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## RIGHT TO REPAIR

Walter Schweitzer, President - Montana Farmer's Union



Walter Schweitzer

Recently there has been a media blast by John Deere claiming a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the American Farm Bureau Federation provides the right to repair for farmers, ranchers, and independent repair shops.

A closer look at the non-legally binding document shows the devil is in the details.

John Deere signed a similar MOU in 2018, with the California Farm Bureau, when the California legislature was on the verge of passing a right-to-repair bill. Their strategy worked as the bill lost momentum and failed on the last vote. John Deere never honored that MOU. People should not trust John Deere to make good on this MOU either.

The most recent MOU claims to provide right-to-repair. A closer review of details, though, shows that, while there is language providing the tools for diagnosing problems, there is nothing providing the tools to repair.

Most of the functions of modern equipment are controlled by an onboard computer (ECU) that communicates with sensors and switches. When a sensor or switch fails, software is needed to diagnose the problem. Once you have identified the problem and need to purchase a new sensor or switch from the equipment manufacturer, you will need the software to program that new sensor or switch to be able to communicate with the ECU. Nothing in the MOU provides access to this software.

Even if John Deere honored this MOU, it still doesn't provide the right to repair, only the right to diagnose.

Oddly, the MOU includes language that does not allow Farm Bureau to lobby for right-to-repair language. This is illogical. If the MOU provides right-to-repair, John Deere would want legislation requiring their competitors to provide right-to-repair as well. They would not put themselves at a competitive disadvantage. Clearly, this MOU is simply intended to do what it did in California – kill the bill.

Right-to-repair is an issue with the manufacturer and not our local dealers. They also are being held hostage by the equipment manufacturers.

Let's actually fix this issue. Please ask your legislator to support Representative Tom France's and Senator Willis Curdy's upcoming bills on Right-to-Repair.

MFU President Walter Schweitzer: 406-799-3782

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## ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PICK UP STEAM AT SCHOOL

Nancy Marks

Everybody knows cows have four stomachs. No, says Mrs. Aliece Estrada, fourth-grade teacher at Townsend Elementary. Cows have one stomach with four compartments. This was one of the exciting discoveries students were able to experience at STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Night, Tuesday.

The theme for the special program was Cattle, Crops and Country Family Night, an effort by the school to offer an opportunity for teachers and parents to interact with their students in a learning environment. To encourage families to attend, the school serves dinner, then each family moves to the various classrooms where teachers have prepared exhibits about making butter or a thermometer or learning about weaving wool. In the process, both parents and children exercise both the left and right sides of the brain simultaneously, as they would need to do in a 21st-century working environment.

In Mrs. Estrada's room, children learned by mixing a packet of yeast with measured tablespoons of sugar and warm water, then as they shook the bottle, they formulated the same mixture as the contents of the cow's stomach. They learned the cow then regurgitates the mixture, rechews it and swallows the mixture again. Each time the cow "chews her cud" she emits methane and carbon dioxide. Mrs. Estrada subtly included science and math in the fun experiment which concluded with a bal-



Fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Aliece Estrada demonstrates how carbon dioxide and methane fill the balloon in this experiment about what happens when a cow "chews her cud." Brother and sister Lyric and Ryker Krueger look on in anticipation. (Photo by Nancy Marks)

loon attached to the bottle. The mixture blew up the balloon.

School District #1 Chairman Jason Noyes attended the school-wide event which was introduced in Townsend Schools in 2018. He commented the STEAM night event gives parents an opportunity to interact with teachers so parents can better understand the day-to-day work that goes on in the school. "The best benefit to the kids is they get to explore other fun aspects of learning besides just reading, writing and arithmetic," he concluded.

# TOWNSEND CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - COUNCIL BRACES FOR HIGH COST OF POOL REPAIRS

Nancy Marks

During City Council's Roundtable Discussion Public Works Supervisor Tim Rauser explained he received quotes on repairing the decades-old municipal swimming pool. A new 35ft by 75ft liner will run \$127,500. If the pool gutters must be replaced in the process of installing the liner, an additional \$20,000 to \$40,000 will be added to the liner cost. No action was taken by the Council.

As a result of the Flint, Michigan lead-contaminated water, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a regulation to all cities and towns to begin checking their water pipes for lead and copper according to Rauser. "This is a fact-finding process the EPA is conducting. They want us to make an inventory of all the water lines in the city," he explained.

Rauser has checked about 900 of the lines between the curb box and the main line. "I know there is no lead in these pipes, but there is copper," he said. The lines are now a mixture of plastic and copper. Beginning in 1988 all waterlines, from B Street south are plastic. He emphasized the city's responsibility for the water lines is only from the curb box to the main line. He is encouraging homeowners and businesses to have their water lines checked from the curb box to their houses or offices.

In other business, the council passed the updated subdivision regulations. Council members will be testifying on zoom regarding House Bill 11 regarding the Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) grant funding for Townsend's water project.

City Attorney Peter Simon is reviewing the City's various leases including one with Steve McCullough for the sewer lagoon property. This lease has no auto renewal and is in place without a contract, according to Simon.

Jessica Crusch announced she has started a private web business. The City will be under that umbrella she said. Mrs. Crusch previously has been the City's webmaster.

Rotarian Nichole Brown and her daughter, Brynlee, requested that Townsend Rotary Interact Club be allowed to construct and fill the skating rink at Holloway Park on D Street. The 25-member student group will work with the Fire Department to put the rink in place. Mrs. Brown promised the group would maintain the rink and remove it when it is no longer in use. The Council approved the request.

New Townsend City Fire Chief, Shawn Simon, reported he would like to be placed on the council agenda for budget items the fire district needs including replacing truck tires on fire engines. He indicated there may be grant monies available for the fire district's needs.

Townsend Hardware Store owner JB Howick gave an update on HB 198 currently being discussed in the legislature. District 70 Representative Julie Dooling is carrying the bill which would allow cities and towns to have the choice to have jurisdiction over business sidewalks and the use of sidewalks as display areas for goods. He asked the council members to support the bill. No decision was made.

# Triple Nature of Garlic

Ari LeVaux

I still have a lot of garlic from last year's harvest. So, to make sure I get through it all before the new crop comes in I have increased my consumption. Thanks to this project I've been cooking garlic as if it's a vegetable, rather than a spice.

And given that garlic is plant material, but not a fruit or nut, it's not wrong to call it a vegetable, even if we usually use it as a spice. It's also an herb, believe it or not. We normally think of herbs as leafy plants, and while it may not look like it, a clove of garlic is actually an entire plant. The white fleshy part that we eat is a modified leaf, while the plant's root and stem are confined to the scabby thing on the bottom of the clove. The center of that structure is the stem, and the bulbous ring around the stem is a set of baby roots. But the majority of the clove is technically a leaf.



This pungent leaf is not green, like most leaves, because it grows underground with no exposure to sunlight, so its cells do not make chlorophyll. But according to plant physiologists, it's a leaf, which makes garlic an herb, as well as a spice and a vegetable.

To many garlic lovers, engaging the multitudes of garlic is a completely normal approach. In addition to its many taxonomic classifications, garlic can have several personalities in a meal, depending on how much heat it absorbs. When cooked long enough, garlic loses its spice and develops a resinous sweetness, while the food it's cooked with gains a more savory flavor. If you overcook garlic it becomes bitter, so don't do that. And when added raw, garlic imparts its lively spice. Thanks to all of these possible flavors, many people add garlic more than once to a meal, with whole cloves or large chunks going in early for savory sweetness, and minced garlic at the very end for a feisty hint of pizzazz. Multiple garlic addition is a technique perfectly suited to my agenda of expedited garlic consumption.

One of my favorite ways to add garlic more than once is on pasta. Any sauce you could imagine serving over pasta -- be it marinara, clam sauce or carbonara -- is going to benefit from being cooked with garlic. And then I also add minced raw garlic, along with olive oil and perhaps grated cheese, to the hot, freshly cooked noodles, and toss it all together before I add the sauce. This is my standard pasta procedure even when I'm not trying to eat through my garlic at an accelerated clip. It's just sound flavor management.

Another way that I like to use garlic more than once is in a simple Asian-style rice dish seasoned with soy sauce, sesame oil, and twice-added garlic. I start by cooking a pot of rice and add some whole garlic cloves to the pot when the rice is about half-cooked. The cloves steam atop the rice and get deliciously soft. When the rice is done, I toss the rice and cloves with freshly pressed or minced raw garlic and equal parts soy sauce and sesame oil. The hot rice cooks the raw garlic enough to blunt its edge, similar to what happens with the hot pasta, while it still retains plenty of firepower. Just remember when adding raw garlic that it will linger on your breath a lot longer than cooked, so check your calendar and use your judgment.

Another recipe in my enhanced garlic routine is oven-poached cloves in olive oil, along with potatoes and meat. I use deer meat, but use a recipe that I've adapted from a classic recipe for olive oil poached fish. You can use the protein of your choice.

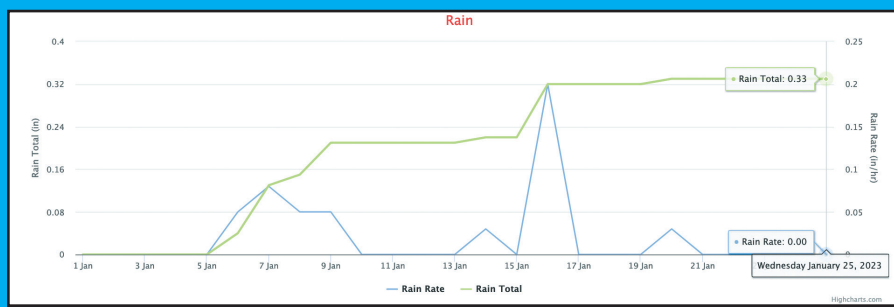
## Oven Poached Garlic, with choice of protein

You can also cook this recipe with fish, rather than meat. If doing so, reduce the heat to 275 before adding the fish, and cook the fish for about 25 minutes, or until flaky and done.

Serves two For the recipe, follow the link: <https://arilevaux.com/3311-2/>

## and now the weather...

<p>Fri 1/27</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>36°   16°</p> <p>2 in</p>	<p>Sat 1/28</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>20°   -1°</p> <p>0 in</p>	<p>Sun 1/29</p> <p>Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>5°   -15°</p> <p>0%</p>	<p>Mon 1/30</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>2°   -11°</p> <p>0 in</p>	<p>Tue 1/31</p> <p>Light Snow Showers</p> <p>9°   -12°</p> <p>1 in</p>
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# EMERGENCY SERVICES COMING TO SOUTHERN BROADWATER

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

As development in south Broadwater County continues, the Broadwater County Commissioners are preparing to improve the areas access to emergency services, and constructing an emergency services facility is the next step.

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord told MT 43 News that the proposed location for the facility is on the east side of Highway 287, directly across from the Wheatland Drive turn.

The new facility — once constructed — will contain space for a fire department, ambulance, search and rescue operations and a satellite sheriff's office, according to a fee proposal sent to the county by Slate Architecture on Nov. 28. The building will also feature space for a training room, offices, living and dining rooms, two bedrooms, laundry, decontamination, evidence storage and two holding cells.

Outside of the building, the property will accommodate air emergency services with a helipad.

To help keep energy use and operating costs low, the facility will feature an array of solar panels.

Before workers can break ground on the new emergency service facility, Slate Architecture must conduct "preliminary architecture report". This report will provide the county with insights into the project, such as estimated construction costs, impacts to the site and facility schematic plans.

The Nov. 28 letter to the commission proposes a "lump sum fee" of \$58,090 for Slate Architecture to conduct this investigation. The fee does not include the cost of constructing the actual building.


During the commission's Jan. 18 meeting, Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield recommended that the commissioners wait to approve the fee proposal until an attorney with construction expertise looked it over.

"It's a very exciting, good project," Hatfield said. "I just want to make sure we're protected and doing things right."

Hatfield clarified that her concerns with the contract were that some conditions bound the county not just for the investigation, but through the completion of the project.

Commission Chair Debi Randolph questioned what Hatfield's expected timeline was to move forward and asked whether any attorneys that the county had previously worked with could assist with the matter.

Hatfield committed to making phone calls to other attorneys by the end of the week and pointed out that the other attorneys the county has worked with recently are not construction specialists.



## Moments in time

- On Feb. 10, 1535, notwithstanding the winter chill and in a form of protest that was, unsurprisingly, ridiculed by both Protestants and Catholics, a small group of Anabaptists ran stark naked through the streets of Amsterdam, shouting that they "had been sent from God to communicate the naked truth to the godless."
- On Feb. 9, 1861, Jefferson Davis and Alexander Stephens were respectively elected to six-year terms as the Provisional President and Provisional Vice President of the Confederate States of America, after running without opposition.
- On Feb. 11, 1916, American feminist and anarchist Emma Goldman was arrested and imprisoned for violating the Comstock Act just before she was scheduled to deliver a public lecture on birth control, which she argued was essential to women's social, economic and sexual freedom.

### 2023 Broadwater County Board Vacancies

- **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

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE - JANUARY

Karoline Nelson, Operations Manager

The Townsend United Methodist Church will be staffing the food pantry during the month of February.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 17 families consisting of 33 family members on January 21.

Beginning February 4th, we will be signing up those that would like Easter meat (chicken or ham). You will be able to sign up on February 4th and 18th and March 4th and 18th. The meats will be distributed on April 1st.

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

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

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

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

How to Donate: Bob's Supermarket has donation boxes at the checkout counters. For donations of meat or other perishable items or for emergency food distribution, please call Karoline at 406-438-3981 or Daryl at 406-980-0800.

The food pantry is open to accept donations from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. You may mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644.

The food pantry is located at 315 Broadway.

- On Feb. 6, 1952, England's King George VI passed away, making his daughter, Princess Elizabeth, Queen Elizabeth II. The sovereign received the news from her husband, Prince Philip, while on a trip to Kenya, which was immediately cut short as she prepared to assume her new role.
- On Feb. 7, 1964, the music world would never be quite the same after the Beatles arrived in New York for their first visit to the U.S., where thousands of near-hysterical fans waited to greet them at Kennedy Airport. During their appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," they whipped up an even greater frenzy, with 73 million viewers watching on their TVs at home.
- On Feb. 8, 2008, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the electric chair, which was the only execution method used in that state, represented a violation of human dignity and was consequently unconstitutional, adding that electrocution "has proven itself to be a dinosaur more befitting the laboratory of Baron Frankenstein than the death chamber."

## COUNTY BOARDS HAVE OPEN POSITIONS

Tacy Swanton, Community Development and Planning Assistant

County seeks to fill board vacancies

Broadwater County's various citizen boards have an abundance of openings, and the county commissioners encourage citizens to apply.

"We appreciate everything everybody does," Commissioner Darrel Folkvord said in regard to the various citizen board volunteers. "We really need your help."

Currently, there are over 30 openings on the various boards, as seen in the list BELOW/ABOVE/TO THE LEFT/TO THE RIGHT.

Those interested in applying should contact Tacy Swanson at [tswanson@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:tswanson@co.broadwater.mt.us).

Swanson notified the board that she would announce the candidates to the commission during its Jan. 25 meeting.

## TOWNSEND FARMERS' MARKET SETS DATES OF OPERATION

Don and Chris Hettinger, Farmers Market

Vendors and people interested in the Townsend Farmers Market, which includes all of Broadwater County, came together at the Alliance Church on Thursday Evening, Jan. 19, to prepare for the 2023 market season.

Chris Hettinger, the market manager, prepared a financial report and reviewed our Farmers' Market procedures. The dates of the new season were discussed and set for each Thursday from May 25 to September 28 for our regular season.

It was voted that this year there will be co-market managers. Diane Johnson volunteered to throw her hat into the ring and the confirming vote passed. Diane was recently hired as the Administrator to the board at the Conservation District.

More and new signs will direct people's attention to the market. Dwight Dyk will head up the committee.

Again we look forward to volunteer help from Allison Kosto's Master Gardener class. We are grateful for the help of last year's volunteers who were Kathy Madden, Terey Artz, Donna Haynes, and Kim Kondelik. They helped set up, collect table fees, count people and generally watched over the market area. Their help is much appreciated and necessary.

There were 19 different vendors who participated in the 2022 season with the greatest number on any one day being 12. The highest count of patrons for a Thursday market was 173 with an average of 123 for the 19-week season.

The Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program was successful and, hopefully, more seniors will sign up this year for the free coupons to purchase fresh garden produce. Information is available at the Broadwater County Health Department at 406-266-5209.

If you have questions or would like to be a vendor in the 2023 season, call Chris at 406-422-7933.



# THE TOWNSEND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BROADWATER RURAL FIRE DISTRICT AWARDS DINNER

Ed Shindoll, Fire Chief at Broadwater Co. Rural Fire District

Sunday, January 22, 2023, the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department and the Broadwater Rural Fire District met at Watson's event center for their annual awards dinner. We had prime rib, cheesy potatoes, corn, salad, and rolls for dinner with apple crisp for dessert.

There were 81 people in attendance including EMTs, law enforcement, firefighters, spouses and families. There were also many retired firefighters and EMTs in attendance. We reviewed the activities for 2022. There were 13 wildland fires that burned 199.8 acres. There were 2 big structure fires that burned businesses in the rural area and 1 structure fire in the city that burned a business. Most of our calls this past year were for vehicle accidents and helping our EMS partners.

Awards for this year were given to deserving firefighters.

5-year member pins were given to Sam and Sheree Beauchamp and Vivian Boaz.

10-year member pins were given to James Emanuel and Fred Kessel.

The 15-year member pin went to Doug Longfellow

The 2022 firefighter of the year was Larry Virnig from the Duck Creek Station.

The 2022 Rookie firefighter was Julie Kittle from the Townsend Station.



Julie Kittle, Ed Shindoll, Larry Virnig (Photo by Vivian Preasmyer)

Everyone stated that the dinner was very good, and no one left the party hungry. There was a lot of camaraderie between the firefighters, new and old, before, during, and after the meal.



## FFA UPDATE

Mikayla Kraft, School Correspondent

Involvement in FFA is booming for high school students! There were twenty-one students at our FFA meeting this last week and through each meeting we continue to see a steady number of students. We have so much hope for the incoming grades and I believe we will see much success in the coming years. In the past few weeks, I attended the Fusion Career Summit in Helena and we attended the LDE (Leadership Development Event) Competition hosted by the Three Forks FFA chapter, having the ability to introduce our 8th graders in the Jr. Creed competition and the Conduct of Chapter Meetings competition.

On the weekend of January 13th, I had the opportunity to attend the Fusion Career Summit in Helena. We did plenty of workshops on interviewing skills, preparation for being a Montana State FFA officer, and leadership growth. We also learned about scholarships through Reach Higher Montana and had the chance to work on our cover letters and resumes. We attended an Etiquette Dinner and a Networking dinner where I got the opportunity to meet with members of our legislature. Overall, this experience was very eye-opening and I am so thankful that I was able to attend because now I can bring so much back to my chapter!

On the 20th we took 13 of our members to Three Forks for the chance to compete in Agricultural Sales (Amanda Pesicka, Jacob Pesicka, Ross MacDonald, and Kayla Kraft), Jr and Sr Creed Speaking (Arabela McDaniel and Ashley Sanderson), and Conduct of Chapter Meetings (Sierra Sherrard, Jacey Brunette, Arabela McDaniel, Amy Peters, Jazel Ragen, Emily Taves, and Madison Zaharko). Everyone that we brought qualified for the state competition! This was Broadwater FFA's first time introducing 8th graders to the FFA competition and we believe that this is something we should continue! Madison Zaharko gave me feedback about how this experience was great for her, "FFA is actually helping me with my public speaking problems... None of the judges were too quick to judge... and they were super respectful and calm with us" Madison states. FFA has even given her opportunities to see our family relationship through the connection between a corduroy jacket, "It is pretty cool to see teams and members working together."

There are so many more events coming up, so be prepared to be involved and hear all about it! We are hosting our Silent Auction at the end of February. If you or your business would like to donate we would greatly appreciate it. Reach out to Jemma Loughery at (406) 441-3423. We appreciate your continuous support!

## STOKE UPDATE

Jim Domino, STOKE President



Science ◦ Technology ◦ Outdoors Knowledge ◦ Entrepreneurship

Hello from STOKE! Hard to believe February is almost here. Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so don't forget to save the date, Tuesday, February 14 for our annual Valentine's Day Fundraiser. Tickets are limited and on sale now at Reading Leaves Bookstore. Be sure to join us for a fun, entertaining evening, great food and help to support STOKE and our kids!



Stoke Ski Trip

Our free Jan. 20 Kids Fun Skiing Day at Showdown Ski Area was a great success! Everyone had a fun time and the skiing was fabulous! We are considering another Showdown Fun Day trip in February, so stay tuned for further announcements.

On-going events are

- 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, Starts Tuesday, January 17. 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.

- Sewing: Learn the ins and outs of sewing and get to make some fun articles. This is an ongoing STOKE program.

- Cooking: Have a fun time learning all about cooking! Taught by some of our incredible expert community cooks and chefs. Start date to be announced.

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!



### Cats Can Hide Illness Symptoms, So Be Aware

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My cat Sisko became very unaffectionate a few days ago. He hid under the bed or crouched in the corner of the living room and refused to cuddle. Then I noticed when he sat in the litter box that he meowed as if he was in distress. I called the veterinarian, and they had me bring him right in. Turns out that Sisko had a urinary tract infection! He's doing fine now, but I wanted to tell my story so that other readers will know that a sudden behavior change in their cat could be a medical problem. — Kurt W., Parsippany, New Jersey

**DEAR KURT:** Thank you for sharing! You did absolutely the right thing: You noticed a sudden change in your cat's behavior, kept a closer eye on his activities and litter habits, and contacted the vet's office to share your observations and get advice.

Cats are very secretive about their health. It's an instinctive behavior that helped their ancestors hide from predators. So it is common for owners not to notice when their cat is experiencing pain, such as a sore tooth or an illness like a urinary tract infection.

While the occasional hairball episode isn't a cause for concern, there are some symptoms that should prompt a call to the vet for an appointment.

— Your cat acts withdrawn, sits hunched over, refuses to play or be petted.

— Eating or drinking habits change.  
— Litter box behavior changes: meowing, missing the box or noticeable diarrhea.

— Grooming problems develop, or they have clumpy fur or irritated skin.

— Physical symptoms: eye or ear discharge, strange breathing, unusual vomiting, lethargy or drooling.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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## INTRODUCING MIKAYLA KRAFT - OUR NEW SCHOOL REPORTER

Mikayla Kraft, School Correspondent

Hello Townsend! My name is Mikayla Kraft and I am a 16-year-old junior. I write the Broadwater Future Farmers of America (FFA) reports and work as a kennel technician at the Elkhorn Vet Clinic. I love being involved throughout my school and in my extracurricular activities. Community is really important to me and I enjoy being able to talk to people about what is going on. The Townsend Schooling System is a topic that many people discuss, and as a current student of Broadwater High School I feel that I can give the community an opportunity to see what happens in our school, and the efforts our administration and students make to our learning experience better.

FFA is a large part of my life that helps define who I am. I have been an FFA member since I was a high school freshman. I have held the offices of Sentinel 2021-22 and Reporter 2022-23. I have achieved my Greenhand and Chapter Degree and am currently involved in the Agricultural Sales Leadership Development Event (LDE), the Meat Evaluation, Vet Science, and Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE). I have just recently qualified for the state-level competition

in Great Falls for Agricultural Sales, Meat Evaluation, and Vet Science. This last October I even went to Nationals to compete in Parliamentary Procedure. I believe that my role in agriculture holds a high responsibility and has helped me grow as a person to be the best that I can be.

Because FFA has helped me to grow as a leader and agriculturalist, I aim to become a large animal veterinarian. Even though I am only a junior, I have already started the scholarship and school application process. I aim to minor in Animal Science at Montana State University or the Central Christian College of Kansas; my goal is to major in and gain a DVM at the University of Veterinary Medicine in Wisconsin or Washington State University. I plan to come back to my hometown of Townsend, MT to provide large animal veterinary services to help in satisfying the need for large animal vets in our community and county.

I am a Christian and currently attend the Trailhead Christian Church. I occasionally sing on the worship team and regularly attend the teen bible study Sunday mornings at 9 and a young women's discipleship study every other Saturday. I also have the opportunity to regularly attend a bible study every Tuesday morning before school. I take pride in my belief and love to be involved in the church.

This only defines who I am, but my goal throughout these articles is to give the community a better understanding of what goes on in our school system. I also hope I can give our students and administration more of a voice in the community to increase knowledge of the great opportunities that are provided to us.

# DRAMA TEAM WINS SOUTHERN B DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT

Denise Bakkum, Speech and Drama Coach

The Townsend Bulldog Drama Team won the Southern B Divisional Tournament on Saturday, January 21 in Columbus, Montana. This is the fourth consecutive Southern Divisional Championship for the seniors, but this team continues to achieve in ways not seen in Townsend Speech & Drama history (at least as far back as Coach Bakkum can find!).

The three duos in Humorous Theater, for example, have set a precedent for taking the top three spots in finals. In Columbus, Will Lynde and Cooper Hines placed third, Sienna Everett and Havyn Vandencacre placed second, and Jonah Wishman and Scarlett McDaniel won first, earning 58 of the team's 127 points-enough to have won the Divisional Championship on their own!

But they were not on their own! 17 actors placed in the top 8, earning them a trip to the State Tournament in Manhattan on January 27-28.

Kayden Greene and Nykia Mondragon lit up Classical Theater and brought home first place with a hilarious rendition of Rumpelstiltskin

Senior Cassidy Johnson's Dramatic Solo earned her second place, in a mind-boggling tiebreaker that had the coaches in the tab room grabbing their rule books. Johnson and her competitor were tied in five ways, but she came out on top after the sixth tiebreaker!

Junior Riley Rauser (Mime,) and Freshman Jenna Smucker (Hum Solo) both brought the fun, placing second in incredibly close competitions! Junior Aidan Easter took a shot at Pantomime and delivered a highly entertaining piece, earning him 5th place! Freshman Jenna Mainwaring brought five different characters to life in Humorous Solo, earning 8th in Humorous Solo.

Freshmen Creighton Wright, Hannah Hall, Logan Barkhurst and Ashley Sanderson turned up the drama at their first Divisional Competition, earning third (Wright/Hall) and 4th (Barkhurst/Sanderson) in Dramatic Theater. Freshman Noah Borrer brought a shovel (literally) and got a taste of competition in Dramatic Solo.

Junior Trista Moos will represent as the lone member of the State Townsend Bulldog Speech Team. Moos qualified with her chilling Dramatic Interpretation piece entitled, "I'll Always Know Where You Are". Sophomore Anna Beatty entered the highly competitive, Spontaneous Interpretation (SPOI) and brought humor and humility to a tough event!

The bus leaves the school at 9:00 am Friday morning! Honk as we go by!



Drama Team (Photo by Denise Bakkum)

**DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS:**  
**DRAMA:** Jonah Wishman/Scarlett McDaniel (Humorous Theater) 1; Kayden Greene/Nykia Mondragon (Classical Theater) 1; Cassidy Johnson (Dramatic Solo) 2; Sienna Everett/Havyn Vandencacre (Humorous Theater) 2; Riley Rauser (Mime) 2; Jenna Smucker (Humorous Solo) 2; Will Lynde/Cooper Hines (Humorous Theater) 3; Creighton Wright/Hannah Hall (Dramatic Theater) 3; Logan Barkhurst/Ashley Sanderson (Dramatic Theater) 4; Aidan Easter (Mime) 5; Jenna Mainwaring (Humorous Solo) 8; Noah Borrer (Dramatic Solo)  
**SPEECH:** Trista Moos (Dramatic Interpretation) 6; Anna Beatty (Spontaneous Interpretation)



## LADY BULLDOGS BASKETBALL UPDATE

Wanda Lambott, Lady Bulldogs Assistant Coach

Lady Bulldogs secure a win

The Lady Herders from Big Timber came to Townsend to play some basketball last Thursday. The Bulldogs began the game with intensity and fight and kept it close through much of the first quarter. A few adjustments were made, and the sharp-shooting Herders found their rhythm with a final score of 61-21. Ella Begger had 12 points in the contest.

On Friday, the Townsend Lady Bulldogs traveled to Choteau to play the "other" Bulldogs. The girls went in looking for a "W." Coach Lawson let them know that it was time to push the reset button on this season. The Townsend Lady Bulldogs responded with the win and a score of 52-28. Once again, Ella Begger led scorers with 16 points in addition to 8 steals and 7 assists. Holly Newman had 14 points and 3 assists. Bri Williams, Emmalin Fischer and Mishayla Lambott had 4 points apiece, while Kady Clark, Kailey Knaub, Emily Bird, Cassidy Flynn and Kaitlyn Noyes had 2 points each. Kady Clark, Cassidy Flynn and Holly Newman attacked the boards with 7 rebounds apiece. Abby Wickens and Montana Hedstrom each contributed a steal to the defensive effort.

The Lady Bulldogs will look to improve their 2-10 record on the road against Manhattan on Thursday, January 26, and at home against Park County High on Saturday, January 28.

## BULLDOGS BASKETBALL SPLIT GAMES

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Bulldog basketball continues to have a packed season, and most recently hosted the Big Timber Shepherders and traveled to Choteau. The Bulldogs had previously beat both teams earlier this season.

Big Timber opened strong in its face-off with the Bulldogs, scoring 17 points to Broadwater's six.

The Shepherders kept up the pace through the second and continued to outscore the Bulldogs through the rest of the game. In the end, Big Timber finished on top 52-39.

The Bulldog's Jesus Garcia provided 15 points to the team, followed by Ryan Racht with 10 and Sawyer Horne with seven.

Against Choteau, the Bulldogs stepped up to the hoop and got the job done.

By the end of the first half, Broadwater led 29-24.

Racht took over as the team's leading scorer during the game, earning 25 points. Ryedan Reed was next with 18 points, followed by Horne with six, Garcia with four and Deegan Mattson with three.

The Bulldogs were able to pull out the win. Final: 56-47.

Bulldog basketball took on the Manhattan Tigers on Jan. 26, after MT 43 News' print deadline. On Saturday, Jan. 28, the Bulldogs will host the Park High Rangers at 1 p.m. before taking on the Lone Peak Big Horns on Feb. 3 at 3 p.m.

Dawg Wrestlers host B/C duals

Townsend hosted 16 teams for the Class B/C duals on Jan. 20 and 21, and after a Friday full of pool play, the teams set off to claim the title in two brackets: the gold and the silver.

The top eight teams competed in the gold bracket and the next eight in the silver.

During pool play, the Broadwater Bulldogs opened against the Jefferson Panthers, losing 9-51. The Dawgs were able to prevail against the Shepherd Mustangs, 30-24. A final dual against Florence, the Dawgs fell 12-60.

On day two of the competitions, the Dawgs advanced to the silver bracket and faced the Red Lodge Rams first thing.

In a semi-final dual, the Dawgs took on Choteau.

Despite an incredible effort from the team and a win-by-pin for Walker Spurlock, Choteau narrowly advanced with one point over Broadwater's 30.

This placed the Dawgs in another semi-final dual on the consolation side of the bracket where they rolled their way to the third, fourth-place match against Columbus.

Columbus claimed the win with 38 points to the Dawgs 32.

The Dawgs continued to compete at home this weekend in the final week of their 2022-23 regular season. Their annual battle for the copper shamrock takes place on Friday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.

Check back next week to see the results from the Harry Hall Mixer on Jan. 26.

Divisional wrestling will take place in Pablo on Feb. 3 and 4. Qualifiers will then continue to the state tournament in Billings on Feb. 10 and 11.

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# Upcoming School Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>27</b> ◆ WRESTLING - COPPER SHAMROCK ◆ SPEECH AND DEBATE STATE @ MANHATTAN	<b>28</b> ◆ SPEECH AND DEBATE STATE @ MANHATTAN ◆ BASKETBALL VS. PARK HIGH - 1 P.M.
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6 P.M.	<b>31</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30/7 P.M. ◆ STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE	<b>1</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	<b>2</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.	<b>3</b> ◆ BASKETBALL VS. LONE PEAK - 3 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING DIVISIONALS @ MISSOULA
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.	<b>7</b> ◆ BOOSTER CLUB MEETING - 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 7 P.M.	<b>8</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	<b>9</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.	<b>12</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.	<b>13</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.	<b>14</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.	<b>15</b> ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6:30 P.M.
				<b>10</b> ◆ BASKETBALL @ WHITEHALL - 3 P.M. ◆ WRESTLING STATE @ BILLINGS	<b>11</b> ◆ WRESTLING STATE @ BILLINGS ◆ BASKETBALL VS. JEFFERSON - 1 P.M.



# ATHLETES/ PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK - JANUARY 16, 2023

Lacie Reed - Lacie J. Reed Photography

We would like to thank Billings Clinic Broadwater for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster member and supporting our Bulldogs! Here are the athletes of the week!

Boys Basketball:



Junior, Camden Ferguson was a beast this last weekend for the Bulldogs against the Trojans and Panthers. He is our team's Swiss Army knife, playing any role we need him that week. He came off the bench during Thursday's game and is always at the top for rebounds for our team. He started Saturday's game and he was in multiple positions when we needed it the most. He is always willing to dive on a ball or ox out the opponent's biggest post.

Girls Basketball:



Freshman, Kaitlyn Noyes is our player of the week. She had an outstanding week of practice and she played extremely well against Whitehall and Jefferson.

Speech & Drama:

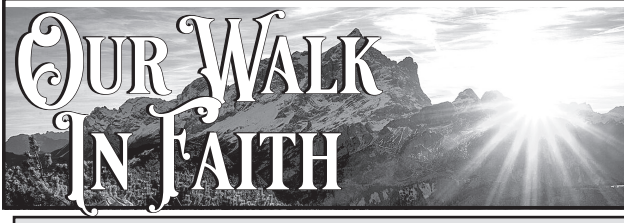
Freshman, Jenna Smucker achieved a "picket fence" in Loyola on January 14th. She won every round and brought home the win for the team!



Wrestling:



Managers Liz Collins (Left) and Carsyn O'Dell (Right) have shown hard work and dedication to the Townsend wrestling team. These girls also volunteered to help run tables at the Choteau Classic this past weekend.



**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.

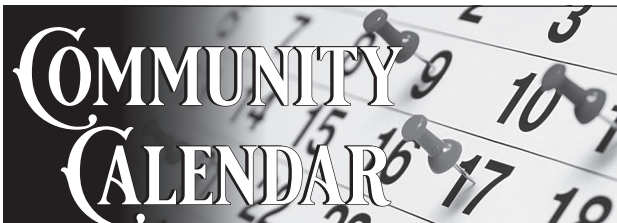
**Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study, 10:30 a.m. 431-2810 or (406) 241-0042

**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.



**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



**THE SENIOR CENTER MENU FOR JAN 30 - FEB 3**

**Monday, January 30**

Cabbage Rolls  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Whole Grain Bread  
Apricot Halves

**Tuesday, January 31**

Baked Chicken  
Rice Pilaf  
California Vegetables  
Dinner Salad with Beans  
Blushing Pears  
Dessert

**Wednesday, February 1**

Chili Con Carne  
Golden Corn  
Fresh Baked Biscuit  
Tossed Salad  
Zesty Pineapple

**Thursday, February 2**

Roast Pork  
Mashed Potatoes  
Key Largo Vegetables  
Whole Grain Bread  
Spiced Apples

**Friday, February 3**

Fish Patty On A Bun  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Mixed Veggies  
Crisp Coleslaw  
Plump Peaches

## CASSIE COOPER KNOWS WILD RAGS

Dee Gannon, MT43 News Correspondent

There's a new girl in town, taking over the space previously inhabited by Broadwater Tack, 505 Front Street. Her name is Cassie Cooper and her business is C hangin C Designs. She has been working hard at growing her home-based business; finding her niche, right here in town. She has had an online business for a while; while also doing craft fairs and Made-in-Montana shows. She has a WildRags display at Rocky Mountain Supply, too.

Her store features handmade silk scarves and (oh so soft) minky blankets, with ear-warmers and more! She also displays jewelry and scarf accessories. She does wholesale and consignments with Montana creations. Her material comes from both coasts; wherever she finds the desired prints. Then, she cuts and finishes the scarves, even while you wait.

Her business began as gifts for friends and family. As word spread, she took the leap into a small business. Her following is growing. Like many craftspeople, she boasts many repeat customers. If you are interested in more information, you can call her at 406-439-1269; changincdesigns@gmail.com. She has a Facebook account C hangin C Designs; TikTok CassieCoop; on Instagram C-hangin-C-designs.

Cassie is married to Leroy and has four grown children. Her previous employer was Big Bull in Winston, where she served as manager. She has lived in Winston for 11 years.

C hangin C Designs will have its Grand Opening on February 10 and 11. And, that's just in time for Valentine's Day. Head on over and check out her designs. If you are hungry, that's great, too... as Gayle Watson still has her tacos and other favorites available.



# COURT BEAT

JANUARY 20, 2023

Dee Gannon

The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom from Lewis & Clark County Courthouse on Friday, January 20 is as follows:

Pablo Gonzales had his omnibus memorandum will be submitted by 5 pm on Monday.

Michael Coyle has his arraignment continued until February 3.



## APHYOS - A NEW SMARTPHONE OPERATING SYSTEM

Victor Sample

Marketing companies and search engine companies like Google (the creator of the Android operating system) have always made money by tracking what you do on your computing devices: PCs, Laptops, Tablets and Smartphones. I recently wrote an article about "ID Smuggling" – tracking what you are doing on the internet – that quoted a director of a research group as saying that stopping internet privacy invasion is like playing whack-a-mole: as soon as you prevent one way of privacy invasion another pops up.

Apostrophe AG, a Swiss software company founded by mobile phone industry veterans, is unveiling a new smartphone operating system that has an emphasis on privacy. It works by segregating apps to prevent tracking of user behavior. The founders of Apostrophe AG have appointed Steve Cistulli as CEO. Cistulli has over 25 years of experience in the software industry.

Smartphone operating systems are dominated by Apple (IOS on the iPhone) and Google (Android on most other smartphones). AphyOS – the new operating system – will not be free. Apostrophe AG intends to charge a subscription fee for its combination of software and services.

AphyOS was created from an open-source version of the Android operating system. So it will function much as Android does. In fact, the AphyOS system will run apps created for Android. However, the new operating system will not include or support Google's Mobile Services or the Play Store.

Of course, Apostrophe AG is not the first company to try to get into the Smartphone Operating system alongside Apple and Google. Microsoft (the windows phone), Samsung, HP and Mozilla have all tried and failed to compete with Apple and Google.

Privacy on the internet is a concern to everyone and it can only be good that companies like Apostrophe are trying to address making privacy a priority. It remains to be seen if they can successfully compete with the established giants of the industry.

## Americanisms



"Exercise is a dirty word. Every time I hear it I wash my mouth out with chocolate."  
— Charles Schulz

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## ROTUNDA ROUNDUP FROM MONTANA FARMERS UNION (MFU)

Rachel Prevost and Jasmine Koskov, Montana Farmers Government Affairs Director

Whether it's a combine, a loader tractor, or a powered wheelchair, equipment owners should have the right to repair their own equipment, and Montana Farmers Union testified in support of House Bill (HB) 195, which would revise consumer rights laws to repair powered wheelchairs.

Right to repair is a critically important issue to MFU's membership and one that we will continue to work on throughout the session for agricultural equipment. We believe that owners, along with independent repair technicians, should be able to repair the equipment they own.

HB 195, which is sponsored by Rep. Alice Buckley, received a positive hearing this week in the House Human Services Committee. The committee asked a lot of great questions, but unfortunately the bill, currently, has been tabled in the committee on an 11-10 vote. We look forward to continuing our work on right to repair this session. Another bill, that came up this week, to highlight is HB 206, which is sponsored by Rep. Ron Marshall, to "Generally revise mill levy election laws." MFU opposed this bill that would change the way local governments levy mills for things like school operating funds, park districts, and public safety. It would require that there be 50 percent voter turnout and limit the duration of levies to five years. MFU opposed the bill because our members have a strong interest in rural education. Such restrictions on the ability to raise money for schools does not bode well for rural Montana students and the next generation's ability to stay on the land and earn a good living. Another highlight from the week is HB 276, which was introduced this week and would "establish a farm-to-food bank grant program." The Department of Agriculture would establish and administer the program, including grant requirements and necessary rules to make this a successful program. Farmers Union supports the bill, which would cultivate relationships between local food pantries and their area growers, farmers, and ranchers; provide a new market for small farmers, ranchers and growers; and strengthen local food systems. The program will nourish Montanans by increasing access to fresh vegetables, meat, and other local food products. Additionally, the program will boost local economies by keeping more money in towns to support local businesses. We encourage you to reach out to your representative, and members of the House Agriculture Committee in the coming weeks and ask them to support this bill. Montana Farmers Union continued to support HB 153, sponsored by Rep. Brandon Ler, which would revise laws related to livestock markets. It provides adequate protection for producers, updates the language to match federal law with the Packers and Stockyards Act, and moves toward modernization for video and internet auctions. Montana Farmers Union also continued to support HB 44, sponsored by Rep. Julie Dooling which would revise document requirements for state stock inspectors. As requested by the Department of Livestock, the bill removes the requirement for triplicate copies of brand inspections, modernizing toward digital, but still allowing for the use of paper copies. Montana Farmers Union opposed SB 140, which is sponsored by Sen. Keith Regier and would revise union membership laws. MFU opposes SB 140, as it would force employers to collect employee data annually and to illegally discuss union membership with employees. Rural communities rely on jobs with nonprofits, and they deserve the freedom to decide for themselves if they want to join a union. In the coming weeks, Montana Farmers Union will continue advocating for family farmers, ranchers, and rural communities, guided by MFU's member-written policy. Press Information: montanafarmersunion.com/media-press-kit/ MFU President Walter Schweitzer: 406-799-3782 Montana Farmers Union has worked more than 100 years for family farms, ranches, and rural communities. MFU supports its members through strong educational 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](http://www.montanafarmersunion.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### What Are You Going To Do About It?

Sam Goode

Are you outraged? Are you scared to death or overwhelmed? There is a lot of that going around. No matter what your political affiliations are, living now is like riding blindfolded in the back seat of a speeding car. As the vehicle rolls over hills and barely negotiates sharp turns, our stomachs rise up in the free falls. We wonder aloud, "Who is driving this outfit? Where are we headed anyway?"

I never was one for roller coasters or murder mysteries so current events shock me plenty! There are too many riddles and not enough solutions. What to do? Many friends of mine start their days by immersing themselves in the raw sewage of network news. They try to outdo one another with reports of the most hideous nature. It's too many for me. Maybe they are the ones that like scary carnival rides and crime movies, too. I dunno. Just the commercials make me weep.

Lately, however, I've found a way to slow them down--to steer the conversation away from the terror. The simple question, "What are you going to do about it?" will usually bring about a pause to the rant. "Me? I can't stop those SOB's!" And off we go again.

As troublesome as the corporate pirates and their stooges in the media are, they can do nothing to change the laws of the universe or delay divine judgments. Karma doesn't dilly-dally. You can go down with them; either by going along with the new dogmas or by doing nothing but sticking your head in the sand. It is not a time for inaction. By not doing anything, you are abetting further abuse from the tyranny.

To be sure, it is discouraging to witness the cultural manipulations of power-mad billionaires, but it's a cop-out to think we can't make a difference. Each of us has substantial power and influence. We only have to understand where it lies and not be blown off course by foul reports from faraway places. The mission starts in our hearts. If we are offended by immorality, we need to get our own house in order. If we see an unkind world, we need to exercise kindness wherever we find ourselves. If we long for justice, we ourselves must be more just. Hopefully, when we look in the mirror, we will see a radical revolutionary that can't be defeated. . . a wild lover that shall transform our civilization!

Even in these chaotic times, it is possible to lead a victorious life and be an agent of change for the better. Seek and love your Creator. Love and help (also forgive) your neighbor. We can fix the little things in our midst, and encourage the wounded along our path. Yeah, that may take us out of our comfort zones, but the dividends are lasting. It's where the rubber meets the road—and where our great power lies.

Love makes the world go 'round . . . and the lack of love makes it squeak as it turns.

## top ten

### Most-Searched People in the World: 2022

1. Johnny Depp
2. Will Smith
3. Amber Heard
4. Vladimir Putin
5. Chris Rock
6. Novak Djokovic
7. Anna Sorokin (Delvey)
8. Andrew Tate
9. Rishi Sunak
10. Simon Leviev

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# JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT - JANUARY 20, 2023

*Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk*

## MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES:

Sydney Whitesitt	Glendive	day speed	\$20.00
Gwendolyn Schmalholz	Great Falls	day speed	\$70.00
Dylan Powell	Jacksonville, NC	day speed	\$20.00
Renelle Perkins	East Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Lane Meeks	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Scharleen Mcneely	Helena	day speed	\$70.00
Ross Marty	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Rebecca Miller	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Eric Gill	Sun Valley, Id	day speed	\$20.00
Nicholas Brum	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Trevor Alleman	Bozeman	day speed	\$70.00
Susan Wesner	Toston	day speed	\$20.00
Schaefer Budde	Townsend	day speed	\$20.00
Joseph Kump	Butte	day speed	\$20.00
Dominick Masse	Townsend	day speed	\$120.00
Regan Mack	Townsend	expired registration	\$85.00
Zane Salyer	Kila	day speed	\$20.00
Randi Widdicombe	Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
Duncan Kraft	Billings	day speed	\$20.00
William Cramer	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Edward Torres	Phoenix, Az	day speed	\$20.00
Joseph McGill	East Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Nicole McDonald	Ukiah, Ca	day speed	\$20.00
Judith Ehret	Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
Taylor Dreyer	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Aubrey Adkins	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00

## MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS:

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## MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES:

Taylor Tennant – Helena – day speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine; fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle- owner or operator- 2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees.  
 Lyndell Halteman – Fairfield – day speed, plead guilty, \$70.00 fine.  
 Joseph Riggs – Great Falls - Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked- 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to jail for six months with all suspended-on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.  
 Jeffrey Bershaw -Colville, Wa – Operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater – 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME:

Judith Erickson – East Helena – failure to obtain landowner permission for hunting-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

## BROADWATER COUNTY FINES:

Levi Caldwell – Fargo, ND – driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.  
 Jeremiah Peters – Choteau – Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked- 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to jail for six months with all suspended-on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.  
 Maria Hughes – Bozeman – night speed, plead guilty, \$120.00 fine.

## BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES:

Amanda Standley	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Thomas Schaefer	Bozeman	night speed	\$20.00
Peter Kamman	Bozeman	night speed	\$20.00
Jessica Humber	East Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Tanner Coburn	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Brian Chisdak	Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
Troy Butler	Bozeman	night speed	\$20.00

## COUNTY CRIMINAL:

### DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK:

### MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES:

### INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT:

### INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION:



## Be Intentional with Your Inner Circle

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

How do you choose friends? Do you value personality, integrity, morals, and values? We must be very intentional in how we choose our inner circle. The right friends for you should help you to become more humble and willing to serve others from all walks of life.

Friends profoundly influence our lives - especially during moments of transparency and vulnerability at the intersection of decision-making.

Surrounded by wrong friends or voices, unhealthy friendships can negatively influence you, and you may be encouraged to pursue unhealthy habits and decisions that bring much heartache and pain.

A true friend is loyal and will provide loving accountability and speak the truth. They positively encourage you and stand by your side through life's ups and downs. But to attract a faithful, loyal, and wise friend, you must commit to being an honorable friend.

You have a unique opportunity to be a peacemaker or instigator in every friendship and situation. We have all experienced both, as it is in our humanness that we desire to be liked and accepted by everyone; perhaps that is why we sometimes choose to follow the person who instigates. It's not always the best decision, as you may make

mistakes, poor choices, and wrong turns.

Be intentional - wise words and actions attract others who want to live with wisdom. You will attract friends who share the same mindset.

Could you evaluate your friendships and social media friends list regularly? It is crucial to have loyal friends. Friends that you can be yourself and who will not judge you for who you are and who you are not.

Take time to think about your friends...are they the right friends for you? Words can bring joy and peace, but they can also bring harm.

When I think about the girlfriends I have had over the years, many I felt would be in my life for a lifetime. But, I soon realized that some people are supposed to be in your life for only a season. They weren't meant to be there always. People come into your life like a new flower that blooms in the springtime. As the season progresses, the flowers eventually fade, and the petals drop off. There is a purpose and a plan for that particular time.

I have recognized that some people are growing or blooming at different rates. My flower garden, for instance, has many different varieties, and they all grow and bloom at various times throughout the growing season. When I am watering, I will notice that some of my flower petals have bloomed, fallen off, or need some deadheading to encourage new growth. I am no longer alarmed when those petals drop off...It is making room for new growth.

Now, close your eyes for a moment and envision your beautiful garden.

Your life parallels a beautiful flower garden. Don't be afraid when the petals fall off. Some aren't growing and blooming as quickly as you, or maybe their garden is full of weeds and hasn't been cared for. When you water and fertilize, you will find new shoots, blooms, and a beautiful new garden. There may be some people in your life who are not equipped to handle your new garden's rapid growth.

Over the last couple of years, I have had to deadhead some old blooms to make room for new growth. It can be painful to cut back, trim, and clear the weeds; sharp thorns may even cut you. It is necessary to allow the sun, fertilization, and water to take hold as you will soon reap the reward of your beautiful garden.

You are the gardener of your life. You are responsible for the growth of your new garden. Therefore, you get to decide what plants and flowers will be planted, ones that will attract honey bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. What type of garden do you want? Make sure you are planting the seeds in excellent soil...and remember to keep a fence around your garden to protect it. Be patient and trust the process...You will reap what you sow.

“For all these years, you’ve protected the seed. It’s time to become the flower.” ~Stephen C. Paul

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# JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT - JANUARY 27, 2023

*Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk*

## MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Chelsi Bay	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Tanner Billis	Gallatin Gateway	day speed	\$20.00
Tyler Vonbergen	Three Forks	day speed	\$20.00
Raylyne Cuzner	Clancy	No insurance -1st offense	\$285.00
		Expired registration	\$75.00
Mckinley Winkle	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Morgan Talley	Great Falls	day speed	\$20.00
Katherine Schuler	Great Falls	day speed	\$20.00
Jessikah Ramsey	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Barbara Rooney	Big Sky	day speed	\$20.00
Dalli Peterson	Valier	day speed	\$20.00
Judith Pattengale	Livingston	day speed	\$20.00
Wyatt Ott	Helena	day speed	\$70.00
Brittni Oleary	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Aaron Mcdonald	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Darlene Lappico	Santa Barbara, Ca	day speed	\$70.00
Genie Ladd	Three Forks	day speed	\$20.00
Jordan Lassiter	Millburn, NJ	day speed	\$20.00
Sunni Hitchcock	Townsend	day speed	\$20.00
Mark Grabill	Sherwood Park, Ab	day speed	\$70.00
Lydia Gillespie	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Christopher Fletcher Jr	Billings	improper pass	\$85.00
Jaeger Evinger	Townsend	day speed	\$20.00
James children	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Grace Carter	Manhattan	day speed	\$20.00
Kevin Cook	East Helena	day speed	\$70.00

## MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

## MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Michael Carver – Pleasant Grove, Ut – day speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.  
 Helena Hopewell – Great Falls – day speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine; driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked -1st offense, plead guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Walter Leedle – Townsend – Operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all suspended, on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program; driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees.

## BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

James Yracheta	Great Falls	night speed	\$20.00
Thomas Wieck	Great Falls	night speed	\$70.00
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Chloe Sanders	Clancy	day speed	\$120.00
Mitchell Schafhauser	Bozeman	night speed	\$20.00
Jeffrey Sposito	Manhattan	night speed	\$20.00
Joseph Stewart	Belgrade	expired registration	\$85.00
Matthew Smith	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Nestor Pacheco	El Paso, Tx	night speed	\$20.00
Dominique Morales	La Feria, Tx	night speed	\$20.00
Derric Jankowski	Belgrade	night speed	\$20.00
Victoria Haymond	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Mika Gullon	Avon	night speed	\$20.00
Richard Dalbec	Clancy	night speed	\$20.00
Jose Bustamante	Beeville, Tx	night speed	\$20.00
Ryan Beltran	Las Cruces, NM	night speed	\$120.00
Eric Beuthien	East Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Jesse Bostrom	Clancy	day speed	\$70.00
Tavaress Swann	Great Falls	night speed	\$20.00
Joshua Mcneely	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Samuel Valdovinos-Aleman	Bozeman	night speed	\$20.00

## COUNTY CRIMINAL

### DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK

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### INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Cassandra Quintana – Yellowstone Co. District Court, \$10,000.00 bond  
 Deion Newlun – Yellowstone Co. Justice Court, \$1085.00 bond



# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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& THE COTTER FOUNDATION

## “WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

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

January 26

1939

### “Canton Valley” News

Will Cotter of Canton is busy this week getting his woodpile sawed with a power outfit. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cartwright were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mahony Friday.

The telephone line to the John Graveley ranch was completed Tuesday of this week.

Gene Hardgrove is out of school this week with a case of jaundice and flu.

Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Sullivan, who are visiting their daughters in San Diego Calif., write that the weather is fine there and they are enjoying themselves immensely.

1950

### “Winston News”

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Moe were Helena visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitehead, Wayne and Carol, attended Rainbow installation in Helena Thursday evening.

Wesley and Ronnie Diehl and Tony Schnablegger attended the basketball game in Townsend Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Diehl were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Aarnson at the Colonial Club Saturday night.

Townsend visitors Saturday night were Morris Miles and son, Joe, Bob White, Robert Myles, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitehead and family.

### “Toston News”

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beyers returned Monday evening from Thermopolis, Wyo.

The dance at the Recreation Center on Saturday night was well attended. John Topsick was the holder of the lucky number which won him an angel food cake.

Miss Barbara Clark left Monday morning for Great Falls to resume her nurses training, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark.

The Toston Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Oscar Nilson Wednesday afternoon with eight members present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Flynn and family visited in Willow Creek Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marks and daughter, Mrs. William Quinn and Mrs. Cora Mackey of Townsend were Toston visitors Sunday afternoon.

1961

### “Crow Creek School News”

The students received their report cards Wednesday. Those with perfect attendance for the quarter in the primary room were George Conrad, Lois Feistner, Mike Ferrat, LeGrande Hunsaker, Steve Kimpton, Bobby Kimpton, Pam Kitto, Dixie Turman and Cathy Williams.

Upper classmen who had perfect attendance included Jerry Kitto, John Lampman, Karche Lampman, Jex Hunsaker, Barbara Lewis and Robert Hensley.

1967

### “Cub Scouts Holds Pack Meeting”

Cub Scouts of Pack 98 held their monthly meeting last Wednesday evening in the multipurpose room. The flag ceremony was presented by Den No. 3 with Den mothers, Mrs. Norman Brown and Mrs. Dale Davidson. Den No. 2 with den mothers, Mrs. Charles Holling and Mrs. Robert Wogamon, and Den No. 6 with den mothers, Mrs. Robert Kincaid, Mrs. Leonard Lavender and Mrs. James Armstrong

presented skits carrying out the monthly theme, “Highways to Progress”.

The attendance award was won by Den No 6 with nearly 100% attendance.

Cubmaster Dale Davidson presented the following awards:

Bob Pottruff - webelos badge; Ronnie Graham - three year pin and webelos badge; Mike Holzwarth - three year pin and webelos badge; Bobby Francisco - denner bar; Steve Morrison - graduation certificate; Jim Booher - bobcat pin, bear badge, and one year pin; Dale Merrill - bobcat pin, wolf badge and 1 gold arrow; Matt Meyer - bear badge, 1 gold arrow and 1 silver arrow; Scott Simon - 2 year pin, lion badge, 1 gold arrow and 1 silver arrow; Wayne Cooper, - two year pin, bear badge, 1 gold arrow; Jimmy Foster, lion badge and assistant denner; Kenny Urich - wolf badge and one gold arrow; Robert Kenney - bear badge and one gold arrow; Vincent Caprara - bobcat pin; David Riley - one gold arrow, three silver arrows and one year pin; Donnie Graham, two year pin and assistant denner, Mark Davidson - wolf badge; Tom Holling - two year pin; Mike Copeland - two silver arrows and denner bar, David Brown - wolf badge and one gold arrow; Dennis Brown - one silver arrow.

1978

### “Noyd Bros. Buy Business”

Jeff and Fred Noyd have opened the business of Noyd Bros. Auto Service, formerly a part of Downtown Garage and Body Shop. The brothers, who both worked for Clarence Shuchard at Downtown Garage, will continue to do the auto service work. Shuchard will continue the operation of the body shop.

Fred and Jeff are both local men, born, schooled and raised in Broadwater County. Fred is married to the former Patty Copeland and Jeff is married to Linda Cazier. They have many combined years in the auto service business, and will continue to offer the same good service.

# YESTERYEAR

## BILLIE KEE

Victor Sample

A while back I wrote an article about Lombard and in that article, I mentioned the owner of the Lombard hotel – Billie Kee, a native of China.

Billie came to Montana when he was just a boy and worked for many years as a servant for Senator and Mrs. Thomas Carter in Helena. The Senator and his wife saw potential in the boy and sent him to night school where he quickly learned to read and write English.

He was an eager student and developed quickly and soon gained a reputation for being “the cleverest Chinaman that ever came to Montana” (according to the Broadwater Bygones).

He was thrifty as well as smart and hardworking. He saved the money he earned and started a small hotel in Lombard. The town and the hotel/restaurant grew with the coming of the Jawbone railroad line that eventually reached from Lombard to Lewistown.

Billie Kee worked hard, saved and made wise investments. He grew to be quite wealthy. He sent to China for a “little foot” (a Chinese woman of aristocracy) to be his wife. The wedding was attended by many prominent people in Montana.

He was very well known in Lewistown where

he did a lot of business and even owned stock in a Lewistown Bank.

When the Milwaukee Rail Road bought out the Jawbone Rail Road, Billie saw the beginning of the end for the future of Lombard and sold the hotel.

He always wanted to return to China as a wealthy man and get involved in Chinese governmental affairs. His wife did not want to return to China; but, Chinese women did not have a lot of control in their lives. Billie sold out everything and returned to China with over \$100,000 worth of gold.

Billie Kee was a staunch Republican and a follower of Sun Yat Sen, the first president of the Chinese Republic. However, Sun Yat Sen did not stay in power and Billie fell out of favor with the next administration.

Very little is known about what exactly happened between Billie and the Chinese government, but he eventually was found guilty of treason and was beheaded.

Billie probably should have listened to his wife!

The information about Billie Kee all came from the Broadwater Bygones which is available at the Broadwater County Museum. Visit the museum and talk with curator Linda Huth to learn more about Billie Kee or to learn more about Broadwater County’s history.



## “The Cloisters” by Katie Hays

Rachael Elliott-Brug

Set in New York City The Cloisters is a twisty story of intrigue and mysteries.

Ann Stilwell arrives in the city having been accepted as a summer curatorial associate at the prestigious Metropolitan Museum of Art. She has chosen an internship as far away from Oregon and the memories of her deceased father and grieving mother as she can. When she shows up for orientation, she is pulled aside and told they no longer require her services and to go home, something Ann absolutely does not want to do.

As she’s being let go, a passing academic stops in and convinces the director he can use Ann in his department, the gothic and lush Cloisters, a branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe.

The Cloisters sit beside a park in Manhattan and are surrounded by gardens teeming with flowers and plants used in medieval ages as food, medicines, and poisons. Ann is quickly taken with the museum, her co-workers, and their research about the origins of Tarot. As the research consumes her, she sinks further and further into the tumultuous past her new friends all share. Ann must quickly try to figure out how to keep herself from drowning in their dangerous secrets.

Katie Hays deftly weaves a sinister tale full of history, secrets, and murder. Her characters have backstories and depth that suck you in and make you want to know everything about them. Her descriptions have you sitting in the library at the Cloisters looking through ancient letters and books trying to find all of the connections, or walking through the gardens wondering how poisonous hemlock really is.

You may think you know who the killer is, but do you really?



# All Fun & Games

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

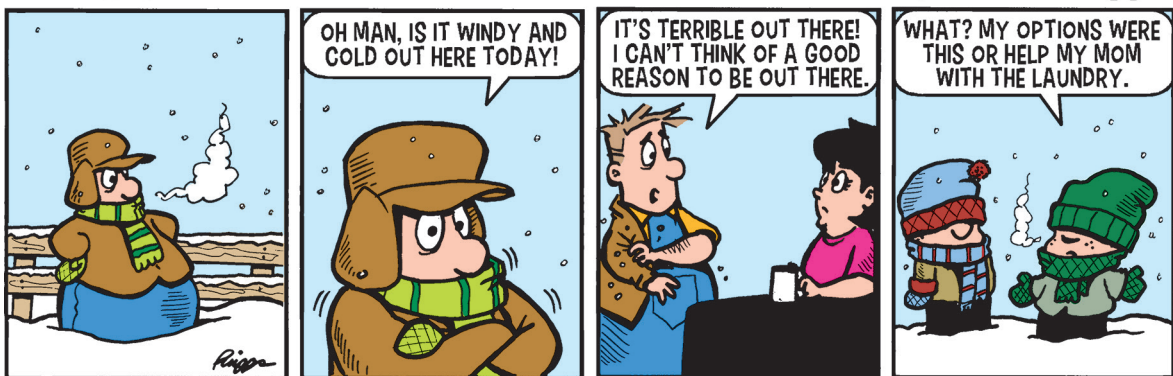


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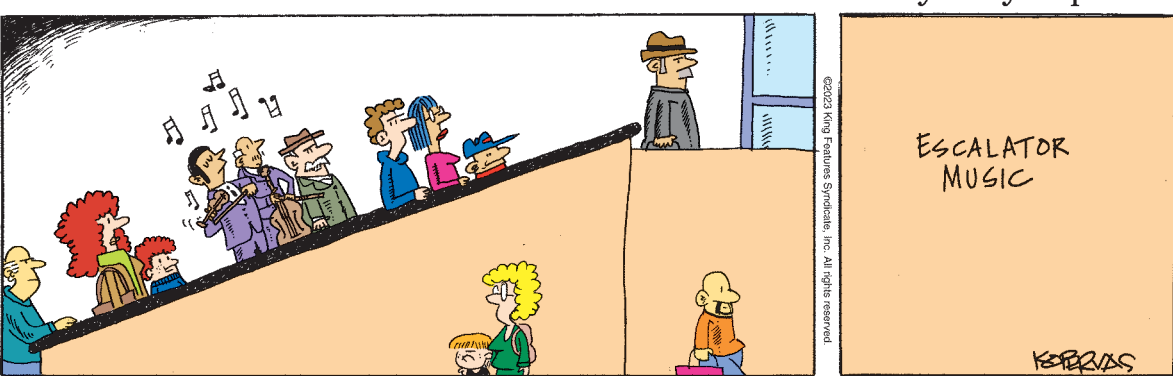


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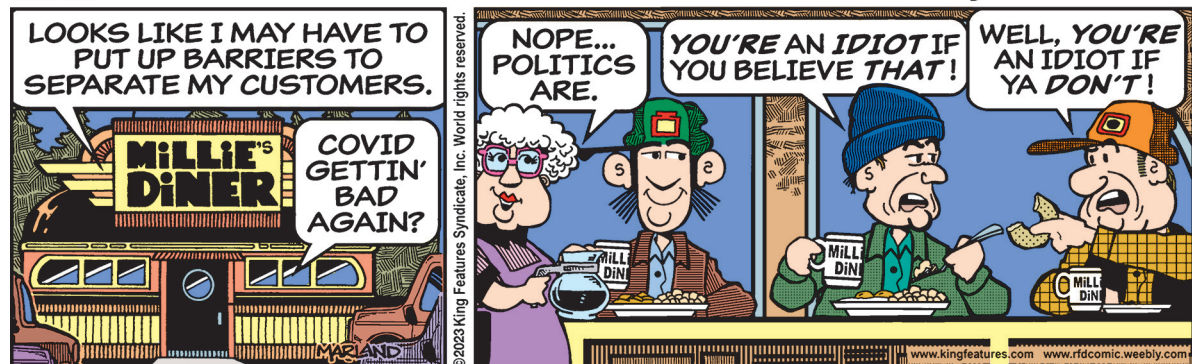
## Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

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# WEED OF THE MONTH: PALMER AMARANTH

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Although a native plant to parts of the United States, palmar amaranth has proven itself to be one of the most devastating cropland weeds in the U.S. It has not been found in Montana yet but has been seen dangerously close to its borders. It's an important weed to be aware of and watch for so that its spread can be contained quickly.

### Description & Habitat

Palmer amaranth is native to the desert regions of the southwest U.S. and northern Mexico. It was accidentally transported to the southeastern U.S. where it is now a serious weed in cotton and other crops. It has continued to spread north and is a major issue in corn and soybeans in the Midwest. It has even been found in the upper Midwest in conservation plantings where native seed mixes were contaminated with seed. It has been found in several of our neighbors including Wyoming and North Dakota, not far from the Montana border.

Palmer amaranth is a summer annual (life cycle of one year). It has separate male and female plants, and commonly reaches heights of 6 to 8 feet. Leaves are smooth and oval to diamond-shaped. Some, but not all, plants have a white v mark on the leaves. There is a small, sharp spine at the tip of each leaf on female plants. Seed heads are also sharp and prickly to the touch. Palmar amaranth looks very similar to redroot pigweed and grows in similar habitats such as fields, roadsides, etc. The easiest way to tell them apart is that redroot pigweed has hairs on its stems and leaf surfaces, while palmer amaranth is smooth.

This plant is a concern for many reasons. It is highly adaptable. It has a long germination window, rapid growth rate, high water use efficiency and produces a large quantity of seed.

In fact, one plant is capable of producing up to 1 million seeds. It's a major cropland weed and can reduce yield up to 91% in corn and 79% in soybeans. Perhaps worst of all, it is resistant to multiple herbicides. A study at Purdue University, found plants that survived applications of 20 lbs. of active ingredient per acre of glyphosate (i.e. Roundup) which is equivalent to 7 gallons per acre.

### Management

In Montana, our primary objective is to quickly identify this plant so it can be removed. It is imperative that this plant be stopped quickly so that it does not become an issue in our state. This weed spreads to new areas through contaminated seed, hay and forage and farm equipment, especially custom combines.

Ideally, purchase hay that is certified weed seed free. Every state has a program to certify hay in the field. If you are not feeding certified hay, then feed the hay in a dry lot or contained area so that you can monitor potential weed issues for several years. Wash any new equipment before it comes onto your property especially if it is coming from another state. If you utilize custom farmers, insist that they do the same before they work in your field.

If palmar amaranth is found its control options are limited due to multiple herbicide resistance



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Palmer Amaranth (Photo by Allison Kosto)

issues, and it requires an integrated pest management system for control. A few methods include crop rotation, deep tillage and hand weeding. Commonly used chemicals include Prowl, Pursuit, Roundup, Valor and Weedmaster. It's important to rotate herbicides to prevent resistance to other herbicide groups. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

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

# HELPING HANDS 4KIDS HAS NEW HOME

Dee Gannon

Helping Hands Townsend 4Kids (HHT 4 Kids) has moved to a bigger location at 323 Broadway; making shopping for children's goods much easier. The floor plan is open; with plenty of room to spread out.

HHT4 Kids had been in their former location at 223 Broadway since June 2020. Helping Hands Townsend had gotten so big (thanks to your consistently great donations) that they had to open a second location, dedicated to children. There, with Sheila Heavirland as manager, they earned a wonderful following. 4Kids was growing too; so, when the auto parts store became available, HHT jumped on it. This new store has a lot of room (plus just as much space upstairs). Here, the racks are spaced so they can be perused easier. Toys are displayed on shelves; as are shoes and books. Ride-on toys



Sheila Heavirland (Photo by Dee Gannon)

are on the floor, with room for a test drive.

HHT4Kids will have expanded hours too. They are now open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 10-4. They are open now; with their Grand Opening planned for February 1. There will be specials; among them a raffle for

gas cards. If you spend \$3 or more, you will be entered for a chance at those \$25 gas cards.

Helping Hands 4 Kids is looking for a few more volunteers. If you are interested in serv-

ing the community; this is a great way. Come into the store or call Sheila, at 406-422-6043 for more information.

Helping Hands Townsend and HHT4Kids are 501c-3 non-profits. In 6 ½ years; they have given out over \$80,000 to Broadwater County.

They donate to the Ministerial Association, Head Start, Food Pantry, Christmas Connection, and other local non-profits. People who have a financial need can be served just by visiting Sheila. As Treasurer to the Board, she is able to help in some way.

If you are in need of low-priced, very nice items for your kids: toys, furniture, books, backpacks, clean clothing, shoes, and so much more (even maternity wear) come down and the new store.

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