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TOWN HALL MEETING WITH JULIE DOOLING

Dee Gannon, MT43 News Correspondent

The opportunity to get to ask questions of, and hear, District 70 Representative Julie Dooling Sunday night at the American Legion was attended by a good dozen people. It was not

quite the turnout expected; but those in attendance were ready with their listening ears and questions, after being provided with the House Republican Transmittal Packet (offering all the bills that are currently in the (House) District 70 Demographics and a residential property tax pamphlet.

Dooling spoke of the things that affect the folks in Broadwater County. One of the things discussed is how advertising is situated on Highway 287 and State 12; especially sandwich boards and racks along the sidewalks, going through downtown Townsend. She said that the Department of Transportation, which is in charge of all things roads, has decided to put the power to the cities to decide how they want to deal with that issue. That could be good news for business owners along the thoroughfare.

Handicap parking was addressed; now, law enforcement has to meet with the offender and hand them a ticket. The new bill lets law enforcement leave a ticket on the vehicle's windshield.

A hot issue is how children's hospitals cannot charge Medicaid to give life-saving measures (like cancer) if that same hospital also provides gender reassignment services to those under 18. It enticed a few people to speak up for clarity. The bill also calls for therapy for those gender-dysphoric teens to be paid for by Med-



icaid. It's important to have a mentally healthy population.

Dooling also mentioned that there are many opportunities for people who choose to go to college and learn about agriculture and animals. There are no new Livestock Inspectors coming up to replace those looking at retirement. Many departments and commissions have vacancies. There are three or four projects that are "shovel ready" and just waiting for funding. Taxes...appropriate taxation...is what can help get these projects off the ground.

Dooling closed by saying that next Legislative Session, Broadwater County is not likely to be a part of District 70. She hopes our incoming Representative is as responsive as she hopes.

If you want to contact Julie Dooling (and she encourages that): her email is Julie.dooling@mtleg.gov; her office phone is 406-444-4800, and her home phone is 406-471-4125.



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MONTANA MAINSTREET GRANT AWARDED IN TOWNSEND

Rachael Elliott-Brug

The Mainstreet Montana Program is a collaborative effort between the Community Development Division and the Montana Office of Tourism at the Montana Department of Commerce. The program focuses on transformation strategies organized around Four Points: economic vitality, design, promotion and organization. Mainstreet Montana is a part of the Mainstreet America Program which is active in 1600 communities and neighborhoods across the country. They offer competitive funding in the form of Impact and Project and Planning Grants to member communities who are "actively working on downtown revitalization, economic development, and historic preservation". Previous grants have been awarded in Anaconda, Red Lodge, Roundup, Lewistown and more.

For the first time since the program's creation in 2005, a project in Townsend has been awarded a Mainstreet Montana Grant. Inspired by the vision of a semi-outdoor community space on the main street of Townsend, BCDC applied for the grant in December in cooperation with Reading Leaves Books. The city received a letter of award from the Governor in early February. The project will take place at 401 Broadway and has two parts. The first is an ADA-accessible restroom. The building's current restroom cannot accommodate being a community venue. The second part of the project is turning the outside covered lean-to into a usable community space. Named "The Nook", the community will be able to reserve the space for functions, and it will include seating, tables, power, and maybe a few surprises.

One of the grant's conditions is a 20% match of funds. The matching funds will be raised via sponsorships of pieces of the project. In an effort to keep as many of the grant dollars in the community as possible most of the projects will be constructed locally. If you or your group would like to sponsor part of this project, please reach out to BCDC at bcdc@mt.net.

Weed Of the Month: Crabgrass

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Contrary to popular belief, crabgrass is not common in Montana. It is often confused with quackgrass. Due to changing climates crabgrass is being reported more frequently than several decades ago. However, it does not cause the headaches that we hear from states further south. It is important to recognize though since its management vastly differs from quackgrass.

Description & Habitat Native to Europe and Eurasia, crabgrass was introduced to the United States in 1849 by the US Patent Office as a potential forage crop. It is now naturalized throughout the continent. It is commonly found in lawns, landscaped areas, gardens and cropland.

Crabgrass and quackgrass both stand out in lawns and are commonly confused. They both have thick coarse leaves compared to common lawn grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass. However, there are some key differences. Crabgrass often has prostrate growth which means it grows along the ground rather than straight into the air. Young plants are a yellowish-green and often easily distinguishable from dark green turfgrasses. As it matures, older leaves turn a dark red color.

Crabgrass is a warm-season annual grass (life cycle of one year) while quackgrass is a cool-season perennial (life cycle of more than two years). Crabgrass is more common in the semi-tropical and temperate areas of the county. In Montana, lawns are dominated by cool-season grasses. Cool-season grasses grow vigorously in the spring and fall when the weather is cooler and usually out compete warm season grasses such as Crabgrass which prefer to grow in the heat of the summer.

Management. Like any pest, correct identification is the first step to managing the issue. If you need help identifying grasses, stop by the Extension Office with a specimen or picture. As already emphasized in this article, this plant is often misidentified so take the time to get the correct identification. There are many products on the market to prevent crabgrass such as "Crabgrass Preventer" or "Crab-Ex", which are typically pre-emergent herbicides often mixed with fertilizer. These products are not marketed correctly for Montana and are not worth the investment in our state.

The best way to control or prevent crabgrass is to establish a healthy lawn. Established lawns should be watered less frequently and more deeply and need 1 to 3 inches of water a week. Ideally, you should fertilize based on a soil analysis. Montana lawns typically need more nitrogen than phosphorus or potassium. Choose a high nitrogen fertilizer (i.e. 25-5-5). Fertilize around Memorial Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day. Fall fertilizing is more important than spring. Fertilize about 1 lb. of available nitrogen per 1000 square feet per application or based on your soil analysis. Kentucky bluegrass mixes can be mowed to about 2 inches but never more than 1/3 of the blades at a time.

and now the weather...

If you do have crabgrass, it can likely be controlled by hand pulling or digging with the primary goal to prevent it from going to seed. Mowing is typically not successful because plants can still go to seed beneath the mower blade level. Spot spraying is also an option.

If you need help with plant identification, pest management options or lawn care, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

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Honoring Our Veterans: Mike Stapp (Part 2)

Matt Nelson

This is Part 2 of Honoring Our Veterans: Mike Stapp

US Army Sergeant Mike Stapp was raised in Georgia. He joined the Marine Corps Reserves at age 17, where he worked on weapons. Two years later, he transferred to the active duty army. Once in the army, he was selected for Presidential Escort during the Reagan Administration between 1982 and 1985. Presidential Escort conducts all the ceremonies at the White House and the funerals at Arlington Cemetery. At that time, Mike was stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, in the Honor Guard Company, Presidential Escort, 1st BN, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment.

When Mike's army enlistment was up in 1985 he went home to Georgia and in 1987 went into law enforcement in Rockdale County Georgia, near Atlanta. He worked as a deputy sheriff until 2007. "I did that for 20 years, 2 months, 13 days, 6 hours, 42 minutes, 36 seconds, but who's counting? It is strange that it turned out to be 20 years, 2 months, and 13 days because my badge number was 213."

As a deputy, Mike worked as a criminal investigator for several years. During that time he was assigned to a multi-jurisdictional drug task force. He also investigated and arrested a convicted serial kidnapper and rapist. While Mike was working as deputy, he spent 14 years leading an underwater search and recovery team, served as POST-certified firearms, defensive tactics, and scuba instructor, and was on a SWAT team for several years. While still a deputy, Mike joined the Georgia National Guard in 1994, where he stayed until July 2003; he was honorably discharged due to health issues.

After visiting his brother in Montana, he decided to move here with his family in 2008. For seven years he worked at Fort Harrison for the Montana State Disaster Emergency Service. About five years ago Mike volunteered for the Broadwater County Search and Rescue (BCSAR) team to assist with and develop a communications plan.

Mike and his wife, Lori, have been married for 32 years, and they have two daughters. One is an RN at St. Peters in Helena and his other daughter will graduate from high school this year. Lori retired from the Department of Family and Children Services – she worked in the same capacity both in Georgia and here. She had also been a deputy in Georgia, which is where they met.








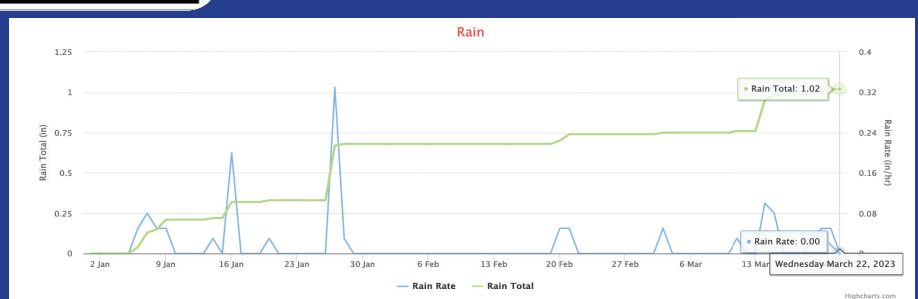
Thank you, Mike, for your service to our country and to the people of Montana.

Thank You

THANK YOU TO INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, AND TEAMS WHO MADE OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS!

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<p>Fri 3/24</p>  <p>Light Snow</p> <p>38° 26°</p> <p>0 in</p> <p>⇒ 10 28 mph</p>	<p>Sat 3/25</p>  <p>Light Snow</p> <p>36° 25°</p> <p>0 in</p> <p>⇒ 10 17 mph</p>	<p>Sun 3/26</p>  <p>Light Snow Showers</p> <p>37° 22°</p> <p>0 in</p> <p>⇒ 7 16 mph</p>	<p>Mon 3/27</p>  <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>40° 25°</p> <p>0%</p> <p>⇒ 7 17 mph</p>	<p>Tue 3/28</p>  <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>43° 25°</p> <p>0%</p> <p>⇒ 10 18 mph</p>
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Broadwater County Commissioners Appoint Broadband Committee

Nancy Marks

The Broadway County Commission has appointed a temporary advisory committee to help the county obtain improved and faster broadband internet service and get federal dollars to pay for it. The action was taken at the commission's March 15 meeting. Named to the panel were Adam Six, Joe Gill, Vic Sample, Warren Smeltzer and Roger Flynn. All are county residents. Lindsey Richtmyer, the commission's freshman member, promoted the idea of bringing in an advisory group to untangle complex issues related to broadband services.

Elected to the commission last November, she had campaigned on what she saw as a need for stronger communication between the public and officialdom.

The commission had publicly appealed for volunteers to serve on such a committee, noting that Broadwater County is among the most underserved counties in the state and that deadlines are approaching to apply for federal funds earmarked for improving broadband connectivity and speed.



County Commissioners

In other action:

County Community Development and Planning Director Nichole Brown briefly reviewed Broadwater County's Community Action Team Conference held last week. She said public concern centered around the lack of workforce housing, proactive city and county planning and the scarcity of childcare services. Forming a Community Land Trust to facilitate new housing and adding to the county's growth planning department were recommended. She said the document produced by the conference is a good one for the community to move forward with and is not regulatory.

Commissioners approved the county recreation plan as presented by Brown. The plan was accepted to align with other interested community groups to apply for funding grants.

Commissioners approved a settlement agreement with Josh Peters of the county's lawsuit against him over his attempt to close a cut-across on Dry Creek Road. Under the agreement, the county will install a cattleguard at a road crossing. All parties agreed to designating the disputed road as "county".

At the request of Sheriff Nick Rauser, commissioners approved an agreement whereby the U.S. Forest Service will pay \$3,500 as reimbursement for patrol and dispatch coverage by his department during forest fires. He uses the money to buy binoculars, thermal jackets and other equipment for sheriff's officers.

Broadwater County Fair Manager Jessica Erickson presented bid awards for the upgrade of the fairgrounds 4-H building. Special K Plumbing won the heating contract for \$12,500. Green Force Electric won the electrical work for \$15,346. The commissioners approved the contracts. Money for the work comes from a \$20,000 grant from Graymont Corp.

Commissioners agreed to sign a request by County Health Director Ruby Taylor to Rocky Mountain Development Council's Agency on Aging for funds for the county's existing homemakers program. She will ask for a fund increase of \$29,000 for homemakers services to needy people, along with \$1,000 for caretaker respite services and \$8,250 for in-home skilled nursing.



BROADWATER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TRIVIA BASH

Jackie Smith, President Broadwater Education Foundation

Under clear blue skies on Thursday, March 16, 2023, the Townsend Fairgrounds 4-H Building came alive with the buzzing of contestants ready to do battle. The buzzing increased once all the teams, 17 total, got signed in and found the perfect table.

Chatter flowed freely as folks went through the taco bar and settled down to eat. Once the plates were cleaned and refreshments were replenished (thanks to the America Legion Bar), the contestants were ready for the battle.

After a brief review of the Broadwater Educational Foundation's history and purpose, the rules for the trivia contest were read. Each team was given a list of the six categories for the evening. Each team would also choose one round to tag as their bonus round, which would double the points for each of their correct answers in that round.



Winners "A-Team" - Roddy Cameron, Megan Bleile, Tyler Patrick, Camryn Beck, Aaron Little, James Cameron, Lindsey Moldenhauer, Jesse Moldenhauer

Ramping up the excitement was the Calcutta auction where teams could bid on their favorite team with the chance to "own" the team and take home extra cash if their team placed first, second, or third.

Just to keep the suspense, scores were also tallied at the end of rounds 2, 4, 5, and 6. With the points tallied after round 6, the category for the final trivia question was announced — "classic board games". Each team could wager up to 20 points on that question. A correct answer would add the wagered points, and an incorrect answer would subtract the wagered points.

The night came to a close with the "A-Team" going home with the gold and fiesta gift basket. "Gray Matter" took second, and "Irish Wristwatch" took third.



Trivia Night draws a big crowd

Thank you to all the teams, individuals, and businesses who helped make this a great night — Hatchery Cutthroats, King of Jacks, Day Drinkers, Imagine Winners, Duck Creekers, Here for Drinks, Opportunity Bank, Hideaway Heifers & Hubbies, MVM Minions (Missouri Valley Marketing), Alpha Bs, Destroyers, No Scrubs, Cobra Kai, Whiskey Business, A-Team, Gray Matter, and Irish Wristwatch.

Three Forks Community Calendar

- Friday, March 24
 - Music by Peter King @ Sacajawea Hotel - 5 p.m.
 - Trivia Night @ Bridger Brewing - 8 p.m.
 - Sunrise Karaoke @ Sacajawea Hotel - 9 p.m.
- Saturday, March 25
 - Varsity Tennis vs. Jefferson @ Manhattan - 1 p.m.
 - Karaoke @ Frontier Club - 8 p.m.
 - Music by Bluebelly Junction @ Sacajawea Hotel - 9 p.m.
- Monday, March 27
 - Varsity Golf @ Green Meadows Course
 - Pints with Purpose for Bridgercare @ Bridger Brewing - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 28
 - Mahjongg @ Three Forks Community Library - 1 p.m.
 - Dungeons & Dragons Club @ Three Forks Community Library - 4 p.m.
 - Softball @ Manhattan - Varsity 3 p.m. / JV 5 p.m.
 - Music in Our Schools Soloists & Ensembles @ School Auditorium - 5 p.m.
 - Music in Our Schools Concert @ School Auditorium - 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 30
 - Story Time @ Three Forks Community Library - 10 a.m.
 - Three Forks Music Night with North Fork Crossing @ Bridger Brewing - 7 p.m.

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE - MARCH

Karoline Nelson, Operations Manager

The Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church will be staffing the food pantry during the month of April.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 13 families consisting of 18 family members on March 17th.

There will be a board meeting on April 6 at 7 pm at the food pantry.

If you signed up for an Easter ham or chicken, they will be distributed on April 1st during the regular food distribution hours (9 am until 10:45).

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

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

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

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

The food pantry is open to accept donations from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. You may mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry; P. O. Box 1164; Townsend, MT 59644. The food pantry is located at 315 Broadway.

COURT BEAT

March 17

Dee Gannon, MT43 News Correspondent

The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday, March 17 is as follows:

Jason Walrick appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to an amended charge of DUI (4th). In his elocution, Walrick stated that while

driving in Broadwater County, on a public road, he drove with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more. He will be sentenced on May 6.

Harvey Wildman appeared on a Petition to Revoke a deferred sentence; (with the underlying crime of criminal endangerment). He admitted to the commission of new crimes, two counts of criminal possession of dangerous drugs; one in each of Gallatin and Silver-Bow Counties. His Sentencing is June 16.

Seth Anderson was sentenced for the crime of criminal possession of dangerous drugs. He is sentenced to five years Department of Corrections, none suspended. He is to pay fees and surcharges in the amount of \$80; he is to be screened for the appropriate drug treatment program; and will be transferred to Pre-Release afterward.

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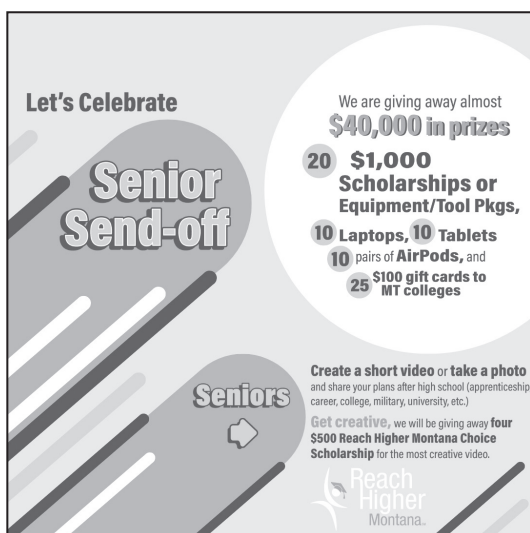
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9. Monterrey, Mexico
10. Philadelphia, U.S.

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SENIOR SENDOFF EVENT

Cullen Gilbreath, Reach Higher Montana



Reach Higher Montana is Celebrating the Class of 2023

\$40,000 in Prizes Available to Participating High School Seniors

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - Helena - Reach Higher Montana (RHM) is celebrating the Montana high school class of 2023 with a Senior Send-off event on April 19th.

This year's event will see nearly \$40,000 in the form of scholarships, tool/equipment packages, laptops, iPads, and AirPods given to participating high school seniors. "We want to know what the class of 2023 is going to do after high school, whether that is college, military, apprenticeship, or straight into a career field," says Kelly Cresswell, RHM Executive Director. "These prizes are our way of saying congratulations and giving them some resources to start out on the path to success".

All Montana high school seniors are encouraged to enter the prize drawing by sending in a short video or photo with an explanation of what they plan to do in the coming year. "In the past, a few of the videos have been really entertaining," says Cullen Gilbreath, RHM Digital Marketing & Communications Manager. RHM wants to give a special award to bring out more creativity in the entries. The \$500 Reach Higher Montana Choice Scholarship will be given to four participants whom the RHM staff feels entered the most creative videos.

There are some important dates to note. Submissions made by March 17th will be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing, where two pairs of Apple AirPods will be given away and submissions will be given double entries for the final drawing. All entries are due by March 31st. The Senior Send-off event will be held on April 19th, videos and photos will be posted the week leading up to the event on our website and social media.

For more information, please visit Reach Higher Montana's website, www.ReachHigherMontana.org, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for some messages for the class of 2023 by prominent Montanans.

LIONS RECEIVE ANONYMOUS GIFT

Bob Brastrup, Townsend Lions Club

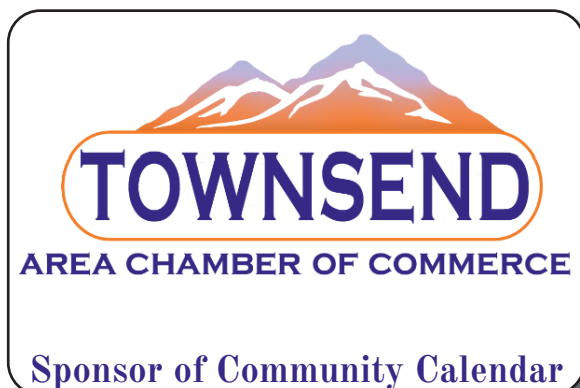
Thank-you Anonymous Donor!
One of the Broadwater County Lions major programs is assisting individuals with hearing problems. The club assists the school by screening students during the school clinic. Thanks to a generous donation by an anonymous donor, the club has purchased a new machine to replace the 40-year-old device used previously. The device arrived in time to be used at this April's screening.



Townsend Elementary Principal and Lion member Christina Hartmann and Lion Richard Heida do a test run with the new hearing machine. Photo Credit: Bob Brastrup

The screening only indicates if a subject has a problem hearing. If a problem is indicated, it is recommended that a hearing specialist examine the student. According to club member, Richard Heida, previous tests have revealed many children may have a hearing problem.

The Broadwater County Lions sincerely thank the anonymous donor for helping the Lions make this investment to help improve the quality of life for local students and citizens.



Townsend Area Community Calendar

- Friday, March 24**
 - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 12 p.m.
 - Townsend Pinochle Club @ Broadwater County Senior Center - 1 p.m.
 - Come One, Come All Fish Fry @ Holy Cross Parish Townsend - 5 p.m.
 - County Health Dept/Rotary meeting @ Flynn Building - 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 25**
 - Bergstad Family Fundraiser Cornhole Tournament @ Missouri River Brewing Company - 10 a.m.
 - American Legion Auxilliary Community Dinner @ Legion Hall - 6 p.m.
- Monday, March 27**
 - Paint with Us! @ Reading Leaves - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 28**
 - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 5:30 p.m.
 - Bingo @ Townsend American Legion - 6 p.m.
 - Planning Board Meeting - 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 29**
 - Townsend Pinochle Club @ Broadwater County Senior Center - 1 p.m.
 - Little bit of Everything Bookclub @ Reading Leaves - 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 30**
 - Al-Anon @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 7 p.m.

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TOWNSEND CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Eliza McLaughlin, MT43 News Correspondent

Townsend receives grant for water project:

Townsend's water system will be receiving some much-needed upgrades courtesy of an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant, which Townsend City Council members were notified of during their March 7 meeting.

The grant, which includes an ARPA Water and Sewer Minimum Allocation Grant award for \$364,187 and a transfer from Broadwater County in the amount of \$447,124, will help fund a new water storage supply and delivery system, repair fire hydrants, replace clay pipes and address water pressure concerns.

The entire project, Mayor Mike Evans said, will cost \$11 million and will be covered by grants, loans and user fees.

A site for the new water system has yet to be selected, city officials said.

"It's just so preliminary right now," city councilwoman, Vickie Rauser, said.

The goal of the water project, Rauser added, is to meet the current and future population's water needs.

"It's probably past time," she said. "We've got to get moving."

The city is especially rushed to complete the project since Townsend's current water storage system no longer meets the population's needs.

For Townsend's current population, the Department of Environmental Quality recommends 1.2 million gallons; however, the city only has a 200,000-gallon capacity.

The project, Evans said, may not have gotten underway without the ARPA funds.

Internet contract:

In addition to preparing for an upgraded water system, the Townsend City Council is continuing to review its contract with Montana Internet Company regarding the company's system on the city water tower.

If the two parties can't reach a consensus, the agreement will terminate on Apr. 15, 2024. Although Rauser suspects an agreement will be reached, she said that in the event that it isn't, Montana Internet will have to find another location to place its receiver.

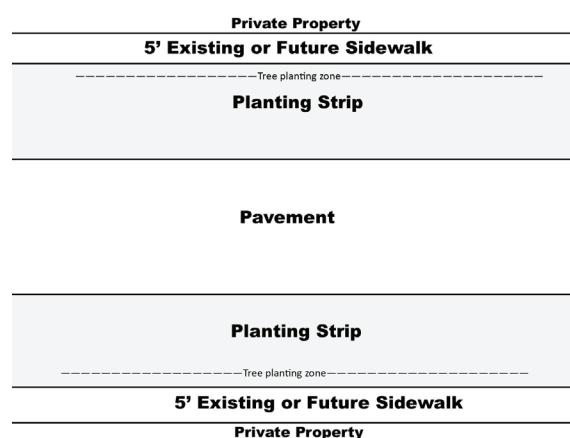
Montana Internet was the first one to install a system on Townsend's water tower, and the agreement Rauser said, "highly favors [Montana Internet Company]".



Trees and Utility Line Planning & Planting, Part 5

Patrick Plantenberg, Tree Board Chair

Note: This is the fifth 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:

- How to map your yard to identify areas that need to be considered when planting.
- Avoid visibility impacts for traffic.
- Some basic information about planting trees on city property.

Where can you plant on the city right-of-way adjacent to your property? Most people don't know the exact location and extent of the city right-of-way adjacent to their property. I have attached a map showing the typical planting strip on city property. This planting strip usually contains the gravel or dirt area adjacent to the pavement and a grassed area that abuts the private property. Trees can only be planted in a limited part of this planting strip to minimize impacts from the trees to passing vehicles and to minimize impacts to the trees from potential future road or sidewalk work. This tree planting zone is usually 8 feet from the property line.

To identify potential planting locations, I recommend cutting out paper circles that represent the mature width of the trees you are considering planting on your property. Place the paper circles on the map of your property and move them around until you can identify locations that do not conflict with the restricted areas you identified on your planting plan map.

This is when you may have to select smaller size trees to fit into your plan to avoid future problems. Typically, you want to plant large street trees 30 feet apart to allow them to grow to full size with minimal competition from neighboring trees.

And, as mentioned last week, don't plant too close to the driveway entrance or to the corner of the lot to avoid impacts to traffic in what is called the clear sight or visibility triangle. Once the city water shut-off valve is located you must stay 10 feet away from it to avoid impacts to trees when the water line needs work in the future.

As trees grow on city property, they will need to be pruned as they grow up to 14 feet to avoid impacts to passing traffic. And if there is a sidewalk, the trees will need to be pruned as they grow up to 8 feet above the sidewalk.

Americanisms



"Don't ever think that just because you do things differently, you're wrong."
— Gail Tsukiyama

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TOWNSEND STUDENTS AT CLOSE UP

Nancy Marks



Eight Broadwater County students take in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. on the annual Close Up trip. Back row, left: Aiden Easter, Berlin Korr, Ryan Racht, Jesus Garcia, Sienna Everett; front row left: Trista Moos, Kailey Knaub, Luci Horne and Cassidy Johnson.



TRISTA MOOS FCCLA STATE CHAMPION

Townsend School District

A big shoutout to Trista Moos and Ms. Ries for their success at the State FCCLA (Family, Career, Community Leaders of America) Conference last week!

Trista won first place in her event, National Programs in Action, and qualified for Nationals!! Congratulations!!



Trista Moos at MT. State FCCLA Convention

School Board Meeting March 14, 2023

Nancy Marks

School Board members tackled a number of issues and action items at the Tuesday night, March 14, meeting at the School Community Room. High on Superintendent Susie Hedalen's agenda was explaining plans for the Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for March 20. Board and committee members have worked many hours and meetings preparing changes in the school curriculum. She explained three different groups will cover changes to the elementary, middle school and high school classwork, schedules and activities. "I really hope for good public participation because people need to be aware of the changes that are coming," Hedalen said.

Hedalen also reported students were in Japan on their exchange trip. The board approved the Close-Up trip to Washington D.C. beginning March 18-26. Eight students will travel there. The board reviewed the issue of homeschooled students attending high school activities.

ROBISHON TEACHERS RETIRE

Janell and Pete Robishon will be retiring this year after 30 years of teaching in Townsend. Chairman Noyes thanked them for their service. Both teachers were given a \$15,000 incentive. "Both of these teachers have played a vital role in the lives of our students for many years," he said.

Kindergarten teacher Liz Wishman retired and after-school program leader Karsyn Sangray resigned. Both were approved by the board.

Wrestling Coach John O'Dell resigned from that position as well. The board approved his resignation with a comment from board member Todd Olson: "No wonder he is resigning! There are 75 kids signed up for little guy wrestling coming up!" he said.

Shane Swandal, project manager for the elementary building construction project, reported the internet connections were finally completed and construction on the two additional classrooms were on schedule. Bid proposals for the new roof are out.

During public comment, Stephanie Michaelson of Youth Connections Magazine asked the board members if the magazine could be put in the school. Chairman Jason Noyes asked that the administration clear the magazine for school use before the board would okay its availability in the school.

In other business, the board approved Lisa Campbell as a long-term substitute at \$105 per day. Principal contracts for 2023-2024 were approved and paraprofessional Megan Osborne will receive a \$300 stipend. The Summer Food Program was approved, and Todd Beatty has stepped up to be an activity bus driver. Middle School Principal Brad Racht has also agreed to be a half-time track coach.

DISTRICT POLICY REVIEW

The board moved the decision to accept the District Policy Review to their regular April meeting. Although five or six policy public meetings have been held, the board opted to put off the decision until all the policy changes and updates could be listed on the website for the public to review. "The issue of transparency for parents and staff is important in this case," Olson pointed out.

Elementary Principal Christina Hartmann reported the 21st Century grant application was in and the grant for the summer program for reading and math had been received. The American Legion group presented the first graders with flags and the Lions Club presented the school hearing and vision equipment for testing the students.

Middle School Principal Brad Racht said middle school students would undergo state testing from March 15 to the end of April as well as the first week of May.

High School Principal Sheri Heavrin reported on the end of basketball season and Spring Sports beginning.



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Jennifer Hoppe

It is time to begin thinking about the new group of children who will be ready for kindergarten in the fall. Children who turn five by September 10, 2023, are eligible. Registration will be at the Townsend Elementary office on March 14th through April 21st from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

When you come to register, please be sure to bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records. Be ready to sign up for a time on Friday, April 28th for your child to participate in the Kindergarten Roundup.

At this time, children will be given skills assessment tests and parents will be provided with those results. Children must go through these assessments in order to be enrolled in a kindergarten class. Available this year, Billings Clinic will be at the kindergarten roundup!

Please note, there will be no kindergarten classes on April 28th. The kindergarten teachers will be assisting with the screening.

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Upcoming School Events

Friday, March 24	Saturday, March 25	Sunday, March 26	Monday, March 27	Tuesday, March 28	Wednesday, March 29	Thursday, March 30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close Up State FFA Convention @ Great Falls Scholastic Book Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close Up State FFA Convention @ Great Falls Scholastic Book Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close Up Scholastic Book Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Book Fair Varsity Golf @ Bill Roberts Course D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Adult City League Volleyball @ 1963 Gym - 5:45 p.m. 8th Grade Awards Night Planning Meeting @ Commons - 5:45 to 8 p.m. Old Baldy Adult Ed Seed Starting @ Library Classroom - 6 to 7:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACT @ Community Room D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. State SkillsUSA @ Helena MSU Extension Master Garden Class @ Library - 5:30 p.m. Old Baldy Adult Ed Open Gym @ 1963 Gym - 7 p.m. Old Baldy Pickleball @ Stage Gym - 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. State SkillsUSA @ Helena Varsity Tennis vs. Jefferson and Lone Peak @ Townsend - 1 p.m.

INSIDE INSPIRATION

Setting Boundaries

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

Setting personal boundaries is an integral part of your self-care and can help you prioritize your emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. We all have had relationships that have helped us understand the need for boundaries. Striving to put our health and well-being first allows us to establish boundaries; for some, it may come naturally. For others, it may cause some anxiety.

I used to think that we set boundaries for others, but the reality is that we set boundaries for ourselves. Over the years, it has been challenging and necessary to set healthy boundaries and be careful not to set unhealthy or rigid ones. Rigid may mean we sometimes put up a wall instead of a boundary, perhaps out of hurt or pure exhaustion. Let's say you have set a rigid boundary with another person, and now, that person really needs some help and summons you. Are you willing and able to help that individual by putting aside your boundary?

One of the boundaries I have set over the last several years for myself is muting some social media accounts. Some accounts may be going in a direction that is not helpful in a story I want to tell myself. Doing this has been so freeing, and I have felt such peace in allowing what I let in and what I allow out of my life since setting that particular boundary.

I have had to ask myself whether I want to follow those voices if they don't align with mine. If I find they don't allow me to grow to become the best version of whom God called me to be, then I choose to mute.

Another boundary that I have is centered around conversations. Some conversations may get off track, and at that point, I will either shift the topic, not engage in the discussion (depending on the setting) or walk away. Being mindful of the words spoken in conversations aligns beautifully with self-care.

From the very beginning of our marriage, my husband and I set a boundary not to have a TV in our bedroom. Over the years, and living in a digital age, small electronic devices have crept into our sleeping areas. Avoiding screen time and the circadian rhythm-disrupting blue light it emits close to bedtime has become necessary. It wasn't until recently that I had to set a new boundary to optimize our sleeping time, which heals our bodies.

Turning off my iPad and cell phone one hour before bed has made me feel more rested after a good night's sleep. Keeping digital devices at bay has allowed me to read a chapter in a book or put on a hypnosis meditation and practice deep breathing. Not only does it help to de-stress me, but it also quiets my mind for an easier time to relax and doze off.

I recently flew with a relatively junior flight attendant, and the conversation came up regarding sleep since we were flying on an international trip. Flying internationally weekly causes an erratic sleep pattern, as does domestic flying with short layovers in different time zones. She had mentioned to me how terrible her sleep is, not only at work but at home as well. She has tried several various sleep aids, and nothing seems to be working for her. When she mentioned to me that she goes to bed with her phone, smartwatch, and AirPods near, I couldn't help but wonder if the electronic devices at bedtime are disrupting her sleep.

It is difficult for those of us that travel weekly to establish a stable nighttime routine, but there are some boundaries that we can put in place to help ease our thoughts and minds, as well as be consistent in establishing our sleep routines. A great place to start is to turn off all electronic devices an hour before bed, place your phone in airplane mode, and use the do not disturb feature.

Setting boundaries for our sleep is just as important as setting boundaries in relationships. Sleep is essential for your health, so you must learn to protect it. In doing so, you will soon cultivate a sense of balance, peace, harmony, and calm before and during bedtime.

"Boundaries are a part of self-care. They are healthy, normal, and necessary." ~Doreen Virtue

To connect with Ellie: FB/IG @coachelliwest

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 Moe, 266-3390 Townsend-UMC.org.

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

SENIOR CENTER

SENIOR CENTER MEALS FOR MARCH 27 - MARCH 31

Senior Center: 516 2nd Street, Townsend MT

Monday, March 27

Cabbage Rolls
Whole Grain Bread
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, March 28

Baked Cod
Rice Pilaf
Carrot Coins
Bean Medley
Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, March 29

Spaghetti With Meat Balls
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Pineapple
Dessert

Thursday, March 30

Polish Sausage
With Sauerkraut
Steam Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Cinnamon Apple-sauce

Friday, March 31

BBQ Chicken Breast
Wild Rice
Key Largo Vegetables
Garden Salad
Sweet Peaches

The Townsend Pinochle Club meets every Wednesday and Friday at the Broadwater County Senior Center for an afternoon of pinochle and camaraderie. The Club plays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All ages and experience levels are welcome! If you have never played pinochle and would like to learn come and join us.

FFA UPDATE

Mikaela Kraft, FFA

The 2022-2023 FFA year is almost to a close. Even though this means that we will be slowing down in everything we do, that doesn't mean that this year's officer team will not go out in style.

We have been constantly advocating agriculture with all excitement. This would include our visit to the Capitol Building, the Gold Summit, National FFA Convention, Fall Fest, and more. We hosted an online silent auction and will be attending/competing in the state-wide FFA Convention.

When FFA was pondering how we may work the Silent Auction at the Ag Appreciation Dinner, we considered the realization that last year when we had our Silent Auction completely online, we made more money than we ever had at our in-person Silent Auction and the community was able to support us to a larger degree. Our main in-person silent auction has come to an end.

However, we provided the community with another opportunity to place bids! The Online Silent Auction was available to the whole community, as well as whoever could reach us, with the help of the Broadwater FFA Instagram and Facebook pages. This was available March 6-12 and we thank everybody who helped participate in it! We raised \$986 in the online auction and it will help in supporting us for the state FFA convention!

The State FFA Convention is happening this week from Tuesday, March 21st through Saturday, March 25th. We have a Conduct of Chapter Meetings (Madison Zaharko, Emily Taves, Amy Peters, Jazel Ragen, Jacey Brunette, Sierra Sharrard, Sarah Morgan), Agricultural Sales (Ross MacDonald, Amanda Pesicka, Jacob Pesicka, Kayla Kraft), Creed Speaking (Kaitlyn Noyes), Bella Floriculture (Cassidy Flynn, Madlyn Schritz, Codie Skillman, John Sommer), Livestock Evaluation (Jacob Pesicka, Amanda Pesicka, Spencer Braaten, Kaitlyn Noyes), Meat Evaluation (Aidan Kitto, Spencer Braaten, Grace Kroeger, Ross MacDonald), and a Veterinary Science team (Amanda Pesicka, Ashley Sanderson, Kaitlyn Noyes, Kayla Kraft) competing in the state FFA competitions.

There are going to be many opportunities for everyone attending to participate in workshops to enhance their leadership skills. There will also be a career fair to allow students to explore careers, scholarships, and many other options in the next step of life outside of high school. This is just a small glimpse of what is held in the state FFA Convention. Next week we will dive even deeper into exactly what is going on at the State FFA Convention.

The Silent Auction is a great way to raise money for these high schoolers' futures and we couldn't do it without the help of our community. We thank you all for supporting us in preparing the future generation for what lies in store as Future Farmers (and leaders) of America.



TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

Nancy Marks

School Board Hits Headwinds Over 4-Day School Week

School board members did their best Monday night, March 20, to wrap their arms around the questions and concerns of about 75 people as the board presented its findings about instituting a four-day school week in Townsend Schools. The meeting was part of the board's strategic planning process and was led by board member, Shaun Scott, a Carroll College professor.

He fielded questions about what kids would do who had nowhere to go on Fridays; what effect it would have on sports schedules and Speech and Drama competitions if Townsend stayed on a five-day week while surrounding schools were on a four-day week. Would the school day be longer? Would the school year be longer? What about special education students? What would happen to them? What about daycare in Townsend for another day for the 50 percent of the population who work in Helena?

TEAMS GATHER RESEARCH ABOUT A FOUR-DAY WEEK

Three presentations included facts and figures around the subjects of teacher recruitment and retention and class size and absenteeism in the schools. Three teams of teachers, school board members and members of the public explained the drawbacks and solutions of a four-day school week versus the current standard being used.

Second-grade teacher, Kelsey Flynn, showed data from nearby schools in Boulder, Manhattan, Three Forks and Whitehall. Boulder's high school has followed a four-day week for several years. Both Manhattan and Three Forks are planning to move to a four-day week. Whitehall will start its four-day week in the fall. After Townsend Elementary teachers studied the data, 18 of them were in favor of changing. Six wanted more information and two were against changing.

Flynn pointed out the disadvantage Townsend Schools have. "There is a shift in the interests of new teachers entering the field. Our school must be competitive to attract those teachers. We have lower salaries than those schools around us. The four-day week is an incentive for those new teachers," she said.

Middle School teacher, Levi VanZee, presented his team's findings after giving an impassioned plea saying how important this school is to

him and all the teachers. Several members of the group followed with praise for the teachers "These teachers are the people who do a great job every day getting through to our kids with passion and compassion. They are the experts in the learning field. We need to listen to their advice," Jeannie Steele said.

VanZee pointed out the four-day week presented is not the only solution to the problems. Going to block scheduling might be another solution. He presented data about year around school attendance. "At first, I wanted a four-day workweek so I could be with my family. But the further I researched what was going on around us, the more concerned I became about us being competitive, of being able to attract good teachers and retaining them in what I think is a great school system here," he said.

High School teacher Jeremy Bartlett emphasized in his team presentation what effect a four-day school week would make on high school absenteeism. While data showed no difference between a four-day and full-week schedule with student drop-out levels, absenteeism for both students and faculty dropped noticeably in a four-day school model. High school teacher, Joe Horne, pointed out that Friday, March 17, there were 395 students absent. "That's a full 25 percent of our student body," he said.

PARENTS SURVEY PLANNED

The three-hour meeting ended with parents strongly urging the school board to get the information out to the public, then send out a survey to see what people want in their school. Future meetings will be held to cover community partnerships and favorable learning environments.

"We presented about as much information tonight as the public could digest. We will have another open community meeting to cover the two other goals sometime before our regular April meeting," Board Chairman Jason Noyes explained.

The board will send out a survey both online and through the mail to families with school-age children to get their input for the four-day school week. The Montana School Board Association will facilitate and coordinate that survey, so each family will get one vote. "That procedure will assure that the vote will not be weighted one way or the other," Noyes said.

The next step for the school board is to either make a decision or continue further investigation. The next meeting will be the first week in April. Noyes said it is urgent for the board to make a decision about any change by mid-May so it can be scheduled for the 2024 calendar year.

THREE FORKS CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Eliza McLaughlin, MT43 News Correspondent

During its March 14 meeting, the Three Forks City Council members hosted a first reading for an ordinance amending the city's Livestock and Fowl policies, which would implement an annual renewal fee for residents holding a chicken permit.

If the amended ordinance is approved at the City Council's April 11 meeting, those raising chickens within city limits would pay a \$10 annual fee to maintain their permit and cover the "resources used to communicate with each chicken permit holder and verify the permit holder still [has] chickens," reads the ordinance.

Currently, the city ordinance allows only 30 chicken permits to be issued at \$25 each with no annual renewal or inspection — which has caused some problems.

"Often permit holders have moved away and the chicken permit record number has not reflected the owners and chickens have moved, reserving this permit number rendering it unable for others," reads the amended ordinance.

Sewer rates go down, water rates go up

The Three Forks City Council approved the first reading of a resolution that would effectively reduce the minimum rate households are charged for sewer services by five dollars and raise the minimum rate they are charged for water by five dollars.

The purpose of these changes is not to increase the funds the city receives, but rather, to divert the funds received to different areas.

"This would result in no change to the users' monthly expenses but provide more revenue for the Water Fund while still meeting the needs of the Sewer Fund," reads the resolution.

According to the resolution, Three Forks City Treasurer, Kelly Smith, estimates the change will provide approximately \$58,000 for the Water Fund. Demand for more revenue in the Water Fund stems from the city's recent expansion and renovation projects, as well as rising annual main-

tenance costs for the system.

The new rates will go into effect on May 1, if the City Council approves its second reading during its April 11 meeting.

Wading pool makes a splash

Three Forks City Council members discussed whether to open the wading pool for the 2023 summer season during its March 14 meeting.

Discussion focused primarily on the wading pool's expenses: wages for two staff members, \$3,500; daily E coli testing, \$2,240; CPR training, \$40; backflow preventer and labor — required by the Department of Environmental Quality — \$2,500; treated water used, \$11 each day or \$440 for the season; and supplies to shock the system, \$150.

In total, council members expect the wading pool to cost \$8,441 for the season.

A motion was made in regards to opening the wading pool, but it died without a second.



How to Stop Dogs From Roughhousing

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My girlfriend and I moved in together recently, and we each brought a dog with us. I've got a German Shepherd named Mac, and her Golden Retriever is Diz. Both are about 2 years old, and they get along fine. However, in the evenings they roughhouse in the living room. We want them to just settle down so we can watch TV. Is this possible? — Laura N., Augusta, Georgia

DEAR LAURA: It's very possible, even with younger dogs. And the sooner you establish behavior norms around a schedule, the better.

Diz's playful personality probably balances out Mac's serious working dog persona, so take advantage of this

Wear them out: Both of these breeds are energetic. It'll be much easier to keep them calm if you take them out for a walk or a romp at a dog park for about an hour before dinner and TV time.

Set the behavior: When it's TV time, bring them into the room and give the "sit" or "lie down" and "stay" commands to each dog. Give them a treat only when they obey the commands.

Correct and redirect: When the dogs begin to wrestle or steal each other's toys, tell them to stop. Call both dogs over and work on the basic commands again, then have them sit or lie down in the original spots.

Separate them: If they begin roughhousing again and no longer respond to commands, take Diz into one room and Mac into another.

This will take time and repetition. The goal is to get them to follow your commands for longer and longer periods until you no longer have to separate them. Be prepared to pause the TV and focus on their training for days or weeks. The long-term reward is worth it.

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

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BUYING A NEW LAPTOP

Victor Sample

I have several times discussed disk drives for computers and the difference between SSD and HDD. SSD is a solid state disk drive (an electronic disk drive) with no mechanical, moving parts. An HDD (hard disk drive) is the conventional, mechanical disk drive that has been used in personal computers since they first appeared.

The mechanical drives are very slow (relative to computer speed) and have moving parts. They are constantly spinning and have a "head" that moves across the spinning disk. Eventually all HDD drives will fail — quite often with a "head crash" where the head wears out and falls into the spinning disk.

Solid State Drives (SSDs) are relatively new. They are much faster and since they have no moving parts, should last a much longer time; although even solid state electronics do wear out and fail.

It is becoming harder and harder to find new computers that still use HDD disk drives. Most of the new computers are built using SSD. The problem is that, at this time, SSD drives are much more expensive; to keep the cost down the SSD drives usually have a smaller capacity. It is common to see 1 Terrabyte (1000 Gigabyte) HDD drives. Most newer computers ship with 256 or 512 GB SSD drives.

One of the signs of a failing HDD drive is that your computer can become very slow. The operating system will "quarantine" bad sectors on the drive and it starts to slow down as the number of sectors failing increases.

The laptop I have been using for the last 2 years was showing signs of the HDD failing. I started using this laptop because the laptop I used for many years had an HDD fail. So, I knew it was time to get a new laptop — I just kept putting off spending the money (and time configuring a new laptop). Then one day as I was trying to join a ZOOM meeting, my HDD drive failed.

So, I had to buy a new computer. I researched a number of computers and found one that met my specifications: 16GB (gigabytes of memory) and a 1TB (terabyte) SSD drive. It was fairly expensive but within the price I was willing to pay.

I am VERY happy with the new laptop. My old laptop would take anywhere from 10 — 30 minutes to fully boot up. Just starting the Edge browser was a 5 minute task. Part of that was because the HDD was failing and partly because it only had 8GB of memory along with the HDD.

The new laptop with 16GB memory and a 1TB SSD is extremely fast. I can fully boot up in less than 1 minute. Edge is fully up and running right after I double click on the icon. The web server I run on my laptop for testing purposes runs as fast as web servers on commercial sites on the internet.

All in all, paying a little extra for the SSD was well worth it for me. I am a very heavy user of the computer and the time saving is tremendous.

Another key factor in how fast the computer runs is the amount of memory. The more applications you have running (a web browser, a word processor, QuickBooks or a spreadsheet, listening to music (especially streaming) all use up your memory. When the memory usage is high, the Operating System needs to do a lot of paging (heavy use on your disk drive). The combination of SSD and 16GB of memory makes my laptop extremely fast.

If you consider buying a new laptop — consider getting one with an SSD drive — they are worth it. But make sure that it is big enough to hold all the data on your old HDD drive.

Justice Of The Peace Report - March 20, 2023

Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Shannon Zimmerman	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Michael Vidrich	Butte	day speed	\$20.00
Erin Schiederemayer	Bozeman	day speed	\$20.00
Jeneth Roberts	Toston	day speed	\$20.00
Celeste Richardson	Manhattan	day speed	\$20.00
Kaylyn Roberts	Orange, Tx	day speed	\$20.00
Donald Parr	Billings	day speed	\$70.00
Jennifer Peters	Lavina	expired registration	\$85.00
Sean Paulauskis	Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
Alexander Pettiford	Great Falls	night speed	\$120.00
Zeta Phillips	East Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Andrew Nosler	Bozeman	day speed	\$70.00
Jeffrey McBride	East Helena	day speed	\$70.00
Jeremiah Lunch	Helena	day speed	\$70.00
James Lund	Helena	day speed	\$70.00
Scott Knutson	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Angela Kim	Manorville, Ny	day speed	\$70.00
Jason hensler	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
Anthony Hoomaluu	Great Falls	day speed	\$20.00
John Hall	Aspen, Co	day speed	\$20.00
Marisa Hardiman	Helena	day speed	\$20.00
William Gardner	Helena	expired registration	\$85.00
Joseph Flechas	Manhattan	day speed	\$20.00
Matthew Flanagan	Bozeman	day speed	\$70.00
Kimberly Corcoran	Bozeman	day speed	\$40.00
William Cyr	Lincoln	day speed	\$20.00
Christopher Curry	Butte	day speed	\$40.00
Amy Becker	Superior, Co	day speed	\$20.00
Julie Orourke	Townsend	day speed	\$20.00
Joel Pitsch	Manhattan	day speed	\$20.00
Sophia Webb	Helena	day speed	\$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Robert Wolf – Livingston – careless driving, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, on conditions \$85.00 fine and enroll and complete Alive @25.

Christopher Starr – Bozeman – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine; fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail all suspended, on conditions, \$275.00.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Tyler Smith	Three Forks	day speed	\$20.00
Jessie Schneider	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Jenna Reishus	Belgrade	day speed	\$20.00
Christian Peterson	Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Rene Orquiza	Needham, Ma	night speed	\$20.00
Tyler Kitch	Bigfork	night speed	\$70.00
Victor Gallegos-Rodriguez	Bozeman	restricted speed	\$40.00
Charles Fisher	East Helena	night speed	\$20.00
Ainsley Diehl	Townsend	night speed	\$200.00
Jason Crouch	North Pole, Ak	restricted speed	\$95.00
Michael Colon	Webster, Tx	night speed	\$70.00
Keith Robertson	Helena	fail/stop school bus stopped	\$85.00

COUNTY CRIMINAL
DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK
MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES
INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT
INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION



Raymond Lyle Gill

Gill Family



Raymond Lyle Gill, of Helena, passed away on March 12, 2023 at the age of 78, surrounded by family.

Ray was born June 25, 1944 in Townsend, MT to Richard and Mabel Gill. He was raised on the family farm in the Canton Valley which was later flooded to create Canyon Ferry Lake. The family then moved into Townsend. He graduated from Broadwater County High School.

In 1967 Ray married Karyle Ann Gilbert and they spent 35 years together, until Karyle's passing. Together they had two children, Tanya and Michael (Mitch). Ray later married longtime family friend, Janet Little, and they spent 18 years together.

Ray enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling to spend time with family and friends.

Ray served in the Army Reserves for six years. He was employed by the Montana Highway Patrol as Patrol Supply Officer. Ray often said, "That was the best job I ever had. It didn't pay much but I loved what I was doing".

He went on to work for the Montana Department of Transportation where he was a sign maker. When you see a highway sign, think of Ray. He left the DOT to open his own silk-screening business. Ray took great pride in printing shirts and signs for major Helena events, such as Jazz Festival and The Governors' Cup. After many years, he sold his business to Montana Sign Works and worked there for several years. Later he went back to work for the DOT sign shop, where he worked until he retired in 2014.

Ray served on the Last Chance Stampede Parade Committee serving as chairman and various other capacities for years. He also served on the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds User's board.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Donald, and his first wife Karyle. He is survived by his wife Janet; his daughter Tanya (Stacey) Baertsch; son Mitch Gill; grandchildren: Doug, Casey, Colton, Seth (Amber), Justin (Robyn), Kaila, Breanna, and Mackenzie; great grandchildren: Mason, Stetson, Dawson, Sawyer, and step children Hannah (Doug) Parish and Randy Little.

A memorial service is scheduled on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Helena First, with a reception to follow. A private interment will be held at a later date.

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

Randall James Louder

Sue Fairchild



Randall James Louder, 69, of Townsend, Montana, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at home in Townsend. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Born in Murdo, SD September 28, 1953, to Dwight and Dorothy (Volmer) Louder, Randall grew up in Draper, SD graduating from Draper High School in 1971. He attended college at Mitchell Technical Institute earning his degree in Propane and Natural Gas Technology. In the mid-1990s he moved to Townsend, Montana and fell in love with the mountains and his soul mate Sue Fairchild. Randall won Sue's heart on their many rides in the mountains enjoying the views, tunes and beautiful wildflowers.

Randall worked for AmeriGas and had his own heating business as well. He kept people warm, responding to calls for help all hours day and night. He loved going up in the mountains cutting firewood, any excuse to head for the hills! Randall was a jack-of-all-trades and could repair just about anything. He loved people and made friends wherever he went. Randall was a very special, kind, and compassionate man helping Sue care for her elderly parents, always ready at their beck and call. He was loved by many - friends and family alike.

Randall is survived by Sue Fairchild (and family), daughter Meghan (Larry) Anderson, sons Eric (Denice) Louder, Bradley (Denise) Louder; 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandsons; brothers Bradley Louder, Kevin (Laura) Louder, Darin (Lisa Cline) Louder; sisters Roxanne (Carl) Whitaker, Susan (Charles) Hamer, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dwight & Dorothy, and son David Louder.

Norene Sears Celebration of Life

Norene Sears Family



Come join us in a Celebration of Life for Norene Sears on Saturday April 1, 2023 at 12:00 pm, at Anderson, Stevenson, Wilke Funeral Home in Townsend. A luncheon will follow the service at the American Legion in Townsend. Burial will be private with the family. Norene passed away at home on November 5, 2022 at the age of 89. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating Norene's life.

Norene asked that any memorials in her name be made to the American Legion Auxiliary; PO Box 804; Townsend, MT. 59644 or to The Deep Creek Cemetery Association; PO Box 12; Townsend, MT. 59644.



- Birds may reject a birdhouse placed near food or water, as these attract raccoons and rats that will eat birds and their eggs.
- Claw marks on the house's surface or nesting material pulled from the entrance will show you these predators are around and can easily reach the birdhouse.
- Try mounting the house away from food and on a metal pole, rather than on a tree trunk or hanging it on a branch. Smear the pole with a petroleum jelly/hot pepper mixture and spread sharp gravel around the base to discourage intruders.

- Brenda Weaver

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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“WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN HISTORY”

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

March 23

1939

“Crow Creek News”

Evan Kimpton was in Townsend Friday when the truck from the game farm in Helena arrived with a supply of Chinese pheasants to be let loose in Broadwater County. He returned with 17 hens and six cocks which he freed in the swampy parts of Crow Creek valley.

W.K. Parker and Geo. Harris attended the sale at the Hilger ranch just out of Helena last Saturday.

Wm. Kitto, Jim, Forrest, Pearl and Kenneth Kitto were in Great Falls Thursday attending the Herford cattle sale where Mr. Kitto purchased two fine bulls to add to his heard. Mrs. Kitto accompanied them as far as Helena where she spent the day with her sister, Mrs. L.C. Ogle.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oyler and daughter, Alleen, of Manhattan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kitto.

1950

“Townsend Shorts”

Several college students took advantage of the between quarter vacation and came home for the weekend. Coming from Missoula were Harry Fuhs, Judd Maynard, Jeff and Bill Doggett, Rose

Cotter. Jim Nydegger, Tom Cotter came from Bozeman and from Dillon Tom Sweeney and Valley Williams.

Pat Duffy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Duffy, was one-year-old March 17th. A party was in order featured by a cake decorated with shamrocks. Green favors were used and the occasion marked by Mrs. James Reynolds and son, Danny, of Helena; Mrs. William Zabel and son, Jerry; Mrs. George Finnegan and son, Michael; Mrs. Arthur Schwisow and son, Paul, and daughter, Linda; Mrs. Willis Smith, Jr., and son, Randy; Mrs. Mark Moorman and daughter, Marla; Mrs. James Darnutzer and daughter, Linda Kay; Mrs. Robert Kieckbusch and son, David; and sister, Joanne Duffy.

1961

“Scouts Enjoy Train Trip t State Capital”

Forty-nine Cub Scouts, den mothers and guests made the trip to Helena last Saturday via the Northern Pacific train which left Townsend about 11 o'clock. The scouts made a tour of the railroad shops, the museum and state capital. A sack lunch was enjoyed at the depot park.

Den mothers wish to thank the following for bringing cars to Helena for transportation home: J. Garrison Rains, Harry Anders, Tom McNulty, Larry Mullany, Mrs. Doug Midkiff and Joe Gross.

Following is a list of those making the trip:

Den 1 – Mrs. Chas. Grady and daughter, Ann; Mrs. Jim Harvey and daughter, Judy; David Arnett; Pat McNulty; Scott Whaley; Warren Hysell; David Harvey and Kent Grover, den chief.

Den 2 – Mrs. Bob Sullivan; Mrs. Lorin Waling and daughters, Cheryl and Valerie; Jim Valentine; Tommy Perry; Bruce Sandon; Steve Grover; Cleve Harrigfeld; Dan Chamberlain; Tim Ragen; Carl Sherwood and Mike Parry, den chief.

Den 3 – Mrs. Larry Mullany and daughters, Catherine, Margaret and Loretta; Russ Karhoff; Dick Grady; John McNulty; Bill Midkiff; Bruce Morrison; David Waling and Larry Mullany, den

chief.

Den 4 – Mrs. Harold Kreis, Donald and David Kreis; Gary and Donald Richtmyer; Art Graham, den chief.

Den 5 – Mrs. Helen Burmaster; John Lampman; John Rains; Jim Huth; Harry Anders; Kelly and Lee O'Dell; David Evans; Scott Davis and Tim Hysell, den chief.

1967

“Local Skiers Race at King’s Hill”

Seven members of the Grass Mountain Ski Club entered their first competition last weekend at King’s Hill in the northern Division Novice Midget Slalom and Downhill championships. They competed with skiers from all over the state who are veterans in competition racing.

Coach Alan Lundborg reports that Tom Perry placed 29th in the field of 125 entered in the slalom. Penny Massa placed 20th in the girl’s downhill. Tom Ragen, on unofficial time, placed third in this class. Robbie Ulmer was 60th in the downhill, with 135 entered and Tom Perry placed 49th.

The slalom course was very long with 40-45 gates, and the downhill run was one mile long with a vertical drop of 1200 feet. Racers reached a maximum speed of 55 miles per hour in the downhill. Others making the trip were Eddie Ulmer, Carl Sherwood and Scott Davis.

1978

“Broadwater Jayceen Babysitting Clinic”

Those receiving certificates for taking the Broadwater Jayceen babysitting clinic on Wednesday, March 15 were: Lisa Croom, Valerie Merritt, Audrey Bruins, Bobbie Wells, Myrna Losey, Wendy Armstrong, Merla Sears, Debbie Doggett, Sherri Sofil, Colleen Helmick, Rozzie Cleveland, Cheryl Olsen, Brenda Newville, Cheryl Schendel, Scarlett Schendel, Trudi Steen and Patsy Wells.

WRITING

PROFESSIONALLY FOR MONEY

Eileen Clarke

One of the best things about this winter is that Old Baldy Adult Education has started up again—and it started up in full bloom. Everything from CPR training to book club, alternatives for gardening beds, preserving garden produce and wood and metal shop classes and much more, there’s something for everyone.

One class that will return in the spring term is Writing Professionally—For Money. The writing class started at least 15 years ago, and the folks who joined that original class have become a very close-knit group. As Old Baldy started up, Terey Artz, program coordinator, has gotten requests to start a new version. Same old teachers, but open to new writers looking to hone their craft.

What would you get out of it? Here’s what our original group says:

“It forces me to use my brain in a way I don’t any other time. Once a month—no escape. I’m being creative. Most days in winter, I’m ice fishing [on Canyon Ferry]. Sitting on an ice bucket isn’t very creative.”

“I look at my writing development since the beginning. It’s night and day. Because of the feedback. And I actually published a book!”

“It’s good to talk to people with the same interests. Intelligent people. I like that. And the social aspect. The class led to a small, close-knit group that trusts the feedback, trusts what we’re told.”

“No grades. We grade ourselves, with honest, non-threatening feedback from the members.”

As one of the instructors, I’m hoping that’s what will happen with the next group of people who sign up. Together the ‘old’ group has published 9 books, with one more coming, and we’re now talking a lot about marketing and selling those books. A lot.

The new class will be offered once a month on the third Wednesday, from 6-8 pm in the

Library Classroom. This class will be totally separate from the last one, a new learning curve starting, with facilitators to create a safe place to share and improve.

The instructors are my husband John Barsness and I. John just retired from Rifle and Handloader magazines after 30 years of being a contributing editor; is still rifle columnist and feature writer for Sports Afield magazine. I had a game cooking column with Field & Stream and Successful Hunter for years, and have written about hunting and optics for the NRA magazines, Gray’s Sporting Journal and others.

For the last decade, I have written wild game cook books, while John wrote hunting and firearms books, each of which I have edited, set up in a publishing program and sold on our website, www.riflesandrecipes.com.

The spring Old Baldy Adult Education catalog will be out toward the end of March. Check out all the classes. <https://www.townsend.k12.mt.us> (at the website, click on the magnifying glass and enter Old Baldy to see the latest.)

Eileen Clarke www.riflesandrecipes.com 406-521-0273



1. **Scream VI**
(R) Courteney Cox, Melissa Barrera
2. **Creed III**
(PG-13) Michael B. Jordan, Tessa Thompson
3. **65**
(PG-13) Adam Driver, Ariana Greenblatt
4. **Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania**
(PG-13) Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly
5. **Cocaine Bear**
(R) Keri Russell, Alden Ehrenreich
6. **Jesus Revolution**
(PG-13) Kelsey Grammer, Kimberly Williams-Paisley
7. **Champions**
(PG-13) Woody Harrelson, Kaitlin Olson
8. **Avatar: The Way of Water**
(PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
9. **Puss in Boots: The Last Wish**
(PG) Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek
10. **Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre**
(R) Jason Statham, Aubrey Plaza

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SOME HUMOR TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

Victor Sample

Thanks to Bill Gillespie for sending these on to us:

The years between 60 and 90 are the hardest. You are always being asked things yet decrepit enough to turn them down.” T.S. Elliot

“At age 20, we worry about what others think of us; at age 40, we don’t care what they think of us; at age 60, we discover they haven’t been thinking of us at all.” Ann Landers

“The important thing to remember is that I’m probably going to forget.” Unknown

“It’s paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn’t appeal to anyone.” Andy Rooney

“The older I get, the better I used to be.” Lee Trevino

“I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me ... they’re cramming for their final exam.” George Carlin

“Grandchildren don’t make a man feel old, it’s the knowledge that he’s married to a grandmother that does.” J. Norman Collie

“To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable.” Oscar Wilde

“The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.” Will Rogers

“We must recognize that as we grow older, we become like old cars ... more and more repairs and replacement parts are necessary.” C.S. Lewis

“Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.” Jenni Yanez

“I’m so old that my blood type is discontinued.” Bill Dana

“The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened.” Mark Twain

“Old people shouldn’t eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get.” Robert Orben



Community Bulletin



Planning Board
 Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Flynn Building, 416 Broadway St.
 Agendas, Documents, Official Meeting Minutes and Videos of the Planning Board
 are available and at <https://www.broadwatercounty.mt.com>

Official agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1st floor bulletin board) and in the window of the Flynn Building.

Agenda

Public Hearing at 5 p.m.

1. Call Public Hearing to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. **New Information Only** - Quiet Lot 8 Subsequent Minor Subdivision
 - a. Nichole Brown to read into record New Information Only
 - b. Public Hearing & Comment Opened by *Presiding Member
 - c. Proponents
 - d. Opponents
 - e. Other Interested Parties
 - f. Public Hearing Closed by *Presiding Member
4. Adjourn

Regular Board Meeting at 5:10 p.m.

1. Call Regular Board Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment on Items Not Included on Agenda
3. Old Business
 - a. **New Information Only** - Quiet Lot 8 Subsequent Minor Subdivision
4. New Business
5. Items for Discussion
6. Legal Updates
7. Comments from the Floor
8. Next Meetings
 - a. *Regular & Working Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Flynn Building.*
9. Adjourn

Public comment period will be at the beginning of each meeting. Mail & Items for Discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. *Presiding Member: Planning Board President or Jurisdictional Chair person. Presiding member presents the procedures to be used for the hearing and will entertain a motion for approval, conditional approval, or denial. A motion requires a quorum of the Planning Board and/or perspective Jurisdictional Area(s).

Board Members

Ed Shindoll, <i>Chairman</i>	(406) 949-5535	Mike Delger, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	(406) 202-4286
Dallas Diehl, <i>Member</i>	(406) 422-6451	Jeanine Stone, <i>Member</i>	(406) 970-4623
Deanna Kolodka, <i>Member</i>	(406) 589-5477		



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

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!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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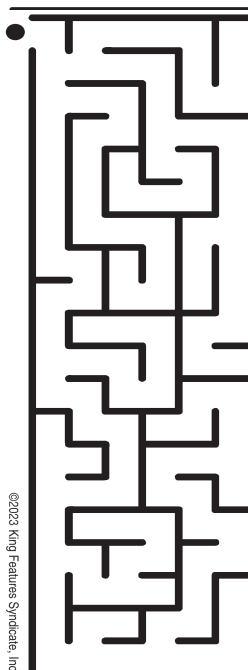
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

STUDY OF GENESIS

- | | |
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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Downhiller's headwear | 1 Inclined land |
| 8 Mexican beach resort | 2 "Bam!" |
| 14 Island home of Odysseus | 3 Singer Cara |
| 20 University of Wyoming's city | 4 Lion features |
| 21 Moon-landing program | 5 French buds |
| 22 Had to have Dana | 6 Moral failure |
| 23 They appear before a film's first scene | 7 Bowler, informally |
| 25 Viewed to be | 8 Koi, e.g. |
| 26 Cakes of cornbread | 9 Clumsy sorts |
| 27 Indy units | 10 Signal "yes" |
| 28 Bichon — (white dog) | 11 Actor Montgomery |
| 30 Stitch's cartoon friend | 12 Radical sort |
| 31 Bleating females | 13 GI's "Uh-uh!" |
| 32 Speedy plane | 14 Owing money |
| 33 It turns a computer on | 15 PGA peg |
| 35 Always, to bards | 16 Shoe lifts |
| 36 Vintage auto | 17 Grant entry to |
| 38 Active Sicilian volcano | 18 Singer/rapper Green |
| 39 Holders of emergency supplies | 19 Attach |
| 43 Women with babies on the way | 24 Purring pet |
| | 29 "Remington" |
| | 32 Bach's "—, Joy of Man's Desiring" |
| | 33 Mediocre |
| | 34 108-card game |
| | 35 Frozen waffle brand |
| | 36 Move in circles |
| | 37 "Lose Yourself" rapper |
| | 39 Natural ability |
| | 40 Many short plays |
| | 41 Hoodwink |
| | 42 One of the four seasons |
| | 43 Wildly excited |
| | 44 Blast stuff |
| | 45 Sapporo sash |
| | 46 Prohibit |
| | 48 Just between us |
| | 49 Stream in the title of 1957's Best Picture |
| | 50 Church area |
| | 52 Horse color pattern |
| | 53 Fills with freight |
| | 58 Irish actor Stephen |
| | 61 Lawyer Melvin called "The King of Torts" |
| | 62 — Moines |
| | 64 Minis, midis and maxis |
| | 66 GPS display |
| | 67 Tetley competitor |
| | 68 Bridal gown features |
| | 69 Grain towers |
| | 70 Hammer's striking end |
| | 71 Since Hector was — |
| | 74 Everybody, in Essen |
| | 77 Starts to remove a jacket, say |
| | 78 — de Janeiro |
| | 79 — Z (total) to me," online |
| | 80 Fashion designer Phillip — |
| | 82 Name shared by 12 popes |
| | 84 Least cloudy |
| | 86 Join forces |
| | 87 Fall lawn tool |
| | 89 Rx writer |
| | 93 A flirtatious look |
| | 95 Element #8 |
| | 96 Safe securers |
| | 97 Love, in Italy |
| | 98 Not stricken |
| | 99 — or two (on occasion) |
| | 100 Kidney-related |
| | 101 "Neon" fish |
| | 102 Schooner fill |
| | 103 One of the Bush twins |
| | 104 Around a line of symmetry |
| | 105 AI — (a bit firm) |
| | 106 Knife features |
| | 109 Birds sitting on clutches |
| | 110 Conical-bore woodwind |
| | 111 Hosiery flaw |
| | 113 GPS display: Abbr. |
| | 115 Trendy |
| | 116 "It seems to me," online |

ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE

GURNETT CREEK ENTERPRISES, LLC (Chase Ragen, Owner(s)) has applied to transfer Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 43-644-0446-001 to be operated at THE BETSY SPORTS BAR, 217 Broadway St, Townsend, Broadwater County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law.

Who can protest this transfer? Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Broadwater County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4)(d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.

What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 43-644-0446-001 and the applicant's name GURNETT CREEK ENTERPRISES, LLC; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest; (4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor's signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.

What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant's qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.

How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before April 3, 2023.

What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Townsend. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing's time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protestor's hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protestor's letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.

How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Nicole Harris, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-3016 or Nicole.Harris@mt.gov.



1. AD SLOGANS: What company advertises its clothing with the ad slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?
2. SCIENCE: What is the tallest rasm in the world?
3. MOVIES: What is the name of the amp in "Friday the 13th"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the term when two water streams join to form a arger stream?
5. INVENTIONS: What is Tim Berers-Lee credited with inventing?
6. ANATOMY: Where are the quad-iceps located?
7. LITERATURE: Which poet wrote six-volume biography of President .incoln?
8. TELEVISION: Timothy Lovejoy s a minister on which animated TV eries?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Yaks are ative to which region?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Before he was elected president, which of the ounding fathers attended the coronation of Napoleon at Notre Dame Cathedral?

Answers

1. Levi's.
2. Bamboo.
3. Camp Crystal Lake.
4. Confluence.
5. World Wide Web.
6. Thighs.
7. Carl Sandburg.
8. "The Simpsons."
9. Tibet, China.
10. James Monroe and his wife Eliz- beth.

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1. Who released the English translation of "Seemann (Deine Heimat ist das Meer)" in 1960?
2. Who topped the charts with "The Way You Make Me Feel"?
3. Which artist wrote and released "Lean on Me"?
4. Roger Daltrey is the lead singer of which band?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I'll go it alone, that's how it must be, I can't be right for somebody else if I'm not right for me."

Answers

1. Anne Shelton, who had a Top Ten version with "Sailor (Your Home is the Sea)." Then Anne Murray released a chart topper with her own version.
2. Michael Jackson, in 1987. The song first appeared on his album "Bad."
3. Bill Withers, in 1972. It came in at No. 208 on The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time list in 2010. The list has been updated periodically, most recently in 2021.
4. The Who. Daltrey made his first guitar when he was 13 years old and modeled it after a red Stratocaster.
5. "I've Gotta Be Me," by Sammy Davis Jr., in 1968. The song was used in the musical "Golden Rainbow." In more recent years the song has been used in soda and vehicle commercials.

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All Fun & Games

Super Crossword

Answers

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by Dave T. Phipps

THAT'S WONDERFUL, AMY. OK, AND YOU, GERALD?

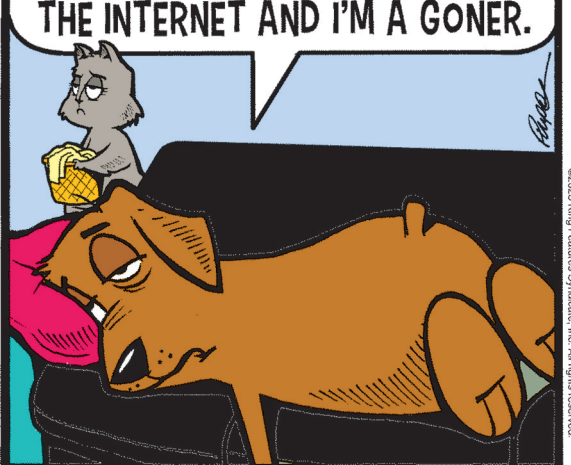
MY GRANDMA SAYS SHE'S 100% IRISH AND GRANDPA IS EXTRA CAUTIOUS.



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WHY BOTHER GOING TO A DOCTOR? I LOOKED UP MY SYMPTOMS ON THE INTERNET AND I'M A GONER.

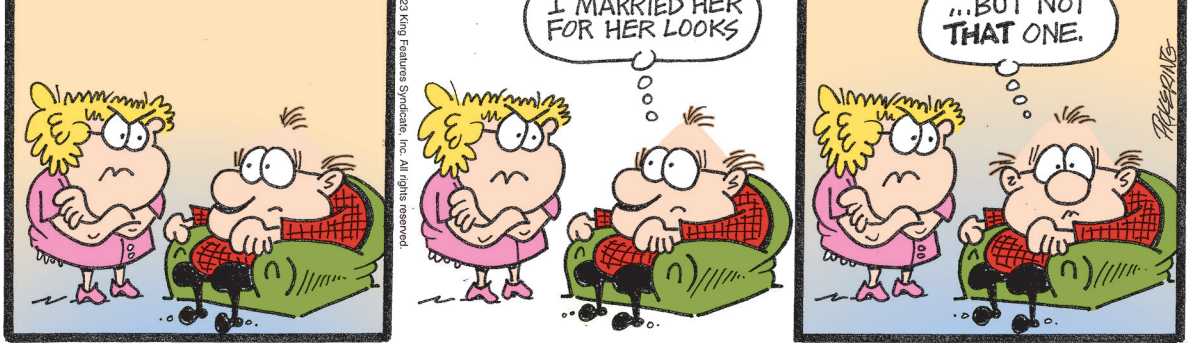


The Spats

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I MARRIED HER FOR HER LOOKS

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BHS COMPETES AT ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

Mikayla Kraft, School Correspondent

Harvard/MIT Mathematics Tournament, U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad, B.E.S.T Robotics competition, and the Congressional App Challenge are just a few examples of high school competition programs offered across the United States. Unfortunately, most competitions such as these are strictly focused on one branch of academics such as chemistry, accounting, or computer science.

Montana gets an interesting and unique academic competition conducted here and in other states. Not only do high school students get the opportunity to be involved in a competition with one generalized topic, but they can have the opportunity to be involved in a competition that focuses



Luci Horne and Eric Eichinger preparing for their next round.

on academics across the board.

Once a year, students from across the state gather together to show off the best of their academic abilities. We put together three teams for Broadwater High School in an event called Academic Olympics. The first team included Berlin Korr, Karsyn Sangray, Jazlyn Martin, Ashley Sanderson, and Marek Easter. The second team held Sienna Everett, Cooper Hines, Aspen Slyker, and Lexi Davies. Last but not least, the final team was Caleb Lelacheur, Kaitlyn Noyes, Luci Horne, and Eric Eichinger. These students put in countless hours of breaks during the school day, out-of-school hours, and even personal time at home to study everything they could about sciences, mathematics, language arts, and history.

On March 15th, these teams traveled to Bozeman with their coaches, Mrs. Moldenhauer and Mrs. Bleile, to spend a day in the Strand Union Building at Montana State University to compete against schools across the state via a double elimination bracket. Unfortunately, by around halfway through the competition, each team had lost out. However, even in that circumstance, they never ceased to show good sportsmanship.

Academic Olympics are fairly simple. Depending on the number of teams competing, there are at least three rounds. Each round is conducted at around the same time. During each round, two teams will sit across from each other around a table, provided buzzers are tested, and rules and procedures will be reviewed. After standardized rules are read and understood by the players the round begins. There are nine toss-up questions. Either team can buzz in to answer the question. Whichever team gets it right gains five points.

The team who successfully answered the toss-up question received a bonus question. During this question, team members can converse to evaluate what the answer may be before buzzing in. After the toss-up question and bonus question are answered (whether correct or incorrect) the next round within the round begins. The members are always given 15 seconds to conclude and they get 30 seconds for the mathematics questions. Once a player buzzes in, they are given 10 seconds to answer. This layout for the competition further puts pressure on the students, making the competition all the more challenging.

Broadwater High School had many intelligent and bright children compete and overall it was a success for them all.

WIC FARM DIRECT PROGRAM

John Ebel, DPHHS Communications Director

Ahead of farmer's market season, Montana farmers are encouraged to join the state's Farm Direct Program.

"This is an excellent opportunity for farmers to get additional sales on their locally grown fruits and vegetables," said Lacy Little, Director of the Montana Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program that oversees Farm Direct. "It also helps WIC participants to access locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables during the summer months."

Farm Direct is administered through nine local WIC agencies including: Gallatin County WIC, Lewis and Clark County WIC, Cascade County WIC, Flathead WIC, Riverstone WIC, Missoula WIC, Ravalli County WIC, Big Horn WIC, and Park County WIC.

Farm Direct is a state-administered federal nutrition program that authorizes farmers to accept WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program Benefits (FMNP) at farmer's markets, roadside stands, or even their farms. Farm Direct loosely defines farmers to include recreational growers who grow their produce in their backyard and professional farms. Once authorized, the farmer can begin selling their produce and accepting benefits right away.

"I am a farmer who chooses to sell my produce each summer right here in Hardin," said Hardin farmer Mark Zerbe. "I set up my stand in a convenient location and display my Farm Direct poster where it is easy to see on top of my stand. I am looking forward to this summer and will have more fresh veggies to sell."

On average, about 125 farmers participate in the Farm Direct program each summer. The season runs from June 15 to September 30, and farmers have until October 31 to redeem their vouchers at their local bank for payment.

All WIC-eligible families, in participating WIC FMNP agencies, can participate. Approximately 3,200 WIC families participate in Farm Direct, with most of the beneficiaries being children. Participants receive \$30 worth of vouchers to use at a farmers' market or farm stand. However, because funds are allocated by participant, not by household, a mother with two young children could receive \$90 for the summer. Eligible foods include fresh local fruits and vegetables. Foods such as baked goods, cheese, eggs, honey, and plants are not eligible.

Farmers interested in learning more can contact Glade Roos of the Farm Direct Program at 406-444-2841 or email at groos@mt.gov. Farmers can also reach out directly to any of the nine participating WIC FMNP agencies.

WIC in Montana includes 35 local agencies and over 80 clinic sites serving all 56 counties and seven tribal reservations. In Montana, almost 14,000 women, infants, and children are enrolled. However, only 55% of eligible families are signed up.

WIC eligibility requires participants to be pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding, or have a child younger than five. Participants must also meet income requirements—making less than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level or qualify for Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, or the free/reduced school meal program. Specific WIC eligibility guidelines can be found on the DPHHS website.

WIC was created in 1974 to help families and young children during a critical time of growth and development. The program's benefits include providing families access to healthy food, breastfeeding education, referral to other health and social services, and much more. WIC is a voluntary program, and participation does not interfere with other programs such as SNAP or Medicaid.

To learn more about WIC, or for eligibility requirements, go to www.dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/wic/index. Families can also contact their local WIC clinic or visit www.signupwic.com. The state office may be reached at 1-800-433-4298 or via email at montanawicprogram@mt.gov.



HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS ASK TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL PROM

Nancy Marks

School board members tiptoed around the issue of allowing home-schooled students to attend high school dances. After a strong plea by board member Vanessa Flynn to allow home-schooled students to attend high school dances, members voted to move action on the request to their April monthly meeting.

Flynn was not in attendance. She had sent an email to the board. Also absent was board member Shaun Scott. The board quorum included Chairman Jason Noyes, Todd Olson and Kevin McDonnell, remotely.

Board member Flynn pointed out in her email the loss home-schooled students experience when they miss out on the high school dances and proms. She said she understands the question about high school staff and dance chaperones worrying about accountability for students they do not know or have in their classes. However, she feels if home-schooled students and their parents can meet the requirements set out by the school, they should be allowed to attend the dances. She concluded by saying parents of home school students pay taxes in Broadwater County, so they should be able to use the school's facilities and activities. She offered to act as a chaperone at the dances. Currently, 105 Broadwater County students are home-schooled, according to Superintendent of Schools Melissa Franks.

High School principal Sheri Heavrin gave a written statement defending the current policy of allowing attendance at dances by students who are enrolled in schools but not allowing attendance by students who are home-schooled. She said the policy came about because of serious incidents at dances. "There were many problems in the past with non-enrolled guests being allowed to attend dances with only their parents to rely on for their accountability," she wrote.

Heavrin further explained the school does have a policy for enrolled out-of-district guests who are allowed to attend dances. "Our own students have to be in good standing to attend these activities and there is simply little to no accountability for non-enrolled students," she wrote.

Heavrin said extracurricular activities are just that, activities that are largely outside the regular day-to-day (activities) of the school such as sports. "School activities such as dances, are an extension of the classroom, planned, facilitated and executed by the staff, organizations and clubs during the school day," she explained. Dances are also chaperoned and supervised by the staff.

The 2019 Legislature passed a law allowing home-schooled students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. The law was, at that time, interpreted as sports participation. Since that time homeschooled students participate in other extracurricular activities including Future Farmers of America supervised by Agriculture Education teacher Jemma Loughery.

With a motion on the floor to accept school district policy 3510 concerning nonpublic student participation, Chairman Noyes said the district needs to be flexible about the issue, but that public school students who put in their time showing up day in and day out by attending classes run by general rules, then they deserve certain privileges. He further explained the district cannot hold a double standard concerning student guests from other schools versus home school students who live in the district.

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