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COLD WEATHER PASSES THROUGH COUNTY, BRINGS FUN TOO

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Broadwater County residents and Montanans all across the state bundled up and hunkered down for a Christmas cold snap.

Temperatures started dropping below zero early Monday, Dec. 19, but remained in negative single digits through the evening.

As the clock ticked past midnight and Tuesday began, a southeastern wind rolled in and sent the temperature spiraling to -20 degrees.

The real bitter chill set in on the early hours of Wednesday, Dec. 21 as the wind continued to drop the temperature to -42 degrees hitting a low of -51 degrees.

Thursday, Dec. 22 featured some warmer weather with a high of -36 degrees with windchill.

In an effort to survive the bitter cold, many Broadwater County residents chose to stay indoors to remain warm.

"[I] kept my butt in [the] house," Terry Newman told "MT 43 News", joined by Louann and Lowen Rogers and Robert Ross in their respective homes.

While many hunkered down, others struggled to make their way to shelter when the cold

snap hit, leaving residents like Cathlene Millay to call upon the spirit of the season and show kindness one unto another.

"I observed a person who had fallen near a street corner unable to get back up on their

though nine of our flights that day [got] canceled, we still did our best to take care of everyone's needs."

While the cold can be dangerous, when experienced in the right way, it can also be incredibly fun, and residents Jess Lancello and Millay found opportunities to use the cold for decorations.

Millay utilized the below freezing temperatures to create colored ice balls to line her sidewalk

"[It] was a big hit to have color in the white snow," she said.

Meanwhile, Lancello took a more unorthodox approach to decorating with the cold by freezing t-shirts.

"We ... wet them down

and laid them outside on the sidewalk. Within five minutes they were able to stand on their own," Lancello told "MT 43 News".

Broadwater County has since been blessed with thawing 40 degree weather for several days, leaving puddles and slush in almost every direction. We hope that residents everywhere were able to stay warm, find ways to have fun and will continue to do so through the rest of winter.

own," Millay said. "I helped this frozen and exhausted individual to his feet and drove him home."

But her act of kindness didn't stop there, it concluded with the delivery of a warm meal which she hoped would warm the man up.

For others, life continued on as normal — somewhat.

"I work for the airlines and even in those temps we go to work," Libby Myles said. "Even



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WINDY WINTER DAY IN THE ELKHORNS

Kelly Morris

Local photographer Kelly Morris took this beautiful winter picture of the Elkhorn Mountains after our big storm.





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WINTER STORMS CAUSES COUNTY EMERGENCY DECLARATION

MT43 News Staff Reporter

New Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley had no idea he and his road crew would be the stars of the show on Wednesday when a blizzard hit the county bringing winds up to 30 miles an hour and temperatures that dropped down to 30 below zero.

Tuesday's weather brought a couple of feet of snow to the area. By Wednesday morning the County Commissioners declared an Emergency Resolution which "declared road closures, a school closure and unsafe travel conditions with potential risk to life and livestock on Dec. 21, 2022".

In an interview Thursday, Graveley said their three graders and trucks had been housed inside so they had no problem getting them started. "It's the worst I've seen in the 16 years I've worked here", he said. "It was all bad everywhere we went. We spent the first day until 10 a.m. pulling cars out of the way so we could

plow the roads." Most everyone was good to



deal with, so even though the work of cleaning the county roads was slow, people understood. The county crews finished clearing all county roads including out in Crow Creek and up Ross Gulch on Thursday. The county graders amassed huge snow piles on Antelope Road, Graveley explained, and on Price Road in the Wheatland area near Headwaters Livestock Yards.

Freezing water pipes were a problem throughout the county including at the school and the hospital. Billings Clinic Broadwater Chief Executive Operating Officer Jenny Clowes said they had pipes freeze on Wednesday that caused problems. School Superintendent Susie Hedalen said the school had pipe breaks in the community weight room and the library. "Our head custodian, Jim Riddle, has been taking care of the issues quickly and there doesn't seem to be any major damage," she said.

Mrs. Hedalen heeded the County Commissioners' emergency statement Wednesday. She

sent word out to parents that school would be closed and buses would not be running. "The school district board puts the safety of everyone including staff and students first in these situations," she said.

Ms. Clowes said they had six emergency room calls on Wednesday, but none of them were accident related. "Our ambulance was called to a few accidents, but everyone was okay. I'm crossing my fingers that the next few days stay the same," she said. Broadwater Rural Fire Department Chief Ed Shindoll reported no fires during the blizzard, but he was called to an accident on Highway 12 in Deep Creek Canyon. No one was hurt.



Winter Storm in Broadwater County

Seth Wolfgram, Townsend Drugs and Spirits owner, said his employees were drifted in, so could not open the store right on time. The drug store employees make every effort to get people's vital medications to them. "We were only delayed a couple of hours and were able to get people's prescriptions to them."

VEGETARIAN PRIDE

Ari LeVaux

I am confused by veggie burgers, vegan cheese, margarine, and all substitutes for animal products that seek to imitate the very thing the eater wishes to avoid consuming. This time of year I'm triggered by the Tofurky, but it's a year-round phenomenon.

Have you ever seen a meat eater attempt to reconfigure a T-bone steak to look like a pile of beans? I'm guessing no. So why must vegetarians turn beans into burgers? It reinforces the idea that meat eating is somehow more normal, and that vegetarians should try to hide their true selves and pretend to fit in.

Food culture on the Indian sub-continent is the opposite. There, it's common to see restaurants proudly display their credentials with outdoor signage that announces "Veg and non-Veg" in large type. This delivers the message that Veg is normal and non-Veg is the alternative. Given that India will soon overtake China as the world's most populous nation, this dietary preference is fortunate for the earth and essential for India's food security. Vegetables are much easier on the climate than meat, and a vegetable-based diet will feed more people from a given amount of land than a meaty cuisine.

Fortunately, Indian chefs have many tricks for making their food so satisfying. They do it with spices, sauces, and lots of chopping. Imitation animal products are not on the menu, yet Anthony Bourdain, as committed a flesh lover as anyone, once said that India is the only place where he could be a vegetarian.

Vegetables are beautiful, delicious, and more interesting than meat and most animal products. I love vegetables, despite being an ungulate-hunting omnivore, and I love vegetarians - except some of those who give me grief for hunting. A meat-free lifestyle is a beautiful thing, so don't apologize, vegetarians! Don't try to play somebody else's game with your dry, wannabe sausages. Be proud of your choices and flaunt your lifestyle. Veg is beautiful, and so are you.

A New Jersey-based vegetarian friend of mine named Matthew has been texting me some of his favorite unapologetic vegetable dishes that proudly celebrate the true identities of their ingredients. He's lucky enough to live near the West Windsor Community Farmers Market, pound-for-pound one of the nation's best, which gives him access to a year-round diversity of produce and fungus.

Mushrooms, with their earthy diversity, deliver meaty satisfaction without trying to be meat. Matthew is fluent in what each variety brings to the table, and each week he brings home some combination of maitake, oyster, shitake, black pearl, trumpet, enoki, lion's mane, chicken of the woods and others. They pack a decent

amount of protein content alongside their dark, rich flavors, and he adds fungus to his meals the way I add bacon bits to mine.

Here are two of his favorites. First, a simple dish of broiled brussels sprouts with mushrooms. Next, an Indian-inspired meal of chickpeas with turmeric and lemon.

With so many benefits to the veg life, and a never-ending supply of flavors, why pose as a meat eater? Embrace your lifestyle, vegetarians, and give it a squeeze.


For the recipes, follow the link: <https://arilevaux.com/unapologetic-veg/>

MT43 NEWS CORRECTION

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Correction to the December 9, 2022 MT43 News article: "Curbside Snow Piles Hazardous to Shoppers":

Montana Department of Transportation Townsend Section Supervisor's name was misspelled in the Dec. 9 front page story about snow piles on Broadway. Correct spelling for the supervisor's is John Antonick.



The Garden Bug

Flowers for Iemanjá

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the *Festa de Iemanjá* is held every January 1 to honor the sea goddess who protects sailors and provides fish for all fishermen. Dressed in white, the people make their way to the sea's edge as they dance, sing and play music. Baskets filled with colorful flowers and small statues of *Iemanjá* are carried through the crowds. The fishermen load their boats with all the offerings, and the people follow them out as far as possible as the fishermen set out to sea to present the gifts to *Iemanjá* to seek her favor. - Brenda Weaver

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BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OFFICIAL AGENDA

County Offices Will Be Closed on Monday, January 2, 2023

There will **NOT** be a Regular Broadwater County Commission Meeting this week
The next Regular County Commission Meeting will be on
January 9, 2023

Thursday, January 5, 2023-Official
1:30 PM Commission Working Meeting Goose Bay Flap Grant Project in the Commission Office

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GOOD SAMARITAN PLOWS NEIGHBORS OUT

Nancy Marks

John and Vicky Grewell, 206 Antelope Rd., went to sleep Tuesday night dreaming of a white Christmas. A minor amount of snow had settled around their cozy house. Vicky heard the wind begin to blow sometime in the night. They awoke to a mountain of drifts in their driveway.



Grewells able to get out of driveway

Vicky, who works at Rocky Mountain Supply, began to worry about getting to the job. “The wind was blowing snow sideways. It was blowing so bad even on Tuesday we took pictures,” she said.

But then it got much worse. Nobody they knew had a snowplow. Finally they found a good Samaritan who agreed to come to plow them out. “It took him two hours just to clear the top off the 8-foot drifts. He had to come in from the neighbor’s property. There was no way he could get into our driveway,” she explained.



Grewells snowed in by large drift

John, who is from York, Montana, was philosophical about the experience. “We’re just glad to be able to get out now,” he joked.



1. **Avatar: The Way of Water** (PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
2. **Violent Night** (R) David Harbour, John Leguizamo
3. **Black Panther: Wakanda Forever** (PG-13) Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong’o
4. **Strange World** (PG) Jake Gyllenhaal, Gabrielle Union
5. **The Menu** (R) Ralph Fiennes, Anya Taylor-Joy
6. **Devotion** (PG-13) Jonathan Majors, Glen Powell
7. **The Fabelmans** (PG-13) Michelle Williams, Gabriel LaBelle
8. **Black Adam** (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Aldis Hodge
9. **I Heard the Bells** (NR) Stephen Atherholt, Jonathan Blair
10. **Empire of Light** (R) Olivia Colman, Micheal Ward

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TOWNSEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING DEC. 20, 2022

MT43 News Staff Reporter

THREE FORKS SCHOOL BOARD WRAPS UP 2022

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

The Three Forks School District Board of Trustees hosted its final meeting of 2022 on Dec. 19, discussing topics such as the ongoing bond project, coach resignations, and surplus sales.

Andy Becker, the bond project manager, informed the board that, so far, \$21.4 million have been spent in total on the project and that some projects are wrapping up.

The north administration offices and high school classrooms are expected to be ready for furnishing by Jan. 16; meanwhile, the south high school classrooms and other spaces will be ready in late February.

Renovations and demolition will continue in the middle school and the old gym, respectively.

Although not part of Becker’s bond report, District Superintendent, Rhonda Uthlout, told the board that the playground’s surfacing material was delivered and that the equipment was en route to the school. Elementary School Principal, Steve Fanning, then clarified that the surfacing material was en route from North Dakota and chose to reschedule delivery until January. Manning added that the playground equipment is being held by the manufacturer until the school has a place for it.

During her report, Uthlout mentioned that the district had received two coaching resignations: Bobby Lauver as assistant tennis coach and Tracy Welter as head track and field coach.

Lauver was later approved as a volunteer coach, citing family commitments as the reason for stepping back.

“It’s just tough on the family with both Janna being the head coach and me being the assistant,” Lauver said, referring to his wife.

As for Welter, Uthlout said that she had been the head track and field coach for 28 years and was “very appreciative of the time she’s had with her athletes”.

The board did not discuss opening or advertising the positions left vacant by the resignations during the meeting.

With construction ongoing, the Three Forks School District has accumulated a variety of “obsolete, surplus” items and arranged to sell them. Previous sales have included boilers, lockers and a freezer and brought in approximately \$10,000, according to District Clerk TK.

The funds will be deposited into miscellaneous and building funds to help cover the costs of painting lines on the flex space’s floors and basketball hoops, TK said during the board’s discussion on whether to approve the deposit of the funds.

Middle/High School Principal, Greg Heys, said someone was looking for lockers and questioned whether any remained for sale. Uthlout responded by saying that all surplus lockers had been sold, repurposed or disposed of.

The board approved the additional sale of three desks: two made of oak and one metal desk. Uthlout said the desks will be available for viewing in the office spaces.

The desks will be replaced by built-ins in the new admin offices.

Firefighter Shawn Simon was approved as the new city fire chief at City Council Tuesday night. Assistant Chief Aaron Lockrie and Captain Andrew Herrick were approved by the council as his slate of officers. Long-time chief Ed Shindoll will step down as City Chief. He will continue as Chief of the Broadwater Rural Fire Department.

The Council approved a motion to accept the Townsend Subdivision Regulations Review, with amendments, as presented by Jeremy Fadness of WWC Engineering of Helena.

The City of Townsend last had a growth policy review 13 years ago. As suggested by Fadness, an updated growth policy plan would run the city about \$5,000 if it applied for a Community Development Block Grant(CDBG) of \$15,000. An updated growth policy plan would account for the new subdivisions and apartment housing being built within the city limits. Council member, Christina Hartmann, asked to review the last growth policy.

City Attorney, Peter Simon, reported on the solicitor/events ordinance. He will review and simplify the language for the committee to approve before presenting it to the council. After committee members met with Fall Fest directors, Laura Obert and Jeff Langlinais, to better understand the festival organization, they were able to separate the two ordinances into clearer language.

Simon will be honing the language in the law enforcement regulations to bring before a new committee that will review the draft regulation.



How to Give Your Pet a Healthy, Happy New Year

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: This week, many Americans are celebrating their newest gift to the family: a cute puppy or kitten, duck or chicken, or pocket pets like hamsters and Guinea pigs. It’s also a time to form new resolutions in anticipation of the New Year.

I hope that new pet owners’ first resolution will be to establish a relationship with a veterinarian with expertise in their specific pet. Some pets need to start or continue a vaccination schedule so that they grow up healthy. Puppies are at risk of contracting parvo virus, for example, so bolstering their immune system is very important.

Your vet also can provide advice and tips for caring for pets. Guinea pigs, hamsters and rabbits communicate happiness or distress in unique ways that a new owner may not be familiar with. Puppies are wiggly and energetic. Kittens are curious and fearless. Vets can help new owners navigate these waters and provide regular checkups to help keep pets healthy. — **Dedicated Vet in Boston**

DEAR DEDICATED: Thank you for sending this! Establishing a care routine with a veterinarian is so important. It should sit at the top of owners’ to-do lists, along with providing comfortable, warm bedding, a clean and safe environment and, especially for puppies, a daily training routine. Mark your calendar with key dates, including checkups with the vet, appointments with a trainer and regular resupplies of food, litter, bedding, and everything else your new pet needs.

Here’s to a happy, healthy and fun New Year with your pet!

Send your New Year pet pics to ask@pawscorner.com, and we may share them in a future column!

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BULLDOGS NIP AT MANHATTAN'S HEELS

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter



Jesus Garcia reaches for the basket during a breakaway

Before leaving on winter break, the Broadwater Bulldogs squeezed in one last match against their local rivals, the Manhattan Tigers.

The Lady Bulldogs kicked off the event, but were quickly outscored by the Tigers.

Down 6-21 at the start of the second period, the Lady Bulldogs leveled the playing field with an 11-14 scoring run which featured a breakaway to a three-pointer by senior Briannah Williams.

Early in the third, Williams scored another three-pointer for 23-47. For a while, the girls struggled to get their attempted shots to land, but the dry spell was broken by Sophomore, Madelyn Schritz, bringing the score to 26-53.

The fourth period looked promising as the Lady Bulldogs made some headway early on. Junior, Ella Begger drove the ball to the basket, adding two points to her team's total, 28-58.

With full press in action, Williams was able to sink another three-pointer and a lay-up, earning a free throw on the way up. With one layup

finding the basket, she brought the team to 33-64.

Schritz made the Lady Bulldogs final lay-up of the game and they fell 35-69.

Williams earned 21 of the Lady Bulldogs points during the game, followed by Begger with nine and Schritz with five.

Heading into the break, the Lady Bulldogs are 0-2 for district games and 1-5 overall. The Lady Bulldogs are currently ranked sixth in the district.

The boys' showdown with the Tigers followed and resulted in several close quarters.

Manhattan won the tip-off, but it was quickly recovered by the Bulldogs. Senior, Camden Ferguson was first to score for Townsend, successfully placing two free throws and bringing the team to 2-9.



Camden Ferguson approaches the basket

Ferguson followed his shots up with a layup, to which his teammate Senior, Jesus Garcia responded with a layup of his own, 6-11.

The Tigers attempted to increase their lead, but a big block by Garcia prevented them from doing so. A three-pointer by Senior, Ryan Racht finished out the first period with the Bulldogs down 9-14.

Garcia wasted no time in the second, scoring four points for the team early on. Down by

one, Sophomore, Sawyer Horne took aim for the basket. While his shot didn't land, Garcia was already in the air, sending the ball where it was intended and gave the Bulldogs a one-point lead, 15-14. Horne gave Garcia another assist at 19-23.

Sharing the action with his team, Garcia assisted Sophomore, Deegan Mattson with earning the final two points of the half. The Bulldogs left for the locker room down 21-23.

In the third, Racht sunk a three-pointer, bringing the score to 24-28. Two successful free throws by Garcia increased the Bulldogs score to 26 while the Tigers led 31. Another three-pointer from Racht left the Bulldogs down by three.

With the clock ticking down, Mattson received a nearly full-court pass which he used for a textbook layup, 31-33.

The Bulldogs entered the fourth period still down 31-37, but an early steal and breakaway by Ferguson to Mattson brought the Bulldogs up two points. Garcia echoed with a breakaway of his own, bringing the score to 35-43, followed, almost immediately, by another steal and lay-up to put the Bulldogs down 39-45.

With 30 seconds left in the game, a three-pointer by Garcia made it 42-45 and gave the Bulldogs a viable chance at taking the lead.

The Bulldogs gave up a few late foul shots, making it more difficult to catch up and eventually fell to the Tigers 42-48.

Garcia led in scoring with 21 points, followed by Racht with 11, Mattson with six and Ferguson with four.

So far, Townsend is 1-1 for the district and 4-2 overall. The team will enter the winter break ranked third in the district, behind Three Forks and Manhattan.

Bulldog basketball will return after the break, on Jan. 6 when they travel to Manhattan Christian, followed by another away game in Three Forks on Jan. 7.

Upcoming School Events

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

					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
	9 ◆ DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING - 6 P.M.	10 ◆ SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 6 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY BUILDING PROJECTS - 6:30 P.M.	11 ◆ OLD BALDY ADULT ED OPEN GYM - 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	12 ◆ BASKETBALL VS. WHITEHALL - 3 P.M.	13 ◆ WRESTLING @ CHOTEAU	14 ◆ WRESTLING @ CHOTEAU ◆ BASKETBALL @ BOULDER-1 P.M. ◆ SPEECH AND DEBATE @ LOYOLA

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Martial arts icon Bruce Lee could throw a single grain of rice into the air and catch it with chopsticks.

Thought for the Day: "Take action. An inch of movement will bring you closer to your goals than a mile of intention." — Steve Maraboli

• A 2009 study found that lost wallets were 88% more likely to be returned to their owners if they contained a photo of a baby. Barring that, you're also more likely to recover one if you typically carry pictures of a puppy, family members or an elderly couple.

• The word "checkmate" comes from the Arabic "shat mat," or "The king is dead."

• Want your candles to burn longer and drip less? Put them in the freezer for a few hours before lighting them.

• In what must qualify as one of the oddest marketing campaigns ever created, Burger King launched one that entitled customers to a free Whopper if they unfriended 10 Facebook friends. Those folks would receive a message explaining that their digital relationship was less valuable than the sandwich. Hey, we like Whoppers too, but really!

• Dolphins have been witnessed amusing themselves by creating underwater bubble rings.

• There's a Google Map for Mercury, Venus, Earth's moon, Mars, Pluto, three out of four of Jupiter's moons, and all but one of the round Saturnian moons.

• Leonardo da Vinci often bought caged animals just to set them free.

• Early 19th-century composer Robert Schumann had an interesting, if grisly and ineffective, method of attempting to cure any disease he had or might have: plunging his hands into the guts of recently slaughtered animals.

• Sid Nouar, owner of the 1000&1 Signes restaurant in Paris, was the first deaf person to open a restaurant in France. It is also staffed entirely by deaf employees.

INSIDE INSPIRATION

FIVE SIMPLE RULES TO BE HAPPY

Ellie West

Take time this last week of 2022 to reflect and embrace the simple things in life.

Look around, and see the miracles. They are everywhere.

Happiness is a choice. Choose joy, the simplest form of gratitude. Create beautiful moments... each day is a gift.

As we gently slide into 2023, I want to share a gem of a story... a story worth sharing.

Mrs. Jones, a 92-year-old, petite, well-poised, and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coiffed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home. Her husband of 70 years passed away, making a move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the nursing home lobby, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, the attendant provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged, it's how I arrange my mind. I have already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up.

I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away just for this time in my life."

She went on to explain, "Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.

So, my advice would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories. Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank. I am still depositing."

And with a smile, she said: "Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less, & enjoy every moment.

-Unknown

"People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be." - Abraham Lincoln

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Americanisms



"Stir the eggnog, lift the toddy, Happy New Year, everybody."
— Phyllis McGinley

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 MENU FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 2 - JAN 6	
Monday, Jan 2 Sr. Center Closed for New Year's Day	Thursday, Jan 5 Chicken and Rice Casserole Green Peas Purple Beets Mandarin Oranges Dessert
Tuesday, Jan 3 BBQ Pork Bits Corn Bread Baked Beans Crisp Coleslaw Apple Sauce	Friday, Jan 6 Scrambled Eggs Crisp Bacon Pancakes Hash Browns Key Largo Vegetables Fruit Salad
Wednesday, Jan 4 Carol's Meatload Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Golden Corn	Garden Salad Whole Grain Bread Plump Peaches

top ten

Best Sitcoms OF ALL TIME

1. Friends
2. Seinfeld
3. The Office
4. The Big Bang Theory
5. How I Met Your Mother
6. Frasier
7. The Simpsons
8. That 70s Show
9. Cheers
10. I Love Lucy

Source: Ranker



WINDOWS “MOMENTS”

Victor Sample

My morning “Code Project” email (a tech news-letter) contains an article that says “there are reports” that Microsoft wants to release a new version of Windows every 3 years.

Windows 10 has been out since 2014 and was a much different approach to Windows than Microsoft had ever done. It was a free upgrade to anyone using Windows 7 or Windows 8 AND instead of doing new releases of Windows, they would deliver new functionality via semi-annual updates.

Windows 11 was a new release of the operating system because Microsoft is requiring PCs running Windows to have special security chips – leaving many existing PCs unable to run Windows 11.

Microsoft will continue to release new Features to Windows 11 via updates they are now calling “Moments”. The Windows 11 22H2 (the Windows Features update delivered in the second half of 2022) is “Moment 1”. Microsoft already has “Moment 2” planned with “Moment 3” and “Moment 4” delivering small feature updates.

According to “reports” there will be a new release of Windows in 2024. Until then new features will continue to be provided via the update process as “Moments”.

Let’s hope the new releases of Windows won’t contain more new “requirements” that require users to buy new PCs just to install the new release of Windows!

GUEST EDITORIAL: LOSING OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

John Adams, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Montana Free Press

According to a recent study by Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, the country has lost more than a quarter of its newspapers since 2005. That’s more than 2,500 newspapers in less than two decades, and we’re on track to lose a third by 2025. On average, more than two newspapers are disappearing every week.

Whether you’re in one of Montana’s biggest cities or a town with one post office, you’ve likely seen local newspaper staff laid off, physical offices closed and circulation drop. News deserts and information deserts are serious things. In communities without a credible source of local news, voter participation declines, corruption in both government and business increases, and political, cultural and economic divisions between and within communities intensifies.

Without funding to support dedicated journalists, misinformation – and deliberate disinformation- rises.

That’s the threat Montana Free Press (MTPF) was founded to prevent. Access to information is a foundational, and crucial, right of a strong democracy, and MTPF members know this: “High quality local and investigative reporting is essential to an informed citizenry and the functioning of democracy”.

That’s what’s at stake when local journalism is lost: community connection, an informed citizenry, and democracy itself.

Editorial Opinion by John Adams, Founder & Editor-in-Chief, Montana Free Press, Helena, Montana Dec. 12, 2022



ALL EIGHT PLANETS AT

ONCE

Jeff Ross

We’ve had a dearth of clear skies lately but if we catch a break before the first of the year we will be able to see all 8 visible planets in the evening sky.

In order, from West to East, we will see Venus, Mercury, Saturn, Neptune, Jupiter, Uranus, and Mars. Yes, you astute readers will say “Hey, that’s only 7!” but all we have to do is look at the horizon to see the eighth: our own planet Earth.

Venus and Mercury must be seen in the early twilight after sunset or we’ll miss them. Venus is really low to the horizon now but is pretty bright. Mercury is much fainter but a few degrees above the horizon to the southwest.

Once you spot those two, the rest are relatively easy. I’ll tell you right now that both Uranus and Neptune require either really young eyes or a fairly hefty set of binoculars and more than a bit of luck, so let’s not worry about them.

Saturn is about 25 degrees high in the southwestern sky at sunset, dropping below the horizon about 8:30 p.m. Saturn’s rings are tilted at 14.2 degrees and 4 or 5 of its moons are easily visible with even a small telescope--like the one you can check out from the Broadwater School and Community Library.

East of Saturn is Neptune. Next in line is Jupiter, very bright and still southwest at sunset and setting right around midnight. Even a small pair of binoculars will reveal the 4 Galilean moons: Ganymede, Europa, Io and Callisto.

Uranus is further east of Jupiter. Some of you younger readers might be able to see Uranus without binoculars or a small telescope but at 5.7 magnitude it’s a stretch for older eyes.

Finally, Mars is due South at about 10:30 p.m. and sets well before sunrise.

A grand tour of our Solar System in the early evening no less! How does it get any better than that?

With clear skies, of course.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DPHHS: Be Prepared For Winter

Be Ready! Winter Weather

Weatherproof your home to protect against the cold.

Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home. Make sure the batteries are working!

Have your chimney or flue inspected every year.

Insulate walls and attic.

Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.

If power lines are down, call your local utility and emergency services.

If power lines fall on your car, warn people not to touch the car or power lines.

Make sure your car is ready for winter travel.

Make a winter emergency kit to keep in your car.

Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines.

Replace worn tires and check tire air pressure.

Check antifreeze level and have radiator system serviced.

Prepare yourself for exposure to winter weather.

Dress warmly and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.

Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.

Check out more tips on winter weather indoor safety.

Never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.

Bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop!

For more information, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather#prepare>

MTDPHHS and CDEpi wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.



This is the second part of the “Honoring our Veterans - John Larsen” article.

“About 1975 I started working on my pilot’s license and finally got it in 1980. Eventually, I went to work for Avid Aircraft in Caldwell, Idaho, writing their construction manual and also worked as a freelance author for Kit Planes magazine. I also wrote monthly newsletters for Avid Aircraft. I owned an Avid Model Type 3 and modified it so it became a Mark IV production kit. This was also an upgrade from the Type 1 and Type 2 models.

“I also designed the Mark V which had a fuselage 18 inches longer than the Mark IV plane, and it also had aluminum landing gear instead of bungee cords and numerous other improvements. I called it the Pursang, which is French for Thoroughbred. Eventually, this design was sold to the Airdale Aircraft Company in Minnesota.

“In 1982 I went to work for the city of Mars-

ing, Idaho as Maintenance City Superintendent. Marsing has a methane gas that comes up in

the city water. I developed a method to capture this gas and used it to fuel the generator that ran the city water pump and also fueled a furnace that heated the city shop. When I came to work Marsing had a bad reputation for drinking water due to the presence of Chlorine mixing with Methane. I designed an aerator that removed the Methane from the drinking water so that it wouldn’t react with the Chlorine. I formed my own company called Energy Recovery Services and served southern Idaho.”

John is a very strong Christian and spent 30 years working in prison ministry.

Locally he is the go-to guy for the musical group called Johnny and the Wingnuts. They have played at the Canton Church and the Mountain Valley Bible Church. Also, he and his family go to the senior centers and sing and play music for the residents.



THREE FORKS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Three Forks Town Council Meeting Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter The Three Forks City Council approved a resolution supporting legislative positions proposed by the Montana League of Cities and Towns for Montana's 68th Legislature, during its Dec. 13 meeting.

The legislative positions include — but are not limited to — topics such as property tax reforms land use and environmental regulations, investing in local government infrastructure and retirement benefits.

The council also supported the League's plans to support bills pertaining to the City of Colstrip and other communities impacted by natural resources industries, public safety services and accountability, Montana military operations, the collection of building code fees and local governments' continued contribution to critical public safety services in the wake of the coronavirus.

While the council chose to support most of the League's ballot initiatives, it chose to remove the legislative position regarding housing from its resolution.

"It's so vague, I don't know what you're agreeing to support," Three Forks City Attorney Susan Swimley advised the council, adding that she was concerned that the council could be committing to the support of bills that wouldn't benefit the town.

Kelly Smith, city treasurer, voiced concern about some affordable housing initiatives that could evade the subdivision act.

Another city council member questioned why the city wouldn't support bills that promote more affordable housing projects, adding that the city could support the broad initiative now and speak for or against individual bills later.

Swimley clarified that supporting the broad position now but denying it later could cause confusion among the League.

Concerns were also voiced about the positions regarding the support of Colstrip and other natural resource-based communities and the support of public safety, saying that some bills could be detrimental to Three Forks.

"I think you could make a hypothetical case against everything," Council President Gene Townsend said, adding that he believed the League's purpose with the positions is to develop a broad plan for what they will do in the upcoming Legislature.

Swimley agreed that the topics would provide the League's lobbyists with a "filter" to use when considering whether to support or deny a proposed bill. She also added that the request for the city's support — which Townsend said was a new request — likely covered the League's most controversial topics.

The list of positions, excluding affordable housing, was approved unanimously.

DECEMBER 30 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT

Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk

NEWSPAPER – December 30th, 2022

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Linda Reinhart Livingston	day speed	\$20.00
David Mergenthaler East Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Justin Broeck Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
Jennifer Stacy Helena	day speed	\$70.00
Jerrold Rice Justin, Tx	day speed	\$20.00
Dana Olson Bozeman	No insurance-1st offense	\$285.00
Jennifer Haley Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Conn Forder Highwood	day speed	\$20.00
Adrienne Cotton Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Benjamin Carter Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Madison Atkinson Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Blaire Westby Opheim	day speed	\$20.00
Calli Veautour Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Mistelle Taylor Helena	day speed	\$70.00
Moriah Schutt Choteau	day speed	\$20.00
Andrew Page East Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Liam Lechner Missoula	day speed	\$20.00
Jedediah Hinkle Belgrade	day speed	\$70.00
Miriam Haley Butte	day speed	\$20.00
Justin Evans Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Lindsay Burrowes Calgary, AB	day speed	\$20.00
Kimiko Barrett Livingston	day speed	\$20.00
Fareed Ajami Independence, Mo	careless driving	\$85.00
Bill Blanchard WSS	day speed	\$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
Joseph Nelson – Townsend – Unlawful harassment of game animals and game birds with vehicle or device-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all suspended, \$1035.00 fines and fees all but \$85.00 fines and fees suspended for a period of six months, defendant forfeit any current hunting, fishing, or trapping license held within the State and the privilege to hunt, fish, and trap is suspended for a period of six months.

Tyler Hance – East Helena – Criminal trespass

to property, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of one year, \$185.00 fines and fees, defendant must provide proof of purchase to court of Onx Hunt or similar mapping application for a period of one year.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES
Mitchell Williams – Helena – Operating without liability insurance in effect- 2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees.

Mitchell Williams – Helena – ROW violation, plead guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees; expired registration, plead guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees; operating without liability insurance in effect- 2nd offense, plead guilty, \$375.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration to the vehicle driven at the time of the offense of suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.

Joshua Emmett – Townsend – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs- 3rd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but 30 days suspended, \$5085.00 fines and fees, must enroll and complete Act program followed by monthly monitoring for a period of one year, defendant shall be restricted to driving a motor vehicle equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device during suspended sentence.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Joel Schmalz Billings	day speed	\$20.00
Ian Lund Burlington, Vt	night speed	\$20.00
Shawn Leon Belgrade	night speed	\$70.00
Ennis Jones Bozeman	day speed	\$120.00
Alexis Freydenfelt Livingston	night speed	\$20.00
Noah Carlson Butte	restricted speed	\$105.00
Joel Baller Bozeman	night speed	\$20.00
Kelseigh Pena Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Edgar Moran Palmdale, Ca	night speed	\$20.00
James Lyman Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Cora Kahle Helena	night speed	\$70.00
Cody Flinders Bozeman	night speed	\$20.00
Ryan Creutzberg Winston	night speed	\$20.00
Susan Barnett Billings	night speed	\$20.00
Nate Betor Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Taranne Tuthill Helena	night speed	\$20.00

COUNTY CRIMINAL

DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Dustin Lamere – Hill Co. Justice Court, \$585.00 bond
David Barnes – Ravalli Co. Justice Court, \$500.00 bond
Shanelle Vielle – Cascade Co. Justice Court, \$2500.00 bond

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OBITUARIES

Obituary: Nancy Marion Blair

Blair Family
Nancy Marion Blair of Townsend entered into eternal rest on December 6, 2022 at the age of 83. Her family was beside her throughout her illness. She was dearly loved and will be missed by family and friends.

Nancy was the second of 4 children to Joseph and Margaret Blair in Wisconsin. Both of her parents preceded her in death as have her brother Arnold Blair and her sisters Sandy Dreidlein and Shirley Weaver.

Family was most important in her life. All family gatherings (family picnics) were something she was excited about and looked forward to. Visits from her children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren brightened her day and brought her joy.

She was a devoted mother to her son Rick (Treva) Lying and daughters Dawn (Dale) Haley, Debbie (Terry) Frost and Frankie (Frank) Spritzer. She grieved the loss of daughter Zena Zoe shortly after birth.

She enjoyed spending time with her 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Her grandson Terry preceded her in death. She had a sacrificial heart and loved them all.

At her request there will be no service. A family gathering will be held at later time. As Mom would so often say "See You in the Spring".



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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BY LINDA HUTH

“WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

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

December 29

1938

“City and County” News Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. H.M. McCormick and families left their hearthsides in Boulder to spend the Christmas double holidays in Townsend with home folks . Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Olsen and family of Twin Bridges joined family circles here for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holloway and Freeman Bruce of Helena enjoyed a Christmas day in the valley, guests at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Matthews. C.B. Cartwright came out from Helena for Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cartwright. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Van Voast returned home yesterday from a Christmas vacation spent in Seattle with their daughter and family. The journey was made by plane from the Helena airport.

1949

“Most Outstanding 4-H Members Win Bonds” George Rauser and Dona Wallace, 4-H members from Toston, were picked by the Leader’s Council as the outstanding 4-H boy and girl in Broadwater County. They are winners of a \$25.00 bond each, from the Union Bank and Trust Company of Helena. They were picked on the basis of number of years in 4-H work, completion of projects, completeness of records and exhibiting of county contests. Dona has finished her seventh year as a 4-H member and George has finished his tenth. George is, at present, leader of the Toston Livestock Club.

1955

“Rotary Home Decoration Winners Named” President Lyman Etwiler of the Townsend Rotary Club has announced the winners in the Christmas Home Decoration contest. First prize, \$15.00, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anders; second prize, \$10.00, Mr. and Mrs. Don Holloway; third prize, \$5.00 to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Etwiler. Honorable mention was given Mayor and Mrs. Louis Green, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Davis and Mrs. Cora Pool; a special citation to

Ben Sautter for the Rex Christmas tree and his work with the local business men and the Montana Power Company for the main street decorations.

1966

“Local News” Enjoying the skiing at King’s Hill last Wednesday were Pat Ragen, Gary Kaul, David Kearns, Skip Sherwood, Larry and Dean Massa. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Plummer were Christmas Eve guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer of Toston. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Southall and daughter, Linda Joy, of Miles City arrived last Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Southall’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaisdell and Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grimm enjoyed the Christmas holiday in Harrison with Mr. and Mrs. Al Olsen and family. Mr. and Mrs. Don McCarthy and family of Great Falls and Mrs. and Mrs. Pat Gravage and family of Livingston were Christmas guests at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax McCarthy. The Huth family gathered Sunday at the Coffee Shop where they enjoyed their annual Christmas family dinner and get together. Taking in a day of skiing at King’s Hill Monday of this week were Miss Donna Doig, Miss Dorothy Doig, Rodney Davis, Tony Francisco and Bud Davis.

YESTERYEAR THE AVERILL FAMILY

Victor Sample

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Nathaniel Averill (T.N. Averill) were among the first residents of Townsend and were involved in many ventures during the early days of Townsend. T.N. Averill came to Montana as a professional carpenter in 1879. He returned to his native state of Michigan to marry Nellie Lois Hale.

T.N. and Nellie moved to Montana and settled in Wickes (just west of Jefferson City) for a short time. They moved to Townsend when it was established in 1883. The Averills built a small home on the north edge of Townsend on north Oak soon after moving here. Room by room the home grew to accommodate the growing Averill family. The Averills lived in the home for 30 years before building a new home at 602 Broadway. Their son Fred was the second child born in Townsend.

T.N. Averill was the architect and builder of many of the early mid-Victorian homes, as well as being involved in building many of the early business blocks on Broadway. Most notably, T.N. Averill and partner G.E. Burns

were the contractors that built the Commercial Hotel building. He was also the contractor for the first schoolhouse in Townsend (1886) and the new brick High School building (1917). The new brick High School was in use until the end of the 20th century.

But T.N. Averill was not only a prominent builder in Townsend. He was the second Mayor of Townsend and served several terms. His educational background made him an ideal public speaker for civic, fraternal and church affairs.



Townsend Star Print Shop 1923

Progress Board during the great depression; she was county chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Association and was chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

When her husband died in 1921, Mrs. Averill took over as publisher of the Townsend Star and only retired from active operations of the Star in 1947, at the age of 89. During that period of time, she was given the name “Queen of Montana Newspaper Women” by the State Editorial Association. During World War II over 300 “Buddies” received free copies of the Townsend Star wrapped and mailed by her personally.



The Averill Family Photo

In 1897, M.H. Hatch and H.R. Campbell founded the Townsend Star newspaper. In less than a year, T.N. Averill and Joseph Gahrett took over the Townsend Star. After four years, T.N. Averill bought out Gahrett’s interest and the Averill family published the Townsend Star for 60 years.

T.N. Averill died on April 7, 1921, leaving a long, distinguished list of accomplishments during his life in Townsend; but, his wife Nellie was also a prominent figure in Townsend. Mrs. Averill was a prominent figure in community affairs: she was appointed to the Works

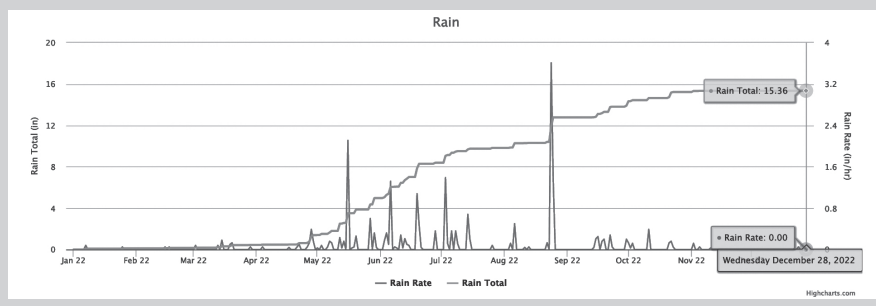
Three young men that apprenticed under the guidance of Mrs. Averill went on to start their own newspapers: Dewey Aker (The Tacoma News), Rudy Glatz (the Winnett Times) and Bill Davis and his wife (The Three Forks Herald).

After Mrs. Averill retired, the Townsend Star continued under the management of her two daughters Mrs. Floyd Holloway (Grace Averill) and Mrs. Ray Ward (Rosemary Averill) who had assisted their mother for 28 years. The two daughters of T.N. Averill and Nellie Averill ran the newspaper for another ten years before retiring and selling the paper to George and Florence Brammer.

The information in this article came from the Broadwater Bygones available at the Broadwater County Museum. Stop by the museum and visit with curator Linda Huth to learn more about the distinguished Averill family and their descendants and to learn more about Broadwater County History.

AND NOW THE WEATHER...

<p>Fri 12/30</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>31° 23°</p> <p>0 in</p> <p>15 23 mph</p>	<p>Sat 12/31</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>28° 19°</p> <p>0 in</p> <p>13 18 mph</p>	<p>Sun 1/01</p> <p>Light Snow Showers</p> <p>24° 14°</p> <p>2 in</p> <p>8 12 mph</p>	<p>Mon 1/02</p> <p>Very Light Snow Showers</p> <p>20° 14°</p> <p>0 in</p> <p>8 13 mph</p>	<p>Tue 1/03</p> <p>Very Light Snow Showers</p> <p>20° 5°</p> <p>0 in</p> <p>10 16 mph</p>
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The Classified Ads

PART TIME JOB OPENING

MT 43 News

Must have reliable transportation and valid driver's license. Will work 1 day a week; every Thursday. Required to pick up printed *MT 43 News* papers in Helena Thursday mornings. Papers will then be delivered to various stores in E Helena, Townsend, Toston, Three Forks and the Townsend Post Office.

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- Which artist wrote and released "Abracadabra"?
- What was Phil Vassar's "Just Another Day in Paradise" about?
- Name the singer who wrote and released "All Around the World" on her debut album.
- Which group released "Careless Whisper"?
- Name the song that contains these lyrics: "In a cafe or sometimes on a crowded street, I've been near you, but you never noticed me."

Answers

- The Steve Miller Band, in 1982. The song was ignored by U.S. record companies ... until it became a chart topper in Europe. The song was then released in the U.S., and it shot to No. 1.
- The 2000 country/pop crossover single (from his debut album) was about homelessness.
- Lisa Stansfield, on her "Affection" album in 1989. The song received a nomination for a Grammy for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance. Stansfield had won the "Search for a Star" competition at the age of 14 in the U.K. in 1980.
- Wham!, in 1984.
- "My Cherie Amour," by Stevie Wonder, in 1969. The song was originally titled "Oh, My Marsha." Legend says that once record producers got involved, they wanted to add a French flavor to it similar to the Beatles' "Michelle" and changed the name.

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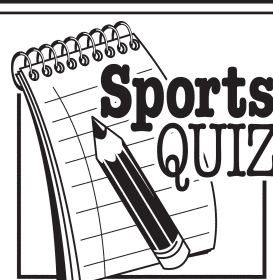


- TELEVISION: What is the name of the next-door neighbor on TV's sitcom "Home Improvement"?
- LITERATURE: Which war was the setting for Anthony Doerr's novel "All the Light We Cannot See"?
- MUSIC: Who wrote the song "All Along the Watchtower," performed by Jimi Hendrix?
- GEOGRAPHY: When is Earth Day celebrated each year?
- HISTORY: Which two city-states fought the Peloponnesian War?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is a common name for the disorder called sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia?
- ASTRONOMY: Where is the Oort Cloud in space?
- GEOMETRY: How many sides does a nonagon have?
- FOOD & DRINK: What's another name for egg white?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How large is the Times Square ball that drops at midnight on New Year's Eve?

Answers

- Wilson.
- WWII.
- Bob Dylan.
- April 22.
- Athens and Sparta.
- Brain freeze.
- The most distant region in our solar system, beyond the Kuiper Belt.
- Nine.
- Albumen.
- 12 feet in diameter.

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by Ryan A. Berenz

- On Dec. 8, 1987, what member of the Philadelphia Flyers became the first goaltender in NHL history to score a goal by intentionally shooting the puck into the opponent's net?
- What racehorse became the first (and only as of 2022) to win the prestigious Breeders' Cup Classic twice?
- Soccer greats Clint Dempsey and Landon Donovan hold the U.S. men's career record for goals scored in international competition with how many?
- Daniel Sunjata, John Turturro and Oliver Platt starred in what 2007 ESPN drama series about the backdrop of New York City's turbulent summer of 1977?
- Name the French racecar driver who won Formula One World Drivers' Championships in 1985-86, '89 and '93.
- What soiled article of clothing from Game 2 of the 2004 World Series was sold at auction for \$75,330 in 2021?
- How many overtimes did it take for the Illinois Fighting Illini to defeat the Penn State Nittany Lions 20-18 in their October 2021 college football game?

Answers

- Ron Hexhall.
- Tiznow.
- 57.
- "The Bronx Is Burning."
- Alain Prost.
- Curt Schilling's blood-stained sock.
- Nine.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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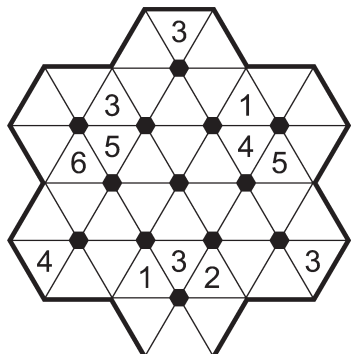
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Super Crossword

OBJECTS OF DEVOTION

- ACROSS**
- Serengeti trek
 - Freeway exit
 - Calm assurance
 - Neighbor of Saturn
 - Sun porches
 - Deli machine
 - Aficionado of air ducts?
 - Capital of Cuba
 - Jean jacket material
 - Email chuckle
 - Soccer player Hamm
 - Citrus peels
 - "House" actor
 - Aficionado of wild, irrational talk?
 - Contributor
 - spell over
 - State of fury
 - Fly with no co-pilot
 - Thus
 - Hail — (yell "Taxi!")
 - Las Vegas-to-Denver dir.
 - Ending for Japan
 - Aficionado of bellies?
 - Aficionado of sweet fillings?
 - Pet-rescuing org.
 - Walked very stealthily
 - San — (California county or city)
 - CIA missions, e.g.
 - Give the boot
 - River of Paris
 - Louisianans of French descent
 - Café au — (light brown)
 - Aficionado of confidential matters?
 - Shapes of parentheses
 - Member of a ruling family
 - Sark, — put
 - Writer Wiesel
 - Once
 - Hail — (yell "Taxi!")
 - Cuban-born writer Calvino
 - Downgraded
 - Ward with Emmys
 - Aficionado of wickedness?
 - Aficionado of apartment managers?
 - "Taking Woodstock" director Lee
 - NFL stats
 - Loch — (rock group)
 - All mixed up
 - High-quality black tea
 - Aficionado of Mauna Loa snacks?
 - Set free
 - Fetus holders
 - Be mistaken
 - "— culpa"
 - "Going Rogue" author Sarah
 - Sends in
 - Aficionado of customs officials?
 - Painting on plaster
 - Made even
 - Rocky's last name in "Rocky"
 - Electronic keyboards, for short
 - Escape artists, say
 - Like finger paintings?
 - Chevy
 - Equinox, e.g.
 - "Rules — rules!"
 - Spanish dance in triple time
 - Lobbies
 - That which destroys
 - Long Island airport town
 - Opposite of west, in Germany
 - Chocolate kiss wrapper
 - Elevator stops
 - Went longer than expected
 - Dog noise
 - Florida's "Magic City"
 - Grilled Italian sandwiches
 - Premium channels
 - Silvery-gray
 - Town square
 - Energizes
 - Congress' Alexandria — Cortez
 - Cerebral (1997 Johnny Depp film)
 - Assented
 - Couch
 - Pixie
 - Funny Sahl
 - Wound cover
 - U-Haul rental
 - Tableland
 - Be up against
 - Confront
 - Rush after
 - Cut-rate, in brand names
 - "Easy A" star
 - Likely
 - Model
 - Bündchen
 - Actor
 - Mexican peninsula
 - 55 Road reversal
 - Trespassing deterrent
 - Dancer Bob
 - Flying Pan
 - Spanish squiggles
 - Vintage tube (2009 thriller)
 - Last — effort
 - Brand of cellulose fiber
 - "Danke —"
 - "Hear ye!" yellers
 - Like most NBA players
 - "That's somebody — problem"
 - Couch
 - Pixie
 - Pea or lentil
 - Sandy hill
 - Tiny blood vessel
 - Actress Swenson
 - Ring out
 - Big pet food brand
 - Mucho
 - Painter Paul
 - Aykroyd of "Soul Man"
 - Up a tree
 - Blue toons of the 1980s
 - Aqueous
 - Deliverers of frozen blocks
 - The Red
 - Foxes' college
 - Macho
 - TV sleuth
 - Remington
 - "The Taking of — 123"
 - "Law & Order: —"
 - NFL stats
 - Neither hide — hair
 - Week division

MAGIC MAZE ● PERENNIAL HERBS

B V S Q N C K I F D A X V T Q
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 N L J H F D B L Z Y U X V T R
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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: USED TO FLAVOR BEER
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|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| Catnip | Ferula | Lavender | Sage |
| Chives | Garlic | Mint | Thyme |
| Curry plant | Ginger | Oregano | Yarrow |
| Fennel | Horseradish | Rosemary | |

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All Fun & Games

Super Crossword

Answers

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Go Figure!

answers

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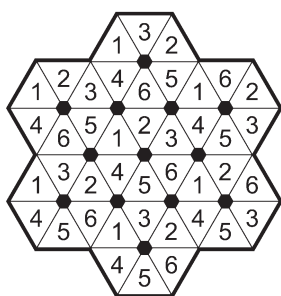
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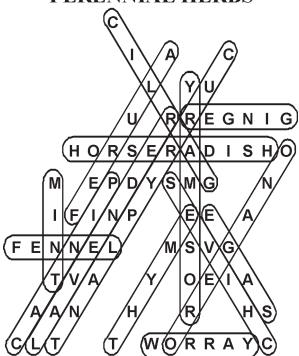


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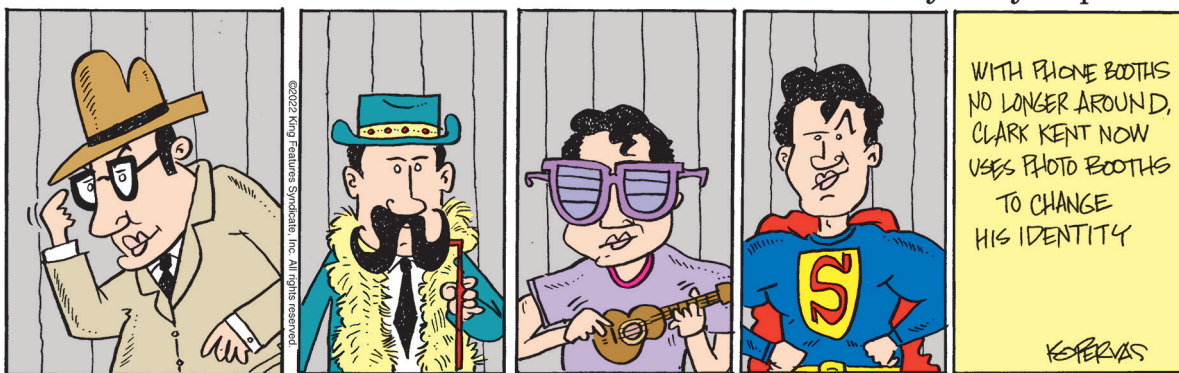


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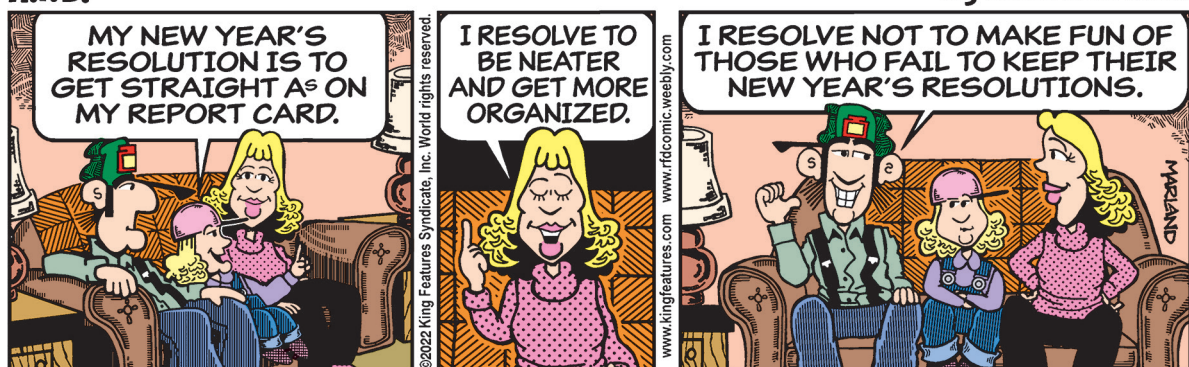
Out on a Limb

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Please Note; R.F.D will retire on 1/30/23

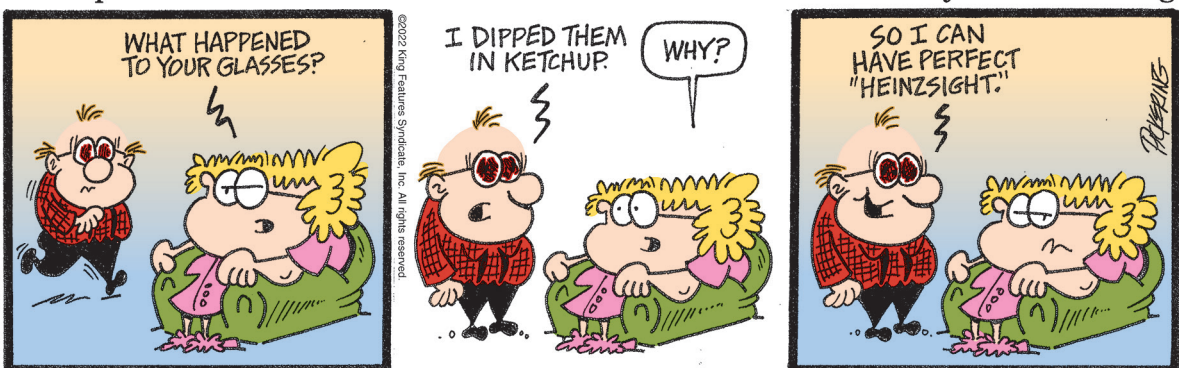


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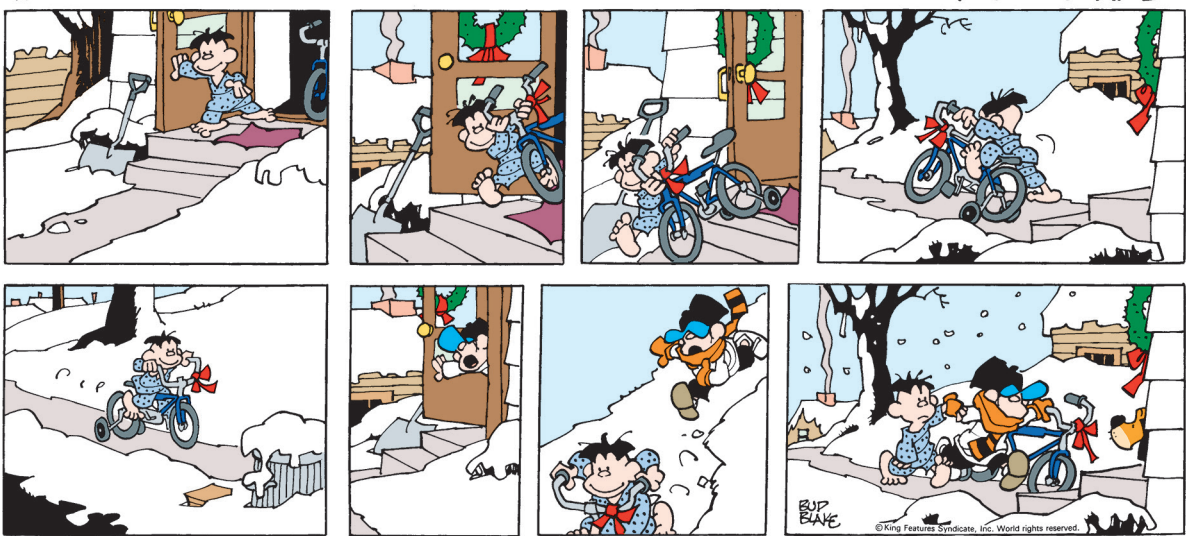
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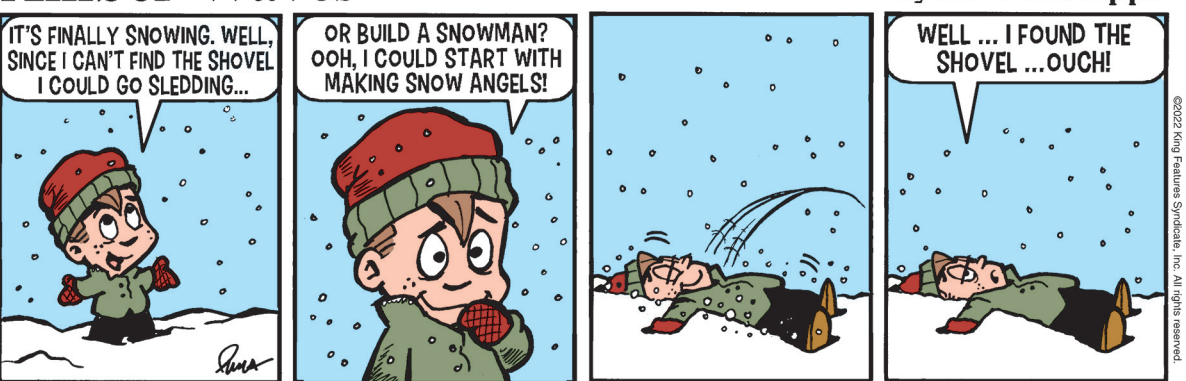
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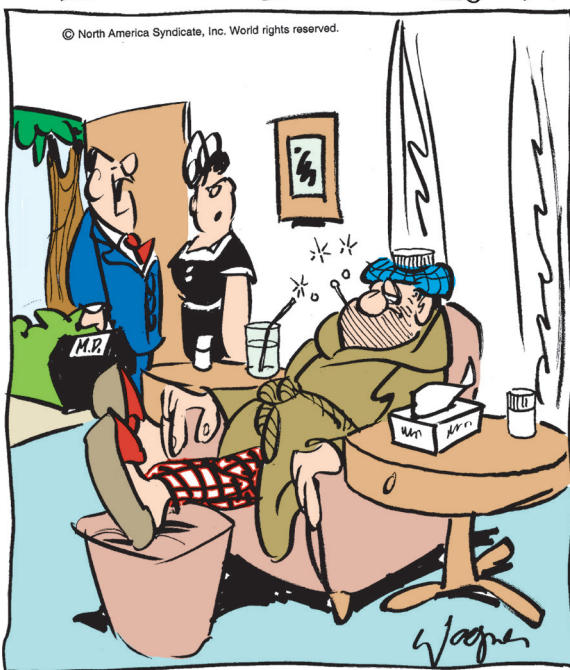


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Surfing New Year's Eve with Upland Birds



Serves 2 but can be easily multiplied

Here's a great recipe for special occasions. From my Upland Game Bird Cookery cookbook, a rich, Polynesian-style blend of surf and sky that will spark up a winter's night. The best part is that it's easy and infinitely variable: any pale-meated upland bird will work from pheasant and forest grouse to wild turkey. And if you don't like squash, you can substitute rice or pasta. It's really all about the sauce.

Ingredients:

For the Squash

- 1 whole acorn squash
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine

For the birds:

- ¼ cup frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed but not diluted
- ¼ cup coconut milk
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- ¾ pound breast meat
- 6 large shrimp (about 4 ounces)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 green onions, chopped, white and green parts separated

Cooking

1. Preheat the oven to 300F. Cut the acorn squash in half, across the middle (not through the stem). Scoop out the seeds and loose pulp with a tablespoon and turn open-side down on a cutting board. Slice enough off the bottom of each 'bowl' so that the squash will sit on a baking pan without tipping. Be careful not to make a hole in the bowl.
2. Brush the inside of the squash with the butter and place on a baking sheet. Bake in the center of the oven for 45 minutes.
3. In a large bowl, combine the orange juice concentrate, coconut milk and ginger. Stir well. Add the cubed breast meat and shrimp. Toss to coat everything and set that aside at room temperature for 20 minutes.
4. Pull the shrimp from the marinade aside for the moment. Melt the butter in a 9-inch skillet over medium heat. Add the minced whites of the green onions to the butter, sauté 1 minute until they start to sizzle. Pour the breast meat with all the marinade into the skillet and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly to keep the meat coated. Let the breast meat cook for 3-4 minutes. Add the shrimp to the pan and cook another 2-3 minutes until the shrimp turn pink.
5. Place the squash bowls on plates, divide the shrimp, bird and sauce mixture into the two bowls, and garnish with the minced greens of the green onion. Serve with a nice dry champagne.

Eileen Clarke's wild game cookbooks are available at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.
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BITTERSWEET NIGHTSHADE BUGWOOD

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

After flowering, bittersweet nightshade produces a cluster of pea-size berries. They change from green to orange to red as they mature. All stages of maturity can be found on the same plant, sometimes even the same berry cluster. The plant also has a strong unpleasant odor. It spreads by seeds as well as stem and root fragments. Birds are often responsible for dispersing seeds.

concern is that children may mistake the berries for an edible berry. There have been documented poisonings in dogs, cattle and sheep. However, this is very rare. Most animals avoid the plant because of the strong odor.

Although not as poisonous as the famed deadly nightshade, all plant parts of bitter-sweet nightshade, sometimes called climbing nightshade, are still poisonous. It is very common in Broadwater County and even though it is not a noxious weed, it is still an important plant to be able to identify.

Description & Habitat Native to Eurasia, Bittersweet Nightshade was introduced to North America as an ornamental plant. It has naturalized to temperate climates across the world. Although toxic, its roots, historically, had a variety of uses from witchcraft to treating bruises. It tends to prefer moist areas and is found along creeks, wetlands, field edges, gardens, yards and roadsides. It is a vine so can often be seen climbing bushes, fences and other structures. It can also look like a shrub if it does not have anything to climb.



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Management Fortunately, Bittersweet Nightshade does not tend to take over larger areas. It can form small dense colonies in certain situations or have dispersed plants. This means that if control measures are necessary, it is often in a smaller area like a yard where there is a risk of children finding the berries.

Digging or pulling can be effective when the plants are young, and the soil is moist... The entire root system must be removed to prevent regrowth. Mowing is not always effective and must be done repeatedly throughout the growing season.

Herbicides can be effective, especially in larger infestations, or in combination with other control methods. Commonly used herbicides include Curtail, Garlon, Polaris, Roundup, Stinger and Transline. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

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

All parts of the plant are toxic. The main



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