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AGING AT HOME - PART 1

Nancy Marks

Aging at home: A Two-part Series.

As infirmities of age take their inevitable toll, people in their seventies and eighties and beyond face decisions on how to live their lives in comfort and safety. At the same time, doors are closing on the option of moving into a nursing home or assisted living unit. Within the last year, authorities say eleven Montana nursing homes have closed and many assisted living facilities are full. Surveys show the preferable choice for most people is to age in place right at home.

Although staying home can be difficult, it can be accomplished with the right support. This is a two-part series of stories about the successes and challenges of aging at home, as well as the alternatives.

Helen Carson Turcotte has a good handle on staying in her home at age 84. Helen is a tall, stately woman with straight salt-and-pepper hair cut in a pixie style. Her makeup is in place, and she wears a cute green sweatshirt with “mom” printed on it.

She has mostly lost her eyesight, due to macular degeneration, and she fights COPD nightly. She no longer drives except for the short trip to town from her rural home south of Townsend. Her secret is having the self-confidence to stay in her own home.

“I come from a strong background of determined ancestors. My mother and father gave me lots of encouragement as a child, and I followed their example,” she said in an interview with “MT43 News”.



Helen Turcotte enjoys a cup of tea at her home. (photo by Nancy Marks)

Helen’s grandfather first bought land in the valley near the Missouri River and on Deep Creek. Helen taught school for 33 years in

California, Great Falls and Townsend where she ended by teaching kindergarten, until 2000. Since then, she has continued to be active in the community. She has served on several community organization boards, and she attends activities of her retired teachers’ group.

“I say the way to be able to age at home is to stay active in your community and have a strong support group,” she said.

Helen said it is important to stay engaged in family and the community. “I keep abreast of school sports, still go to Book Chat with help from friends and read the papers with help of a light with a magnifying glass. I do not dwell on what I do not have; I think about what I do have,” she said.

A friend picks up her groceries and someone takes her to church on Sunday. Just as important, Helen said, is having goals. “I have a lot more in my brain that is now behind me than what is ahead of me. My goal now is to go through my many antique collections to get rid of things I am no longer attached to,” she said. She concluded by saying her best allies are her renter and friend, Tanya, and her son, Mike, who lives nearby. “They check in on a regular basis and that really helps,” she said.

Next week’s article will delve into the alternatives to aging at home.



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MT HOUSE LEGISLATIVE RECAP; WEEK 1 RECAP

Julie Dooling, House District 70 Representative

Day One at the Capitol officially started at Noon with our Swearing-in Ceremony, but most folks were there hours before, finding offices, and desks, getting settled in, and most importantly getting caught up with old friends, colleagues, and meeting new Legislators and Staff. Immediately after the ceremony, there were receptions and meetings.

As the Chair of House State Administration, which meets 5 days a week, I started working on the details of my committee weeks ago, finalizing seating charts, roll call, and scheduling hearings for bills. We started our 1st committee meeting at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning with an agenda of introductions, committee rules, SAVA (State Administration and Veterans Affairs) interim overview, and heard the first bill, HB 81, at 10 a.m. HB 81 presented by Rep Mitchell from Columbia Falls, is “AN ACT PROVIDING



Julie Dooling

FOR A STATE VETERANS’ CEMETERY IN FLATHEAD COUNTY AS FUNDING ALLOWS”. Currently, there are only 3 other State Veteran’s Cemeteries in Montana. This bill was unanimously passed in committee and also on the House Floor.

I also am on the House Transportation and Agriculture committees again this session. We’ve been very busy in those committees too. Currently, there are 4425 bill draft requests with a good portion being placeholder titles, but 362 bills have already been introduced. In the last 2 sessions, less than 40% of the requests were actually introduced as a bill. Many of the 362 bills are Department or Agency bills of varying types, but this session we will see many bills due to the Governor’s Red Tape Relief Initiative to remove excessive, outdated, and unnecessary regulations.

Stay tuned for HB 198 and “Welcome to the House!”

~ Representative Julie Dooling

STOKE UPDATE

Jim Domino, Stoke President

“STOKE (Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge, Entrepreneurship) Update” Hello from STOKE and Happy New Year! We are starting 2023 with some exciting new and ongoing programs and events:

Save the Date!!!! Tuesday, February 14 will be our second annual Valentines’ Day Fundraiser! Dinner, drinks, prizes and a chance to meet Saint Valentine in person! At the Lodge of Townsend. Limited tickets. Tickets need to be pre-purchased and will go on sale soon, available at Reading Leaves Bookstore. \$35 per ticket, the price includes a custom-made pottery bowl.

Free Kids Fun Day at Showdown Ski Area! * Friday, January 20, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM (no school that day). * Open to kids, grades 6 to 12, no skiing experience needed. * Two-hour lesson, rental and lift ticket. * Lunch and transportation included. * Adult chaperones will be present. * FREE, limited to 15, first-come, first-serve. Pre-registration required. Register in person at the Lodge. * Registration, movie and popcorn on Monday, January 16, 2022, at

the Lodge of Townsend at 6:00 PM. Registration includes parental permission and a signed liability waiver for each participant. For more information call Jim or Amanda, at 406-459-9618 or 406-459-7379.

Game Night at the Lodge of Townsend, 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. 6:30 to 8:00, Ping-Pong, Pool, Corn Hole, Chess, Board Games, Movies and Snacks. Open to all kids and families (children under 10 need to be accompanied by an adult)

□ Snapology, Started Tuesday, January 10. Have fun building things with Logos while learning about engineering, physics and other fun topics.

Pottery: Learn how to work with clay, Start date to be announced.

This is just a small sample of what STOKE will be offering kids in 2023.

Call Jim or Amanda at 406-459-9618 or 406-459-7379 for more information about STOKE and our programs. Thanks and hope to see you soon!

COMMISSIONER RANDOLPH CHAIRMAN, RICHTMYER JOINS COMMISSIONERS

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Seats shifted at the Broadwater County Commission meeting on Jan. 9 when Lindsey Richtmyer took her seat at the table and Commissioner Debi Randolph assumed a new role.

With her first meeting in the books, Richtmyer’s main goal is to continue learning as much as she can. Apart from that, Richtmyer told “MT 43 News” that she has a few ideas in mind, but is waiting to see if they’re actually possible.

Beyond learning, Richtmyer plans to find a way to effectively communicate with Broadwater County’s broad age demographic.

As she jumps with both feet first into life as a county commissioner, Richtmyer expressed gratitude to community members for allowing her to fulfill this role.

“Thank you for putting faith in me, and trust in me to help manage the county,” she said.

Early in the Jan. 9 meeting, commissioner Darrel Folkvord nominated Randolph as the commission’s next chair. Richtmyer seconded it, and it was approved unanimously. Randolph then, in turn, nominated, Folkvord as the commission’s vice-chair. Folkvord was approved unanimously.

Randolph immediately took on the role and led the meeting with few mistakes.

Randolph told “MT 43 News” that she is excited to be this year’s commission chair, and commended the county’s employees and volunteers for “steering the county in the right direction going into 2023 and beyond”.

As excited as she is to be commission chair, Randolph expressed the need for the community to get involved and work alongside those at the helm of the county.

“I urge all residents to attend meetings, send emails, and volunteer,” she said. “The future of Broadwater County needs the ideas, solutions, and help of all the residents to navigate the path forward.”

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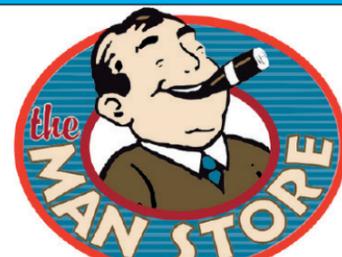
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15	16 ◆ NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 ◆ K-5 STEAM NIGHT - 4:30 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6/7 P.M.	18 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 5:30/7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	19 ◆ BASKETBALL VS. SWEETGRASS - 3 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 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
22	23	24 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6/6:30/7 P.M.	25 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 5:30/7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	26 ◆ BASKETBALL @ MANHATTAN - 3 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING - HARRY HALL MIXER ◆ POLICY MEETING	27 ◆ WRESTLING - COPPER SHAMROCK ◆ SPEECH AND DEBATE STATE @ MANHATTAN	28 ◆ SPEECH AND DEBATE STATE @ MANHATTAN ◆ BASKETBALL VS. PARK HIGH - 1 P.M.



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PRESS RELEASE - HD 198 INTRODUCED BY REP. JULIE DOOLING

Montana House of Representatives

Bill Would Establish Local Control Over Signage in Highway Right-of-Ways

Helena, Mont. – Representative Julie Dooling (R-Townsend) has introduced a bill increasing municipalities ability to regulate signage in highway right-of-ways without Department of Transportation permitting. House Bill 198 protects owners’ ability to promote their businesses in non-vehicle areas that fall into the control of the MDOT.

HB 198 comes from the concerns of the owners of Townsend Hardware in Townsend, Montana, who were accused of violating the Americans with Disabilities Act by the MDOT for displaying flowers on pallets on a sidewalk that fell under MDOT right-of-way. JB Howick, owner of Townsend Hardware, found examples of similar unnecessary government intrusion across the state. He came to realize that legislation was necessary to protect businesses. By increasing municipal control over sidewalks and other non-vehicle areas, HB 198 addresses concerns expressed by business owners across the state.

“I can’t see how any city in Montana wouldn’t benefit from this,” Howick said, “this bill is very beneficial to small towns who can’t necessarily lobby for themselves. This [House Bill 198] is an opportunity for businesses and towns to work together for something that benefits them both.”

Under current law, the power of the Montana Department of Transportation extends beyond prohibiting non-permanent business promotions on sidewalks. MDOT could even shutter businesses themselves that overhang into what is technically highway right-of-way. HB 198 increases local discretion so the local community would have a role in regulating highway right-of-ways in their towns.

Many businesses rely on signage in highway right-of-ways for advertising that is crucial to the success of their business. Highway right-of-way is the only commercial district in many small Montana towns. Capricious government bureaucrats should not be able to arbitrarily limit these businesses’ advertising reach. HB 198 fixes this.

HB 198 is slated to be heard by the Local Government Committee in the coming weeks.



1. Shep and the Limelites are best remembered for which song?
2. Which group started as Billy Lee & the Rivas?
3. Name the group that wrote and released “Shout.”
4. Rolling Stone magazine named a Beatle as Man of the Year. Which Beatle was it and when?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: “And so you’re back from outer space, I just walked in to find you here with that sad look upon your face.”

Answers

1. “Daddy’s Home,” in 1961. The song was kept one spot from the top of Billboard’s chart by Ricky Nelson’s “Travelin’ Man.”
2. Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels. Their first hit was “Jenny Take a Ride,” in 1965.
3. The Isley Brothers, in 1959. It only went to No. 47 on the charts, but eventually went gold from all of the years being played.
4. John Lennon, in 1970.
5. “I Will Survive,” by Gloria Gaynor, in 1978. The song was the mostly ignored b-side on the single (they only took 35 minutes to record it) ... until a DJ listened to a demo copy that he’d been given and launched the song into the world. It took the Grammy Award for Best Disco Recording in 1980.

AGRICULTURE IN BROADWATER COUNTY IS RESILIENT

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Between the weather, drought, market conditions and rising costs, being in the agriculture industry feels like a roller coaster. However, according to the 2022 Montana Agricultural Statistics Report, which was published in the fall, the agriculture industry is resilient and is still doing well despite the challenges. The report is published by the USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS) and the Montana Department of Agriculture with data gathered throughout the year from producers, agencies and technicians.

For the first time in Montana’s history, agriculture dropped from the top spot as the state’s best industry in 2021, falling behind the travel industry, which increased by 64.1%, likely a result of the post-pandemic travel boom. However, the agriculture industry was still strong resulting in \$4.3 billion in production, down only 9% from the previous year. This drop was because there was a major decrease (34%) in crop production in 2021 due to the drought. However, Montana continues to lead the nation as the top producer of chickpeas and lentils and second in the nation in barley, dry edible peas, canola, flaxseed, safflower and durum wheat. On the other hand, livestock production and animal products were up 5% over the previous year.

At the local level, Broadwater County had cash receipts of \$16.4 million for livestock (slight decrease) and \$37.8 million for crops (increase). The county has about 296 farms (increase) with a total of 466,920 acres (decrease) in farmland. The average farm size is 1,577 acres. This trend matches the rest of what the nation is seeing, a decrease in farm size.

According to the report, Broadwater County harvested 12,700 acres of winter wheat in 2020 and 11,800 acres in 2021. Broadwater saw a major reduction in spring wheat going from 14,800 harvested acres in 2020 to 8,900 in 2021. This is likely a reflection of the drought when many growers planted fewer acres in the spring. There was no barley data for Broadwater County in 2021 indicating not enough growers reported. However, in 2020 the county ranked third in the state in barley production by producing 101.6 bushels per acre.

Broadwater County has historically been a top producer in hay production. However, the current agriculture statistics report does not provide county-specific hay production data. The state produced 3.6 million tons in 2021, including 2.6 million tons of alfalfa hay. This was significantly down from previous years, another tragedy of the drought.

In livestock production, Broadwater County continues to see a slight reduction in cattle and calf inventory from 23,000 in 2020 to 20,500 in 2022. A similar trend was seen statewide with a decrease in production to 2.2 million cattle and calves. Sheep numbers in the county held steady at 2,200 which also matched the state trend. Hog numbers, on the other hand, increased to 400 animals in the county. Hog numbers increased statewide as well.

Broadwater County is one of the smallest counties in the state based on area. Therefore, our county may never rank among the highest in number of acres planted or harvested, but it continues to be one of the most productive. We also have some diversity as a top producer in seed potatoes and forage seed crops. We even have a dairy, sod farm and farm-to-market production.

Our high production rates can be partially attributed to our fertile valley and network of irrigation canals supplying our crops. Both the Toston and Canyon Ferry Reservoirs were created for irrigation and are still vitally important today. Local farmers remain on top of current technology and integrate innovative techniques to conserve and sustain the farmland for the next generation.

You can find more agricultural statistics from NASS at www.nass.usda.gov/mt. The MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County remains committed to serving local agriculture producers and providing educational resources and programming on a variety of topics to provide better decision-making tools. Contact our office at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT - JAN 13, 2023

Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk

January 13, 2023

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES			
Evan Linden	Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
Lex Candelario Loza	Deltona, Fl	day speed	\$20.00
Treyes Kantorowicz	Belgrade	No insurance-1st offense	\$285.00
Hayden Binde	East Helena	day speed	\$70.00
Paul Andersen	Montana City	day speed	\$20.00
Shelby Austin	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Audrey Kelly	Helena	restricted speed	\$65.00
Krista King	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Nicole Irving	East Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Lorae Hartman	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Cheyenne Erickson	Manhattan	day speed	\$20.00
Patrick Dietz	Manhattan	day speed	\$20.00
Debra Denton	Ennis	day speed	\$20.00
Kyle Bieber	Powell, Wy	day speed	\$20.00
Jesse Ziegler	Butte	day speed	\$20.00
Jesse Windle	Trout Creek	expired registration	\$85.00
Timothy Twardoski	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Justin Steckelberg	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Shane Reinhard	Oneida, Wi	restricted speed	\$85.00
Randy Roberts	East Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Mark Piskolich	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Landon Porteous	Bow Island, Ab	day speed	\$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES
Brandan Holland – East Helena – day speed, plead guilty, \$70.00 fine.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES			
Austin Walker	Bozeman	expired registration	\$85.00
Logan Thomas	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Joseph Trippi	Victor, Ny	night speed	\$20.00
Mason Van Dorn	Livingston	night speed	\$20.00
Anna Robertus Laurel	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Madalyn Oliveira	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Joe Nix Eielson	AFB, Ak	day speed	\$70.00
Robert McMillan	Belgrade	night speed	\$20.00
Colton Like	Great Falls	night speed	\$70.00
Daniel Klein	Townsend	night speed	\$20.00
Mason Kolda	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Jacob Johns	Missoula	night speed	\$20.00
Clarice Hightower	Billings	night speed	\$20.00
Andrew Forbes	Toronto, Ontario	night speed	\$20.00
Gina Batten	Clancy	night speed	\$20.00
Molly Barrett	Townsend	night speed	\$20.00
George Betancourt	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Janice Ryckman	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Michael Sims	Clancy	night speed	\$20.00

COUNTY CRIMINAL

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MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION
Herman Weaselbear Jr- Probation and Parole Hold, no bond
Herman Weaselbear Jr- 13th Judicial District Court Yellowstone County, No bond

CITY PURSUES GROWTH POLICY UPDATE

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Townsend's City Council agreed to move forward in the process of updating the city's Growth Policy, during its Jan. 3 meeting.

Revision of the policy is well-overdue, as state law requires that the plan be updated every five years. The last time Townsend's was revised was in 2010.

A letter from Jeremy Fadness, with Western Water Consultants (WWC) Engineering, was read to the council, detailing the importance of continually updating the city's growth policy — beyond following the law.

"A growth policy outlines goals and objectives for the city in land use, housing, economic development, natural resources and city infrastructure and services," Fadness wrote. "These goals and objectives are critical as they inform the city leaders on the direction the city wants to go."

The council discussed securing a \$15,000 community environmental enhancement grant to conduct a study before updating the policy. The city would need to pay \$5,000 towards the study, according to Mayor Mike Evans.

"Same as we did back in the old day, 2010," he said.

Councilman Matt West questioned whether the council needed to wait to receive the grant, or if they could continue moving forward with updating the growth plan.

Fadness, speaking via a phone call, told the council that it likely wouldn't receive the grant until fall of 2023, and could then kick off the growth policy development in early 2024. It would then take six months to finalize the policy, he said.



Vickie Rauser told "MT 43 News" that approving a new growth policy would allow the council to be in the driver's seat in terms of local growth, rather than being reactive.

Approval of a new Townsend Growth Policy will require a significant amount of public input, including public hearings, community surveys and more.

The council unanimously agreed to move forward with the update.

Recently elected Sheriff, Nick Rauser, attended the meeting, introducing himself and sharing several of his goals.

In the future, he plans to report to the council about things going on in the city, explaining that the office has dealt with several sexual assault cases recently.

Rauser also addressed the open positions at the Sheriff's Office and discussed officer retention.

"It seems like nobody wants to be a cop anymore," he told the council.

At the meeting, Rauser informed the board that he'd received eight applications for deputies to replace former-Sheriff Meehan.

Despite having empty positions, Rauser spoke about potentially creating a new position in the jail which would alleviate some deputies' responsibilities and create an opportunity for jail employees to advance.

The Townsend City Council will meet again on Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASS NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Commissioners kicked off the new year by passing several new resolutions during its Jan. 9 meeting pertaining to mileage rates, county office hours and commission meetings.

The commission kicked off their resolutions first by agreeing to "adhere to mileage, lodging and per diem rates as set by the State of Montana for state employees" for county business travel.

As of Jan. 1, the International Revenue Service has increased the mileage rate from 62.5 cents to 65.5 cents for business travel.

Next on the list of resolutions came establishing hours of operation for the county's office.

In general, Broadwater County's various offices will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Changes came when passing the resolution on setting the commission's regular meeting dates. Starting on Jan. 18 at 10 a.m., the commission's regular meetings will be on Wednesdays. The commission will only meet on Mondays as needed.

While passing this resolution, the commission added "the current paper of record" to the list for meeting notices, and clarified that working meetings may be hosted in locations other than the commissioner's meeting room.

The next resolutions focused on the commissioner's meeting procedures.

"Broadwater County recognizes the opportunity for the public to observe and participate in the actions and deliberations of public agencies in a safe and civil environment is important to a free society," reads the resolution on Broadwater County Commission meeting agenda and open meetings policy.

The final resolution on the Broadwater County Public Process Policy discussed the behavior of the commission and rules of order.

"Staff members, members of the audience, citizens and commissioners will be treated with equity, courtesy and respect and will be expected to conduct themselves in the same manner," states the policy.

All the resolutions considered were approved with minor revisions.

The next commission meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan 18 at 10 a.m.

NEW PLAYGROUND FINALLY OPEN

Nancy Marks

Residents in the elementary school area of town heard the strange new sounds of children playing and laughing on Tuesday. The new playground equipment at the school was finally opened for business.

Kindergarten through fifth-grade students have been without a playground for the past two years while the new Townsend Elementary School was being built, according to elementary school Principal Christina Hartmann.

The very modern playground equipment was paid for by a combination of several grants, including a grant from Helena Playable Playground Company before the school bond issue was passed. Stacy Sommer organized the project.

Hartmann said several parts of the playground are yet to be installed, including the climbing wall and the tower, as well as equipment for handicapped children and some pieces that were saved from the original playground. A grassy area will be added as well. "The Cub Scouts are building us a gaga pit (an octagonal walled area for playing dodgeball) which they will install next spring," she said.

Americanisms



"Each of us has a fire in our hearts for something. It's our goal in life to find it and keep it lit."
— Mary Lou Retton

FARMERS MARKET ANNUAL MEETING

Chris Hettinger, Farmers Market

The Townsend Farmers Market has completed 12 successful seasons of serving the community by providing a venue for vendors to sell their wares, try out new products, and most importantly, provide a supply of fresh local produce and baked goods to the community.

Join us for the annual business meeting for Townsend Farmers Market which will be held Thursday, January 19th in the dining hall of the Alliance Church at 110 E Street in Townsend adjacent to the post office. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the

- financial status
- participation statistics
- operating procedures for the coming year

The meeting also provides an opportunity to receive inquiries from prospective vendors.

Our purpose is as follows "Townsend Farmers Market exists to provide Broadwater County vendors the opportunity to market sustainable local produce, foods, crafts, technology, art and music".

There are a number of small businesses in the form of Cottage Industry operations or even two located on Broadway in Townsend, who tried out their product at our market, and now are full-time factors in the Townsend economic system.

Contact Chris at 406-422-7933 or chris59644@gmail.com.



1. TELEVISION: Which TV game show features a "Daily Double" to increase potential winnings?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of poisoned fruit does the fairy-tale character Snow White eat and fall into a deep sleep?
3. ADVERTISING: Which cereal features a character named Seadog?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president officially named the executive mansion the White House?
5. MOVIES: What is the name of the most famous Wookiee in the "Star Wars" movies?
6. MONEY: What is the official currency of Nigeria?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs do shrimp have?
8. HISTORY: How many states did Alabama Gov. George Wallace win as a third-party candidate in the 1968 presidential primary?
9. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the human trachea?
10. GAMES: How many suspects are in the board game "Clue"?

Answers

1. "Jeopardy."
2. Apple.
3. Cap'n Crunch.
4. Theodore Roosevelt.
5. Chewbacca.
6. The naira.
7. Ten.
8. Five.
9. Windpipe.
10. Six.

SPEECH AND DEBATE STREAK CONTINUES, CELEBRATES SENIORS

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Broadwater High School's speech and debate team hosted 219 competitors from class A to class C on Saturday, Jan. 7 and brought home hardware in most events.

Kayden Greene and Kykia Mondragon stunned the judges with their classical theater performance for a first-place finish.

The Townsend teams swept the humorous theater event with Sienna Everett and Haven Vandenacre in first, Will Lynde and Cooper Hines in second, and Jonah Wishman and Scarlett McDonald in third.

Cassidy Johnson also earned a first-place title for her performance in the dramatic solo event.

With so many first-place finishes, Townsend was a shoo-in for the overall Class B title.

The home meet marked yet another win for this year's senior squad, according to head coach, Denise Bakkum. "I don't think this group has ever lost a tournament since they were freshmen", she said following the meet.

Everett, Greene, Johnson, Wishman and Lynde celebrated their achievements with their families prior to the tournament's award ceremony.



The Broadwater High School Speech and Debate team poses with their awards, following its home meet on Jan. 7. Photo Credit Eliza McLaughlin / Monitor

DAWGS WRESTLERS PREPARE FOR POST-SEASON PREVIEW

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Broadwater traveled to Harrison on Tuesday, Jan. 3 to duel with Whitehall, a top-five team. Assistant wrestling coach Mike Schnittgen said the results of the dual leaned in Whitehall's favor, but the team did better in Ronan that weekend.

The team chose to participate in the individual portion of the tournament only, which started on Friday, Jan. 6 and carried onto Saturday, Jan. 7.

Schnittgen said JR Harrel, battling through a cold, finish sixth in his weight class. Hunter Borrer placed fifth, Walker Spurlock took fourth and Eric Humphries third in their respective weight classes.

Parker Hunt was injured in a semifinal match and injury defaulted to sixth place.

Today, the Bulldogs traveled to Choteau to face many other class B teams in a tournament. Schnittgen said the tournament will allow the team a state preview experience.

"Typically if kids place at Choteau, they place at state. So, it's a good measuring stick," he said.

Wrestling will continue in Choteau tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 14.

For the rest of the regular season, the Dawgs will take a break from traveling and host several mixers of their own, allowing fans to pack the gym in support. The home matches kick-off on Friday, Jan. 20 and continue onto Saturday with the B/C Duals (in other words, all the teams -- or a majority of the teams) they'll face at state. at 10 a.m.

The following week, the Dawgs will host the Harry Hall Mixer on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m., before hosting the Battle for the Copper Shamrock the next day. This event will also start at 6 p.m.

TOWNSEND BULLDOGS SENIOR NIGHT GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023



Back Row: Kaden Green, Jonah Wishman
Front Row: Will Lynde, Sienna Everett, Cassidy Johnson

Speech & Drama

The Broadwater High School Speech and Debate seniors were celebrated during the team's Jan. 7 home meet. Photo courtesy of Townsend Public Schools

BULLDOG BOYS DROP ONE, WIN ONE

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Broadwater Basketball opened the second half of its season with a rematch against the Manhattan Christian Eagles on Jan. 6, the Bulldogs had faced this team in its first match of the season.

The Bulldogs started off ahead of the Eagles, with a first-quarter score of 10-9. By the end of the first half, the Eagles had tied the score 16-16 leaving it open for either team to start strong in the second half.

It was another close quarter, but the Eagles were able to score one more point than the Bulldogs.

Entering the fourth quarter 30-31, it still seemed like anyone's game. Eventually, the Eagles found their groove and outscored the Bulldogs 20-9. Final: 39-51 Eagles.

Senior, Jesus Garcia led the Bulldogs' offense with 16 points, followed by Ryedan Reed with eight, Ryan Racht with seven and Eric Eichinger with six.

The next day, Jan. 7, the Bulldogs traveled to Three Forks to take on the Wolves for the first time this season.

The two teams stayed neck-in-neck through the first quarter, with Townsend scoring 13 points and Three Forks 14.

It was a high-scoring second quarter for the Bulldogs with the team earning 25 points. The Bulldogs closed out the first half ahead 38-26.

Both teams added nine points to their total scores in the third quarter, allowing the Broadwater Bulldogs to remain ahead.

Three Forks got the upper hand in the fourth quarter adding 23 points to the Bulldogs' 18, but it wasn't enough. The Bulldogs claimed the win, 65-58.

Garcia set a season-high game score of 31 points. Racht was next with 13 points, followed by Deegan Mattson with eight. Camden Ferguson and Eichinger earned four points each.

As of Jan. 10, the Bulldogs are ranked third in the Southern 5B division, behind Three Forks and Manhattan. Broadwater Basketball's next match will be in Boulder on Jan. 14 at 1 p.m., a win could solidify Townsend's place in the top teams heading into the second half of the season.

The Bulldogs hosted the Whitehall Trojans on Jan. 12 after the "MT 43 News" press deadline. Check back next week for the results.



LADY BULLDOGS GRASP AT 2023 TIP-OFF

Wanda Lambott, Lady Bulldogs Assistant Coach

The Townsend Lady Bulldogs traveled to Amsterdam to face the fifth-ranked class C Manhattan Christian Lady Eagles on Friday, Jan. 6.

Anticipation was high, as the Lady Bulldogs worked tirelessly through the holiday break to improve their skills. The last time the Bulldogs played the Eagles, they put up only 17 points the entire game. On this outing, the Bulldogs had 19 points to celebrate at halftime. The Bulldogs would go on to lose to the much taller and more experienced Eagle team, 69-29.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Briannah Williams with 13 points, Ella Begger and Kaitlyn Noyes with five points apiece, and Emmalin Fischer and Kaydence Clark with three points each.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, the Lady Bulldogs set out for Three Forks to battle the Lady Wolves. The Bulldogs had a plan to remain disciplined as they worked to execute their offense and defense. Just five points separated the Bulldogs from the Wolves at halftime, and it was a 1-point game as the clock ticked down the final minutes. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, the Wolves were very consistent from the free throw line and would go on to win the game, 54-49.

Ella Begger led all scorers with 19 points while Holly Newman and Briannah Williams had 12 points and 11 points, respectively. Abigail Wickens put in three points, and Emmalin Fischer and Kaydence Clark each had two points.

Coach Lawson was pleased that the game was within grasp for the Bulldogs and looks forward to the next meeting with the Wolves!

The Bulldogs will host Whitehall on Thursday, Jan. 12, at home. On Saturday, Jan. 13, the Bulldogs will make the trip to Boulder to play the Jefferson Panthers.

TOWNSEND SCHOOLS BASKET FUNDRAISER BIGGER THAN EVER

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Townsend Elementary School's annual fundraiser wrapped up during the Dec. 20 home basketball game and brought in more funds than it ever has before.

Fundraiser organizer Terri Fischer said the tickets, which were sold for 50 cents a piece, drew in \$3,743.

"We have never made over \$3,000 before," Fischer told MT 43 News. "The money will be split equally among the grade levels that made a basket."

The money raised will help fund field trips, rewards and incentives for students, according to Elementary Principal Brad Racht.

TOWNSEND SCHOOL BASKET FUNDRAISER WINNERS

Movie Night - Kyla Simmons

Cricut Bundle - Janey B.

Gift Card Galore - Julie Swanson

Smores Fun - Jessica Millimen

Cozy Christmas - Nichole Brown

Cooler Days Ahead - Harper Rauser

UM Grizzlies - Kymber McCartney

Snowed In #1 - Brent Mikula

MSU Bobcats - Carol Campbell

Snowed In #2 - Allie Bucannun

INSIDE INSPIRATION

EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

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

At the end of December, I asked my husband if he was up for a challenge this year. He looked at me a bit perplexed and said, "hmmm, what is the challenge?" I said, "a typical book has 55,000 to 65,000 words. If we spend 45 minutes a day reading, we can read one book weekly". Much to my surprise, he said, "I'm in". I believe he is on book five. Me, well, I'm on book three...sticking to one book a week.

Why am I doing this? Readers make leaders, and I understand that successful CEOs and great leaders read more than one book weekly. When I heard those statistics, I was blown away. If I intended to grow, expand, learn how to lead better, and gain much wisdom from other like-minded people, then I would read.

I have many books here at home that have been sitting on our coffee table or shelved for too long, and it is time to dust them off and start turning pages. So, I want to challenge you to dust off the books you intend to read and read. Make a list of the things you like, the things you are passionate about, the things that excite you or bring you joy, and the things that you are good at...start expanding your knowledge.

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On a recent flight, the flight attendant sitting next to me on the jumpseat was sharing a lengthy story. This person said, "you have been flying a long time, and I was just wondering how you stay fresh in serving others?" It was a great question, as some may think our job is mundane. I can assure you that it is not mundane for me.

Each trip is different. I have different crews, different passengers, different situations that may come up, and endless possibilities to touch another life each day. I start each day by writing in my journal three things that I am grateful for, and I ask myself the same simple question, how can I best serve my crew and passengers today? I responded, "number one, I love what I do, and if you are operating in your gifts, what you do will never be mundane or boring".

I often remind myself that serving others is not about me. Sure, I used to play it safe, go to work, do my job, and then go home, and it was a bit boring and mundane asking the same question to each passenger repeatedly for several segments in a week. But it wasn't until I started to grow and expand in truly becoming my authentic self, understanding my gifts, and utilizing them to the best of my ability that I could stay fresh in serving others.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mondays 6-8pm
<i>Celebrate Recovery</i>
<i>Meetings held in Mountain Valley Church building</i> 110 E Street
Tuesdays – 5:30 pm Fridays – Noon
<i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>
<i>Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church :</i> 301 N Cherry Street
Thursdays 7pm,
<i>Al-Anon</i>
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 310 N Cherry St



SENIOR CENTER

<p>THIS IS THE SENIOR CENTER MENU FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16 - JANUARY 20</p> <p>Monday, January 16 Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>Tuesday, January 17 Birthday Dinner Baked Cod Rice Pilaf Carrot Coins Bean Medley Mixed Fruit Birthday Cake</p> <p>Wednesday, January 18 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce</p>	<p>Green Beans Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Pineapple</p> <p>Thursday, January 19 Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Garden Peas Carrot Raisin Salad Cinnamon Apple-sauce</p> <p>Friday, January 20 Chicken Fried Steak Steamed Potatoes Sweet Corn Garden Salad Sweet Peaches</p>
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OUR WALK IN FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study, 10:30 a.m. 431-2810 or (406) 241-0042

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

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

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

Trailhead Christian Fellowship, 20 Trailhead View Dr. Townsend (5 mi. north of Townsend). Sunday School and Christian Education, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Services Sunday, 10:00 a.m. 7th–12th grade youth group, Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 p.m. meeting at 407 S. Cherry St., Townsend. Pastor Mark Roelofs.



EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Victor Sample

Employment scams have been around a long time. The scammers typically promise high pay for easy work with short, flexible hours: Make \$10,000 a week working from home stuffing envelopes. These jobs usually require you to invest in startup fees – which of course, you have to get from the “employer”. Once the “startup” cost has been paid the employer disappears or finds some reason that your work is not acceptable and you are always out the “startup” fees. It used to be that the scams were pretty easy to spot: you are NOT going to make \$10,000 per week stuffing envelopes; there are glaring spelling mistakes in the ad; nothing is actually said about the employer.

But, as with all scams, the scammers are becoming more and more sophisticated. They post jobs on bulletin boards and keep the job sounding reasonable. The offered pay is more in-line with what you might actually expect to get paid; they use reasonable-sounding company names; they set up fake websites for the companies that seem to indicate the company is legitimate and successful.

Sometimes the scammers pretend to be from actual legitimate companies. They use “spoofed” email addresses that look like they are coming from a legitimate company. The scammers will set up phone interviews or online interviews using tools like Zoom. After the interview, they will ask you for your personal information like your social security number. They may even send official documents like W-2 forms that need to be filled out and returned. Once they have your personal information they can obtain credit cards or take out loans in your name.

Some of the more sophisticated scammers may require you to buy training materials or sign up for a training class all offered by another company and say they will “reimburse” you for the expenses. Of course, the other company is a fake company that is just there to get your credit card information or maybe a check.

Even more sophisticated scammers will actually send you a “reimbursement” check to pay for these expenses ahead of time, but you still need to make the payment with your credit card. It is all very professional and risk-free – until your bank contacts you to inform you that the check you received bounced or was just a plain fake check.

The scammers may even be using you to launder money. The check they send you to “reimburse” you may actually clear through the bank and you are not out any actual money. But the source of the check was from scammers that are using you to launder the money - and YOU can be arrested, prosecuted and go to prison for the money laundering.

I read about a college professor that was taken in by scammers (not an employment scam, but a scam nonetheless) who tried to cash a check that had been altered (very professionally) and was not a valid check. The whole scam was an interstate scam so the FBI was involved. The victim of the scam was arrested, prosecuted and went to federal prison for his involvement in the money laundering scheme.

Like all scams, your best defense is just to be careful. If you see a job listing whether it’s from an unsolicited email, a bulletin board or even on a legitimate job search site and you think you might be interested in, DO YOUR RESEARCH. Don’t just assume it’s a valid job listing; don’t assume because they have a website they are a legitimate business. Check the better business bureau; check the appropriate Secretary of State office; be very wary of companies that want to hire you without having you come to an actual office to sign papers. And NEVER just pay for training materials or a training course out of your own money. A legitimate company will send you the materials or enlist you in the training course and pay for the training.

ALWAYS BE CAREFUL!

SEXUAL ABUSER SENTENCED

Dee Gannon

Friday, January 6 brought a sigh of relief to the victims of Christopher Hogeweide; who was in court for sentencing on a charge of sexual assault of a minor (common scheme).

Michael Gee, the special prosecutor, entered as exhibits, the victim impact statements of the two underage girls; as well as the testimony of the girls’ mother. The mother, Courtney Morgan, testified that her daughters were removed from her home in 2011, after the incident. Victim Advocate, Brooke Dolan, read the statement of the abused minor, JH. JH is now 17; but entered the home of her Uncle Chris and Aunt Marleen at six years old. The victim’s statement related that she and her sister were forced to do chores; food and friends were withheld; they were yelled at, and heard the adults yelling at each other often, as well. She insisted that the sexual abuse began at about ten years old, with him touching her under her clothes; escalating quickly to him taking more and more liberties.

The attorney for the Defense, Kenneth Cotter, introduced Dr. Robert Page, who is a forensic psychiatrist. Dr. Page said that Hogeweide had two evaluations; the first in May 2022; the second was in September, 2022. “Is Chris honest?” He was asked. “Yes,” Page replied. “Hogeweide takes accountability for forming an unhealthy bond with his niece.” Page continued, stating that Chris had two deployments to Iraq; where he got a traumatic brain injury, and suffers from PTSD. He has a 70% veteran disability (there was discussion of whether it was 70% or 90%) and reportedly, suffers from anxiety and depression. Dr. Page said that he recommends Hogeweide be placed as a sex offender risk, Tier 1 (lowest risk to re-offend), as well as participate in sex offender treatment.

The State Prosecutor, Michael Gee, argued the difference between treatment in custody vs. treatment in the community; saying that Hogeweide’s anxiety, depression and PTSD were self-reported. At first, the defendant denied all the allegations but, after his Change of Plea, he admitted to doing some things. Gee said that the harm to the victim is immeasurable. He asked, “Do you know who else suffers PTSD? Sexual abuse victims! She will have to deal with this for the rest of her life. His service, his PTSD is no excuse for this kind of behavior”.

Judge Menehan asked if Hogeweide cared to say anything in his defense. The defendant said, “I apologize to the victims, and I hope that everyone is able to come to a healthy place”.

Judge Menehan stated before Sentencing, “Mr. Hogeweide was put in a position of trust; he violated that trust. My Sentence is 20 years in Montana State Prison (MSP), with a 10-year restriction on parole. He must participate in, and complete sex offender treatment. If he isn’t able to get into treatment right away, he must stay in prison until he completes phase one; then, perhaps, he can be released. He must pay fees and surcharges of \$80, plus another \$50”.

Hogeweide is remanded into custody to await transport to MSP.



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. **Black Panther: Wakanda Forever** (PG-13) Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong’o
4. **Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody** (PG-13) Naomi Ackie, Stanley Tucci
5. **Babylon** (R) Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie
6. **Violent Night** (R) David Harbour, John Leguizamo
7. **The Whale** (R) Brendan Fraser, Sadie Sink
8. **The Menu** (R) Ralph Fiennes, Anya Taylor-Joy
9. **The Fabelmans** (PG-13) Michelle Williams, Gabriel LaBelle
10. **Strange World** (PG) Jake Gyllenhaal, Gabrielle Union



COURT BEAT 1-6-23

Dee Gannon

The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menehan’s courtroom on Friday, January 6 is as follows:

Sarkis Alikyan had a Change of Plea continued until February 3; when his sentencing will take place.

Julie Humphreys appeared for an Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to aggravated assault, strangulation of a family member, aggravated kidnapping and resisting arrest. Omnibus is due February 24; Pre-Trial is set for July 28; with the Jury Trial scheduled for August 21.

Donald Dewit has his Pre-Trial on April 2; with the Jury Trial scheduled for May 1. He is currently in Veteran Treatment Court. He was arrested on December 30 for violations. His previous bond is reinstated; his conditions of release are also reinstated.

Robert Brady had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to assault with a weapon. In his elocution, he stated that he pointed an unloaded shotgun at his son-in-law; causing fear of injury or death. He will be sentenced on February 24.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT JAN 4, 2023

Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES			
1	day speed	\$20.00	
James Mayer	Helena day speed	\$20.00	
Ryan Meier	Belgrade night speed	\$20.00	
David Michell	Helena day speed	\$20.00	
Brian King	Erie, Pa careless driving	\$85.00	
Canto Coverdell	Fairfield day speed	\$20.00	
Chadwick Brewer	Bozeman day speed	\$20.00	
Noah Sechrist	Helena day speed	\$20.00	
Molly Oconnor	Bozeman day speed	\$20.00	
Alexander Nouri	Three Forks day speed	\$20.00	
Blayne Mcleod	Bozeman day speed	\$20.00	
Emily Macquarrie	Clancy day speed	\$20.00	
Alexander Price	Bozeman day speed	\$20.00	

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

William Dietz – Helena – day speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, on conditions, \$70.00 fine and must enroll and complete Alive @ 25 program.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Nyle Head Sisters, Or non resident fail to have temp use permit \$60.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

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Kyle Altman	Townsend night speed	\$20.00	
Jedidiah Snyder	Helena day speed	\$70.00	
Flint Smith	Manhattan day speed	\$20.00	
Jonathan Shepherd	Townsend night speed	\$20.00	
Karyn Milledge-Farr	Bozeman day speed	\$20.00	
Ryan Merkley	Helena night speed	\$20.00	
Wyant Felter	East Helena day speed	\$20.00	
Daniel Downer	Belgrade restricted speed	\$85.00	
Daniel Walsh	Helena night speed	\$20.00	
Garrit Ophus	Havre restricted speed	\$55.00	
Diane Manning	Helena night speed	\$20.00	
Victoria Gomes	El Dorado, Ca night speed	\$20.00	

COUNTY CRIMINAL

DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

COMMISSIONERS QUESTIONED ABOUT HEADWATERS REST AREA

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

The recently constructed rest area in south Broadwater County has been a hot topic as of late, and the conversation continued during the Jan. 9 county commissioners meeting.

Elizabeth and Butch Barton approached the board during the public comment portion of the meeting, asking why the commissioners had not responded to an email sent to them on Nov. 23. The email was run as a letter to the editor in the Dec. 2 edition of MT 43 News as well.

Butch Barton began his comment period explaining that he understood the commissioner weren't supposed to respond to public comments and asked that the rule be applied equally.

"You don't answer questions, you just listen. I understand, if that's the way that is, let's make the rules equal for everybody," Butch Barton said.

He then went on to explain that the premise of the letter was to understand legally how the rest area could connect to the Targeted Economic Development District's sewer system, since it was not a value added business.

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord interrupted to tell Barton that he was incorrect and that it was legal for the rest area to do so.

"I'm answering your question. You're incorrect," Folkvord said.

Butch Barton questioned where in the Montana Code Annotated it was legal for the rest area to use the TEDD's sewer system.

"That being said, I would like you to provide me with the law that allows that to happen. Because, the law we are reading — my wife and I — says 'if it's not a value-adding business, it cannot be included in the TEDD,'" he said. "So why are we hooking up a non-value-adding business to the TEDD?"

Folkvord responded with the explanation that public safety always adds value. When Butch Barton said that the rest area would bring the

opposite of safety to the area, Folkvord told him that was solely Butch Barton's opinion.

Returning to the question that their email had gone unanswered for more than a month, Butch Barton asked how they need to correspond with the commissioners. Folkvord suggested that "rather than rely on social media" that the Bartons come speak directly to the commissioners.

"There's a genuine idea," Folkvord said to Butch Barton, referring to his suggestion to visit county offices.

Elizabeth Barton, Butch's wife, had a response of her own: "You work for us. ... We shouldn't have to be coming 30-40 miles to come visit with you physically. You should be communicating."

Following the meeting, Folkvord told MT 43 News that members of the TEDD receive financial assistance when hooking up to the private sewer system; however, a non-member such as the rest area will have to pay the full price of hooking up to the system.

The Montana Code Annotated 7-15-4278, sub-section four clarifies that the state's tax increment financing laws — which the TEDD uses to generate funds to reinvest in the geographic area in which they are derived — should be used to "encourage the creation of areas in which needed infrastructure for value-adding industries could be developed." In other words, if the rest area is determined to be needed infrastructure which will benefit value-adding industries, its legal.

According to Lisa Olmstead, the Public Involvement Manger for DOWL — the consulting firm for MDT — moving the rest area to Broadwater County posed several benefits for the organization.

"There are a number of reason why the rest area needed to be relocated — in particular, the existing [Bozeman] facility is dated and undersized with no room for expansion. This rest area will be twice the size, increase parking, and offer many safety improvements over the former facility," she said in an email to MT 43 News.

Additionally, the project's frequently asked questions document explains that the rest area provides all travelers with "a safe place to stop to rest."

Olmstead also clarified that DOWL and MDT were unaware of any legalities preventing them from hooking up to the local utility district.

"We applied and were granted access," Olmstead said. "Ultimately, seems the water system will be really beneficial to that area of the county, and I understand that it was contingent on having a few preliminary users, and the rest area was one of the first."

To the Bartons, the rest area adds little to no value to the Wheatland area and in fact poses several safety threats. One of the most significant safety problems to them is the nearby school bus stops.

In response to citizens concerns for safety, Olmstead said that the state considered local safety in this project more than most others.

"One of the big wins of the rest area is that the state really did hear the public's concerns," she said, explaining that the Headwaters Rest Area will feature the first law enforcement office for the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office and the Montana Highway Patrol to use.

Overall, Olmstead said, the purpose of rest areas seems to have been forgotten. The facility will provide tired drivers with a well-lit area to park, let pets use the bathroom and, ultimately, rest.

The rest area will also provide truck drivers, who are required to rest after driving for an allotted amount of time — a place other than along the highway to park.

Although the Broadwater County commissioners became aware of the rest area project in November of 2020, it was not in their jurisdiction to approve or deny the project.

"The commission had no part in the approval or rest area process. This was done at the state level," Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer told MT 43 News.

While the Barton's are unhappy with the situation in the South County — and the County's response during their public comment period — they understand that the rest area "is here to stay." The couple said that in the future, they hope for more transparency from the county.

The Headwaters Rest Area was expected to open in the late summer of 2022; however, Olmstead said its been pushed back to this winter. Although the building is constructed, the sewer and water system is the final piece of the project, and until that project is complete, the rest area will remain closed.

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BOX OFFICE MOVIES OF 2022

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10. Black Adam

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STAR STUFF

Jeff Ross

My first telescope was a Sears refractor Santa brought as a Christmas present when I was eight. A cardboard tube, barely adjustable for focus with a single eyepiece on a flimsy tripod. I'd asked Santa for a planetarium I'd seen in the Sears catalog that would project the constellations on the ceiling of the bedroom I shared with all my siblings. It most certainly cost more than my folks had to spend on all us four kids.

Instead of a toy, Santa gave me the entire Universe.

My first target should have been our Moon, but on Christmas night, 1964, our Moon was just about Last Quarter. I didn't know that then, of course, I just knew it wasn't there in the early night sky.

But the line of stars I'd watched many times riding in the back of the station wagon on the way home from Grandma Hourt's was. I had decided those three stars in a line were the end

of a bear's nose so this was my Bear constellation.

With no little effort, I got that telescope pointed to the Bear. I didn't know it then but, there, on the prairie of western Nebraska, I saw for the first time what I came to know much later as Orion's Nebula.

That small smudge I saw, with a telescope no better than the telescope Galileo used 400 years before to see the visible Moons of Jupiter, hooked me for life.

It's nearly a ritual now, for me to revisit that moment these many decades later at this time of year. What is it that draws us to observe the night sky?

Cosmologist, Carl Sagan, may have said it best: "We are a way for the universe to know itself. Some part of our being knows this is where we came from. We long to return. And we can, because the cosmos is also within us. We're made of star stuff".

Step outside tonight and look. North lies the Pole Star and the Little and Big Dippers. Cassiopeia points to the Andromeda Galaxy 2.5 million light years away. South is Orion the Hunter, Taurus the Bull, and the Pleiades. With a little luck, you and your children or grandchildren will be along for a ride that will last a lifetime.

With clear skies, of course.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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BY LINDA HUTH

“WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

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January 12

1939

“Gamble Store Has Change in Owners”

The Gamble store in Townsend underwent a change in management yesterday when two brothers, Fred Kapinos and A.F. Kapinos purchased the stock and business from J.J. Schiltz. The new owners have been busy completing the inventory and remarking their stock and intend to lay in a complete supply of hardware and merchandise distributed by the Gamble agency. Mr. Schlitz intends to remain in Townsend and has purchased an interest in the B. Williams mining claims in Hassel district, which he intends to work this spring and summer. The Kapinos brothers are Montanans having resided in the state for many years. They say they are sure they are going to like the mountains and Missouri Valley.

“City and County” News

Jack D’Arcy returned home last night from a trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ragen returned from Billings Tuesday evening after a couple of days spent there.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Green are sojourning in Portland having departed for that western city about a week ago.

Mrs. Paul Carson has been quite ill at her home in the valley since moving here from Virginia City the first of the year. She is able to be up today.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richtmyer spent a couple of days this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. A.G. McCormick from the Helena valley where they are employed at the Masonic home.

Fred W. Schmitz was a business visitor in Helena yesterday.

1950

“Rotary Club Takes Lead to Give Kids Good Skating Rink”

Almost 100 young people enjoyed skating on the rink on main street over the week end. The rink was cleaned and flooded by the city employees at the request of the Rotary Club who planned such improvement program at their last meeting.

Besides asking that the rink be flooded, the club had a small house built and moved to the rink banks last Sunday and procured electricians to light the house and the rink.

Those who donated their labor to build the house and do the electrical wiring were Frank Hargrove, Jack Leanhart and Lyman Etwiler while Rudy Berg and Ralph Simons did the wiring.

The warming house has been equipped with a stove.

“Elementary School Bond Elections Carried; High Lost”

As a result of the elections held last Saturday in school district No. 7 and in the county precincts, Townsend will have the opportunity of building a new \$188,000 elementary school building, but county voters said “no” to the \$187,000 bond issue for the expansion of their high school.

A record vote was noted, partly due to favorable weather, giving rural, as well as towns people, an opportunity of getting to the polls and also it was apparent a great interest was taken to squelch the improvement program, the grade school issue carrying by a small majority of 50 and the high school issue being lost by a large majority of 182.

Out of a possible 650 eligible voters in the district 7, 406 voted, 229 going for the issue and 179 against.

In the county election out of an approximate 934 voters, 594 went to the polls, 206 going for the issue and 388 against.

Of the two school bond elections, the Townsend elementary school is the most needed as the building, already over 50 years old, has been damaged by earthquake, fire and is in a dilapidated state, besides being far too small to take care of the first six grades now using the school and the emergency school room in the courthouse.

Final plans will be made as soon as possible and bids will be called for, for the contracting of the building we are informed today. It is thought the bond election money of \$188,000 will provide ample money to complete the 12 room elementary school building, asked in the election.

In the defeat of the high school bond election, those who have the operation of the school in their management, are pondering the outcome and wondering how they will be able to take care of the influx of students from the elementary school in another year or two years as they pass to the junior-senior high school which is also over crowded at the present time. In asking for \$187,000, the high school board were anticipating securing money with which to make more class rooms in the present building using the present gymnasium and erect a new gym.

The tabulated returns revealed that in Winston there are 23 being bussed in to the Broadwater high school at Townsend, 5 to the grade school, that precinct voted eight for and 37 against the expansion program.

In the Radersburg-Crow Creek-Toston district, which has 27 students coming to the high school and 18 to the grade school by bus there were nine for the expansion program and 96 against it.

Radersburg 6 for, 37 against; Toston 3 for and 59 against.

In the Canton area where there are twenty-two being transported into the high school and 36 to the elementary school, seven voted for and 27 against the expansion program.

1961

“Observe 25th Anniversary”

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert White were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary by members of their bridge club. The group had cocktails at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schreiner Thursday evening, December 29, and a dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Neifert. Helping them celebrate, besides those mentioned above were Mr. and Mrs. Logan Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Poole, Mr. and Ms. Charles Ragen, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Scoffield, Mrs. Jerry Parker and Art Berg.

“Birthday Party”

Monday, January 9, Cheryl Waling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Waling, celebrated her 9th birthday with a party after school. Guests were Carrie Harrigfeld, Lonette Grover, Debbie Graham, Connie Rage=n, Candy Whitehead, Jackie Huntsberger, Pat Huth, Kathleen Mullany and Valerie Waling.

After playing games, refreshments were served to the group by Mrs. Waling.

1967

“Local News”

Among Broadwater County residents employed in the legislature this year are Mrs. Zita Graveley, Mrs. Ann Marie Stiner, Mrs. Ray Doig, Mrs. Virgil Karhoff and Miss Donna Doig.

Mrs. Frank Hooks left Tuesday for Missoula to be with her sister, Mrs. Let Ballard, who is a patient in St. Patrick’s Hospital there.

Pat Ragen, student at Carroll College in Helena, was a weekend visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ragen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Richardson and daughter, Janet, returned home Saturday from a 12-day motor trip through the southwest where they visited Phoenix, San Diego, Los Angeles, Sacramento and other points of interest along the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Zollinger and daughter, who have made their home in Goshen, Ind., the past year, arrived in Townsend last week.

Mrs. Signa Anders arrived home last Thursday from Apple Valley, Calif., where she has been the past month visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mr. Harry Anders, and sons, Joe and Harry Jr. Their son, Mickey, arrived home two weeks ago from England where he has been stationed with the U.S. Air Force.

1978

“Toston-Crow Creek News”

A pot luck dinner honoring Mary and Frank Slifka on their 40th wedding anniversary Wednesday night, January 4, was held at the Toston Community Center. Over 95 adults, and not counting the children, attended. Friends and relatives from all over came by. Happy Anniversary, Mary. and Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sitton and family and Bob Sitton came out Sunday and had birthday dinner with May Sitton. David’s birthday was Friday and Monday was May’s so Happy Birthday to May and David.

Mrs. Betty Madill and son, Devin, of Bozeman were over for the weekend visiting with Mr., and Mrs. D.D. Davis and Darrell.

“South of Townsend News”

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kolberg have returned from spending two weeks in Denver, Colo. visiting with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Antonson during the holidays.

Elaine Hensley and daughter, Diane Ferrat, were shopping in Bozeman Friday.

Andrea and Arden Bruce attended the Townsend boys basketball tournament Friday night. Andrea attended the basketball games in Whitehall Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bruce, Andrea and Arden, attended the games Saturday night in Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lambott, Wanda and Karen of Rudyard, came Sunday night to spend one week with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kitto while Mr. Lambott goes to classes in Bozeman.

Last week, Ray Webb and a friend, Warren Jones of Turner, Mt., spent three days skiing in Bozeman.

Pauline Webb and her bowling team were in Helena last Thursday bowling and had lunch.

Pearl and Mary Kitto were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kitto and Rod, Sunday.



• L.H. in Illinois writes: “Never use a printed paper napkin to wipe off a spill. I once dabbed at a spot on a white tile, which left a stain from the ink.”

• Use clothespins to reseal bread bags instead of twist ties. I buy colorful plastic ones at the store or have the kids paint wooden ones. Keep them handy in a pretty bowl on the counter! — J.B. in Rhode Island

• “Fold little dessert paper napkins into triangles and insert into fork tines for place settings. Lemons and limes in a pretty bowl make a simple centerpiece. Fill a small kids pool with ice to keep drinks cold at parties. — M.F. in Washington

• Before planting anything new in your yard, get in touch with your county agriculture agent to find out about any restrictions. You can also get advice on when and where to plant. — L.H. in Illinois

• When sending cards, attach a return address label to the back so they don’t have to search for the address if they wish to respond. — D.L. in Minnesota

• For dusting, use a clean tube sock and spray with furniture polish, then dust away! It’s easier to get into nooks and crannies. — C.F. in Oklahoma

• “I feel the following is the best way to remove lint from the trap on my dryer. After completion of the drying cycle, take the used Bounce dryer sheet and swipe the screen. Then throw it into the wastebasket located next to the dryer. For loads not using Bounce, take a used one from the wastebasket and use. This puts the Bounce sheet through a complete clothes-drying cycle.” — G.B. from Minnesota

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BROADWATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAS A BUSY YEAR

Jackie Smith, President Broadwater Education Foundation

2022 has come and gone and what a year it was for Broadwater Education Foundation. We started our year by awarding spring grants to three teachers. Molly Hanson requested the "Look n Cook" curriculum to help the increasing number of Life Skills students, at the high school level, preparing them to live as independently as possible as they transition to adulthood.

Anna Shearer filled out an application for four grow lights for use in the middle school science lab, to allow the students more hands-on experiences with learning about photosynthesis, plant structure, and designing scientific investigations.

Denise Bakkum requested the purchase of a classroom set of the novel "Hattie Big Sky" to begin a 6th-grade Historical Fiction Collection providing students with books they may not choose on their own, particularly stories set in Montana, such as "Hattie Big Sky", which opens opportunities for additional research and writing.

For our Fall Grant, we gave out grants to 4 teachers:

Dana Tuffelmire applied for magnetic letter tiles for her K-2 students to practice word building, decoding, and blending, as magnetic tiles provide a hands-on way for students to become fluent readers.

tion or choice, further engaging them towards improving their literacy goals.

Molly Hanson applied for the Widgit Health Symbols computer software, designed to symbolize words and ideas in order to support individuals with language delays throughout the K-12 grades.

Denise Bakkum put in a request for helping to bring Misoula Children's Theater back to Townsend, which provides an opportunity for creative expression for all Townsend K-12 Students.

It isn't all grant business for Broadwater Education Foundation, we also hosted our Trivia Night in March, set up food concessions at the Broadwater Fair and Rodeo, braved the cold and sold soup at the Christmas Stroll.

We will once again be hosting Trivia Night on March 16 so be sure to get your team together and sign up for the event!



Broadwater Education Foundation (BEF) awarded teachers Dana Tuffelmire, Holly Hanson, Denise Bakkum, Anna Shearer, and Andre Tullios equipment and supplies for their classrooms during the 2022 school year. BEF, organized in 2017, is funded through donations and an annual Trivia Night, to be held March 16 this year. BEF officers are Jackie Smith, Judy Gillespie, Jennifer Beatty, and Janell Robischon. (Photo by Broadwater Education Foundation)

Anna Tullios requested "literacy-boosting" board games, to further engage middle school students, who need remedial reading intervention and provide students with more selec-

The Broadwater Education Foundation Officers are Jackie Smith, Judy Gillespie, Jennifer Beatty, and Janell Robischon.

Update from Susie Hedalen, Townsend Schools Superintendent



1/9/2023

Dear Families,

Tonight we will engage in strategic planning!

Strategic Planning - Meeting 2 - Framework and Goal Review

January 9, 2023, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ Community Room

- 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

Updates:

Thank you for participating in the great activities the holidays brought and supporting our school and students. Please watch out for the fun family engagement opportunities you will have in

the first two weeks of the new year! There are also many new Old Baldy Adult Ed. Courses beginning.

There is no school on January 16, 2023 - Staff PIR Day.

There is no school on January 20, 2023 - Day off.

Family Events:

January 16, 2023--- 3:30-4:30--- 63

Gym, Levi Horn: Keynote Speech and 9 Things Successful Athletes Have in Common

This is an incredible opportunity for students, families, and community members.

Levi provides a motivational speech about overcoming barriers. Teaching skills that he learned from failures in his life and the importance of having goals and asking for help. This workshop goes through attitude, motivation, goals and commitment, people skills, self-talk, mental imagery, managing anxiety, managing emotions, and concentration. He uses contemporary coping skills, traditional knowledge, and his story to deliver this workshop. These are skills that everyone can benefit from, learning or going over again.

LEVI HORN PROFILE:

I am an enrolled Northern Cheyenne, and I use my story to empower youth to reach for their dreams. I intertwine traditional knowledge, sports, and counseling techniques to instill coping skills into participants' lives.

Levi Horn Education & Experience:

- Rogers HS 01-05
- U of Oregon 05
- U of Montana 06-09
- Chicago Bears 10-12
- Min. Vikings 13

January 17, 2023---5:00-7:00--- STEAM Night & Potato Bar at the Townsend Elementary School
Thank you to the Foth Farm for providing the potatoes!

Theme: Cattle, Crops & Country

Construction:

Phase II of the construction project is complete, and it is incredible how much space it adds.

We have a functioning hallway connecting the school buildings and library and will no longer be traveling through P.E. classes in the multipurpose room. There will be a sensory room for students with sensory needs or PT. Mr. Racht will have an office closer to the middle school, and other staff will be moving into that wing, such as IT.

Join us for STEAM Night to see this great space and meet some of our new teachers and staff. We are still working on adjusting temperatures throughout the building with the latest HVAC systems purchased through ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds; thank you for your patience when you visit.

The elementary playground is open, and as you know, the new drop-off and pick-up plans are in place. Phase III, two additional classrooms, has broken ground and will be completed in June of 2023.

Service:

We would also like to thank Kay Ingalls for her years of service as a librarian in the Community! Stay tuned for information on her Retirement Celebration!

Support:

We are working to support all families in need and remove barriers at the school. Please reach out to our coordinators if you have students or families we can support:

- Mrs. Bleile has been appointed as the Military Family Liaison
 - Mrs. Hartmann is the Homeless Family Point of Contact
 - Mrs. Hedalen is the Foster Care Point of Contact
- Please reach out to set up a meeting or call me with any questions, concerns, or input!

Thank you,
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