – Winston – Disorderly conduct, plead guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

COUNTY CRIMINAL

DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT Robert Schneider

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDIC-Tion



December 9th, 2022

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES
Tyler Hernandez – Belgrade – Operate vehicle
with THC concentration of 5 ng/ml or greater2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in
jail with all but seven days suspended, on conditions, \$2085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete
chemical dependency assessment and follow all
counselor recommendations including mandatory treatment for one year, wear a drug patch for
one year; operating without liability insurance
in effect-3rd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to
ten days in jail with all suspended on conditions,
\$525.00 fines and fees.

Jesse Benson II – Three Forks – Operate vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.02% BAC under 21 years of age – 1st offense, \$435.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program and follow all counselor recommendations Zachery Morgan – Denver, Co - driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked- 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all suspended on conditions, \$385.00 fines and fees.

PARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME Richard Colton Manhattan comm or dept orders or rules \$135.00 Rex Chapman Helena violation of comm or dept orders or rules \$135.00 Deer Lodge Dylan Hanksinson obtain landowners permission \$285.00
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Raymond Toombs – Townsend – Fail to attach tag, plead guilty, \$535.00 fines and fees and forfeit any current hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by the State and any privilege to hunt, fish or trap for 6 months fór 6 months. Prescott Sexton – Bozeman – Drive on closed road/trail on State land, plead guilty, \$85.00 fines Ramey Olsen – Clancy – Failure to obtain land-owner permission for hunting-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES
Austin Smith – Townsend – operating without liability insurance in effect-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration to the vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD; night speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine. Deanna Campbell – Townsend – driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees; night speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES Robert Hollister Townsend nigh night speed \$20.00 Olivia Weisberg speed \$20.00 Mariya Vazhdayev Larkspur, Co night Helena night speed \$20.00 Jessica Streets Great Falls night speed \$20.00 Alexander Rust Bozeman day speed \$20.00 Hannah Joki Clancy night speed \$20 Travis Hansen Helena night speed \$20 Bradley Fassione Bozeman nig speed \$20.00 Makayla Delange Great Falls nig speed \$70.00 Adam Brewster Mogadore, Oh day speed \$20.00 night

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Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension

Among the myriad of changes that were induced by COVID-19 was an increased interest in local meat. There were a few factors influencing this, including a shortage of meat in grocery stores, higher costs for customers and a push to support struggling local businesses.

Another factor is an increased interest from the consumer to know where their food comes from. There is a lot of misinformation and, sometimes, even a level of distrust within the agriculture industry. This stems from the fact that many people do not have an in-depth understanding of how their food is raised or grown. Many consumers desire a product that has been born, raised and processed in Montana that matches the standards of care they are seeking.

Local meat can be purchased directly from producers, local grocery stores, restaurants, shops and farmers' markets. How and where local meat can be sold comes down to how it is processed. There are four ways that meat can be processed in Montana.

Home Slaughter and Processing; although once the standard, this is less common now. The producer slaughters the animal on the farm or ranch and processes it in their own kitchen or home facility. Meat from this type of processing cannot be sold. It can be gifted or shared, but not sold.

Custom Exempt Processing; this is the most common type of processing in Montana. Animals are slaughtered onsite, or with a mobile slaughter unit, and processed at the facility based on the client's instructions. Facilities must be licensed and inspected by the state of Montana at least twice a year. However, because the actual slaughter process is not inspected, meat from this type of facility cannot be sold either.

With this option, a customer purchases a live animal (often sold as a whole, half or quarter) that is delivered to the processor for the buyer. At that point, the buyer is responsible for providing cutting instructions to the processor and paying for the slaughter and processing costs. The buyer can use the meat for their own personal use but cannot sell it. All meat is labeled as "not for sale".

State-Inspected Processing; to be a state-inspected facility, the processor must have state inspectors present at the facility on slaughter days. The inspector looks at both the live animal and the carcass. He/she also monitors sanitation, animal handling practices, animal holding pens and collects tissue samples to look for drug residue, pathogen and microbiological contamination.

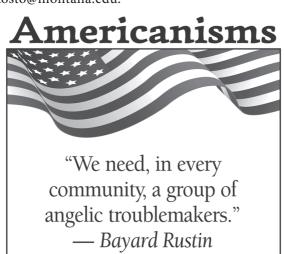
In this option, livestock owners have the ability to sell directly to consumers, grocery stores, restaurants, farmers' markets, schools, hospitals, etc. The downside is that meat can only be sold in the state of Montana. They are not allowed to sell across state lines. However, a consumer could buy

Federally Inspected Processing; the inspection process is very similar to state-inspected facilities except the inspection is done by the United States Department of Food Safety Inspection Service. Additionally, all federally inspected meat can be sold across state lines.

County government also has a level of oversight in the meat industry by establishing rules and regulations on storing, processing and sale of meat goods. This often takes place on the retail side and is overseen by the county sanitarian. There is often a licensing process for restaurants, butcher shops, including those in grocery stores, and meat shops in addition to annual inspections by the sanitarian.

Who thought it could be so complicated?! Rather than getting focused on the rules and regulations, start at the ground level by getting to know a local farmer or rancher. They are likely familiar with the rules and know how their livestock and meat products can be marketed. And if they are not in the meat or livestock business, they probably know someone who is. Buying local meat is a wonderful way to directly support local agriculture and local businesses.

For more information, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison. kosto@montana.edu.



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### **GEMINIDS METEOR SHOWER**

Jeff Ross

The Geminids meteor shower is one of the most reliable meteor showers of the year. The Geminids start on December 6 with one or two an hour and peak on December 14 with upwards of 100 meteors per hour. They are pretty much done by December 18.

Unlike most meteor showers, the Geminids do not originate from the passage of a comet through our solar system. They originate from 3200 Phaeton, an asteroid with a roughly year and a half-orbit around the Sun.

3200 Phaeton gets closer to the Sun than any other named asteroid. At its closest, 3200 Phaeton is roughly 13 million miles from the Sun. That is less than half the distance that Mercury ever gets from the Sun. At that point, the surface temperature of 3200 Phaeton is well over 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Geminids are so named because the radiant point in the sky where meteors appear to originate is in the constellation Gemini. Like every other meteor shower though, meteors will appear flashing across the night sky in almost all directions. If you trace the trajectory of a specific meteor back, it will appear to be from Gemini, if it is a Geminid.

The Geminids are best seen between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. At that time the constellation Gemini is high in the sky to the southeast. The Geminids are slow meteors and are often yellowish in color. Fireballs, similar to the one I caught on my automated aurora cam (mt-43news.com/005), are not uncommon.

The only downside to the Geminids, here in Montana, is that the wee hours of the morning in the middle of December can be brutally cold. Braving the cold is worth the effort to see 100 meteors an hour though!

With clear skies, of course.



#### BEWARE ZIP AND RAR

Victor Sample

Every weekday morning (Monday through Friday) I receive a tech newsletter with 10 – 15 articles about technology - mostly computer technology. Almost every newsletter has something about scams and malware.

Today's newsletter talked about Zip files and RAR files. Both of these file types (extension .zip and .rar) are compressed, archive files They contain 1 or more (usually more) files that have been gathered into one file and compressed. A group of files that would be very large can be compressed into 1 file that is easily sent through email or downloaded from a website.

Zip files and RAR files are a very convenient way to distribute large files and they are heavily used on the internet.

#### BUT BEWARE!

I have periodically warned about receiving fake emails or texts from large, well-known companies like Walmart, Home Depot, UPS, etc. that are telling you that you have been selected for a prize. I have found "customer loyalty rewards" are a common come-on.

If you click on the supplied link you may be taken to a site that will download malware to your PC, Tablet or Smartphone. According to the article in the newsletter this morning, the use of Zip and RAR files have become the most common way to hide the malware and get you to download it. The criminals will usually say that there is paperwork you have to fill out to get the prize or maybe the prize is some software. For your convenience, they have compressed the "paperwork" into a ZIP or RAR file for you to download. An easy way to get you to download malware.

Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint documents have long been a favorite way to deploy malware; but, ZIP and RAR files have become more prevalent. It is especially dangerous to download Word or Excel documents that have been included in a ZIP or RAR file!

Always, Always be careful about clicking on any link that is sent to you through email or text. Cyber criminals have become very good at making emails and websites look very professional and very much like the actual websites. DO NOT BE FOOLED!

If you do go to one of the sites and they want you to download a ZIP or RAR file be VERY WARY!

Terey Artz has taken over the Old Baldy Adult Ed program and is planning to have one or more sessions about "safe surfing". Watch for an announcement of the Old Baldy Winter Adult Ed



#### Kevin Douglas Miller

Kevin Douglas Miller, 58, of Townsend, Montana passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

Simple Cremation Montana has assisted the family. To view the obituary and share remembrances, visit: www. SimpleCremationMT.





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## WHAT HAPPENE THIS WEEK IN HISTORY"

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

#### December 8

#### 1938

"City and County" News A.V. Safely is back on the job, having taken over the management of the Townsend division for the Montana Power Company here again. Mr. and Mrs. Evan Kimpton of Crow Creek Valley were county seat visitors today. Mrs. Hugh Anderson is substitute teaching in the English department of the Broadwater County High School in the place of Mrs. Julia Ross who is a patient in the Broadwater hospital. Mrs. A.C. Carson leaves tomorrow for the east. She will spend two days in Chicago, two days in Michigan, en route to Arlington, New Jersey where she will join her daughter, Miss Helen, for the remainder of the year. Mr. Thierry's new color shampoo

creation. It's an individual-color shampoo. Will tint and cleanse your scalp and hair. Give your hair new life and that extra special sheen and color you've been wanting. I will be glad to help you select the color for your particular type. A 4 oz. bottle 50 . Out-of-town orders are given prompt attention. Mrs. Marguerite Jewett, Room 2, Gabisch Building.

#### 1949

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#### 1955

"Staff of Old Baldy Annual is Chosen" The annual staff of the 1956 "Old Baldy" was chosen

by the Senior Class at the beginning of the school year. Elected for staff positions were the following: Editor, Phyllis Miller; Assistant Editor, Shirley Flynn; Art Editor, Gordon Welch; Photo Editor, Bill Kearns; Business Manager, Janice Schneider; Advertising Manager, Karen Johnson; Sports Editor, Larry Boster. Old Baldy is a mimeographed six-page paper this month.

#### 1966

"V.F.W. Essay Contest Winners Announced" "The Voice of Democracy - What It Means to Me" was the title of the essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary to James Lynch Post No. 4601. Dec. 6, for students, grades 10 through 12 of Broadwater County High School. Of the 28 students who wrote essays, eight participated in the oral readings before the panel of judges. Lee Ann Jersey won first place; Lyla Mann, second, and Rodney Kitto, Ricky Kitto, and Mary Jane Deadmond tied for third place. Other contestants were Scott Whaley, Scott Miller, and Harold Toombs. Lee Ann's speech will be taped and sent to the state contest. The state winner will go to Washington, D.C. to compete for a \$5,000 scholarship. Although all the essays were on the same topic, they were very interesting and wellpresented from many different angles. Judges were Mrs. Dale Davidson, Larry Watterson, and Father Kincaid.



- Burned rice? No problem. While it's still hot, carefully remove to a new pot any rice not browned or blackened. Then top it with a single slice of white bread. Allow it to sit for several minutes under a tightly fitted lid. The burned smell is absorbed by the bread, and the rice is fit to eat. *M.U. in Michigan*
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- For light and unbelievably fluffy pancakes, try subbing the water in your recipe with club soda. Yummo. *E.S. in Florida*
- Add a few drops of water to votive cups before adding a candle. The wax will float on the water, and when the candle burns down, it won't get stuck in the votive glass. O.J. in Wyoming

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# MISSOURI VALLEY CREAMERY

Victor Sample

One of the first industries in Townsend (other than agriculture) was the Missouri Valley Creamery – later named The Broadwater County Creamery Company.

The first discussions of creating a creamery for the Townsend community started in January 1904. An article in the Townsend Star in January 1904 stated "An interesting group was addressed at a meeting held in the courthouse at which time Senator Whipple made a proposition feasible by reciting his experience with a Creamery in Stevensville. Professor Elliot of the Bozeman Agricultural College gave statistics and explained the advantages to farmers who have milk to sell".

In February of 1904, a number of shareholders met at the Courthouse and selected J.R. Marks (partner of W.E. Tierney and longtime manager of the Townsend House), Julius Berg (the Berg brothers' built Jeannie Steeles building and the Lakeside distillery building), J.P. Kearns (long time president of the State Bank of Townsend), Frank X. Dolenty, Guy Dean, J.W. Johnson, D.J. McCarthy, Peter J. Meloy and W.C. Eversole as the Board of Directors. There were fifty-five shareholders (1 share apiece at \$100 a share) making a total of \$5500 to start the Creamery.

The same spirit that created the town and built schools and churches, built and equipped the creamery in less than three months. On June 27, 1904, the Missouri Valley Creamery had its Grand Opening. The Montana Secretary of State

listing shows that the Creamery was incorporated on July 14, 1904.

Many people were present to witness the first wheels as they separated the first 1580 pounds of milk from the cream on the initial run of the Creamery. A few days later after the cream had aged, the first churning produced 75 lbs. of butter.

The name of the Creamery was changed from the Missouri Valley Creamery to the Broadwater County Creamery Company and the "Primrose" brand name was chosen for the Creamery brand. For many years the Primrose brand of butter took state honors. The Primrose ice cream, buttermilk and cheese were held in high esteem throughout the state. By 1912, the Creamery was producing 200,000 pounds of butter. In 1913, the production was at 700 pounds a day.

In 1923, Primrose butter took first place in the U.S. Department of Agriculture earning a rating of 90 while competitive brands came in at 80 (and some as low as 50). The State Butter Makers chose Townsend for their convention city in 1915 and in 1916

The Creamery celebrated its thirty years of success in 1934 at the Greyson Creek ranch of Peter J. Meloy. It was estimated there were 500 cars and 1500 people in attendance. That year the Creamery won first place in the State Show in Bozeman for the Primrose ice cream and third place for the Primrose butter.

The Creamery ran smoothly with considerable improvements over the years until a fire destroyed the building in 1945. A new Creamery building was built and is now the office building, "The Creamery Building" on Front Street.

In 1951, the Creamery received a "Token of Merit" for being the best creamery in ten counties at the 26th Association meeting in Great Falls.

The information in this article was mainly from the Broadwater Bygones. The Bygones is available at the Broadwater County Museum. Visit the Museum for more information about the Broadwater County Creamery Company.

# AN ERUPTION OF FLAVOR

Ari LeVaux

A sauce called Magma made its debut at Thanks-giving dinner, in 2022. As they passed the magma around the table, the revelers quickly noticed its power and utility. The crimson emulsion was like a second gravy for the turkey. Its sweet pungency enhanced the stuffing, which sounds impossible but it's true. The potatoes, dressed in red, became all the more delectable, and the Midwestern casserole became downright edible. Someone at the table dubbed it red mayonnaise because it improved everything it touched. After the meal, there were so many leftovers that the hosts handed out full takeout containers to the departing guests. But they kept the scant remains of the Magma in a takeout container for themselves.

Like its namesake, Magma sauce comes from the earth, but the surface rather than the depths like true molten lava. Forged from roasted red peppers and baked squash, Magma imparts the sweetness

of both, with a near-piquant undertone that makes you cringe like you're about to get slapped, but it doesn't deliver. Instead, you get kissed, with possibly a lipstick red mark left on your face. There are a few extra seasonings, but the peppers and squash dominate, and there is no need to complicate matters.

We owe the existence of Magma sauce to an arrangement my kids have with a local farmer. They sell his excess produce in a roadside stand and split the money. This year, after bringing home a literal truckload of squash and peppers, winter came unseasonably early. The icy conditions made it impossible to put the standout. After six weeks of waiting for Autumn to regress from the clutches of winter, we threw in the towel and donated the produce to the local homeless shelter in time for Thanksgiving. I hung onto a couple of boxes of each, for personal use.

On Thanksgiving morning, while my son made an angel food cake, I roasted red and yellow peppers and baked an orange kabocha squash that goes by the name Sunshine. I peeled the blistered peppers and scooped the squash flesh and combined these two ingredients in the blender with olive oil, garlic, salt and some thyme.

The resulting puree was thick, and after some time in the fridge grew downright stiff. It turns out

that both squash and peppers contain pectin, a carbohydrate that jam makers use to thicken their products. Jeopardizing my precious Thanksgiving belly space, I began eating my creation, heavily garnished with cilantro and green onions. I spooned it down like soup, not at all regretting the turkey I was forsaking. It was like eating a salad in a bowl of thick dressing, so tangy from the bell peppers that it didn't need acid.

The day after Thanksgiving I made another batch, this time with some hot peppers. I spooned this red mayo upon scrambled eggs, where it looked and tasted like salsa, despite having no tomatoes. I tried some on pasta, where it was like a creamy marinara.

Since we had some leftover yolks from my son's angel food cake I made mayonnaise and folded in some Magma. Although it was now a true red mayo, it had less charm than the original. The oil and yolks dulled the raw, vegetal flavors. And the original version was thick enough, thanks to the pectin. After an hour in the fridge, the Magma is even thicker, so solid you can't even pour it. You have to scoop it like pudding. And unlike its namesake, Magma sauce stays red, even when cool.

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and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the

answer to this riddle: Why was the Grinch such a good gardener?

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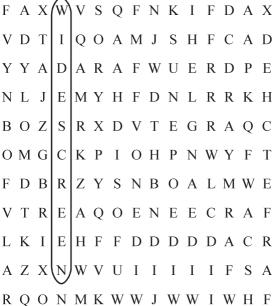
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#### FAR AND *MAGIC MAZE* ●



Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: Largest City in North Dakota

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1. A house.

2. Led Zeppelin.

3. India and Pakistan.

4. "The Golden Girls."

the quick freezing process.



- 1. What actor played crazed former football referee Stanley Craver in a series of Nike commercials in the 1990s?
- 2. What first-round NFL Draft pick for the Kansas City Chiefs in 1990 missed the entire 1991 season due to injuries sustained in a scooter accident?
- 3. Name the British driver who won six of the first seven races and went on to win the Formula One World Drivers' Championship in the 2009 season?
- 4. Name the lawyer, college basketball analyst and former Duke basketball standout who successfully defended a costume company against a lawsuit by the creators of Barney the purple dinosaur in 1999?
- 5. What company introduced the pressurized can package for tennis balls in the 1920s?
- 6. What college football team's dominant seven-man offensive line earned the nickname "The Seven Blocks of Granite" in the 1930s?
- 7. Name the Baseball Hall of Famer who was named NL Manager of the Year and led the St. Louis Cardinals to a World Series championship in 1967.

#### **Answers**

- 1. Dennis Hopper. 2. Percy Snow.
- 3. Jenson Button.
- 4. Jay Bilas.

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- 5. The Pennsylvania Rubber Company, which became Penn Racquet 6. The Fordham University Rams.
  - 7. Red Schoendienst.

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CryptoQuip

Riddle answer:

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 **N** 

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#### **Super** Crossword

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10 Sever

11 Competitor of Ben & Jerry's

12 Yard feature

13 Place to ski

14 Vietnamese

16 "Banjo on my

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holiday 15 Road sign

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# ACROSS 1 James of "Alien Nation"

5 Lead-in to hazard 8 "My opinion 13 Tried very hard 19 Tumblers,

e.g. 21 Actress Hunt 22 Fatal

23 Start of a riddle
26 Strong metal
27 Vertical line on a graph 28 Attack like an

alligator 29 Land north of Mex 30 -- country (music genre)
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50 "Right now!" 51 First class for painters 53 City law: Abbr. 54 Sea predator

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38 Aviation military

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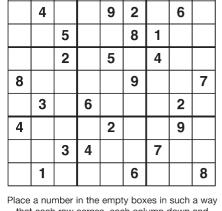
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#### Weekly **SUDOKU** by Linda Thistle



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6. Pocahontas.

7. The liver.

8. Cobs and pens.

9. New York ("Ever upward!").

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#### **Super** Crossword – Answers W H Y D I D T H E L A D Y W H O T E S T S S T E E L V A X I S S S N A P U S A A L T I N C A L E A F S E A R L Y V E R S I O N S O F B L A S T V I E S H E E T W O N P P R O N T O A R T I O R D S H A R K R O O N E Y D A U B S O F T W A R E P R O G R A M S ERNESTIRAN A D A M SMELT DRAGSTRIP TOLET I RON OREM MEDALS HAVEANABSOLUTELY O H W O E L I D L E N T Z E N T I D L E S D O S F I L E T S INUSEBBORINGDAYATWORK NONCE TOOT REA O A H U T W A I N F I N E D

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#### CryptoQuip answer

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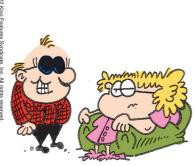




"So when do you think you can finish putting up the Christmas decorations?"

# The Spats

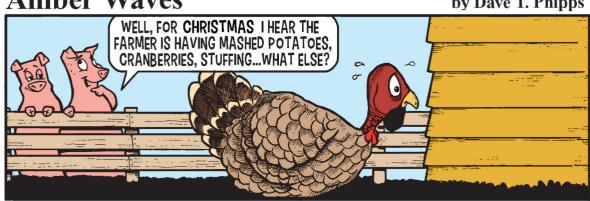


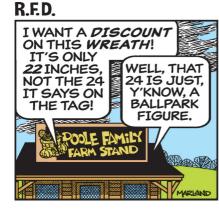


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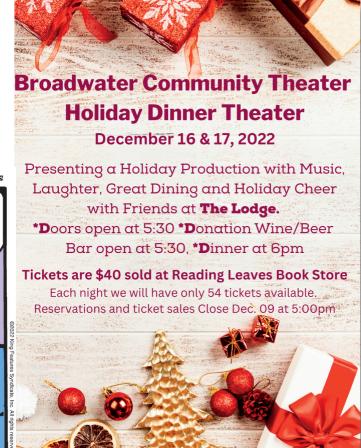


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## TOSTON BRIDGE WOULD COST MILLIONS TO REPLACE

Nancy Marks

A state bridge inspector gave a bleak picture of the condition of Toston's century-old steel truss bridge across the Missouri River during a discussion with ten Toston-area residents at the Broadwater County Commission meeting Monday.

The Toston group came with a petition signed by 300 people asking the commissioners to reopen the old bridge. The county closed it last June when construction of the nearby new Highway 287 overpass was completed, spanning both the river and railroad tracks.



Barb Demartin Addressing the County Commissioners

Community leaders Barb DeMartin, Franklin Slifka, Bill Lane, Hal Plumer and others made convincing arguments. To them, the bridge is a necessity, not just a convenience.

And in their view, someone is likely to get killed because of a poorly designed highway entrance from Toston.

Their plea was countered by John Jackson, Montana Department of Highways (MDOT) bridge inspection manager. He described it as a bridge in danger of falling to pieces due to steel fatigue and corrosion of its support piers caused by a century of river scouring. He speculated it would cost many millions of dollars to replace.

The bridge was built in 1920 and financed with a \$30,000 county bond issue. It served as the Missouri River crossing for Highway 287

until 1955 when the first overpass was built by the state, bypassing Toston. The highway section through Toston and across the old bridge then became Highway 287 bypass.

During the meeting, questions came up about who owns the bridge – the county or the state, and who might be liable for damage to the bridge when it was used by Sletten Construction while the company was building the new overpass.

Several people pointed out the inconvenience

of not being able to cross the bridge from their farms to get to the county garbage dump. Rancher, Hal Plummer, spoke about his need to cross the river with farm equipment between his home on the west side of the bridge to his land on the east side.

Mrs. DeMartin said there were discussions for renovations to the bridge between Toston residents and the state highway department in 1956 and 1957.

Slifka pointed out that in about 1972 the county asked for bids to replace the bridge decking. The county opted to put asphalt over the top of the wood decking. When Slifka was county commissioner the county did some repairs to the asphalt.

Slifka wondered if the construction company's use of the bridge during the new construction might have caused major damage to the bridge. "They took heavy equipment across the bridge, not just trucks. Maybe their insurance could pay for some of the damage," he said.

They also talked about what they think is an extremely dangerous entrance from Toston to the new highway. Bill Lane, a building contractor, described being almost hit while turning onto the

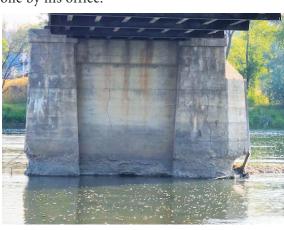


Toston Bridge

highway. "That traffic is traveling 70 or 80 miles an hour coming off the overpass. You can't see the cars coming until they are right on top of you," he said. Mrs. DeMartin wondered if using the old bridge would not be safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and horse-and-buggy drivers than using the new overpass.

Jackson, the MDOT bridge inspector, said he had it inspected last June. He talked about cracks in the three piers, and corrosion of the steel struc-

ture itself. "In some places, there are holes two feet long through the steel," he said. "In one span, sixteen feet of the steel structure is so thin it is like lace." He quoted from a January scour report done by his office.



Corrosion in the steel, he said, causes fatigue in the structure. "Then cyclic loading, cars and trucks traveling over the bridge, increases the fatigue. You can't predict when it will give out," he added.

Jackson said the piers were badly damaged from past debris building up on them. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord showed photos of the scouring of

the piers where portions of the pier bottoms were missing, and cracks appeared in the east pier especially. Jackson pointed out the bridge piers sit on wood pilings that could be damaged as well, causing the bridge to move.

Commissioners asked Jackson if he thought the bridge could be repaired. Jackson replied that Broadwater County could have a professional analysis done to get a better idea of the costs. Rehabbing the 500-foot deck would be possible. Jackson said he had been involved with the \$10 million replacement of a 250-foot bridge at Ennis. "This bridge is 500 feet long, so it would be probably about twice as much to replace," he said.

The commissioners did not commit to repairing the bridge. Commissioner Mike Delger pointed out that the county already had committed to repairing the Old Town bridge near Three Forks. Commissioner Folkvord ended the meeting by explaining the county did not have money to replace the bridge or do major repairs. He suggested, since the bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places, the Toston group could form a nonprofit organization and take over raising funds to repair the bridge.

# PROPERTY TRANSFERS AND BOUNDARY RELOCATIONS

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

The Broadwater County Commissioners discussed and approved several land agreements during its Dec. 5 meeting, including two family transfers, a property boundary change, a minor subdivision preliminary plat application and a building lease or rent agreement.

The meeting opened with the commission revisiting the previous discussion of the Kurtz family's transfer and property boundary relocation.

The Kurtz property issue was last discussed during the Nov. 14 commission meeting, where Johnny Kurtz's request to transfer 20.5 acres of his property to his father Gideon and to move his property's boundary -- which would provide his neighbor with more pasture acreage -- was depied

Kurtz attended the Dec. 5 commission meeting, at Commission Chair Darrel Folkvord's request.

"Here's our concern: Since you've owned this property, it's been divided through boundary relocation and now a family transfer as well, I count four different times," Folkvord said during the meeting.

Kurtz explained that after purchasing the property, he learned that two of his neighbors had hoped to buy the land. After the sale, each neighbor approached him asking to purchase a portion of the land bordering their properties for pasture

"Part of our process is for us to review and determine if there is an evasion of subdivision [regulations]. It's been divided this many times," Folkvord said.

Property boundary relocations do not result in multiple properties. These occur when landowners move a common boundary line between their adjoining properties, according to the Montana Code Annotated. Property boundary relocations must follow zoning and surveying regulations for each plot.

Kurtz disclosed that after his current boundary relocation and family transfer, there may be another property line shift to provide another neighbor with some pasture land.

"These are things that are legally available to you," Folkvord said. "It's just that when we see this many of them happening."

Kurtz was notified that family transfers cannot be sold for a certain number of years, and Commissioner Debi Randolph clarified that this was the property's first family transfer.

Randolph moved to approve Kurtz's request and Commissioner Mike Delger seconded it.

The commission later considered, for the first time, two family transfers requested by Marie Miller to her daughters Kristie Collins and Candace Leslie. After the family transfer, all three parcels will exceed 20 acres in size.

Community Planning Director Nichole Brown clarified that the properties are not required to follow 3:1 ratio for length and width applied to subdivisions.

Delger questioned whether Clopton Lane was labeled correctly on the map.

"It would be a matter of adding clearer labels just to show very clearly how Clopton Lane travels," Brown said.

Randolph moved to approve the Miller transfer and Delger seconded it. It was approved without further question and the commission moved on to discussing another boundary relocation requested by Steve and Deborah Wilken.

Folkvord recused himself from the discussion, and relocation was approved with the clarification that the portion of land removed from the Wilken property would lose its previously received approval for sewer/septic from the Department of Environmental Quality.

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