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SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER

Nancy Marks

Elves, ballerinas, musicians and comedians made merry over the weekend at the second annual Christmas Dinner Theater production presented by Broadwater Community Theater at the Lodge.

Just like an old-fashioned community holiday celebration must have been at the Johnson School-house on Confederate Creek, the elf, El Fredo (Pat Plantenberg) kept the 75 guests going with jokes and baubles of trivia in between several acts while diners enjoyed a three-course dinner prepared by Country Creek Caters and served by members of the STOKe afterschool program.



perform at the Grand Ole Opry. Grandpa and granddaughter dressed in their finest western duds, sing the final country western Christmas song.

A little adult humor followed in a skit performed by Anne Hall and Pat Plantenberg as they wound their way through burned cookies and lots of souped-up eggnog in the skit “Mrs. Clause Makes Merry”.

Dr. Erick and Jackie Sorenson, dressed in 1940’s costumes, ended the show with a perfect set of dance moves to 1940s Christmas-style music performed by Mrs. Carla Amundson. Carla also decorated the stage with vintage 1940s furniture, a fireplace and fine linens. Dinner guests enjoyed dancing to her music as a special way to end their evening.



Rocky Mountain Movement dance troop

director, Lenna Parr, led her tiny ballerinas through several Christmas favorite songs. The modern dance group was led by Ashley Franz. Mrs. Parr also performed. The dinner crowd cracked up when Ty Steele, Will Lynde and James Pitassy acted out the Twelve Days of Christmas.

The sister and brother duo, Aiden and Addie Mosier, gave a gentle rendition of “A Little County Star”. The story tells of a little girl wanting to sing at the Grand Ole Opry. Both grandpa and grandma, played by Tina Homann, try to help the girl feel better. Then grandpa gets a special phone call: they’ve been asked to

Broadwater Community Theater board chair, LaRinda Spencer, thanked board members, STOKe president, Jim Domino, and all those who contributed to making the evening such a success.

Broadwater Community Theater is underwritten by the Ryland KM Foote Memorial Trust (Fun For Life) formed in 1996 to encourage Broadwater County grade school students to join in the arts. The nonprofit provides scholarships to students k-8 in art, theater, music and foreign language.



ANY OTHER YEAR COAL WOULD BE A PROBLEM

(If you're wonderin', we sell chimney brushes...)

Merry Christmas



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Retirement — PARTY —

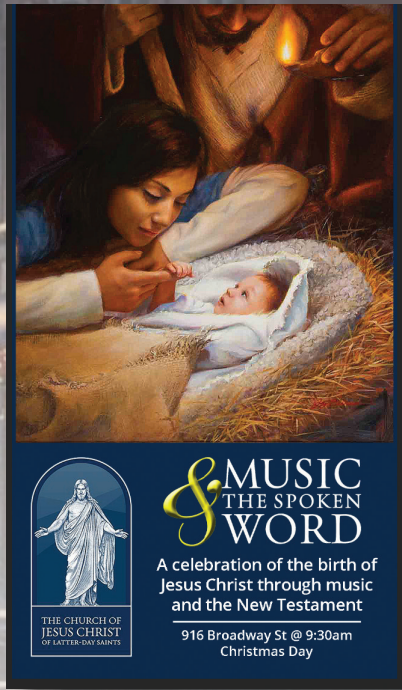
Townsend Community has an open invitation to come congratulate Wynn Meehan on his retirement!



Friday, December 30th 2022
Canyon Ferry Brewery,
Townsend MT
From 3pm- 8pm

“CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON FOR
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— WASHINGTON IRVING



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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH STARTS @ 4:00PM

NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY



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Jesus is the reason for this beautiful season!
Many Blessings!



His name shall be called Immanuel...God with us.
"The light of the knowledge of the glory of God" is
seen in the face of Jesus Christ.
~Desire of Ages

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Sabbath School: Saturday at 10:30 am

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200 North Cedar (In the Methodist Church)
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4:00 PM

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10:00 AM

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MONTANA OPTICOM BETS ON INTERNET IN BROADWATER COUNTY

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Montana Opticom, Inc., the small Bozeman-based internet service provider, is laying down a big bet on Broadwater County.

As approved by Gov. Greg Gianforte last week, Montana Opticom is in line to receive a grant of just under \$10 million, in federal stimulus money, for the company to lay a fiber optic trunk cable from Winston to near Three Forks as a first step toward bringing high-speed broadband service to potential customers throughout Broadwater County.



As part of the deal, Montana Opticom must put up just over \$10 million in matching funds. That money is to come from industrial development revenue bonds to be issued by Broadwater County. The grant for Montana Opticom is a portion of \$309 million in broadband grants approved by Gianforte on 61 projects in Montana.

In addition to the Winston-to-Three Forks project, Montana Opticom was approved for a grant of \$7.26 million to extend the company's existing fiber optic network from west of Belgrade through Manhattan, Logan and Three Forks in Gallatin County, then to Three Forks Junction.

"Our plan is to connect the two projects to each other," Opticom general manager Dean Nelson said in an interview with MT43 News. Once they are in place, the company will apply to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for funds "to build internet cable right to households", Nelson said.

The prize of it all is revenue from selling broadband service to hundreds of paying customers. In an email letter last August to some business leaders and to Broadwater County Commissioners, Nelson said the project will serve 1,051 residences, 819 farms, and 11 institutions such as hospitals, schools and public safety organizations. In all, the project involves over 790,000 feet (nearly 150 miles) of fiber construction, he wrote. Nelson said the company committed to finishing the project within two years after the allocation of funds.

In an earlier communication, on April 24, Nelson said, "This has been an arduous and ongoing project that pushes the limits of an acceptable return on investment, even with the subsidies, but we are confident that by contributing to the infrastructure in the area we can help foster economic development in addition to connecting average hard-working Montanans to the digital economy".

"I'd like to think that Montana Opticom will be a great service provider in the area – and we are looking at having customer service and installations and repair teams based in Three Forks and Townsend. We may not be a global-mega corporation, but we excel at being local", he added.

On Oct. 12, the Broadwater County Commission adopted a resolution to issue and sell industrial development revenue bonds, up to a maximum of \$60 million, for loans to Montana Opticom to finance the project. As regulated by Montana law, the company is solely responsible for all obligations under the bonds and all costs of issuing them. The county serves as a pass-through conduit to an underwriting financial institution, in this case, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., as the initial purchaser of the bonds.

The fiber cable itself will be subject to property taxation.



TOWNSEND VOLUNTEERS HELPING WITH TOYS FOR TOTS IN HELENA

Carol Anderson

Pictured from left to right:



Teresa Davis, Nancy Davis, Chanel Stevens, Cheri Tarbet, Carol Anderson, Bret Anderson. Toys for Tots

BBER: MONTANA SEES DRAMATIC INFLOW OF WEALTHY FAMILIES

Victor Sample

The Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) released the following:

"Data confirm what many Montanans have already noticed. Lots more "rich" people live in Montana. Between 2019-2021, the number of Montana households earning over \$200,000 increased by 12,000, a 63% gain. In percentage terms, this is massively more than any other state.

Given that wages weren't rising in Montana faster than nationally, that suggests that the gain was due to higher-income people relocating to our state during this period.

This thread runs through a lot of conversations in Montana and is the topic of our 2023 Montana Economic Outlook Seminar featuring keynote speaker Bryce Ward, former BBER economist and now principal at ABMJ Consulting. "

The Bureau of Business and Economic Research has been providing information about Montana's state and local economies for more than 70 years. Located at the University of Montana, the bureau is the research and public service branch of the College of Business.

DID YOU KNOW?

Broadwater County is home to 3 towns that were County Seats. And each of the towns was the county seat for different counties!

- Diamond City - once the County Seat for Meagher County
- Radersburg - once the County Seat for Jefferson County
- Townsend - the one and only County Seat for Broadwater County

Americanisms



"For every little kid who still believes in Santa Claus, there is at least one adult who still believes in professional wrestling."
— Doug Larson

County Commissions Meeting Dec, 28 Agenda

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com> County Commissions Meeting Dec, 28 Agenda

Public comment and items not on the agenda will be taken either in writing in advance of the meeting or in person at the meeting. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1* floor bulletin board), Broadwatercountymt.com, and in the window of the Flynn Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

County Offices Will Be Closed on Monday, Dec 26th and Monday, Jan 2nd 2023

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 Official 10:00 AM Claims

Mail & Items for Discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change.

Items for Discussion/ Action /Review / * Signature Consent Agenda

* Certificate of Survey review

* Management -on-going advisory board appointments

* Claims/Payroll/minutes

* County Audit/ Budget Mail- ongoing grants

* Correspondence - support letters

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MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK TO HOST 2023 FIRST DAY HIKE

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Start your new year outside with a guided hike!

THREE FORKS – Missouri Headwaters State Park will host a First Day Hike on Sunday, Jan. 1, to usher in the new year.

The ranger-guided hike will include a tour of

MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK

FIRST DAY HIKES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST 2023

CAMPFIRE & BAGELS @ 10:00 AM
HIKE STARTS @ 11:00 AM

AT PARK PICNIC AREA BY GALLATIN RIVER

- Park Ranger Led 2-4 Miles Easy Hike
- Hot Chocolate Provided
- Bring Warm Clothes and Good Boots
- NO DOGS PLEASE

For More Information Contact:
Missouri Headwaters State Park
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Fort Rock, with wintery views of the rivers and mountains surrounding the Gallatin Valley.

The event will begin with toasted bagels, hot chocolate and a warming fire at 10 a.m. at the main picnic grounds. The hike will be between 2 and 4 miles, depending on visitor interest. Participants are asked to come prepared with warm clothes and sturdy boots, and to leave pets at home. A minimum participant age of 8 years is recommended.

Missouri Headwaters State Park is about 5 miles northeast of Three Forks on Trident Road. For more information about the park, please visit fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/missouri-headwaters or call 406-285-3610.

ROTARY/LIONS SR. DINNER RESCHEDULED

Victor Sample

The Rotary/Lions Senior Dinner has been rescheduled for January 4th and January 5th, 2023.

The Sr. Dinner and Christmas Light Tour was originally scheduled for December 20 and December 21. The event was cancelled due to severe winter weather forecasts.

The January event will be Dinner only.

HELPING HANDS CLOSED THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR

Victor Sample

Helping Hands Townsend on Pine will be closed from 12-25-22 until 1-3-23.

Merry Christmas. See you in the New Year!!

ROTARY CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Jeff Langlinais, Rotary

Rotary Holiday Light Contest Winners Selected



Each year, the Rotary Club of Townsend encourages community residents to decorate their homes for Christmas. Rotary offers a cash award: First place = \$100, Second place = \$50, and Third place = \$25.

This year, the winner is Keith and Teena Larson located at 400 S. Harrison Ave. Drive by and see the wonderful decorations!

Second place is Robert Brastrup at 308 S. Cherry Street. Santa, reindeer, angels surrounding baby Jesus – they are all there! Great job!

In third place is Valerie Barraza at 407 N. Maple Street north of Fourth Street. How they managed to put lights into those tall spruce trees is baffling! They look wonderful!

OKINAWAN STUDENTS VISIT THE MUSEUM

Linda Huth, Broadwater County Museum Curator

On Saturday, December 17, students from Okinawa, Japan visited the Broadwater County Museum. These students' visit are part of the Kakeshashi Project and Japan's friendship Ties Program. As a result of a suggestion from Peggy Flynn, Samara Lynde contacted the museum staff to see if it would be possible to have the museum open for this visit and we were delighted to do so.

Our visitors were especially interested in anything to do with the "Wild West". The buffalo robe that is displayed in our museum brought much interest and their interpreter explained to them the story of the robe as told by Linda Huth, Curator of the museum.

Tours are always available at the museum. The telephone number is: (406) 266-5252 and the email address is: bwcomuseum@mt.net.



METHODIST CHURCH GETS A FACELIFT

Nancy Marks

The Methodist Church, at 200 North Cedar, just got a new coat of paint. According to Administrative Council Chair, Donna Harper, the paint job had been a long time coming, but members were glad to have it started. "Kyle Etchison, of Three Forks, is doing the job. He'll finish the steeple next spring," she said.

A protestant church, Townsend United Methodist church was the first church built in the newly formed town of Townsend in 1883 when the railroad came through the area. Besides serving for religious services, the building served as the first school for four years until Townsend Elementary School was built in 1886, according to Broadwater Bygones, the Broadwater County history book. The little church has been in continuous use since that time. It is used by 4-H clubs, and Eastern Star as well as the Red Cross for blood drawings. The church will begin a lunch youth fellowship gathering on Wednesdays beginning next year.

Several changes have been made in the 140 years the church has been in service including a fellowship hall in 1925 and an addition to the church in 1948. The parsonage beside the church was built in 1962. In 1948 a large mural painted by local artist Ingeborg Merritt was dedicated in the auditorium. The stained glass windows, done by artist Mary Harris of Helena took two years to complete and install. Sue and Steve Babcock and Mary Froelicker headed the project. Sue and Steve installed the windows.

top ten

Most Popular Christmas Movies of All Time

1. The Santa Clause 2 (2002)
2. The Nutcracker and the Four Realms (2018)
3. The Santa Clause (1994)
4. The Holiday (2006)
5. Elf (2003)
6. The Polar Express (2004)
7. A Christmas Carol (2009)
8. How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)
9. Home Alone (1990)
10. The Grinch (2018)

*Source: ScreenCrush

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BROADWATER HIGH SCHOOLS STUDENTS AT KAKEHASHI PROJECT

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter



Students from the Kakehashi Project and Japan's Friendship Ties Program pose together during their time together at Broadwater High School. Photo courtesy of Townsend Public Schools.

LADY BULLDOGS TAKE ONE, DROP ONE

Wanda Lambott, Lady Bulldogs Assistant Coach

The Townsend Lady Bulldogs played their home opener against Choteau last Thursday evening. The Townsend Bulldogs were fired up and ready to play ball. Choteau was unable to match the Lady Bulldogs intensity early on, and found themselves behind 24-2 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Choteau outscored Townsend by a single point for a half-time score of 34-13. During halftime, the locker room chalk talk focused on continued execution at both ends of the court. Another 20 points were added to the scoreboard for the Townsend Bulldogs in the third quarter. Every player was able to contribute to the cause during the fourth quarter with a final score of 62-20. Handshakes were exchanged and the excited Townsend Bulldogs led the school fight song in front of the student section. Coach Lawson was very pleased with how his team played together and the contagious energy present throughout the contest. Ella Begger had 19 points, 8 steals and 5 rebounds. Briannah Williams had 16 points, while Maddy Schritz and Emmalin Fischer contributed 6 points apiece.

On Friday, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Big Timber to take on the Sweet Grass Co. Herders. The Lady Bulldogs knew they would be challenged by the Herders, district 5B champions for the last 4 years. It was several minutes before the Lady Bulldogs would score against the disciplined defense of the Herders. Halftime found the Bulldogs down 45-17. The third quarter was the best for the Bulldogs who put up 16 points and held the Herders to 20 points. The sharp shooting Herders would win the game 82-36. Coach Lawson recognized that Big Timber is a really good team that didn't just come together overnight. He hopes to help the Townsend Lady Bulldogs build back to that level of success. Ella Begger once again led the team with 15 points. Briannah Williams and Kady Clark each had 7 points.

Rest assured, the Lady Bulldogs will show resilience through adversity when they take on Park High School in Livingston on Dec. 19 and the Manhattan Tigers at home on Dec. 20

December School Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					23 ◆ NO SCHOOL	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>
25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 ◆ NO SCHOOL	27 ◆ NO SCHOOL	28 ◆ NO SCHOOL	29 ◆ NO SCHOOL	30 ◆ NO SCHOOL	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>
1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 ◆ NO SCHOOL	3 ◆ WRESTLING @ HAMILTON - 6 P.M.	4 ◆ OLD BALDY ADULT ED OPEN GYM - 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	5	6 ◆ BASKETBALL @ MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN - 2:30 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING @ RONAN	7 ◆ WRESTLING @ RONAN ◆ BASKETBALL @ THREE FORKS - 1 P.M. ◆ SPEECH AND DEBATE SENIOR NIGHT

BRAWL OF THE BULLDOGS: BROADWATER LANDS ON TOP

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

The Broadwater Bulldogs basketball teams hosted their first home game of the 2022-23 season on Thursday, Dec. 15 against the Choteau Bulldogs. And the Townsend team used it as an opportunity to show that their practice is paying off.

Right out of the gates, the Lady Bulldogs took an early lead over their Choteau opponents. By the end of the first quarter, the girls had rallied 24 points to Choteau's two.

In the second quarter, Choteau scored more points, but the Lady Bulldogs maintained their lead at 34-13.

The Lady Bulldogs got their second wind after a much-deserved rest at halftime and returned to the court to rack up 20 points in the third quarter and another eight in the fourth to finish 62-20.

Ella Begger led the Lady Bulldogs in points with 19, followed by Briannah Williams with 16. Mad-

elyn Schritz and Emmalin Fischer were next with six points each, trailed by Montana Hedstrom with five.

Taylor Cartwright and Abigail Wickens earned three points each, while Kaitlyn Noyes and Kaydence Clark each scored two.

Success was still in the air when the boys took the court and they made many attempts to get ahead of the Choteau squad. Once the Bulldogs got going, they didn't stop.

By the end of the first quarter, the Bulldogs led Choteau 13-8. They kept up the pace in the second, earning 13 points to Choteau's five and increasing the score to 26-13.

In the second half, the Bulldogs continued to outscore Choteau, earning 17 points in the third and 15 in the fourth. In the end, the Bulldogs echoed the girls performance with a win 58-31.

Ryan Racht led the team offensively with 11 points. Eric Eichinger, Kade Newman and Jesus Garcia were next in line after earning nine points each

during the game. Deegan Mattson scored seven points, followed by Ryedean Reed with six and Camden Ferguson with four. Cael Sell and Sawyer Horne also assisted with two points and one point, respectively.

Following their wins, both Bulldog teams traveled to Big Timber on Friday, Dec. 16 to take on the Shepherders.

This time the boys were first on the court, and narrowly earned a win at 58-51.

Garcia, who earned 18 points during the game, led the Bulldogs scoring wise, followed by Racht with 14. Reed earned 10, Horne seven and Ferguson three. Mattson, Newman and Eichinger each scored two points.

The Lady Bulldogs weren't as fortunate, and lost their showdown with the Shepherders 36-82.

Begger scored 15 points during the game, trailed by Williams with seven and Fischer with six. Holly Newman scored four points, followed by Noyes with three.

The game streak continued with Bulldog basketball traveling to Livingston on Monday, Dec. 19 to play the Park Rangers.

The boys snuck out another win at 55-51, while the girls fell 38-43.

Squeezing in one last game before the winter break, the Bulldogs hosted the Manhattan Tigers on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The match took place after "MT 43 News" press deadline. Check back next week for results.



DAWGS TOP PODIUM IN GREAT FALLS

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter



Bulldog Wrestling traveled to Great Falls on Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17 to compete in the CMR Holiday Wrestling Classics. While the team didn't qualify for day two of the tournament, they made waves at another competition on Saturday: the Walt and Trudy Currie JV Tournament, hosted by Great Falls High School.

Eric Humphreys wrestled at 160 pounds in the Froshmore bracket at the JV tournament and won his first match against Cascade by decision 5-3. In a close second match against Colstrip, Humphreys entered the third period down 3-4. Starting on bottom, he got a reversal and pinned his opponent for the win.

Now in the championship match, Humphreys faced a Columbia Falls wrestler. He earned a takedown in the first period and entered the second at 2-0. After another takedown, Humphreys got the pin and claimed first place.

In the 182-pound weight class at the classic, Walker Spurlock won a consolation match against Missoula Sentinel by fall. A fifth match loss to Billings Skyview ended his time at the classic and sent him to the JV tournament.

There, Spurlock won his second match against a Missoula Sentinel wrestler by fall, after a first match bye.

In the semifinals, Spurlock faced Dillon and won with a pin in the first period. In the championship match with a Butte wrestler, Spurlock got a takedown late in the second period and finished the match with a pin.

Julian Stewart, wrestling at 205 pounds, took on Havre first at the JV tournament and won with a pin. Another pin over Choteau earned him a spot in the championship match against Jefferson High.

In the first period, Stewart got a takedown and followed it up with three points for a near fall. He eventually claimed the win — and the first place title — with a pin over the Jefferson wrestler.

Parker Hunt wrestled at 138 pounds. Hunt's second match at the classic was against a Helena Capitol wrestler. Hunt earned two take downs in the first period, but eventually lost by major decision 6-14.

On the consolation side of things, Hunt won his third match against Anaconda by decisions 4-1, but lost the fourth to a Great Falls MSDB wrestler by fall.

At the JV tournament, Hunt won his first match against Fairfield by fall in the Froshmore Bracket. In his second match, Hunt got another win-by-pin over a Gallatin High wrestler, earning himself a spot in these semifinals. Hunt fell to a CMR wrestler, but was still in it on the consolation side of the bracket.

Facing a Helena Capitol wrestler in the consolation semifinals, Hunt got another pin and moved on to play for third and fourth place. Both Hunt and the Loyola wrestler he faced earned two points in the first period, but Hunt was able to finish the job with a pin.

Blake Wellenstein entered the JV tournament — in the 145-pound weight class — eager to move on. With a first match pin to win against Great Falls MSDB, he faced a Beaverhead County wrestler, but pulled out another win-by-pin. A loss in the championship semi-finals sent him to the consolation semifinals, where he won by fall.

Wellenstein fell in the consolation championship match, but finished on the podium in fourth place.

Mike Schnittgen, assistant coach for the Dawgs, told "MT 43 News" that the classic was the team's first chance to experience a large tournament this season, a difficult tournament nonetheless.

"We had some pretty tough draws there and it would have been real easy for our kids to put their heads down after that first day, but they responded tremendously at the Walt and Trudy Invitational the next day. And we saw some real growth and grit out of our athletes," Schnittgen said, adding that they now have a better idea of what to work on over the winter break. "I really appreciate that our fans supported the kids through that long tournament and am proud of our athletes for competing hard through the long weekend."

We would like to thank Alpine Analytical for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs! Here are our athletes and performer of the week:

Girls Basketball: Junior **Ella Begger**

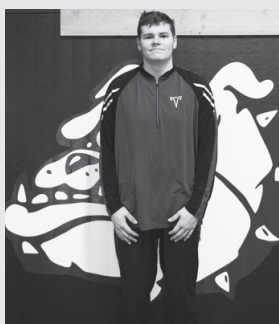
Ella was on fire this weekend. She scored 19 points, had 8 steals and 5 rebounds against Choteau and led the Lady Bulldogs with 15 points against Big Timber.



Boys Basketball: Senior **Ryan Racht** was the "King of the Paint" during the Bulldog's game against Big Timber on Friday night. He grabbed a team high of 9 rebounds against a tall and big Big Timber team. He also dominated the inside on the offensive end scoring 14 points. As a team Captain he set the tone on the defensive end from the very beginning of the game, and facilitated the offense by sharing the ball and knocking down crucial shots down the stretch.



The Wrestling Athlete of the week is **Julian Stewart**, 205 pound Junior. He went two and two in the CMR tournament. On Saturday he went 4-0 to take first place at 205 pounds for the Great Falls High tournament.



Speech and Drama: **Jasmine Thomas** captured her first victory in Humorous Interpretation in Choteau this weekend! Jasmine has mastered several different hilarious voices and brings her piece to life. Great job, Jaz!



INSIDE INSPIRATION

WORD for the year

Ellie West

For the last several years, my husband and I have chosen a word for the year. The WORD we choose allows us to set our intention for the year. Your WORD is a powerful reminder to stay focused on your goals. My WORD and my husband's WORD are printed in capital letters on my monthly calendar. We get to look at it every day. It triggers something positive in your brain and helps you stay focused.

Over the years, many of us, including myself, would set a New Year's Resolution. The problem with New Year's Resolutions is that we are "all in" at the start of the New Year, and suddenly, by the end of January, we have forgotten about our New Year's Resolution. Time gets in the way, and we lose momentum, are too busy, give up because it's too hard, or maybe decide our goals are too outlandish to accomplish. Whatever the reason, I have found that New Year's Resolutions do not work. I have had great success with just choosing a word for the year.

Some may be asking..."how do you choose your word?". There are many ways to choose your word.

A particular phrase or word will come to mind over and over throughout the year. Some may pray and ask God for their WORD. Others may choose self-reflection in obtaining their WORD for the year.

I will share how I chose my WORD for 2022, "Capable." Without going into many details, it was during some self-reflection time this past year. I dug deeper into my limiting beliefs, where they come from, and why I have them. I soon realized that one of my core limiting beliefs was incapable. Trying to figure out where that limited belief came from, I began to process many different layers of emotions. With the help of some coaches, it finally hit me where it came from, and it stems back to age 11-12. I never thought of myself as being capable of achieving my dreams. The core belief, "incapable," was so deep-rooted into my subconscious that I wasn't even aware that it was there. I began to replace those limited beliefs with words of affirmation.

I am capable, and I am smart, I am strong, I am enough, I am loved, I am worthy, I am valued.

"Capable" was the first word that came to mind in November when I was journaling and that word just kept coming to me, so I knew, at that moment, that my WORD for the year is "Capable."

Here are a few ideas for coming up with your Word if this resonates with you. First, just breathe...take three deep belly breaths. Make sure you are in a quiet place to meditate on what is coming to you. I usually put on some soothing & relaxing music. Be sure to set your intention that you will receive your Word. Trust that it will come to you; you will know it when it comes.

Below I have some questions for you to ask yourself, or you may come up with your own. If you journal, write the response in your journal. You will begin to find a common thread or pattern. If you don't enjoy journaling, talk to someone close to you and talk about different words that may help you stay focused in the coming year. They may help you with choosing your word.

What or who are you grateful for? Where have you found peace? What do you dream of achieving one day? What is a challenge you want to overcome? What are you passionate about and want to do more? What do you want to let go of? What is most important to you? What does this world need more of?

Once your Word comes to you, be intentional with your Word. Create a vision board with your word, post it where you can see it daily, paint a rock with your Word, and have a T-shirt inscribed. Be creative, and the possibilities are endless.

Live your WORD. Take action on your word. Don't make it complicated; focus on your Word...keep it simple.

I have my word for 2023...and would love to hear about yours.

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." ~ Socrates

To connect with Ellie, FB @coachelliewest
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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. 431-2810 or (406) 241-0042

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

SENIOR CENTER

SR. CENTER MENU FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 26 - DEC 30

Monday, Dec 26
CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Tuesday, Dec 27
Baked Chicken
Rice Pilaf
California Vegetables
Purple Beets
Blushing Pears
Dessert

Wednesday, Dec 28
Beef and Veggie Stew

Thursday, Dec 29
Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes
Key Largo Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Spiced Apples

Friday, Dec 30
Chicken Fried Steak
Steamed Potatoes
Sweet Corn
Tossed Salad with Beans
Plump Peaches

Fresh Baked Biscuit
Tossed Salad
Zesty Pineapple

GUNS WERE SCARCE

Victor Sample

In Hollywood westerns, every man was always equipped with a rifle and, at least, 1 handgun. But in reality, guns were pretty scarce. Most big ranches prohibited the ranch hands from wearing guns.

According to the "Broadwater Bygones", in the early days, guns were hard to come by "under the Buttes" (around the Winston area). The "Bygones" states that one professional hunter named Wymeyer once told his associates "I might borrow you my wife but I won't borrow you my gun!". He did have his priorities!



A MILLION LITTLE FIBERS

Ari LeVaux

Holiday Season dishes tend to be heavy on sweet and fat. Which is why some of my favorite meals this time of year involve kale. It's not that I don't enjoy a good Yorkshire pudding, or a bowl of buttery potatoes, or a sweet baked ham. Rather, it's that pigging out on decadent foods like those make a fiber-rich dish like kale salad taste and feel all the better.

Polls consistently show that the most popular New Year's resolutions relate to diet, exercise and weight loss. This makes sense, after weeks of binging. The problem is, by the time New Year's Day rolls around the damage has already been done, and losing weight is a lot harder than keeping it off in the first place.

Foods with a lot of sugar and carbohydrates are easy for your body to digest. Some starches

will begin converting to sugar in your mouth as you chew, thanks to an enzyme in your saliva that doesn't waste any time extracting calories from carbs. Insidiously, these foods can actually increase your appetite. Fats don't give up their calories as easily as carbohydrates, because they require some finagling for your digestive system to crack, so at least fatty foods can fill you up and leave you sated. But their calories will still fatten you up.

Fiber, meanwhile, is the anti-calorie. It takes work to digest, and sometimes can force your body to burn almost as many calories in digesting it as you reap from it.

The concept of easy vs hard calories is embodied in the glycemic index, which is a system that scores different foods by how much and how quickly they elevate your blood sugar levels. Pure sugar has a glycemic index of 100, which is as high as it gets. Sweet, processed foods can score in the high 80s, bread in the high 70s, and most vegetables are in the 60s, whereas kale has a glycemic index of about 4,

which is about the same score as your average Christmas sweater. But considerably more tasty.

While fiber gives your digestive system a workout, it also takes up space, which leaves less room in your belly for cream puffs and eggnog. And those fibers will help move everything through your bowels. Altogether, the more greens you eat this time of year, the more creative you can be with your resolutions for next year.

If you are one of those people to whom kale tastes like a stinky form of steel wool, rest assured that it doesn't have to be that way. Kale chips, for one, are as crunchy as potato chips and legendary in their appeal to children, carnivores, sweet tooths and others who are not on the usual short list of kale enthusiasts. Kale chip recipes abound on the internet. Today we are going to focus on something different: a potato salad recipe, transplanted and adapted from a summertime graduation party where I first encountered it.

Ari LeVaux

Kale Potato Salad

This isn't your typical mayo-heavy potato salad. Instead it's dressed with a miso, mustard vinaigrette. Without the mayo you can see the flecks of kale plastered upon the potatoes. If you want to add mayo, and maybe some chopped hard boiled eggs, that would run contrary to the austere theme of this column, but you won't regret it. The same goes for bacon bits.

This recipe is best made a day ahead of time. But if time is of the essence, don't let that stop you.

Serves 4

4 cups diced red potatoes (they hold together best), peeled or not 1 bunch of kale 1 teaspoon salt ½ cup olive oil ¼ cup white vinegar ½ tablespoon mustard powder 1 teaspoon dried thyme ½ teaspoon celery seed 1 teaspoon ground or dried rosemary ¼ teaspoon black pepper 1 tablespoon white miso (optional, but meaty) 2 garlic cloves, and more to taste, minced or grated ½ cup minced onion ½ cup minced celery 1 cup finely diced cheddar cheese, preferably sharp and aged More salt, to taste Optional: red pepper flakes

Boil the potatoes. As the water heats, strip the kale foliage from the central rib of each leaf. Mince those ribs and add them to the potatoes when they are nearly tender. The chopped ribs have the taste of broccoli when boiled.

Chop the kale and add it to a bowl large enough to accommodate the salad. Add the salt and massage the kale by gripping and releasing it repeatedly. This will tenderize the kale.

To make the dressing, combine the oil, vinegar, mustard powder, miso, herbs and garlic. If using whole dried herbs, powder them between your fingers as you add them. Shake vigorously in a closed jar or otherwise stir very well.

When the potatoes are nearly tender, strain and pour them into a bowl. Add the kale to the hot potatoes and stir it in with a gentle motion so as not to crush the potatoes.

Add the onion, celery, cheddar, pepper flakes if using and dressing, and toss the salad. Add more salt and/or oil to taste.



clarification about where the monies will come from for the two new classrooms. This is a separate fund garnered from the sale of tax-exempt bonds, the interest of which is held by the county.

Hulteng, Inc. Construction Consulting manager, Shane Swandal, gave an update on continuing construction. The playground is ready for mulch when the weather warms. All the equipment is in place. Work on the two additional classrooms will begin in the spring.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) students reported on their trip to national competitions. The group plans to use their horticulture class and greenhouse as a project for next year's competition.

Ed Shindoll and Jeremy Rice reported on bus routes and maintenance of buses.

Superintendent Susie Hedalen reported that the Safety Committee will be assessing every aspect of school safety including cyber security at a January 5 meeting as well as improving their emergency response plan.

Mrs. Hedalen reported the district would begin negotiations with the teachers' union on February 7.

The board moved to approve the winter courses for Old Baldy Education Program Adult Education presented by Adult Education Director, Terey Artz. The program will be advertised online and in the newspaper through an insert.

The board also approved an updated job evaluation for Mrs. Hedalen. After agreeing to the resignation of Tatyana Naber, the board approved the hiring of cook Sandy Spidell and two new after-school tutors. Mrs. Hedalen is still trying to fill positions for custodians and substitute teachers.



Principals Sheri Heavrin, Christina Hartmann and Brad Racht reported that student absences due to sickness have been "brutal." They had about 80% turnout for parent-teacher conferences. Also, they are seeing more behavior problems as the holiday season gets closer.

Racht said the middle school student numbers continue to climb. He's had 3 new students enroll in the last two weeks.

The principals reported Christmas concerts were very successful, as well as Captain Nick Rausser's suicide prevention presentation to both students and parents. Canton Valley Woman's Club donated wristbands for the students to wear to remind them to reach out if they need help.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DEC. 13

Nancy Marks

School Board Hears Parent Concerns about Four Day School Week

The discussion about the 4-day school week came front and center during public comment at the regular school board meeting Tuesday night. Julie Mikula voiced her concerns about how she and her husband would adjust to the change for their kindergartener. Both Mikula and her husband are commuters for work. "I'm wondering about the consistency of the after-school program which would be substituted for school time on Fridays. I worry about what it would cost our family," she said.

Mikula intimated that some of the Townsend school teachers would seek employment elsewhere. In a written statement she said teachers' salaries here are not high enough so the school cannot compete. She finished by saying "It has not been evident to me that the 4 - day school week would work".

Board member, Shaun Scott, reported a second Strategic Planning session will meet on January 9 to evaluate the district's strengths and weaknesses. He and a member of the public, Jeannie Steele, encouraged more public participation.

Before the update on continuing construction plans, Chairman Jason Noyes explained a



UID SMUGGLING

Victor Sample

Advertisers and other web trackers have been able to aggregate information about you by keeping your information in browser cookies. For decades they could set third-party cookies to track where you are going on the internet.

A few years ago, several browsers started to take action to prioritize user security by blocking third-party cookies. Browsers such as Safari, FireFox and Brave block third-party cookies by default in an effort to thwart the web trackers.

However, protecting your privacy is a lot like playing whack-a-mole; if you stop one method, another method will pop up. In response to the banning of third-party cookies, web trackers have turned to “User ID Smuggling” (commonly referred to as UID Smuggling).

When you click on a link, you are making a request to redirect the browser to another page – maybe on the same website; maybe on a different website. UID Smuggling redirects your request to an intermediary site that tracks where you are coming from and where you are going, then directs your request to the actual target site.

By going to an intermediary site, the trackers are avoiding the privacy protection the browsers are implementing by preventing third-party cookies.

Privacy researchers at UC San Diego have implemented a new tool to measure how much UID Smuggling is actually happening. They presented their findings at the Internet Measurement Conference in Nice, France in October. They found that about 8% (and growing) of the navigations done on the internet are being tracked by UID Smuggling.

What can you, as a user, do to avoid UID Smuggling? Very little! You can try hovering over any links before you click on them and avoid clicking on any links that look suspicious. The problem is determining what looks suspicious. The UID Smugglers do not have any obvious traits.

The browsers products such as Safari, FireFox and Brave can try to implement solutions to avoid UID Smuggling and, of course, security “add-ons” can try to protect your privacy by detecting UID Smuggling. But, the web tracking implementers will just move on to another strategy.

The main author of the paper presented by UC San Diego wrote “Whatever we do, the game won’t end unless we can find a solution that allows the ad industry to remain profitable while still preserving user privacy”.

Remember, when you are on the internet, there is no such thing as privacy. If you are doing something you absolutely want to keep private – don’t do it on the internet.

Amazon Warns Of Online Scammers

Amazon sent this warning presumably to all Amazon Account Holders. However, the warning contains great advice about online scamming anywhere on the internet not just scammers using the Amazon name. Always beware of emails or texts regardless of who they appear to be from or who they purport to represent.

Stay safe from scammers this holiday season by getting to know their most common scams:

Order Confirmation Scams. These are unexpected calls/texts/emails that often refer to an unauthorized purchase and ask you to act urgently to confirm or cancel the purchase. These scammers try to convince you to provide payment or bank account information, install software to your computer/device, or purchase gift cards.

Remember, if you received correspondence regarding an order you weren’t expecting, you can verify orders by logging into your Amazon account. Only legitimate purchases will appear

FOOD SAFETY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Food Safety for the Holidays

BY: Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Does holiday meal planning make you cringe? Or are you excited to figure out the big meal? Regardless of which side you are on, planning your holiday meal can be a lot of work with so many things to figure out.... when should you start thawing the turkey or ham? What do we do for family members with allergies or special diets? How do you line up cooking the meat, rolls and potato dishes when you only have one oven?...yes, this can all lead to a little stress.

Not to add another worry to the pile, but the best way to ruin a perfect holiday is food poisoning. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 48 million people get sick (1 in 6), 128,000 are hospitalized and 3,000 die from food-borne diseases each year in the United States. Many of these cases are preventable by preparing food safely at home.

As with many topics, Extension has many great resources when it comes to food safety. Here are a few of my favorite food safety tips for the holidays:

- Thaw frozen food and meat using the fridge, cold water or microwave. Keep in mind that it takes 24 hours to thaw five pounds in the fridge. So if you have a frozen 20-pound turkey for Christmas, you’ll want to put it in the fridge by December 20th.
- Cook meat thoroughly. Beef, pork and lamb should have an internal temperature of 145 degrees F for medium rare and 160 degrees for medium well. Poultry should be cooked until 165 degrees and ground meat until 160 degrees.
- Keep food hot (at least 200-250 degrees) in the oven or cold in the fridge until serving.
- Use small platters and refill them as needed instead of large platters. This helps ensure that your food is at safe temperatures for a longer period of time.
- On a buffet table, use warming dishes or slow cookers where possible to keep hot foods 140 degrees or warmer. Use nesting dishes with ice to keep cold food at 40 degrees or cooler.
- Observe the two-hour rule. Food should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers. Throw away any food that has been out longer than two hours.
- Eat leftovers within 3 to 4 days. Leftovers should be reheated to 165 degrees. Keep in mind that microwaves heat unevenly, so make sure your entire plate is at the right temperature.
- Cleanliness throughout the preparation and meal is essential. Have clean hands, sanitize your workspace and use clean utensils.

Placing a large amount of warm leftovers in the fridge can be problematic as well. It can cause other leftovers and items in the fridge to warm up. Bacteria can grow quickly between 40 and 140 degrees. It’s best to prepare the leftovers so they cool rapidly. Use shallow containers. Divide large cuts of meat into smaller pieces. Stir

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Tech Support Scams. Scammers create fake websites claiming to provide tech support for your devices and Amazon services. Customers who land on these pages are lured to contact the scammer and fall prey to their schemes.

Remember, go directly to the help section of our website when seeking help with Amazon devices or services. If you do use a search engine, use caution. Legitimate Amazon websites contain “amazon.com” such as “amazon.com/support”.

Here are some important tips so that you can identify scams and keep your account and information safe:

Trust Amazon-owned channels. Always go through the Amazon mobile app or website when seeking customer service, tech support, or when looking to make changes to your account.

Be wary of false urgency. Scammers may try to create a sense of urgency to persuade you to do what they’re asking. Be wary any time someone tries to convince you that you must act now.

soups and stews to allow them to release their heat. You can also place deep dishes in cool water to chill them prior to putting it in the fridge. Avoid overfilling the fridge and allow space in between foods so that the cold air can circulate.

You can get more information on food safety at your MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 416 Broadwater or call 460-266-9242. Wishing you a safe and happy holidays!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE DEC 23

Karoline Nelson, Operations Manager

The Trailhead Christian Church will be staffing the food pantry during the month of December.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 17 families consisting of 40 family members on December 17.

The board of the food pantry would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

The food pantry will be open on Saturday, Dec 31 and on January 7th. Food will be distributed on weekends, since the 31st is the 5th Saturday and January 7 is the first Saturday. People are welcome to come on either, or both, Saturdays.

A big thank you to the Girl Scout Troop 3200 for their recent donation over the holidays. Over 400 pounds of food was collected and donated. A thank you is also in order for the multi-group donation of over \$1900 worth of food. We are truly blessed to live in such a giving community.

The food pantry will only be open for the distribution of food and receiving foods on the first and third full weekends. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also. If these days are inconvenient for any donating food, please notify Karoline or Daryl at the numbers below. If our needs pick up, we will return to our previous distribution dates.

If you are dropping off food donations during off hours, please do not leave them at the back door. They may go unnoticed and the food may spoil.

Distribution hours: Saturday distribution hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45. Distribution outside of the normal hours are for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs can be distributed by calling Karoline Nelson at 438-3981 or Daryl Blumhagen at 406-980-0800.

How to Donate: Bob’s Supermarket has donation boxes at the checkout counters. For donations of meat or other perishable items, or for emergency food distribution, please call Karoline Nelson at 438-3981 or Don Peace at 266-1325. The food pantry is open to accept donations from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. You may mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644. The food pantry is located at 315 Broadway.

Never pay over the phone. Amazon will never ask you to provide payment information, including gift cards (or “verification cards”, as some scammers call them) for products or services over the phone.

If you receive correspondence you think may not be from Amazon, please report it to us. For more information on how to stay safe online, visit Security & Privacy on the Amazon Customer Service page.

Additional resources:

Tips to determine if an email, phone call, text message, or webpage is really from Amazon.

Amazon offers Cybersecurity Awareness Training free to individuals and businesses around the world.

If you’re concerned about your account security, go to Protect Your System for tips and recommendations.

Sincerely, Amazon

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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BY LINDA HUTH

“WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

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December 22

1938

“Students Return Home for Holidays”

Christmas and New Year holidays make way for a needed vacation for students and teachers. While it is not the mid-year, it gives opportunity for a rest and relaxation before the end of the first semester and students generally get the thrill of their lives coming back to the home town fresh from college.

Students returning for the holidays from Montana State College include Joe Gaab, Dana Bradford, Lois Balhiser, Robert Balhiser, Audrey Plymale, Dale Cook, Betty and Glen Kirscher.

From the University at Missoula, Bill Lasby, and from the Great Falls business college Miss Vera Ramspeck. Miss Lillian Daniels will return from the Billings Polytechnic college, Miss Alice Blakely from the Normal School at Dillon and Alfred France is home from Brentwood College near Victoria, B.C.

Others expected from their jobs are Miss Jane Ragen and Miss Dorothy Doggett, Miss Doris Cartwright, Henry Huth, Mary Connors, Geraldine Hardgrove, Frieda Mongrain from Helena; Catherine Smith and Marjorie Wooley and Janet Lippert from Bozeman. Miss Helen Daniels from Billings, Miss Irma Daniels from Winston.

1949

“Students Come from Far-Off for Holidays”

Several young people have journeyed a long

way to get home for the holidays. Pat Ragen, medical student at the University of Chicago, is home; Pat Hooks, student in the Georgetown University law school, Washington, D.C., has arrived home. From the Montana State College comes Bob McCarthy, Jim Nydegger, Jerry Williams, John Goebel and Tom Cotter.

From the University at Missoula Harry Fuhs, Jeff and Bill Doggett, Rose Cotter; from Carrol, Kay Cotter, Mary Lou Riley and Barbara Peters; from Dillon Tom Sweeney, Valentine Williams, Bruce Domer, Eilene Sanderson; from Kinman College in Spokane Dale Cook and Jerry Duehr.

1955

“Toston News”

Cliff and Cleveland Wallace drove to Great Falls Monday. Cleveland stayed on until Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grover and children spent the week end in Brigham and Ogden, Utah.

On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Max Spatzierath, and children drove to Helena where the children attended the Christmas party at the Union Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark drove to Helena December 15 to meet Mrs. Clark’s brother, Dean Smith, who arrived by plane from Fairbanks, Alaska, where he is stationed.

“Crow Creek News”

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moudree and daughter, Marcia, were Bozeman visitors on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb transacted business in Helena on Friday.

The Christmas program at the Crow Creek school will be given on Friday evening, December 23. Everyone is welcome.

1966

“John Plymale Was Also a Calf Donor”

Somewhere in the shuffle of listing all the calf donors to Yellowstone Boys Ranch, the name of John A. Plymale was omitted. If it was our error, we are sorry and are very happy to add Mr. Plymale to the list of ranchers who have shown the generosity to this worthy cause.

“Who Is Where in The Armed Service”

Pvt. Gary Kaul, who is in the U.S. Army, arrived last Thursday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kaul.

Lt. j.g. Gary Cruson will leave from San Francisco Dec., 25 for overseas duty in the Asian theater.

Sp/4 William G. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris, is now stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army Engineers.

Larry Massa, A-1, U.S. Navy, arrived home last Thursday to visit at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Mike Massa.

Pvt. Paul Schwisow, U.S. Army arrived home Tuesday from Fort Ord, Calif. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schwisow, met his plane in Helena.

Dick Black, U.S. Navy, arrived home Monday evening from San Diego Calif. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Black met his plane in Helena.

Pvt. Wally McHenry arrived Sunday to spend a two week’s holiday leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McHenry.

Pvt. Claude Colby and Pvt. Mike Bertram arrived Saturday by train from Fort Lewis, Wash. where they are on a six months tour of duty with the National Guard.

Gene Scott, who has been receiving his basic training at Quantico, Va., arrived home Sunday Dec. 11.

Sp/4 Mike Scoffield arrived Tuesday evening in Butte by plane from Rucker, Ala. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Scoffield, met him in Butte.



BANKING ON TOWNSEND

Victor Sample



Broadwater County has seen huge growth over the last few years. Recently arrived residents to Broadwater County/Townsend have known Opportunity Bank of Montana as the only bank in Townsend. Until a few years ago there were two banks in Townsend: The State Bank of Townsend and Opportunity Bank of Townsend.

Many people, even those who have lived here for many years, might be surprised to know that Townsend has seen 5 different banks in the last 132 years!

The first bank to open in Townsend was the Bank of Townsend located at 315 Broadway

(where the Food Pantry is now). The Bank opened in 1890 and operated until 1898. The first President of the bank was T.H. Kleinschmidt; J.R. Weston, Vice President and H.S. Hyatt, Cashier. Among the stockholders was W.E. Tierney. The second year of operation saw H.S. Hyatt as president; W.E. Tierney as Vice President and W.B. Dolenty, Cashier.

After the Bank of Townsend closed, H.S. Hyatt and W.B. Dolenty founded Townsend’s second bank in 1898: The Hyatt and Dolenty Bank

with W.B. Dolenty the major shareholder. Hyatt and Dolenty built the new bank building at 218 Broadway (where 3 Dimensional Health and Wellness is now located) and they installed “a fine vault”. The bank soon became known as the Dolenty Bank.

The State Bank of Townsend was the third bank to open in

Townsend. In 1899, articles of incorporation were filed by J.G. Blessing, W.E. Tierney and Al Schreiber. The new bank was located at 312 Broadway (where Centennial Insurance is now located). The main shareholder was J.P. Kearns, who was also the first cashier.

In 1916, the State Bank of Townsend purchased 2 lots in the 400 block of Broadway and built a stately new Bank Building (where Opportunity Bank is now located). The controlling interest of the State Bank of Townsend was held by the Kearns family for 3 generations with William J. Kearns (known to all as Bill) was the last officer of the bank. The building is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Opportunity Bank of Montana (was American Federal savings Bank and changed the name to Opportunity Bank of Montana in 2014) was the fifth bank to open in Townsend. It is a branch of the Opportunity Bank of Montana and was originally located at 416 Broadway (where the Flynn Building – now a county building) is now located. In 2018 Eagle Bancorp (holding company of Opportunity Bank) signed an agreement to purchase Big Muddy Bancorp and its wholly owned subsidiary: The State Bank of Townsend. Opportunity Bank has since moved into the historic building at 400 Broadway, which still bears the name State Bank of Townsend on the stonework on the front of the historic building.

Townsend has seen 5 banks since it was founded in 1893; but there was also a bank in Toston – The State Bank of Toston founded in 1913 with J.N. Johnson, B.B. Briscoe and J.C. Clarke as officers. The bank was closed for a period of time then reopened in 1918 with Frank McCracken and A.E. Southam as officers. The bank operated until 1924. According to the Open Corporates database, the bank was incorporated in 1913 and dissolved in 1953.



All of the information in this article came from the Broadwater Bygones available at the Broadwater County Museum. Visit the Museum and talk with curator Linda Huth to learn more about the banks in Broadwater County.

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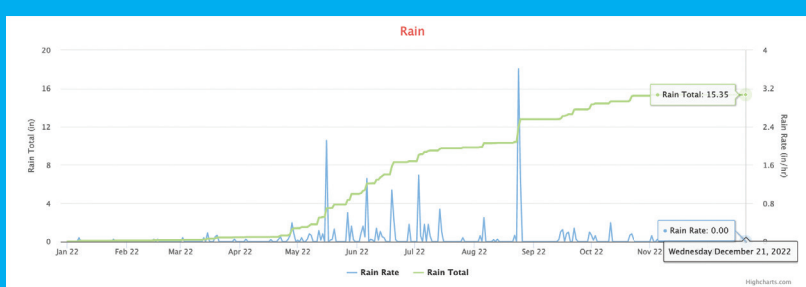
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GUEST EDITORIAL: EXEMPT WELLS ARE UNDERMINING MONTANANS' WATER RIGHTS AND WATER RESOURCES

John Tubbs, Board member of Upper Missouri Waterkeeper

Exempt Wells Are Undermining Montanans' Water Rights and Water Resources

It is time to end Montana's "don't ask - don't tell" groundwater development policy.

Broadwater County's controversial Horse Creek Hills (HCH) major subdivision proposal is a prime example of a developer asserting their "right" to subdivide and develop with no regard to impacts on senior water rights or local water resources. The method employed at HCH (and many other projects) is well known: break the subdivision into phases and limit the size per lot to squeeze each "phase" underneath the ten-acre-foot exception. It's time to address this regulatory loophole.

The Legislature began closing Montana's river basins to new water use permits in 1981 for good reason: there remain more claims to water than water supply itself. Exceptions to basin closures were made for "small" groundwater developments. However, these exceptions to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's (DNRC) water right permit process became the "go-to" approach to subdivide rural lands for two decades. Nearly every developed lot has its own exempt-from-review well. This is Montana's longstanding "don't ask - don't tell" approach to groundwater management, where the exception has swallowed the rule.

In 2016, Montana's Supreme Court ruled against DNRC's administrative rules sanctioning groundwater well permitting exemptions. The Court's decision forced DNRC to use the 1989 rules, limiting groundwater permit exceptions to an annual volume of ten acre-feet (one acre-foot is equal to 326,000 gallons, sufficient for the indoor and outdoor annual water needs of an average household). Thousands of existing subdivided lots were grandfathered in by the Court's Order and can still be developed using an exempt-from-review well, but new subdivisions were limited to a maximum annual volume of ten acre-feet.

However, the Court did not throw out the exception to the Water Use Act entirely. The

cynic might suggest "no matter how low you set the regulatory bar, someone will figure a way under it." The HCH subdivision does just that.

The proposed HCH subdivision envisions 39 residential lots and 2 commercial lots divided from a 435-acre parcel adjacent to Confederate Gulch and overlooking Canyon Ferry Lake, requiring at least 40 acre-feet of new water to assure full build-out. By dividing the project into four, ten-acre-foot phases, HCH developers are attempting to avoid DNRC's water use permitting review.

Where does the 40 acre-feet of new water come from? No one knows. The impacts of these new wells on senior water rights and stream flows in adjacent Confederate Gulch are unknown because the HCH subdivision proposal would be exempt from hydrologic analysis.

Evading water rights analyses is not limited to the proposed HCH subdivision; it's happening in every county in the state. In Montana's closed and already over-appropriated basins, the use of these exceptions to the rule seems to be the preferred approach.

Conversely, a fair and protective process for developing water supplies already exists in Montana law: the Water Use Act. Hold DNRC accountable for enforcement by striking the exceptions to the Act.

Requiring a DNRC permit or a permit change for all new water uses protects senior water rights. How? First, the developer must prepare a "hydrologic report". This gives the developer, DNRC, senior water rights owners, and the public a scientific analysis of the water resource impacts of the proposed development. Armed with this information, the DNRC can make an



informed preliminary determination to grant or deny the permit application. If DNRC's preliminary determination is to grant the permit, existing water rights owners, neighbors, and the public are notified and given the opportunity to object to the new use. The process concludes with either DNRC granting or denying the application. All parties retain the right to appeal any DNRC decision to a Montana District Court.

The 2023 Legislature needs to show some leadership by fighting for Montana's hundreds of thousands of water rights owners being negatively impacted by unchecked subdivision water exemptions, and eliminate DNRC's water permit exemptions by requiring a water use permit, a water right change, or both, for all new water uses. Legislative failure to act will lead to continued litigation and harm to our shared water resources.

No quarter can be given when it comes to water. Legislate or litigate, it is time to end Montana's groundwater permit exceptions.

John E. Tubbs

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TRAILHEAD YOUTH GROUP CAROLERS VISIT SILVER SPRINGS

Kelley Gobbs, Trailhead Church

Over 40 Junior High and Highschool students and leaders from Trailhead Church's Youth Group visited Silver Springs Assisted Living here in Townsend last week. The group shared good tidings of great joy with all the residents at the home. Led by Peggy Flynn, the students sang 5 songs and read the Christmas Story of Jesus Christ being born. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the program, singing along and tapping their feet to the familiar Christmas carols. When the program was over, Silver Springs shared yummy treats with the students and the Youth Group gave presents to all the residents. Peggy Flynn regularly visits Silver Springs and is acquainted with all the residents. She introduced them to the students and shared some

fun memories with everyone. "It's wonderful to see the mix of generations here, united by the true meaning of Christmas. They can both learn so much from each other," Peggy said. After the caroling, the youth group celebrated Christmas with pizza and fun games.

County for quite some time every Christmas season. During COVID the past 2 years, the students visited the nursing home and assisted living homes in the Townsend area and sang outside, through the windows.



Trailhead Church is a non-denominational church made up of people who have a desire to understand the point of the Bible - the gospel of Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God - and how it affects every aspect of our lives. The Youth Group meets every Wednesday night for 7th through 12th graders. For more

information and event details, visit our website at www.trailheadchristianchurch.com

This event is an annual tradition, dating back over 6 years. Trailhead Youth Group has been caroling to the senior citizens of Broadwater



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