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CITY COUNCIL - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE AIRPORT PROPERTY

Nancy Marks

The City-County Airport Board has decided to pursue purchasing farmland next to the airport for future expansion, Angie Wintrow reported to the Townsend City Council at its meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 7. Wintrow, a member of the Council, represents the city at meetings of the Airport Board.

The proposed purchase covers a 50-acre parcel and two irrigation-pivot corners between the airport and Highway 284 appraised at \$783,400. Wintrow said a Federal Aviation Administration grant would cover 90 percent of the cost, leaving about \$80,000 to be split by the city and Broadwater County.

Adam MacDonald, Airport Board chairman, told MT43 News the land would be used to build a full-length taxiway with more hanger space. If the land acquisition does not go through, the Airport Board would go ahead with its previous major construction project slated for 2024, which after possible federal funding would leave about \$200,000 as the local share, Wintrow said.

Bob Hollister was accepted as the city's representative on the airport board for another term.

Neal Levang of the Robert Peccia & Associates engineering firm reported on the updates with the North Cherry Street Proposed Annexation, which he detailed about water service to each of the proposed eight condominiums and the size and shape of the turnaround in front of the buildings. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

The council granted a permit to Fishtale Tavern owners Amber and Jim Burgess to close Broadway Street between Front Street and Spruce Street from 4 p.m. Saturday, July 1 to 3 a.m. Sunday, July 2. for a street celebration featuring performing bands and food vendors and possibly a motorcycle show.



Picture of the Townsend Airport

The Burgesses are hoping to interest the Commercial Bar and the Distillery in the project. Burgesses fielded questions from the Council. Sheriff Nick Rauser commented his only concern is people drinking, driving, and causing accidents. He could provide extra deputies during the evening.

In other business, the Council received a letter of objection and remarks about a water rights exchange with Frank and Leisa McArthur. The Council took no action.

Notice was given that four seats on the Council are up for election this year. The seats are those currently held by Mayor Mike Evans and members Christina Hartmann, Kenny Urich and Nate Brown. Filing opens in April.

Both city Fire Chief Shawn Simon and Sheriff Nick Rauser gave reports. Simon submitted a budget for the fire department for the Council's information. Rauser said his new captain is Mark Wood. He reported that the department made a successful methamphetamine arrest and deputies have given several parking tickets around the new school. The department has had increased exposure at the school with its "Lunch with a Cop" program which began in January.

In the Council Roundtable session, Rauser reported the Community Survey Results would be out in March. A town hall meeting is scheduled for March 8 and 9.



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LEGISLATIVE RECAP WEEK 5 AND WEEK 6

Julie Dooling, House District 70 Representative

Week 5: Another busy week in House State Administration – as we had 13 bill hearings regarding the State Pension Plans, election and Veterans issues.

On Tuesday, I had the opportunity and honor to be "Chair of the Day" where I presided over the House floor session. It is a unique perspective to be at the rostrum and "in charge". The debate went well and no one needed to be gavelled down. Then Thursday, I said the prayer at the beginning of the floor session. Rep Michelle Binkley requests volunteers to say the daily prayer and one of my favorite activities of the day.

On Friday, I arranged for the House State Administration committee to take a field trip to the Lewis & Clark Elections office where Clerk and Recorder Amy Reeves and her Election Officer, Connor Fitzpatrick, gave us a detailed explanation of how a voted ballot moves through the process, whether by mail or at the polling place and becomes an official vote. We then conducted an unofficial hand count/tally of 7 mock ballots. On average, it took each group of 3 people approximately 20 minutes to hand count the 7 ballots!

Week 6: While House State Administration has been busy, my other 2 committees have not heard quite so many bills. The first few weeks, bill hearings were mostly Red Tape Reduction legislation. In House Transportation, we have had a few bills pertaining to electric cars and how to accurately assess fees during registration or at the charging station in efforts to collect fees to equalize the gas tax differences. Gas taxes are collected when we purchase gas or diesel fuel. Those taxes in turn help pay for the maintenance, repair and improvements to our State Highways. Electric cars drive on the same roads as gas/diesel vehicles but, currently do not contribute. We are intending to fix that.

In House Agriculture, we had a country-of-origin labeling/placard bill for beef and pork (HB

350), that for the 3rd session, was tabled in committee. I feel as many do, that until this mandate comes from the Feds, we'll have no way to enforce out-of-state meat packers to comply. I know that the consumer would like to know where their beef is coming from, but most people agree that they would prefer to buy MONTANA BEEF. Most of the beef in our freezer is directly from our field, and the pork is a locally raised 4H market animal. But when I do run out of burger in the summer, I go to our local butcher. They sell Montana meat and most have been locally raised. It's generally less expensive and the quality is better. Many of our local ranchers sell their locally raised beef. You can buy direct from the ranch or even in some grocery stores.



Julie Dooling

Friday the 10th, was a milestone day – it marked Day 30 of the 90-day session!

THAT TOWNSEND SMILE

Guest editorial by John M Larsen

“Hmmm.” I thought, “That person just smiled and waved their hand at me.”

Now that is nice when it happens, but I do not know why some total stranger in an oncoming car, would smile and wave.

It was 2019 and I had just recently moved to Townsend from Marsing Idaho, a town of about 1100 people. I had been there for 25 years and no one would smile and wave unless they were a personal friend and or acquaintance.

Another peculiar thing is if you want to cross the street in the middle of the block, usually an oncoming car will stop and let you cross over. People will hold the door open when you want to enter a business or grocery store. People will usually smile when you approach them. I am sure the people of Townsend are used to this behavior and have grown accustomed to this courtesy and probably tend to take it for granted but, it seems rare compared to other parts of the country.

The subject of the unique Townsend spirit came up at a recent Wednesday morning prayer breakfast held at the Mint Cafe. This is a weekly interdenominational get-together and there were members from 4 different churches present. The subject came up and all agreed that the Townsend residents were friendly, helpful and generous in donations for whatever worthy cause seemed appropriate.

I had noticed when I came to Townsend there was a good spirit in the community. I had 4 children living in Montana at the time, two of my daughters and their mother were living in Townsend and they also agreed that, for the most part, there was a loving friendly spirit in our town.

We might pause and ask ourselves, “What’s a good spirit?” It can come in the form of a beautiful sunset or the reaction with someone you love. It may be over a church service where there is peace and forgiveness. In the case of Townsend, the good spirit seems to guide most residents toward positive activities.

On the topic of bad spirits, I get a depressed feeling just driving into a place like Portland Oregon. It seems the people are like apples, in that, if you pack them too close together, they start to rot. There were a lot of evil spirits involved in the prison ministry I had for 30 years so it was good to leave them behind and go to a climate with a peaceful sweet spirit.

There will always be some angry people and some malcontents who are never happy, but, they are far outnumbered by a lot of good things and good people for a town this size. Townsend had a music day where any church who wanted to do so, could send a group to sing or play. This activity has gotten sick from the covid epidemic, but I hear there are plans for a comeback. There are a lot of good things available in Townsend such as gyms to work out in, and many hobby-gift stores. Unique to a city of this size. There are several Alcohol Anonymous groups. There is a Celebrate Recovery group that is active in the city for those who need help with some form of addiction.

There is power in a smile. I experienced this sort of gradually. I had a habit of walking around with my head down with no particular issues present but friends would say,

“What are you mad about?”

I would look up in surprise and say ;

“ Nothing! Do I seem mad?”

But evidently, I had gotten into the habit of walking around looking grouchy. I found that this was a great habit to get out of. When I realized this I began to make a conscious effort to smile when I saw someone coming. Guess what? They would smile back. It seems to work like this; When you make eye contact with someone and they frown or give no reaction at all this comes off as a form of rejection. On the other hand, if they smile back at you, it implies they like what they see so you feel accepted.

You will notice that if someone new does not wave and smile back at you, then they often have out-of-state license plates. Remember to keep a good thing going so smile and wave at strangers. I bet they will smile back. Let’s keep Townsend a great place to live.

Perch & Walleye Tempura

Eileen Clarke - Rifles and Recipes

Serves 6-8



Are you ice fishing this winter? Here’s a simple, delicious way to use the perch, ling cod and walleye. For those who have a problem with gluten, almond flour is a great substitute. In fact, almond flour makes for a crisper, lighter finish. I discovered that in a fancy Las Vegas restaurant years ago. It was owned by Mario Batali and, at the time, I could not eat gluten. A quick conference with our waiter led to several specially cooked hors d’oeuvres coming to the table. But without my input. One was fried calamari. I’m not a big squid eater, I don’t even want to see them on someone else’s plate, but the chef had gone to extra lengths on a very busy night; it would be extremely rude not to at least nibble the edges. I ended up eating one whole calamari and enjoying it immensely, though I had kept my eyes shut as it approached my mouth. The secret was almond flour. It neutralized a lot of the squishy fishy foot element I don’t like.

I’m quite fond of delicate, white-flesh fish like perch and walleye, and we generally serve this tempura French fries, either frozen or freshly cut, cooking them in the fryer after the fish is all done. PS: There’s no reason this can’t be a sumptuous summer dish as well.

Ingredients

- 2 egg yolks
- 1 whole egg
- 1 cup cold water
- ¾ cup salsa
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin

- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 pounds perch, or other white-fleshed non-oily fish, cleaned and fileted
- 6 potatoes, scrubbed or peeled, cut into French fries or use frozen fries

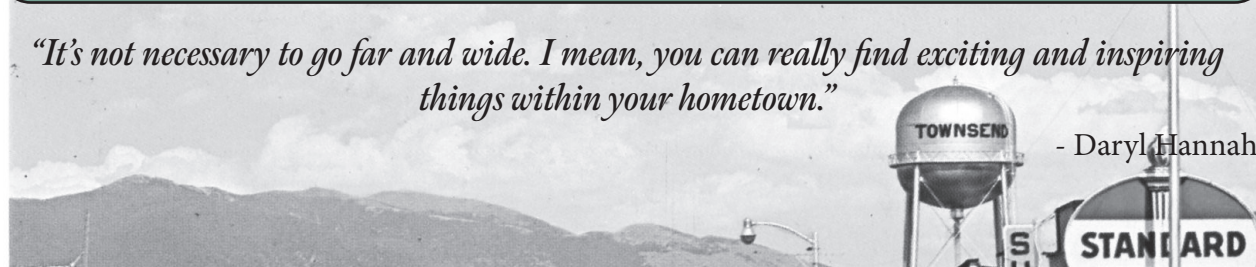
Cooking Instructions

1. In a blender or food processor, combine the egg yolks, whole egg, water and salsa. Puree 5 seconds. Pour that into a large mixing bowl and add the cumin and pepper. With a fork, gradually stir in the flour, but do not over-stir—there should even be a little flour floating on top—which makes a light batter.
2. Cut the perch into bite-sized pieces, no larger than ½” by 1½” long and wide. Pat dry with a paper towel.
3. Using a deep-fat fryer or skillet with enough oil to cover the fish completely, heat the oil to 375F. (Most 1-temperature fryers cook at that temperature.)
4. Dip the fish into the batter, lower the pieces gently into the fryer; fry about 5 minutes or until golden brown. Remove the pieces and place on paper toweling to drain.
5. Optional: When all the fish is done, (or alternately cook fish and potatoes in serving-sized batches if someone can’t wait) add the potatoes in batches, and cook each batch about 5 minutes or until golden brown and floating on top. Serve the fries with ketchup. The tempura perch needs no sauce.

From Eileen’s Freshwater Fish Cookbook, now out of print, but if you’re interested, Eileen finds them in used bookstores and keeps a few copies on hand. www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.

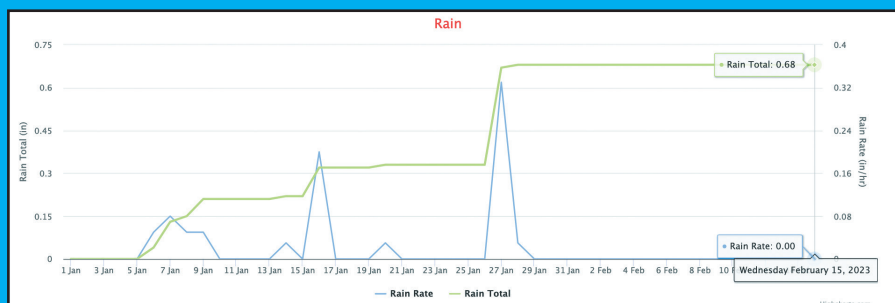
“It’s not necessary to go far and wide. I mean, you can really find exciting and inspiring things within your hometown.”

- Daryl Hannah



and now the weather...

<p>Fri 2/17</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>35° 23°</p> <p>0%</p>	<p>Sat 2/18</p> <p>Very Light Snow Showers</p> <p>36° 27°</p> <p>1 in</p>	<p>Sun 2/19</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>39° 31°</p> <p>1 in</p>	<p>Mon 2/20</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>40° 22°</p> <p>1 in</p>	<p>Tue 2/21</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>31° 14°</p> <p>4 in</p>
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COUNTY BOARD POSITIONS STILL OPEN

Tacy Swanton, Community Development and Planning Assistant

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

- Airport (3 yr. terms): 1 Member
- Trust (3 yr. terms): 2 Non-Voting Members, 1 Interested & Involved Party
- Fair (3 yr. terms): 1 Chairman, 1 Rodeo Board Representative/Tech/Social Media/Liaison, 1 Member
- Mosquito - Townsend (3 yr. terms): 1 Member
- Mosquito - Three Forks (3 yr. terms): 1 Member
- Museum (3 yr. terms): 1 Member
- TV (3 yr. terms): 3 Members
- Board of Health (3 yr. terms): 1 Manager
- Board of Investments (no terms): 1 Townsend School Representative, 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

HIGHWAY 284 LANDMARK LOG HOME BURNS TO THE GROUND

Nancy Marks

A landmark log residence at 2608 Highway 284 was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. Rural Fire Chief Ed Shindoll received the call at 12:10 am. When fire trucks arrived the one-story home was completely engulfed in flames. “Becky Howey, who lives there had just gotten home from work. When she opened the door, the house was full of smoke. She could see a glowing light in front of the fireplace and called 911,” he reported.



After trying to dismantle the burning propane tank, Fire Chief Ed Shindoll called the propane gas company to plug the leak



Home occupant Becky Howey was relieved to know her cat survived the fire, according to Fire Chief Ed Shindoll

Fifteen people and three fire departments answered the call, including the Townsend, Toston and Winston Fire departments. Crews worked all night to clean up and dismantle the propane tank which was leaking propane. There were no injuries or vehicle losses. “From what I can report at this time, the fire began in the basement,” Shindoll said.

The log home and small property are owned by Derek Breur, who said in a phone interview, he had no plans at this time to rebuild the structure. The home was originally built by Sid and Mary Ann Lebahn. Breur said he had purchased the home five years ago from Lebahn.

The Garden Bug Our national flower

In 1985, the United States Senate passed a resolution asking the president to declare the rose as the national floral emblem. On Nov. 20, 1986 President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation certifying the rose as the U.S. national flower in a ceremony at the White House Rose Garden. - Brenda Weaver

Source: nationalrose garden



NO-TILL FARMING AND HEALTHY SOILS

Allison Kosto, Broadwater County Extension Agent

Most of us probably remember hearing about the famous Dust Bowl of the 1930s in history class. This misfortune has been called the worst manmade ecological disaster in American history. In the early 1900s, promises of cheap land throughout the Great Plains, a lucrative wheat market and advances in gas powered machinery brought farmers to work the heartland which had previously been home to American Indian tribes and roaming bison. By 1930, the Great Depression was well underway and wheat prices fell quickly. Rather than follow the government's order to stop planting, desperate farmers put more land in production to minimize losses. To top it off, a major drought hit in 1932. As farmers began to abandon their fields, the winds began to pick up the dust from the open fields coating the area.

Even though the Dust Bowl was a dark time (no pun intended) in American history, it taught farmers a valuable lesson, the importance of soil conservation. Since that time research and practice continues to evolve to improve conservation practices and preserve our lands for future generations. Most importantly, we all play a role in soil conservation. Even homeowners in town play a role in soil conservation by maintaining their yard and garden to keep our precious topsoil in place, minimizing use of fertilizers and pesticides, and conserving water.

In 2015, through a generous donation, the county obtained a no-till drill that is available to lease to county residents. In 2022, the drill was traded for an updated, easier-to-use model. No-till farming is one practice that is used to minimize soil disturbance and improve soil health. By avoiding tillage, producers can conserve moisture, allow for more microbial activity and increase organic matter. It can greatly reduce or even eliminate soil erosion. The technique can also increase profits for farmers by requiring less labor and equipment, decrease fertilizer costs and possible higher yields. No-till drills can be used on a variety of cropland including small grains, legumes, hay or pasture grasses or cover crops.

The disadvantages of no-till technology include the reliance of herbicides for weed control, special planting equipment, soil compaction in the upper zone, and possible greater frequency of insect, disease and weed problems. Plant residues can also be a problem for some crops but, can be minimized through proper management.

Another practice that is commonly used to improve soil health is through cover crops. A cover crop is crop that is grown between or outside of the typical growing season for the purpose of covering the ground. In our area of Montana, cover crops are often planted after the harvest of an earlier season crop such as winter wheat. Cover crops can further improve soil health, reduce erosion, improve organic matter, prevent weed invasion and improve soil fertility. They can be used for livestock grazing or a forage crop. They can also be incorporated back into the soil as “green manure.”

The no-till drill is now available for spring planting. It is a Great Plans 1006 No-Till. It is 10 foot wide with 7.5-inch row spacing. It has a legume and small seed box and a grass seed agitator. The lessee must provide a 75 horsepower or higher tractor and transport the drill to and from the Fairgrounds. Lease agreement can be found at www.montana.edu/extension/broadwater. Contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu for more information or to reserve it. Drill use is limited to Broadwater County residents and a deposit and signed lease agreement is required to hold dates.



1. **Knock at the Cabin** (R) Dave Bautista, Jonathan Groff
2. **80 for Brady** (PG-13) Rita Moreno, Sally Field
3. **Avatar: The Way of Water** (PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
4. **BTS: Yet to Come in Cinemas** (NR) BTS
5. **Puss in Boots: The Last Wish** (PG) Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek
6. **A Man Called Otto** (PG-13) Tom Hanks, John Higgins
7. **M3GAN** (PG-13) Allison Williams, Violet McGraw
8. **Missing** (PG-13) Tim Griffin, Ava Zaria Lee
9. **Sustenance** (NR) Giavani Cairo, Shahar Isaac
10. **Pathaan** (NR) Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone

JACK RABBIT PUB IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO RECEIVING FUNDS FROM FEDERAL GRANT AWARD.

Nancy Marks



Jack Rabbit Pub, LLC located in the Bridger Brewing building at the Three Forks Interchange is one step closer to receiving up to a \$400,000 loan from Community Block Development Grant(CDBG), according to Eric Seidensticker, Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC) representative. He spoke before the county commissioners at their regular meeting on Wednesday last week.

Jack Rabbit Pub applied for the loan in June of 2022 and was awarded the loan on July 26, 2022. Start-up regulations have slowed the process of allocating funds.

The revolving loan fund is available to qualifying businesses that can prove they can create jobs for lower to moderate-income workers such as waitresses, agricultural workers or manufacturing employees in the three counties served by the fund. Businesses such as bars, restaurants and agricultural programs may apply. “For the most part it (the revolving loan fund) works best for businesses that cannot qualify for regular commercial lending,” Seidensticker explained.

One of the agricultural loans granted four years ago was for a Lewis and Clark County newly opened beef processing plant that provided new jobs processing Montana beef as a value-added product.

The CBDG loan program has been around for several years. Housing and Urban Development, a federal department, created the Community Development Block Grant program in the 1990s.

MBAC will administer the seven-year loan with the 2% interest accrued during the loan period. When the loan is paid in full, the monies go back into the revolving fund to be used again. Since Broadwater County acts as the go-between entity, there is no cost to the county's taxpayers, Seidensticker emphasized. The revolving loan fund is reserved for use for Broadwater County business loans.

The commissioners voted to approve the contract for the CBDG loan to Jack Rabbit Pub. The commissioners also voted to approve an agreement with MBAC and the Montana Chamber of Commerce to carry the grant for the loan.

Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson presented the Missouri River Task Force memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the county for 2024 and 2025. Swanson explained the task force works with many surrounding counties to intercept drug sellers coming into the area. The commissioners approved the 2- year MOU.

Swanson requested a special deputy county attorney to oversee the design and building of the proposed county public safety facility to be located across from the Wheatland Subdivision approach in the south end of Broadwater County. He has suggested Joseph Silverman, a transactional attorney who specializes in construction law.

Swanson pointed out Silverman represents Bridger Brewing, the business which donated the land for the county building. The commission will discuss at next week's meeting whether having Silverman as the county's special attorney will be a conflict of interest because he also represents Bridger Brewing.

Swanson will present the resolution for the commissioners to approve at next week's meeting.

A FEW OF THE SPECIES THAT NEED TO BE RELOCATED TO SURVIVE CLIMATE CHANGE...

KEY DEER

STORM PETRELS

KARNER BUTTERFLIES

ST. CROIX LIZARDS

HUMANS

4H PAVILION CONSTRUCTION MOVES FORWARD

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Updates are coming to the Broadwater County Fairground this summer after the county commissioners approved a construction contract for a new 4-H pavilion, during their Feb. 1 meeting.

The pavilion, which costs \$388,000, will allow county 4-H participants to show and auction their animals in an open-air setting.

According to Jason Noyes, a member of the 4-H Livestock Committee, the project was inspired by the tent used during the 2021 fair to adhere to COVID-19 ventilation standards. It also follows the program to continue growing.

“As that program has continued to grow and expand, we’re just running out of room,” Noyes said during the commission meeting.

The pavilion will also cost a “great deal” less than an actual building would, Noyes added.

Beyond the 4-H program, Noyes said the pavilion would benefit the rest of the community as well.

“It is something that I think expands the usefulness of the fairgrounds and gives the community an opportunity to use that,” Noyes said.

He went on to thank the Broadwater County Trust Board, the County Commissioners, and the residents who attended last year’s fair. for helping to get this project off the ground.

“It’s nice to get a project completed,” Commissioner Debi Randolph said after approving the contract. “It’ll be worth it.”

Noyes told MT 43 News that a groundbreaking date has not been set, but the goal is to complete the structure before the fair on July 23.

WASH YOUR CLOTHES WITH A BULLDOG

Dee Gannon, MT43 News Correspondent



The laundromat on Spruce has been closed for months; but, in that time, Chase Ragen and his family have refurbished it, setting the opening for Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Ragen bought the laundromat originally, to expand the offices of Farm and Ranch Credit Services. However, when plans for opening a different laundromat by another party fell through; he was encouraged by the residents of Townsend to scrap his previous plan and continue the laundromat in its current location.

He and his wife, Daniela, went to Boise and while there, they checked out what is new in the business of laundry service. It was a great insight into what others are doing; and expanded his own ideas into something he could implement in Townsend. He has changed things a bit...now the front door is located at the far end of the building; he has card readers for credit, debit and Apple/Google Pay on all the machines, so no need to bring a cup of quarters, although you still may, the readers are there for convenience.

There are eight washers and six dryers, 12 new machines in all. Two 30 lb. (triple loaders), four 20 lb. washers, and two top loaders. All six dryers are waiting to be heated up and spinning. There will be folding tables, too; something the ‘old’ laundromat was missing.

Chase wanted to let everyone know that he has installed three live feed cameras, that go directly to his phone; thereby providing safety to patrons, as well as a vandalism deterrent.

On order are electronic soap dispensers; so, you can leave your jugs at home. They should be installed in the next few weeks, hopefully. Chase Ragen, Vice-president of Farm and Ranch Credit Services, is a sixth-generation family (he expresses that his children are the seventh) of Broadwater County. “I love this town, this county, and its people. Whatever I do, it’s in service to the greater good.”

Three cheers to Chase and the BULLDOG LAUNDRY. Now we, as Townsends, can once again be clean and happy.



SHERIFF’S OFFICE GIVES “VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR” AWARD

Nancy Marks

Sheriff Nick Rauser awarded Jeannie Steele the citizen of the year award Saturday night at the Fairgrounds 4-H building. In a release, Rauser said Jeannie supports community events and supports the Sheriff’s office in their activities. “Broadwater County is very lucky to have her in the community,” Rauser commented.



Captain Mark Wood and Sheriff Nick Rauser honor volunteer Jeannie Steele for her work in the community

Deputy Tony Cordova received the Mason Moore Deputy of the year award and was promoted to Sergeant of Patrol.

Dispatcher of the year went to McKenzie Kimpton.

Sarah Peeler received Detention Office of the year award and the Search and Rescue member of the year went to Mike Speedy. Two men received live-saving medals. They were Sergeant Cordova and Justin Walker who saved a lady from choking in Heritage Park last July. Cordova also saved a lady from choking at the Serenity Point assisted living facility.

Rauser recognized Deputy Jordan Grimrud as the newest K9 officer. He will work with K9 Zero, the police dog.



Sheriff Nick Rauser stands with Detention Officer of the year award winner Sarah Peeler, and Dispatcher award winner McKenzie Kimpton.

Former Sheriff, Wynn Meehan, was honored for his service with the license plate from his Sheriff’s vehicle.

top ten

Most Energy-Expensive States*

1. Wyoming (\$738)
2. Alaska (\$625)
3. North Dakota (\$611)
4. Connecticut (\$611)
5. Massachusetts (\$577)
6. Oklahoma (\$576)
7. Vermont (\$571)
8. New Hampshire (\$550)
9. Indiana (\$550)
10. West Virginia (\$537) *Average monthly energy bill

Source: WalletHub

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Nancy Marks



Broadwater Community Theater (BCT) is producing an outstanding event to interest theater enthusiasts in supporting the next theater season.

Sponsors and friends will enjoy fancy hors d’oeuvres, beverages and a great program Saturday, March 4 beginning at 5:00 pm at The Lodge, 131 S. Spruce in Townsend.

Broadwater Community Theater made its debut in 2018. Except during the pandemic, the thriving group has produced or underwritten performances by Broadwater High School speech and drama, Shakespeare in the Park’s 50th anniversary, Aladdin and Lenna Parr’s ballet students.

The evolution of a community theater came out of the Fun For Life arts program which funds scholarships for Broadwater County grade school students in art, theater, music and foreign language.

The nonprofit organization has given scholarships and helped produce a yearly grade school talent show since 1996.

BCT board members have invested in the community theater with purchases of a professional lighting and sound system for the Lodge building auditorium. The venue is perfect for BCT’s performances.

The group works with the STROKE after-school student program to promote children’s activities.

Sponsorships and donations from the fundraiser will allow the community theater group to continue the exciting work of producing a spring show and a summer theater production for children as well as support two summer camp scholarships to Grand Street Theatre in Helena.

For more information or donations, please contact Nancy Marks at (406) 980-0592 or board members LaRinda Spencer, Tina Homann, Pat Plantenberg, Carla Amundson or Birdi Kribs at the Bird’s Nest.

MT43 NEWS CORRECTION

Victor Sample

The “Weirdest Waterfowl Hunt Ever” article was written by home-schooled student Jack Heicher, who won one of the governor’s awards for best hunting story of the year.

Community Review Phase 1 Report

John Hahn, BCDC

BCDC has just announced that the report for the Community Review has been released.

BCDC sent out a Community Survey that they asked residents to complete. Some of the subjects of this survey were recreation/pool/community center; broadband & internet access; and, senior services.

This report can be accessed online at <https://www.communityreview.org/assessment/broadwater-county-mt>

The report is the culmination of the community survey, the Town Hall meeting and Listening Sessions that were held last October.

Phase 2, which they are entering now, has meetings tentatively scheduled for March 8 & 9, 2023. Meeting topics are included in the report. The report, itself, is 44 pages long; but is worth reading, as it has some very interesting information.

BULLDOG PEP BAND

Mikayla Kraft, School Correspondent

Pep bands are seen all over the world. These people start as 5th graders just learning the ropes of a new instrument and grow into a high schooler supporting their team loud and proud as a pep band member. These students may possibly go into the music industry or simply support their college football or basketball team in the college pep band. In order for young kids to grow their knowledge of music and even have a possibility to excel in music in their college and adult careers, these students need to be pushed along by a band instructor.

The school's band instructor, Mr. Conroy, has been trying to hold a successful band program this school year and is passionate while working towards this goal. Our numbers are small this year and our pep band only holds an average total of about 10 people playing during our fall and winter sports, but we hope to increase this number by double next year.

Havyn Vandenacre has been playing with me and others in the pep band since 8th grade and she has never lost her love for music. She has never ceased to yell at the top of her lungs for Bulldog sports and is always so eager to raise the student section, crowds, and team morale at every moment. I spoke to Havyn, just last night about it, "Being in the Townsend band is such a great experience. I love to play my instrument with all these awesome... people... Everyone has so much fun playing their instruments, and we make sure to rock out because rocking out is our thing here in Townsend. We may not have the numbers but we make up for it with hard work and quality. Mr. Conroy always tells us 'quality over quantity'... Being part of the BHS Pep Band is full of spiraling fun and team spirit. That's what us Dawgs are all about!" This is just one out of many testimonies from high school students dedicated to making their music resound in the hearts and souls of many people.



Mikayla Kraft and Havyn Vandenacre

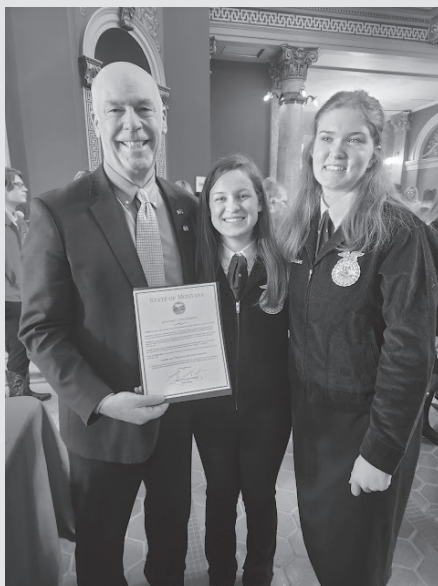
With the master schedule planning, it is difficult to get students into a band class because of the credits that need to be fulfilled by graduation. Even if your student cannot get involved in a band class with the busy schedule they may have, I encourage your child to rent or even buy an instrument, learn it, and play for the pep band and support your dawgs. As a musician, this has helped me to improve my grades and playing instruments has been proven to help grow the knowledge of these students even academically. It is a great experience and your child can use this gift in the future to inspire many people. If you would like to talk with Mr. Conroy about these opportunities, contact him at (406)441-3430 for more information.

FFA VISITS MONTANA STATE CAPITAL

Mikayla Kraft, School Correspondent

Our FFA chapter, as well as many other CTSOs (Career and Technical Student Organization), had the opportunity to visit the Capitol Building in Helena, MT to represent FFA as a CTSO. We put together a board representing FFA. Ashley Sanderson and I presented to many legislators and many other political members. I had the opportunity to learn more about Montana's political history from Reagan Long, the vice president of the Shields Valley FFA chapter, and I got to meet people such as Russ and Lorrie Miner and Julie Dooling from the Montana House of Representatives; the Attorney General, Austin Knudsen; and even, Governor Greg Gianforte.

As the next generation of leaders and agriculturalists, both FFA and our other CTSOs are highly important to how the younger generations can be prepared to make tomorrow better economically, financially, (and for our CTSO specifically) agriculturally. This can only be made possible if we have the funding to thrive as a CTSO, so we can have all of the resources we need to make ourselves, the community, and our nation better.



Governor Gianforte, Mikayla Kraft, Ashley Sanderson

Mr. Greg Oblander, Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Steven Galloway, and Josh Kassmier presented House Bill 382, which can be an exciting game-changer for all CTSOs. House Bill 382 holds the goal to strengthen our state-wide Career and Technology student organizations by providing more funding. The state aims to appropriate \$1.5 million from the general fund to state-approved CTSOs from all around Montana.

To be eligible for this funding, the state CTSO needs also to be affiliated with a national organization. This is going to be in effect by July 1, 2023.

Representing our FFA chapter, Ms. Sanderson and I were eager to support this bill and give our legislators the student view of why House Bill NO. 382 was such an amazing bill. As FFA members, this could give us a better opportunity to enhance our in-class and out-of-class learning so we can further our knowledge to give back to our community when we embrace adulthood in the near future.

Ashley is a freshman in high school, just scratching the surface of what FFA can do for herself and future generations, "I had heard people talk about [these opportunities] and thought it would be more of an officer deal... I would definitely do this again because it really can make a difference when you talk to state officials about something so important... FFA has helped me a lot just in my freshman year and I find it important that others recognize that," Ashley mentioned just a few days after the CTSO event. Without support from our community and state, the endeavors we pursue today could not be possible. House Bill NO. 382 could not be made possible. As our FFA chapter continues to learn and give back to our community, we recognize that "the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years," (The FFA Creed by E.M Tiffany).



BULLDOG BASKETBALL: FULL STEAM AHEAD

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Bulldog basketball concluded its regular season last week with a face-off against the Jefferson High School Panthers.

Following a loss by the Lady Bulldogs, the boys hit the court and were quick to shell out baskets against the Panthers in the first quarter, earning 19 to Jefferson's 14. Although the Panthers were able to outscore the Bulldogs by one point in the second, the Bulldogs maintained a four-point lead moving into the second half of the game.

A dry spell for the Bulldogs in the third quarter led to a change in power and the Panthers took control by four points, 40-36.

Determined to get the final win in their regular season, the Bulldogs added 14 points to their total and inched their way to the win, 50-48.

Ryan Racht led the team with 21 points, followed by Deegan Mattson and Camden Ferguson both with nine points. Sawyer Horne sank five points for the Bulldogs, Eric Eichinger three, Jesus Garcia two and Ryedan Reed one.



Camden Ferguson

The Broadwater Bulldogs finished the regular season with 11 wins (six in the district) and five losses (three in the district). This tied the Bulldogs with the Three Forks Wolves for the second and third seed, heading into the district tournament. The Manhattan Tigers claimed first.

Now, onto the district tournament where only the top three teams will continue onto the divisional tournament in Billings.

The Bulldogs faced Whitehall on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Lady Bulldogs and the Three Forks Wolves at 6 p.m.

Check back next week for the results!

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Upcoming School Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					17 ◆ BASKETBALL DISTRICTS @ BELGRADE	18 ◆ BASKETBALL DISTRICTS @ BELGRADE
19	20 ◆ NO SCHOOL ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 4/6:30 P.M. PRESIDENT'S DAY	21 ◆ PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 7 P.M.	22 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 5:30 / 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	23	24	25
26	27 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6/6:30 P.M.	28 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 7 P.M.	1 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 5:30 / 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M.	2 ◆ BASKETBALL DIVISIONALS @ BILLINGS	3 ◆ BASKETBALL DIVISIONALS @ BILLINGS	4 ◆ BASKETBALL DIVISIONALS @ BILLINGS

INSIDE INSPIRATION

The Value Of Time

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

I never really overthought time until I became much older. Now, I think about it more, but look at time differently. I value time more now than I did in my twenties, perhaps because I realized that the years I may have left are fewer than when I was younger. Looking back on my life, I wonder how those years have flown by so quickly. In my earlier years, I thought I had all the time in the world, which in retrospect, led to some poor decisions.

There will always be distractions in our life that may cause us to lose time. But those distractions should never cause us to procrastinate, as procrastination means putting off something that should be done. Distractions and procrastination are time stealers; if we waste our time, our purpose and calling will never come to fruition.

Many times over my flying career, we would be ready for landing, only to abort our landing and do another fly-by. How often have you been prepared to land and thought you had more time, so you aborted your landing? Has your destiny been missed?

I have been guilty of procrastination and have allowed distractions to steal my time. In contrast, I have missed many opportunities laid right out in front of me—beautiful opportunities that would have allowed me to excel. I have learned that when opportunities arise, take them as they may never come up again. We have all been given the gift of time - twenty-four hours each day. What you do with that time is up to you. What are you spending your time on, and is it adding or taking away from your life?

Honestly, I had never understood that time was a gift. How do you value the gift of time that was given to you? I love Thomas Edison's quote: "Time is really the only capital that any human being has and the only thing he can't afford to lose". Many people think that money will make them more valuable and wise, but the reality is that when you learn to value the time you have been given, you will gain wisdom. In valuing time, you are learning to love your life and those around you.

We are to use our time wisely and productively, but I also believe in savoring the gift of time. Once time is gone, we can never get it back. Be present as a parent, friend, neighbor, and colleague, and use your time to create beautiful memories.

This past Christmas, after conferring with my daughter about getting gifts for our grandchildren, she said, we don't need any more stuff. I couldn't have agreed with her more...I made two coupons for each of our granddaughters. One was an overnight and fun activity with me, and the other coupon was an all-day activity with Papa and me. Investing time in the ones you love the most with good and positive intentions and creating memories is a gift. A gift that lasts a lifetime.

Last week, I had the opportunity to spend time with one of my granddaughters. I had planned dinner, time in the hot springs, and an overnight; the next day was a full day of skiing. During our drive, dinner, and time on the chairlift, she came up with some thought-provoking questions. I loved the questions and the conversations we shared. Investing time one-on-one to show her how much she is loved, valued, and cared for as she and I created memories that would not break or no longer work.

This next weekend, I have the same opportunity to spend quality time with my other granddaughter. I know how much it means to them but at the same token, how much it means to me, as well. I want to instill in them the value of our precious time. Those are the memories they will share and talk about for a long time.

Jim Rohn said, "Time is of more value than money, you can get more money, but you cannot get more time".

To connect with Ellie FB/IG @coachelliewest
www.coachinghearttoheart.com

Ellie's book is available at Target and at Barnes and Noble.

Americanisms



"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress."
— Barack Obama

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OUR WALK IN FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**SR. CENTER MENU
FOR THE WEEK OF FEB
20 - FEB 24**

Rice Pilaf
Carrot Coins
Bean Medley
Mixed Fruit

Monday, Feb 20

Closed for Presidents Day

Thursday, Feb 23

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Green Beans

Tossed Salad

Garlic Bread

Pineapple

Tuesday, Feb 21

Birthday Dinner
Salisbury Steak
Whole Grain Bread
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Mandarin Oranges
Birthday Cake

Friday, Feb 24

BBQ Chicken Breast

Wild Rice

Key Largo Vegetables

Garden Salad

Sweet Peaches

Wednesday, Feb 22

Baked Cod

COURT BEAT



February 10, 2023

Dee Gannon, MT43 News Correspondent

The criminal docket in Judge Michael McMahon's courtroom on Friday, February 10 is as follows:

Esther Suhr had an Omnibus Memorandum signed. She will likely have a Jury Trial in September.

Levi Gadaire had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs with intent to deliver and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. Omnibus is April 24; Pre-Trial is set for June 16; with the Jury Trial scheduled for July 17, in front of Judge Kathy Seeley.

Robert Brady had an Initial Appearance on an arrest warrant for failing to report. His Sentencing is on February 24. He is released on his own recognizance and is ordered to get a SCRAM monitoring device.

Brittney Jacobs was to appear for a change of plea; however, her attorney has had a hard time contacting her of late. She was granted a two-week continuance; but, a \$50,000 arrest warrant was issued.

Chad Holmes pled Guilty on September 7, to his fifth DUI and reckless driving. His attorney said that he was in the hospital with medical issues, recently; so, he has not been in contact. He has new charges in Yellowstone County. He is Sentenced to five years D.O.C with none suspended. NEXUS Treatment is recommended. A fine of \$5,000 and all conditions per the Pre-Sentence Investigation are to be followed. He receives 100 days, credit time served, to apply toward his fine.





Betty Schendel

Jerry and Carol Dullum



December 7, 1937 – January 24, 2023

Betty Jean Schendel, a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church, passed away peacefully with family by her side on January 24, 2023. Betty was born in Miller, South Dakota on December 7, 1937, to Jacob & Elizabeth (Myers) Bertsch. Betty spent time on the family farm, learning to drive by using a tractor. She could recite the multiplication times easily when she was in school.

While visiting a relative in Montana in the summer of 1957 she met a handsome young man and that was her soulmate, Don Schendel. They were instantly smitten and Bets (as dad called her) said they would marry in December and got married on December 29, 1957. They just missed being married for 64 years. Don passed away on December 19, 2021.

Betty and Don were the proud parents of Alan, Betty May, Cheryl, and Carol. Mom would take care of the kids while dad worked in the mountains. She would pack the kids up after school was out and spend the summer with Don camping out. She enjoyed having picnics and rides in the mountains with the family. Mom loved to read and often would take the 4 kids to the library. When we were young she would load us in the wagon and off we would go downtown. She instilled a love of books and reading in her children. Mom also got her children involved in writing penpals and had written to one pen pal for 50 years. Nobody was probably more excited to get personal mail than mom.

Mom was very social and could easily strike up a conversation with a stranger. By the end of the talk, she knew where that person was from and how many children they had. Mom loved to play cards, and board games, bingo was a favorite game to participate in. She also had a couple of game shows which were her favorites. Wherever she went she was loved by all because of her sweet personality. She had a great memory of birthdates and family history. She loved to travel to visit family in South Dakota, especially for the annual Bertsch Cousin Reunion.

Betty is survived by a son, Alan, of Townsend and daughters Betty May (Roy) Soles of Clinton, Arkansas, Cheryl Kelly of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Carol (Jerry) Dullum of Helena; sisters Dona (Del) Chaney of Kansas City, Missouri and Marles (Phil) Reynolds of Bend, Oregon. Betty is also survived by 5 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family. Preceding Betty in death is her husband, parents, and grandson Darrel Dullum.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held in the spring. Donations can be made to the Lewis & Clark Humane Society or a charity of your choice.

Justice Of The Peace Report - February 17

Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES Richard Petty, Kalispell, day speed, \$20.00; Kathleen McConkey, Cascade, day speed, \$20.00; Catherine Mertz, Great Falls, day speed, \$20.00; Renee Minifie, Great Falls, day speed, \$70.00; Michael James, Helena, day speed, \$20.00; Windi Hesler, Jefferson City, day speed, \$70.00; Callie Gentry, East Helena, day speed, \$20.00; Lacy Browne, Bozeman, expired registration, \$85.00; Day speed, \$20.00; Adam Arnold, Bozeman, day speed, \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS 0 MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINE Martel Adair – Belgrade – Operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

Warren Toombs – Townsend – Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked -1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES Jada Dillon – Billings - Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked -1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees; Operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; turn a vehicle from a direct course or move vehicle right or left without giving the appropriate signal, pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees.

Bonnie Thompson – Townsend – Licensee, or employee, selling an alcoholic beverage to a person intoxicated or under age 21, pleaded guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.

Amanda Sandau – Townsend - Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked -1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees; Operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

Nicholas Wagner – Helena – driving without a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fee.

James Brancamp – East Helena – driving without a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$130.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES Taylor Turk, Whitehall, expired registration, \$85.00; Night speed, \$20.00; Nicholas Spritzer, Townsend, expired registration, \$85.00; Open Container, \$75.00; Caine McDowell, Helena, night speed, \$20.00; Stacy Martin, Helena, night speed, \$20.00; Vincent Elliot, Townsend, No insurance-1st offense, \$285.00, Night speed, \$20.00; Matthew Burns, Martin City, night speed, \$20.00; Zachary Kurns, East Helena, night speed, \$20.00; Hannah Weisz, Belgrade, night speed, \$20.00

COUNTY CRIMINAL

DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

WITH CLEAR SKIES CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT

Jeff Ross

In the last "With Clear Skies" column I wrote about the shocking loss of our night skies that has been happening since the introduction and widespread adoption of LED outdoor lighting. Part of that article described the very low-tech citizen scientist driven project used by researchers to determine the percentage of loss of our night sky on a year-to-year basis. If you missed that column you can find it (and a work-in-progress archive of all the others) at mt43news.com/00D.

The project they used is Globe at Night (mt43news.com/00C). It is simple and elegant in its premise. Step out into the night sky on a night when the Moon is not visible, look at a well-known constellation like Orion and match what is seen with images provided on their website. Note a few things like the amount of cloud cover, location, setting, and additional comments. Click Submit and you're done.

If you happen to be using a smartphone to access the web page your location and time will be taken from the phone's GPS. The maps to match will be right there at arm's length.

Globe at Night is a part of the SciStarter project (mt43news.com/00E). SciStarter is a massive clearinghouse of literally thousands of citizen science projects. Not so much into astronomy but wild about trees? There are a ton of projects related to trees or weather, or well, pick something.

Globe at Night has monthly campaigns and as I write this we are just at the beginning of the February campaign. The constellations to view are Orion or Gemini. Both are easy to find. The Globe at Night website has a handy real-time map to make it easy to find both.

I've just signed up at SciStarter and will be logging my observations at Globe at Night with them. I'm also going to be browsing through the other SciStarter projects to find a few more that appeal to me.

I can't wait to get out under our dark Montana skies and match what my 66-year-old eyes can see to the maps on the Globe at Night website. I hope you'll join me.

When we next have clear skies, of course.

NEWSWEEK LISTS NORTHWESTERN ENERGY AMONG AMERICA'S MOST RESPONSIBLE COMPANIES

Jo Dee Black, NorthwestWestern Energy

"This recognition honors NorthWestern Energy's century-long commitment to provide customers with reliable and affordable electric and natural gas service while also being good stewards of the environment," said NorthWestern Energy President and Chief Executive Officer, Brian Bird. "We have long been committed to excellent corporate governance, deep community engagement and robust environmental programs. Our business practices reflect a respect for, and a commitment to, ESG (Environmental Social Governance) policies and practices."

Sustainability means meeting today's needs while planning for tomorrow's as well. Read about NorthWestern Energy's commitment here Commitment to Sustainability, see our Sustainability Report and learn more about NorthWestern Energy's Community Involvement and Stakeholder Engagement.

The list recognizes the top 500 most responsible companies in the United States, spanning 14 industries. Presented by Newsweek and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider, America's Most Responsible Companies were selected based on publicly available key performance indicators derived from CSR Reports, Sustainability Reports, and other reports as well as an independent survey. The key performance indicators focused on company performance in the environmental, social, and corporate governance areas, while the independent survey asked U.S. citizens about their perception of company activities related to corporate social responsibility.



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NATIONAL AWARD HONORS NORTHWESTERN ENERGY SPRING STORM AND FLOOD RESPONSES

Jo Dee Black, NorthwestWestern Energy

Sioux Falls, S.D./Butte, Mont. – Jan. 26, 2023



CEO Brian Bird receives article from Edison Electric Institute Thomas Kuhn

NorthWestern Energy was announced as an Edison Electric Institute (EEI) Emergency Response Award recipient. Presented to EEI member companies twice a year, the Emergency Response Awards recognize recovery and assistance efforts of electric companies following service disruptions caused by extreme weather or other natural events. The winners were chosen by a panel of judges following an international nomination process, and the awards were presented during EEI's winter Board of Directors and CEO meeting.

NorthWestern Energy is recognized for safely restoring energy service as quickly as possible after a derecho in May in South Dakota with winds as high as 107 miles per hour and historic flooding in June that washed out bridges and roads and caused severe property damage in several areas of Montana.

"I commend NorthWestern Energy's commitment to restore service for its customers safely and quickly under challenging conditions," said EEI President Tom Kuhn. "NorthWestern Energy and its storm response team undoubtedly are deserving of this national recognition, and I am honored to present them with this well-deserved award."

In South Dakota, energy service was restored to 98% of NorthWestern Energy's almost 20,000 customers who experienced storm-related power outages within 24 hours.

In Montana, the National Guard was called in to assist with rescues of stranded recreationalists and other members of the public, including small children. Yellowstone National Park closed. NorthWestern Energy crews worked around the clock, safely, to monitor flood damage, make repairs and restore energy service. Their response during this natural disaster contributed significantly to flood recovery.

"The dedication of the people who work in this industry, delivering power to their customers 24/7, is outstanding, so to have NorthWestern Energy's employees recognized with this award is an honor," said NorthWestern Energy President and CEO Brian Bird. "I am incredibly proud of our fantastic team at NorthWestern Energy, who kept our customers and their co-workers safe last spring while working in harsh and challenging conditions"

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About NorthWestern Energy (Nasdaq: NWE)

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GOING PHISHING ON YOUR BIRTHDAY?

Victor Sample

Researchers at NordVPN have uncovered a new tactic involving email birthday cards. If it's your birthday you might receive some eCard birthday cards instead of regular cards. You might open them without even thinking about it and click on the link to view the Birthday eCard.

Surprise – you might have just downloaded malware!

Lately, there have been a lot of online businesses that have reported being hacked and data stolen. The business may report that no sensitive data such as credit card numbers or social security numbers were stolen, but the hackers did steal personal information like address, phone number, email, etc.

It is pretty easy to find someone's birthdate. With a little bit of searching on the internet and you can find birthdates and addresses. So, stealing non-sensitive information like address, phone number, and email may not sound like too big a deal.

But, thieves see a way to combine your birthday and email address into an excellent opportunity to get you to download malware onto your PC/Tablet/SmartPhone.

The researchers at NordVPN estimate that worldwide there are over 900 million people's birthdates online.

The malware people are very smart and can combine email, friend lists (easily gotten from social media sites like FaceBook) and names to craft a very sophisticated email. In some cases, the phishing emails might say you have an Amazon gift card waiting (or a gift card at any other online site) as an extra incentive to click on a link to a malware site.

Always, Always, Always take the time to look at the "from" information details to try to ensure the email is actually from someone you know. It's very easy to fake the From Name, but the actual email address the scammers use is harder to fake. Also, look for generic greetings like "Dear Sir/Madam" – that is usually an indicator of phishing emails.

There is no reason to ruin a birthday or a holiday with paranoia about email. One of my sisters and a few friends quite often send me eCards that are valid and safe. But, if you receive an email on your birthday about an eCard or a gift card, just take the few extra seconds it takes to ensure they really are from friends and relatives and not scammers!

Never, Ever click on a link in an email without taking the time to verify who sent the email.

The information in this article came from an article by Ian Barker published by "betaNews".



Boys Basketball: Senior, **Ryan Racht** had a great performance on Senior night. The last time playing on our homecourt, scoring 21 points and 9 rebounds. When the game is on the line he is never afraid to rise to the occasion. Ryan made a clutch three to take the lead with two seconds left in the game. All of our seniors played their hearts out and are ready to take on whoever gets in their way in the district tournament this week.



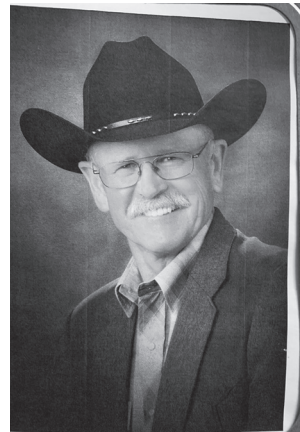
MONTANA COWBOY HALL OF FAME INDUCTS CHUCK PLYMALE AT GREAT FALLS CEREMONY

Nancy Marks

Broadwater County rancher, Chuck Plymale, was inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Saturday at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls. Chuck was among eleven men who received the honor.

Chuck has ranched all his life on his family's place on Duck Creek east of Canyon Ferry Lake. His family came to the area in 1899 to begin a cattle and sheep ranch. He learned the trade from his Uncle Hubert Plymale, who taught him how to break horses and tend to cattle.

He purchased his first cattle herd (two cows) which he used for his 4-H project at age thirteen. He worked on the ranch for \$3 a day and paid his folks \$3 a month to pasture his animals. His 4-H experiences served him well when he was involved again in helping his children in 4-H.



Chuck Plymale

Chuck graduated from Broadwater County High School in 1961 after playing football for four years on a state championship-winning team. He graduated from Montana State University with a degree in range management. At college, he was involved with the rodeo club and the wool judging team. He served in the United States Army Reserve as a medic.

Chuck has served his community in many different roles. He was involved in the construction of the Broadwater County rodeo grounds where he now helps maintain the chutes. He is a forty-year member of the Broadwater County Rural Fire Dept serving as a battalion chief for ten years.

He now serves as president of Broadwater County Farm Bureau and has been a deputy brand inspector for forty years.

He served as a School Board member for twenty years. During that time he was able to present his children Francie, Jennifer, David, Suzanne and Carrie with their high school diplomas.

Chuck and his wife, Carole, continue to actively run the ranch and take care of grandchildren.

Asked what he thought of the ceremony and whether it would change his future, Chuck said "There are a lot of great cowboys out there. I was glad to be included with them. I was so glad all my family could be there. But, no, it won't change anything for me, like retiring. I'll just keep on doing what I'm doing."

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

Girls Basketball: **Bri Williams** In the game against Whitehall, the Bulldogs found themselves down by 1 point with 20 sec left on the clock when Bri knocked down a 3-pointer to give the Bulldogs the victory! Bri finished with 13 points. On Senior night against Jefferson, Bri put up 9 points. Great job, Bri!



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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“WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

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

February 16

1939

“Crow Creek News”

Wm. Kitto, Ivor Jenkins and Fred Juries have been busy putting up ice the past week getting their supply from the Leslie Smith ranch.

Mrs. W.A. Sherlock and Mrs. W.K. Parker attended the Valentine tea in Townsend Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Massa left Tuesday morning for San Francisco, Calif. where they will take in the World's Fair. They plan to be gone about three weeks.

Geo. Rauser and daughter, Katherine, were Townsend business callers Saturday.

1950

“Social News”

Carol Horne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horne, celebrated her seventh birthday Sunday and was hostess to 18 of her young friends at a party from 3 to 5 o'clock. The refreshment table was decorated in a Valentine motif centered with a pink and white birthday cake with seven lighted candles. Individual birthday cakes decorated in pink and white, marked places for Madeline and Dean Massa, Helen Braley, Charlene Adams, Barbara Blakely, Twila Fae and Vicky Perkins, Lloyd and Jurenine Poe, Ailene Herron, Cathy Bucy, Beth Thompson, Patsy Kelly, Helen Kay Thompson and Darrel Ann Johnson. Games were played and prizes were won by Helen Braley, Barbara Blakely, Madeline Massa and Darrel Ann Johnson. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Carter Babcock and daughters, Marilyn and Joyce, and Wilbur Bracken of Helena and Mr. and Mrs. John Sorenson and Mrs. Thomas Perkins.

1961

“Crow Creek News”

Joe Stockburger of Three Forks was a visitor at the John Feistner home on Friday.

Charles Preston and Tom Lyness were Thursday dinner guests of Miss Pearl Kitto and William Kitto. Mr. Lyness is spending a few days as a guest of the Kittos.

Jack Pierce of Belgrade, Don Douma of Manhattan and Tom Lyness were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Turman, Merle, Tim and Dixie.

Mrs. Earl Webb drove to Helena Thursday where she attended a CowBelle luncheon.

Rowland, Bill and Albert Kimpton were callers in Dillon on Saturday.

Little Laurie Sanderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sanderson, celebrated her birthday Friday by inviting her aunt, Mrs. Clopton and cousins, Carrie and Tracy Clopton of Townsend, over for birthday cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ferrat, Mike and Randy enjoyed a drive to Norris on Sunday. At Harrison they called on Mr. and Mrs. Homer Maichel and family.

1967

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walter visited his sister, Mrs. Walter Engler, in Livingston over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Let Ballard returned to their home last Friday from Stevensville where they had been visiting for the past three months with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kirscher and family.

Gary Gabisch was seven years old Sunday and to help him celebrate the occasion, his mother, Mrs. George Gabisch, Jr., entertained several of his little friends at a party. The afternoon was enjoyed with games and balloons. Refreshments were served from a table decorated in the Valentine motif. A large Valentine birthday cake was cut and each place was marked with an individual favor. Guests included Doug Cook, Dale Lewis, Allen and Betty Mae Schendel, Ronda Harrison,

to Montana to the Lincoln area for a year and then wandered between Canada and Montana for a while. At one time he said, “The last day we thrashed it was 10 degrees below zero. They were hauling wheat out on sleds”.

For a time, he followed the wheat harvest on a thrashing crew. In 1922 the trek ended with a trip to Canyon Creek, Montana with a job with the Sieben Livestock Company. He made the acquaintance of a young lady by the name of Hazel Bruce, who cooked for the Sieben Livestock Company.

The acquaintance led to marriage and they settled in Townsend, where Hazel had grown up.

He was a trifle worried about this, and said ‘Jack of All Trades and master of none.’ He had to find a job to support his new wife. First, the couple took to managing a restaurant, then he worked at a grocery store, Cash ‘n’ Carry. He said ‘I didn’t know any more about a store than that chair does.’ In 1934 he filed for Broadwater County assessor. and won. He remained in this position until he retired after 32 years and then he served as Deputy Assessor.

He served for 36 years as a volunteer with the fire department. For 25 years, he played Santa Claus for the American Legion. He could be seen on Main Street ringing the bell for donations to the bucket that collected funds to help the needy during Christmas.

He enjoyed going out on Christmas Eve and vis-

Jean Sample, Betty Cazier, Dolores Burtch, Sandra Johnson, Mrs. Don Schendel and two daughters, and Linda, Diana and Marie Gabisch.

1978

“Toston Jaycees Organize”

The young men of Toston have formed a new chapter of Jaycees, a civic organization for men between the ages of 18 and 36 years.

Attending the organizational meeting were members of the Bozeman Chapter of Jaycees, who explained the purpose of Jaycees and helped the Toston group form their charter.

Over twenty young persons in the Toston area have joined the organization.

Elected officers were Roger Dundas, president; John Johnson, vice president; Mike Ferrat, secretary and Curtis Spatzierath, treasurer. Directors include Victor Spatzierath, Alan Smith and Bill Harris.

Interested men are urged to contact Roger Dundas or any officer of the group. This is a very worthwhile organization and many helpful civic projects come from their hard work.

“Six of Our Own Presentation”

“Six of Our Own” could be the title of the next BCHS Drama class production, next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings February 21st and 22nd at 8:00 p.m. in the old gym.

The newly conceived Creative Writing class took a group of popular short stories and adapted them for use in the theatre. Six of the short plays were selected for production. The plays and their young adaptors are: “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” by Mitch Stocks; “Home to Mother’s” by Kim Bieber; “The Cask of Amontillado” by Tracy Morand; “Beware the Dog” by Joanne Slifka; “Lambs to Slaughter” by Mike Erickson and “The Lady on the Tiger” by Mike Hooks.

The members of the drama class who will perform the plays and act as stage crew are: Ken Adelblue, Trish Berberet, Rusty Campbell, Barry Clark, Rich Cleveland, Mike Erickson, Chip Erickson, John Hansen, Ron Herndon, Mark Hinton, Debbie Huff, Ruth Johnson, Sam Lee, Andy Long, Harry Obert, Lisa Schmaus, Penny Stanfill, Virginia Stoner, Blaine Welch and Wade Welch.

iting homes as Santa to give joy to kids. He said: ‘If I can give joy to a little kid at Christmas time, why it gives me joy, too”.

In this article he is quoted as having said: “People’s been good to me. The country’s been good to me. I’ve done a little of everything and I’ve enjoyed it all. Life’s been good to me. I’m glad to do what I can to help”.

In March of 1978, he was one of seven Montanans awarded the first 1978 Jefferson Award for the state.

In the letter to him telling him he had won, they offered a brief description of the award:

“Each year, the American Institute for Public Service presents Jefferson Awards (so named after Thomas Jefferson) in several categories, one of which is the Greatest Public Service Benefiting Local Communities. The Montana Television Network is a co-sponsor with the Institute in Montana. The goal is to reach into local communities across the country to reward initiative and leadership at the local level. The thrust of these awards is to identify community people, average citizens, who are performing significant public services, predominately without recognition.”

This award was presented to him by Governor Judge at the State Capitol in Helena on March 27, 1978.

After he died, the Townsend Rotary Club established a fund for a scholarship to a graduating senior at Broadwater High School in his honor. The purpose of the award is to establish a permanent memorial to honor Frank H. Holloway, whose life in this community provided one of the finest examples of the very purpose of Rotary, “Service above Self”.

Also after he died, a park in Townsend was named after him. The park is on D Street, with a Skate Board facility, soccer field, and sometimes an ice skating pond is Holloway Park.

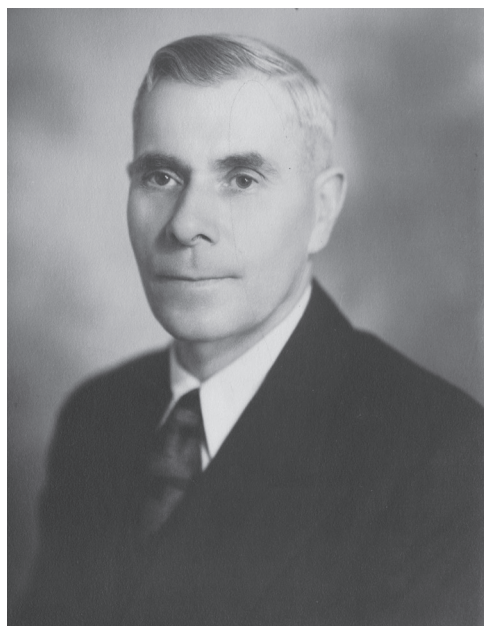
This article has been difficult to do because there is so much more to say, but not enough room. Hopefully, it will inspire everyone to take some time to be of service to others.

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FRANK HOLLOWAY - PART 3

Linda Huth



Starting during World War II, Frank would do his work in the assessor's office and then go out and work on ranches and he never accepted any payment for the work. The work was familiar. As a 20-year-old newcomer to North America in 1911, he made his living as a ranch-hand, migrant worker. He said he had no reason to leave England, “I just got it in my head I would come to Canada,” where he had two uncles, who lived near Montreal. He came to the United States in 1914.

Traveling around, he finally ended up near Fort Benton, where he lived until World War I struck and he enlisted in the Army.

While in the Army he suffered from a mustard gas attack and spent many months in a facility recuperating.

When he was released from duty he returned



AN INTERVIEW WITH CHATGPT

ChatGPT - Artificial Intelligence Author

Editor's note: In the past few weeks ChatGPT (an Artificial Intelligence Engine) has been in the national news. Much has been written about ChatGPT and its uses; both ethical and unethical. I was recently on a committee tasked with writing a Mission/Vision statement. After several hours the committee had a statement that we felt was pretty good, but one of the committee members logged in to the ChatGPT site and asked ChatGPT to create a mission statement. WOW!!! The mission statement that ChatGPT created was surprisingly good. While we did not plagiarize ChatGPT, we did incorporate some of the wording in the mission statement we had created and felt we dramatically improved it. So I thought I would do an interview with ChatGPT.

When asked to write an article regarding ChatGPT:

"ChatGPT: The Future of Language Generation

In recent years, the field of natural language processing has made significant strides, and one of the most impressive developments has been the creation of ChatGPT. Developed by OpenAI, this large language generation model is able to generate human-like responses to a wide range of prompts, making it a powerful tool for a variety of applications.

One of the key features of ChatGPT is its ability to generate text that is virtually indistinguishable from text written by a human. This is achieved through the use of deep learning techniques, which allow the model to learn patterns in language and generate text that is both grammatically correct and coherent.

Another major advantage of ChatGPT is its ability to generate text on a wide range of topics. The model has been trained on a diverse corpus of text, including news articles, books, and online forums, which means it is able to provide information and answer questions on a wide variety of subjects.

ChatGPT has a wide range of potential applications, including chatbots, automated writing and content generation, and language translation. It could also be used to generate text for creative purposes such as writing stories, poetry, and even screenplays.

While ChatGPT is an impressive achievement in the field of natural language processing, it is important to note that it is not perfect. The model can sometimes generate text that is nonsensical or offensive, and it is not capable of understanding context or intent.

Overall, ChatGPT represents a significant step forward in the field of natural language processing and has the potential to revolutionize a wide range of industries. As the technology continues to improve, we can expect to see even more impressive developments in the future."

I asked ChatGPT for some information about itself:

"I am ChatGPT, a large language generation model developed by OpenAI. I am trained on a wide variety of text and can generate human-like responses to a wide range of prompts.

My main function is to assist users in generating human-like text based on the input provided to me. I am also capable of answering questions and providing information on a wide range of topics."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Community Bulletin



• "It can be tricky to add new keys to a key ring, especially if you don't have much of a fingernail. I have found a foolproof way to get the key started. Just use a staple remover. It works wonders!" — T.R. in Indiana

• If you find that you have small scratches in your wood furniture, try this old trick: Rub a walnut over dings to cover them up. Or find a matching brown crayon, rub it lightly into the scratch, and finish with a hair dryer held 10 inches away for about 10-15 seconds. It melts the wax of the crayon, and then you can buff it with a soft rag. Any excess is swept away and the color remains.

• Got small kids? If your little one keeps rolling out of his bed, here's a tip: Use a pool noodle tucked under the fitted sheet, lengthwise along the edge of the bed. It's just enough of a bumper to send a sleeping child back to the center of the mattress.

• "If you have many mismatched frames that you would like to use, you can try spray painting them all the same color. I had several that were different colors and a little bit beat up, but I wanted to use them in one big group. I painted them all glossy black, and they look great!" — W.F. in Arkansas

• Hanging shoe racks are a wonderful organizational tool, especially the ones made of plastic that have see-through pockets. You can use them on the back of your bathroom door for small towels and toiletries, or how about on the back of baby's door as a diaper organizer? My favorite use is on the back of my garage door to hold all the cleaning bottles and solutions with other supplies. They are nice and high, and out of reach of little hands.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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- Who released "Lady Sings the Blues" and when?
- "I'm Still Standing" was released on which Elton John album?
- Which song was the first to rank as No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100? When was that?
- In 1953, Elvis Presley recorded a double-sided record with "My Happiness" and "That's When Your Heartaches Begin." Who was the record for?
- Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Too many long conversations and no one is hearin' a word."

Answers

- Diana Ross, in 1972. The song was on the double soundtrack album for the film of the same name, a biopic about singer Billie Holiday.
- "Too Low for Zero," in 1983. The song did well on the charts, helped by an MTV video.
- "Poor Little Fool," by Ricky Nelson, in 1958. The first thing Billboard ranked, however, wasn't records, it was sheet music, in 1913. Records weren't listed until 1936.
- His mother, as a birthday present. Presley paid \$3.98 for the recording fee.
- "Dancin' Shoes," by Nigel Olsson, in 1978. Olsson got his start in England with the Plastic Penny band and eventually collaborated with Elton John, Neil Sedaka, Rod Stewart and several others on numerous albums.

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: D equals F

MIPO MUTGZ RUT NPGG P QEUTX
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- TELEVISION: What was the name of the saloon in the 1960s series "Gunsmoke"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: To date, how many people have walked on the moon?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Canadian province Nova Scotia?
- MOVIES: How many "Police Academy" movies have been produced?
- U.S. STATES: Why is Indiana known as "The Hoosier State"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What percentage of a cucumber is water?
- HISTORY: Which company published its first mail-order catalog in 1872?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What does the armadillo's name mean in English?
- LITERATURE: What is author Mark Twain's real name?
- CELEBRITIES: What is one of singer/actor Frank Sinatra's famous nicknames, based on a physical attribute?

Answers

- Long Branch Saloon.
- 12.
- Halifax.
- Seven, including the original movie and six sequels.
- The name became popular in the 1800s, likely from the poem "The Hoosier's Nest."
- 96%.
- Montgomery Ward.
- Little armored one.
- Samuel Langhorne Clemens.
- Ol' Blue Eyes.

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What would you call a group of certain small flatfish that start a company together? Co-flounders.

CryptoQuip answer

Super Crossword

ODD BIRDS

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| ACROSS | DOWN | ODD BIRDS |
| 1 Soprano's last note, perhaps | 1 Bees' place | 75 Aides: Abbr. |
| 6 Jordanians, e.g. | 2 Horned Egyptian goddess | 77 Spiteful types |
| 11 Oscar winner Rockwell | 3 Surrounded with a belt | 78 Buckeye State sch. |
| 14 Mazda model | 4 Witch | 79 Slugging stat |
| 19 NBA Hall of Famer — Thomas | 5 Mythological fire-breather | 81 The Evil One |
| 20 Tanzanian national park | 6 Korea's place | 85 Mutt's threat |
| 22 "Burnt" or "raw" color | 7 Peruse | 86 Pitching star |
| 23 Bird from Richmond? | 8 Brow's shape | 89 Fishers with seines, say |
| 25 Trident, e.g. | 9 Catcher Yogi | 90 Dead skin at the base of a fingernail |
| 26 Winter D.C. hrs. | 10 Be disdainful of | 91 Lycra, e.g. |
| 27 Fermented honey drink | 11 Nose partition | 93 "Trainwreck" director Judd |
| 28 Fashion's Oscar de la — | 12 Elite squad | 94 Word before jury or larceny |
| 29 Patron associated with a "fire" | 13 1986-2001 Earth orbiter | 97 Betrayer of Jesus |
| 30 A handful of | 14 Feral horse | 98 "Take — out of crime!" |
| 31 Bird partially composed of element #56? | 15 Drive along | 99 "— the Greek" |
| 33 In less peril | 16 "That rings —" | 100 Big name in restaurant guides |
| 36 Seek the affection of | 17 "I love you," in Mexico | 101 Repasts |
| 38 Archery asset | 18 Symbol on a one-way sign | 102 Web vending |
| 39 Solo of sci-fi | 21 Wish-fulfilling spirits | 103 Pine's cousin |
| 40 Bird that always keeps to itself? | 24 Innovative | 106 Frozen drink treat |
| 43 Mob member | 29 River in a Foster tune | 107 Widespread |
| 48 Adept | 30 Flu symptom | 108 Privy to |
| 49 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" playwright Joe | 31 — -chic (fashion style) | 109 Arp's art |
| 50 "Atlantic City" director Louis | 32 Will, biblically | 110 Author Haley |
| 52 Prefix with 33-Down | 33 Part of NASA | 112 #2 excess |
| 53 Fellow soldier | 34 Shady shelter | 113 Dir. 135 degrees from 119-Across |
| 55 Bird that travels to and from work? | 35 Movie cast members | 114 Author Levin |
| 58 Notable time | | |
| 59 Potentially offensive, in brief | | |
| 62 El — (certain current) | | |
| 63 Stand for art | | |
| 64 Bird wearing a hard hat? | | |
| 69 Far — eye can see | | |
| 71 Ending for switch | | |
| 72 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt | | |
| 73 Cell material | | |
| 76 Bird nesting in winter precipitation? | | |
| 80 Causes to be ashamed | | |
| 82 Finnish coin | | |
| 83 Not worth — of beans | | |
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All Fun & Games

Super Crossword

Answers

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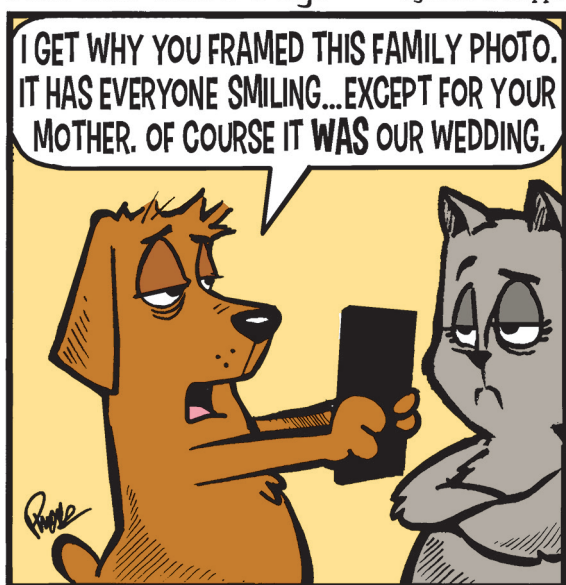
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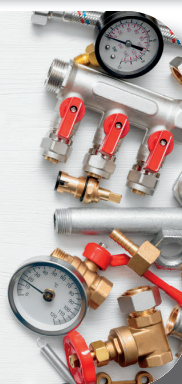
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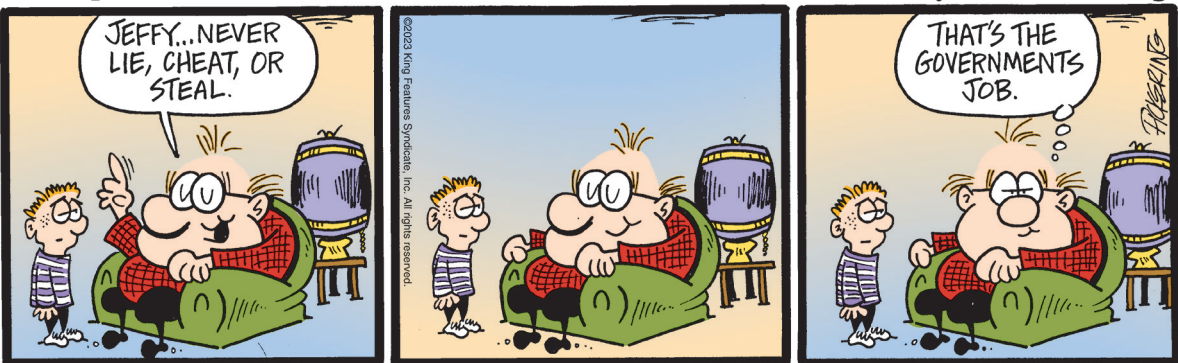


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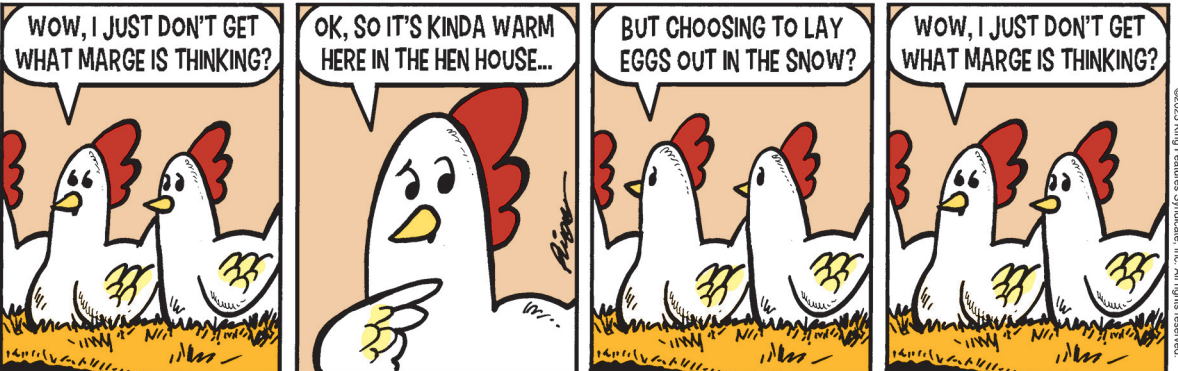


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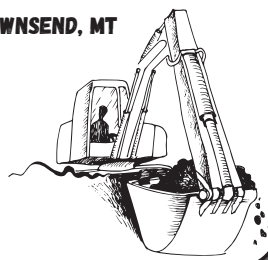
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LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL UPDATE

Wanda Lambott, Lady Bulldogs Assistant Coach

The Townsend Lady Bulldogs played their final conference games to determine their seeding into the District 5B tournament this past weekend. Friday night, the Bulldogs went to Whitehall to avenge an earlier season loss. The Bulldogs got out to a slow start in the first quarter and found themselves down by 5 points, 13-8. They would match the Trojans 24-24 at the half. The Bulldogs overcame their typical third-quarter lull and outscored the Trojans by 3 points. With 20 seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs found themselves down by 1 point. The ball was put in bounds and Bri Williams hit a 3-pointer from the corner to put the Bulldogs up by 2 points. The Trojans had 9 seconds to put together a play, but they were unable to convert against the Bulldog defense. Bulldogs win, 51-49! Bulldog points are as follows: Ella Begger 19 points, Bri Williams 13 points, Holly Newman 8 points, Emily Bird 4 points, Kaitlyn Noyes 3 points, Cassidy Flynn 2 points and Emmalin Fischer 2 points.

On Saturday, it was Senior night for the Lady Bulldogs against the Jefferson Panthers. Kady Clark, Montana Hedstrom, Kailey Knaub and Bri Williams were recognized before the game. Montana has been unable to play recently due to an injury. However, she was given the green light to start for the Bulldogs. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, the Panthers' shooting was "lights out" during the first half with a halftime score of 17-42. The Bulldogs managed to put another 17 points on the board during the third quarter, but the damage done early could not be overcome. The Bulldogs would lose this one, 43-79. Ella Begger led with 11 points, Bri Williams 9 points, Emily Bird 8 points, Cassidy Flynn 5 points, Holly Newman 4 points, Kaitlyn Noyes 4 points and Emmalin Fischer 2 points.

The 5th seed Townsend Lady Bulldogs (Broadwater) will play 4th seed Three Forks Wolves on Thursday, Feb. 16, in Belgrade at the Special Event Center at 6:00. The Bulldogs and the Wolves split during the regular season, and it should be an exciting match up. Remember, if you aren't able to travel to Belgrade, you can listen to the game on KDOGS Radio, 98.3 FM KDGZ. A special thank you to our "own" broadcasters, Kevin Flynn and Gary Bauman.



(Photo Above) Broadwater Lady Bulldog Ella Begger executes a layup against the Jefferson High Panthers in the team's final regular season match. Photo courtesy of Kelly Morris Photography.

of the public can meet the team of primary care providers including Dr. Holly Hoffman, Dr. Phil Hess and Nurse Practitioners Derek Weiss and Raelene Scott.

According to Deputy Administrator, Justin Tiffany, the doctors and nurse practitioners would like to meet members of the public who are interested in learning about good primary care here in Townsend. That would include learning about the importance of annual checkups and scheduling regular visits for managing chronic conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes. "If your care needs go beyond what we provide in our clinic, our team can easily help you find the right resources, such as specialists who provide complex procedures and specialized diagnoses," Justin explained.

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Dr. Phil Hess



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Nurse Practitioner Raelene Schott

BULLDOG WRESTLING WRAPS UP THE SEASON

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

A winner regardless of the scoreboard!

The 2022-23 Bulldog wrestling season is officially over, and Broadwater High's Walker Spurlock carried the team name all the way to the Class B/C State tournament.

"Spurlock had [a] great season," Assistant Wrestling Coach Mike Schnittgen said. "I know he won't be satisfied with his results at state, but it's not uncommon for athletes to be a little off their first time competing in the Metra."



Walker Spurlock

Despite being "a little off" at the state tournament, Spurlock's opening match ended in success. Facing Levi Blood from Plains/Hot Springs, Spurlock's first match started with a takedown by Blood, followed with a near fall for two points. In the second period, Spurlock took control with a takedown of his own. Spurlock finished the move with a pin and put another win under his season belt.

Up next was Fort Benton's Nathan Dunham. Dunham was the first to score points with a takedown, from which Spurlock escaped and earned a takedown of his own. This put him

ahead in points 3-1, but Dunham regained control with a reversal and need the match with a pin.

Now on the consolation side of the bracket, Spurlock faced Kaiden Dolan from Powell County-Deer Lodge. Dolan earned four points in the first period with a takedown and a near fall. In the second period, Spurlock responded with a takedown.

Dolan earned a reversal followed by three points for a near fall, before moving into the third period. A reversal from Spurlock brought the score to 3-9, but Dolan echoed it for some points of his own. As Broadwater's sole dawg in the competition, Spurlock fought to hold his place but Dolan was able to claim the win by major decision.

Walker Spurlock joined the Dawgs his junior season, after playing on the basketball team in his freshman and sophomore years.

"For a kid that played basketball his first two years of high school, making it to the divisional championship and scoring team points at state was a pretty big accomplishment," Schnittgen said. "It was a real pleasure to have Walker in the room these past two years."

Schnittgen said Spurlock isn't afraid to put in the work necessary and listens to coaching, adding that having him in the program his entire high school career would have benefitted everyone in the room.

"He was definitely a 'lead by example' type," Schnittgen said.

While wrestlers vied for a place on the podium all season, they learned more while participating in the sport, according to Schnittgen.

"Some of the best building blocks for the future can come from the self-reflection and growth that occurs when that ultimate goal is not achieved," he explained, adding that stepping up to the mat each time teaches responsibility, accountability and resiliency. "Because of that, to me, anyone that steps on the mat and is willing to give it their all is a winner regardless of the scoreboard."

Dawg wrestling will return next winter, in the meantime, Bulldog athletes will begin the transition period into their spring season. Best of luck Bulldogs!

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