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AGING AT HOME - PART 2: ALTERNATIVES

Nancy Marks

Aging at home is a two-part Series.

Families who can no longer care for an aging parent or other loved one in their own home have alternatives to consider. This is the second of a two-part series on how people in their declining years live out their lives. Last week we



Angie Brakefield, Billings Clinic (Photo by Nancy Marks)

explored the much-preferred choice of aging at home. This week we look at several alternatives.

A transitional stay-home first step could be help from the Community Paramedicine Program offered by Billings Clinic-Broadwater to meet needs of seniors and newly recovering surgery patients. It is the first program of its kind in the regional Billings Clinic's system of six satellite hospitals in Montana and two in Wyoming. The six-month-old program is



Tiffany Rausser, Silver Springs (Photo by Nancy Marks)

administered by Angie Brakefield, a former emergency medical technician who has extensive training in preventative care and patient advocacy.

"I have 12 at-home patients currently for whom I do weekly check-ins, arrange laboratory work and vaccinations and set up follow-up doctors' appointments as well as arrange for home health assessments. Essentially, I bridge the gap between the patient and their doctors. The program works as an extension of their health care, so they do not end up back in the hospital," she explained. Brakefield emphasizes the importance of at-home seniors staying healthy.

Townsend's stay-at-home seniors are also lucky to have the Meals on Wheels program offered by Townsend Senior Center. Site Manager and chef Carol Anderson for 33 years, cooks and has delivered around 35 meals five days a week. The program is funded by Rocky Mountain Development Council with federal, state and county funding. Seniors who are able can eat at the Center as well.

So many times, being alone at home is too hard to manage. One answer to that is moving into an assisted living facility. Tiffany Rausser, administrator of Silver Springs Assisted Living on the south side of Townsend, explained the prerequisites for being a resident. "They



Carol Anderson, Sr. Center (Photo by Nancy Marks)

tor of Serenity Point, the assisted living facility just east of Townsend. She and her husband Brian bought it in 2016 and completely remodeled it. With a 20-year background in nursing, long-term care and home health, Heather works to give residents a home atmosphere with enticing meals and interesting activities. "Offering interesting activities is hard; many residents just do not care for group activities. We do not try to make them participate, just encourage them to do so,"

she said.

Heather encourages family involvement. "It makes such a huge difference. To get a phone call or see a familiar face really brightens the residents' faces," she said. Heather said their facility is almost full. A major problem is finding staff to work, so they pretty much run the facility with the help of family and hired night staff. "We offer a pretty good wage and will train a new employee. Applicants do not need any certification," she said.

For people with disabilities such as having had a severe stroke or chronic disease that require skilled nursing care,



Heather LaCotta, Serenity Point (Photo by Nancy Marks)

Now seeds are just dimes to the man in the store, and dimes are the things he needs; And I've been to buy them in seasons before, but have thought of them merely as seeds. But it flashed through my mind as I took them this time "You have purchased a miracle here for a dime! You've a dime's worth of power no man can create, You've a dime's worth of life in your hand! You've a dime's worth of mystery, destiny, fate, Which the wisest cannot understand. In this bright little package, now isn't it odd? You've a dime's worth of something known only to God." — Edgar A. Guest



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must be able to walk with assistance, be able to bathe and dress with some assistance or be able to transfer from a wheelchair with assistance. We have six nice rooms available now for either men or women. We serve healthy meals and have all kinds of daily activities. Our staff members try to beat the blues with personal contact and building relationships with our residents," she explained.

Townsend has a full-service nursing home at Billings Clinic-Broadwater. Director of Ancillary Services Justin Tiffany said the hospital is "pretty full" but has a waiting list for those interested in long-term care. "Keeping our nursing home open is very important to us. We want to support Broadwater County residents who need the services," he said. The facility currently has twelve residents.

Heather Baum LaCotta is the administra-

The Garden Bug

Feeding birds in winter

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Sources: almanac.com, birdwatchersdigest.com



ICE FLOES EARLY ON THE RIVER

Dee Gannon

Avid outdoorsmen and curious onlookers have been watching the river by the trestle the last few days, waiting for the ice to break and the river to resume flowing.



Ice flowing toward an ice dam (Photo by Dee Gannon)

Dann Clason, one of those curious outdoorsmen, has been parked by the river to wait and watch. "This is the earliest I've seen it move; all the rain and warm temperatures have a lot to do with it. It's at least 6 weeks early. In 2021, it broke on March 2. I know, I was there."

To see and hear Mother Nature in this way is amazing. The ever-changing ice flow; huge chunks of ice coming down the river, banging into the already stopped ice dam, standing up on end as if building a house of cards. Hundreds of pounds of ice, with hundreds (if not thousands) of pounds of pressure pushing these ice "islands" down the river. The sound it makes when those chunks hit the ice dam is like a hundred cars crashing into one another. Watch long enough, and you will see chunks disappear under the dam. If you are there at the right time, you can see that same chunk reappear on the other end.

Wildlife is there to take part. Whistler ducks are on the river, seemingly playing tag with the chunks.



Ice dam forming (Photo by Dee Gannon)

As of January 16, 2 pm, the side channel is wide open, but with cooler temps at night, that could change. Those huge blocks come down and stuff it right up again. Which is exactly what is happening at the trestle. The water seeps up through the ice, weakening it; the river runs again. Then, as soon as it slows, ice builds back up. There may be more than one ice out this year; after all, it is only mid-January. The warmer temps we have been enjoying are probably going to change in Febrrrrrary (sic).

If you haven't had a chance, head on down to the river and see what's up. If you are lucky, you'll get to enjoy a side of Mother Nature only visible for a short time.

TREE BOARD RECEIVES GRANT TO REMOVE 10 HAZARD TREES

Patrick Plantenberg, Tree Board

The Townsend Tree Board received a grant from the Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association (MUCFA) for \$10,650 to remove 10 large hazardous trees in Broadwater County. The Tree Board must pay \$3,550 as a match for the grant. Eight of the trees were hybrid cottonwoods (*Populus spp.*) planted west of the 4H Building at the Fairgrounds by Elaine Gravelly and crew many years ago (See Photo 1). The large trees averaging over 32 inches in diameter at breast height have been dying and many large dead branches had been pruned at least twice by the Tree Board over the last 10 years. Last year, many branches broke off the cottonwoods in a windstorm during the rodeo.

The other two hazard trees were white cottonwoods (*Populus alba*) in the playground at Heritage Park (See Photo 2). The Tree Board has pruned those two trees a couple of times over the years trying to reduce the risk of a branch falling and injuring a child in the play-



Seven of the eight large hazard trees removed at the Fairgrounds west of the 4H Building (Photo by Pat Plantenberg)



Two large white cottonwoods being removed in the Heritage Park Playground (Photo by Pat Plantenberg)

ground. The grant finally gave the Tree Board a chance to remove the trees. Hybrid and white cottonwoods should not be planted in locations where damage can occur to buildings, fences, cars, and people. The City of Billings recently had to pay a million dollars for an injury to an adult when a large cottonwood branch crushed him while he was sitting at a picnic table in a city park under the tree.

ProRover Tree Service based out of Billings, Montana was awarded the contract work and was in town January 9-13 to remove the trees. Patrick Riedl of ProRover has been an arborist for 40 years. He said the one white cottonwood with a diameter of 59 inches at breast height was the largest white cottonwood he had ever removed.

Tree Board members housed and fed the

contractors while they were in town. The Tree Board negotiated a deal with the contractor to help with the removal work in exchange for the removal of another two large hazard trees in town. Volunteers included Patrick Plantenberg, Mary and Tony Mistek, Judy Schenk, and Paul Vogl. The Tree Board loaded the large wood that could not be chipped by the contractor and hauled it to the landfill. To date, 16 trailer loads have been transported. The Tree Board also is doing the final detailed cleanup at the sites.

ProRover will return January 17-20 to grind the stumps at the Fairgrounds and remove the two additional large trees. One of the trees is a large white cottonwood at 404 S. Cedar and the other is a large hybrid cottonwood near the gate in McCarthy Park. The volunteer work by the Tree Board is saving the city at least \$3,000.

The Tree Board matching \$3,550 will come from a \$2,000 PILT grant from Broadwater County and from Tree Board trees sales and donations for Tree Board planting and pruning services conducted for private citizens.

The City of Townsend Tree Board has been an active member of MUCFA for many years.

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EXTENSION OFFICE ORGANIZES ANNUAL CROP SCHOOL

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

A tradition for many years in Broadwater County is the annual Crop School which takes place at Headwaters Livestock Auction at the southern end of the county. This year the program is on Wednesday, February 15th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The program focus this year is soil health and is partially funded by a grant from the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (WSARE) program through the United States Department of Agriculture. The purpose of WSARE is to support programs for agricultural producers and professionals to learn about sustainable agricultural concepts and techniques. Programs should meet one or more of the WSARE goals which include satisfying human food and fiber needs, enhancing environmental quality, making the most efficient use of nonrenewable and on-farm resources, sustaining the economic viability of agriculture operations and their communities, and enhancing the quality of life for farmers and ranchers. Healthy soil is a critical component of a productive and sustainable agriculture operation and addresses several of the WSARE goals. It provides the basis for plant health, nutrient exchange, animal productivity, water quality and more.

This year's Crop School features a couple of presenters to discuss several components of soil health. The main speaker is Anthony Bly, a Soils Health Specialist from South Dakota State University Extension. Mr. Bly will discuss the basic principles of soil health in addition to how manure can be used as a fertilizer. He will share his research in addition to practical experience from his own farming operation. Additionally, Franck Groeneweg, owner of Living Sky Grains, a farming operation in southern Broadwater County will discuss how he has integrated soil health principles into his operation, changes he has seen, and recommendations for growers who want to start improving soil health.

In addition to soil health, the program also features Mat Walter, MSU Extension Agent for Lewis & Clark County, who will discuss how water quality affects pesticide use and Chris Caron, MSU Research Associate who will provide a cropland insect update for grasshoppers, alfalfa weevils and wireworms.

Crop School is a multi-county program through MSU Extension, coordinated by county offices in Broadwater, Gallatin and Madison/Jefferson Counties. Pesticide education credits will be offered. The event includes a free lunch catered by The Rancher's Table and sponsored by Rocky Mountain Supply, Headwaters Flying Service, Ag Depot, Circle S Seeds and Harrison Elevator.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 31st to MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu.

Stay up-to-date on programs offered in Broadwater County at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/broadwater/>.

Upcoming programs are listed on the left side of the page. You have an option on the page to sign-up for the email list if desired.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Research has shown that girls and women who watched the TV series "The X-Files" were more likely to believe in the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and to encourage their own daughters and granddaughters to pursue careers in those fields — something called "The Scully Effect" after the series' female main character, Dana Scully.

BROADWATER LIONS CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL PERCH DERBY

Kim Kondelik, Broadwater Lions Club



Thirty-Eight years ago the Broadwater Lions Club and the Townsend Rotary Club hosted the first Canyon Ferry Lake Perch Derby. The Lions Club hosted the individual tournament on Saturday and the Rotary Club hosted the team tournament on Sunday.

The initial Perch Derby, held in 1985, was a big success and has continued to be a great winter event – except for the years when the ice was not safe enough to venture out.

In 1994 the Broadwater Lions Club took over running the entire 2-day tournament and have continued hosting the tournament for the last 29 years!

This year the tournament will be held on Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29.

Saturday is the Individual tournament with Adult, Child and the new "Wee" divisions. The entry fee is \$10 for children under 14 and \$20 for 14 and above. The prize money will be a 60% payout of the entry fees (after expenses).

Sunday is the Team Event where each team must have 3 members. The fee for the team event is \$90.00 per team. The prize money will be a 60% payout of the entry fees (after expenses) PLUS an added \$1200 donated by local organizations. All team members are to be at Silo's KOA and checked in by 7:30 a.m.!

In addition to the fishing derby itself, there will be a Calcutta Auction on Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 pm at the Fishtale Tavern.

For both days, the Perch Derby Headquarters and Weigh-In will at Townsend/Silo's KOA.

For more information about the 2023 Broadwater Lions Club Perch Derby contact Kim Kondelik at (406)-949-2011 or email at kkondelik@yahoo.com.

Rules for the Perch Derby and the Entry Form for the Derby can be downloaded at <https://townsend-mt.com>



1. **Avatar: The Way of Water** (PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
2. **M3GAN** (PG-13) Allison Williams, Violet McGraw
3. **Puss in Boots: The Last Wish** (PG) Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek
4. **A Man Called Otto** (PG-13) Tom Hanks, John Higgins
5. **Black Panther: Wakanda Forever** (PG-13) Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o
6. **Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody** (PG-13) Naomi Ackie, Stanley Tucci
7. **The Whale** (R) Brendan Fraser, Sadie Sink
8. **Babylon** (R) Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie
9. **Violent Night** (R) David Harbour, John Leguizamo
10. **The Menu** (R) Ralph Fiennes, Anya Taylor-Joy

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- Pentheraphobia is the fear of your mother-in-law. There, folks, you now have an official name for it.

- In 2006, actor William Shatner, beloved by "Star Trek" fans as Captain James Tiberius Kirk, sold his kidney stone, complete with stent and string, to a casino for \$25,000. While Shatner retained "visitation rights," the complete proceeds were donated to Habitat for Humanity.

GRAYMONT GRANT RECEIVED FOR FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter



From left to right- Tayla Snapp, Lisa Larson, John Rauser, Paul Liner, Steve Bugni, Jessica Erickson and Karen Noyes

Broadwater County's fairgrounds will receive some improvements after the county fair board received a \$28,200 grant from the Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund.

Allison Kosto, the MSU extension agent at the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County, told MT 43 News that the fair board would receive the funds in two installments over the next two years.

Fair board members announced in a Graymont press release that the money would be used to upgrade the lighting in the 4-H building, the Commercial Building and the Roping Barn to LEDs, which are brighter and more energy efficient. The 4-H building will receive a little extra attention with improvements to its furnace and ceiling units.

"The funds from this Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund grant are allowing us [the fair board] to improve our energy efficiency for our community," read the press release. "These upgrades will hold a positive impact on our community, making the building more efficient, comfortable and inviting to the public.

Paul Liner, Graymont Indian Creek Plant Manager, told MT 43 News that 13 grant applications were received, but the fair board's immediately stuck out.

"When this fund was announced, I immediately thought the fairgrounds would be a great candidate to update utilities and have an impact that would benefit many people in Broadwater County," Liner said in the press release. "I know the selection committee had a difficult job deciding the recipients, but I think they made a great choice."

This grant program — in its inaugural year — was intended to promote and assist projects that benefit the community and reduce carbon footprints.

The upgrades to the fairgrounds, according to a fair board statement, will not only reduce their carbon footprint but also their utility costs. This will be of benefit to the board's "small budget."

John Rauser, an employee of Graymont and a member of the Broadwater County Fair Board, said in the press release that he was proud to be associated with both organizations. He too thought this project was deserving of the funds since the fairgrounds are used "anywhere from two to five times per week."

Broadwater County Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer shared this sentiment in the press release and added that the projects will better the fairground experience: "The renovations provide an improved experience for current users of the fairgrounds as well as encourage new attendance and use."

Jessica Erickson, County Extension Assistant, was unavailable for comment before MT 43 News' press deadline.

- Whack, zoom, out of the way! A table tennis ball can travel off the paddle at a speed of 105.6 mph.

- All of the world's pandas are technically owned by China. The country leases them to zoos in an act called panda diplomacy.

- Ever dreamed of being a swash-buckling buccaneer? Try attending MIT, where after completing courses in pistol shooting, fencing, archery and sailing, undergraduates can earn a bona fide Pirate Certificate. (Note: For entertainment purposes only!)

TOWNSEND SCHOOL BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN AND GOLF

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Townsend School District administrators were in meetings night after night last week, planning for the future and increasing opportunities for students right now.

Admin, teachers and members of the community gathered Monday, Jan. 9 for the second round of discussions concerning the district's 2023-28 strategic plan, this time focusing on re-establishing clear goals.

The strategic plan features four goal areas that will guide administrators' decisions moving forward. These goal areas are quality education, community partnerships, a favorable learning environment and staff teamwork and excellence.

Shaun Scott, member of the Townsend School District's Board of Trustees, led the meeting and encouraged participants to "think both inside, and outside the box" as they broke out into groups to discuss the various goals.

Despite working separately from each other, all the groups focused on one problem preventing them from achieving their outlined goals: time.

In terms of providing students with a quality education, teachers questioned how they would have time to meet together to ensure lesson material progressed and was not repeated through various grade levels. For staff teamwork and excellence, participants wondered when they would be able to spend time together to build unity.

Solving the district's recruiting and retention issues were also a main point of discussion. To do so, teachers advocated that smaller class sizes and a shorter school week could attract more applicants. But even with those elements, participants voiced concerns that there wasn't affordable housing available for new employees. The idea of district-provided housing stipends or district-owned employee housing was proposed to the group.

At the next meeting, scheduled for Feb. 13 at 6 p.m., Scott said the group will shift to revise the draft goals and will gain an understanding of the "key points of educational strengths and/or concerns presented by the administration".

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the district's administrators were back at it again with a school board meeting.

During the meeting, the board was asked to consider adding golf to the list of junior high sports programs. Dan Hazlett, a K-5 PE teacher for the district, told the board that involvement in the Townsend Youth Golf Club program has gradually increased over the years. According to Hazlett, 23 golfers came out for the 2022 season, compared to just 15 the year before.

High School Principal, Sheri Heavrin, added that a middle school program would "feed" the high school program and make it stronger. Additionally, Heavrin said, when kids participate in an extracurricular activity, they're held more accountable for their academic eligibility.

The board approved golf at the junior high level unanimously. The program will be available to both boys and girls starting in sixth grade.

With the addition of the program, the board also committed to paying two coaching stipends in the amount of \$1,455 each, per season.

The board will meet again on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m.



TOWNSEND/CANYON FERRY LAKE KOA WINS AWARDS

Nancy Marks

Kampgrounds of America (KOA) has awarded the 2023 KOA President's Award and Founder's Award to Townsend/Canyon Ferry Lake KOA near the Silos area on the Lake. Debbie Blagg said she was pleased to learn she and her husband, Justin, had won the award for all their work in adding landscaping, cleaning up the area and increasing safety by changing the traffic flow through the main campground. "It was a nice surprise to win the award," she said.



Debbie and Justin Blagg celebrate their second year owning Townsend-Canyon Ferry KOA (Photo by Nancy Marks)

The family-friendly public campground which the Blaggs took over in December 2020, includes seven cabins and one recreational vehicle for rent. The cabins will have bedding and linens and are right nearby the public toilets. A washer and dryer facility, also open to the public, is in the store building. They have added an upgrade with a water and electric kiosk for the tent section.

Debbie has also upgraded the campground store with Montana-made items and high-quality ice fishing supplies. "That way fishermen do not need to go to Helena or Bozeman to find what they need," she said.



Debbie shows off a two room cabin open year around and available for rent. (Photo by Nancy Marks)

Debbie also serves takeout breakfast and lunch until 7:00 p.m. on weekends.

The KOA Founder's Award was named in honor of founder, Dave Drum. Drum built his first campground on the Yellowstone River in Billings in 1962, according to a KOA press release. The award is given to campgrounds for "high quality in customer service and quality standards". The President's Award goes to campgrounds that meet exceptional standards as shown by customer survey scores.

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23-Jan: "YOLO: Silver Destiny" (Season 2) — HBO Max

23-Jan: "Minions: The Rise of Gru" (PG) — Netflix

24-Jan: "How I Met Your Father" (Season 2) — Hulu

25-Jan: "Extraordinary" (Season 1) — Hulu

26-Jan: "Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, A Journey, A Song" (Documentary) — Netflix

26-Jan: "The 1619 Project" (Docuseries) — Hulu

26-Jan: "Poker Face" (Season 1) — Peacock

27-Jan: "Shrinking" (Season 1) — AppleTV+

27-Jan: "You People" (R) — Netflix

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ROTUNDA ROUNDUP FROM MONTANA FARMERS UNION

Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Government Affairs Director

The following is a weekly update of the Montana Farmers Union's involvement in the Montana Legislative Session. MFU is the state's largest and oldest grassroots farm advocacy organization representing family farms and has worked for more than 100 years on behalf of Montana farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

The Montana Farmers Union Legislative Team continued advocating on behalf of Montana's family farmers and ranchers and rural communities during the second week of the Montana Legislative Session, supporting bills that would revise livestock reimbursement values and increase barley research opportunities, among others.

"Montana's family farmers, ranchers, and our rural communities are the backbone of our state. To ensure that those voices are always heard and that we keep agriculture at the top of the conversation, family farmers, ranchers, and all who live in rural areas need to tell their stories, communicate with their State Senators and Representatives, and get engaged in the legislative process," said Rachel Prevost, MFU's government affairs director.

"What happens at the legislature has a direct impact on our rural communities and all the services they provide, which we want to be sustainable and successful for generations to come," Prevost added.

Saying that HB 31 is an avenue for research on barley varieties and an opportunity to further the research possible, MFU spoke in support of the bill, which is sponsored by Rep. Ross Fitzgerald and would revise laws related to academic brewer's licensing. This bill allows for the opportunity of post-secondary institutions in Montana to apply for an academic brewer license under this section that allows the licensee to brew and sell beer to wholesalers as provided in the bill. Previously only Flathead Valley Community College and Montana State University Billings were able to apply for the license.

Producers should be fairly compensated for their livestock, and MFU supported SB 78, sponsored by Sen. Bruce Gillespie, at the request of the Livestock Loss Board, which would revise reimbursement values for registered livestock.

Additionally, MFU spoke in support of HB 66, which is sponsored by Rep. Greg Kmetz by request of the Department of Revenue and would make the per capita fee payment due date for livestock the same as the reporting due date. If the bill passes, the deadline would be March 1.

The team testified in support of the Department of Livestock's budget, including the funding request for the Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, funding to promote the Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program, and the need for supporting staff and inspectors for processing facilities in the state.

House Bill 93, which would eliminate the noxious weed seed free forage advisory council, sponsored by Rep. Paul Green at the request of the Department of Agriculture also received support from MFU, because the bill will move control to a more active advisory council so the department can continue their work on Noxious Weed Seed Free Management and related programs.

Farmers Union supported HB 114 in the hopes it will help create a more streamlined process and timeline for producers when it comes to the water rights permit and change process. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Sue Vinton by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and provides for a pre-application process and the opportunity for the department to assist with technical analysis.

While MFU supported HB 114, MFU did not support another bill requested by the DNRC and sponsored by Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick. MFU stood in opposition to SB 72 because the political appointment of water court judges in the bill could have unintended consequences in the future, including giving priority to non-agricultural uses of water.

The MFU team will continue to advocate for Montana producers and rural communities in the coming weeks.

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Montana Farmers Union has worked for more than 100 years for family farms, ranches, and rural communities. MFU supports its members through Strong education programs for both youth and adults, by advocating member-driven policies and legislation at the state and federal level, and cooperation through producer-owned co-ops. For more information, visit www.montanafarmersunion.com.



Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of Jan. 23, 2023.

SPORTS UPDATE: BOYS BASKETBALL & WRESTLING

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Basketball

Win or lose - but especially win — the Broadwater Bulldogs boys' basketball team always provides an exciting game for fans to watch, and the team's match against the Whitehall Trojans on Thursday, Jan. 12 was no different.

"These guys are really fun to watch, and they play with a lot of energy," head coach Tyler Patrick said following the game.

Ryan Racht was first to find success in the paint with a layup in the first quarter. It was almost immediately followed by another two points from Eric Eichinger.



Jesus Garcia said started slow in the first quarter, but he said his teammates were there to make up for it.

The Bulldogs finished the first quarter down 6-18.

In the second, Jesus Garcia got a breakaway and brought the score to 17-20. For much of the quarter, Whitehall has quicker than the Bulldogs and had several well-placed shots.

With less than a minute left in the second quarter, the Trojans were penalized for sending six players onto the court after a timeout. Racht stepped up to the line for two free throws but missed both. He immediately made up for it with a layup and tied the score 29-29.

Entering the third quarter, Ryedan Reed got a breakaway for a layup and broke the tie. Reed then assisted Eichinger for another two points to the Bulldogs.

The Trojans eventually got the ball and scored a layup of their own, but the Bulldogs were ready with Garcia at the other end of the court. One long pass to Garcia, and the Bulldogs were up 35-34.

The Bulldogs kept up the intensity with another long pass from Racht to Reed. Reed appeared to miss the shot, but Garcia was already in the air ready to send the ball into the hoop.

On another breakaway run, Garcia passed up the opportunity to add to his season points total and gave Reed the ball for a layup to finish the third quarter up 45-38.

With a few more long-court passes and nothing but net 3-pointers, the Bulldogs came out on top 51-41.

Garcia led the team with 20 points during the game and with 164 throughout the



Ella Begger (Photos by Eliza McLaughlin and Alexa O'Dell)

season. But he doesn't take the credit for this success. Racht is second with total points for the season with 107, followed by Ryedan Reed with 56.

"Without my teammates, I wouldn't be able to score," Garcia said.

School officials did not respond with the school record for total points scored in a season or game before press time.

The Bulldogs then traveled to Boulder to take on the Jefferson Panthers on Saturday, Jan. 14. In the end, the Panthers were able to outscore the Bulldogs by only three points: 56-53.

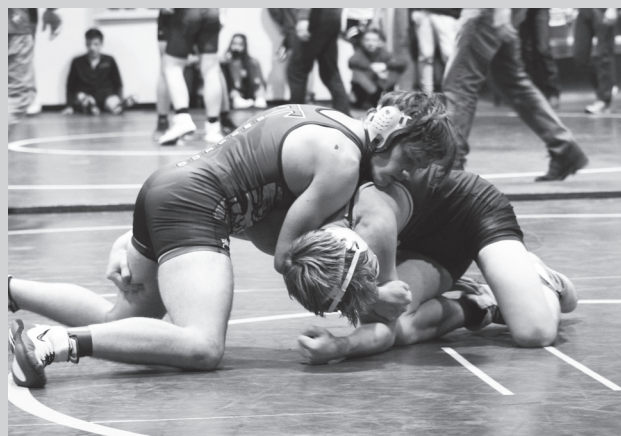
Eichinger led the team with 16 points, followed by Garcia with 15 and Racht with 11.

The Bulldogs will play again at home on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. against the Sweet Grass Shepherders, before traveling to Choteau on Jan. 20.

Wrestling

The Bulldog wrestlers traveled to Choteau on Jan. 13 and 14 for what assistant coach, Mike Schnittgen, said would provide the team with a state preview.

While the results of the tournament weren't



Bulldog wrestler (Photos by Eliza McLaughlin and Alexa O'Dell) what the Dawgs had hoped for, Schnittgen said it provided valuable insight.

"Choteau was a good eye-opener, it showed us where we are at conditioning wise and against the competition," Schnittgen said. "We lost a lot of matches that were winnable, and that we will win in the future with minor adjustments."

Beyond conditioning, Schnittgen said he saw that the Dawgs were determined to achieve their season goals.

Julian Stewart battled to sixth place in the 205 pound weight class, and Schnittgen said he expects to see more medalists at divisional.

"I think we have a few kids that will surprise their opponents down the stretch and wrap up the season strong," he told MT 43 News.

Fans can watch the Dawgs in person on Jan. 20 and 21 at 10 a.m. when the team hosts the Class B/C Duals.

The Dawgs will then finish out their regular season at home on Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. with the Harry Hall Mixer and on Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. for the Copper Shamrock meet. The Copper Shamrock meet will serve as the team's senior night celebration as well.

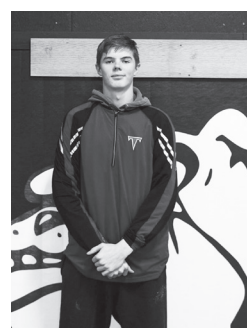


Athletes and Performers of the Week

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

Wrestling: Junior, Connor Lamb.

This young man has been grinding and doing everything right in the practice room and more importantly the classroom. This past weekend Connor wrestled in a tough 170-pound bracket in Ronan and fell just shy of placing, but his work ethic, attitude and performance make him the wrestling athlete of the week.



Girls Basketball: Freshman, Holly Newman.



Holly was feeling "blue" early in the week but rebounded nicely as the Lady Bulldog player of the week. She had an offensive rebound, 2 assists and a steal against Manhattan Christian. Holly's hustle was on display against Three Forks with 4 steals, 5 rebounds and 12 points.

Speech and Drama: Performers of Week-Seniors!

This group led Townsend to their 20th consecutive Drama victory!



Kayden Greene won Classical Theater (with duo partner Nykia Mondragon.) Sienna Everett won Humorous Theater (with duo partner Havyn Vandenacre.) Jonah Wishman took 3rd in Humorous Theater (with duo partner Scarlett McDonald.) Will Lynde took 2nd in Humorous Theater (with duo partner Cooper Hines.) Cassidy Johnson won Dramatic Solo.



Boys Basketball: Sophomore Deegan Mattson was a huge contributor to the Bulldogs' win against Three Forks this past weekend. Deegan scored 8 points, hustled on defense the entire game and always made the extra pass. Deegan does things during a basketball game that don't always show up on the stat sheet but are crucial to winning games and keeping up our overall team's morale.

Upcoming School Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					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.
29	30 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6 P.M.	31 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30/7 P.M. ◆ STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE	1 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	2 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.	3 ◆ BASKETBALL VS. LONE PEAK - 3 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING DIVISIONALS @ MISSOULA	4 ◆ WRESTLING DIVISIONALS @ MISSOULA ◆ BASKETBALL VS. THREE FORKS - 1 P.M.

Americanisms

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."
—Elmer Davis

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INSIDE INSPIRATION

RIPPLE EFFECT

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

I love being near water, throwing rocks, or skipping stones, especially on lakes that appear to look like glass. What happens when we throw rocks into a body of water? Once the rock hits the water, depending on the weight or size, it creates a circle followed by additional circles....creating a ripple effect. What kind of ripple effect are you having with others? This is an excellent metaphor for how our lives can have a positive or negative ripple effect.

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "ripple effect" as "a spreading, pervasive, and usually unintentional effect or influence". You don't necessarily have to have a job title to prove leadership...if you influence people around you, you are a leader, either favorable or unfavorable.

Everything you do and think affects the people in your life, and their reactions affect others. Every word you say, every email, every text, every act of kindness, every smile, and every social media post. It is your actions that affect the things and people around you. Your thoughts, words, and actions create a ripple effect, and that ring grows; it is generally how people observe and remember you. The rings you create around yourself will either build up influence and inspire others or tear people down. You've got to be bigger on the inside than on the outside. The inside always influences the outside, may it be negative or positive. The belief that you have in yourself influences the opinion that others have of you. You are in control of your ripple effect.

I became increasingly interested in leadership in 2018 when I stumbled upon an internet ad for leadership. I enrolled in the online 17-week Leadership Course, which opened my eyes to a new leadership level. The course significantly impacted my mindset as an Onboard Flight leader. I began to see things in a different light and gained a greater understanding of authentic leadership. Leadership is to empower and not to control...when you direct people, you enlist them; when you connect people, you empower them.

The basis for authentic leadership is in your growth journey, creating your ripple effect. It is up to you to commit to growing intentionally. You cannot assume that you will grow automatically, as assumptions are a huge disappointment in life. Consistency is a prerequisite to excellence. Consistency reinforces your vision and your values. Excellence sets you apart from everyone else. The only way you can be excellent is to be consistent. Consistent in how you approach your day, consistent in your work ethic, and consistent in your family life.

Keep it simple...consistency compounds. If we want to lead intentional lives, we must value people...when we look at another person as valuable, we can put others first. Leadership is about influence and your willingness to step up to face challenges. No matter what the rest of the world may think, God enjoys using unexpected people as leaders — especially those others might disregard or dismiss. In the book of Esther, God uses Esther, an orphaned Jewish girl, living in a foreign nation who is raised in a position to save her people from genocide. No matter how others might view you, God wants to use you to make a difference in our world...one person at a time. You need to be willing to step up when others depend on you. Your courage becomes their courage. Your obedience becomes their obedience. Your victory becomes their victory.

Create a ripple effect by adding value to people every day. Be intentional with your self-care, so you have more to give to others. Put yourself in someone else's world...kindness and compassion go a long way. Be a consistent friend, believe the best about others, and love unconditionally. Create great memories and experiences for others. We are called to make a difference in our world, to impact the people and places we find ourselves all along this life journey. Lead your life instead of just living it. Start your ripple with a little bit of good and watch it expand.

I, alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.
~Mother Teresa

To connect with Ellie: FB/IG @coachelliewest
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 Moa, 266-3390 Townsend-UMC.org.

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

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 THE WEEK OF JAN. 23 - JAN. 27	Wednesday, Jan. 25 Chicken-ala-King Steamed Potatoes Purple Beets, Carrot Raisin Salad Sweet Peaches
Monday, Jan. 23 Montana Pasties Green Beans Crisp Coleslaw Juicy Pears Dessert	Thursday, Jan. 26 Ham & Beans Corn Bread Mixed Vegetables Tossed Salad Apricots
Tuesday, Jan. 24 Sweet-n-Sour Pork Fried Brown Rice Oriental Vegetables Four Bean Salad Baked Apples	Friday, Jan. 27 Tater Tot Casserole Garden Peas Tossed Salad Pineapple

TREE BOARD SEEKING GRANT TO CARVE TWO LARGE TREE TRUNKS IN HERITAGE PARK

Patrick Plantenberg, Tree Board

The Townsend Tree Board received a grant to remove two large hazardous white cottonwoods (Populus alba) in Heritage Park. The stumps were left from 8-14 feet high so they could be

carved into characters for the enjoyment of the children using Heritage Park (See Photos 1 and 2). The Tree Board now will be soliciting another grant to

have a tree carving artist do the artwork. Children will be asked to submit their suggestions of what characters should be carved into the trunks. A committee will be formed to judge entries. Then artists will be asked to submit their renditions of the characters chosen.



Please submit any questions to Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615 or suggestions for artists or characters to the Townsend Tree Board at 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.



JAN. 13, 2023

Dee Gannon

The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menehan's courtroom on Friday, January 13 is as follows:

Michael Coyle had his Arraignment continued until January 20.

Michael Billedeaux was to be Sentenced on a Petition to Revoke. Office of Public Defender is appointed to the case. A warrant for arrest is issued.

Christopher Jones had the Office of Public Defender appointed. Omnibus is due February 3; Pre-Trial is set for April 7; with the Jury Trial scheduled for May 1.

Adam Brannon had a Change of Plea; pleading guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth). In his elocution, Brannon stated that he knowingly possessed meth while in Broadwater County. He is Sentenced to have a chemical dependency evaluation and comply with treatment recommendations. He gets a three-year deferment; must pay \$80 in fees and surcharges; comply with standard conditions of Adult Probation and Parole. He gets two days credit time served.

Amanda Castona pled Guilty to criminal endangerment. She is to have no contact with the victims; four years D.O.C. suspended; she must pay \$80 fees and surcharges; \$500 to the Office of Public Defender; comply with all conditions.

COUNTY BOARD VACANCIES

Tacy Swanton, Community Development and Planning Assistant

If you are interested in serving on a Broadwater County Board, there are many positions open:

The following Broadwater County Boards are seeking volunteers for the 2023 term:

- * Airport (3 yr. terms): 2 Members
- * Trust (3 yr. terms): 2 Voting Members, 2 Non-Voting Members, 1 Interested & Involved Party
- * Compensation (3 yr. term & 2 yr. term): 1 Citizen (3 yr. term), 1 Citizen (2 yr. term)
- * Tax Appeal (3 yr. term): 1 Member
- * Fair (3 yr. terms): 1 Chairman, 1 Rodeo Board Representative/Tech/Social Media/Liaison, 1 Member
- * Mosquito - Townsend (3 yr. terms): 2 Members
- * Mosquito - Three Forks (3 yr. term): 1 Member
- * Museum (3 yr. terms): 4 Members
- * Planning (3 yr. term): 1 Member
- * TV (3 yr. terms): 3 Members
- * Noxious Weed (3 yr. term): 1 Member
- * City/County Parks & Recreation (3 yr. term): 2 Members
- * Board of Health (3 yr. terms): 1 Chairman, 1 St. Peter's Representative, 1 Member, 1 Manager
- * Board of Investments (no terms): 1 Townsend School Representative, 1 Public-at-Large Member, 1 Secretary

If you have an interest in serving, please consider submitting a letter or email of interest to:

Broadwater County Community Development & Planning c/o Tacy Swanton 515 Broadway St. Townsend, MT 59644

or;
tswanton@co.broadwater.mt.us

THREE FORKS COUNCILMAN ASKED TO RECUSE FROM VOTE

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Three Forks City council members learned firsthand when they can vote against — and when they are not allowed to vote at all — during the discussion to approve or deny an application to amend a conditional-use permit for Rick and Valerie Lamb during the council's Jan. 10 meeting.

The amendment, which is the third of its kind since the permit was approved in March 2020, requested permission to construct an awning along the southeastern and southwestern sides of a storage building at their campground. The amendment also requested approval to move the location of the outdoor fire pit.

Before the council could discuss the amendments, councilman George Chancellor was asked to recuse himself from the vote because he had previously expressed that the application should not be approved because the Lambs had developed a habit of violating their permits.

"We do not believe that based on those comments, that he [Chancellor] can be a fair, impartial decision maker on the issue tonight," said Rick Orizotti, an attorney representing the Lambs.

Orizotti said the Lambs had waved their prior request that councilman Steve Dahl not participate in the vote to allow a quorum among the council.

Chancellor admitted that he had no objections to the awning nor the location of the outdoor fire pit, adding that the approval of this application would set an undesirable precedent.

"He's trying to destroy the integrity of the agreement, and it reflects directly on the integrity of our council and our boards," Chancellor said but agreed to "sit quietly" and not participate in the vote.

David Brooks commented that he was not in favor of removing Chancellor from the discussion.

"That's his job, and for someone to be offended, or to make a misperception as to his intent, and he should be summarily dismissed from his job. I do not agree with that," Brooks said.

Another member of the public voiced concern that elected officials not be permitted to represent the people who elected them.

Had Chancellor not agreed to step out, City Attorney Susan Swimley advised that the rest of the council should then decide whether he could consider the application impartially. Swimley added that in the past, those who "sit out" on a vote usually leave the room so as to

prevent their body language as being perceived as comment.

During the discussion on the application to amend the conditional-use permit, the council and members of the public questioned whether it was legal for the council to deny the application based on the fact that construction on the awning has already begun.

"He started that without asking permission," councilman Gene Townsend said, and Orizotti agreed.

Orizotti also mentioned that the Lambs had constructed a kitchen and apartment in the campground's storage building — neither of which were part of the approved plans — but wouldn't use them without permission.

"It's not completed and it's never been used as such — will never be used as such unless and until both the zoning and planning, and this council, approve," Orizotti said, adding that the rooms in the apartment were pretty much finished.

"To me, that's good enough reason to say no," Brooks said, citing the awning's unapproved construction and other permit violations.

Councilwoman Nancy Todd agreed that the previous violations were cause for concern, but not in the approval of the amendment application.

"If we have gross violations of our [conditional-use permits], then — in my opinion — I think we have a problem with enforcement," she told her fellow council members.

Swimley explained that this application could receive an additional "after-the-fact" fee when it gets processed.

While the unapproved apartment and other violations were frequently discussed, the council was reminded that the topic of discussion was whether the awning and fire pit location would have a negative impact on the area around the campground — and not all in attendance disapproved of the additions.

Orizotti said that he believed the amendments would not negatively impact the community.

A member of the public told the council that she favored the addition of the awning as it is a fairly common feature for Montana campgrounds. She added that she preferred a large, single fire pit as opposed to individual pits at each of the campsites.

The amendment application was approved unanimously, but not wholeheartedly.

"I'm disappointed that a longtime council member and longtime member of the planning board, in my opinion, was ostracized about his opinion at a meeting," Townsend said. "There's nothing wrong with being against something if it's not done right, and this wasn't done right."

LEGISLATURE WEEK 2 RECAP

Julie Dooling, House District 70 Representative



Week 2 and the House State Administration Committee has been busy! We've heard 18 bills in 9 days and many more are on their way! I

organized a field trip and the committee, and our staff, traveled to Ft. Harrison, where we received a detailed debriefing of the Montana Department of Military Affairs and its 7 departments. The trip concluded with members of the committee climbing aboard a Blackhawk or Chinook helicopter, flying around the north end of the Helena Valley where we saw a bird's eye view of Canyon Creek, Sieben Ranch, Gates of the Mountain, and Holter Dam. Many thanks to Major General J. Pete Hronek and his fabulous crew and staff for being such gracious hosts.

In the coming days, we will have the opportunity to preview upcoming proposed legislation and address the State General Surplus funds in excess of \$2 billion dollars. The bulk of these funds are from individual and corporate income taxes paid to the state. Some of the proposed ideas are to issue individual income tax rebates, issue property tax refunds, and paying off some of the state bond debt. Some of those details can be found in House Bill (HB) 192.

Governor Gianforte has a few ideas of his own, detailed in his proposed budget. While I don't like the idea of income tax dollars subsidizing a property tax "refund", I do support the notion that there are many talented and wicked smart Legislators that have great ideas and that these ideas need to have the opportunity to be fully vetted in committees. I really would rather see the surplus used to fix big problems such as Warm Springs, the State Prison, address mental health issues, or fix our bridges and roads. Montana has deferred maintenance for many years and the signs of age, wear and tear can no longer be ignored. The surplus will be our biggest issue this session.

KEY TAX BILLS TO BE HEARD IN MONTANA SENATE

Kyle Schmauch, Communications and Policy Manager

HELENA, Mont.— Two of legislative Republicans' big tax priorities will be heard in the Senate Taxation Committee tomorrow morning.

“Our number one priority this legislative session is providing financial relief to Montanans who are suffering from inflation and the high cost of living,” said Sen. Jason Ellsworth, a Hamilton Republican and President of the Senate. “Part of that equation is cutting Montanans’ taxes again. I’m excited to see two of our key priority tax bills moving in the Senate this early in the legislative session.”

Senate Bill (SB) 121 is the Republicans’ signature long-term tax relief bill of the 2023 legislative session. SB 121 would cut the state’s income tax rate paid by middle-class Montanans from 6.5% to 5.9%, allowing Montanans to keep more of their hard-earned money. The bill also increases the Earned Income Tax Credit from 3% to 10%, providing a refundable tax credit to lower and moderate income workers.

SB 121 is sponsored by Sen. Becky Beard, R-Elliston and is also one of Governor Gianforté’s policy priorities.

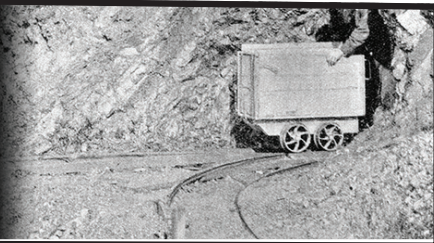
“Montanans are struggling to make ends meet and have been paying more income taxes than the state needs to fund essential services,” Beard said. “This is a common sense conservative approach, giving Montanans a raise by permanently cutting the taxes they pay.”

The second tax bill being heard in the Senate tomorrow is Senate Bill 124, sponsored by Sen. Greg Hertz, R-Polson. SB 124 simplifies Montana’s corporate taxes to benefit Montana businesses.

“This bill will help put Montana companies on a more even playing field with companies based in other states,” Hertz said. “By moving to a single sales factor on corporate taxes, we’ll be cutting taxes for many Montana businesses and treat them the same as out-of-state corporations, instead of our current system that penalizes home-grown Montana companies.”

Senate Bills 121 and 124 are the first Senate bills of what will be a suite of legislation to provide financial relief to Montanans and Montana-based businesses this legislative session.

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CHARLEY SHAW - BLACKSMITH

Victor Sample



One of the most important jobs in early Broadwater County was that of the blacksmith. Repairing buggies and wagons, shoeing horses, forging tools and metal parts were absolute necessities – all done by hand.

Charley Shaw was a well-known and well-liked blacksmith in Townsend. Charley was born in 1883 into a blacksmithing family. Richard Shaw (Charley’s father) and Owen Gillogly were both blacksmiths. Richard Shaw was one of the blacksmiths at the Galen horse ranch south of Radersburg.

When the Northern Pacific Rail Road created Townsend, Richard and Owen moved to Townsend. They established Gillogly and Shaw Blacksmithing at the northeast corner of Broadway and Cedar – where the Reading Leaves Bookstore is now located.

Charley Shaw’s mother died when he was 3 years old and he was raised by his uncles and aunts. After 20 years of partnering with Owen Gillogly, Richard Shaw moved to Lombard around 1903. The Gillogly and Shaw blacksmith shop went through a lot of changes becoming Gillogly and McKnight, Gillogly and LF Hirt and then Gillogly and McDonald.

In 1908 Charley Shaw decided to try his hand at blacksmithing and moved to Lombard to join his father. After 2 years in Lombard, Charley moved back to Townsend to join his uncle Owen and the blacksmith shop once again became Gillogly and Shaw. Shortly after Charley moved back to Townsend, Owen Gillogly retired from blacksmithing and took a job as a custodial engineer at the Broadwater County Courthouse leaving Charley Shaw to “spread his wings” running the blacksmith shop by

himself.

After nearly 30 years at the corner of Broadway and Cedar, Charley Shaw sold the blacksmith shop building to John Doughty who tore it down and built a fine brick saloon at the location. Charley moved his blacksmithing business to a new solid concrete building one block away at the northeast corner of Broadway and Oak.

Charley ran his blacksmith business at the new location for 23 years until 1935 when the new brick Broadwater County Courthouse was built. The county bought his building and demolished it. The Broadwater County Museum has a picture of the new courthouse being constructed and the Charley Shaw blacksmith building is clearly visible on the corner. After selling his building at Broadway and Oak, Charley and his son-in-law, Hugh Broderick, built a 4-building complex on Front Street. The new business consisted of a gas station, garage and 2 cottages with a blacksmith shop on the alley.



CHARLEY SHAW AND RED DAVEY

According to the “Broadwater Bygones”, at his peak, Charley Shaw held the reputation of being the best horseshoer in the state and followed the horse racing meets, shoeing horses on-site.

Charley was an active horseman and entered his own thoroughbreds on the race circuit. He encouraged young riders and helped organize the Townsend Saddle Club.

Charley remained active in the community until his death at the age of 90 in 1973. He is still well remembered by many residents of Townsend and Broadwater County.

The information for this article came from the



“Broadwater Bygones” available at the Broadwater County Museum. The photographs of Charley’s blacksmith are at the museum and were featured in Linda Huth’s “A Walk down Mainstreet” presentation. For more information about Charley Shaw visit the Broadwater County Museum and visit the curator Linda Huth.

top ten

Most Popular TV Shows: 2022

1. Only Murders in the Building
2. The Bear
3. Black Bird
4. Ms. Marvel
5. The Boys
6. The Old Man
7. The Umbrella Academy
8. Stranger Things
9. Resident Evil
10. The Terminal List

Source: Rotten Tomatoes

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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January 19

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“State Bank Nears Fortieth Year”

The same board of directors and the same staff of officers will control the affairs at the State Bank of Townsend for another year following their annual meeting during the week.

On June 1st of this year, the bank will have reached its fortieth year in business in this community. Directors elected at the stockholders meeting on January 10th are: D.J. McCarthy, N.O. Bowman, P.H. Murphy, P.P. Kearns, James W. Kearns.

At a meeting held last Saturday the following officers were again elected by the board of directors: president, John P. Kearns; vice president, N.O. Bowman; cashier, P.H. Murphy; assistant cashier and vice president, James W. Kearns.

Cashier Murphy is spending the winter in Ohio with his brother.

“Woman’s Club to Meet Monday”

The Townsend Woman’s Club will hold its next regular meeting at the club room Monday afternoon January 23. Mrs. Edith Fox will be in charge of the literary program. Each person is requested to participate by reading a favorite short poem. The remainder of the program will consist of ballet dances by Juanita Sutherland and Louise Kieckbusch, a piano solo by Jack Zimmerman and a vocal duet by Mrs. F.N. Weed and Mrs. Eva Rose.

1950

“Charles Tomcheck Elected President Broadwater C. of C.”

Charles Tomcheck was elected president of the Broadwater County Chamber of Commerce at a reorganization meeting held Thursday

night in the Mint hotel.

Robert Kapinos was named vice president of the organization and Garrison Rains was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Tomcheck succeeds Clifford Mockel, whose term on the board of directors expired at the end of 1949. Kapinos succeeds Tom Watkins. Newly elected directors took office during the meeting.

New members of the board of directors from Townsend include Paul Green, W.D. Neifert and Kapinos, retail store operators; T.L. Watkin, farmer and produce operator; Howard J. Doggett, creamery operator and rancher; and Dr. William McElwee.

Other new members of the board include Evan Kimpton, Crow Creek rancher; William Berberet, Toston rancher; William Diehl, Winston rancher and William Gaab, Canton rancher, representing the outlying districts of the county.

Holdover board members, who will serve with the new directors to make up the board this year, are Warren Parker of Crow Creek, Frank Flynn of Toston, Charles Masloa of Canton all ranchers, representing outlying districts. Townsend holdover members are D.L. Hollaway, Tomcheck, Charles Ross, Rudy Lundborg, Sam Rice retail merchants and Dave Langevin, barber.

At the meeting it was decided to purchase three Tillamook calves for the promotion of thoroughbred dairy stock in the community. The heifer calves will be nurtured by 4-H young men and when there is an increase the Chamber of Commerce will have a say as to what happens to their investment.

1961

“Crow Creek News”

Mr. and Mrs. John Feistner drove to Three Forks Thursday where they were guests of his sister, Miss Alma Feistner. They helped Miss Feistner celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mr. Irv Davis and family of Bozeman were Sunday guests at the Woodrow Hensley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Leach and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bottler of Townsend were Thursday evening dinner guests of William and Pearl Kitto.

Mrs. W.K. Parker entertained at a dinner party in her home on Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Kimpton of the valley, Mr. and Mrs.

Ray Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davey of Townsend.

Callers at the William Kitto home Friday afternoon were Mrs. W.K. Parker and Art Berg.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kimpton, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hunsaker and Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hunsaker attended the Inaugural Ball in Helena Saturday evening.

1967

“Speech Club Continues to Do Well at Meets”

The Speech Club did well at Helena in rounds, but brought home no trophies from the Helena meet.

They won two first trophies at Livingston on Dec. 10, which were presented in Helena by Mr. Laurie Nelson of Livingston to Larry Mullany and Charles Sullivan, first place winners in debate, and Kathleen Mullany, first place winner in oratorical declamation.

Six beginning speakers have won twenty-five points or more this year and are now eligible for the first degree in the National Forensic League (NFL). They are Wayne Hoffman, Susan Webb, Kathleen Mullany, Virginia Fischer and Jerry Kitto. Lyla Mann has the 75 points necessary for the NFL Degree of Honor.

The speech group and their mothers are planning the annual chili supper to be held in the multi-purpose room February 7.

1978

“Winston-Clasoil News”

Charlie and Wilma Masolo and Bob and Gay Ann Masolo attended a buffet supper and wedding reception on Saturday evening at the Legion Hall which was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn who were recently married in Kalispell.

Bob Hohn left on Friday for Charleston, S.C. where he was to leave for Germany over the weekend for active duty.

Among the Winston-Clasoil residents attending the annual John Deere Day at Strong and Bradley on Monday afternoon were: Rick Diehl; John Diehl; Jeff Jones; Charlie, John and Bob Masolo; Leslie Davies; Allan, Judy and Jeanne Davies; Alfred Myles; and Charles, Barbara and Ken Baum. A good feed was put on by Scofield and Flynn, which was enjoyed by all and the usual film was shown and door prizes awarded



OLD BALDY ADULT EDUCATION - COMPUTER CLASSES

Victor Sample

Terey Artz, Adult Education Coordinator, invited me to teach a class on “Safe Surfing” – how to avoid computer scams/malware and what to do if you have malware problems.

I did the class on January 11 with 7 people attending. Everyone that came was interested and participated in the class. I had fun teaching it and I think the people attending had fun

as well; and, I think everyone learned from the presentation.

Afterward, I heard from a number of people that they didn’t know about the class or had a conflict. They were wondering if we could do another session.

If you were unable to come to the class and would like us to do another class just email Terey at tartz@townsend.k12.mt.us and let her know.

The class is FREE. There is absolutely no charge. The class lasts 90 minutes to 2 hours depending on the class participation and the number of questions.

EXPLORING THE BASICS OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

“I wish there was an app for that” ... and maybe you want to be the person that creates it.

Opportunities abound for people with computer coding skills – with great pay. The Old Baldy Adult Education is sponsoring a class on the essentials of computer programming. The only requirement for taking the class is that you have access to a computer that you can update.

The class is a 10-week class that will introduce computer programming. The attendee will learn how to write programs using PHP – a programming language that is widely used to develop websites.

The purpose of the class is to give someone interested in programming a feel for what is involved and for them to determine if computer programming is something they might like to pursue.

The class starts on January 18 – even if you have missed the first session please feel free to join us on Wednesday nights. The class will run for 10 weeks.

All Fun & Games

Super Crossword

Answers

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CryptoQuip

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When someone affirms that a certain letter is indeed not a consonant, is that a vowel a vowel?

Weekly SUDOKU

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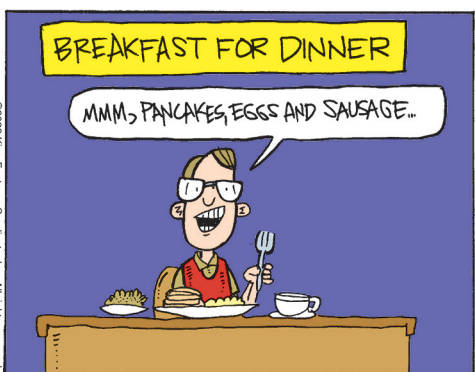
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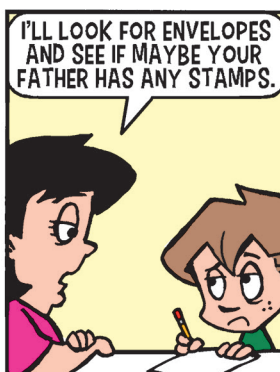
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"Our friend? We thought he was your friend!"

Cabbage Season – Massaged Cabbage Salad

Ari LeVaux

Most traditional winter crops are root vegetables, such as potatoes, beets, onions, carrots, turnips, and garlic. Cabbage, being a green leafy vegetable, is a unique exception to this rule. Cabbage is also more versatile than pretty much any other vegetable, in that you can serve it cooked, raw, and fermented.

Back in the pre-supermarket days when people lived off of their root cellars, and fresh local chlorophyll was in short supply for many months of the year, cabbage was a vitamin-rich lifeline. Today, even though we have many other options this time of year, winter is still the best time to eat cabbage,



because now is when it is the sweetest. I have some farmer friends who grow literally tons of cabbage, and they say that after the holidays is when they sell the most. So now, at the height of cabbage season, it's time to have a cabbage session.

The crunchiness and durability of raw cabbage make it useful in many ways. It can provide texture to fish tacos, a floating garnish on soup, or bedding for a sandwich. But in salad, cabbage isn't for everyone, because we don't all want to give our jaws a workout when we eat our vegetables.

Cooking is one way to bring out the soft side of cabbage, and I have a recipe for Cabbage Parmesan to give you. But first, I'm going to borrow a trick often used for kale salad, and tell you how to tenderize raw cabbage by massaging it.

For the recipes, follow the link: <https://arilevaux.com/cabbage-season/>

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NEW PROCESS FOR ENTERING THE SCHOOL

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Dear Families, Community Members, and Business Partners

January 16, 2023

As you know, Townsend School District is updating safety plans and protocols. One of the top priorities is to have a secure campus. The main entry doors are now all equipped with a buzzer system. You will be asked to wear a visitor or volunteer badge while in the building.

If you are visiting the school, please schedule with staff so that the process will be smoother when you arrive. If you are visiting a classroom, for example, please make a plan with the teacher so that the secretary can quickly verify your visit.

If you are coming to meet with administration or facilities, you may be asked to wait at the window until they come to meet you.

You may be asked for identification if the staff does not know you.

We want to continue to have a warm and welcoming school; however, these are critical steps to ensuring the safety of our students, and staff. We appreciate your patience, feedback, and cooperation while we train all staff and work through the new protocols.

With any concerns or questions, reach out to Superintendent, Susie Hedalen.

Superintendent, Susie Hedalen shedalen@townsend.k12.mt.us 406-441-3454



Eileen Clarke
- Rifles and Recipes

A Pocket-Full of Game Birds

Serves 2

I'm not very fond of sage and sharp-tailed grouse—for eating. There are always the exceptions however. My husband John and I once lucked into a large covey of sharp-tails gorging themselves on buffalo berries. And by the copious deep red-purple droppings around the bushes, we figured they'd been at it for a day or two. We managed to take several before they wised up, and they were the mildest tasting sharpies I'd ever eaten.

More often it takes a bit of ingenuity in the kitchen. And this is one of my favorite cures-for-birds-I-don't-like-to-eat recipes. It cures the flavor while leaving the birds moist. Plus, slow-cooked foil pockets are pretty much fool-proof. Prairie chickens are just as good fixed this way, and there's no reason why pheasants can't joint the pocket party—if only because the recipe is so easy and wild game birds are quite lean. Infusing moisture while the bird is cooking is a good thing.

**For larger birds like pheasants or forest grouse, increase the rest of the ingredients: half again, or twice the recipe works.*

Slow-Cooked Sharptail Pockets



- 1 cup beef bouillon
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon apple jelly
- 1 tablespoon cherry preserves
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried leaf oregano
- 1 whole sharptail grouse, cleaned, then plucked or skinned

Cooking

1. Preheat the oven to 200F. In a medium sized bowl combine the bouillon, Worcestershire sauce, apple jelly, cherry preserves, onion powder, and oregano. Stir to mix well.
2. Cut 3 lengths of foil, about 24" each. Using a loaf pan, place one piece of foil lengthwise, and press it into the loaf pan. Press the second piece of foil crosswise into the loaf pan. Fold the short ends up to form a 'boat' to hold the sauce.
3. Pour about 1/4 of the sauce into the boat you've formed. Nestle the bird into the boat, and pour the rest of the sauce over the top. Seal each of the two layers, making it as watertight as possible. Then wrap the package in the third piece of foil, and slip it back into the loaf pan. (The loaf pan will act as a drip catcher, if necessary.)
4. Place the loaf pan in the center of the oven and let the bird slow-cook for 8 hours, carefully turning the package 3 times (breast up, to back up, to breast up) during the cooking. Remove the bird from the bag, and let cook about 5 more minutes. Cut the legs and breast off, arrange on a platter, and pour the cooking sauce over the bird. Serve with hot mashed potatoes and peas.

Need more ways to fix your wild birds? Upland Game Bird Cookery covers them all from tiny quail and woodcock to strutting gobblers. www.riflesandrecipes@gmail.com/406-521-0273
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