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AGRICULTURE APPRECIATION DINNER DRAWS HUNDREDS

Nancy Marks

Broadwater County ranchers and farmers dragged themselves away from calving and work in their machine shops just long enough to enjoy prime rib dinner Saturday. They took time to visit with their neighbors and hear the latest farm and ranch economic report at Watson's Event Center.

The dinner, organized by the Broadwater Conservation District, was catered by Gayle Watson. Two hundred and fifty people enjoyed the sit-down meal served by the high school Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Broadwater County 4-H members.



Former Townsend Muffler owner Paul Vogl accepts Ag Volunteer of the Year award from Conservation District President Dallas Diehl

Paul Vogl, who owned Townsend Muffler on Front Street and is now retired, was awarded the Good Neighbor Award. Vogl, and his wife, Jeanette, started welding for the agricultural community in 1987. They built the new shop



Dallas Diehl awards Ag business of the year to Ryan Waters who stood in for M & T Products and Services, Harrison, Montana owner Travis Reynolds.

on Front Street in 1992. Vogl had been welding for 34 years. He sold the business two years ago.

Conservation District Chairman, Dillon Diehl, presented the agricultural business of the year award to M & T products and Services of Harrison, Montana. Owner Travis Reynolds, who owns the Harrison Elevator with his family also contributed to Townsend Valley farmers and ranchers with his hay-stacking services.

Montana State University (MSU) Agricultural Economist, Joel Schumacher, gave a short presentation on the current global economic situation and its effects on Montana agricultural products. He pointed out that with current beef and pork prices down for farmers and ranchers, the consumer continued to pay higher prices at the grocery store, especially for eggs because the poultry market is suffering from loss of

flocks to avian flu.

The federal government has offered help through stimulus packages throughout the pandemic, but prices for producers continue to be low because of sanctions in other countries caused by the war in Ukraine. He noted that Montana alone had lost 12,000 jobs in the agricultural sector.

Keynote speaker, Lieutenant Governor

Kristen Juras, gave a short talk on her ranching background emphasizing the importance of Montana's farming and ranching as the largest economic driver in the state. She also spoke about what the Gianforte administration has done for agriculture.



FFA members served dinner. Left to right- Kaitlyn Noyes, Bella McDaniel, Ashley Sanderson, Grace Kroeger, Spencer Braaten, Aiden Kitto, Mishayla Lambott, Cassidy Flynn, Codie Skillman, Amanda Pesicka, Justene Santi and Jacob Pesicka.

A short video presentation was given by Steve Daines.

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ADULT EDUCATION OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES

Mikayla Kraft, School Correspondent

Broadwater High School has so many opportunities for people of all ages in our community. As much as the school tries to offer opportunities through the school website and the school app, it normally doesn't get recognized

by the majority of the community. There are many opportunities to learn about topics such as financial wellness, crafts and hobbies, gardens and landscapes, and health and wellness. These are only topics, and the classes that are enveloped in these generalized topics reach a wide variety of interests.

I attended one of these classes early this last week. I may not have gotten to participate considering I am a high school student, however, the whole experience was still eye-opening. The class was friendly and welcoming. There was no strict distinction of different statuses, this meant that instructors and students were treated as a friend would. The first lesson of the class that was taught was direct and easy to understand. As a bystander, I learned a lot and those who participated benefitted from the lesson.

This was the laser engraving class offered by Mrs. Loughery under the hobbies and crafts topic. In the beginning, we discussed the different projects a laser engraver can produce. It



Stainless Steel Engraved travel mug made in Laser Engraving Class

could make binders, signs, and styled water bottles, and it can even spruce up a silicone watch band. Students were taught the foundation of laser engraving. This included parts of the laser engraver, the x, y, and z-axis rotations, and maintenance for the laser engraver. Students were also given their first project, engraving a stainless steel cup that they had the opportunity to take home that night. They went through the process of choosing their design and were finally given the chance to learn by doing. Mrs.

Loughery told the students what to do as they navigated the computer and the laser engraver to finish the job.

This was a two-hour class and the finished product held feelings of great achievement and reward. This was the class's tutorial and for the next three weeks, every Tuesday evening, these students will get the chance to work on a larger project of their choice. As an adult who is no longer in school, something new is learned every day. Broaden the horizons of the knowledge you already have and learn a skill with those in the Broadwater community about anything you desire to learn.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: CORY SWANSON

Matt Nelson

this article is part 2 of a two-part article.



Cory Swanson is the Broadwater County Attorney and is also a Lt. Colonel in the Montana Army National Guard. Part 1 of this story was about his military career; Part 2 is about his work as the County Attorney.

He said, “The County Attorney job is such a fun job, it’s a great job. It’s very demanding because new problems arise every week. Part of the job is keeping up with the pace of things that are thrust upon us.”

Cory loves being in the courtroom, working with law enforcement, and fulfilling a goal just to help people. Every week somebody is in the office needing help. The goal is just to try to help them. Sometimes the people who come to his office aren’t in the right office to get the help they need, but they do try and find the right organization for the person needing help. He has a really good team in his office.

Prior to becoming the County Attorney, Cory had worked in a private law firm in Helena doing Civil Law, and he also spent two years working with the Montana Attorney General. That experience is what led him to the County Attorney job. He was glad to get into the criminal prosecution arena after doing a lot of Civil Law.

He was first elected in 2014 in Broadwater County and took office in January 2015. He was reelected in 2018, and this term ended in 2022. There was a complication with his deployment to the Middle East in January 2022. In December of 2021, he received a call asking him to become the 1-163rd Battalion Commander again. The unit was deploying to the Middle East and needed someone to take over the job. He made arrangements with Broadwater County to have an extended leave of absence, but to be able to stay on the ballot as the County Attorney candidate.

Prior to his deployment, he had filed for reelection to his third term in office for the November 2022 election. The Army regulations say that you cannot run for office, or hold an office during your deployment if your active duty time to be deployed exceeds 270 days. At the time he left for Kuwait, his deployment time was under 270 days. After arriving in Kuwait, Cory found out that his unit’s time had been extended, which meant that he would have been gone longer than 270 days. He came very close to withdrawing his bid for reelection. He had a deadline in the summer that he needed to meet because if he was going to pull out, the county would need the time to find somebody else to run. He had to receive permission from the Secretary of the Army to stay on the ballot for the County Attorney. He was just days away from withdrawing when he received permission from the Secretary of the Army that he could remain on the ballot.

One of the things that the County Attorney’s office personnel always worries about is the amount

of drug traffic that goes between Butte, Bozeman, and Helena. They get a lot of drive-through crime, but then Cory laughed, and said that there is a lot of local crime, too.

Cory and his wife Julie love it here, and both grew up in Manhattan (Montana, not New York!). They had lived in Helena and realized that they wanted to live in a smaller town. Helena is too much “big city” for them. They moved to Townsend in 2013. John Flynn had been County Attorney for a long time, but he passed away in 2012 so Cory decided to run for the position in the November 2014 election.

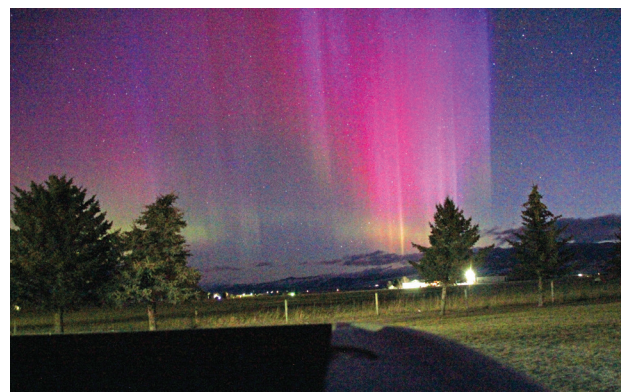
Cory’s wife, Julie, runs Songbird Pediatric Speech Therapy for kids here in Townsend. Her office is in the Lodge. Their daughter, Claire, and their son, Caleb, are active in sports, the 4H, and they also participate in the annual science fair at the school. They are a very fine and a very close family.

Cory said, “The law is as broad as all of society. Every aspect of society may have some issue that somehow involves the law or lawyers. Someone’s law practice can be as unique as any other thing. There are always these different niches out there of how you can practice law. I enjoy the law, but I wasn’t enjoying the civil law firm type of law practice that I was doing. This wasn’t the right thing for me. I definitely feel that the County Attorney, prosecution, heavily involved in everything that happens in the community job is something I very much enjoy”.

NORTHERN LIGHTS REACH BROADWATER COUNTY

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

The Northern Lights were visible from Broadwater County early Monday, Feb. 27. In areas with less light pollution, purple and green lights were visible; meanwhile, other areas may have only seen a soft white light.



You’re Invited

Broadwater County’s CommunityTown Hall

Who: All Broadwater County Residents **When:** March 8th at 6:30 – 8:00pm

Where: United Methodist Church 200 Cedar Street Townsend

Why: To help select projects you’d like to see happen in your community. Three focus area teams will be sharing their ideas and you are invited to bring ideas as well! *Focus areas include:*

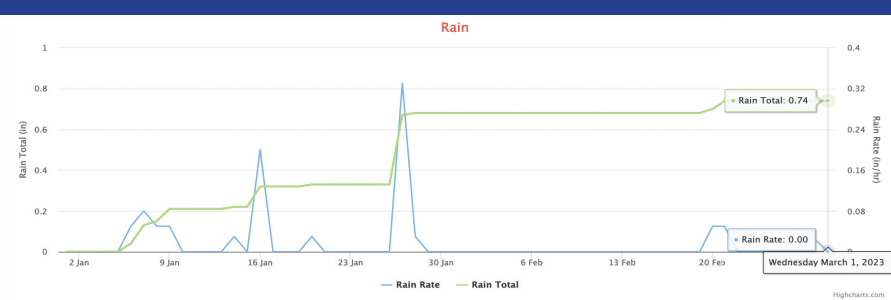
- Housing & Planning ,
- Emergency Service, Senior & Social Services, & Internet
- Recreation, Teen & Community Center

Contact for questions
Allison Kosto MSU Extension



and now the weather...

<p>Fri 3/03</p> <p>Very Light Snow Showers</p> <p>32° 15°</p> <p>0 in</p>	<p>Sat 3/04</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>33° 19°</p> <p>0 in</p>	<p>Sun 3/05</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>34° 19°</p> <p>1 in</p>	<p>Mon 3/06</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>30° 16°</p> <p>1 in</p>	<p>Tue 3/07</p> <p>Light Snow</p> <p>31° 12°</p> <p>0 in</p>
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Broadwater County Trust Board Major Supporter of Local Recreation

Aubra Lewis, Broadwater County Trust Admin Assistant

Broadwater County, which includes its county seat of Townsend, sits nestled between the Big Belt and Elkhorn Mountains. It offers a myriad of activities and recreation opportunities via access to the Missouri River, Canyon Ferry Lake, Fairgrounds, and many city parks.

The Broadwater County Trust Board (BCTB) has been working diligently for the last 22 years, in conjunction with other boards and organizations, to enhance these recreational opportunities for the residents of Broadwater County and its visitors.

The BCTB was established in 2000 by P. L. 105-277, which created a permanent trust, managed by a three-to-five-member Board appointed by the County Commissioners. The Broadwater County Trust is a 501c3 not-for-profit entity. As such, it can accept monetary gifts that can be added to its principal corpus or to its expendable account for project expenses.

Current board members are Chair Steve McCullough, Vice Chair Kim Kondelik, Virgil Binkley, Doug Breker, and Al Christophersen. The BCTB meets monthly to receive, discuss, approve, and manage grant applications, which satisfy the criteria set forth in the Trust's by-laws. These criteria can be found on the Trust website at <https://broadwatercountytrustboard.com/about/>.

The BCTB has collaborated with the City/County Recreation Board, Fair and Rodeo Boards, Old Baldy Golf Course, and Broadwater Rod and Gun Club and has supported the BOR/County agreement for the Silos Recreation Area. While not all grant proposals are funded, the ongoing review process helps the BCTB clarify its guidelines for grant applications.

During the past few years, projects that the BCTB has funded include:

- Partnering with five other entities to fund the Master Plan development for the Silos Recreation Area
- Funding the Master Plan development for the Fairgrounds
- Completing the BOR/County acquisition of the lands between Old Baldy Golf Course and the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club and baseball fields
- Completing upgrades to the Search and Rescue building
- Funding the Search and Rescue organization to help procure an ATV track system for all-season use
- Helping fund the Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge, Entrepreneurship (STOKE) organization Skatepark
- Funding a flat-bottom jet boat for the Search and Rescue
- Helping to fund the new restrooms and wastewater system for the Fairgrounds
- Helping to fund the renovation of the 4-H building of the Fairgrounds
- Helping to fund the new 4-H livestock sale pavilion at the Fairgrounds
- Helping to fund and oversee the clearing of the Broadwater Bay low-water boat channel
- Helping to fund and oversee the rebuilding of the Broadwater Bay boat launch parking lot and dust application treatments
- Funding for Old Baldy Golf Course

To date, the BCTB has granted over \$2.2 million dollars for recreational improvements. The BCTB's current projects include the Holloway Park Pavilion, Fairgrounds Restroom Project, 4-H Livestock Pavilion, and 4-H Shooting Sports Project.

BCTB welcomes ideas and proposals from the public to improve Broadwater County recreational facilities and their use. The BCTB usually meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 11:30 AM. Monthly meetings are posted on the Broadwater County website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com/trust-board>.

Grant application forms can be found on the BCTB website at <https://broadwatercountytrustboard.com/about/>.

Broadwater County Trust Board



Testimony on HJ-5

Ed Regan, Chairman Broadwater County Republican Central Committee

Before the House Energy, Technology and Federal Relations Committee

RE: HJ-5; A Joint Resolution of the Montana House and Senate Applying for A Convention of States Under Article V of the United States Constitution for the Purpose of Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to Set Term Limits on Members of Congress. Sponsored by Representative Terry Moore.

Madam Chair Zolnikov, members of the Committee, my name is Ed Regan (R-E-G-A-N), I am the Chairman of the Broadwater County Republican Central Committee. Today I testify on behalf of myself and our entire Central Committee. We OPPOSE HJ-5.

In 2014 Supreme Court Justice Scalia warned "I certainly would not want a Constitutional Convention. I mean whoa. Who knows what would come out of that." Again in 2015 Scalia remarked "A Constitutional Convention is a horrible idea. This is not a good century to write a constitution."

What is HJ-5 really about? Is its purpose to enshrine Term Limits into the constitution or to just add another State Application that can be counted towards the 34 State threshold for an Article V Convention? We believe that the true intent behind this Resolution is to call a convention. Term Limits and promises of a limited convention are being used as an enticement to gather your support for a modern-day convention. The Proponent's claims that applications from various states have to have identical wording and subject matter are wrong. Here is why; Last June 2022, in the United States House of Representatives, H. Con. Res 101 and a companion Bill HR-8419 were introduced (I have a copy for the Committee). Res 101 calls for an Article V convention once 34 Applications have been certified by the National Archivist. The Resolution also specifies that ratification of amendments will be done by state conventions, not state legislatures. The companion Bill, HR-8419, would add new law to the federal code by putting in statute the requirement 'that all non-rescinded state applications still on the books, regardless of age or subject matter, must be counted.' Together, these two Federal Bills prove that a limited and state controlled constitutional convention is nothing more than a pipe dream. Under Article V, states can Apply for a Convention, that's it!!! Subsequent authority belongs to the Congress. The necessary and proper clause found in Article 1, Section 8, grants Congress the power to call the convention. Congress decides which applications are valid, when the 34 states have been reached, the date & place for the convention, and Congress decides the selection process by which Delegates are chosen. This Congressional power doesn't magically transfer to the States. To argue, as the Proponents do, that Congress loses its constitutional powers once Article V is invoked is absurd. The constitution doesn't mention that. This would be no different than a county commissioner's convention trying to assume powers that rightfully belong to the state legislature. The 1921 Supreme Court decision, Dillon vs. Gloss, re-affirmed Congressional Authority under Article V. Maybe the Proponents are preparing to relitigate that decision? If so, prudence dictates that this legislative body waits until that litigation is concluded before approving a convention. Finally, the issue of sovereign delegates must be considered. The historical precedent from our one and only constitutional convention established that delegates were independent and acted on behalf of the People at Large, not the States. Even though Congress sets the initial rules, once the convention convenes, the Delegates can change those rules. History is not on the side of States being able to control delegates or the convention. James Madison once said that "a second convention would no doubt contain individuals with insidious views seeking to alter the very foundation and fabric of the constitution using amendments as a pretext." Let's avoid that second convention which Madison warned against. Vote NO on HJ-5. God Bless you and God Bless America.

Ed Regan, Chairman Broadwater County Republican Central Committee

Americanisms



"I've failed over and over in my life, and that is why I succeeded."
— Michael Jordan

CITY COUNCIL REVIEWS AIRPORT AGREEMENT, OTHER ITEMS

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Another contract terminated

While the city's involvement at the airport has yet to be decided, the city council determined the fate of its contract with Montana Internet during the Feb. 21 meeting: Termination, with the hopes of renegotiating for better terms.

Before entering negotiations, Evans told the council that he would ask others about their experience with internet providers to identify common problems.

Solicitor / Events Ordinances

For several months now, the Townsend City Council has reviewed and discussed its solicitor's ordinance and is now bringing forward another ordinance for consideration: events.

Although the recently polished solicitor's ordinance was ready for consideration at the Feb. 7 meeting, Townsend City Attorney Peter Simon said, it wasn't discussed. The council agreed to have a first reading of the ordinance at the March 7 council meeting.

"Dovetailing" into the solicitor's ordinance, according to city council members, is the potential for an event ordinance.

Simon presented the City Council with what other cities have for this type of ordinance and examples of ways to move forward. Cities listed included Bozeman, Helena, Manhattan, Red Lodge and Three Forks.

The City Council agreed to move forward with researching the ordinance and planned to establish a committee.

Rotary and Recreation

City council members also received an update from Adam Six on behalf of the Recreation Board, regarding the Holloway Park Pavilion and Rotary's Fall Fest.

At the moment, Six said the Recreation Board is waiting for some warmer weather before doing some substructural work. Once that is complete they will "put a pavilion on it," Six said.

Six also announced that the 2023 Rotary Fall Fest has been set for Sept. 29 through Oct. 1.

Townsend City Council members discussed reevaluating their involvement at the City of Townsend/Broadwater County Airport during their Feb. 21 meeting at City Hall.

Discussion of the city's involvement came up during Mayor Mike Evans and Councilwoman Angie Wintrow's airport news and updates. Part of the updates included notifying the council that Broadwater County is acquiring the land around the airport, and has purchased two 1-acre lots at \$95,000 each.

With new projects coming to the airport in the next few years, the city could be responsible for \$160,000 to \$180,000, Wintrow told the council.

Councilman Matt West asked Wintrow what would happen if the city couldn't pay their portion of the work, to which she responded that loans would be available.

Both Evans and West agreed that the city could use that money elsewhere.

"Our streets could use \$120,000," West said.

The city of Townsend already contributes \$14,000 to the airport annually, which Wintrow said likely goes towards maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

West also proposed having the county purchase the city's portion of the airport, asking if the city receives any benefit from remaining in the agreement or if it would be detrimental to leave it.

Councilwoman Vickie Rauser suggested the city learn how it originally came to be part-owner in the airport to reveal what — if any — benefits there are. Evans said he believed the airport was willed to the city and the county in the 1920s, but further research would be done.

BALLOON CAR RACES

Levi Van Zee

The 6th grade Science Adventures class recently had the opportunity to build and test balloon-powered cars. In this class, Mr. Van Zee teaches 6th-grade students concepts pertaining to science, technology, engineering, art and math. In this particular project, balloon cars were created using recycled water bottles, straws, skewers, and balloons.

Students designed their cars with the goal of achieving maximum distance by the means of propulsion from the balloon. In order to accomplish this goal, students learned a great deal about reducing friction and how to best use potential energy from the balloon.

A basic design was given, but students were given the freedom to use the materials however they felt would give them the best advantage in the competition. Once the cars were completed, a competition was held to determine which design would prove to be the most successful. A head-to-head bracket was made and students were able to put their creations on display. The balloon car that traveled the farther distance would move on in the bracket.



Brayden Becker, Gavin Beggar, Tana Santi

After many rounds of the double-elimination tournament, Gavin Beggar came out as the champion. Tana Santi came in a close 2nd, followed by Brayden Becker as he put up a strong battle to place 3rd in the competition.

Overall it was a fantastic display of creativity and engineering.

Townsend Area Community Calendar

Friday, March 3

- Broadwater County Commission Meeting @ Flynn Building - 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 4

- Medical Benefit for Butch Colby @ Fish Tale Tavern - 1 p.m.
- Missoula Children's Theater Performances @ Broadwater High School Auditorium - 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Broadwater County Community Theater Open House @ The Lodge - 5 to 7 p.m.

Monday, March 6

- City / County Parks and Recreation Meeting - 6 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery @ Mountain Valley Church - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7

- Broadwater County Planning Board Meeting - 1 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 5:30 p.m.
- Townsend City Council @ City Hall - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

- Broadwater County Commission Meeting @ Flynn Building - 10 a.m.
- Broadwater County Community Review Action Team Meeting @ United Methodist Church - 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting - 6 p.m.
- Broadwater County Community Review Town Hall @ United Methodist Church - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

- Broadwater County Community Review Action Team Meeting @ United Methodist Church - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- AL Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 7 p.m.

Friday, March 10

- Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 12 p.m.

Monday, March 13

- Celebrate Recovery @ Mountain Valley Church Building - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

- Missouri Valley Marketing Meeting @ The Mint - 8:30 a.m.
- Rotary Club Meeting @ The Mint - 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 5:30 p.m.

Contact eliza@mt43news.com to have your event listed.



Townsend Area Chamber Update

Townsend Area Chamber Of Commerce

The Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is trying very hard to provide opportunities for more customers to enter our businesses, and to recruit new businesses that we need/want in our county. We do this by promoting our businesses on Facebook and our Website and by creating "events/activities". A handful of people can have an effect, but the businesses in mass and other community members can have a Grand Success when focused, purposeful and involved. We would appreciate your help and support.

Our next planned annual events are the ATV Poker Ride 1st Responders, on June 10 and the TACC Walleye Festival and Sunrise Tournament, on June 23, 24, and 25.

The ATV Poker Ride is a very enjoyable and successful event. This year, the Ride will traverse the roads available in the Elkhorn Mountains. We are seeking a Leader and Committee Members to organize and coordinate this event. Board Member Bob Saxby has done this for 12 years. He is no longer able to do this but will help the committee, thus we need a new leader. A course of 75-100 miles has not been identified, yet. The Ride event starts at the Fair Grounds - 4H Building with Registration. Goals of the ATV Committee are to identify the route path; seek sponsors, donations/ contributions; marketing/promotion; seek volunteers to staff the sign-in, trail checkpoints, and poker drawing. We are also seeking easy food (simple breakfast, BBQ/afternoon food) and beverage station to be at the 4H building. This is an opportunity for a club or organization to fund-raise!

The Annual TACC Walleye Festival and Sunrise Tournament is a two-prong event - the actual fishing tournament at the Silos Eagle Loop campground pavilion/boat ramp on Canyon Ferry Lake. The primary activities for the Tournament are at the Pavilion of the Golden Eagle Loop, on the south side of the ramp bay. A committee is already organizing and seeking sponsors, etc. The Committee is needing to address marketing/promotion, volunteers to help with the tournament activities (size/weighing judges, boat monitors and runners); and, vendors are needed at the Pavilion to provide food and beverages. Again, an opportunity for fundraising for a club/organization.

The second prong of the TACC Walleye Festival is the FESTIVAL! Twenty-three years ago, the original Festival/Tournament event activities were in Townsend. Over time and circumstances, the festival part of the event has diminished to nothing in town. The tournament contestants tend to stay in the Silos area. This year we would like to bring the festivities back into town for tournament family members and interested recreationists, tourists, and other potential customers. We are seeking a Committee Leader to organize the Festival to make this fun event happen! The location has yet to be determined. Potential locations could be the empty lot at the 4-way Stop signs or the pull-off parks like Wi-Fi Park. Other committee needs are to seek sponsors, donations, and booth vendors of all types (TACC will seek outdoor recreation manufacturers - boats, ATVs/Side-by-side, etc.).

We ask that all interested in helping to make these events the best the Townsend Area can be, please get in touch with the TACC Office at 406-266-4101, townsend43chamber@gmail.com or, TACC Cheerman Tim Pool at 406-431-9487, timpool03@yahoo.com.

MORE - Another opportunity is to be active on the TACC Board. The current Board is a hand full of current and past business operators. A small handful of volunteers are trying to do it all. It's clear the effects of the "pandemic" have forced businesses to adjust their engagements, promotions and selling tactics. So must the Chamber. We are seeking those who can assist with Webpage "management"; Facebook promotions; communication with members and the public; marketing; Grant Writing/Donations; volunteer coordination and more. What makes the TACC effective is the identification of our future goals and efforts. New blood/ideas are always necessary to garner new ideas and approaches. You do not need to be a business operator to help. One of the operating forces of TACC is to GUIDE our future, rather than to let things happen. Help GUIDE US to help GUIDE OUR FUTURES in business and the growth of our county.

Can you, WILL YOU, help your community/county, progress through the 21st Century so we may achieve our efforts and goals?

WE NEED YOUR HELP! THANK YOU!

LIONS CLUB PRESENTS FLAGS TO FIRST GRADE

Bob Brastrup, Townsend Lions Club

Sixty-five first-grade students were presented American Flags and flag magnets by the Broadwater County Lions club at a recent ceremony. Committee chair Richard Heida said having all the first-grade classes in one location made it one of the best presentations since he became the committee chair. Previously a presentation was made in each classroom.

Legend has it that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag. The thirteen stripes and thirteen stars design was adopted by congress in 1777. The design has been modified twenty-seven times since then because a star is added each time a state is admitted to the United States. This has resulted in arrangements looking like a star, a circle, and other arrangements in the field of blue. The flag has always had thirteen alternating red and white stripes to signify the original thirteen colonies.



Linda Cousineau, Sheri Brastrup, Richard Heida and the first grade students

The red color represents hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

The current flag design is the only one to have lasted more than 50 years. In 1958 a contest was held for a new design when Alaska and Hawaii were brought into the United States. President Eisenhower chose the design from more than 1,500 entries. A 17-year-old high school student, Robert G. Heft, of Lancaster, Ohio submitted the winning entry.

American Legion members Jennifer Dalrymple and Linda Cousineau assisted with a demonstration on how to fold the flag, and discussions about how to retire the flag when it is worn out. The students were also told what it means when a flag is flown at half-staff or upside down. They asked questions about whether a flag can be washed if it becomes dirty (it can) and if the flag can be flown at night.

One of the more interesting facts about the flag is that five American Flags have been planted on the moon by astronauts.

At the conclusion of the program, the students gave a stirring rendition of "The Grand Old Flag".

Lion members Kevin Reed and Bob and Sheri Brastrup also assisted with the program.

HELENA AREA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

Gabrielle Rowley, American Jobs For American Youth, Montana

The Helena Area Summer Jobs Program is now in its 5th year and sign-up is OPEN!

This is a fantastic program that helps match high school students & recent graduates with paid summer work experiences, enhanced by paid work skills training through Helena College, summer-long mentoring, and the addition of the opportunity to earn a free credit/s from Helena College and Miles Community College. At the same time, the program connects local employers to motivated youth and develops the local workforce. We are looking for employers and students who would like to participate! Please visit <https://www.americanjobs4youth.org/sjp>

Students can participate even if they already have a paid position. They can take advantage of the paid work skills training, mentoring, and optional college credit to build their resume and professional networks. The program is a partnership of AJAY MT, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce, Helena College, and Reach Higher Montana serving Helena, East Helena, Townsend and Boulder.

Find more information, student applications, and employer applications here: <https://www.americanjobs4youth.org/sjp>

Questions? Contact Gabrielle Rowley at American Jobs for America's Youth, Montana (AJAY MT) 406-490-4954 or growley@americanjobs4youth.org

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JUNIOR DAWGS TOP PODIUM IN DILLON

Eliza McLaughlin - Staff Reporter

Although the high school's wrestling 2022-23 season has concluded, middle school wrestling is still underway and the Junior Dawgs made a good showing at their competition in Dillon last week.

Townsend sent 14 boys and three girls to compete against 340 wrestlers from "basically all of western Montana," according to Head High School Wrestling Coach, John O'Dell.

In the 88-pound weight class, Max Wickens placed third; meanwhile, Connor Swan claimed second place at 120 pounds. Like Wickens, Bryce Leslie also placed third this time in the 137-pound class.

On the girls' side, Sydney Harrel and Sophie Harrison both took third in the 80-pound and the 130-pound weight class, respectively. Topping the podium for the Lady Junior Dawgs was Gabby Rico at 148 pounds.

Overall, the Dawgs placed third in the tournament. Congrats to the Junior Dawgs.



Townsend K-12 School District #1

Townsend Board of Trustees
Strategic Planning Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 20, 2023
6:00 PM - Community Room
210 North Pine Street, Townsend, MT 59644

Community Scheduling Model Listening Session

Over the last several weeks, three teams of various stakeholders, including Teachers, Staff, Administration, Board members, and Community members, have been researching the potential impact different scheduling models may have on our school if implemented. The primary focus has been the 4-day week model.

All community members and other stakeholders are welcome to attend.

- a. Call to order and roll call- Introductions
- b. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items: Members of the community are given an opportunity to make brief comments to the Board on matters not included on the agenda. Comments should be on issues not on the agenda, the comments should not infringe on an individual's constitutional right of privacy and should stay within a three to five minute timeframe. Public comments on non-agenda items will not be voted on by the board during this meeting. Please state your name and issue you wish to address.
- c. Recap of Process (very brief) (5 min)
- d. Teams report out (approximately 50 min)
- e. Questions & Comments (from community members and others) (approximately 50 min)
- f. Next Steps - potential decision-making and Action Plan development (10 min)
- g. Next meeting _____
- h. Adjourn

Board packet information regarding agenda items may be viewed at the district office prior to the school board meeting (8-3:30 Thursday, Friday, Monday or Tuesday.) Information may also be obtained on-line on the district website.

BROADWATER BASKETBALL SEASON STATS RECAP

BULLDOGS	SEASON POINTS	LADY BULLDOGS	SEASON POINTS
Jesus Garcia	286	Ella Begger	254
Ryan Racht	264	Briannah William	170
Ryedon Reed	112	Holly Newman	109
Deegan Mattson	78	Emily Bird	77
Eric Eichinger	62	Kaitlyn Noyes	60
Sawyer Horne	59	Emmalin Fischer	58
Camden Ferguson	58	Cassidy Flynn	32

LADY BULLDOGS DISTRICT TOURNAMENT RECAP

Wanda Lambott, Lady Bulldogs Assistant Coach

The #5 seed Townsend Lady Bulldogs journeyed down the road to the District 5B basketball tournament in Belgrade to play the #4 seed Three Forks Wolves on Thursday, February 16. The bus was decorated and a special "care package" filled with goodies and trinkets was given to the bus driver, players, managers and coaches. It was an exciting and close game. The halftime score was 22-21 in favor of the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs would pull away just a little at the end of the fourth quarter for the win, 44-39. Top Bulldog scorers were Emily Bird and Holly Newman with 11 points each. Ella Begger had 10 points, Briannah Williams with 6 points and Emmalin Fischer, Cassidy Flynn and Kaitlyn Noyes each with 2 points to round out the scoring for the Bulldogs.

The Lady Bulldogs were back in action against the #1 seed Big Timber Herders on Friday, February 17. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, the game got quickly out of hand with a halftime score of 39-17. During the second half, Coach Lawson substituted his entire lineup, giving every player a taste of tournament action and saving legs for the probable loser out game the next morning. The Bulldogs would lose 62-18. Ella Begger, Emma-

lin Fischer and Holly Newman contributed 4 points, while Briannah Williams had 3 points, Emily Bird with 2 points and Kady Clark with a free throw for 1 point.

It was an early morning for the Lady Bulldogs on Saturday, February 18, who hopped on the bus at 7:00 am for the early morning game against #6 seed Whitehall. The Bulldogs expected a "dogfight" and were not disappointed. Bulldogs led 21-16 at halftime. Fueled by a strong third quarter, the Trojans pulled ahead 37-36. Finally, in the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs were able to regain the lead for the win, 55-52. Ella Begger led the team with 20 points, Emily Bird had 11 points, Holly Newman 9 points, Kaitlyn Noyes 8 points, Cassidy Flynn 4 points and Briannah Williams with 3 points.

With a chance to attend the Divisional tournament on the line, the Lady Bulldogs fired up to play the #2 seed, Jefferson Panthers. The Bulldogs were down just 3 points after the first quarter, but the Panthers would outscore them 20-7 in the second quarter for a halftime score of 33-17. The Bulldogs tried to cut into the lead in the third quarter but just couldn't match the Panthers, who would eventually win 58-24. Emily Bird contributed 7 points, Emmalin Fischer 5 points, Holly Newman and Kaitlyn Noyes 4 points each, Madelyn Schritz 3 points and Ella Begger 1 point.

Eventually, every season must end. Together, we are thankful to have shared this season with one another, celebrating the victories and bonding through adversity. We will miss the seniors who helped to shape the "new look" of our basketball program. We look forward to future seasons with anticipation, knowing that the foundation has been laid for continued development and success.



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Upcoming School Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					3	4
5	6 ◆ SPRING SPORTS PARENT MEETING - 6 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 5:30/6 P.M.	7 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 7 P.M. ◆ BOOSTER CLUB MEETING - 7 P.M.	8 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 5:30 / 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M. ◆ M.S. SCIENCE FAIR	9	10	11
12	13 ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 6 P.M.	14 ◆ JH ACADEMIC OLYMPICS ◆ SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 6 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 7 P.M.	15 ◆ HS ACADEMIC OLYMPICS ◆ OLD BALDY PICKLEBALL - 7 P.M. ◆ OLD BALDY PROGRAMS - 5:30 / 7 P.M.	16 ◆ STATE FCCLA @ BOZEMAN	17 ◆ STATE FCCLA @ BOZEMAN ◆ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	18 ◆ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

INSIDE INSPIRATION

Are You Feeling Stuck?

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

How many of you feel stuck... in life or vocation? I have often felt stuck and had plenty of reasons to believe I wasn't enough or capable. First, I was in a remedial reading group in second grade. Second, I stood before my peers with a dunce hat on at a young age. And third, I remember my dad telling me to get an excellent job with great benefits, work for 30-plus years, and then retire, thus creating a feeling of being stuck. Those experiences and words planted a seed in me at a young age, making me feel like I wasn't enough or capable.

You can go through life as status quo or become the person God created you to be. You may or may not be aware that pilots often put the airplane on autopilot when flying cross-country or internationally. Do you sometimes feel like you are on autopilot and comfortable in your daily routines? That is common for most people.

I enjoy watching baking shows when I need some downtime after a trip. In a recent episode, a contestant tried to overly impress the two judges by creating something she had never attempted. After the failed attempt, she decided to keep things simpler. She learned that she needed to be herself and not be or do something she wasn't created to do. In the remainder of the episodes, she baked what she knew best, was excellent in her craft, and won the baking contest.

Over the years, I have tried to be or do something God didn't design me to do, and it takes much more time, work, and effort. Just like the baker, we have to get back to the basics and keep it simple, which takes time and a willingness to be truthful with ourselves. When you are stuck, looking beyond yourself may be one of the hardest things you do, but it can also be one of the most freeing and gratifying things. If you are willing to look at what isn't working for you, you can move beyond where you are now.

How many of you get frustrated when your computer gets stuck because you have too many applications open at once...you know when that little color wheel keeps going around and around? When I encounter this particular scenario, I want to pick up my computer and throw it against the wall, but I know that will not solve anything. That's when I must reevaluate the situation, reset my computer, and restart it. God didn't design you to be stuck in life or a vocation that no longer serves you or others.

Life doesn't have to be complicated because you don't have to be all things to everybody. Perhaps you are like your computer, as you have too many applications open simultaneously, or you fill your calendars with more stuff. Complicating your life will not bring you happiness or joy...but it will bring you more distractions, and you will eventually feel stuck.

If you have found yourself in a similar situation and wonder how you got there, know you are not alone. It may be time to let some things go. Give yourself some grace, as you can't do everything. Set boundaries and be OK with disappointing people.

There are many reasons why people are stuck. Fear can easily paralyze you after a significant event, losing a job or marriage or someone close to you dies, and you find it difficult to move on into the unknown. Whatever reasons you have for being stuck, know that He has a plan for your life...one that moves your heart.

There was a time in my life when I believed that I was not capable or enough, and I felt stuck, but the truth is I have discovered that I am capable, I am enough, and I am no longer stuck. You, too, have the power to change the trajectory of your life.

You are a beautiful work in progress. All your life experiences guide you into becoming the person God designed you to be. Yes, it takes time, effort, patience, prayer, and much grace... but you are here on purpose to fulfill your purpose.

"When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be." Lao Tzu

To connect with Ellie: FB/IG @coach-elliewest

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 318 Broadway St (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 Carol Bergstad, (406) 461-2181.

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

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

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

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

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

SENIOR CENTER

SR. CENTER MENU FOR MARCH 6 - MARCH 10

Senior Center: 516 2nd Street, Townsend MT

Monday, March 6
Swedish Meatballs
Steamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Apricot Halves

Tuesday, March 7
Baked Chicken
Rice Pilaf
California Vegetables
Dinner Salad with Beans
Blushing Pears
Dessert

Wednesday, March 8
Chili Con Carne
Fresh Baked Biscuit
Golden Corn
Tossed Salad
Zesty Pineapple

Thursday, March 9
Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes
Key Largo Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Spiced Apples

Friday, March 10
Fish Patty On A Bun
Macaroni and Cheese
Mixed Veggies
Crisp Coleslaw
Plump Peaches

THE TOWNSEND PINOCHLE CLUB MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY AT THE BROADWATER COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FOR AN AFTERNOON OF PINOCHLE AND COMRADERIE. THE CLUB PLAYS FROM 1:00PM TO 5:00PM. ALL AGES AND EXPERIENCE LEVEL ARE WELCOME! IF YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED PINOCHLE AND WOULD LIKE TO LEARN COME AND JOIN US.

SET FREE MINISTRIES

Dee Gannon, MT43 News Correspondent

Carol Bergstad continues the hopes of her husband, Bill, in getting on with the Set Free Ministries that they started in Townsend, in February 2018. Bill passed in February 2023, but that only pushed Carol to continue on the path that they had forged.

They began in the little building by Full Belli Deli but quickly grew out of that. Pastor Eric Kreuger offered "The Bridge" as a meeting place, but they grew out of that; now the ministry is available at 318 Broadway; at (almost) the corner of Broadway and Cedar, between Broadwater Blooms and TK's Garage.

When Bill died Carol wanted to quit but knew her husband would have urged her to push forward with the goal of bringing 'the least, last and lost' into the fold. She recognizes that those in recovery are pushed aside by most religions. They are either viewed as unworthy or unable to be helped.

Set Free Ministries has always given a place to those who feel they don't fit in. Those who attend their services may be bikers and their families or those who don't feel comfortable in other 'religious' ceremonies and, especially, those who think they are too broken to receive God's Love.

Carol couldn't help but share one of her late husband's favorite sayings: "BUSY = Being Under Satan's Yoke." This reporter understands this; as it seems to relate to so many around us. She says "there is Unity in the Community, We are here for the Least, the Last and the Lost. And to quote the leader of the Great Falls chapter, "We are not your Momma's church."



Carol Bergstad at Set Free Ministries

If that is what you are looking for (even if you DON'T know you are looking), these are the times for the services:

Townsend; 9:30 Sunday Worship Service and 7 pm Recovery.

Helena: 2:30 Sunday Service and Sunday night, 7:30 Recover on Monday. A Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm. All the Helena meetings are held at 614 North Last Chance Gulch, next to T-Mobile.

Carol wanted to make it known, "We are Unity in the Community, and, you are safe, here"





CRIME DOESN'T PAY AFTER ALL?

Victor Sample

Malware developers and website penetration testers are in high demand!

I read an interesting article this morning about a 2-year research study by Internet Security company Kaspersky. Kaspersky was researching "job openings" with malware organizations. The job postings are on "dark web" sites. There are over 227,000 malware job postings!

The terms "dark web" and "deep web" are very similar in meaning. The "deep web" refers to websites that are not known to the various search engines like Google and Bing. If you do a search for something on the deep web using Google you won't get any results. It's kind of like a speak-easy during the prohibition days - you had to know about it to know about it.

The "dark web" is a subset of the deep web; not only is it not indexed by search engines, the websites on the dark web usually require special software or special configurations to access the websites. While not all dark web sites are involved in illegal activity, the dark web is where a lot of illegal activity occurs.

Apparently, the job postings were very much like postings for legitimate jobs with 2 big exceptions: All of the work is remote (duh) and there are no formal contracts, benefits, etc. What I found interesting is that the salaries were pretty mundane; as a matter of fact, for skilled programmers, the salaries were very low. While some of them promised high salaries (like \$10,000 / month) most were in the \$2000 - \$2500 / month.

Kaspersky noted that many of the requirements are just like legitimate jobs: "Teamwork skills, stable job history, no alcohol/substance addictions". No troublemakers wanted in the malware industry!

Of course, many of the jobs promised performance bonuses - a percentage of the profits from the illegal activities.

The malware job positions do have serious drawbacks: you are working with criminals doing illegal work. You could get busted and do real prison time and/or pay heavy fines.

And - you are working for criminals; there is no guarantee you will actually get paid for any work.

While working remotely does appeal to many people and the excitement of being an outlaw might call to you, all-in-all you should probably look for a legitimate job working for a legitimate company. The pay is probably better.

Additional Notes: I just received 2 more interesting articles this morning about Cyber Criminals: * The OpenAI research team has found evidence that their ChatGPT (artificial intelligence) is being used by cybercriminals to generate phishing emails to trick you into downloading malware or to give them your information (bank accounts, SSN, etc.) * Many Tech companies are laying off employees: Google, Microsoft, Facebook have all announced layoffs. Apparently, Cyber-criminals are experiencing the same problems. Security researchers have found that many of the cyber criminals are laying off employees. So, among all the other reasons you might not want to apply for that hacker job, getting laid off is still a possibility.

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COURT BEAT

Dee Gannon, MT43 News Correspondent

The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott's courtroom on Friday, February 24 is as follows:

Hope Lee had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of criminal child endangerment (felony), (misdemeanor) DUI, and speeding (over 70mph). Her Omnibus is due April 21; the Pre-Trial Conference is set for June 16; with the Jury Trial scheduled for July 17. The court appointed the Office of Public Defender to represent her.

Candy Stryker had an Evidentiary Hearing; answering charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. The defense moved to continue the hearing until March 24. After discussion, the bond is set at \$15,000.

Dylan Kimbrough appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, (second offense, misdemeanor). Charges of possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia are dropped in exchange for a Guilty plea. In his elocution, Kimbrough said that he was driving in Broadwater County, impaired. He will be sentenced on March 24.

Robert Brady appeared for Sentencing on charges of assault with a weapon. He pled Guilty to the charge on January 6. His Sentence is that he receive five years deferred; \$300 fine, \$200 Office of Public Defender fee; surcharges and other fees. He may not initiate contact with victims or witnesses (although they may initiate contact with him). He is to have a chemical dependency evaluation and a mental health evaluation, all within 90 days; and an anger management evaluation within 30 days. He is remanded into custody; to be released on March 10. His bond is exonerated.

RODACKER RAMBLINGS: TIME TRAVEL

Gerry Rodacker

When winter sets in, most times there isn't much to do. We watch TV, play cards (if you are lucky enough to find a group wanting to play), attend school functions, or watch old movies.

I recently watched, again, the movie "Back to the Future". When something happened in the past it may affect the future of a certain family. So, it was necessary for the characters to go back in time and rectify the situation. Interesting! How did they do it? The solution was to build a time machine.

They started by using a 1981-1983 DeLorean DMC12 because they are all made of stainless steel. A car strong enough to hold the onboard nuclear reactor powered by plutonium. The reactor is connected to the flux capacitor. The flux capacitor is needed to generate 1.21 gigawatts of electrical power.

When the vehicle travels at exactly 88 miles per hour (142 Kilometers/hour) light from the capacitor sends out a pulse sending you into time travel according to the movie. I don't believe there is a computer made anywhere to disengage at the exact moment needed for re-entry. Maybe there is, I don't know.

I do know NAPA would say that plutonium is unavailable. The Atomic Energy Commission would call the authorities and DeLoreans are very rare. So, no luck there. Even if one could do this, I wonder if star alignment, moon phase, planet position, or zodiac sign could have anything to do with time travel! Maybe Mr. Ross can help.

Science is full of unknowns. Today space study has given us information our last generation had no clue about. And I believe that we have just touched the beginning of learning what's out there.

Justice Of The Peace Report - February 22, 2023

Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES			
Dusty Schellenberg	Toston	day speed	\$20.00
Tracy Stone	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
John Plutt	Dillon	interstate day speed	\$40.00
Ruben Luccio	Torrance, Ca	day speed	\$120.00
Jesus Aguirre	Helena	unlawful container open alcohol container	\$75.00
Shayna Lamping	Helena	unlawful possession of marijuana, etc in vehicle	\$75.00
Isabelle King	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Questa Edwards	Cardwell	day speed	\$20.00
Rebecca Dollins	Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
Katherine Bodman	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Virgil Adamson jr	Shawmut	day speed	\$20.00
Ashley Kasper	Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
George Powell	Clancy	day speed	\$20.00
Tracey Mcnutt	Great Falls	day speed	\$20.00
Seth Towne	Punta Gorda, Fl	day speed	\$20.00
Natalea Totten	Mccallister	day speed	\$20.00
Logan Davis	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Kimberly Agee	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Nicole Smith	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES
Kimberly Duke - East Helena - night speed, pleaded guilty, \$70.00 fine.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
Kayla Lemmings - Criminal Trespass to property, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES			
Micheal Weems	Townsend	night speed	\$20.00
Garrett Turner	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
David Spencer	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Jedidiah Snyder	Colorado Springs, Co	day speed	\$20.00
Dusty Schellenberg	Toston	night speed	\$20.00
Christopher Smith	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Molly Mcclain	East Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Joshua Mitchell	Helena	restricted speed	\$105.00
Kinlee Leland	East Helena	night speed	\$20.00
William Lowery	Deer Lodge	night speed	\$70.00
Marc Jacobson	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Mark Ibsen	Helena	night speed	\$70.00
Heather Capri	Belgrade	night speed	\$20.00
Shannon Boswell	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Kristin Bishop	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Larissa Capps	Pittsfield, Il	night speed	\$20.00
Jacquelyn Simonson	Helena	expired registration	\$85.00
Jonathon Mills	Helena	night speed	\$20.00

COUNTY CRIMINAL

DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION
Roger King - L & C Co. Justice Court, \$10,000.00 bond
Chance Cross - L & C Co. Justice Court, \$5,000.00 bond
Chance Cross - L & C Co. Justice Court, \$500.00 bond
Chance Cross - City Court of East Helena, \$750.00 bond



LEO GROVER SHUTE

Simple Cremations

Leo Grover Shute, 84, formerly of Townsend, Montana passed away Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Simple Cremation Montana has assisted the family. To view the obituary and share remembrances, visit: www.SimpleCremationMT.com.

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WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT FERAL SWINE?!

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Even though wild pigs may seem unthreatening, they are actually a really BIG deal costing the United States over \$2.5 billion annually in damage and control costs. This was once a problem that seemed distant from Montana but is creeping closer and closer. There are now established feral swine populations in 39 states including North Dakota and southern Canada.

Swine were first brought to the United States in the 1500s by early settlers as a food source. Many livestock at this time were free range and escapees led to the establishment of feral swine populations which can happen in just a few generations. Additionally, in the 1900s, the Eurasian or Russian wild boar was introduced to parts of the United States for sport hunting. Wild hogs and boars are prolific breeders, producing four to eight piglets per litter and multiple litters per year. Their population is estimated at 6 million and growing. They have been shown to be adaptable to lots of climates and environmental conditions and lack natural predators.

Why should we care? Feral swine are considered an invasive species. They are extremely aggressive and equally destructive. They can destroy habitats and young wildlife. They are particularly damaging to ground-nesting birds by preying on nests, eggs and young animals. They have even been documented eating fawns, small mammals and reptiles. They also compete for food supplies. They can strip field crops in one night by eating and trampling crops and destroying wetlands.

The destruction doesn't end there; they can damage fences, irrigation ditches, livestock feeders, irrigation lines, tree seedlings, power poles and the list goes on.

Additionally, feral swine can spread diseases and parasites to people, pets and livestock. Wild pigs are susceptible to at least 30 transmittable diseases and host to over 35 types of parasites. Of the 30 diseases, 20 can be transferred to humans. They are also carriers for major waterborne pathogens including e. coli, salmonella and giardia.

Feral swine are difficult to control for many reasons. A group of swine is called a sounder. If the entire sounder isn't killed and some escape, they can continue to breed leading to exponential growth and will learn how to evade hunting and capture attempts. Some sounders have been known to turn nocturnal in order to do so.

In 2015, the Montana legislature passed a law banning feral swine. The following actions are prohibited: importing, transporting or possessing live feral swine; intentionally allowing swine to live in a feral state; hunting, trapping or killing feral swine; intentionally feeding feral swine; and expanding the range of feral swine. It's extremely important to note that hunting feral swine is illegal in Montana. Although this may seem counterintuitive, research has shown that recreational hunting further disperses the population and leads to exponential growth. A targeted approach to eradicating feral swine is much more successful and is the tactic the state of Montana plans to take if and/or when feral swine reach our state.

Report possible sightings of feral swine to the Department of Livestock (DOL) at 406-444-2976. You are required to report sightings within 24 hours. When in doubt, still report! It is better to be safe than sorry. The DOL will research the sighting and make the determination. The introduction of feral hogs would be devastating for Montana.



Decades-old rules fail to address modern-day water problems

Philip Fingar, Broadwater County Resident

Broadwater County's rich agricultural history, abundant wildlife, and clean water resources are what make our community special. Unfortunately, those values are being threatened by poor and unlawful decision-making by our state and local governments.

Last July, the Broadwater County planning board approved the Horse Creek Hills (HCH) subdivision, a new 435-acre development project platted for the eastern shore of Canyon Ferry Reservoir, after the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) unlawfully approved the use of exempt groundwater wells for water supplies. The HCH major subdivision proposes 39 new McMansion residences and 2 commercial lots.

Not only did the County neglect concerns from community members, local landowners, senior water rights holders, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and the Broadwater Conservation District when approving the subdivision, but even more troubling is that no effort was made by DNRC to examine the impacts of 40 new exempt wells on our local water resources and ignored impacts to senior water rights holders.

Drought conditions are already posing water supply challenges for many of us. The addition of dozens of new exempt groundwater wells will worsen water availability, undermine our senior water rights, threaten our agricultural operations, and devastate local rainbow trout spawning habitat in the nearby Confederate Creek.

DNRC's "go-to" approach for subdivision developments is to exempt groundwater wells from review. This contentious approach has been the subject of scrutiny over the years, culminating in a 2016 Montana Supreme Court order directing the DNRC to use a 1989 rule limiting groundwater permit exceptions to a volume of ten acre-feet per year. But, developers have exploited a known and repeatedly used phased subdivision loophole that threatens water resources without DNRC even batting an eye.

It's no coincidence that the HCH developers are using the loophole, dividing the subdivision into four, ten-acre foot phases so as to qualify for exempt groundwater wells and avoid DNRC's permit review process, despite being a single major subdivision whose cumulative volume is four times the limit for exempt-from-review wells. The segmentation of the project into phases dismisses the impacts that 40 new wells could have on senior water rights and stream flows in nearby waterways by avoiding regulatory scrutiny and hydrologic analyses altogether.

Unfortunately, the error made by DNRC in its interpretation of the exempt well ruling is not exclusive to HCH, it's just the latest. The state agency responsible for water resource management is applying exemptions to thousands of groundwater wells across the state without analyzing the potential impacts on local water quantity. The 2023 Legislature could address this ongoing issue by defending senior water rights and private property rights that are being undermined by new subdivision development and exempt wells, but no action has been taken.

Montana is changing before our eyes, but our state departments have the ability to guide smart and responsible growth that protects our finite and valuable water resources. The former DNRC Director recently brought forward sound solutions that the agency could implement to protect private water rights and ensure new development doesn't sacrifice our water resources. Hear, hear! DNRC should take corrective action immediately, close the exempt wells loophole, and reexamine the entire HCH subdivision's water usage impacts in order to protect water rights or we expect the court will force them to do so.

Our state simply can't keep using decades-old rules to address modern problems that undermine individual water rights and the long-term viability of our water resources. State leaders must stop picking winners and losers, and focus on protecting what makes Montana, Montana - clean water resources and healthy fisheries. The Governor, DNRC, and the Montana Legislature should correct this wrong.

Philip Fingar, Broadwater County resident



Time to Get Ready for St. Paddy's Day

Corned Brisket Serves 6-8

All four-legged animals have a brisket, but most animal's briskets aren't meaty enough to corn. When we're lucky enough to have a moose or elk in the freezer, they make nice brisket, and one year John shot a water buffalo in Texas, and that made an incredible corned brisket. But if you don't have one of those big galoots in the freezer, just thaw out a deer or antelope's shoulder or rump roast. They'll corn just fine and, unless someone notices the grain isn't quite as long, no one will know the difference. I've done this recipe with a beef brisket too. They're magically, you know, delicious.

PS: When I wrote this recipe up for *Slice of the Wild: 100 Venison Recipes*, the Canyon Ferry Brewery did not exist. Back then I used Lewis & Clark Tumbleweed IPA, but these days I'd use one from Canyon Ferry, or one of their full-bodied but not bitter stouts. They've had one on tap for the last couple of months.

The Brine Ingredients

(7-10 days ahead)

2 pound venison brisket
2 cups cold water
1 tablespoon Morton's Tender Quick
1 cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons whole mustard seeds
2 teaspoons whole black peppercorns
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 teaspoon whole allspice seeds



Combine all ingredients but the meat in a re-sealable plastic bag. Seal and shake until all is dissolved. Add the meat and refrigerate for 7-10 days, rotating the brisket every 2 days to be sure the meat is completely surrounded by brine, the brine ingredients stay well mixed.

The Rest of the Ingredients

12-ounce can India Pale Ale
1 onion, coarsely chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 pound carrots, in chunks
1 pound quartered potatoes
1 green cabbage, in eighths

Cooking

1. Drain the brine off the corned meat, and place the brisket in a 3 to 5-quart pot. Add enough water to cover the brisket and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce to a simmer and skim any foam from the top of the water. Do not change the water. (Called 'refreshing' the water, this is done with commercial corned beef to get rid of some of the excess salt. I find this brine not that salty.)
2. Add the IPA, onion, celery, and one of the carrots, diced, to the brisket pot. Cover and simmer for 2-3 hours or until tender. (The IPA quickens as well as flavors the cooking.)
3. Add the quartered potatoes, and the rest of the carrots about 40 minutes before you're ready to eat, adding enough water and more IPA (in equal amounts) to cover the veggies if needed. Cover the pot and bring it back up to a slow, low boil. When you can, just barely stick a fork into the potatoes, arrange the cabbage on top of everything, cover, and cook for the last 15 minutes.
4. To serve, slice the brisket thickly, and arrange on a platter with the veggies. A good stone ground mustard for the brisket, butter for the veggies, and a bit more IPA for the cook and friends to finish the meal.

Need more of Eileen's recipes?
She has more: www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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BY LINDA HUTH

“WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

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

March 2

1939

“Ski Club Installing Tow at Skidway”

Unless something unforeseen happens between now and Sunday, local skiers are going to be lifted to the top of the slope by a newly installed ski tow. The power lift is being placed today by members of the newly organized ski club who mapped the route last Sunday and made partial installation of the engine and cleared the two trails to the top of the mountain overlooking “Slater Bowl” in Skidway Gulch in Deep Creek Canyon.

Skiing is fast becoming the leading American winter sport. Local ski enthusiasts have been trying out their turns here for several years and each Sunday about fifty including adults and children are found enjoying the sport more and more.

The club will charge a small fee for each person who uses the tow, the fee to be less to club members, who have made up a purse to make the necessary purchases for the lift. Hot hamburgers and coffee served campfire style appeased the appetites last Sunday and arrangements will be made to have food served at the grounds each Sunday, it is said.

Unfortunately, one of the most enthusiastic members of the local club was injured in last Sunday’s run when “Skinny” Ray Ward pulled the ligaments in his right knee in attempting a gelaendesprung (a jump over an obstacle). He has been convalescing at his home since and today is able to arise from his couch with the aid of a cane and without stepping with the injured member believes he might be good for “red wing” any time now.

1950

“Townsend Shorts”

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gustine and sons of Helena visited here with Mrs. Gustine’s mother, Mrs. Marguerite Peterson, and with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Lots and family.

The Rev. Lawrence Simons of Anaconda visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simons and other relatives recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lenahan of Butte visited Mr. and Mrs. Con Sweeney here for the past few days leaving for their home Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Shaw and Jack Broderick made a trip into Petroleum county the first of the week visiting their brothers, Guy and Ernest Bump and families near Winnett.

James E. “Ted” Lane of Willow Creek visited with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ragen and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moran of Helena visited here at the home of Mrs. Hattie Johnson. On their return they were accompanied home by Mr. Moran’s father, Niche Moran, who will visit there for a few weeks.

1961

“Boy Scouts”

The Boy Scouts enjoyed a weekend campout at the Thompson Gulch ranger station. Those who attended were George Gabisch, Billy Duede, Art Graham, Rodney Davis, Jim Ragen, Jerry Waling, Keith Williams, Larry Mullany, Mike Perry, Tim Hysell and Jim Huth.

1967

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson, Jan, and Joe left Sunday for Seattle to attend the wedding anniversary celebration of Mrs. Nelson’s brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Cady. Jim and Jane Nelson are staying with their grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Nelson, during their parent’s absence.

Coming from Missoula to help their father, Art Schwisow, celebrate his birthday at a family dinner Sunday, served by Mrs. Schwisow and Linda,

were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Weare and son, Kevin and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schwisow.

Miss Marnie Lanning has been attending a conference in San Francisco about I.T.P.S. machines. She was sent by the I.B.M. Company of Helena, by whom she is employed.

Miss Judy Hunsaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hunsaker, and Miss Sharon Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, were home over the weekend. The girls are students at Kinman Business College in Spokane.

”Two Birthdays Celebrated”

Two birthdays were celebrated Tuesday at the Larry Sullivan home in honor of Kelly, who was five years old and Kris, who was seven years old. In the early afternoon Mrs. Sullivan invited several of Kelly’s friends in for games and refreshments, with favors for all. Those enjoying the party were Barry Clark, Stacey Doggett, Valerie and Brenda Pennington, Johnnie Geisser and Jim and Kim Brammer.

After school several of Kris’s friends came for cake and ice cream. Those helping Kris celebrate the occasion were Lita and Lori Clark, Wanda Olsen, Sandra Johnson, Rhonda Harrison and Jean Marie Sample. Both of the honored guests opened many lovely gifts.

1978

“Radersburg News Notes”

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Roberts and daughter, Krista of Kodiak Island, Alaska, came Thursday to spend a month with his parents and visit friends in Helena.

George and Helen Harris babysat with Tamika Joan Harris Sunday while Bill and Shari were skiing at Bridger Bowl.

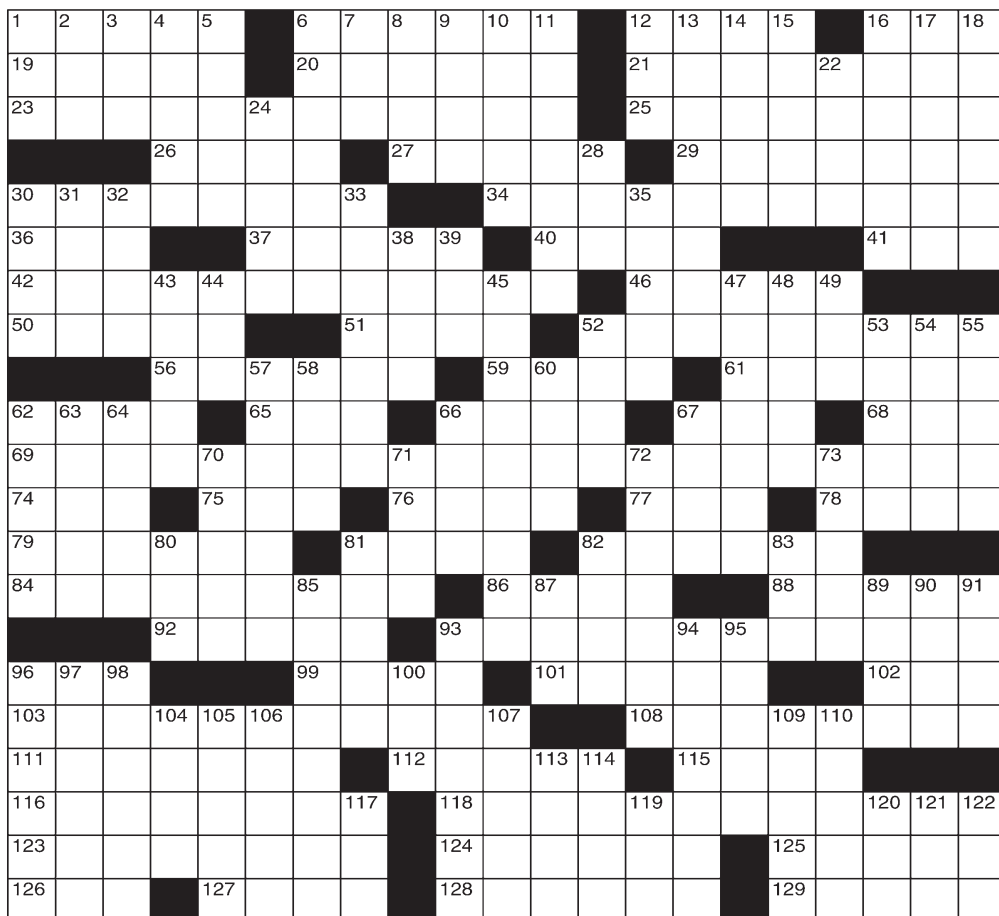
Ronnie Harris and Alan Smith attended a meeting in Bozeman last week for the Jaycees.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralls were business callers in Helena and also had lunch with Mrs. Terry Eaton.

Thursday Oppie and Ida Smith were fishing in good old Missouri River. We each got one trout and some nice big white fish. So Friday we smoked fish, turned out good, but I think the ones we done before were better.

Super Crossword TORCHBEARERS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bell sounds
 - 6 Headwear for the slopes
 - 12 Dinner, e.g.
 - 16 Truckload
 - 19 Politico Palin
 - 20 14th-century sculptor
 - 21 Impala, e.g.
 - 23 Pairs figure skater who won 10 consecutive world titles [2014]
 - 25 Frozen cube producer
 - 26 Figure skater
 - 27 “Hack My Life” channel
 - 29 Pooh creator
 - 30 Stimulus for a reaction
 - 34 “The Greatest” boxer [1996]
 - 36 Spanish gold
 - 37 Alley Oop’s girlfriend
 - 40 “Please reply” abbr.
 - 41 Barrett of Pink Floyd
 - 42 Australian sprinter who specialized in the 400 meters [2000]
 - 46 Fabled man?
 - 50 Confounded
 - 51 Tiny division of a min.
 - 52 First female figure skater to land a triple axel in competition [1998]
 - 56 Sportscaster
 - 59 Nearly dried-up sea
 - 61 Shot glass
 - 62 Uninteresting
 - 65 Prefix with athlete
 - 66 Immitator
 - 67 Opponent
 - 68 Peace activist
 - 74 “As I see it,” to texters
 - 75 O’er and o’er
 - 76 Stared at
 - 77 NHLer Bobby
 - 78 “It comes — surprise ...”
 - 79 It’s hit in a fiesta
 - 81 Lavish dance
 - 82 “Up in Smoke” persona
 - 84 Phoenix Suns point guard who was the 2005 and 2006 NBA MVP [2010]
 - 86 Not on time
 - 88 Pope’s crown
 - 92 Trial excuse
 - 93 1950s-’60s champion decathlete [1984]
 - 96 Here, in Paris
 - 99 Icelandic literary saga
 - 101 Some jazz combos
 - 102 Solder metal
 - 103 Alpine skier voted Canada’s female athlete of the 20th century [2010]
 - 108 Salad endive
 - 111 Go places
 - 112 Monte —
 - 115 Physically fit
 - 116 All by oneself
 - 118 Hockey player voted Canada’s male athlete of the 20th century [2010]
 - 123 Windshield condensation clearer
 - 124 Major South Korean airline
 - 125 Twinkie filling
 - 126 Suffix with Japan
 - 127 Award for Mel Brooks
 - 128 Hankered
 - 129 Braga of film
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Sorority letter
 - 2 Musical gift
 - 3 Meyers of TV
 - 4 Sri —
 - 5 Wrap over the shoulders
 - 6 Financial backer
 - 7 Joke around
 - 8 Lacks entity
 - 9 What fur is
 - 10 Per — (by the year)
 - 11 Flawlessly
 - 12 — tai
 - 13 Slept in tents
 - 14 Top players
 - 15 Helping theorem
 - 16 Writer Alice B. —
 - 17 Not in private
 - 18 Water nymph
 - 22 Placed
 - 24 Like a — sunshine
 - 28 VCR format
 - 30 — -Cola
 - 31 “I smell —!”
 - 32 Little children
 - 33 Thing at the end of a foot
 - 35 To no — (in vain)
 - 38 Reduced by
 - 39 “Botch- —” (1952 hit)
 - 43 “Notorious” screenwriter
 - 44 Ex-Rocket
 - 45 Without instrumental backup
 - 47 Stay a while
 - 48 Large bay window
 - 49 Porker
 - 52 Artist Chagall
 - 53 Some horror film helpers
 - 54 Mortise insert
 - 55 Maine city
 - 57 Singer Gwen
 - 58 Jogging gait
 - 60 Actress Tara
 - 62 Radar spots
 - 63 Ceiling
 - 64 Make up for
 - 66 — nitrite (vasodilator)
 - 67 Game similar to baccarat
 - 70 Ritz or Hilton
 - 71 “You bet!”
 - 72 Social circle
 - 73 Singer Bobby
 - 80 Director
 - 81 Back of a 45
 - 82 Suffix with prank or mob
 - 83 Ordinal suffix
 - 85 Scottish port on the North Sea
 - 87 Sternward
 - 89 Concerning
 - 90 Muddy up
 - 91 Diarist Frank
 - 93 Skedaddled
 - 94 Voicer of Olaf in “Frozen”
 - 95 Award for Mel Brooks
 - 96 Not outdoors
 - 97 Brings about
 - 98 Wages
 - 100 Nov. follower
 - 104 251, to Ovid
 - 105 Matzo’s lack
 - 106 Arrive at
 - 107 Wipe clean
 - 109 Baldwin and Waugh
 - 110 Back in style
 - 113 “You ain’t —!” (“Amen!”)
 - 114 Put — act
 - 117 Uninteresting
 - 119 Arizona-to-Kansas dir.
 - 120 Buddhist sect
 - 121 Chiang — -shek
 - 122 Singing Sumac



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8			2			1
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	1		4			6
	6			3	4	
3			1			7
		2		7	6	3
	7	5				9
	4			6		5
5				9	8	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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: S equals Z

J LZDP Z NGZSSM GPRUVJSSFM-
NLZXPZ ZVPZ VWU, CWH J YPPX
ZDIJKJGU JH. JH'N Z CPZV HI
RZFY IG.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

CTA YXLQARC GIRALOA DR
YARR VAMDYXBR CX YXHA CTGL
CTA CAMMDIYA CMDGYR XE
DLOARRGLC VMXJDPDCW.
— ASLG RC. HDLOALC PDYYGW

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Community Bulletin

You're Invited
to join Broadwater County's
Community Review Action Team

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

515 Broadway, Townsend
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting. Public comments and items not on the agenda will be taken either in writing in advance of the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1st floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwatercountymt.com, in the window of the Flynn Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, and in the Helena Independent Record (IR).

Friday, March 3, 2023

- 9:30 AM Discussion on Update for Broadwater County v. Peters et al (*may be closed to the public for litigation strategy discussion.*)
- 10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Jania Hatfield, Deputy County Attorney, Regarding Settlement Agreement in Broadwater County v. Peters et al.
- 10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Cook's Landing Building for Lease or Rent (BLR), Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director
- 10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Quiet Lot 8 Subsequent Minor Subdivision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director
- 10:50 AM Discussion, Lakeview Mini Storage Building for Lease or Rent (BLR), Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director
- 11:00 AM Discussion, Silos #6 Lot 71 Storage Units BLR, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director
- 11:10 AM Discussion/Decision, May COS Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director
- 11:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Jania Hatfield, Deputy County Attorney, Resolution to form a temporary advisory committee on Broadband Internet in Broadwater County
- 11:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Broadwater County Public Health Director, cancel the contract with RXNT

- Items for Discussion / Action / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda
- ✓ Certificate of Survey review
 - ✓ Management – on-going advisory board appointments
 - ✓ Claims/Payroll/minutes
 - ✓ County Audit / Budget
 - ✓ Mail – ongoing grants
 - ✓ Correspondence – support letters

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 E-mail: commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us

Broadwater County, MT Wednesday, March 8th & Thursday, March 9th, 2023 United Methodist Church 200 N Cedar Street Townsend, MT

Wednesday, March 8th

- 11:00 – 11:30 am **Welcome, Introductions & County Overview**
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Working lunch** *please RSVP if planning to attend*
Lunch provided by:
Introductions, summary of Phase I, review of focus areas, purpose of Phase II
- 1:30 – 3:30 pm **Concurrent Focus Area Sessions**
- 3:45 – 4:45 **Rapid fire report out**
- 4:45 – 5:15 pm **Break**
- 5:15 – 6:15 pm **Dinner** *please RSVP if planning to attend*
Dinner provided by:
- 6:30 – 8:00 pm **Town Hall Meeting**
Format and Purpose: Open house/round robin format to give community residents opportunity to give input on high priority projects identified for each focus area.

Thursday, March 9th

- 9:00 – 11:45 am **Concurrent focus sessions to develop action plans for highest priority projects**
- Noon – 1:00 pm **Lunch** *please RSVP if planning to attend*
Lunch provided by:
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm **Develop actions plans (continued)**
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm **Next steps**
Determine if additional tours or other information is needed for any focus areas

Clarify structure and logistics going forward
Discuss Phase III
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm **Community meeting featuring focus area presentations**
All community residents invited and broadcast live or record to YouTube for BCDC's website

Broadband Temp Advisory Committee

The Broadwater County Commissioners are considering the formation of a temporary advisory committee on broadband internet. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer at lrichtmyer@co.broadwater.mt.gov or 406-266-9271 by Wednesday, March 8

Three Forks Community Calendar

- ○ Friday, March 3
 - Class B Divisional Basketball @ Billings
 - ○ Saturday, March 4
 - Story Time @ Three Forks Library - 10 a.m.
 - Class B Divisional Basketball @ Billings
 - ○ Tuesday, March 7
 - Water/Sewer Committee Meeting @ City Hall - 2 p.m.
 - Three Forks Fire Business Meeting - 7 p.m.
 - ○ Thursday, March 9
 - State Basketball @ Great Falls
 - Story Time @ Three Forks Library - 10 a.m.
 - ○ Friday, March 10
 - State Basketball @ Great Falls
 - ○ Saturday, March 11
 - State Basketball @ Great Falls
 - ○ Tuesday, March 14
 - Three Forks City Council Meeting - 6 a.m.
 - ○ Thursday, March 16
 - Story Time @ Three Forks Library - 10 a.m.
 - Three Forks Zoning and Planning Meeting - 7 p.m.
 - ○ Friday, March 16
 - Saint Patrick's Day
- Contact eliza@mt43news.com to have your event listed.

COMMISSIONERS PROACTIVE ABOUT INTERNET FUNDING FOR BROADWATER COUNTY

To help the residents of Broadwater County obtain both improved service and faster internet speeds, the Broadwater County Commission is considering the creation of a temporary advisory committee for broadband internet. The committee will address FCC (Federal Communications Commission) deadline to appeal for broadband funding, advise the commission of grant and funding opportunities through various entities, and assist the commission in pursuing comprehensive broadband service throughout the county.

Broadwater County is massively underserved in both connectivity and internet speed. NACO (The National Association of Counties) says, "The lack of reliable internet is a major economic barrier and issue of socioeconomic equality." Additionally, NACO highlights the increasing gap in school and economic opportunities and development due to poor service and connectivity, causing rural communities to fall behind urban counterparts.

Due to imprecise FCC requirements and poor connectivity data collection, internet service providers (ISP) can report both where they are providing service and where they "speculate they could provide maximum service," according to the NACO report Understanding the True State of Connectivity in America. This means ISPs can include in reporting where they can offer maximum service, even if no one is currently connected. This leads to exaggerated reporting and misrepresentation of service in places like Broadwater County. The result is inaccurate information and improper classification in these markets by the FCC and therefore a lack of funding to encourage ISPs to provide and improve service here.

With new FCC deadlines rapidly approaching, public participation in the FCC map challenge is crucial to Broadwater County's receipt of funding which will greatly impact service availability in our county. The temporary broadband committee will play a key role in public engagement as well as help the commissioners research and attain funding from additional sources. If approved, the 5-member advisory committee will be chosen at the March 15 commission meeting. Public involvement is encouraged and anyone interested in a committee position or wanting more information, please contact the commissioners at commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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6	8	7	5	3	2	1	9	4
9	4	3	8	6	1	7	2	5
5	2	1	7	4	9	8	3	6

CryptoQuote answer

The longest absence is less perilous to love than the terrible trials of incessant proximity.
— Edna St. Vincent Millay

CryptoQuip answer

I have a snazzy new grizzly-shaped area rug, but I keep avoiding it. It's a bear to walk on.

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS & RECORDERS

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE

The Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders is again sponsoring a \$1000 and \$500 scholarship for graduating seniors planning to attend an IN-STATE SCHOOL. The last day of acceptance of applications is March 10, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

Application forms are available at the Clerk and Recorder's office at the courthouse in Townsend, the Guidance Counselors at Three Forks High School, or Townsend High School.

Completed application forms must be returned to the Clerk and Recorder's office located at the Broadwater County courthouse by Friday, March 10, 2023. Applications will be judged on the basis of scholarship, need and school and civic involvement.

The two winners and alternates will be notified after May 1, 2023, and the scholarship will be given directly to the school of the student's choice after the school has accepted the student.



7th Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale - July 22, 2023

If you are planning to have a yard/garage sake this year, please consider joining us on July 22 for the 7th Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale. There is NO COST to you. MVM (Missouri Valley Marketing) will do all the advertising - you keep all the profits!

DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE AVAILABLE

The school board trustee terms of Todd Olson and Kevin McDonnell will expire May 2023. An election will be held May 2, 2023 to elect two (2) trustees. Each trustee will serve a three (3) year term. A trustee must: be qualified to vote in a district; and be a resident of the School District (20-3-305 and 20-3-338 MCA). Interested parties must complete a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy by March 23, 2023. Forms are available during school hours with the Townsend School Business Office located within Broadwater High School. An electronic copy can be requested via email, kwilliams@townsend.k12.mt.us.

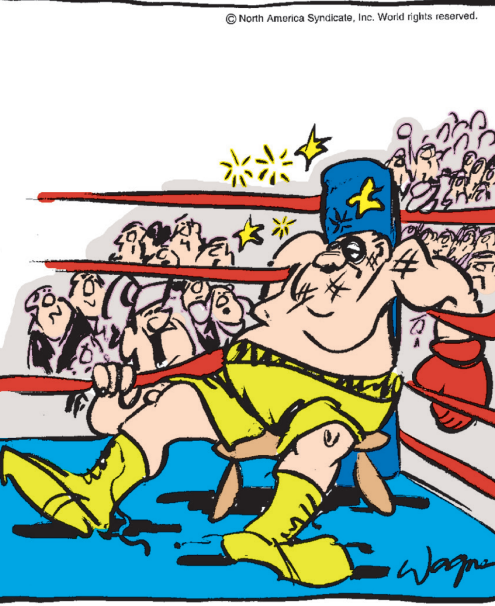
All Fun & Games

Super Crossword

Answers

P	E	A	L	S		S	K	I	H	A	T		M	E	A	L		T	O	N			
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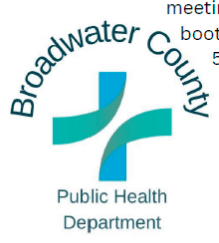
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The school board trustee terms of Todd Olson and Kevin McDonnell will expire May 2023. An election will be held May 2, 2023 to elect two (2) trustees. Each trustee will serve a three (3) year term. A trustee must: be qualified to vote in a district; and be a resident of the School District (20-3-305 and 20-3-338 MCA). Interested parties must complete a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy by March 23, 2023. Forms are available during school hours with the Townsend School Business Office located within Broadwater High School. An electronic copy can be requested via email, kwilliams@townsend.k12.mt.us

Rotary



Townsend Rotary and Broadwater County Public Health Dept is getting ready for the annual Bike rodeo! There will be a meeting on March 24th, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway, Townsend, MT. 59644). Anyone and everyone is welcome! Of course, we are looking for as many volunteers as possible and sponsors! We also are looking for donations to help get bikes for children, as drawings. At this meeting we will discuss more about the time, location, date, booths/events. Please call the Health Dept at (406)-266-5209 with any questions or concerns. Thank you!



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Ice Sailing leader Alan Kallio shows off one of the ice boats he painted

That's how it was last Sunday for ice boaters and ice fishermen at the Silos recreational area. It was a fine day too for a flock of Canada geese on open water near Townsend.

"Fantastic!" That's how ice-boater Alan Kallio of Helena described it. "Today we have thirteen boats out, and the weather is just right," he said. "An ice boater needs three things: good ice, good wind and a good day off!" he added.



Ice Boaters prepare for another run. Ice fishing huts in the background

The sun was shining and the temperature was in the high 40s. The wind was steady but mild enough that some anglers stayed outside of their portable huts.

Kallio, owner of Helena Boat Works, has been iceboating since 1971 when he built his first boat. He is the unofficial organizer of the unofficial iceboating club. "Sometimes we have as high as 45 boats out on the ice. People really enjoy it as a hobby. I repair boats and build boats at my shop. But mostly I spend my time out here enjoying the sport," he said.

Asked if he organizes ice boat races, Kallio said races are inevitable. "You don't have to organize races: when you have two boats on the ice, they will always race," he laughed.

Originally from Butte, Kallio said that when miners were on strike, they would build metal iceboats. He said some still exist, however, they were not very satisfactory on the ice. "Metal boats do not give on the ice. Wooden ones give with every bump, so they are faster and hold up much longer," he said.

In past years, the club regulars held classes to show newcomers the ropes, and how to navigate the ice and steer their boats. Although they no longer hold regular classes, they do help anyone who asks.



Canadian Geese on the Lake

TREES AND UTILITY LINE PLANNING & PLANTING, PART 2

Patrick Plantenberg, Tree Board Chair

Note: This is the second in a series of articles to help prepare residents for any planned tree planting or pruning in their yards this coming year.

The Townsend Tree Board is proud to provide this series of articles on tree planting and pruning considerations. A demonstration site on the northwest corner of D Street and South Walnut Street here in Townsend is being used.

In last week's article we learned you must:

- Understand the potential conflicts in the yard as trees grow including alley encroachment, utility line encroachment, growth over the neighbor's property line, and growth over your home and sheds. And don't forget about potential root impacts!
- Do an inventory of potential planting sites.
- Know the trees and their mature size before you purchase.

This week we will discuss how to get rid of problem trees under utility lines. As shown in last week's article, the problem trees in the demonstration site were starting to encroach on the powerline. It's important to be aware of your surroundings when working near powerlines both below and above the ground. Please, understand the dangers of working near high-voltage powerlines. You as a



- Look up before planting or pruning trees and work at a safe distance by always keeping yourself and tools at least 10 feet away from powerlines.

If you need to hire a tree worker for utility work on your property, always hire a qualified tree care service. Fortunately, NorthWestern

Energy Company (NWE), the energy provider at this demonstration site, will come and prune the trees 10 feet away from the powerline so the trees can be pruned safely or removed. Vigilante Electric Cooperative also provides the same service.

As part of their vegetation safety work, NWE and Vigilante maintain required safety clearances around transmission and distribution

powerlines in their service areas. However, you are responsible for the maintenance of the service wire that runs from the utility line to your home. You can call NWE at 1-888-467-2669 to request a free temporary service disconnect so you or a contractor can safely work around the service wire that connects to your home. Vigilante Electric Cooperative also provides this free service. Please call Vigilante @ 1-800-221-8271.

At the demonstration site, the Tree Board called NWE and within a couple of days, NWE reduced the height of the trees so we could remove them safely. If the trees are not removed, within several years they will be right back in the powerline again. The best long-term solution at this demonstration site is to remove the trees. You as a homeowner can negotiate with your utility provider to have a tree removed rather than have it pruned regularly by the power company.

The Tree Board has provided this service in the Townsend area. We will work with the homeowner and utility to identify a problem tree and have the utility prune the tree out of harm's way. Then the homeowner hires someone to remove the tree and stump (if needed). NWE provides a voucher at a local nursery for a replacement tree.



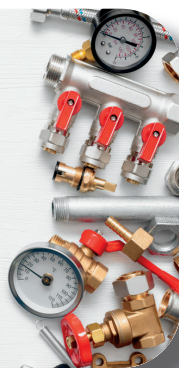
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