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# FAMILY PROMISE COMES TO TOWNSEND

# TRAILHEAD CHURCH BUILDING TO SERVE

Renee Bauer Family Promise Executive Director

HELENA, MT—Family Promise of Greater Helena is expanding its services to Townsend and Broadwater County to address challenges faced by at-risk families and children. The expansion is being funded through a grant from the Gianforte Family Foundation and the national Family Promise organization.

Family Promise helps homeless families through temporary shelter, food, and essential services. Its Homelessness Prevention and Diversion program, initiated in Helena in 2021, identifies and stabilizes at-risk families before they become homeless, thus mitigating problems at the outset, according to Executive Director Renee Bauer.

A lack of affordable homes has forced more people to seek housing outside of Helena and Bozeman, creating strain on Broadwater County, Bauer says. "Townsend doesn't currently have a problem with homelessness, but it does have a vulnerable population." Low wages, rising costs, and few employment opportunities in Broadwater County create challenges for residents, she says.

The new Family Promise program in Townsend, led by Leslie Heisey, will focus on prevention. Heisey, from Radersburg, is meeting with area schools, social service organizations, churches, and others to assess the needs of at-risk families. She also works with the Broadwater County Development Corporation, serving on the Housing and Planning focus group for the BCDC Community Review.



"Our goal," says Heisey, "is to keep Broadwater County families in Broadwater County and give children stability at home and school."

According to Bauer, Helena's homeless population doubled from January 2020 to January 2021, and "We have seen a frightening increase in people with substance abuse and mental health issues the past 12 months."

The population of Broadwater County grew more than 20 percent from 2010 to 2020, according to the U.S. Decennial Census. "However, you do not see homeless people in Townsend," Bauer says because they must seek help through agencies, such as unemployment offices and social service organizations, in larger towns.

Heisey works with Broadwater County residents from an office at the Townsend United Methodist Church at 200 N. Cedar Street. Screenings and additional services are provided through Family Promise's Helena office.

Bauer says, "We have the ability to design programming that's community driven. Prior to this expansion, families needing emergency shelter had to travel 50 miles to Helena or 80 miles to Bozeman. We are now able to keep them in the community, thus providing stability from schools and friends and family nearby."

Family Promise welcomes community volunteers, donors, and supporters. For more information or to donate, call 406-465-9467 or visit https://www.fami-lypromisehelena.org.

#### Kelley Gobbs Trailhead Church

Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church was packed full this past Sunday with over 240 people attending the Sunday morning worship service. April 2 wasn't just an ordinary service, as the church was celebrating the groundbreaking of their long-time-coming expansion project. Trailhead has been fundraising extensively for the past 2 years and has reached a point to be able to build the shell of the expansion building.

A large group gathered outside in a spring snow squall



Trailhead Fellowship members gather outside Sunday at the church to commemorate teh start of the new building.

after Pastor Mark Roelofs delivered an enthusiastic sermon message. The sermon was centered on the Bible passage Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders' labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain".

First to dive the shovel into the dirt was Doris Hossfeld. She is a long-time Broadwater County resident and member of Trailhead Church. She represents the older generation, who paved the way and laid the Trailhead, **10** 

While burden chosen borne, Upon that cross do not mistake

Fumble King astride the ass great palms afore Him thrown, Purified His Father's house denounced false leaders known, One meal He ate, blessed bread and brake His blood the wine forewarned, Then like rain His blood again

## Our lives His life had won, But still He rose His love unfeigned His name the only one, Alive before alive still now Convict we choose His path we vow.

## EXEMPT-WELLS BILL TABLED

#### Amanda Eggert Montana Free Press

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A legislative committee voted Wednesday night to table House Bill 642, which sought to expand an existing loophole excepting some wells from a Department of Natural Resources permitting process.

With little in the way of discussion, the House Natural Resources Committee amended and then tabled HB 642. As originally proposed, HB 642 would have granted some well owners access to additional groundwater and expanded the permitting loophole to allow subdivisions larger than 20 acres additional groundwater without going through a permitting process to ensure there are no adverse impacts to neighboring water rights holders. Exempt wells are frequently used to secure water for new construction in areas where all available surface water has already been spoken for.

Rep. Llew Jones, R-Conrad, requested an amendment to establish a stakeholder group overseen by the DNRC to hash out issues related to exempt wells and the policies governing their use. The amendment also sought to establish in Montana law that the well-permitting exemption applies to a subdivision involving a family transfer of land.

Democrats unanimously opposed the amendment, along with Rep. Russ Miner, R-Great Falls.

Immediately after amending the measure, the committee took a roll call vote on a motion to advance HB 642 to the floor, which failed on a 5-10 vote. It is now tabled.

Bill sponsor Casey Knudsen, R-Malta, was not available for a comment by press time Thursday evening.

HB 642 opponent and Clark Fork Coalition Legal Director Andrew Gorder said he's pleased the committee listened to stakeholders, who turned out in force to oppose the bill during its Feb. 22 hearing.

"I had a good feeling after the first committee hearing, but we certainly weren't resting easy," Gorder said. "Anything can happen at the Legislature and there's a lot of horse trading that happens behind the scenes."

"To me, the outcome here is an indication that although the development industry holds a lot of clout in the statehouse, there are certain issues where big money can't necessarily buy you what you want. Protecting our water resources is one of those issues," Gorder said. At this point in the session, It's unlikely that HB 642 will be revived — in its current form, anyway unless at least 55 representatives opt to "blast" it onto the floor for a vote.

The Montana Realtors Association, one of the groups that had backed the bill, could not be reached for comment.

HB 642 proponents had said it would put more certainty into Montana code and ultimately streamline construction processes, thereby making housing prices more affordable for Montanans.



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# KAKEHASHI **PROJECT: STUDENTS TRAVEL TO JAPAN**

## Mikayla Kraft School Correspondent

High school students in the United States often do not get the chance to experience

a culture other than their own. The Kakehashi Project between the United States and Japan is a thrilling way we have found to enhance our understanding of separate cultures.

Students from Okinawa, Japan traveled to Montana roughly three months ago and taught the high school about their culture. Many of us made friends ONNSEND

with the exchange students and still keep in contact.

In these last few weeks, students from Townsend traveled overseas to experience Japanese culture firsthand. Seventeen students from BHS participated in the expense-free journey and gained a rewarding experience before returning.

The Kakehashi Project aims to build lasting bridges of friendship and cooperation with the United States. They do this through programs tailored to wants in the cultural communities such as "students, local and national policymakers, business leaders, Congressional staffers, pop culture enthusiasts, athletes, and many more."

The group creates seven to ten-day trips where they can learn directly from their counterparts and be given new knowledge and perspectives to take back to their community.



Mrs. Lampman traveled as a chaperone with the high school students where they had the chance to explore Tokyo and various parts of Okinawa. They had the opportunity to travel to Kyoyu High School as well as a traditional university to get a glimpse of learning life.

Will Lynde was one of the many 12th-grade students to attend. He was especially thrilled with the entirety of the experience stating that "overall, the trip to Japan was an amazing experience. Between the karate lessons, authentic soba noodles, and bike rides along the beach, every day I spent in Japan was filled with new and exciting experiences. That entire nation is filled with a charming culture."

Okinawa has proven to be a life-changing experience for these students and will continue to benefit them in many ways even after the trip.

In contrast, the whole high school had the opportunity to meet a few Okinawa students right here in Broadwater County. I met an amazing and respectful Japanese student named Haruna. This program allowed

her and me to connect. Months have gone by and we are still in continuous contact.



Christmas Land in Okinawa, Japan

This program helped our friendship to sprout and it gave many other people this chance as well.

The project was started in 2015 and will hopefully continue for years to come! The Okinawa experience provided by the JICE (Japanese International Cooperation Center) through the Kakehashi Project has been a reward to students across the country for many years and Townsend was simply lucky enough to be given this opportunity to interact with separate cultures.

## A special THANK YOU to all the people who donated to my benefit.

A very special THANK YOU to Jim and Amber at the Fishtale. Also I would like to thank Cindy and the staff from the Fishtale for all the time and effort involved.

It is a very humbling experience to know a person has so many friends. This community always rises up to help someone in need. What a great place to live.

> Thank you, thank you, thank you. Butch & Diana Colby



## FFA VISITS COLUMBIA GRAINS

Mikayla Kraft School Correspondent

There are many steps to the farm-table process. Columbia Grain helps farmers

through this process by buying grains and pulses from farmers across the country to process and sell to other



corporations to further sell that product to the public. Columbia Grain provides products across the world to countries including Russia, India, Germany, Spain, Canada, Brazil, and many more.

I organized a tour of the Columbia Grain facility located in Great Falls with a few other FFA members to get an inside look at what Columbia Grain is doing agriculturally for our producers and consumers in the United States and across the world.

On the Friday of the State FFA Convention, we took

a vehicle full of students to tour the facility. Amanda Pesicka, Spencer Braaten, Aiden Kitto, Ashley Sanderson, Kaitlyn Noyes, and I were excited to learn about this.

There is a diligent process to the buying and selling process of grain. When a truck drops off its harvest, a sample is taken to be tested for any signs of treated wheat, fertilizer, and bugs. The grain is examined to ensure that there is little to no damage inflicted on the grain. After this is cleared, protein and moisture content is measured before the grain or pulse can be graded and bought if the harvest

holds exceptional quality or more. If the truckload has been bought, it is emptied into a conveyor belt underground by releasing the grain by opening the base of the trailer. The conveyor belt takes the grain and deposits it in the necessary silo to be stored until further processed.

After this, the grain can be shipped to other parts of the country and across the world to be milled into flour and other products. We could not have the ability to access the food we purchase without Columbia Grain and similar companies and recognition needs to be given to these amazing corporations.

Columbia Grain left an amazing impression on Amanda Pesicka, "It was a great experience, and it was awesome to see the next step in the process. The people were amazing and I left with a whole bunch of knowledge ... " Spencer Braaten ended up attaining some of that knowledge to take home to his agricultural land saying that, "...the slightest things can ruin a crop and make it completely improper to use." Each student learned so much and will be able to take this home to their families and the community of Broadwater County.



Standing in front of the Columbia Grain East Facility in Great Falls (Left to right: Kaitlyn Noyes, Aiden Kitto, Ashley Sanderson, Kayla Kraft, Amanda Pesicka, Spencer Braaten) Photo Credit: Mikayla Kraft

We thank you for your support. We couldn't have taken this tour without the Community of Broadwater County.

Save the date for our annual FFA Banquet on April 17th of this year! Dinner will be served, selected businesses will be recognized and awarded, awards and grants will be given to FFA members, the 2022-2023 officers will give their retiring addresses and the 2023-2024 Broadwater FFA officers will be announced. Thank you Broadwater County!

Upcoming School Events

Friday,	Saturday,	Sunday,	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday,
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# HELLO FROM STOKE!

#### Jim Domino, STOKE President

Hard to believe Spring is here, and our next big STOKE event is just around the corner ... .Saturday April 15th will be our Grand Opening of the new Pottery Building, beginning at 10 AM until 3:00 PM.,108 North Spruce Street. Food and drinks will be provided, along with pottery making demonstrations, some really great door prizes, and a raffle for a weekend stay at Fairmont Hot Springs (\$5 per ticket, need not be present to win). Contact stokemt59644@gmail.com for more information.

Another exciting spring program offering is Fly Tying! Registration for Fly Tying is available now and is first come-first serve. There is a limit of 10 for the class. Classes are scheduled for Monday, April 17 and Friday, April 21, 2023 (6:00-7:00 PM) at the Lodge of Townsend, 131 South Spruce.

Watch for information on our 1st annual Sharp-Shinned Skate Park Clean Up Day, at Holloway Park.

All our STOKE youth programs are free!

Call Jim or Amanda 406-459-9618 or 406-459-7379 for more information about STOKE and our programs. Thanks and hope to see you soon!



# LIONS EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 8

#### Dela Chatriand

The Broadwater County Lion's annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 8. The event will be held on the courthouse lawn. The hunt will start when the fire truck siren sounds at promptly 10:00 a.m. The event is open to youths from 0 to 12 years of age.

Prizes will be awarded to those finding specially marked eggs. There will be a number of prizes for the 0-3 and 4-6 age groups. Those in the 7-9 and 10-12 age groups who find a special egg will receive a chocolate bunny. Prizes are limited to one per child. The Easter Bunny and the Easter Lion have agreed to make a special appearance at the event, which, depending on the weather, has an attendance of about 200 youth.

# WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE BROADWATER COUNTY MUSEUM?

Linda Huth Broadwater County Musuem Curator

The Broadwater County Museum is making preparations for the 2023 season. We are hoping to have several new items on display this year and to have an interesting program for the open house program, which will be entitled "Outstanding Citizens & Notable Characters" on Sunday, June 4.

One of the projects that has kept us pretty busy is the organization of our extensive clothing collection. The clothing has been cataloged and then these items have been wrapped in acid-free tissue paper and to be stored in acid-free boxes. This should help us know what we have and where it is located. When the time comes to rotate the clothing that is on display, we will be able to easily locate additional display items.

We are also trying to redo our lighting system by installing LED lights.

Outside of the front door, we will have two new benches for visitors to enjoy our Montana weather (if that ever happens!).

One of our most exciting additions will be a new display case for a World War II item that was added to the collection a few years ago.

There are a few vacancies on the Broadwater County Historical Society Board of Directors. Anyone interested in Broadwater County history is welcome to submit a letter of interest to the Broadwater County Commissioners. We would love to have you join us!!

Present members of the board are Terry Love, Sharon Ragen, Jorja Hensley, Keith Kirscher, Chuck McLane, Ross Johnson, Vic Sample, Mike Millay and Kevin Flynn.

The museum will open for the season on Monday, May 15th. Members of the museum staff are Linda Huth and Lanny White.

We look forward to your visit and hope you enjoy it and come back!



## TREE BOARD ANNOUNCES ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST!

Linda Southall Tree Board Contest Coordinator

Spring weather will be here soon and with it the coming of Arbor Day! The 2023 Broadwater County 5th Grade Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest is also at hand. Each year the Tree Board hosts and sponsors the annual Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest for 5th-grade students. All youngsters in the 5th grade are encouraged to participate in the competition whether they are Townsend School District #1 students, home school students, or other private school students.



Linda Southall (Right) with Arbor Day Poster Contest participants in 2022 Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

The poster contest seeks to help kids think about how trees better their lives and the life of their community. By having kids consider the importance of trees, the Townsend Tree Board hopes they will gain a better understanding and respect for trees. The theme for this year's poster contest is "Trees are Awesome in Broadwater County!" The theme is designed to get kids to think about the importance of trees here in the Broadwater County community. The questions kids need to be asking as they create their drawings are "Why do trees matter?" and "What do trees do?"

Not only will 5th graders gain the intangible rewards of a better understanding and appreciation of trees by participating in the contest, but they can also reap some tangible rewards as well. All participants in the 2023 Broadwater County 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest will receive a gift certificate for a small food item (usually Ice cream) from an eatery in Townsend. Also, all participants will have their posters displayed in the Broadwater School and Community Library over the upcoming summer.

The first-place winner will receive \$50 and will have their poster framed. A copy of the poster will be framed for public display. The second-place winner will receive \$30 and the third-place winner will receive \$20. The top three winners will have their posters reproduced into postcards for their use in "snail mail". The Tree Board keeps some of the postcards to send thank you letters to donors and for Tree Board meeting announcements over the coming year. A tree will be planted by the students during the Arbor Day celebration on May





"HOLD ON A SEGOND, WE'RE WORKING ON ANDTHER ECONOMIC FOREGAST.

6th to honor the winners.

If your child is interested in participating in the contest please contact Linda Southall at 406-266-3863 or by snail mail at 207 S. Oak Street, Townsend, MT 59644. Linda can send you further information regarding size, schedule, rules, and poster theme. Posters are due by April 25th.

Thank you for considering participating in the 2023 Broadwater County 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest.



# **Broadwater Community Calendar**

Friday,	Saturday,	Sunday,	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday,
April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13
<ul> <li>Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 12 p.m.</li> <li>Townsend Pinochle Club @ Broadwater County Senior Center - 1 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt @ Broadwater Courthouse - 10 a.m.</li> <li>Easter Bunny Pictures &amp; Petting Zoo @ Reading Leaves - 11 a.m.</li> <li>Magic: The Gathering @ Reading Leaves Bookstore - 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>50's Sock Hop @ Americcan Legion - 8 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>EASTER</li> <li>Adult Easter Egg Hunt @ The Bunkhouse Bar</li> <li>Raidersburg Easter Egg Hunt</li> <li>Easter Brunch @ Big Bull Bar &amp; Grill - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.</li> </ul>	Commission Working Meeting @ Flynn Building - 2 p.m.	<ul> <li>Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>Bingo @ American Legion - 6 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commission Meeting - 10 a.m.</li> <li>Townsend Pincohle Club @ Broadwater County Senior Center - 1 p.m.</li> <li>Noxious Weed Board Meeting- 7 p.m.</li> <li>Townsend Booster Club Annual Meeting @ The Bridge - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	• Al-Anon @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 7 p.m.
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## Three Forks Community Calendar

### •····O Friday, April 7

- Road Closed @ W. Ivy Street
- Track @ Livingston
- Trivia in Three Forks @ Bridger Brewing 8 p.m.

### ····• O Saturday, April 8

- Rebekah Lodge Easter egg hunt @ Stevenson Park -11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Music by Maggie Hickman @ Sacajawea Hotel 5 p.m.
- Sunday, April 9
  - Easter
- ····O Monday, April 10
  - No School

## THREE FORKS AMBULANCE SERVICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Nancy Marks Reporter

The nonprofit ambulance service based in Three Forks is in critical need of recruits willing to complete an emergency medical

technician training course and then serve at least one year as an ambulance volunteer.

The Three Forks Area Ambulance Service (TFAAS) coverage territory includes southern Broadwater County's rapidly growing Wheatland and Elk Ridge subdivisions, and parts of Gallatin and Jefferson counties.

"It's our job to get ambulance service to over 500

The next course begins April 17. Classes are held each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. and every other Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course takes 13 weeks.

Mutter emphasized that recruits must sign a legal contract to serve no less than one year from their date of EMT certification. "We had six recruits sign up for the 13-week course only to quit. It was a hard lesson to learn for the service. We had to go to a legal contract to make sure people are willing to serve at least one year," she said.





Pints with Purpose for Cancer Support Community @
Bridger Brewing - 5 p.m.

#### ····O Tuesday, April 11

- Track @ Butte
- JV Golf @ Townsend
- JV Tennis vs. Belgrade/Jefferson @ Manhattan
- Mahjongg @ Three Forks Community Library 1 p.m.
- Softball vs. Deer Lodge Varsity at 3 p.m. / JV at 5 p.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons Club @ Three Forks Community Library – 4 p.m.
- Three Forks City Council Meeting @ City Hall 6 p.m.

#### •····O Wednesday, April 12

 Three Forks Community Library Board Meeting @ City Hall – 5:15 p.m.

#### ····•O Thursday, April 13

- Story Time @ Three Forks Community Library 10 a.m.
- Varsity Golf @ Livingston
- Three Forks Music Night with Walcrik @ Bridger Brewing – 7 p.m.

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

square miles of area, 24 hours a day," says Barbara Mutter, a member of the board of directors. It covers the city of Three Forks, the Willow Creek Rural Fire District and the Three Forks Rural Fire Districts.

When someone calls 911 desperately needing help, the fastest help is local. But if TFAAS is understaffed, the only help is from a private ambulance company in Bozeman, causing a wait of sometimes an hour, Mutter said in a written statement.

The ambulance at Three Forks was originally a public service with Three Forks and Gallatin County cooperating and funded by the county, but the district was dissolved, Mutter said. Broadwater County did not participate in the funding.

TFAAS has a five-member board of directors. It operates two ambulances from a recently built hall in Three Forks, well suited for the training course. Mutter said it costs \$800 per person for the EMT training course, but scholarships are available. "We have money through the federal American Rescue Plan Act and have grant monies in the works. We even have donations offered to cover these expenses for anyone who wants to sign up for the course," she explained.

Terry Ross, Barbara Mutter and Jeri Crowe, in their 60's and 70's, serve on the Three Forks Ambulance. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Mutter would like to see two people from the Wheatland-Elkridge area, two from Three Forks and two from the Willow Creek area sign up for the course.

For more information email 3fkamb@gmail.com or call (406) 209-3417.

"Unlike fire departments, our ambulance does not receive funding from property taxes. TFAAS is a nonprofit and only funded when folks use their services. With more volunteers we could respond to more calls; funding would come to THAAS instead of to the private ambulance service and our two ambulances could be fully staffed. Everyone, including your own family, would be safer and more confident that help would are fast when they need it most," she notes.

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## YESTERYEAR: TOWNSEND SCHOOLS

Victor Sample



"No community is entitled to much credit until it can take just pride in its schools" – Townsend Star

The first school in Townsend was established in 1883 – the same year Townsend was established. The school was a humble log structure that was later used as a barn. According to the Broadwater Bygones, in all of Montana Territory in 1883, there were only 200 school districts and Townsend was one of them.

The Methodist Church was built in 1884 and was immediately used to house the Townsend school. The Broadwater Bygones mentions that it has been mentioned in various documents that Tierney Hall (the upper floor of the Helping Hands for Kids building) was used for some classes – indicating that the school overflowed the Methodist Church.

In 1886, the Townsend School District sold \$3000 worth of school bonds (purchased by J.R. Marks) to build the first Townsend School at the location of the elementary school that was just demolished. That first school was a 2 story frame building housing 2 classrooms. The lower grades (1-4) were on the first floor and grades 5-8 were on the upper floor. This building was in use as a school for over 30 years.

That original school building seemed large enough



Townsend Elementary School built in 1899. Photo courtesy of the Broadwater County Museum

to handle Townsend's school needs for a long time; yet, 8 years later the population had grown enough that the school building could not hold all of the students. The Townsend Fire Hall/City Council building was used for the primary students. The upper floor City Council Meeting Hall served as a school room during the day and City Council Meeting room at night!

By 1889, sixteen years after the first students studied in a log building, the Townsend School District had a bond issue for \$8000 to build a new 2-story brick school house with 4 classrooms; each classroom serving 2 grades. W.L. Cronk was a local attorney who had the idea of creating a school for adults who had passed the 8thgrade level. The 1886 frame schoolhouse was moved from its original location to Cedar Street. W.L. Cronk then established the Cronk Training School in the old school house with classes in Normal (teacher's education), mathematics, bookkeeping and business classes. The school was a private school that charged tuition to cover operating expenses. The Cronk Training School operated in the old schoolhouse for 2 years until 1901 when the school district took over the schoolhouse again to house the new Townsend High School. The State of Montana had just passed a law providing for free county high schools and the Townsend School District Trustees worked hard to establish a high school in Townsend. In the fall of 1901, the new 4-year high school opened in the school house on Cedar with the first graduating class in 1904. The school competed in basketball but had no gymnasium. The Townsend Auditorium on South Spruce street served as an auditorium for Formal Balls, as a theater and as a basketball gymnasium! But the population of Townsend kept growing and the schools were not large enough to accommodate the growth. In 1905 a south wing was added to the high school building to accommodate the growing number of high school students and in 1912 the elementary school added a \$10,000 addition that doubled the size of the elementary school built in 1899. By 1917 the old frame building first constructed in 1886 was not large enough to hold the high school and a new brick high school was constructed at the cost of \$40,349. This brick high school was in use until 2000 when the current Broadwater High School was built. However, the new high school still lacked a gymnasium. In 1933, the School District added a new gymnasium to the high school that was considered a gem in the region. Long-time Townsend resident Arnold Woodring, who grew up in the Clyde Park area, told me that the new gym was widely admired throughout the area. The Broadwater County Museum has a copy of the blueprints for adding the gymnasium to the high

school building.

The brick elementary school constructed in 1899 and expanded in 1912 accommodated the needs of the Townsend School District for over 50 years; but, by 1950 the school was too small and outdated. Fighting considerable opposition, a bond was passed for \$188,000 to build a new elementary school. The old schoolhouse was sold for \$1 and demolished. The new Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School opened in 1951 and was in use for 70 years until demolished in 2022 and replaced by the new Townsend Elementary School.

The high school built in 1917 was expanded in 1963 at a cost of \$463,000. The new expansion included a regulation basketball gymnasium, science laboratories (biology, chemistry), a lecture hall, a home economics department and a shop.

After 83 years of use the old high school was demolished and the current high school was constructed and opened in 2002. The 1963 high school expansion was retained and is still part of the new high school.

Again the population of the area outgrew the 70-yearold Cecilia Hazelton elementary school. By 2020 it was too small and outdated for today's technology. By a narrow margin of 3 votes, the residents in the Townsend School District voted to pass an \$18,000,000 bond to build a new elementary school.

Of course, the population of Broadwater County has exploded in recent years and the new elementary school was too small to accommodate the growth. Fortunately, the School District trustees had foreseen the possibility and had the funds to add more classroom space to the not-yet-one-year-old school.

All of the information for this article (except the new high school and new elementary school) came from the Broadwater Bygones available at the Broadwater County Museum. To learn more about the Townsend Schools' history or the history of the schools throughout Broadwater County, visit the Broadwater County Museum and talk with curator Linda Huth.



## OBITUARY: PATRICK MCNULTY

### Patrick McNulty Family

Buffalo area rancher, Patrick Charles McNulty, age 71, passed away unexpectedly at his home just a few

## REMINDERS FOR SHED HUNTERS

MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Most wildlife management areas open May 15; block management areas are not open for shed hunting without landows



shed hunting without landowner permission

HELENA – With warmer temperatures and snow quickly disappearing, shed-antler hunters are anxious to get into the field. Buck deer and bull elk and moose grow antlers each year, some to magnificent size, which drop off to regrow each spring. Hunting for and collecting these "shed" antlers in spring has become a popular activity.

Many of Montana's wildlife management areas (WMAs) provide security to wildlife during the winter. However, shed hunters need to be aware that Montana's big game winter range WMAs are closed to public use after hunting season and do not reopen until springtime. Many WMAs open at noon on May 15.

Most block management areas (BMAs) are closed this time of year. BMAs are strictly for commissionedapproved hunting seasons only. Access to BMAs for any other activity requires landowner permission including shed hunting.

Additionally, collecting antler sheds or other natural objects is also prohibited in Montana State Parks.

To learn more about Montana's WMAs — and to confirm specific opening dates — go to the Wildlife Management Area page on FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.



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school and joined Air Force ROTC upon enrolling at MSU. He graduated from Broadwater County High School and earned a degree in range management from Montana State University.

Upon graduation, Patrick embarked on his Air Force career as a navigator of KC135 refueling tankers. Patrick really enjoyed the travel and adventure of those years. He returned to Montana in 1981 upon the death of his uncle George Hollenback and assumed ownership of the family ranch in Judith Basin County. He was a member of St. Matthias Parish in Moore. He was an active member of Buffalo Community Club, Judith Basin County Farm Bureau, Montana Farm Bureau Federation and a member of Montana Stockgrowers. Patrick had an active mind, and pursued many scientific, economic, and history. He enjoyed the friendships from school, Air Force, and the ag community, and with many good neighbors. Patrick was predeceased by his parents, his nephew Michael McNulty, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Surviving family are: brother John (Kathy) McNulty of Stayton, OR; sisters Judiann McNulty of Billings, Catherine (Paul) Kukowski of Wyarno, WY, Mary Ellen (Monte) Schnur of Townsend; nephews Thomas McNulty, Peter Kukowski, Matthew Kukowski; nieces Michelle (Joel) Schilling, Anna Kukowski, Bridget (Nathan) Williams, Laura (Paul) Foster, Mary (Lance) Shick, Donna (Paul) Birkholz, Barbara (Don) Doughty, Joanna (Michael) Eichner, Carolyn Schnur, Esther (Jay) Godson, Teresa (Alan) Young: eight great-nephews and fourteen great-nieces. Several cousins also survive.

days after his birthday. He was born March 19, 1952 in Williston, ND to Thomas Patrick and Judith Hollenback McNulty of Plentywood, MT.



Patrick McNulty At His 2023 Class Reunion In Radersburg The family moved to southwest Montana in Patrick's early childhood. There he learned to ski and to fly small planes. He spent his summers and school holidays learning ranching from his grandfather and uncle at the Hollenback Ranch near Buffalo.

He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol during high

Services will be Friday, April 14. Graveside services will be at the Utica cemetery and reception following at Utica Hall.



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# **DESIGNING A DEER** RESISTANT GARDEN

#### Allison Kosto MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

There are few pests that can wipe out a garden faster than deer. They eat flowers and foliage during the summer and nibble on trees and buds during the winter. Even urban gardens can become prey to deer, especially in the late summer when many native forages are dry and dormant. At this point, a lush green yard and garden look especially appetizing. Other than erecting a tall fence, it may be virtually impossible to create a landscape or garden that is impenetrable by deer. However, there are a variety of techniques that create a landscape that is resistant to deer and can deter or delay their presence.

One reason that deer are difficult to repel is that they typically feed at night. A single adult can consume 5 to 10 pounds of plants in a night. Deer have even been known to come up on the front porch to reach desirable plants. Bucks can also damage young trees by rubbing them with their antlers.

Deer, just like people, have preferences towards certain food sources and tend to favor nutrient-dense plants. Using less-desirable plants is one strategy to deter or slow deer damage. This includes strong-smelling plants such as herbs. They also do not like plants with prickly or rough leaves or plants with a bitter taste. Examples of flowers that are deer resistant are daffodil, foxglove, goldenrod, iris, lavender, sunflower, yarrow and yucca. Keep in mind though that no plant is completely deer-proof. When a deer is hungry enough, they will eat almost anything!

Placement of plants is another strategy. Plant more susceptible species nearest to the home and less-desirable species further from the house or plant the preferred species inside a ring of less-preferred ones. Intermixing may also be effective.

The use of repellents is another option. Repellents make an area smell bad or a plant taste bad. They usually come in a granular or spray. However, they need to be reapplied frequently, especially after rain or irrigation. Examples are heavily perfumed soap, predator urine, dried blood or blood meal. Be forewarned that many of these are foul-smelling to humans too. Always read the label before applying any products to plants.

The use of physical deterrents is an option as well. There are mechanical or electrical devices that scare or lightly shock deer. They include motion-activated water and noise devices, tethered dogs, strobe lights and gas exploders. Wireless deer fencing is also available. The fence consists of posts that shock the nose of a deer when they get too close. Eventually, deer are "trained" to stay away from the area. Repellents may work initially but deer often become acclimated to the sounds and smells. Rotating between different repellents may be more effective. A fence is a more permanent solution and may be the only sure way to keep deer out. Deer are amazing jumpers, so even this option takes technique. The fence must be at least eight feet or higher. Even then, the fence should be slanted outward or topped with electric wire. A fence is not always practical though. Barriers around individual plants may be more practical and cost-effective. Options include netting, tomato cages or milk crates. Make sure to place them so that deer cannot get through with their noses. If you are having trouble with bucks rubbing on trees, surround or wrap the trees with hardware cloth or a square field fence. Tubes or wraps can be placed around the trunks of larger trees.

## **TREES AND UTILITY LINE** PLANNING & PLANTING, PART 7

Patrick Plantenberg Tree Board Chair

Note: This is the seventh 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: • Plant trees that grow in USDA Hardiness Zones 2-4. • Know the mature heights and widths of the trees. • Use your cell phone to check if the trees you see at the nursery or box store are right for this area and your yard before you buy. • All the work to remove the trees under the power line at our demonstration could have been avoided if the right trees had been selected in the first place!

This week we will learn how to prepare the sites for planting. The adage is don't plant a \$50 tree in a \$5 hole! So be prepared to do a little extra digging to break up the compaction in the tree planting location. First, you need to mark your tree planting locations-and don't forget to call for utility and water line locations!

The Townsend Tree Board recommends marking the planting site with spray paint with a minimum area of at least three feet around. You may have noticed a lot of the Tree Board trees are planted in eye-shaped holes.

When we started planting trees in the city parks, the city maintenance personnel complained that our round holes forced them to slow down while mowing to maneuver around the tree. A compromise was reached by making eye-shaped holes. This way the mower can simply curve slightly and not slow down to get around the tree. Typically, our eye-shaped holes are 3-4 feet wide and 6-10 feet long depending on the size of the yard and the ultimate size of the tree.

We spray paint the shape of the hole, and then use a reciprocating saw with a 4-inch blade to cut along the boundary of the hole. We use a tarp to place all the excavated sod and soil on. This makes clean up so much easier. Then we use a 12-inch blade to cut out the sod about 1-2 inches deep. Of course, this can be done with a shovel but not as effectively. The sod is thrown away or used to patch holes in the yard. Once the sod is removed from the tree hole, we dig the hole in the eye-shaped bed 3-4 inches deep. This 3-4 inch deep hole is for the mulch that will eventually be placed in the hole after tree planting. Then we dig the hole for the tree.

How wide do you make the hole? For a ball and burlapped tree, it should be twice as wide as the ball. For a container tree make the hole at least three times as wide as the container. This is because you want to remove and/or spread out any circling roots in the in the soil. Grass prefers a bacteria-based microbiological container before planting. Once the roots start to circle around the container the roots will continue to circle in your hole!

Circling roots must be removed or spread out at planting. For a bare-root tree make sure all the roots fit in the hole without circling.



Eye-shaped bed after sod-removal and excavation to 3-4 inches deep. Photo Credit: Pat Plantenberg

How deep do you make the hole? Do not dig any deeper than the container or tree ball! You do not want the tree to settle in a hole that was dug too deep and not compacted again. It is better to plant too shallow than too deep! Shallow holes save a lot of work in the compacted soil around our homes.

Save all the native soil. Just remove any rocks over an inch in diameter. Do not import soil for the tree hole. You do not want to create a honey hole! You want your tree to send roots out into the native soil. Most tree roots are within the upper 6-18 inches of soil, and they extend way beyond the drip line of the tree. Trees need to spread tree roots beyond the tree hole, otherwise, trees can be susceptible to blowing over.

What about soil amendments in the tree hole? You will read many opinions about this. Generally, you do not want to amend the soil with anything. The Townsend Tree Board amends the soil slightly with three amendments: a little organic fertilizer, some elemental sulfur and/or an iron-rich additive, and some wood-based compost.

Organic fertilizer is slow-release and provides just a little something for the trees to get started. Do not use commercial inorganic fertilizers! We add elemental sulfur and/or an iron-rich amendment because our soil is very alkaline (i.e., has a high pH). As a result, many nutrients such as magnesium and iron are tied up in the soil and not readily available to the plant. That is why so many of the leaves on maples and other species turn yellow in our area.

Finally, we add a wood-based compost to aid in the development of a fungus-based microbiology community community. Trees need a fungus-based system.



For a list of deer-resistant plants, stop by MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 416 Broadway in Townsend or contact 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@ montana.edu.



## **MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL** FORFEITURES—APRIL 7, 2023

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Next week - let's plant that tree!

John Kauffman	Belgrade
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Valerie Jorgenson	Bozeman
day speed	\$70.00
Kristy Hagen	Townsend
day speed	\$20.00

#### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Catherine Laverdure- Augusta - driving without a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees; negligent endangerment(substantial risk-death/ serious injury) pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all jail time suspended, \$1085.00 fines and fees, must complete chemical dependency evaluation within four months.

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### **MY HEART IS A CHAINSAW**

Rachael Elliott-Brug Reading Leaves



My Heart is a Chainsaw by Stephen Graham Jones, has been described as

Shirley Jackson meets Friday the 13th, and won the Bram Stoker award for Best Novel.

This frequently amusing and ultimately satisfying meta-horror novel follows Jade, a Native American high-schooler with no friends, no extant future outside her janitorial job, and a deep love for slasher flicks, which are her coping mechanism in the face of an alcoholic father and absentee mom. Film trivia pervade the narration at every turn, but slasher newbies will find the references easier to follow thanks to Jade's essays, presented in between chapters.

Soon enough, a series of deaths convince Jade that a real slasher cycle is starting. Is this the overactive imagination of a struggling teen? And if not, what is it?

My Heart is a Chainsaw balances its obligations to both developing real characters of the sort not seen in pulp films, and functioning as a slasher itself, one that will keep you guessing until the end. On the way there, horror tropes are used to examine Native American identity, economic inequity, and childhood trauma. If you're into slashers this is one you can't afford to miss.



Stephen Graham Jones is the New York Times bestselling author of The Only Good Indians. He has been an NEA fellowship recipient and been the recipient of several awards including the Ray Bradbury Award from the Los Angeles Times, the Bram Stoker Award, the Shirley Jackson Award, the Jesse Jones Award for Best Work of Fiction from the Texas Institute of Letters,

the Independent Publishers Award for Multicultural Fiction, and the Alex Award from American Library Association.

He is the Ivena Baldwin Professor of English at the University of Colorado Boulder and is currently teaching creative writing as a guest Professor at the University of Montana.

## **TO YOUR GOOD** HEALTH

Dr. Keith Roach

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am having trouble finding a reliable recommendation for the daily supplement zinc. I purchased 50-mg pills, but I think this may be too much. I am 74 and female, and I would like to include zinc in my daily supplements, as my hair has begun thinning quite a bit straight down the top of my head. -- R.M.

ANSWER: Zinc is an important nutrient, and it is certainly true that zinc deficiency may lead to hair loss. However, most people with hair loss do not have a zinc deficiency, and there is no convincing data that giving extra zinc to a person with normal zinc levels will help with hair loss. Hair loss along the midline is consistent with female pattern hair loss, which is very common among women in their 70s and usually has nothing to do with zinc.

Very high amounts of zinc supplementation can be dangerous (and impair your body's ability to absorb other trace metals such as copper), but 50 mg is a safe amount. Still, the most effective therapies for female pattern hair loss include minoxidil (usually topical, but low-dose oral is increasingly used), spironolactone and finasteride. A dermatologist is the expert on hair loss and can give you a better diagnosis by exam than I can by your description.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My youngest son has to have both of his hips replaced. He is only 37, but is in a very strenuous job of being a boilermaker in an oil refinery. This is the hardest job in a heavy industry. His doctors are telling me that his hips deteriorated due to alcohol consumption -- is this even possible? Even if he can get through this ordeal, he is still locked into this physical type of work.

by Japheth Light

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The doctors say he will need another hip replacement in 10 to 15 years if he stays in this line of work. Do you agree with these statements? -- B.M.

ANSWER: Let's take them one by one.

The most common cause of hip disease requiring hip replacement is osteoarthritis of the hips, but it is quite unusual to see someone of your son's age require a hip replacement. Alcohol is not a recognized risk factor for osteoarthritis of the hips, but it is a known underlying cause of a much less-common condition: osteonecrosis of the hips, also called avascular necrosis.

The more a person drinks, the more likely they are to get this rare condition, even though most heavy drinkers will never get this condition. Not every person with osteonecrosis of the hip will require a hip replacement. It is frequent to have both sides of the hip affected with disease.

Untreated congenital hip dysplasia may also lead to severe hip damage requiring a total hip replacement, and it is also one cause I see in a person of your son's age.

Prognosis after a modern hip replacement is very good. More than 90% of people are doing well, painfree and without complications 15 years after surgery takes place. Of course, some kinds of activities such as heavy lifting and high-impact movements could make the surgical prosthetics wear out faster, but regular activities such as walking, stair climbing and most sports that are not high-intensity or high-impact can be done without damage to the prosthetic.

Although further alcohol use will not affect the prosthetic hips or other bones, many other body systems are very much affected by alcohol. So, if he has been a heavy drinker for some time, it is now time to stop. His doctors can help him find many available resources.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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## **Kids' Maze**



# Weekly SUDOKU

## by Linda Thistle

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# **EXPECTATIONS**

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



Expectations can be a heavy burden, but they can also be a source of

inspiration. Maya Angelou once said, "I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it."

We all have hopes, dreams, and expectations for our future, but pursuing them takes courage, dedication, and hard work. However, not meeting expectations can lead to disappointment, frustration, and even loss of hope.

In a recent conversation with my husband, I asked him, "While growing up, were expectations placed on you by your father?" He answered, but not in the way I thought he would. He told me his father used to shame and embarrass him in front of family and friends to try and get him to do things expected of him. It got me thinking about both the negative and positive sides of expectations. Expectations can be both a blessing and a curse, and as I reflect on this, I want to share my story.

Coming from a family with seven siblings, expectations were placed on each of us at different times. There was a particular day when my dad was very angry, I cannot remember what caused the anger, but I remember feeling that if I started cleaning (which was expected of us to help our mom), then all would be well, and he would no longer be angry. Whenever I felt this way, I would leave a situation, go to the kitchen sink, and start cleaning by doing the dishes. It has almost become a family side joke, as one of my brothers would say there's Ellie in the kitchen doing dishes. Was it an escape for me? Yes, I believe so, as that is where I could be by myself in thought. I didn't know it then or even understand but looking back now; it was an unspoken expectation, of something that was expected of us.

If we can find the balance between having expectations and enjoying the process, we can create positive outcomes.

Healing can come when we remove our expectations of ourselves, the expectations we put on others, and the expectations others place on us. I know this from personal experience as I used to feel overwhelmed by all the expectations I had to meet, but once I let go of them, I felt much lighter and freer.

Expectations can inspire and be something to look forward to with anticipation. Just like when I was younger, my dad took the younger ones on a family vacation to Kalispell for a long weekend. Oh, the joy



**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 and Youth 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 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. Pastor 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.



Senior Center Meals April 10 -April 14

Senior Center: 516 2nd Street, Townsend MT Monday, April 10 Chef Salad Carrot & Celery Sticks Whole Grain Bread Jello with Fruit Tuesday, April 11 Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles German Vegetables Carrot Raisin Salad Mixed Fruit Wednesday, April 12 Fish Patty on a Bun Green Peas Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Thursday, April 13 **BBQ** Chicken Breast Wild Rice

Key Largo Vegetables Garden Salad with Beans Applesauce Friday, April 14 Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Green Beans

Whole Grain Bread Apricot Halves The Townsend Pi-

nochle 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.

## UNOFFICIAL AGENDA FOR MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Supervisor, Resolution for the Temporary Limitation of Traffic

## UNOFFICIAL AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

**10:00 AM** Discussion/Decision, Stephanie Michelson, SWMT Prevention Specialist, Request for use of State Alcohol Tax Funds for the new budget year.

**10:10 AM** Discussion/Decision. Canyon Enterprises, Contract for Flowbird 2020 Payment Kiosk, lease agreement of the Broadwater County boat docks at Canyon Ferry Reservoir between Broadwater County and Canyon Enterprises, Inc.

**10:20 AM** Discussion/Decision, Broadband By-Laws approval

**10:25 AM** Discussion/Decision, Proposal Broadwater County Emergency Services Facility, Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR)

and excitement of that trip - especially when my dad took me into a peanut bar!

I remember sitting at the bar with my Dad, he had ordered a beer, and I had a soft drink. There were bowls of peanuts on the bar, and the bartender would bring us more when the bowl was empty. I very carefully put the shells from the peanuts in the bowl, and much to my surprise, the bartender came over and threw the peanut shells on the floor. I looked down at the floor and didn't understand why the bartender would dump the shells on the floor. He looked at me and said, "we throw the shells on the floor." There was freedom in throwing the peanut shells on the floor, as sometimes the smallest actions can represent something more significant. When I think about this story as a metaphor, it is a simple reminder to let go of those expectations and enjoy the moment.

Do not let other people's expectations of you affect how you live your life. A life you love needs to be yours and no one else's. It can be tempting to try to live up to the expectations of others, whether it be parents, friends, or society as a whole, but ultimately this will leave you feeling unfulfilled and unhappy.

Understanding your values, goals, and passions clearly and pursuing them unapologetically is essential. This may mean making choices that go against the norms or expectations of those around you, but in the end, it is your life, and you have to live it.

Remember that you are the only one who truly knows what is best for you. Trust your gut and inner voice. When you embrace who you are and pursue your dreams, you will find happiness and fulfillment that cannot be found by trying to live up to the expectations of others.

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## Kids' Maze Solution



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

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**10:30 AM** Discussion/Decision, Angie Paulsen, Clerk & Recorder, Budget amendment for Elections Supervisor position for Clerk and Recorders Office

**10:45 AM** Discussion/Decision, Buy/Sell agreement, Broadwater County Airport Board to purchase land

#### Items for Discussion, Action, Review or Signature:

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#### April 6, 1939

#### Canton Valley News

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Gross and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tennyson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weed were Sunday guests at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Con Sweeney and two daughters were in the valley on Monday looking after business matters concerning the ranch on Confederate Creek and also visited at the Will Daniels ranch.

Mrs. John Whaley went into Helena Tuesday to visit a few days with her daughter, Miss Doris Whaley.

On Friday, LaVella Morris, teacher of Canton district school, will have an Easter party for her school during which a part of the program will terminate in an egg hunt.

Mrs. John Plymale, Fred and Doris of Townsend spent the week end out at the ranch home on Duck Creek with her husband and other sons where they are busily engaged with the lamb crop. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Voss and sons are also assisting with the work.

#### 1950

#### New Radio Shop Damaged by Fire

An overheated oil stove from burning soot caused damage to the new Fisher Radio shop here early Monday morning. A passing person saw the heated stove and smoke from the opposite side of the street at about 6 a.m. and an alarm was sounded.

Clarence Fisher, who has sleeping quarters in the building, was unaware of the danger in the front room of the shop until he was wakened.

Damage was done to the hardwood floor and the place was blackened from smoke. Fisher had only been in his new building three months.

#### Toston News

Mrs. Walter Clark, who has been appointed census taker in this district, began her work on Saturday April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. James Plummer spent the weekend visiting friends and relatives at Baker.

Cleon Cass and Louis Anzik drove to Butte Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greaves and Mrs. J.A. Greaves

#### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even

were in Bozeman on business Thursday.

At the Hard Time dance in Toston Saturday night, Frank Beyers and Mrs. Carl Kolberg were awarded the first prizes, for the best costumes and second prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Chet Wilcox.

1961

#### Radersburg News

All children of the community join with this correspondent in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baxter for being instrumental in instigating an exciting Easter egg hunt Sunday at noon. Terry Harris, Wendie Williams and Oppie Smith helped hide the eggs for the hunt. The idea was for the benefit of the Easter Seal campaign. Those who donated eggs were George Harris, Bill Williams, Chuck Price, Bob Harris, Glen Griffith, Vic Findel, Art Roberts, Oppie Smith, W.D. Williams, John Williams, Bud Harris and Eli Toma. The children gathered at noon and swarmed the two lots east of the Cass home in search of the gaily colored eggs. One area was designated for the small fry and the other for the older children. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baxter donated the prizes, one for the older group and one for younger ones. Teddy Roberts won the rabbit, with 11 eggs and Connie Roberts won the chicken with 14 eggs. In spite of the high wind, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Sammy and Billy Harris and Denny Roberts went from door to door to inform all the children of the egg hunt.

#### 1967

#### Radersburg News

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralls drove to Bozeman Monday to see "The Sound of Music" with Julie Andrews. They enjoyed it very much.

Blackie Ruede of Townsend is here again, living with Gordon Carlson in his trailer house.

Cole Graham, who has been working in Billings, visited the Wayne Miller family Saturday. He and Devon Miller returned to Billings Sunday. They have one more week before entering the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cobban and children, Joan, Johnny and Bert, of Winston visited Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Grandchamp and Mrs. A.D. Grandchamp and at the Charlie Hough home. Mrs. Cobban is the former Linda Doughty.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dundas, Terri, Patricia and Bobby enjoyed Easter dinner in Three Forks with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dundas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris entertained Oppie Smith and son, Alan, of the valley, George Rollings and Mrs. Myrtle Ray at dinner Sunday. The occasion was Bud's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris and Mrs. Myrtle Ray drove to Butte Saturday and picked up Mrs. Chuck Price and continued on to Galen to visit O.J. Allen. He is as well as can be expected.

#### 1978

#### Appreciation Night for Myles

An appreciation night, honoring Bob Myles, will be held this Saturday, April 8 at the Legion Club. The expression of thanks is being sponsored by the American Legion Post 42.

Bob is a 30-year member of Post 42 and is credited with enveloping the flag service for Townsend, assuming full responsibility of it. Regardless of weather, the flags were posted. He has seldom missed a military funeral during his 30-year membership with the organization. Bob worked for many years with Willard Whitehead at the Texaco station. He actively managed the Legion Club and partially retired from that when he assumed custodial duties with the Townsend Post Office, a position he has held until recently when he was severely burned in an accident at his home January 31. Finally, being hospitalized February 21 for the burns, Bob went through extensive skin grafts until his March 24th dismissal. Your attendance would give indication of the community appreciation for all the goodness that Bob has given of himself.

The evening will begin with a 7:30 p.m. beef dinner, cooked by Flynn and Scoffield, followed by a dance, music being furnished by the Fishers. The affair will be held at the Legion Club and is the Legion's way of saying "Thanks, Bob" for your many years of giving. A free will offering will be taken.

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**BIBLE TRIVIA** 



## CELEBRATE WITH TRAILHEAD CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 | 6:00 PM SUNRISE SERVICE, APRIL 9, 2023 | 7:00 AM\* EASTER BREAKFAST, APRIL 9, 2023 | 8:00 AM EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 | 10:00 AM



#### Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Gethsemane (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. What's the only book of the Bible that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- 3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
- 4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers
- 5. From John 20, which disciple doubted that Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
- 6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Matthew (27:65-66), 3) An angel, 4) Disciples, 5) Thomas (called Didymus), 6) 40 days (Acts 1:3)

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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April 24th @ 4 pm We welcome Wendy Ann Mattox!

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May 10th @ 6:30 pm We welcome **Brenda Wahler!** 

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Brenda will speak and answer questions about her new book Marcus Daly's **Road to Montana** 



#### Trailhead, 1

groundwork for the church. She and many others have seen the church change and grow into what it is today. Doris has served at Trailhead for many years and still attends regularly, actively involved in hospitality and group bible studies.

Following Doris was Jordan Shearer. He and his wife Anna have two boys, Weston and Wade. Jordan represents the numerous families who gather at Trailhead to do life together, study God's Word, and fellowship on a regular basis. Jordan was born and raised in Townsend and devotes his time to farming, ranching, volunteer firefighting, and chasing his two boys.

The last to turn over the ground was 4-year-old Waylon Nix. He is the son of Landon and Dani Nix of Winston. Waylon represents the children and the youth



Waylon Nix age four, of Winston digs the first hole for the building expansion at Trailhead Church with help from Expansion Committee member Chuck Blair.

of the church. Waylon is active in AWANA and Sunday School every week, with his younger sister, Ruby, in tow. The youth and energy at Trailhead are remarkable and Waylon is no exception. The groundbreaking ceremony represented the vast diversity at this church, where both young and old come together, consistently for a common goal.

Chuck Blair and Glen Van Zee, both active members of the church, are taking the lead on the project, which has been in the planning stages for quite some time. They have contractors lined up and scheduled, using mostly local area contractors to complete the shell. They mentioned the timing is ideal, as material prices have decreased since the original estimate. The church has numerous talents within the congregation too, from electrical to plumbing to HVAC to other skilled laborers. They hope to leverage and use everyone's skills to keep costs low and finish in a timely manner. It's safe to say everyone is excited to get their hands dirty.

After the brief and touching ceremony, the group gathered inside for a delicious potluck lunch, complete with homemade dishes and cake.

Trailhead started as a local group of four couples

meeting in a home in 2001. That group grew to 20 people who met at the Rod and Gun Club on Canton Lane. Soon after, the need for a church building became apparent with the congregation growing to about 75 people. In 2007, the current Trailhead building was built with the help of Trailhead members and Mennonites from Pennsylvania. Over the years, God has called more believers to Himself, the body has grown, and the church building needs expansion.

Currently, Trailhead serves over 90 families every week through various bible studies, ministries, Sunday school, small groups, fellowship, and Sunday service. Every Wednesday night, Trailhead hosts over 40 Junior High and Senior High students for youth group and dinner. Trailhead added AWANA this past fall, a well-known ministry focused on providing Bible-based evangelism and discipleship to children. Around 80 kids from the community attend the program every Wednesday evening. Others in the Broadwater County community use the facility for large gatherings, funerals, weddings, 4-H Club meetings, and as a Red Cross emergency shelter.

The expansion project includes a 7,200-square-foot building, complete with a large, revamped kitchen, several classrooms, new bathrooms, office space, storage, and a gymnasium/multi-purpose room to help meet the needs of the growing church and the growing community. It will be built on the south side of the current fellowship hall.

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus promises to build His church, and He says the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Jesus is faithful to His promise – His Church is being built all around the world. Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church is a local expression of the worldwide Church, and Christ has been faithful to build us as His Body– even to this day. The congregation is excited about how He continues the building process– for His glory and for the good of His people.

Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church invites you

to join them, every Sunday morning at 10 am. For more information and to follow the progress of the expansion project, please visit our website at www. trailheadchristianchurch.com. There you will find ways to get involved, volunteer, or contribute.



## Weekly SUDOKU

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Associate Pastor Clay Muinzer leads the Ground Breaking Ceremony Sunday at Trailhead Church





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## MT 43 News

# EASTER IN ANTARCTICA

#### Matt Nelson

On February 8, 1902, the British ship RRS Discovery landed at McMurdo at Ross Island in Antarctica. Commander Robert Falcon Scott led the British Na-



it that year. On March 11th Seaman George Vince slipped on the ice and fell to his death in the waters of McMurdo Sound. His body wasn't recovered, but a memorial cross was placed at the top of Hut Point.

Captain Scott, Dr. Edward A. Wilson, Lt. Henry Bowers, Captain Lawrence 'Titus' Oates, and Petty Officer Edgar Evans sailed to McMurdo in the ship Terra Nova in 1911, to make another attempt to go to the South Pole. They all actually made it to the South Pole 800 miles away on January 17, 1912, but were beaten on December 14, 1911 by the Norwegian team, led by Roald Amundsen. All five of Captain Scott's team



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died on their return trip to McMurdo. Observation Hill (Ob Hill) is 750 feet above McMurdo. At the peak there is a cross made of Australian jarrah wood, erected in 1913, as a memorial to these British Antarctic / South Pole explorers. Carved into the cross are words from Tennyson's Ulysses, "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield".

I have made 9 trips to Antarctica, the first six from 1986 until 1994, each being a month in duration, tracking

satellites at McMurdo and the South Pole. Each of these trips occurred in the November to February time frame. In 1996 I Wintered-Over at McMurdo, meaning I was there from January until November, and again in 2012, from January until August. No planes were in or out for several months. In 2012, 153 people Wintered-over. There were about 4 months of almost total darkness between May and August. I was at the South Pole again from November, 2016 until February, 2017.

Easter Sunday April 7, 1996

For the first time in my life I attended Sunrise Services, this year at the Chapel of the Snows. Calm wind, clear sky, a few glowing clouds, cold air on our faces, we read Words from the Bible, sang a couple of songs, and meditated: "Christ the Lord has Risen today. Come Worship Me, this Sunrise is My gift to you, people of Antarctica".

I was thinking about the Cross on Ob Hill, and wondering just what is the message of the Cross. As if the man behind me read my thoughts, I heard him say, 'Celebration of Life'. I added another word to that statement, 'Celebration of Life, Everlasting'. I thought how painful it must have been for Jesus to carry His Cross, alone. But he had an even heavier load. He was carrying the weight of all of our sins. The Cross is a symbol that if we ask forgiveness of our sins, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, that we too can celebrate everlasting life.

Just as there were three crosses that day Jesus was crucified, there are three crosses visible at McMurdo – one at Hut Point and one on Ob Hill. Jesus was hung on the center Cross; the center Cross at McMurdo is the Southern Cross constellation, directly overhead. The Southern Cross in the Heavens is God's gift that says, 'By following the message of the Cross, we can celebrate everlasting life in Heaven'.

Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012

We had another Easter "Sunrise" Service at the Cross on Hut Point. I read six passages about the Resurrection taken from the last chapters of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to the 18 people who went there. Then we all went to the Chapel of the Snows for more of a traditional Easter service. Although I have been a Christian most of my life, I have never felt such emotion at any Easter services as I did in Antarctica. After lunch I hiked up Ob Hill with some other people. Seeing the empty rugged old cross on Easter Sunday was very powerful, indeed.

About half of the attendees during the Winter church services were Protestant and the other half were Catholic. We all believe in the same God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit. We followed the Catholic Missal, taking turns reading passages from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Gospels. We discussed the readings, and often people talked about how these passages of Scripture were relevant to life at McMurdo. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them". Matt. 18: 20.

Even at the bottom of the world, one feels the presence of Jesus: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world". Matthew 28:20

## ALARMING RISE IN PHISHING ATTACKS

Charlotte Edwards	
The Sun	

This article was originally published in The Sun and was written by Charlotte Edwards, Assistant Technolgy and Science Editor

SECURITY experts have revealed a staggering rise in smartphone phishing scams.

The amount unexpecting people clicking on dangerous phishing links has risen by 637% in just two years.

That's according to The Global State of Mobile Phishing recently released by Lookout.

It states: "2022 had the highest percentage of mobile phishing encounter rates ever — with over 30% of personal and enterprise users exposed to these attacks every quarter."

And adds: "These attacks are the tip of the spear for more advanced campaigns.

"They can grant attackers access to your apps and data under the guise of being a legitimate user."

The report claims that over 50 percent of all mobile devices were exposed to a phishing attack in 2022.

Attacks bombard long lists of smartphone users with phishing emails and text messages hoping they can get as many people to click as possible.

Sometimes they target specific people if they want access to where they work or view their personal data as particularly valuable.

Around 36 percent of US smartphone users were said to encounter phishing attacks.



## 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!



On a hill not too far away, stands an Old Rugged Cross. He has Risen.





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## Line Workers Appreciation Day

America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Line Workers Appreciation Day. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, we proudly recognize our linemen for their dedication to our membership and their craft.

Year in and year out electric line work ranks as one of the most dangerous occupations. As a line worker, you're required to work in the proximity of high voltage power lines, while working with awkward and heavy objects regardless of the weather or the time of day. They answer the call.

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