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PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN ON AERIAL GUNNERY TRAINING

Nancy Marks



Entrance to Montana National Guard Firing Range looking East

Public Comment Still Open for Helicopter Aerial Gunnery Training in Limestone Hills

Residents who live in the subdivisions on the west side of the Missouri River still have until January 13 to comment or ask questions about the proposed use of the Limestone Hills for helicopter aerial gunnery practice. The comment period is open to all Broadwater County residents.

In a story in the January 1 Independent

Record, the move would allow helicopters to fly 200 miles from Malmstrom Air Force base in Great Falls to use the area for practice. The helicopters would be limited to two-three hours per day during a 140-day period each year to practice. Local pilots will not be allowed to use the airspace over the Limestone Hills

area during the practice sessions.

The Assessment and public comment period has been listed in the legal sections of the Independent Record and the Broadwater County News. Copies of the assessment are on file at the local library. The Montana pilots Association chairman Michael Vivion said the assessment was not well researched, according to the article.

For those residents who would like to comment or ask further questions send an email to 341CES.CEIE.NEPA-WorkFlow@us.af.mil or write Katie Rediske, 39 78th St., North, Malmstrom AFB, MT 59402



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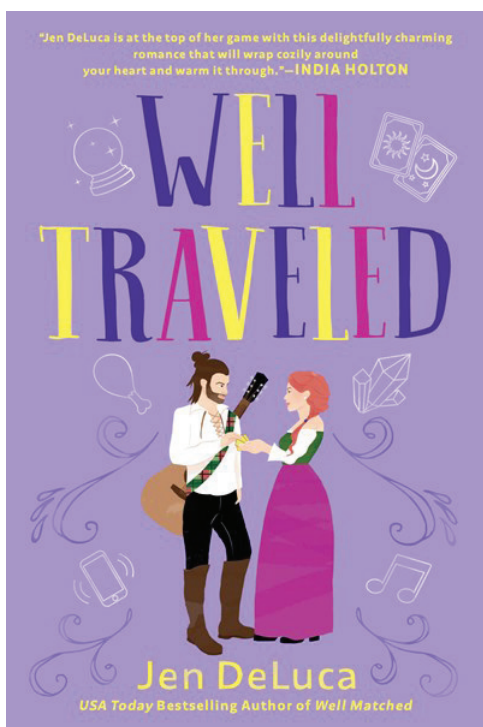
If you are interested or have someone in mind that would need this task done for them, contact Allie Lampman via her email, alampman@townsend.k12.mt.us.



BETWEEN THE PAGES

“WELL TRAVELED” BY JEN DELUCA

Rachael Elliott-Brug, Reading Leaves



If you are looking for a feel-good romantic read with some “New Year, New You” vibes, “Well Traveled” is the book for you!

Louisa “LuLu” is a hard-working, under-appreciated attorney in a large successful law firm. She pours everything she has into her job for the coveted partner position and is continually passed over.

While out gathering information for a big case, she takes a break to check out a Renaissance Faire passing through the area. Phone call after phone call from the office pile on to her already over-the-top stress load and she hits her breaking point; quitting in spectacular fashion and having a panic-fueled breakdown in the middle of the faire.

New friends help her calm down and a call from her favorite cousin sets her on a path she had never imagined for herself. Cut off from everything, she travels with her new Renaissance friends and their band from faire to faire.

In this simpler existence, LuLu discovers how to use her corporate talents in new ways. She also comes around to appreciate her granny’s view of men in kilts, which had previously baffled her.

Dax is a notorious playboy who plays in the band. Lulu knows he’s not relationship material, but still can’t resist the pull between them. When the end of her time traveling with the band draws near, Lulu must decide what her true calling in life really is, and how to achieve her dreams without breaking her own heart.

“Well Traveled” is the perfect romantic read with a renaissance flair. It is both an Indie Next pick for December and a LibraryReads pick. Jen DeLuca has also written “Well Matched”, “Well Met”, and “Well Played” a series inspired by her time volunteering as a pub wench with her local Renaissance Faire.

Eileen Clarke -
Rifles and Recipes

Flying Rancho Jerkey

For 1 pound of any red meat, sliced;

Ah, so easy. Open a packet of ranch dressing mix, add two little spices and sprinkle it on the meat. This recipe is in the waterfowl section in my jerky cookbook, but I have also made venison (deer, elk etc) do the flying rancho jerky—with the same recipe--and it was delicious. FYI, my book “Stalking the Wild Jerky” has 103 jerky recipes for everything we hunt as well as every taste profile you can imagine. In fact, if you prefer your Ranch dressing without the Tex-Mex touch, check out the Ranch Jerky in the white meat section of my book. It’s also a winner and works with both wild turkey and pig meat. And it’s also very very easy.



Ingredients

- 1 pound venison, goose/duck meat, sliced 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick
- 1 packet Ranch dressing mix (1.12 ounces of dry seasoning)
- ¼ cup ground cumin
- ¼ cup chili powder

Preparation

1. No need to pat the sliced red meat dry with paper towels; the moisture on the surface will help spread the spices. Measure the spices into a small bowl--or a (clean) old spice bottle with a shaker top. Spread the meat out on a cutting board or dinner plate in a single layer, and sprinkle half the spice mix on top, then turn the meat slices and sprinkle the rest on the other side.
2. Press the dry rub into the meat, then stack the slices so the spices contact every surface, and drop the stack into a resealable plastic bag. Seal the bag and refrigerate for 24 to 72 hours.

Cooking

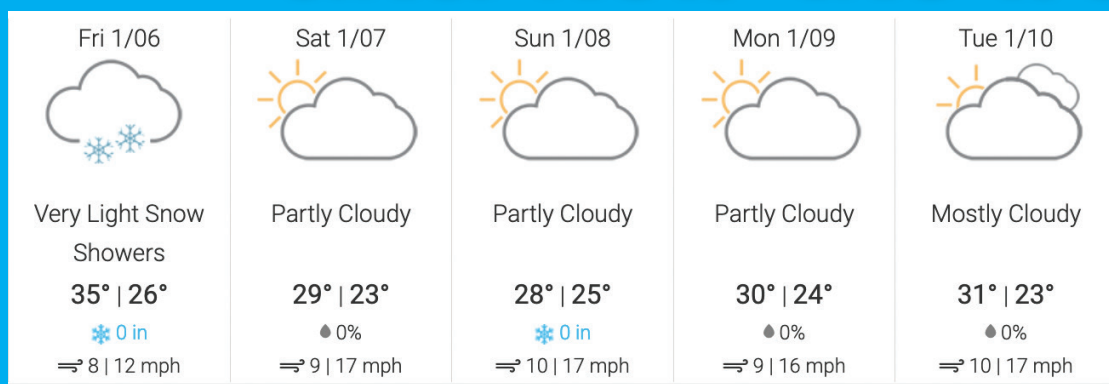
Preheat the oven to 160°F.* Arrange the meat strips on wire mesh grids over a foil-lined pan. Cook at 160°F for 3-4 hours, turn the oven off and let the jerky cool and air dry in the turned-off oven or on the counter, for 6-8 hours, then store in resealable plastic bags. You can store your jerky in the fridge for 2-3 weeks, or in the freezer for up to 3 months.

**My oven is 20 years old and can be adjusted down as low as 120F, but many newer ovens don't even go down to 160F, the temperature recommended here. No reason not to make jerky, you just need to not cook it as long. It's always good to check the oven with an oven thermometer and do a 1 or 2-piece test batch before climbing in with both feet.*

“Stalking the Wild Jerky”: More than 100 easy-to-follow recipes, is available from Eileen at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.

Eileen Clarke

and now the weather...



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COUNTY OFFICIALS SWORN IN

Dee Gannon

Officials Sworn In

The courtroom was filled with family, friends, and well-wishers on Friday, December 30; as Judge Christopher Abbott was on-hand to swear in our newly-elected officials.



County Officials Sworn In (photo by Dee Gannon)

In the photo, l to r: Angie Paulson (Clerk & Recorder, Election Administrator); Nick Rauser (Sheriff); Lindsey Richtmeyer (County Commissioner); Melissa Franks (County Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools); Kirk Flynn (Justice of the Peace); Cory Swanson (County Attorney); and Judge Chris Abbott.

Guest Editorial: Aerial Gunnery Training

Michael Korn

Potential expansion of activities at the Limestone Hills Gunnery Range has recently come to light and with it, issues regarding the steps taken towards its implementation. Among others, the concerns of pilots, such as myself, have been raised with the proposal's shortcomings and how it could negatively affect the large civil aviation communities in Helena, Bozeman and surrounding communities.

Another critical issue at play is that the range is immediately adjacent to, and includes important habitats for wildlife in the Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit (EWMU). The EWMU, established almost 40 years ago, was the result of a major and often hard fought-compromise reached between the conservation community, the Forest Service, Congress and numerous others. It continues to this day, to be the only such designated entity in the entire National Forest System, its success having suggested possible use on other forests. Yet nowhere in the Environmental Assessment (EA) crafted as part of the process for this proposal is this discussed.

The Limestone Hills is the major winter range for mule deer in the Elkhorns, utilized as well at times by elk, big horn sheep and other wildlife. In years past, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks biologists working with the National Guard have been able to find reasonable accommodation for this important habitat. However, there is only cursory discussion in the EA of other periods when these new activities could impact wildlife or other uses. A broader concern is that there is no mention in the EA of possible formal monitoring by the military of the effects of increased range activity and the subsequent traffic to and from the site- both aerial and ground-based- might have on wildlife utilization and distribution throughout the entire northeastern portion of the Elkhorns.

In all, the EA reflects numerous deficiencies in the collection and analysis of important, accurate and current information regarding a wide range of issues. Furthermore, the document was done without contacting the numerous local groups, individuals and other obvious stakeholders to solicit critical information- Standard Operating Procedure in the preparation of an EA. As such, it fails to meet one of the fundamental purposes of an Environmental Assessment which is to arm the folks in the Air Force with the necessary- and legally mandated- tools to make an informed decision.

The Montana Guard has always been a good neighbor, particularly when it comes to issues of public projects and conservation. I believe there are ways by which the Air Force can achieve the expansion of the Limestone Hills range to serve their needs while still maintaining the integrity of the EWMU and meeting the needs of the various stakeholders and the public at large. But without a sound and accurate basis for making that decision, coupled with robust public participation, this EA, and thus the process to get there, is flawed.

Michael Korn served with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for almost 30 years, during which time he ran the Block Management Program, was Helena Area Coordinator and Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement. He is a pilot and since the 1980's has been involved with issues surrounding the Elkhorns.



COUNTY APPROVES \$45K TASER CONTRACT

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Commissioners approved a nearly \$45,000 contract with Axon Enterprise Inc. to equip the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office with tasers for the next five years during its Dec. 28 meeting.

Recently sworn-in Sheriff Nick Rauser told MT 43 News in an interview that these tasers are an important tool used to help keep the peace.

"It's just another tool to help us do our jobs and to get compliance out of people," Rauser said. "You always hope you never have to use it, but unfortunately we do."

Undersheriff/Deputy Coroner Brandon Harris told the commission that there was a rush to sign the contract now before a 10% cost increase which would take effect in 2023 and that the office's current tasers would be obsolete soon.

The new contract is approximately \$4,000 a year higher than the county's last, which Harris credited to inflation and more equipment being included in the sale.

The contract will cost the office \$8,917.28 per year and provide it with 13 tasers and both training and live cartridges. The sale also includes a \$789.75 hook-and-loop training suit, which will allow the officers to safely practice using the taser on someone as opposed to the "cardboard silhouette."

"I think that's really going to increase the training aspect with having the tasers," Harris told the commission, adding that the office can now incorporate fire/don't fire scenarios into the training session.

Harris clarified that the office wasn't asking for any extra money to cover the contract, but planned to use reserves instead.

"Once again, I'm happy to come stand in front of you and not ask for money to operate," he said during the meeting. The sheriff's office was able to secure nearly \$13,500 in savings on the contract by selling the office's current tasers back to the company to be refurbished.

Harris added that the mill levy has been of service to the office's budget and that its staff is now well-equipped.

While officers are required to shoot two training cartridges a year, another crucial part of their taser training includes being shot themselves.

"We all have to go through that so we know how it feels, so the abuse of the taser is very low," Harris said.

The Broadwater County Sheriff's Office has operated without a taser contract for several years. Because of this, Harris said, there are no warranties on the equipment and as things break, the office had to replace them out of pocket.

Without access to a functioning taser, officers are left with either hand-to-hand combat or deadly force — neither of which is ideal, Rauser told MT 43 News: "No cop is out looking to use deadly force."

WYNN MEEHAN RETIRES - STARTS A NEW CHAPTER

Dee Gannon

Wynn's Next Chapter

This reporter had a chance to sit down and spend a few minutes talking to our retiring Sheriff, Wynn Meehan. He had attended the swearing-in ceremony of the newly-elected officials; shaking hands and chatting with friends and neighbors.



Wynn Meehan (Photo by Nancy Marks)

Wynn acknowledged that it was a bittersweet day. After serving Broadwater County for 22 years and 30 days, always 24 hours a day; the first thing he says he will do is turn off his phone. "I'm happy to sleep all night long; not having to worry about what I may have missed. I still perk my ears a bit if I see lights or hear a siren; but then, I stop and remember...it's just not up to me, anymore."

Is Wynn retiring? Not likely. You can find him at Watson Irrigation, beginning January 23. Said Wynn, "It gives me a few weeks to learn how NOT to be boss", He will be working at "whatever needs done. I'm just happy to be able to work. I've got my ranch, my woodworking, and now Watson's. I won't be bored, for sure. I began as a firefighter; so, that is a possibility, too".

Being a sheriff is a very tough, but very rewarding job. Wynn has been to nine plane crashes; numerous car crashes (including Deputy Mason Moore); fires and deaths. He related how hard it is to be helpless sometimes; but in more ways, he finds hope in people. Santa Sheriff, coffee with a Cop, and Lunch with a Cop (at the school cafeteria) are just a few of the programs that he implemented while sheriff. "When we can connect with our community; it just feels good. I hope those programs continue."

Meehan has felt the love of this community, as well. December 30, 2007, his wife was killed in an auto accident. "The community surrounded me, lifting me and my boys up in a way that's immeasurable. When Mason was killed, the whole community ached; but still showed me so much love. I'm so grateful."

Any advice for Nick Rauser? "I've been training him for this job, awhile. I've told him many things...but not everything. He will have to learn as he goes; there is just so much, and I want him to be surprised!"

When you are out and about and see Wynn Meehan, thank him for caring enough to serve us for two decades. And when you see Sheriff Nick Rauser, congratulate him; and know that he has a big job to do. Let's do whatever we can to help.



TRAILHEAD CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER DELIVERY

Nancy Marks



Left to right Jane and Craig Osterhoudt, dinner organizer Janet Wagner helped prepare Christmas Eve dinners for delivery to the community

Christmas dinner came early this year for many community residents. Trailhead Church volunteers put together baked ham with all the trimmings on Christmas Eve day for 92 residents along with 20 additional dinners for those who ordered late. “Everything went like clockwork and we had the meals out the door before noon”, organizer Janet Wagner reported. Wagner and her husband Tony also volunteer as cooks for American Legion Post 42.



Lacey Forrey, Vanessa and Brandon Flynn serve up the containers for delivery to community residents.

Janet said it does take some time to organize all the ingredients and equipment to put together a nice meal for that many people. Townsend Rotary lent their electric rosters, she said. She ordered most of the food items from the food service company SYSCO. What really counts, she said, is the twenty volunteers who arrive early Christmas Eve day to cut, chop and load to-go containers for the big push at 11:30 a.m. Ten people delivered meals to in-town residents and also took meals to Radersburg, Toston and Winston.

Trailhead Church has been preparing a free community dinner for several years. The dinner idea originated with Townsend United Methodist Church. Their members prepared the dinner for several years.

FAMILY PROMISE HAS EXPANDED TO TOWNSEND/ BROADWATER COUNTY!

Family Promise

Family Promise of Greater Helena, Townsend/Broadwater County 406-465-9467, PO Box 939, Helena, MT 59624 www.familypromisehelena.org

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-If you are homeless and have found a place to live but need help with the first month's rent or security deposit, please call our Family Advocate Kimberly and see if you would qualify.

Building Communities, Strengthening Lives



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Karoline Nelson, Operations Manager

Happy New Year to everyone from the food pantry

The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints will be staffing the food pantry during the month of January.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 12 families consisting of 28 family members on December 31.

The January board meeting will be on January 12 at 7 pm at the food pantry.

Just as a reminder, the food pantry will be distributing food on Saturday, Jan 7. Even if you received food on December 31, you are welcome to come in again this week.

The goal of the food pantry is that no one in the area is in need of food. Even if you only need food for a short time, please come and see us. Everyone has a bump in the road at times and needs a little help so let this New Year be a start for you. No information that is given at the food pantry goes out of the food pantry. We do not belong to any government food bank system so the information is strictly for our books.

The food pantry will only be open for distribution of food and receiving food 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 especially with the freezing temperatures, the food may freeze.

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

top ten

New Year's Resolutions

1. Living healthier
2. Personal improvement or happiness
3. Losing weight
4. Career or job goals
5. Financial goals
6. Improve relationship
7. Travel or moving
8. Exercising
9. Stop smoking
10. Reduce drinking

Source: Statista

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THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Broadwater County officials gathered together at the county courthouse on Dec. 29 to swear in those recently elected and release those previously holding the positions from their duties.

Among those sworn in was the newly-elected Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser.

Rauser has had extensive law enforcement background and is well integrated into the local communities having been raised here.

Rauser got his first taste of law enforcement in Broadwater County in 2007 as a detention officer. After working in other counties for some time, Rauser returned to his stomping grounds in 2017.

Over the last five years, Rauser has climbed the ranks from sergeant of patrol to detective and most recently to captain.

Working in each of these positions allowed him the ability to “understand what each kind of area what their roles are, what they need to do and how to do it.”

Despite having learned things that will prepare him for being sheriff firsthand, Rauser said it's role models like the recently elected sheriff in Beaverhead County David Wendt that gave him some crucial skills.

“He taught me a lot of how to be a cop in a small county/small town. It is different than being like a police officer in a big city,” Rauser said, explaining that you have closer relationships with the people you serve in a rural area. And now he's a role model for others.

It's these relationships that Rauser feels most proud of in his law enforcement career.

“I'm able to serve and protect the people who have helped raise me,” he said.

In these first few months as sheriff, Rauser plans to focus his efforts on improving officer retention. Doing so, he said, will benefit other aspects of law enforcement as well.

“They get to know where they're at, they get to know the people, and I just think it will make it better for everyone,” Rauser said.

Maintaining a full staff will also have an impact on the office's ability to properly serve the north and south ends of the county and its ability to tackle problems such as drug trafficking, he explained.

“Drug work ... is a very particular line of work within being a cop,” Rauser said. “There's a lot of skill there, without being able to pass that knowledge down.”

With “a couple” Broadwater County officers already having these skills, Rauser plans to set them up in a position to be role models for others.

He has also set a goal to improve community engagement and plans to accomplish this by attending regular meetings and establishing “open lines of communication.”

Rauser expressed thanks to those who had his “six” during the election and promised to serve the county's needs: “I'm going to do my absolute best job in trying to make sure that our office is serving [the residents of Broadwater County] to the best of [its] capabilities.”

Americanisms



“Life isn't perfect, any failures you have are actually learning moments. They teach us how to grow and evolve.”

— Phillipa Soo

4-H PAVILION CONTRACT IN LIMBO

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Broadwater County commissioners agreed to postpone signing a contract with Dick Anderson Construction for a new 4-H pavilion until the contract could be reviewed by another attorney, during their Dec. 28 meeting, months after the contract was submitted to the county.

Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield informed the commissioners that she had recently forwarded the contract to a third-party attorney to review since she does not have construction contract experience.

“It’s possible that some of the things I’m identifying, somebody whose an expert in construction contracts will tell me, ‘Oh no, that’s normal,’” Hatfield said.

In July of 2022, the Broadwater County Trust Board agreed to fund a \$300,000 grant for the construction of the 4-H livestock pavilion. The commission then committed to providing the remaining \$100,000 for the project, according to 4-H Livestock Committee Chairman Jason Noyes.

Broadwater County 4-H then committed to securing another \$100,000 to install electricity and a PA system in the pavilion. The funds will also allow the organization to purchase showing panels. Following the 2022 livestock sale, 4-H raised \$30,000 towards their portion of the pavilion bill and continues to seek donations.

Noyes voiced frustration, confusion and disappointment at the Dec. 28 county commission meeting that it had taken this long to move forward with the contract, which had been submitted to the county on Oct. 17.

The 4-H livestock pavilion has been an idea in the making since 2018, Noyes told MT 43 News, and that he’s made a substantial investment in the project.

In past years, the 4-H has used the indoor roping barn to house, show and sell livestock. “In 2018, it became clear that we were running out of space to pen the ever-expanding projects and still secure enough room for a show ring under one roof,” Noyes said in an emailed statement to MT 43 News.

With special permission to continue the 4-H sale during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the group got a taste of what the pavilion’s benefits would be like.

“We utilized a large, outdoor tent set-up adjacent to the barn,” Noyes said. “This allowed us to expand space within the barn and provide an outdoor, well-ventilated space for spectators to watch the livestock show and participate in the sale.”

According to the Noyes, the tent was such a big hit that the organization decided to continue using it for the 2021 and 2022 seasons, but it required significant physical labor and was costly.

4-H hopes to complete the livestock pavilion before the 2023 fair, which is currently scheduled for Aug. 2 through Aug. 6.

“The longer we take, the more likely we are not going to be able to get this done on time,” Noyes said during the county commission meeting, adding that supply chain issues could further delay the realization of the pavilion project.

Hatfield responded that the county attorney’s office had been understaffed while County Attorney Cory Swanson was on deployment.

“Ultimately, part of the reason for the hold up has been simply that my office was understaffed,” Hatfield said. “I, as the acting county attorney, was doing two attorneys’ jobs and was unable to get to the contract.”

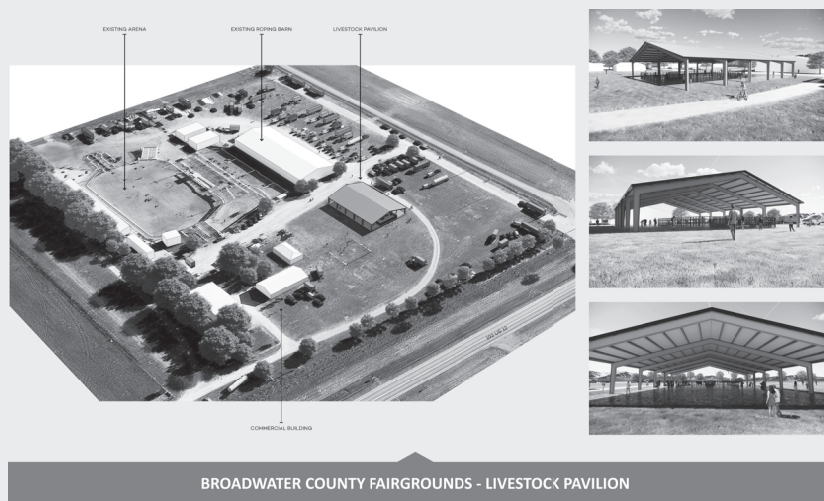
Noyes had also voiced concerns that the contractor, Dick Anderson Construction, had requested to speak with county officials about the matter, but had not received any response.

Hatfield countered that she was waiting to contact the builder until she had all of her comments put together. Both Hatfield and County Commissioner Darrell Folkvord expressed hope that working with this third-party attorney would streamline the approval process.

Folkvord went on to explain that the commissioners were attempting to keep the county’s affairs in mind: “The bottom line is we can’t sign a contract that’s not in the best interest of the county, and we rely on our legal staff to guide us in that direction.”

While the pavilion will significantly benefit the county 4-H program, Noyes said it will be of benefit to the rest of the community as well. “The pavilion will also provide a covered space to be utilized by the community throughout the year, well beyond the week of our county fair”

Swanson was not in attendance at the Dec. 28 commission meeting.



BROADWATER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - LIVESTOCK PAVILION



TOWNSEND SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Susie Hedale, Townsend Schools Superintendent

Townsend School District Activities and Safety Committee Meeting

January 5, 2023 6:00-8:00 in the Community Room

Strategic Planning - Meeting 2 - Framework and Goal Review

January 9, 2023, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

in the Community Room

Agenda:

- 1) Introductions (5 min)
- 2) Setting Expectations (5 min)
- 3) Recap previous Strategic Planning meeting (10 Min)
- 4) Feedback / Discussion from Mission, Vision, Core Values, Collaborative Vision of the Future and Goals (15 to 30 min)
- 5) Goal Review & Discussion (small group work session) - (app. 60 min) - Note, 2021 partial revisions will be included in the discussion.
- 6) Report out of small groups (10 to 20 min) Adjourn

Thank you,
Townsend School District

Should You Pay for Dog Training?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I love my new puppy, Star. He is so easy to train, listens to my commands, and his potty training is going well. Still, I'm wondering if we should also work with a professional trainer. He has some resistance issues to certain commands, and he is a bit reactive to other dogs. Is this normal, or should I pay for training? — Ricardo G., Orlando, Florida

DEAR RICARDO: A good trainer can look at the most obedient dog in the world and find behaviors to work on. That's because no dog is perfect, and neither are we.

It sounds like you're doing a great job with Star, and you want to continue to level up his behavior training. This is a caring and responsible thing to do.

You've got a few training options to consider. While I personally prefer to train alongside my dog in a group or one-on-one training session, I have friends who send their dog to day camp where they receive obedience training and socialization while they're away at work. Others send their dogs to intensive one- to two-week programs.

You'll want to check out a potential trainer or training school carefully before committing. Dog training can take a chunk out of your budget, so you'll want to be sure that Star is getting the training he needs. Meet with a trainer in person, with Star beside you, to chat with them about what you'd like to achieve in training and get a feel for how well the trainer works with Star.

Best of luck! I know that Star will do great.

Share your tips on professional dog training at ask@pawscorner.com.

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Upcoming School Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					6 ◆ BASKETBALL @ MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN - 2:30 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING @ RONAN	7 ◆ WRESTLING @ RONAN ◆ BASKETBALL @ THREE FORKS - 1 P.M. ◆ S&D SENIOR NIGHT
8	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
15	16 ◆ NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 ◆ K-5 STEAM NIGHT - 4:30 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6/7 P.M.	18 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 5:30/7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	19 ◆ BASKETBALL VS. SWEETGRASS - 3 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.	20 ◆ BASKETBALL @ CHOTEAU - 3 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING - CLASS B/C DUALS ◆ NO SCHOOL	21 ◆ WRESTLING - CLASS B/C DUALS ◆ SPEECH AND DEBATE DIVISIONALS @ COLUMBUS

INSIDE INSPIRATION

NEW YEAR REFLECTION

Ellie West, Certified NLP Coach/Practitioner Of Hypnosis and Timeline Therapy

Have you asked yourself some reflective questions this past week as we jump into the New Year? What challenges or fears were thrown your way, and how did you overcome them? Were you able to break through your challenges, fears, sadness, and disappointments? Did you learn some lessons from those challenges, where you will gain more wisdom?

There are lessons we need to learn as we face life head-on. Is something holding you back from fulfilling your purpose, your calling? It could be anger, shame, unforgiveness, hurt from your past, or something you had no control over.

As I took this week to journal, pray, meditate, set new goals and boundaries, clear the chatter to be still, and listen, I heard many things.

Over the last several weeks, I have been working with an NLP Master Practitioner, and together, we have dug deep and done some complex work releasing limiting beliefs. Each week I uncover more limiting beliefs.

One that brought me to tears was unforgiveness; it wasn't necessarily towards others; it was unforgiveness towards myself. Thoughts about myself that I didn't even know existed or believed. They were hiding in my subconscious. Occasionally, they would peek out, and when they did, I would push them back...hoping they would stay. Each time they would surface, I would shove them back into hiding.

Was I aware of the limiting beliefs? Not at all. All I knew was that I wanted to be content with my life. Honestly, if you would have asked me if I was satisfied and fulfilling my purpose, I would have to say, "truthfully, no".

Many of you may be in the same place. There was a void in my heart, my dreams, and what I had envisioned for my life, along with an intense yearning to understand my purpose.

I had to reach for more as I knew there was more...I was created for something better than what I had dreamt.

Discovering yourself, your purpose, and your calling in life is universal. We desire to fulfill the passion, gifts, and talents that each of us has been given. It is in our innate nature to question it, but also to want it. Some may even doubt their purpose or calling their entire life.

And sometimes, we seek it out in all the wrong places.

We look for it in other people, relationships, jobs, or what we acquire. But you will need more than that to fill the void in your heart of what you crave. Many go through life saying, "I guess this is it. It's just the cards I've been dealt."

You weren't dealt cards; you are here on purpose, filled with passion, dreams, and beautiful gifts, for such a time as this. Your dreams purposely motivate and inspire you to see what is possible.

Have I failed in life? Yes, many times. I was unsuccessful in school, relationships, friendships, and jobs. But, with each of those, I learned valuable lessons...lessons that I have taken with me so I could gain understanding and wisdom. Without those failures, I would not be where I am today...and for that, I am deeply grateful.

We must often go through a growing season...we grow through what we go through. The seasons prepare and equip us for something bigger than ourselves.

As I read in 2 Timothy 1:12 (TPT), Paul encourages his readers as we walk through the uncertainties of life. "The confidence of my calling enables me to overcome every difficulty, and my faith in Him convinces me that He is more than able to keep all I've placed in His hands safe and secure."

Trust God when your purpose may be slowed. The One who placed them inside of you knows the perfect time to bring them to fruition. Keep hope while you wait. Your fears, lost time, unforgiveness, shame, and guilt all tell you to forget about your dreams. Don't believe the lie...such as you are not good enough, smart enough, worthy, or missed your opportunity. It simply is not true.

It's time to take your dream out of the deep freeze and let it thaw...it has been frozen way too long. Begin this coming new year by discovering your purpose and unwrapping your gifts — one at a time. They are yours and have been beautifully and perfectly designed just for you.

"When at last your dream comes true, life's sweetness will satisfy your soul." Prov. 13:12 (TPT)

To Connect with Ellie: FB/IG @coach-elliewest www.coachinghearttoheart.com

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

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

**SENIOR CENTER
MENU FOR JANUARY
9 - JANUARY 13**

Monday, Jan. 9
Sloppy Joes on a Bun
Baked Beans
Creamy Coleslaw
Fresh Fruit

Thursday, Jan. 12
Swedish Meatballs
Steamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Pears

Monday, Jan. 9

Sloppy Joes on a Bun
Baked Beans
Creamy Coleslaw
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Tuna Noodle Casserole
Green Peas

Carrot Raisin Salad
Plump Peaches

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Pork Chops

Steamed Potatoes
Sliced Beets
Dinner Salad with Beans
Apricots

Thursday, Jan. 12

Swedish Meatballs
Steamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Pears

Friday, Jan. 13

BBQ Chicken Breast
Wild Rice
Key Largo Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Fruit Crisp

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- A Cornish milkman named Steve Leech was making his rounds when he saw a shop on fire. Using 320 pints of milk, he not only extinguished the flames, but saved seven other stores in the process, earning a "Hero Milkman of the Millennium" award from the National Dairyman's Association.

- An albatross typically spends the first six years of its life flying over the ocean without ever setting foot on the ground.

- In the 1990s, a mysterious soda vending machine dispensing rare and discontinued drinks appeared in Seattle. No one knew who filled it, but sadly, in 2018, it vanished as suddenly as it came, with an explanatory note saying it "went for a walk."

- The first women's boots were designed for and worn by Queen Victoria.

- "Ergophobia" is the fear of work or the workplace. Psychologists attribute the condition to a combination of concerns about failing at tasks, public speaking and social anxiety.

- A 59-year-old man with no previous criminal record held up a bank for the measly sum of just \$1. So what was he actually after? A prison sentence, so he could get free health care.

- Red is the first color a baby sees.

- If diamonds really are a gal's best friend, she might like to pay a visit to the planet known as 55 Cancri e, which is believed to be principally covered in graphite and diamond. Of course, she would also need to bring enough rocks back home to cover the cost of the \$12 million spaceship she'd need to get there.

- There are more historic artifacts under the sea than in all of the world's museums.

Thought for the Day: "I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear."
— Rosa Parks

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SCAMMERS ABUSE GOOGLE ADS PLATFORM TO DISTRIBUTE MALWARE

Victor Sample

So many scams, so little time to report them! Today, the Tech Newsletter I receive every morning warned of malware operators abusing the Google Ads Platform to spread malware. The threat actors are impersonating many popular, free software products such as Grammarly, Thunderbird, Brave, Libre Office and, ironically enough, Malwarebytes – my favorite tool for removing malware.

The threat actors clone legitimate websites for the products they are targeting. Then using the Google Ads platform and “typosquatting” they lure internet users into downloading the malware.

Domain Names are the names of websites, such as “google.com”. Typosquatting is the practice of acquiring domain names that are very similar to the original domain name but spelled slightly differently. At a casual glance, a link to the site looks very, very much like the original.

The scammers/hackers then abuse the Google Ads Platform by getting their “ads” placed above the actual legitimate websites. If you aren’t paying very close attention you can easily be fooled into clicking on a link to a cloned website that looks just like the real website.

If you click on a link to download the software (which you think is legitimate, free software), you actually download malware. Many times the scammer/hackers actually do provide you with legitimate versions of the software, but also download the malware at the same time.

To avoid being detected and blacklisted by the browsers, the cloned websites will actually just be benign websites that just redirect you to the malware site. Since they look like benign websites they are not blocked by the various browsers.

One of the ways you can combat the Google Ads Platform abuse is to employ an “ad blocker”. Most browsers offer an extension to enable ad blocking. By blocking the ads, they don’t show up on a list for you to accidentally click on.

However, beware that many legitimate sites will ask you to disable your ad blocker and some will even bar you from using their site if you are using an ad blocker.

Of course, the best way to avoid being duped by hackers using typosquatting is to always be vigilant. Always, always look carefully at links you are clicking on to ensure that they really are legitimate. And, of course, NEVER download anything from a website without researching the website to ensure that it is a legitimate website.

INVITATION TO SUPPORT LC1505

Guest Editorial: J.B. Howick, Townsend Business Owner

Montana’s towns and cities thrive when their local businesses are free to act under local supervision. But this is not always the case. Throughout Montana’s history, the Department of Transportation (MDT) has been mandated to acquire roads to build a viable and efficient state highway system. On its surface, this mandate is wholly desirable. But time has demonstrated an undesirable consequence.

Most of Montana’s cities and towns now have state highways where they once had traditional main streets. Local businesses grew along those main streets starting from a time before Montana was a state. But with MDT’s acquisition of those roads and sidewalks, the authority to control what happens on those sidewalks shifted from local jurisdictions to MDT.

Businesses throughout Montana have been harmed due to MDT’s oversight of business activities on what have always been public pedestrian right-of-ways. What exists today (MCA 60-6) is a law that was meant to protect drivers on high-speed state highways from roadside peddlers who endanger traffic through distraction and congestion. Today, that law is also used to stop brick-and-mortar stores in town and city business districts from displaying wares and signage to promote their businesses.

A permitting process exists that business owners can apply to for permission to use the public sidewalks, but that process is slow and unevenly administered throughout the state. Some MDT district managers have declared that merchandise will never receive a permit. Further, MDT has brought legal action against businesses that had long-standing encroachments on the sidewalks (such as posts holding up a balcony) who were refused permits when necessary renovation required replacements of encroaching structures.

Simply put, MDT should not be in the business of regulating businesses inside municipal boundaries. LC1505 grants towns and cities the option to develop pedestrian right-of-way rules for themselves. Cities and towns are welcome to continue operating under the original permitting process currently found in MCA 60-6 or, if LC1505 is adopted, they may separate themselves from MDT control and directly administer sidewalk usage for the good of their communities. LC1505 is supported by House Representative Julie Dooling and will receive its official House Bill number and be presented to its first committee in January.

I invite each of you to visit either <http://Leg.MT.gov> and click the “Look Up Bills” button or <http://TownsendHardware.com/LC1505.pdf> to read the proposed law for yourself. If you believe your town or city should have the choice to support and serve its own businesses, then I encourage you to email your support to Julie. Dooling@LegMT.gov, or to myself at KeithJr@Howick.org.

Thank You,

JB Howick Owner & President Townsend Hardware Townsend, MT

FFA LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR

Mikayla Kraft, FFA

Happy New Year! It is so great to be looking forward to having our chapter spend another year with this community! 2022 was a successful year with eight competitions and five opportunities for chapter community service.

We did three overall presentations, one on parliamentary procedure, and two reports for each time we have gone to Nationals. We had our officer election for 2022-2023, multiple SAE visits, and our Officer Retreat to plan the year.

We also hosted Harvest of the Month every month for this school year for the elementary students, held our Greenhand Night for the newcomers, and held an FFA meeting every month.

Our FFA chapter did seven events for the community! Thank you so much for being with us this year and we cannot wait to be a part of your 2023.

For January, we have our District Speaking Competition that will be held in Three Forks on the 20th, and a few opportunities to work at Concessions for our winter sports.

We are always on the lookout for any community service opportunities and ways to make money for our FFA chapter. If you have anything that needs to be done, we would be so glad to offer a hand! For more information, call our advisor Jemma Loughery at (406) 441-3423



FFA Members Photo by FFA Chapter



COURT BEAT COURT BEAT 12/30/2022

Dee Gannon

The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott’s courtroom on December 30 is as follows:

Jeremiah Howe was to have a Pre-Trial Conference on charges of sexual assault but was granted a continuance because discovery is ongoing. His Pre-Trial is set for March 24, 2023; with the Jury trial scheduled for April 24, 2023.

Daniel Hayes’ case was dismissed; as he is now in a Veteran’s home.

Robert Brady was scheduled for a Pre-Trial Conference, but it was discovered that he had missed many sober-link tests. He is to have a hearing at 9 am on January 5, as a part of Judge Abbott’s Law & Motion at Lewis & Clark County Courthouse. His Trial is on January 23.

Turner Kinnick had his Omnibus submitted.

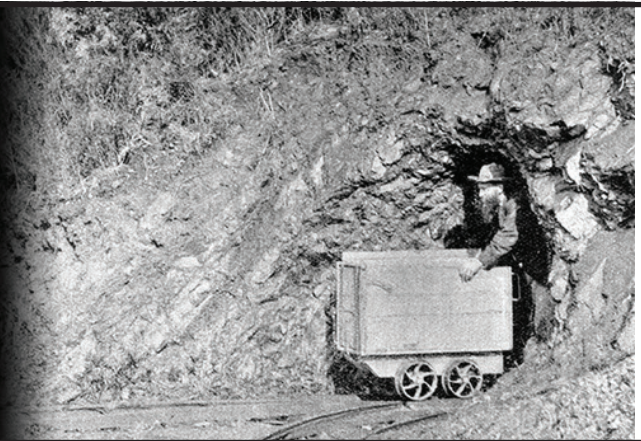
Tanner Russell appeared for Sentencing on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs with intent to distribute. He has already been attending Treatment Court as part of a Lewis & Clark (L&C) sentencing. He is sentenced to 10 years D.O.C., all suspended; to be run consecutively to a similar sentence in L & C County. He will receive credit for time served (to be calculated). He must pay \$80 in fees and surcharges, as well as \$800 to the Office of Public Defenders. He must abide by all conditions set forth in the Pre-Sentence Investigation.

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RADERSBURG: DR. BARCLAY

Mike Castleberry

“...As the wind blows on January 6th, so will it blow for 40 days, never being out of its course for more than 24 hours at any time during the 40 days.”

The saying regarding the weather for a 40-day period following January 6th emanated from Dr. H.B. Barkley, a pioneer physician and weather prognosticator. The Sixth of January, sometimes even today among the old-timers, is referred to as “Barkley Day”.

It is said that only one time during his lifetime in the mountains of Montana, did Dr. Barkley’s prophecy fail. Upon this occasion, January 6th was a fine, clear day, giving promise of beautiful, open weather for the ensuing 40 days. However, the weatherman upset all precedents, and on the following day, January 7th, a bitterly cold wind came down from the north and the thermometer dropped and for the following month hovered generally around 40 degrees below zero.

Dr. Barkley was a Kentuckian who served for three years as a surgeon in the Confederate Army. In the 1860s, about the close of the Civil War, he came to Montana and was located at Radersburg where he practiced his profession and engaged in placer mining. He frequently made prophecies regarding the weather, many of which were published in the few newspapers, to which prophecies he signed TICA—Radersburg. By this signature, he became generally known through this section of the state.

On April 21, 1884, Dr. Barkley was murdered while at work on his mining ditch at the head of Indian Creek. He had gone out alone for the purpose of repairing the ditch and while thus engaged was shot down, his murderer was never apprehended, although several persons whose enmity he had aroused were under suspicion.

His death was productive of considerable newspaper controversy at the time. One Helena newspaper, took the position in a most unusual controversial article, that his passing might be considered a blessing to the community. Following a brief account of the murder, the Helena Daily Independent, April 23, 1884, commented as follows:

“Dr. Barkley was an old citizen of Montana, having come to the Territory from Missouri in 1865. He was a good physician and a gentleman of more than an ordinary intelligence. For several years passed he has attracted much attention through the Territory by reason of his weather predictions, some of which were singularly accurate. These were given to the public under the non de plume of TICA—Radersburg. He was a man of strong prejudices and convictions which often led him into antagonisms. Honest in the assertion of his rights, he was unyielding in the maintenance. Years ago, he acquired certain valuable water rights in Indian Creek, Jefferson County, but he found much difficulty in securing their recognition and was involved in litigation with miners in that vicinity. He met death at last we presumed, in the very ditch over which he has so long disputed and litigated. While a bitter, unyielding foe, entirely devoid of any sense of fear, he was a true friend, faithful and devoted to those who once secured his confidence and esteem. He had no family and no kindred in Montana, but leaves a married daughter now residing in Missouri and Kentucky of which latter state he was a native.”

The “Helena Daily Herald”, of corresponding date, places the murdered man in a vastly different light, saying:

“The violent death of H.B. Barkley of Jefferson county at the head of Indian Creek on April 21 will least surprise those who intimately knew the man. The doctor was an old resident, a physician of considerable practice in the northern part of the county. With some redeeming qualities, he was a neighbor greatly disliked. His friends were few, his enemies many. He was headstrong, contentious and mischief-making. His tongue was unbridled and his temper irascible. Desperate in passion, the victims of his anger were as likely to be shot or knifed, as lashed by a torrent of profanity and anathema.

“A fruitful theme of dispute was the Indian Creek water right in which the doctor claimed interests, and about which he quarreled and litigated incessantly. A year or so ago, in a Radersburg saloon he accosted a neighbor as if friendly, the next moment whipping out a knife and cutting him to kill. In his cups he was abrasive and not infrequently desperate and dangerous.”

“Where he was, says a neighbor, was ‘Hell with the devil present and wagging his tail.’ To a Helena acquaintance, the doctor, in the presence of a Radersburg man once said, ‘My enemies are snakes. I do not fear them. If I could insult them, I would open their jaws and spit in their mouth!’

“He died of a rifle shot spread by the ambushed foe who waylaid and ended his life when the victim least looked for it. It was a cowardly murder, but there will be those who will say that the bullet of Barkley’s assassin removed from Jefferson County a blight, and to a long suffering community, a blessing.”



Dr. Barclay's gravestone in the Radersburg Cemetery

From Broadwater By-gones:

“He was a familiar figure in early history known for his readiness to help the sick and deliver the new babies and even carried dental tools in the saddle bag to pull a tooth or help in any way he could. He had strong convictions and was determined in fighting his rights over water usage and again working for 12 months in the courts to procure the townsite for the people of Springville.”

Editors Note: The Broadwater By-gones mentioned above is available at the Broad-

water County Museum and does have additional information regarding Dr. Barkley and his connection to Springville and Hassel. If you are interested in learning more about Dr. Barkley visit the Broadwater County Museum or contact Mike Castleberry via the Crimson Bluffs Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail. Heritage Foundation.

The Garden Bug

Know your zone

The USDA maintains a clickable public website that provides the expected lowest temperatures of all the geographic areas of the U.S. at: <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/pages/view-maps> It is used by gardeners and growers to determine which plants can be grown in each of the “zones” and be likely to survive the winter there. – Brenda Weaver

Source: United States Department of Agriculture

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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“WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

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

January 5

1939

“City and County” News

Dr. and Mrs. Bayles and two sons motored to Bozeman Sunday spending the day with the doctor’s sister, Mrs. Chalioner and her family.

Mr. and Walter Clark enjoyed a visit last week from Miss Hazel Thomas, her sister, and Mrs. Gene Ernster, who are teaching in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Matthews and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holloway on Sunday, New Year’s day.

Miss Betty Mahony, who in company with her aunt, Mrs. C. Hildebrande of Helena, went to California to spend the holidays returned to Townsend in time for the opening of school.

Mrs. Ralph Domer and daughter, who spent the week from Christmas to New Year’s day in Manhattan with her parents, returned to her home here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kieckbusch motored to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho to enjoy Christmas and New Year holidays. The weather was a little nippy for a motor trip when they started, but fortune paved their way for weather conditions and they made the trip almost like a summer one enjoying the time with Mrs. Kieckbusch’s parents.

1950

“Present Grade School Building Partially Condemned”



These school bond elections have not been called to answer some whim. They have been called because the present grade school building is old, out-moded and inadequate. When there was a fire over there about a year ago, local firemen and other local people made an investigation and reported the building in very bad condition. Ask the man who was the fire chief at that time. Ask the janitors, now, who cannot bring the heat up and be sure of any heat with the present heating plant. Ask anyone who has a manipulation of the plant – its lighting plumbing, heating and they’ll tell you the building has long since served its purpose.

Vote for a new low modern fire proof building with modern lighting, heating, seating, all of which go into providing safety and health.

The state fire marshal has the following to say in his report about the elementary school building. “Owing to the crowded conditions of the building with no fire escapes and poor wiring, we are condemning the wiring in this building for the protection of lives and property.”

The sanitary facilities have been condemned by the health authorities.

The entire heating system is worn out, obsolete, and must be replaced if the building continues to be used.

After careful inspection, Mr. Fred Wilson, school architect, has stated that, in his opinion, the cost of remodeling the present elementary building, rewiring, and installing a new heating system would be prohibitive and unjustified in terms of results obtained.

Again quoting Mr. James W. Carney from his report of March 10, 1949, on the high school building. “I found the electric wiring in the high school in very bad condition and it should be replaced. It is the old type wiring and the wires are too light to carry the load. There is danger of the wires becoming too hot and starting a fire. Owing to the defective or poorly installed electric wiring, we will have to condemn the wiring in the said building.

1961

“Winston News”

At the upper end of Broadwater County we find the Bill Halms operating a mink farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Myles, who for years have raised fine Hereford cattle, have a new hobby – or business – mushrooming in their basement. They have planted mushroom spawn as an experiment.

Feed lots are being constructed on the Quarter Circle J.F. in preparation for commercial feeding of beef cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baum are in the process of adding four rooms to their house. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lokowich, who this past year sold their ranch to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, are building a beautiful log home and matching garage in Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baum and son, Clarence, operate a sawmill on the head of Antelope Creek and, in addition, are gaining a reputation for the quality of the eggs produced by their large flock of Leghorn chickens.

Wesley Diehl moved his dairy herd to the Townsend community and both Hagboms and Cobbans have sold their dairy herds, so dairying can no longer be listed among the businesses of Winston.

As in years past, cattle raising and farming are keeping the majority of Winston folks occupied.

Willard Moe is our post master; Tony Moe owns the Winston Bar.

Sixty-one finds the Winston school going although there is now only one teacher and only a dozen pupils, in contrast to crowded conditions in both rooms fifty years ago.

Mining, which was the original reason for Winston’s being, has dwindled to the operation of one mine this winter. The East Pacific is operating, but only on a small scale. The miners tell us; however, that there is still gold (plus other metals) in them thar hills, and high hopes of getting it out.

1967

“Townsend Business District Continues to Improve with New Buildings in 1966”

Improvements in the Townsend business district continued to appear and 1966 saw three new buildings constructed. Business, as a whole, was probably average or better. These businesses should be commended for their confidence in the community and, in the future, improvements such as these new buildings will help provide better service and make Townsend a better town in which to do business.

The new Husky service station was completed, all but the driveway, when winter set in, but the station itself is was complete and Mr. and Mrs. John Schreiner are very proud. Extra land was purchased for the building and this allowed it to be set back away from the corner at Front and Broadway streets. It will handle large trucks in the service room as well as a car area. Modern lighting also adds to the overall appearance.

A new steel building was completed by the Co-op Supply, Inc., on South Front Street. The 40 x

72 foot building will be used as a warehouse for twine, fertilizer, anti-freeze and lube oil for the local businesses. It is located on the rear of their lot next to the old warehouse. The construction is all steel, with a full concrete floor. It has plenty of doors for convenience in handling merchandise. The expanded warehouse space will allow purchases to be made in greater volume.

Townsend Implement moved into a fine new building late this fall. It is located on front Street on the site of the old 76 service station, across from the Montana Elevator. It is 40 x 70 feet and the walls are of concrete block construction. The roof support is a one-piece steel span, which leaves the interior free of posts. The floor is insulated and is aluminum sheets that have been factory painted. The building is divided with a portion used for shop and the remainder for parts and showroom.

1978

“Drive In Store”

Not so, according to Circle K employees. But employees and customers were surprised Sunday evening about 6:00 when a Ford car backed into the Circle K store, breaking out plate glass windows, and damaging the building structure. According to officers who investigated the accident, Mark Geisser had parked the Ford in front of the store, leaving the car, owned by Tom Long, running. As he was being waited on, the car slipped into reverse, made a half circle, put dents all along the side of a Pontiac, belonging to store employee, Dixie Merritt and crashed into the store.

Investigating officer, Marty Leanhart, estimated windows and building damage to the store at approximately \$1500. All that was dented on the Ford was the front end, ironically enough, not the back. The Merritt vehicle sustained damage all along one side, but monetary estimates on the vehicles were unavailable. No one in the store suffered injury from the shattering glass. The moving Ford also missed the gas pumps that sit in the Circle K parking lot, during the venture.

Leanhart said that he nor Rick Barthule, assisting officer, issued any citations. The accident occurred on private property, and as Leanhart stated, “How can you cite a driverless car?”

“Decoration Winners”

John Ryan, president of the Townsend Rotary Club, announced the winner of the annually sponsored Christmas outdoor, decorating contest.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Koehnke was chosen unanimously by the judging committee (non-Rotary members) as the winner of the Christmas decorations scene. The Koehnkes live on the corner of Broadway and South Maple.

According to Ryan, judging was completed the week before Christmas and stated that judges found the task of picking a winner difficult. Many more homes were decorated for this Yule season and Townsend residents made folks aware of the Christmas holidays.

Ryan stated that the Rotary expressed their thanks to the numerous residents who decorated so tastefully this year, and hoped that next year more people would decorate and make the judging job even more difficult.

The Rotary will give \$25 to a charity of the Koehnkes’ choice for winning the Rotary Christmas home decorating prize, a fine gesture.



1. **Avatar: The Way of Water** (PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
2. **Puss in Boots: The Last Wish** (PG) Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek
3. **Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody** (PG-13) Naomi Ackie, Stanley Tucci

4. **Babylon** (R) Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie
5. **Violent Night** (R) David Harbour, John Leguizamo
6. **Black Panther: Wakanda Forever** (PG-13) Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong’o
7. **The Whale** (R) Brendan Fraser, Sadie Sink

8. **The Fabelmans** (PG-13) Michelle Williams, Gabriel LaBelle
9. **The Menu** (R) Ralph Fiennes, Anya Taylor-Joy
10. **Strange World** (PG) Jake Gyllenhaal, Gabrielle Union

The Classified Ads

PART TIME JOB OPENING

MT 43 News

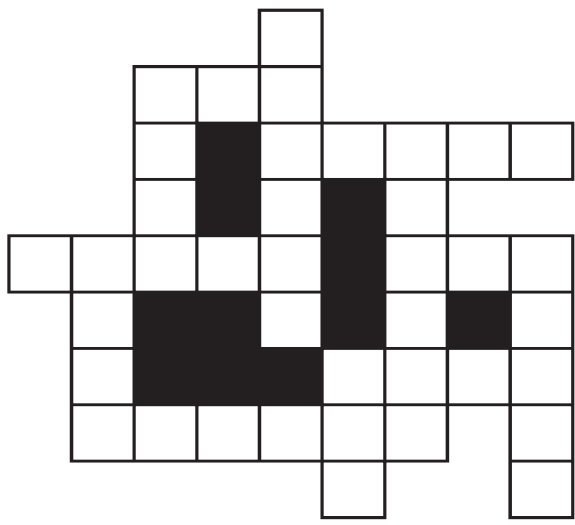
Must have reliable transportation and valid driver's license. Will work 1 day a week; every Thursday. Required to pick up printed MT 43 News papers in Helena Thursday mornings. Papers will then be delivered to various stores in E Helena, Townsend, Toston, Three Forks and the Townsend Post Office.

Pay is \$200 per month + mileage (\$0.62 per mile) for full trip.

Please inquire for the job at our office, 401 Broadway St in Townsend.



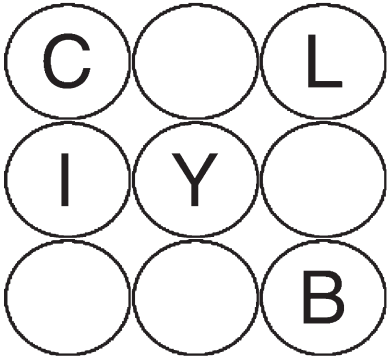
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

WORD SPIRAL



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

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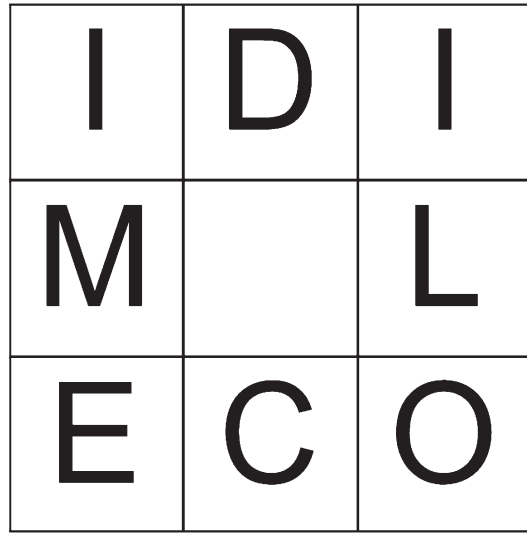
- Who wrote "While My Guitar Gently Weeps"?
- Which song would Elvis Presley always sing to end his concerts?
- What type of music did Country Joe and the Fish play?
- Name Bobby Hebb's best known song.
- Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I lost at love before. Got mad and closed the door. But you said try just once more. I chose you for the one. Now we're having so much fun."

Answers

- Beatle George Harrison, who also sang the lead. The song was written after the group came back from studying transcendental meditation with a Yogi. The demo included a verse that wasn't used.
- "I Can't Help Falling in Love With You." It was also the last song he performed at his last live concert, in 1977.
- Psychedelic rock, circa the 1960s, in Berkeley, California. Think: counterculture, free love and anti-war songs.
- "Sunny," 1966.
- "You've Made Me So Very Happy," by Brenda Holloway in 1967 and Blood, Sweat & Tears in 1969. Holloway wrote the song, but BS&T took it to near the top of the charts, bested only by "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In" at the No. 1 position.

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KNIGHT MOVES

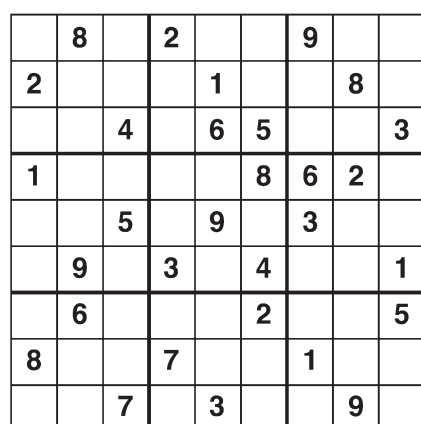


Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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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NOTICE OF EXTENSION & PUBLIC MEETING

Extension to the Public Comment Period for the Establishment of Helicopter Aerial Gunnery Range and Special Use Airspace Restricted Area at the Limestone Hills Training Area, MT

The U.S. Air Force is extending the public comment period for review of the Environmental Assessment and draft Finding of No Significant Impact until January 13, 2023. The EA evaluates potential impacts associated with establishing and operating a helicopter aerial gunnery range (AGR) and special use airspace restricted area at the Limestone Hills Training Area, Broadwater County, Montana.

A virtual Town Hall meeting is scheduled on 15 December 2022, at 6:00 PM MST and will be hosted on Microsoft Teams and by telephone to answer questions regarding the proposed action. Please send an email to 341CES.CEIE.NEPAWorkFlow@us.af.mil for a link to the meeting, or visit the Malmstrom website at <https://www.malmstrom.af.mil/About-Us/Environmental-Resources/> under the Environmental Assessment Tab.

Any comments for consideration will need to be submitted in writing. Email comments to: 341CES.CEIE.NEPAWorkFlow@us.af.mil or write to: 341 CES/CENP, Attn: Katie Rediske, 39 78th St N, Malmstrom AFB, MT, 59402. **All comments must be received by 13 January 2023 to permit the Air Force to fully consider them.**

The EA, draft FONSI and Technical Studies are available online at <https://www.malmstrom.af.mil/About-Us/Environmental-Resources/> or may be reviewed at these libraries:

- Broadwater School and Community Library, 201 N. Spruce St., Townsend, MT 59644
- Lewis and Clark Library, 120 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601
- Great Falls Public Library, 301 2nd Avenue North, Great Falls, MT 59601

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: H equals B

KUJL'X LUO HOXL HYOKOB
 HOMOYJIO LP BYFAZ KUOA
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Super Crossword

WHAT IN THE WHAT?

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| ACROSS | 1 "Pet" annoyances | 7 Dance click | 13 Extreme right-wing doctrine | 20 Polio vaccine developer | 21 2008 presidential campaign coinage | 22 Caine/Ustinov adventure film | 23 SKILglintLET | 25 Scorn | 26 Poem with six stanzas | 27 PUsmackSS | 29 Boob tubes | 31 Born, to Luc | 32 Arab ruler | 33 COSimianRE | 44 "Certainly" | 45 Open with a click | 46 "Star Trek" crew woman | 47 43rd U.S. pres. | 49 Prairie prayer | 50 FORchildEST | 57 Pursues prey | 58 ISP with a butterfly logo | 59 Be in the hole | 60 Like wickerwork | 61 Hobbit enemy | 62 Actress Lupino | 64 Tabriz native | 68 Thin iPod | 69 LAcobraWN | 73 — California (Mexican peninsula) | 76 The Jordan River flows into it | 77 CPR expert | 78 Pas' counterparts | 81 Kafka or Liszt | 83 Freezer cubes | 84 "I'm freezing!" | 86 Fully grown | 88 TblazemMY | 93 Napoli's land | 94 Retrovirus material | 95 On — to nowhere | 96 Member of a sorority | 97 Kenan's sitcom mate | 100 DEVspiritICE | 105 "— to laugh!" | 107 German cry of vexation | 108 Column's counterpart | 109 NblastGHT | 116 Caribbean island nation | 122 Afternoon show | 123 GRcreaseIT | 125 One going in | 126 "Hakuna —" ("The Lion King" song) | 127 Vindicate | 128 Little puzzles | 129 Stage whispers | 130 Neatens up | 13 Shareable PC files | 2 Writer — Stanley Gardner | 3 Those, to Juanita | 4 Enormous | 5 For grades 1-12, in brief | 6 Factor influencing a dermatologic treatment | 7 Blaster's stuff | 8 Circusgoers' cries | 9 Swiss watch brand | 10 Spanish appetizer | 11 "Do I need to draw you —?" | 12 Grilled sandwiches | 13 Went without food | 14 Novelist Sholem | 15 Oxford, e.g. | 16 — latte (espresso variety) | 17 Extreme disrepute | 18 Doll who is Barbie's 96-Across | 19 Bishops' headwear | 24 Peaceful "Avatar" race | 28 Outlaw Kelly | 30 Gives the cold shoulder | 33 Many, informally | 34 "Time is — side" | 35 "Girlfriend" boy band | 36 Lace snarl | 37 Has dinner at home | 38 Less — stellar | 39 Central area | 40 Prior to, in poetry | 41 — tai | 42 Size above med. | 43 "How icky!" | 48 Helpful things | 51 Nada | 52 Little branch | 53 One listening the King" | 54 Reproductive gametes | 55 Wildcat's lair | 56 Lead-in to cone or Caps | 58 Reach a goal | 63 Pappy | 64 Elected group | 65 U.S. Hwy., e.g. | 66 "Caught you!" | 67 "Rambo" setting, for short | 69 More reasonable | 70 Per person | 71 Concept, in Cannes | 72 Crackling radio noise | 73 Very close pal, for short | 74 Onassis or Fleischer | 75 Jam holder | 78 Prefix with task | 79 Non-earthling | 80 Gawkl rudely | 82 Pizazz | 84 Unexciting | 85 Winona of "Stranger Things" | 87 Quick sprint | 89 Casual refusal | 90 "Anna and the King" actress — Ling | 91 Suffix with southeast | 92 Fate | 93 "Caught you!" | 97 Fate | 98 Gas in fuel | 99 Ray of "GoodFellas" | 101 Westerns, in old slang | 102 Univ., e.g. | 103 Louise's film cohort | 104 Over 50% | 106 Hogs' homes | 110 Concerning | 111 — -do-well | 112 "Buenos —" ("Good day," in Granada) | 113 Prefix with tank | 114 Enjoy a novel | 115 Toy flown on a windy day | 117 — Strauss | 118 Exercised | 119 Child's plea | 120 "Bus Stop" | 121 Fruit-flavored drinks | 124 "One Mic" rapper |
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THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY INSPIRES

A LOVE FOR READING

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Dr. Seuss once said, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go”. Many of us know the magic of a good book and the educational value of reading. Now, thanks to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, children are developing a love for reading at an early age. This program has been in place in Broadwater County for over three years and since that time over 220 local children have participated. In 2022, there were 139 active participants, 27 graduates and 1,617 books distributed to children in the county.

The Broadwater Early Childhood Advocates (BECA) launched The Imagination Library (IL) in Broadwater County in October 2019. This program works in partnership with the Dollywood Foundation to provide free books to children from birth to age 5. In 2021, local oversight shifted from BECA to the Broadwater County Social Services Committee (BCSSC).

For the first time since the inception of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Broadwater County, a formal evaluation was conducted in December 2022. The evaluation showed that this program is already making a big impact in the community in just three years by increasing reading time, improving kindergarten readiness, strengthening family bonds and fostering a love for reading.

According to the survey, 77.6% of parent respondents felt they spend more time reading to their child because of the Imagination Library books and that their child spent more time reading and playing with books since enrolling in the program. Additionally, 75.5% of respondents felt that the Imagination Library

has helped prepare their child for kindergarten by improving his/her literacy and indicated their child asked them to read more often since enrolling.

Moreover, 91.8% of respondents felt that their child’s enthusiasm for books has increased since receiving Imagination Library books and 95.9% felt that the program has made a positive impact on their family. On the survey, parents were asked to share a story or experience on how the Imagination Library has influenced their child or family. Here are a few of the ways the program has impacted families in Broadwater County:

“We are unable to afford to just go buy new books at will, and this program has given us the opportunity to receive them anyways. Until my oldest aged out, he got them too, and both the kiddos have always been SO excited to get their books in the mail. Now, when his little sister gets hers, he is still so excited to read it to her. It’s adorable and I love that they are learning to love reading and making these special memories together.”

“The books are so diverse and so global, you really get to experience a small glimpse of different cultures, but in a very impactful way. Now that my son has outgrown the program, we still have books that are our favorites and books that we read over and over.”

“Our daughter loves when we read books to her. She is 19 months old. We read to her at nap time and before bed. It has helped her identify so many things in the world including trains, planes, animals, sounds, colors, and shapes to name a few. The program has helped us afford the chance to help her grow and learn.”

“We love getting all together and having fam-

ily time while reading our monthly books.”

“My daughter’s favorite books have all come from Imagination Library! While we do have a nice selection of other children’s books on the shelf, the first ones she reaches for are the IL books. The stories are unique, engaging, entertaining and educational.”

“As a parent, I enjoy the cultural diversity and introduction to authors that I may not have found on my own.”

Without a doubt, the survey confirmed the importance of this program in our community. There are two ways to support the program by either encouraging participation or financially. The Dollywood Foundation covers the administrative cost of the program while BCSSC funds the cost of books, postage and mailing. The local cost is \$25 per child per year. This is made possible through grants, community organizations and donations. Donors and sponsors from the last two years are the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, Montana Community Foundation, United Way of the Lewis & Clark County Area, Walmart Foundation, Broadwater County Social Services Committee, Town Pump Charitable Foundation, Townsend Rotary, Blackfoot Communications, Don & Chris Hettinger and Mike & Diane Brown.

You can sign up for the Imagination Library at MSU Extension in Broadwater County or online at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/>. Click on “Getting Started,” then “Affiliate Locator” and follow the steps to find the program and signup. For more information, registration brochures or to donate, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Support The Imagination Library In Broadwater County

About the Program

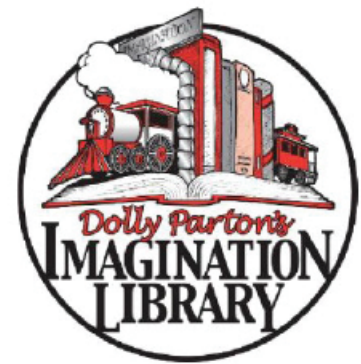
The Imagination Library is a partnership between the Broadwater County Social Services Committee (BCSSC) and the Dollywood Foundation. Every child who is enrolled in the program receives a free age-appropriate book every month from birth until the age of 5. It is open to any child residing in Broadwater County.

In 2022, a survey was done with parents in Broadwater County with children currently enrolled in the program or recent graduates. The survey showed the program is already making a big impact in the community in just three years by increasing reading time, improving kindergarten readiness, promoting family bonding and fostering a love for reading. The survey respondents indicated:

- 95.9% felt that the Imagination Library has made a positive impact on their family.
- 91.8% felt their child’s enthusiasm for books has increased since receiving Imagination Library books.
- 77.6% felt they spend more time reading to their child as a result of the Imagination Library.
- 75.5% felt that the Imagination Library has helped their child prepare for kindergarten by improving his/her literacy.

BCSSC is raising funds to continue operating the program. The Dolly Parton Foundation covers the administrative cost of the program while the local organization funds the cost of books, postage and mailing. The local cost is \$25/child/year. If you should like to sponsor a child to participate in the program or give a general donation, please complete the form below. BCSSC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and all donations are tax deductible. For more information about Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library or to enroll, visit <https://imaginationlibrary.com/>.

To download a donation form click on <https://www.townsendmt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/DollyPartonImaginationLibrary.pdf> or simply visit <https://www.townsendmt.com>



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