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TOP GUN AUTO BODY REPAIR HAS FIRST CUSTOMER

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Jeanne Welch is Top Gun Auto Body's First Townsend Customer

The lively 81-year-old lady knocked on the back door of Top Gun Auto Repair in the former Broadwater Ford Building recently. Soon a worker answered the door. "The shop isn't open yet," he informed her.

"But I need to talk to the manager," was the reply. Soon she was talking to the manager. "I have two vehicles that need repair. I would like to be your first customer in Townsend," she declared.

Jeanne Welch was not disappointed. A short eight-days later co-managers Sean McLaughlin and Rick Ridley had her SUV and ranch pickup truck repaired and ready to go.

"The people were so accommodating. They treated me right and did a great job, especially on my pickup," she said.

Top Gun owner Ted Culbertson who runs the business in Helena began remodeling the former Broadwater Ford building over a year ago. Even though it had been a car dealership before, the building needed major upgrades for the auto body work, according to Shawn, who is one of five people running the shop.

Asked why they opened the shop in Townsend, Shawn explained they were getting more customers



Co-Managers Shawn McLaughlin and Rick Ridley along with first customer Jeanne Welch at Top Gun Auto Body. Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

from White Sulphur, Three Forks and Bozeman so the increased business justified opening a second facility.

Shawn lives in Townsend with his family. He said he feels the important part of treating customers well is communication. "I want my customers to say how great it is to get their cars fixed in a timely fashion. I want them to feel like they are my only customers."

Top Gun also rents part of the large parking lot to Montana Custom Sheds. Ted said he wants the community to know he will work with organizations that would like to use the space.

According to Shawn, Top Gun Auto will be hosting Townsend Boy Scout troops' plywood derby. "We are glad to host 4-H activities or car wash fundraisers. Just ask," he said.

FRUIT TREES

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



As the local food movement continues to gain momentum, growing fruit trees is becoming more popular. There are some parts of the state, along Flathead Lake and the Bitterroot Valley, where orchards are highly successful and have a long history of fruit production. In other parts of the state, growing fruit trees is more challenging. Broadwater County certainly has challenges, but there are some plentiful small orchards including several Heritage Orchards. Understanding selection, climate, environment and soil can help you bring fruit trees to fruition.

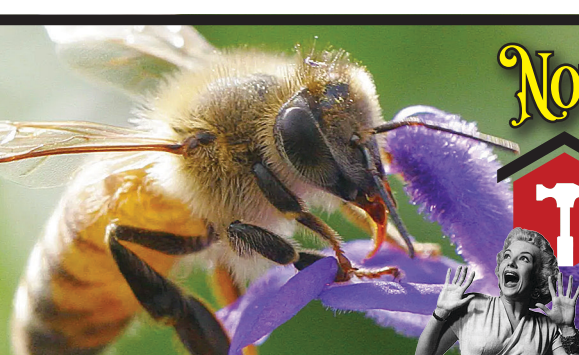
At the nursery, don't grab the first tree you see. Buy younger plants; one-year-old trees are best. Look for a good root system and don't buy damaged trees. Trees on dwarf rootstock will be smaller (easier to pick fruit and prune) and come to bearing age earlier. However, they are not as strong as a full-size tree. Semi-dwarf is a good option because they are a little smaller than a full-size tree but often hardier than a dwarf.

Cross-pollination is an important consideration of fruit trees. Most fruit trees require cross-pollination for fruit development. This means you need to buy more than one variety. Apples and pears require another variety to pollinate. Crabapples are a good option as an apple pollinator. Plums, apricots and peaches vary depending on the cultivar. Sour cherries are self-fruitful, meaning they do not require cross-pollination.

MSU Extension and Montana Agricultural Experiment Stations have coordinated research at various locations across Montana to study the adaptability of different

Trees, 5

Sometimes the honeybees will swarm around our cart of June bearing strawberries, grape hyacinths, and asparagus. It's as if we have the only flowering plants for sale in the state.



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COUNTY CLOSES ROADS TO HEAVY TRAFFIC DUE TO SPRING RUNOFF

Nancy Marks
Reporter, Photographer



Effective Monday, April 10, Broadwater County Commissioners signed a resolution to close all county roads to heavy traffic.

Public Works Supervisor T.J. Graveley presented the resolution at a special meeting Monday which will prohibit 8-ton single axle trucks weighing over 16,000 pounds and 16-ton tandem trucks weighing over 32,000 pounds from traveling on county roads until May 31st or when the water runoff is deemed over by Graveley.

Graveley explained the heavy trucks, especially concrete delivery trucks, cause huge damage to county roads. "Heavy trucks travel over spring thaw bumps in the roads which turn to mud. To repair those spots we have to go down two or three feet in the roadbed to rebuild the damaged spot," he explained.

The public works department had put between \$40,000 and \$50,000 into rebuilding the road in the Rolling Glen subdivision in past years. "It's not all roads in the county, only where there is significant water underneath the roadbed," he said.

Graveley will put the legal restriction, under MCA7-14-2127, on the county website, in both Broadwater County papers and in the Three Forks and Belgrade newspapers. His research shows both Lewis and Clark and Gallatin Counties place load restrictions on roads during spring runoff. Montana Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Services will handle enforcement of the restriction. "I'm asking trucks to watch for the white pickups with the blue stripes. Those folks will be watching for

illegal loads. For citizens who have questions, please do not call the Sheriff's Office. Please call my office," he concluded. The Public Works Office may be reached at (406) 266-9207 or (406) 980-2055.

Asked by citizen Jeannie Steele how concrete trucks could still deliver their loads, Graveley said they must split their loads into two deliveries to meet the weight requirements.

In other business, the commissioners approved the recycling business Eastridge Enterprises of Butte to purchase the county's scrap metal pile. Eastridge Enterprises bid \$185 per ton and Pacific Hide and Steel of Helena bid \$141 per ton. Tri-County Disposal opted out of the bid offer.

Graveley estimated the metal scrap pile at about 250 tons. "The sale of the scrap metal should bring between \$50,000 and \$60,000," he said.



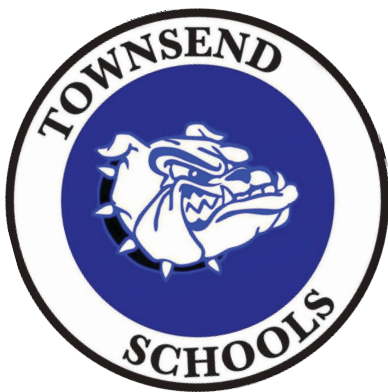
FFA: FINAL WORDS OF OFFICERS

Mikayla Kraft
School Correspondent



It has been a wild ride for the 2022-2023 Broadwater FFA officer team. It has been full of laughs, arguments, and stressful times.

Throughout it all, we have stuck together as a team and will be able to continue our friendship in the future. We have retiring addresses from our officers in these next few articles and will also address this more at our FFA Banquet on April 17th. Food is freely provided, and we will have the director of Montana FFA operations, Kelsey Proue, as our guest speaker. Awards will be given, and businesses will be recognized. It is an amazing time of the year to get in touch with the community and generally the FFA chapter. We encourage the community to come! What do you have to lose?



of the chapter's events and activities by keeping copies of images, newspaper articles, and more in a scrapbook. Her favorite part of Broadwater FFA was the John Deere Ag Expo and getting the chance to sincerely be a part of a great organization. She loves how welcoming everybody in the Broadwater FFA chapter is and if she had to do high school again, she would continue to run in the upcoming years.

Ross MacDonald is finishing his sophomore year and is 16 years old. He holds the treasurer's position. His role is to keep a record of receipts and disbursements. He assures that our FFA chapter can be financially independent and encourages thrift among the members. He learned how to remain diligent when it comes to finances and learning leadership skills through the Agricultural Sales competition. He loves how close everybody throughout FFA is and that there is never a dull moment. He is running for a position for the

2023-2024 school year and is motivated to enhance his knowledge in the business world.

FFA has given these students the ability to expand their horizons and open new doors that would have been unimaginable 4 years ago. In the upcoming year, skills learned in FFA will benefit them in a multitude of ways throughout their walk of life. These students have worked insanely hard all year round. I encourage you to attend!

For additional information, please visit our social media pages or contact our advisor, Jemma Loughery, at 406-441-3423.



FFA Officers (from left to right) Justene Santi, Jacob Pesicka, Codie Skillman, Ross MacDonald, Lane Santi, Amanda Pesicka, Kayla Kraft
Photo credit: Mikayla Kraft

In light of the upcoming chapter banquet, Lane Santi is first up on the retiring officer addresses! Lane Santi is finishing his sophomore year of high school. He is 16 years old and holds the Sentinel officer position. He is responsible for mainly welcoming people into the meeting room and chapter. He ensures that the room is comfortable and not filled with tension and assists the president in maintaining order. He learned better public speaking skills through this year in FFA as well as his officer position. His next motivation is to compete in more competitions to make it to the state competition.

Codie Skillman is 18 and a senior in high school. Codie holds the historian position. She keeps a record

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY ON POSSIBLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGES INCLUDING A 4-DAY WEEK FOR TOWNSEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Susie Hedalen
Townsend Schools Superintendent



The Townsend School District would like to gather as much community, parent, and staff input as possible on possible changes to the school schedule and a 4-day week. The School Board worked with the Montana School Boards Association to create a customized survey for all community stakeholders. The survey is now open until April 20th. The results of this survey will be used to make a decision on how the district will move forward regarding a 4-day week. The Board will review the survey data at a special meeting to make decisions for the next school year. Please continue to check the school website for the latest information.



You can complete the survey by going to the survey section on the front page of the district website: <https://www.townsend.k12.mt.us/>

On the school website, you will find the options below:

Townsend School District greatly appreciates your input on the possibility of a 4-day school week; please participate by clicking the appropriate link below.

Here is the link to the Parent and Community survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Townsend_Public_Schools_Survey-Possible_Changes_to_School_Schedule

Here is a live link to the STAFF survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Townsend_Public_Schools_Staff_Survey-Possible_Changes_to_School_Schedule

Susie Hedalen
Townsend School District Superintendent
406.441.3454

FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Missy Cox

This year the Broadwater County Farm Bureau is offering ONE (1) \$1500.00 Scholarship and ONE (1) \$1000.00 Scholarship to all graduating seniors from Broadwater County. The winner(s) will be selected on the following criteria: scholastic achievement, leadership, school and community activities, and financial need. Preference will be given to seniors whose family are Farm Bureau members, whose family's primary income comes from agriculture, and whose family is actively involved in the local Farm Bureau.

Scholarship applications are available at the counselor's office at Broadwater High School or by calling Missy Cox at (406) 227-6697 or by emailing coxisabel@aol.com.

Broadwater County Farm Bureau has been offering scholarships to graduating seniors from Broadwater County for over six decades and this is one way the organization continues to demonstrate its commitment to furthering the education of young people in our community. Call Missy Cox (406-227-6697) if you have questions concerning the scholarships.

Completed applications must be turned in to the counselor at Broadwater High School or to Farm Bureau President Gail Vennes (406-431-1009) by May 2, 2023.

FUN FOR LIFE PROGRAM AWARDS GRAND STREET THEATER SCHOLARSHIPS

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Two elementary school students have been awarded the 2023 theater scholarships. Harper Hazlett and Zachary Matthews will attend the Grand Street Theatre summer camp in Helena beginning July 10.

Harper is a third grader and has starred in several plays including Missoula Children's Theater and Aladdin, last summer's Broadwater Community Theater production. In school, she likes physical education best of all her classes. After graduation from high school Harper would like to study to be a professional actor.

She is the daughter of Dan and Amanda Hazlett.

Zachary, the son of Cassie Matthews, is a seventh grader at Townsend Middle School. He said his friend coaxed him to audition for Broadwater Community Theater plays two summers ago and he loved it. He also starred in the theater's last year's summer production of Aladdin.



Harper Hazlett

The Grand Street Theater summer camp is co-sponsored by Broadwater Community Theater and the Fun For Life Program, a nonprofit organization that began in 1996 to give elementary school-aged students in Broadwater County scholarships in art, theater, music and foreign language.

Applications for the awards for next year may be sent to Fun For Life, 35 River Rd., Townsend or call (406) 980-0592

Upcoming School Events

Friday, April 14	Saturday, April 15	Sunday, April 16	Monday, April 17	Tuesday, April 18	Wednesday, April 19	Thursday, April 20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Music Festival @ Helena Tennis @ Choteau Adult Ed Ceramics - 6 to 8 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis @ Choteau Track @ Belgrade - 10 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noyes Meeting @ Community Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. JV Golf @ Bozeman FFA Annual Banquet @ Commons - 4 p.m. Adult Ed CPR @ Library - 5:30 p.m. Adult City League Volleyball @ 1963 Gym - 5:45 p.m. Adult Ed Ceramics - 6 to 8 p.m. 8th Grade Awards Night Dance Planning Meeting @ Community Room - 6 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JH Track @ Belgrade D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Varsity Golf @ Bozeman - 9:30 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Adult Ed Ceramics - 6 to 8 p.m. Adult Ed Writing Professionally for Money @ Library Classroom - 6 to 8 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"> JH Track @ Helena D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Golf @ Livingston - 9 a.m. JH Golf @ Three Forks - 10 a.m. JV Golf @ Livingston - 10 a.m. Old Baldy Adult Ed - Planting & Maintaining Trees & Shrubs @ 6:30 p.m. - Library Classroom



MANY ABILITIES FUN RUN PSA

Monique Prevel

The 2nd Annual Many Abilities Fun Run & Festival 8K, 5K, & 1K is happening on Saturday, April 22, 2023, in Townsend, Montana. This inclusive fun run and festival invites individuals of all different abilities to participate together in an 8K, 5K, or 1K at the Watson's Event Center just south of Townsend, 290 Litening Barn Rd. There will be prizes, giveaways, activities, vendors, and food all day, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm!

Register Early Online at www.BigSkyAutismProject.org or on the day of the run at Watson's Event Center starting at 8:30 am. Only the first 150 registered will receive a swag bag with goodies and extra raffle tickets to prize drawings. Some limited-edition 2023 fun run shirts will be available for purchase the day of the run, while supplies last. Giveaways this year include two portable hammocks, an indoor trampoline, and more.



FARMER'S MARKET UPDATE APRIL

Chris Hettinger
Farmers Market



Pre-Register now for the new season.

Vendors are encouraged to register early for the coming market season as pre-registration is required for participation. Registration forms and procedures are available from Chris by calling 406-422-7933.

The dates of the 2023 season are set for each Thursday from May 25 to September 28. Some produce vendors are gearing up for earlier produce. Many are organizing recipes and - tending garden sets to put out when the climate allows.

The Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program was successful last year. Resources are available for more applications, so call the number to sign up or reapply for the free coupons to purchase fresh garden produce. Information is available at the Broadwater County Health Department at 406-266-5209.

Vendors and people interested in the Townsend Farmers Market, which includes all of Broadwater County, should call Chris at 406-422-7933.



Corrections

- In the March 17 edition, Ann Rauser was listed as a retired clerk and recorder. Mrs. Rauser is a retired deputy clerk and recorder.
- Also, in the March 24 edition article Townsend Students at Closeup: correct spelling of one of the student's names is Aidan Easter.



NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that ballots will be mailed to the voters on April 12, 2023, for the election of two (2) Townsend School District #1 Board of Trustees for three-year terms. The candidates who have filed for office are Heather Anderson, Jason Kool, Kevin McDonnell, Daniel Truesdell, ChasePatrick G. Ragen, and Andrea Rice.

This election will be conducted by MAIL BALLOT ONLY. The regular polling places will not be open.

The place of deposit and the days and times when ballots may be returned to the place of deposit before election day and on election day are:

**BROADWATER COUNTY
CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICE**

515 Broadway
Townsend, MT 59644

Office Hours:

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00

PM

Monday through Friday

Election Day, May 2, 2023, 7:00 AM to

8:00 PM

In order to be counted, ballots must be received at the election office by 8:00 PM on Election Day, May 2, 2023.

If you have questions about your ballot please call 406-266-9216. If you believe you should receive a ballot and did not, ballot(s) may be obtained at the Clerk and Recorder's office.

DATED this 23 day of March, 2023.

/S/ **ANGIE PAULSEN**

BROADWATER COUNTY

Clerk and Recorder | Elections

Administrator



Montana Judicial District Court Broadwater County

Cause No. D DV-2023-11

Dept. No. __

In the Matter of the Name Change of Taylor Bummer

Taylor Bummer, Petitioner

Notice of Hearing on Name Change

This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Taylor Marie Bummer to Taylor Marie Mattson.

The hearing will be on 04/28/2023 at 10:30 am.

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Broadwater County.

Date: March 21, 2023

Valerie J Hornsveld

Clerk of District Courthouse

By: Desiree' Taves

Deputy Clerk of Courthouse

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2023 MNAXLP

Broadwater Community Calendar

Friday, April 14	Saturday, April 15	Sunday, April 16	Monday, April 17	Tuesday, April 18	Wednesday, April 19	Thursday, April 20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 12 p.m. Townsend Pinochle Club @ Broadwater County Senior Center - 1 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefit BBQ for Matt & Kelly Stephens @ The Bunkhouse Bar - 2 p.m. Big Sky Autism Project's Sip-n-Paint for a Cause @ Reading Leaves - 6 p.m. Magic: The Gathering @ Reading Leaves Bookstore - 6:30 p.m. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Working Meeting @ Flynn Building - 2 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 5:30 p.m. Bingo @ American Legion - 6 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Meeting - 10 a.m. Townsend Pinochle Club @ Broadwater County Senior Center - 1 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest Service Public Meeting for Potential Operational Dileneations @ Library Community Room - 3:45 p.m. Al-Anon @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 7 p.m.



AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES- APRIL 14TH, 2023

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Aleaha Corona – Bozeman – Unlawful possession of marijuana, products, or paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fine; seatbelt violation, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine.

Donald Clark – Townsend – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.

Faith Jungers – Helena- Driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Bridget Mcduffie – Helena - restricted speeding, pleaded guilty, \$65.00 fines and fees; Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all suspended on conditions, \$75.00 fines and fees.

Mackalyn Smedley – Three Forks – Possessing

intoxicating substances while under the age of 21 (under age 18)-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete MIP class and 20 hours community service.

Sean Smedley – Three Forks – Assault, purposely or knowingly causing bodily injury to another, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$585.00 fines and fees.

Matthew Spencer – Townsend – Criminal trespass to property, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$585.00 fines and fees; Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all suspended on conditions, \$585.00 fines and fees.

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Cameron Cristiani: MT 3rd Judicial District Court, \$25,000.00 bond

Dillon Downard: Ravalli Co. Justice Court, \$5000.00 bond

Paul Creaso: Helena Municipal Court, \$505.00

Paul Creason: Lewis and Clark Co. Justice Court, \$10,000.00 bond

Paul Creason: Gallatin Co. Justice Court, \$20.00 bond

ROTUNDA ROUNDUP FROM MONTANA FARMERS UNION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR APRIL 3-7

Rachel Prevost and Jasmine Koskov
Montana Farmers Government Affairs Director



Political appointment of water court judges, as included in Senate Bill 72, could have unintended consequences, including giving priority to non-agricultural uses of water.

Montana Farmers Union (MFU) opposes SB 72 and instead supports current water law with prior appropriations doctrine and a farmland and rangeland protection policy to encourage the continuation of farming rather than urban development.

Water court judges perform many duties in addition to guiding statewide adjudication. They can direct the DNRC to conduct field investigations of claims and perform other duties that are at times closely intertwined with sections of a political administration. The current practice of having the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoint the chief water judge provides a separation of powers that would be lost if SB 72 is enacted.

The amendment allowing a petition to have the water rights case heard in a district court begs the question of the need for this new bureaucracy at all. It isn't needed now and wouldn't be needed for at least two more sessions. That time should be used to find a way to reduce bureaucracy, not increase it.

MFU also supported several bills this week in the Legislature based on its members' grassroots policy, including HB 276, which unfortunately failed 24-26 on the Senate floor.

The bill would create a Montana Farm to Food Bank program, supporting local food producers and Montanans who visit food pantries. This bill increases access to locally grown foods and directly supports farmers and ranchers while opening new market access opportunities.

While MFU is disappointed with the outcome, its members continue to support building local food supply chains.

Other bills Montana Farmers Union supported this week include:

SB 447: MFU supports the expansion of agritourism opportunities. Trying to compete with the economics of corporate scale means that our members must be more and more creative in finding ways to

augment low prices, and to defray ever-increasing costs. Broadening the definition of agritourism to include U-Pick operations and the way the amendment clarifies the definition of inherent risk are sensible.

SJ 9: MFU members and our policy recognize the importance of soil health. Montana's farmers and ranchers are leaders in healthy soil practices and Montana Soil Health Week can help raise awareness of these good practices and continue to educate others about how agriculture and soil health are critically important.

HB 383: Our members are acutely aware of the impacts – fiscal, social, and ecological – that nonresident hunters and anglers have on our communities. Their visits put pressure on local services, without recompense. While the Fiscal Notes calculate that there will be no - or negligible - impact to the state budget from implementing this grant program, obviously there will be an impact to local communities. The grants will create opportunities for communities to band together and build resilience.

HR 6: MFU has long advocated that labels should accurately reflect the contents of the product being sold, including the country of origin. This session we brought forth HB 350 which would have made Montana a leader in country-of-origin-labeling, but the House Agriculture Committee killed it. Montana beef and pork producers are forced to compete against imports that are misleadingly labeled as Product of USA, which isn't fair to ranchers or families. Consumers deserve a transparent and secure food supply chain, and our producers deserve credit for the high-quality product they are raising. Right now, there is great momentum at the federal level with the American Beef labeling act, and MFU will continue to advocate for mandatory COOL at the federal level. We urged passing HR 6 to let Congress know what is important to Montana constituents.

SB 132: In revising the funding for Advancing Agricultural Education as proposed in SB 132, we are committing to spend the equivalent of what is allocated to the Montana State Lottery for inflation in the governor's budget. From the perspective of MFU members, incentivizing small schools to provide ag education is crucial. Expanding Ag education helps the next generation understand how they can have a future on the land.

Go to <https://montanafarmersunion.com/legislation/> for more details on MFU's legislative work throughout the Legislative Session on behalf of Montana's farmers, ranchers and rural communities.



Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal court docket in Mike Menehan's courtroom on Friday, April 7 is as follows:

Priscilla Evens was not present in the courtroom for a Scheduling Hearing. Her attorney stated that he has made multiple attempts to contact her; to no avail. She will have a Status Conference on May 5; to which she must personally appear, or a warrant will be issued for her arrest. Her new Pre-Trial is August 4; with the Jury Trial scheduled for August 28.



Three Forks Community Calendar

- Friday, April 14**
 - District Music Festival Large Groups @ Helena
 - Softball Tournament @ Anaconda
 - Tennis Tournament @ Choteau
 - Trivia Night @ Three Forks Bridger Brewing - 8 to 10 p.m.
 - Sunrise Karaoke @ Sacajawea Hotel - 9 p.m.
- Saturday, April 15**
 - Softball Tournament @ Anaconda
 - Tennis Tournament @ Choteau
 - District Music Festival Solos & Ensembles @ Helena
 - Track @ Cheney, Washington
 - Track @ Belgrade
 - Music by Chandler Huntley @ Sacajawea Hotel - 5 p.m.
- Monday, April 17**
 - Missoula Children's Theatre: The Little Mermaid
 - JV Golf @ Cottonwood - 9:30 a.m.
 - Pints with Purpose for Cancer Support Community @ Three Forks Bridger Brewing - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 18**
 - Missoula Children's Theatre: The Little Mermaid
 - Tennis @ Billings Pioneer Park
 - Golf @ Cottonwood - 9:30 a.m.
 - Mahjongg @ Three Forks Community Library - 1 p.m.
 - Softball @ Anaconda - Varsity at 3 p.m. / JV at 5 p.m.
 - Dungeons & Dragons Club @ Three Forks Community Library - 4 p.m.
 - Three Forks School Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 19**
 - Missoula Children's Theatre: The Little Mermaid
 - Three Forks Community Library Board Meeting @ City Hall - 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, April 20**
 - Missoula Children's Theatre: The Little Mermaid
 - Junior High Golf Tournament
 - JV Golf Tournament @ Livingston - 9:30 a.m.
 - Story Time @ Three Forks Community Library - 10 a.m.
 - Three Forks Zoning and Planning Meeting @ City Hall - 7 p.m.
 - Music by WWW.TWANG @ Three Forks Bridger Brewing - 7 p.m.

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- Any letter that calls into question another person's character will be held until the other party can respond to the allegations. Rebuttals must be submitted within one week of our request. If no rebuttal is received, the letter will not be printed.

TREES AND UTILITY LINE PLANNING & PLANTING, PART 8

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



Note: This is the last 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 prepare a site for planting.
- Don't plant a \$50 tree in a \$5 hole!
- And make sure you locate utilities before digging!

The frost is out of the ground. Pruning season is coming to an end as the buds on trees start to break. The only thing left to do is remove any volunteer trees coming up around your yard. Dig them out if possible. If you cut off a volunteer tree in your yard, make sure you kill the stump otherwise it will just keep coming back.

The most common volunteers in our yards in town are Siberian elms. Make sure you use a recommended stump killer and not salt or other products that will kill the soil.

This week we will learn how to plant a tree. The hole is prepared as discussed last week. You have selected a tree that is adapted for our climate (i.e., USDA Hardiness Zones 2-4) and you checked its suitability for the planting site and eventual size on your cell phone before you left the nursery or box store. Make sure the tree you purchased has a good branching structure and no broken or rubbing limbs.

The Townsend Tree Board does not recommend ball and burlap (B&B) trees as they are expensive, hard to plant, and have lost most of their roots in the digging process. We prefer bare-root trees, but they are the hardest to find.

The most common choice you are left with is container-grown trees. Container trees have 100% of their roots but you still need to remove roots that are circling around the container. Once this circling process has started circling in the tree hole, it will continue until the roots eventually strangle the tree.

Try to pull the roots apart with a large screwdriver so they spread out in the hole. If they are so rootbound that you cannot spread the roots out, you will need to cut off the roots around the root ball and at the bottom of the container. This can be best done with a reciprocating saw. It is recommended to remove about an inch from the four sides of the root ball and an inch from the bottom of the root ball. Then try to spread the roots out again with the screwdriver. You can remove up to 30% of the roots from the container tree in this process. Don't worry, B&B trees have lost as much as 90% of their roots in the digging process!

Whatever type of tree you purchase whether B&B, container, or bare root, place the tree in the hole and ensure it is not too deep. The first main root should be at the soil surface or slightly elevated. Better too shallow than too deep! Place the prepared native soil as described last week in the hole and water the soil with a garden hose to ensure there are no air pockets around the roots (see Picture 1). Do not pack the soil with your feet.

To complete the planting process, check the internet for a reliable source of information, such as the Arbor Day Foundation, on how to plant a bare-root, container, or B&B tree at: <https://www.arborday.org/trees/planting>. Happy planting!



New Tree Being Watered
Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

WINTER KILLED ANIMALS

Morgan E. Jacobsen,
Communication & Education
Program Manager



Prolonged winter weather may lead to more winter-killed animals. What does this mean for wildlife and people?

BOZEMAN – Southwest Montana this year may see more winter-killed animals than normal due to prolonged winter weather.

Winter mortality is normal for wildlife. Limited forage and cold temperatures make this a stressful season for them as they rely on fat reserves to survive. This winter, however, has been particularly stressful, and wildlife mortality will continue during the spring months.

This increases the likelihood that residents and recreationists will encounter animal carcasses on the landscape. Here are some answers to common questions people may have as they encounter and deal with winter-killed animals.

How can I help wildlife this time of year?

The best thing residents and recreationists can do to help wildlife is to give the animals plenty of space and keep pets from harassing wildlife. This helps wildlife retain the energy they need to survive. Never feed wildlife. Artificially feeding wildlife can lead to disease and is illegal.

How will impacts on wildlife populations be monitored?

This time of year is when biologists conduct annual flights and counts of deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep and other species. These surveys often include classifications of adults and young. This data helps biologists track population recruitment and can influence adjustments to hunting season structures.

An animal has died on my property. What can I do?

Wildlife live and die on public and private lands. When an animal dies on private land, it is the landowner's responsibility to dispose of the carcass if they so choose. Some waste disposal companies may be available to help. If the carcass is removed, it must be taken to a landfill. Dumping carcasses on public land is illegal and can spread diseases, including chronic wasting disease.

What should I do if I encounter an animal carcass while recreating?

Animal carcasses are a major seasonal food source for bears in some areas. Bears, especially grizzlies, can be defensive of these food sources. For this reason, recreationists should avoid carcass sites. Watch for ravens and other scavengers that may indicate if an animal carcass is nearby. If you find a large carcass on or near a trail on public land, contact the applicable land management agency.

What wildlife mortalities should be reported to FWP?

There are some circumstances when staff at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks may be interested in wildlife mortality reports. FWP staff will determine case by case whether a response is needed. These might include:

Any animal seen alive with unusual symptoms, such as immobility, drooling, staggering, very poor body condition, and drooping head and ears

Multiple sick or dead animals in the same area, particularly among domestic animals

Individual animals recently deceased with evidence of disease, such as abscesses, severe diarrhea, and excessive mucous or puss from eyes and nostrils


Mortalities of bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goats or other rare species

An animal that dies due to possible criminal activity; FWP's hotline for reporting crimes against wildlife is 1-800-TIP-MONT

What wildlife situations does FWP typically not respond to?

Most aspects of natural wildlife behavior and mortality don't need to be reported. These include:

- * Live animals that react normally to human presence by leaving the area, even if injured
- * Animals that appear thin or have a rough hair coat during winter and spring but are behaving normally
- * Individual deer and elk that likely died of natural causes or trauma (e.g. vehicle collision)



The Garden Bug Candytuft

This showy beauty usually has white flowers, but sometimes pink or lilac varieties are available. It can grow up to 18 inches tall. The candytuft likes very well-drained, alkaline soil, lots of sun and does well in most zones in the U.S. It likes stony or gravelly areas, making it a great plant for a rock garden or along a rock wall. It blooms early spring through summer, and sometimes will bloom again in autumn. - Brenda Weaver

Source: gardeningknowhow.com

Trees, 1
cultivars to Montana climates. While this information is extremely helpful, cultivar selection should be based on your specific site. Contact your local Extension Office, Tree Board or nursery to identify the variety that will work best in your location.

There are many types of apples that do well here. What is your favorite type of apple? Chances are there is a similar variety that can grow well in your yard. Several of the best apple cultivars according to the research are Goodland, Honeycrisp, Zestar and Sweet 16. Honeycrisp is often a favorite. However, it is very susceptible to fire blight. Goodland is consistently the top cultivar at most research sites in Montana.

Pears are also an option. Parker and Golden Spice are the best-performing pears at the research sites. Parker is similar to the Bartlett pear. Golden Spice has small fruit, but excellent flavor for canning or cider. Another option with decent survivability is Ure. Most pears are highly susceptible to fire blight and need 110 days to mature from bloom. As a result, ripening can be an issue with pears.

There are fewer options for plums in our region. Toka and Mount Royal are the most successful cultivars at the research sites. Toka is a small red plum that performs well consistently. Mount Royal is a blue plum that is excellent for eating, but it tends to be a little picky about where it is planted. Plums often bloom too early and get killed by frost, so don't expect a crop every year.

Chokecherries and sour cherries are other good fruit options. There are apricots and peaches for zone 4. On hardy rootstock, these trees will grow here. However, the challenge is to get them to produce fruit. Apricots are hardy, but flower buds often freeze. We typically don't get enough heat units for peaches to ripen. Having a sheltered area and southern exposure increases the likelihood of success. Sweet cherries will not survive in Broadwater County. The only place in Montana where they grow is along Flathead Lake, because of the "lake effect" where warming winter temperatures allow them to grow.

After you select your trees, proper planting techniques ensure establishment of the root system and the overall health of the tree. The graft union should be 2 to 4 inches above soil level. And water, water, water! Trees in Montana need extra water. Unlike ornamental trees, fruit trees also need fertilizer. Do this before Father's Day. Be cautious of over-fertilizing which can make trees more susceptible to fire blight and delay flowering.

If you need assistance with fruit trees, selection or care, stop by your local MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 416 Broadway or contact us at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.



Americanisms



“A person doesn't know how much he has to be thankful for until he has to pay taxes on it.”
— Ann Landers

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YORK'S ISLAND FISHING ACCESS SITE REOPENED

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

TOWNSEND – York's Islands Fishing Access Site on the Missouri River has reopened.

The site was closed in December due to flooding. Ice jams and flooding here have receded, allowing public access to resume.

Partial and full closures are still in effect for some fishing access sites affected by seasonal flooding. To see where site closures and waterbody restrictions are in place, visit fwp.mt.gov/news/current-closures-restrictions.

As river flows rise this spring, recreationists should keep in mind that dangerous conditions can arise suddenly. Learn more about safe boating practices at fwp.mt.gov/activities/boating.



LION'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Babies and bunnies were the highlights of Townsend's Easter festivities.

The annual Lions' Club Easter Egg hunt brought out about 200 babies through 6th graders and their parents and grandparents. The annual hunt



Four to six-year-olds scramble as soon as the fire truck horn blows.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

featured 1,300 plastic eggs, most with prizes. Dads helped their babies put eggs in baskets and pick out a stuffed animal for a prize. According to Club President Della Chatriand, club members spent the early morning hours hiding the eggs and getting ready. She praised Fire Department members for helping out with making the street safe in front of the Court House. Both the costumed Easter Bunny and Lions' Club lion added to the day's photos.

"The 7th and 8th graders at the school helped out and we so appreciated the help of the Fire Department.



Peter Brug pets Puggsley, the pot-bellied pig at the petting zoo.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

It was a collective effort," she said. Retired grocer Mike Millay was on hand to see his granddaughter hunt eggs. He pointed out when the Townsend Jaycees Club organized the hunt in the late 1960s. "The organizers have come a long way using plastic eggs," he said, "We had to dye real eggs, 100's of them!"

As if the hunt were not enough excitement, Reading Leaves Book Store and Brandon and Danyel Henke encouraged kids to see the animals in a makeshift petting zoo. The zoo's special feature was Puggslee, a pot-bellied pig. There were baby goats and lots of real rabbits to pet. Grandma and the kids could have their pictures taken there with another Easter Bunny. It was a great day of fun for kids of all ages.



Sawyer and Grayson Baggen stand still for one minute so Mom can get a photo with the Easter Bunny and the Lion's Club lion, ninth-graders Nykia and Alice.
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KNIGHT MOVES

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Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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FIREFIGHTER EASTER EGG HUNT IN RADERSBURG

Jackie Smith

The morning dawned bright and clear, a nice day for what else but an Easter Egg Hunt. The quiet community of Radersburg came alive when all the volunteers came together, and started decorating, hiding eggs, and setting up for the morning's festivities.

By 10:00 the lawn was divided into 4 different age groups and festooned with over 1600 filled eggs, some toys and of course the Golden and Silver eggs, which awarded the lucky finder an awesome gift basket.

Pens were set up with the baby goats dressed for the occasion in their tutus ready for fun with the kids.



Baby Goats dressed in their best tutus
Photo Credits: Jackie Smith

Smells drifting from the cook wagon filled the air, and the Firehall transformed into a dining hall where tables were set up ready for an awesome meal of brisket with fixings.

Soon after the Easter Bunny made his appearance greeting the arrival of the many youngsters, staying busy getting pictures with the bunny and goats, petting the goats. After waiting patiently at 11:00 it was an easy pace for the 1-3-year-olds, and a mad dash for the 4-6-year-olds, making a sweep of their eggs in less than 5 minutes, the 7-9-year-olds and 10-12 were let loose for the race.

With appetites satisfied with the delicious brisket meal, all the world's problems solved between neighbors and friends, kids played out, the lawns, Firehall transformed back, it was time to bid farewell till next year.



The hunt for Easter Eggs is on
Photo Credits: Jackie Smith

A big shout-out to all who made this possible. Organizers: Sam & Sheree Beauchamp, James Douglas, Todd Kitto, Jackie Smith of the Toston, Radersburg, Park Trail Fire Department. Shannon Daves, with



Everyone enjoying a great brisket Easter Feast
Photo Credits: Jackie Smith

South Shore Montessori School in League City, Texas, for the very generous donations and putting together the awesome gift baskets, helping with the decorating and setting up and the many items donated to us for future hunts.

Thank you Radersburg Rattlers 4-H Club Brandon Henke parent helper and members Cheyanne Douglas, Gabby & Daniel Rico, Gage Douglas. Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H members Aiden & Alex Kitto for hiding eggs and being all-around helpers.

Hardway Farms tremendous job cooking an awesome meal. Pitstop LLC for last-minute set up of porta potty. Egg stuffers Lauren Bendel and James Douglas AKA Easter Bunny. Cookie donators and helpers Linda Kitto, Lenda Webb.

Most of all thank you to all who came out and participated in making this the best First Annual Fireman's Easter Egg Hunt. See you all in 2024.

STOKE SPRING PROGRAMS

Jim Domino
Stoke President



Hello from STOKE! Hard to believe Spring is here, and our next big STOKE event is just around the corner ...

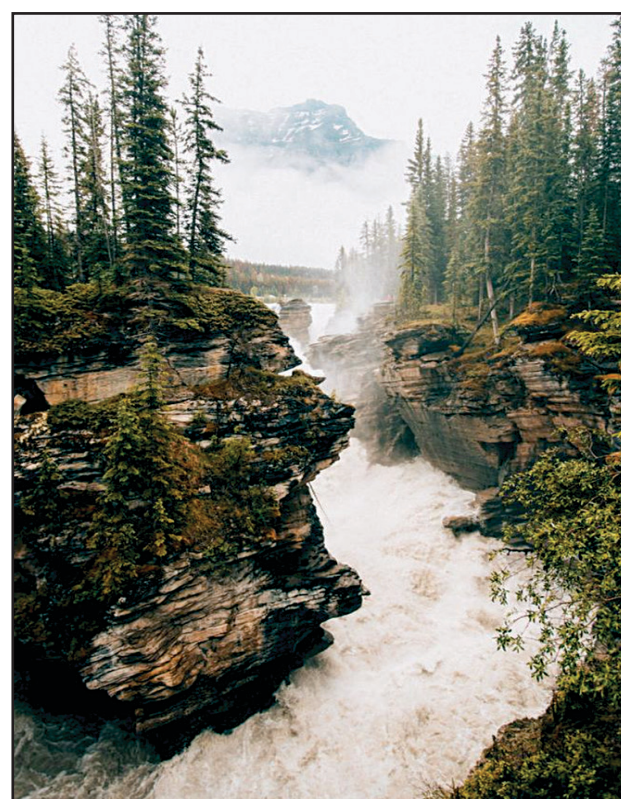
Saturday, April 15th will be our Grand Opening of the new Pottery Building, beginning at 10 AM until 3:00 PM., 108 North Spruce Street. Food and drinks will be provided, along with pottery-making demonstrations, some really great door prizes, and a raffle for a weekend stay at Fairmont Hot Springs (\$5 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 served. 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!

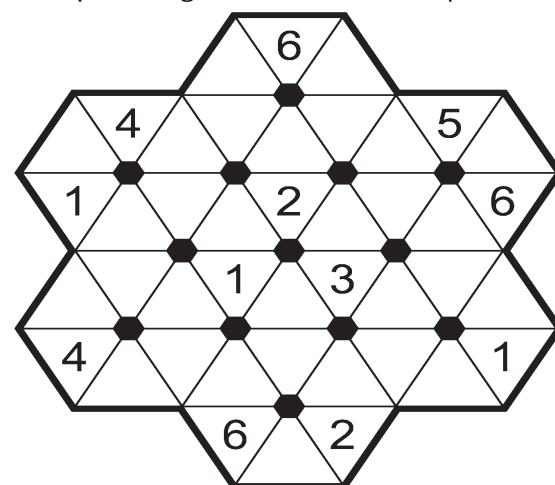
Call Jim or Amanda at 406-459-9618 or 406-459-7379 for more information about STOKE and our programs. Thanks and hope to see you soon!



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



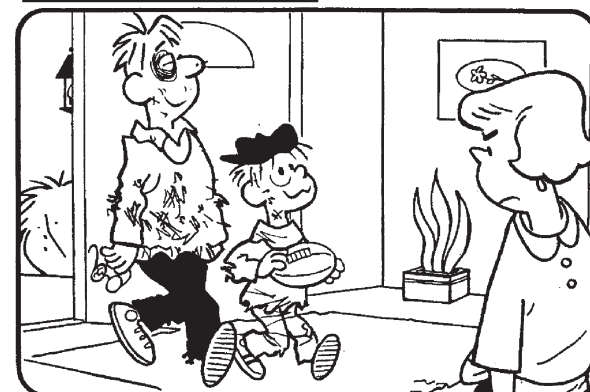
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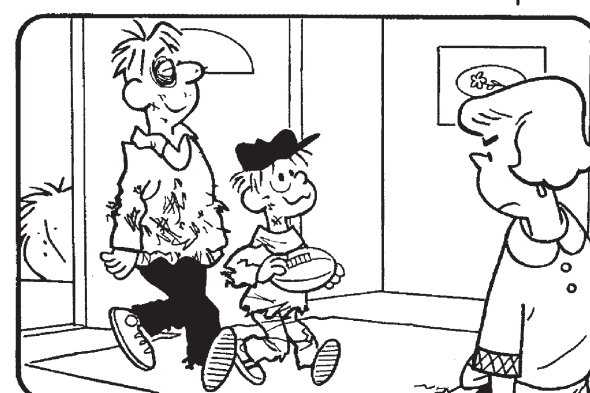
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Light is missing. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Plant is missing. 5. Collar is different. 6. Cuff is added.

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CITY OF TOWNSEND COUNCIL MEETING-APRIL 4, 2023

Kari Williams
City of Townsend Clerk/Treasurer

Attendance: Council members, Mayor Evans, Vickie Rauser, Matt West, Angie Wintrow, (Christina Hartmann & Nate Brown were absent).

Also present were City attorney, Peter Simon, City Public Works, Tim Rauser, and City Clerk, Kari Williams, Tim Ravnndal, Duane Holom, JB Howick, Cliff Wrobetz, and Cassandra Beckman.

6:30 p.m.: Meeting opened, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Minutes: Mayor Evans asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting on 3/21/23. Ken Urich stated a correction to be made in the minutes in the "round table" discussion paragraph. Corrected as follows: "The street on Oak near the hospital is pretty bad." Vickie Rauser made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Angie Wintrow seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- Townsend Lions Club request for street closure April 8th for Easter Egg Hunt. Matt West made a motion to approve the request for the Lion's Street Closure Request, Vickie Rauser seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Angie Wintrow stated she doesn't think they'll need 4 barricades as previously requested.)
- Cassandra Beckman of Broadwater Health Department is requesting a street closure for the Bike Rodeo on May 20th, they partner with Rotary, and this will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They won't need any barricades, and it will be on Pine Street, B through C Streets. Mayor Evans asked if they could provide proof of insurance, and she will bring that next week. Vickie Rauser made a motion to defer action until the next meeting when Broadwater Health has all of their paperwork in order. Ken Urich seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Letter from Broadwater County Commissioners regarding Restoration of the North Coast Hiawatha Rail Service. Townsend is being considered for a rail station along the proposed route and is asking Townsend for a \$500 annual contribution along with a letter of endorsement in support of restoring passenger rail across southern Montana. This topic generated a lot of discussion regarding the pros and cons of this going through Townsend. Matt West made a motion to defer this until we have more information. Vickie Rauser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The city received a copy of a letter that was sent to Montana Department of Transportation from Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce requesting information on the plans for the future development of State Highway 287 through Townsend. This topic also generated a lot of discussion. JB Howick stated

that the city should tell MDT what we'd like to see before they tell us what they're doing. How will their plans for this highway impact local businesses and residents.

- Tim Rauser asked the council what they wanted him to do about the pool this year. Vickie Rauser stated that the estimate for the pool liner was \$130,000. Tim said that he would not dump a bunch of money toward the pool right now, including a new liner. He stated that he can fix it up and make it run this year. Matt West asked Tim if he could give an estimated time for how long the pool will run as is. Tim said that he cannot give an accurate answer on that, but he guesses a couple of years.

Vickie Rauser stated that the Community Review Process, (the recreation focus group) has mentioned a new indoor community pool. Vickie said it might be in our best interest to keep the pool running as is for now and see where the focus group goes with the new community pool.

Angie Wintrow stated that it's April and we need to decide if we are going to open the pool this year. Ken Urich said that he's with Tim and would like to see the pool open as it's important to the community. Chemicals will need to be ordered and an ad placed to advertise for lifeguards.

Amanda Hazelett is supposed to return as a swim instructor as that was the agreement last year. Ken Urich said that he will get a hold of Amanda Hazelett and get the ball rolling.

Matt West asked how we are going to avoid a safety issue? JB Howick asked if there is a sign for the pool that states, "Swim at your own risk." Peter Simon stated the MCA states that weather an inherent risk is known or unknown, the person assumes the risk of participation in any recreational activity and is therefore legally responsible for their own injury or death.

Angie Wintrow made a motion to give Tim Rauser permission to get the pool ready to go; Ken Urich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The pool will only open if we have lifeguards. Unfinished Business

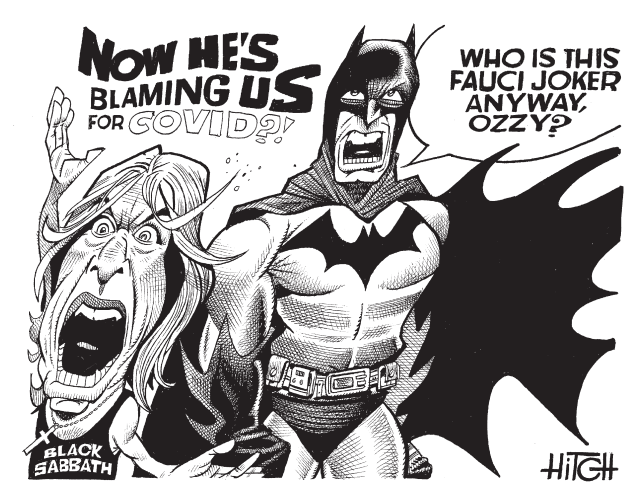
- White Annexation--Steve Erban asked to meet with a committee April 11th at 9:00 a.m.
- Water Committee--Vickie Rauser gave an update on the Water Committee meeting this week. They have proposed to move forward with our water system project and place the water tower at the airport site. Vickie Rauser made a motion to proceed with the water system project, with the tower being placed at the airport Matt West seconded it. Motion carried. Duane Holom asked if there wasn't any other place to put the water tower. He would like to see the water tower on an empty lot in town.
- Water Court---Mayor Evans stated that we have received a couple of more objections and they've been forwarded to our Water Court Lawyer.
- Matt West asked Peter Simon if the updated pool manual is complete. Peter said that he'd have it complete with job descriptions and will have it ready by the next meeting.

- The Solicitor Ordinance will be effective on the 21st of April per Peter. At the next meeting there will be a resolution to set the fees associated with the ordinance.
- The Penalty Revision and Fees Committee will need another meeting soon.
- New Business: The Pool Committee will need to meet soon. (Ken, Christina & Nate)
- Mayor Evans stated that during the last meeting, Tim McAlpine and the Chamber of Commerce presented the possibility of a sign board on the City of Townsend lot that will have all of the community events advertised. He's still waiting to hear back from them with more information on the costs.
- Mayor Evans asked when the council would like to start on Budget Meetings? The city council will meet April 18th at 5:30 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting to go over last year's budget for preliminary planning.
- Angie requested a Solicitor Meeting to discuss fees. It was decided the committee will meet April 11th at 10:30 a.m.

Round Table: Ken Urich asked about Blackfoot Communication, and Tim responded that they are going to run a cable up to Sandhill.

Claims: Ken Urich made a motion to pay Claims for March, Angie Wintrow seconded the motion, motion carried.

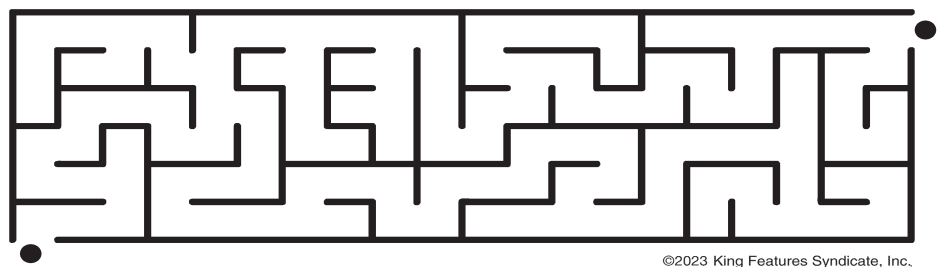
Adjournment: Ken Urich made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vickie Rauser seconded the motion, motion carried.



Super Crossword

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1 "Same Old Love" singer Gomez	48 Portions out	84 Major Calif. airport code	1 Toothed tools	34 Not closed all the way	75 Oz lion player Bert
7 Taken-back autos, e.g.	49 In the style of	85 General — chicken	2 Jacob's twin	35 Stubbhorn sort	76 Busy as —
12 Most adultlike	50 Closest buds, in brief	86 Looking to buy a Beatles album?	3 Actor Waggoner	36 Land in el agua	77 Cartoon pics
20 Sanctuary	51 Savoir- —	87 Della of song	4 Edifice extensions	37 Go no further	78 Retained
21 Novelist Jong	52 Get as profit	88 Only OK lyrics to a	5 Granola bit	39 Go — diet	81 —wee
22 Undeveloped expanse	53 Historic start?	89 Frequently	6 Mixtures	40 Greta of the silver screen	82 Smiling evilly
23 Carole King album hanging as a decoration?	54 Write preliminary	90 Least distant	8 Of times past	41 Part of OTB	83 "Yikes!"
25 Surpass	55 Patti Smith album?	91 Badly damaged	9 Fruit stones	42 Cordage fiber	84 Huge wave
26 Drags to court	56 Healing sign	92 Fleetwood Mac album?	10 Scanner of bar codes, for short	43 Dunne of the silver screen	85 Rds.
27 Endures	57 Cello's ancestor	93 Assessed	11 Doc's throat-checking request	44 Labor leader Chávez	86 Bury
28 Big primate	58 Pop's Grande	94 Mad	12 Copied a cow	45 Extensive	87 Actress Raven- —
30 San — (Texas city, informally)	59 Michael Jackson album that plays mind games?	95 Magazine's Alfred E. —	13 Clerk on "The Simpsons"	46 Supporting the idea	88 Fast-food cookers
31 Nixon veep Spiro	60 Pope before Stephen IV	96 Dryly funny	14 The "T" of the DPT vaccine	47 Seed casing	89 Not inclined
32 Taylor Swift album signed for a Catholic dignitary?	61 Very popular in big cities?	97 Peeling knife	15 Detach, as a jacket fastener	48 Chopped into small cubes	90 Spirits in lamps
34 Title ship in a 1997 Spielberg epic	62 Granola bit	98 Mark up with comments	16 Toy in a crib	49 Tibias' places	91 Of the moon co-host Buck
38 Hullabaloo	63 Deaths by	99 Bob Mitchell album upon being hit by lightning?	17 Mistake	50 Spiral shape	92 Bohemian
40 Hoodwink	64 Works by painter Joan	100 Billy Joel hit	18 River by the Louvre	51 Title cousin in a 1992 film	93 Delts' neighbors
41 John Lennon album sitting there all by itself?	65 Small bouquet	101 Celestial dust cloud	19 Affixed, as gift wrap	52 Purple fruits	94 "Dear" advice columnist
43 Shoe parts	66 Polymer used in piping, for short	102 Comical tumble in slapstick	20 Bamboo-eating bear	53 Letter flourish	95 In addition to
		103 Parts of car wheels	21 Cheeky	54 "Hey, dude!"	96 Cry feebly
		104 Old Faithful is a famous one	105 Very busy	55 Turin "Ta-tal"	97 Blacken, as a steak
			106 Sebastian of England	56 Part of OTB	98 Scot's cap
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Kids' Maze



Weekly SUDOKU

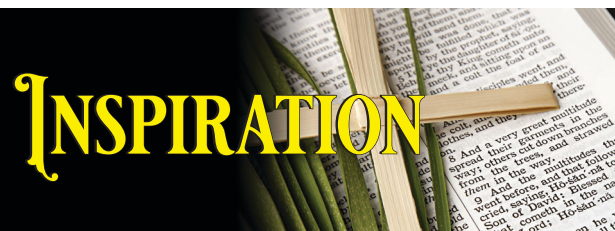
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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INSPIRATION

THERE IS BEAUTY IN IMPERFECTIONS

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



“Where there is imperfection, there is an abundance of beauty.” I am not sure who the author is, but I love this quote and have it on the wall in our basement, and while watching a show, I will occasionally glance at it and begin to reflect on its meaning. People will ask me how I choose a topic for my articles; I tell them I reflect on my surroundings, stories, situations, and anything that may inspire me to write each week. I trust that the word that keeps showing up will be the word I expound on, and the topic may spark a conversation or resonate with a person’s heart.

This week, the word that resonated with me was “imperfection”. We live in a world that constantly bombards us with images of perfection - perfect bodies, homes, relationships, and lives. We are led to believe that perfection is the ultimate goal and that anything less than perfect is not good enough.

Imperfection allows us to connect with others deeper because it reminds us that we are all flawed, and that’s okay. But the truth is, imperfection is what makes us human. It is what gives our lives character, depth, and meaning. The beauty in imperfection lies in its ability to teach and transform us. When we embrace our weaknesses, we learn to accept ourselves as we are, leading to a more fulfilling life. We begin to see the beauty in the little things and appreciate them much more.

In a world that glorifies perfection, let us not forget that imperfection makes life interesting and beautiful. It reminds us that we are all on a journey of growth and self-discovery. Embrace your flaws, for they are what make you uniquely you.

On my last trip, I had the opportunity to spend some one on one time with another Flight Attendant. This person radiates beauty from the inside out. She has a pure heart of gold and treats others with the utmost respect and kindness. It blesses my heart when I see her name on my crew list, as I know the trip will be amazing. During dinner, we shared our stories and our imperfections and had a connection of similarities. Even though our upbringings were vastly different, there was a deep appreciation and compassion for each other as we shared our vulnerabilities.

It is truly amazing how some people come into your life to teach you something. We need each other; we can learn so much from other human beings if we take the time to genuinely connect with others.

God sees beyond your mistakes and sees the potential of who you can become. He created you in His image and knows you better than anyone else. He sees your struggles and your progress, and He loves you unconditionally.

No matter what society says about you or how you feel about yourself, God declares you as perfect. His love for you is not based on your outward appearance, your home, your relationships, or your achievements but on your inner being. He sees the beauty in your heart and the good that you do, and He celebrates you daily.

So, don’t be discouraged by your imperfections or shortcomings. Instead, embrace them as a reminder that you are human and God’s grace is always available to you. You are not defined by your flaws but by God’s love for you. Trust in Him, seek His guidance, and He will help you overcome any obstacles you may encounter.

This is a reminder that imperfections are not only normal but also necessary. Imperfections are just like each changing season. So, let this season remind you of the beauty of imperfection and to be grateful for the simple things in life, appreciate the people you love, practice mindfulness, and find the good in every situation. It is time to let go of the need for perfection and embrace the beauty of imperfections.

Remember, we are all perfectly imperfect in our own ways, and that is what makes us special. Let us celebrate our unique qualities and continue to grow and learn from each other, just like the changing seasons.

Maybe it’s time to let your life imperfections wither away and surround yourself with the beauty of imperfections. Accept yourself regardless of your faults and flaws and recognize your own worth and value. Remember, you are perfect in the eyes of your creator, and that’s all that matters.

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 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.

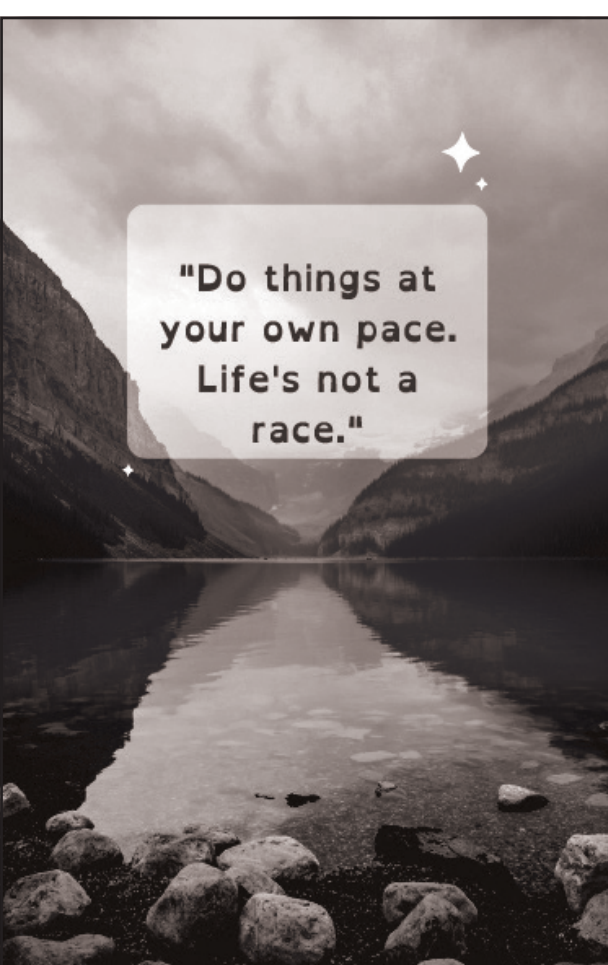
Seventh Day Adventist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study, 10:30 a.m. 431-2810 or (406) 241-0042

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.

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



SENIOR CENTER

SENIOR CENTER MEALS FOR APRIL 17 - APRIL 21
Thursday, April 20
 Sweet-N-Sour Pork
 Fried Rice
 Green Beans
 Four Bean Salad
 Baked Apples

Monday, April 17
 Beef Tacos
 Cheese & Sour Cream
 Lettuce & Tomato
 Mexican Corn & Beans
 Zesty Pineapple

Friday, April 21
 Scrambled Eggs
 Crisp Bacon
 Pancakes
 Diced Potatoes
 Key Largo Vegetables
 Fruit Salad

Tuesday, April 18
 Birthday Dinner
 Baked Chicken
 Rice Pilaf
 Steamed Carrots
 Dinner Salad
 Blushing Pears
 Birthday Cake

Wednesday, April 19
 Carol’s Meatloaf
 Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
 Garden Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Plump 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.

REMINDER: LEAVE BABY ANIMALS ALONE

MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks



HELENA – Each spring, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) receives calls from people who have picked up deer fawns or other wildlife. It’s important to remember that FWP does not accept, hold or rehabilitate moose, deer, elk and most other animals.

Oftentimes, people think they are rescuing an orphaned animal. However, it’s important to understand that wildlife care for their young much differently than humans. They have strategies to provide the highest chance of survival for their young.

One strategy that some species, particularly those species that are more commonly seen as prey (deer, rabbits, birds), uses is to distance themselves from their young for many hours at a time. This helps to keep predators away from their young. For example, fawns are born without a scent, and it is safer for them if their mother, who has a scent, is not nearby. This also can potentially distract a predator into focusing on the doe vs. their offspring.

FWP believes wild animals thrive better in the wild where they have plenty of natural habitats (food, water, shelter, space) and thrive better with other wildlife than with humans, who they consider an apex predator. Nature provides them the best options for survival and a better quality of life.

The potential to spread wildlife disease is also a good reason to leave young wildlife alone. Baby ground squirrels, raccoons and rabbits can carry zoonotic diseases, which means diseases that are infectious for humans. Examples include plague, hemorrhagic diseases and tularemia.

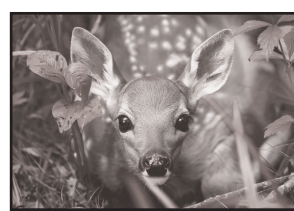
If you see a baby animal, whether a goose or a grizzly, keep your distance and leave it alone. Handling baby animals can be dangerous, and usually, once young animals are picked up by people they can’t be rehabilitated. They are often abandoned by adult animals once the human scent is transferred to them.

What can you do?
 Leave It There: It’s natural for deer and elk to leave their young alone for extended periods of time.

Control Your Dog: Keep your dog under control, especially in the spring when newborn wildlife is most vulnerable. Pet owners can be cited and dogs that harass or kill wildlife may, by law, have to be destroyed.

Keep in Mind:
 It is illegal to possess and care for a live animal taken from the wild.

As a wildlife agency, FWP’s priority is to keep wild animals wild. When people keep and raise elk, deer or other animals, it habituates wildlife to humans, potentially causing problems once released back into the wild.



Should someone bring a deer or elk to FWP, they’ll be asked to take the animal back to the site where it was found. If the animal can’t be returned, it may need to be humanely euthanized.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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April 13, 1939

Local Briefs

One of the Easter events of interest was the Easter egg hunt and party given to entertain the children of St. John's Episcopal church school. The party was held Monday evening from 4:30 until 6:00 in the guildhall where the young people had a happy time, each finding a generous supply of brightly colored Easter eggs. Games and festival refreshments were provided by Miss Edith Agnes Ballard, Mary Ann Clare, Mary Ann Petersen and Betty Watkins.

Miss Grace Lynch departed for California last week and will visit for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Wallace enjoyed a weekend Easter visit from their daughter, Miss Edna, who is attending school in Billings.

Miss Lillian Daniels returned to Billings after having spent Easter vacation here. Her sister, Miss Irma, was also home from her school work in Winston.

Miss Doirothy Bloomquist returned to Townsend Tuesday evening from Butte where she had spent the Easter vacation and opened the Bobette beauty salon again.

G.L. Ewing has a big job on his hands, but one that will give protection against wind, water and even fire to his hotel. He started operations to reshingle the large Townsend hotel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Marks and sons, Ronald and Donald, and Mrs. Walter's father, William Walter, are in Missouri visiting relatives. They motored there last week and say they are enjoying their sojourn after a pleasant trip down. They are at Kirksville, the former home of the Walters.

1950

Sitton's Service Now Open for Business

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Sitton have moved to Townsend from Radersburg and have leased the former Knapp service station and have living quarters in the station.

Mr. Sitton has named his business. "Sitton's Service". Townsend welcomes the new family.

Townsend Shorts

Allan Damuth was nine years old on April 8 and the anniversary this year was celebrated with Easter play and motifs. An Easter egg hunt was entered into by Ray Thompson, Jimmie Thompson, Henry Wieferrich, Billie Flynn, John Wallace, Larry Bomer, Gordon Clark of Townsend, Harry and Larry Damuth of Logan. Mrs. Hal Damuth and daughter, Sallie Ann, and Mrs. Glenn Clark and daughter, Gloria, came from Logan

and Mrs. Lee Todd joined the group from Townsend for the birthday treats.

Local News

Mrs. Jack Broderick, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Broderick and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton DeBorde were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Allred in White Sulphur Springs Easter day.

1961

Kite Flying Contest

Nearly two dozen youngsters of all ages entered kites in the annual kite flying contest Sunday at the airport. This affair is sponsored each year by the American Legion Post 42. Keith Valentine, committee chairman, was assisted by Frank Holloway, Mike Huth and Leroy Bacon.

Little Marion Kieckbusch, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kieckbusch, was the youngest participant. Jim Valentine had the kite with the longest string; Donna Doig won the prize for the highest flying kite; Danny Herbst had the funniest kite; Kenneth Toney had the steadiest flight and Trudy Bucy had the most trouble.

Other youngsters entered in the contest were Steve Valentine, Mark and Ron Kieckbusch, Dan Chamberlain, Mike Valentine, Jerry Bucy, Rodney Davis, Randy Herbst, Candy Davis, Deborah Herbst, Dorothy Doig, Kenneth Doig, Ray Horne, Harvey Delger and possible others whose names were not on the list.

Each boy and girl got a prize in addition to each one getting a free show ticket. These tickets are good up until April 22, but are not good for the fight pictures Friday and Saturday nights.

Firms contributing prizes were Rex Theatre, Francisco Pharmacy, Time Shop, Legion Lanes, Carlson Hardware, Townsend Drug and Gambles.

1967

Twenty-five Boys are Practicing for Track Meets

About 25 boys have turned out for the track program and due to wet and cool weather, they have been kept inside for their workouts. Of the 25 boys most are underclassmen. The squad will have only four returning lettermen. They are Dale Sprout, Brad Tarrant, Mike Perry and Joe Jepson.

Unusual Double Silver Anniversary is Celebrated

It is unusual for two brothers to be married to two sisters but it is even more unusual for them to have been married the same day.

Such was the case on April 4, 1942 in Townsend when Helen and Martha, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. O.J.

Allen, were united in holy wedlock by father Tracy, to George and Cloyd (better known as Bud), sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harris of Radersburg.

The couples have since resided in Radersburg and, at present, live side by side. The brothers are now retired after several years engaged in mining.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris are Terry and Sammy, who are employed away from home. Sammy has seen service in Vietnam. Twins, Susie and Sally, and Rita are at home.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris are Billy, in the service in Germany, Paul, Barbara and Ronnie. There are nine double cousins.

Note: there is additional information in this article.

1978

Radersburg News

Tops Ralls and Mrs. Terry Eaton and girls, Tracy and Trudy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralls Sunday. The occasion being Tops birthday. Happy Birthday. Tops.

Ida Smith made a business trip to Three Forks Thursday. And also visited with Marion Toma. We had coffee and chatted for an hour. Marion wanted to know about everyone around here. She sure misses Radersburg.

A great big thanks goes to Neil Moldenhauer, Jeff Soneson, Craig Hankins of Winston and to Doc Williams for the work and use of their machinery for our drain field. Also to Art Sitton. This being without a kitchen sink and bath room is for the birds, especially when you have had them. At the cabin I don't mind.

Sunday afternoon there was quite a crowd around here. The Toston Jaycees have entered a bed race in Manhattan. The event will be held Saturday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. They will supposedly start at the Jaycee and Jayceen meeting house in Manhattan and travel through the main street for one mile.

Jim Nelson and Curt Spatzierath and John Johnson came Sunday afternoon to help Alan build the bed. (I guess you would call it a "bed buggy"). It has two small bicycle wheels in the front and two larger ones behind. A rod across the two front handles to steer it and all built on a bed frame. I had a ride on it Sunday night. Sounds like fun to me.

We are going to re-name Radersburg to "Motorcycle" town or "Two-Wheel" town. Sunday there must have been near a dozen motorcycles in town. Even Butch Puttin was out riding one. Going back to your second childhood Burch. They all seem to be having fun. But it sure puts the TVs out of working order.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNOFFICIAL AGENDA FOR APRIL 17, 2023

515 Broadway, Townsend

Melinda Reidy, Administrative Assistant

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

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10:00 AM Discussion, Dan Krause and Heather Hundtoft, Boyd Andrews, Request for use of State Alcohol Funds

10:10 AM Discussion, TJ Graveley, Public Works Supervisor, Road and Solid Waste Update

10:20 AM Discussion, Stephanie Michelson, SWMT Prevention Specialist, Request for use of State Alcohol Funds

Items for Discussion, Action, Review, Signature, Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management—on-going advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters

Darrel Folkvord/Chairperson

406-266-9272 and 406-980-1213

Debi Randolph

406-266-9270 and 406-980-2050

Lindsey Richtmyer

406-266-9271 and 406-521-0834

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

Future Meetings being held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 8, 2023

Commissioner Debi Randolph called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Darrel Folkvord and Lindsey Richtmyer were also present.

Public Comment: none.

10:01 AM Broadwater County Finance Officer Debbie Kelley presented medical rate increase. Commissioner Folkvord moved for the County to cover the \$28/month increase for the medical insurance. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:08 AM Community Development and Planning Director Nichole Brown presented Lakeview Mini Storage Building for Lease or Rent (BLR). Jason Sorenson, with

Casne Engineering commented. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the Lakeview Mini Storage BLR with conditions as listed on page 6. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:17 AM Director Brown presented. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve Silos #6 Lot 71 Storage Units BLR, to be named Kingdom Storage, with conditions as stated on page 5. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:21 Broadwater County Community Development and Planning Assistant Tacy Swanton presented a letter of resignation from a member of the Museum Board, Brian Kimpton. The board will now have a vacancy for a 3-year term. Commissioner Folkvord moved to accept Brian Kimpton's resignation from the Historical Society Museum Board. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of \$248,966.01. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$31,842.16. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$27,108.78. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried. No commission meeting on March 29, 2023, for the MACRS Conference.

Communications Received: Montana Teamsters-Contractors/Employers Trust Contribution Rates Effective with April 2023 Hours Worked, Letter of Resignation from Broadwater County Historical Society board of Directors Brian Kimpton, Letter from Brian Kimpton to the Commissioners regarding the acceptance of his resignation from the Museum Board, Staff Report for the Lakeview Mini Storage Units, Staff Report for the Lot 71 of Silos #6 Storage Units,

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held March 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Thank You to the Friends of Broadwater Community Theater 2023 Fundraiser

Membership of Broadwater Community Theater:
Chuck and Carole Plymale



Friends of Broadwater Community Theater: The Hall- Walbourne Family~ BSE~ Judy Schenk~ William and Janet Hubber~ Pam Bucy~ Pam and Vic Sample~ Katie Ackerman William and Mary Duede~ Broadwater County Lions Club~ The Birds Nest ~ ST. Peter's Hospital

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Extended Family of Broadwater Community Theater: Albertina Homann~ Pat Plantenberg and Mary Mistek

Thank you for the Door Prizes:
Grand Street Theater and JRock Jewelry

Please email or call if you want the chance to support local arts: 406.980.0592; mtskydog@mt.net

Broadwater Community Theater Board:
LaRinda Spencer, Tina Homann, Nancy Marks, Carla Amundson, Patrick Plantenberg, James Domino, Birdi Kribs
BCD Committee Members: Anne Hall, Amanda Domino

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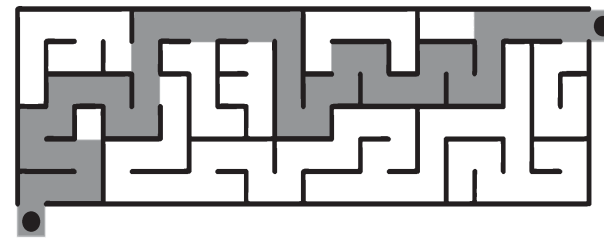
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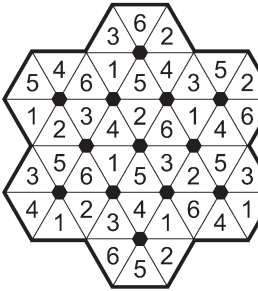
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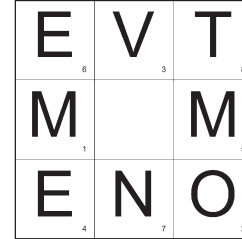
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the president in the drama "West Wing"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state shares the same name as one of the Great Lakes?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What are the ZIP codes assigned to the president and first lady?
4. LANGUAGE: What is cryptophasia?
5. MOVIES: What is the number on top of the bus in the movie "Speed"?
6. LITERATURE: What is the setting for Dashiell Hammett's novel "The Maltese Falcon"?
7. ANATOMY: Which two parts of the human body contain the most bones?
8. U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Grand Teton National Park?
9. AD SLOGANS: Which popular product uses the slogan, "Is it in you?"?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient of baba ganoush?

Answers

1. Josiah "Jed" Bartlet.
2. Michigan.
3. 20500-0001 and 20500-0002.
4. A language developed by twins that only the two children can understand.
5. 2525.
6. San Francisco.
7. More than half the bones are in the hands and feet, 27 in each hand and 26 in each foot.
8. Wyoming.
9. Gatorade.
10. Eggplant.

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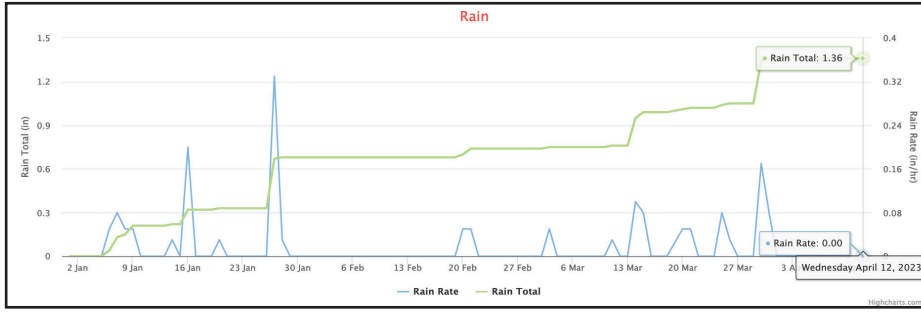


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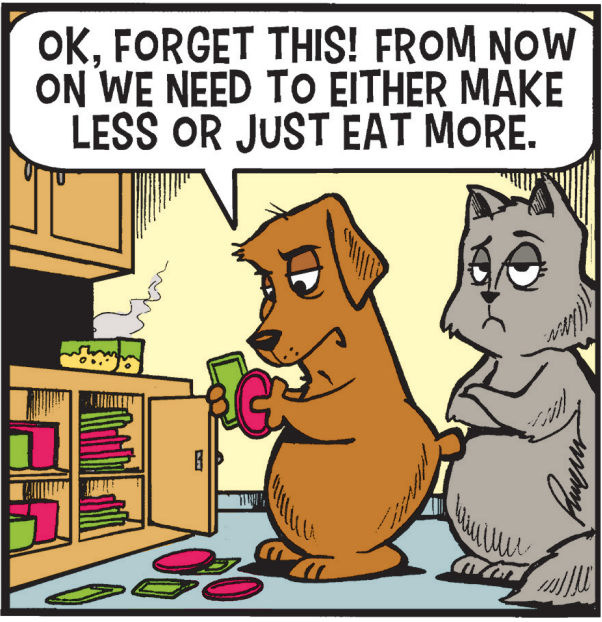
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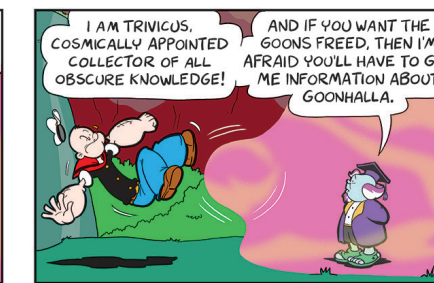
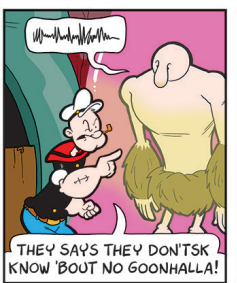
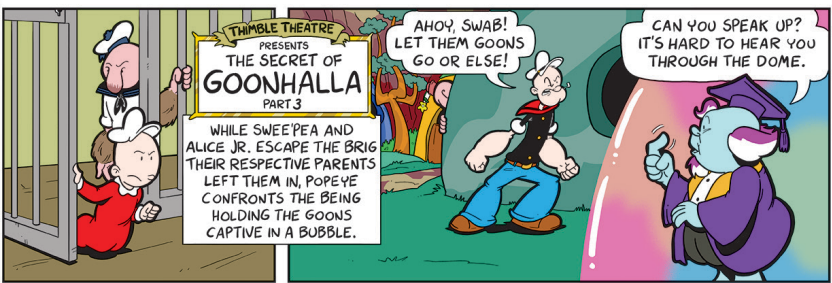
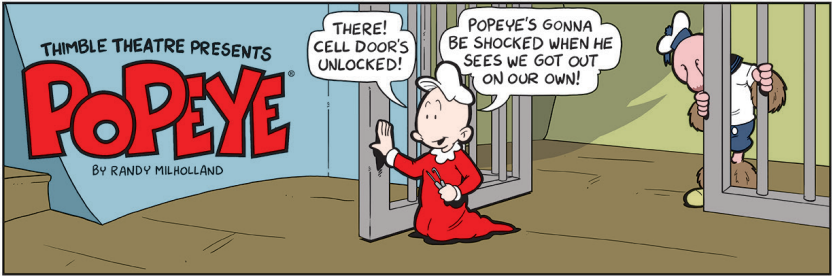
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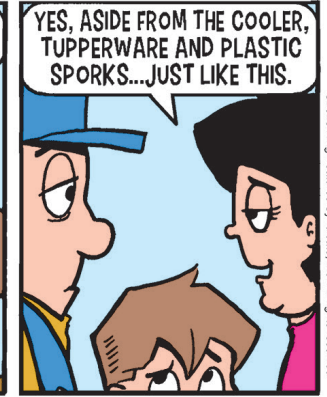
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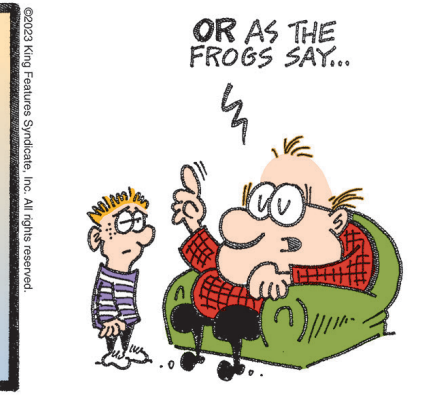
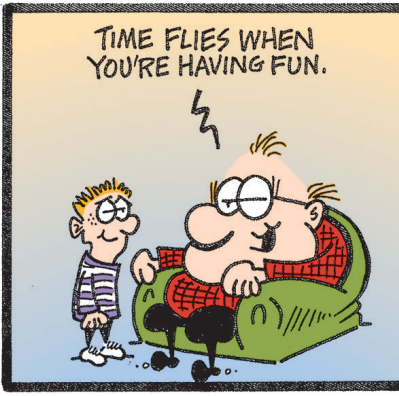


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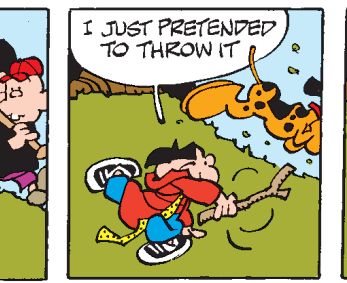
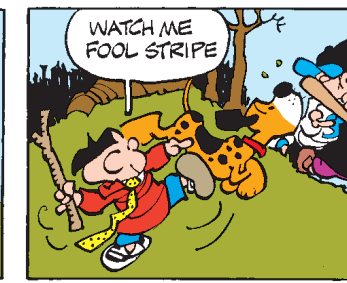
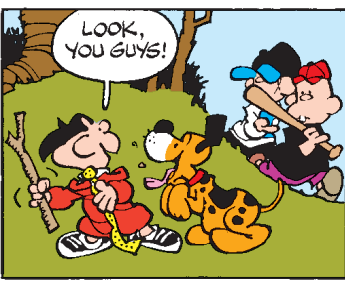
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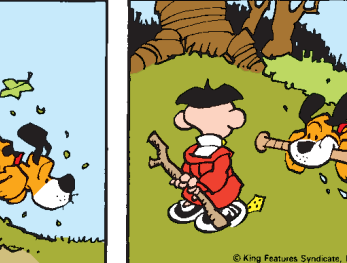
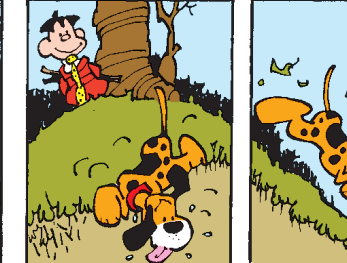


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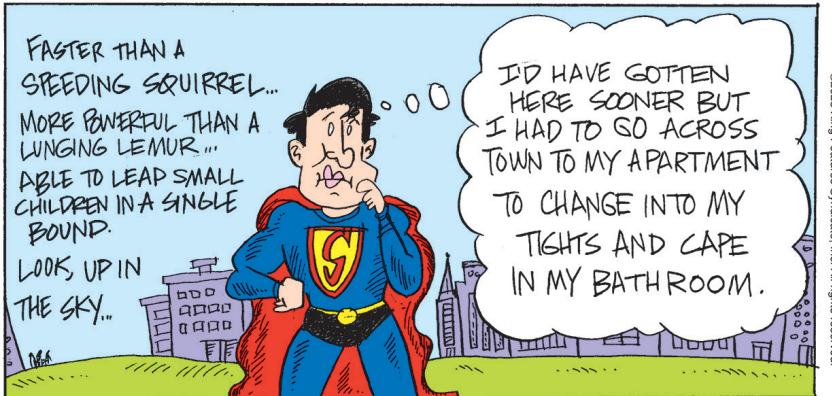
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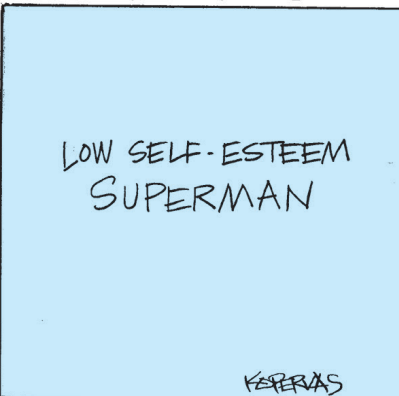
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OP ED: HB 722

Julie Dooling
House District 70 Representative



On April 3rd, we had an all-day Floor session in the House. This was due in part to the fact that we needed to move House Bills passed out of committee, to the Floor, and then onto the Senate, to meet our calendar deadlines.

Our first board that day was the 4 Constitutional Amendments. Representative Fielder's HB 372, "Establish Right to Hunt in the Constitution", was the first one on the board.

I voted NO on HB 372 and YES on the others. While some may interpret my NO vote as that I am against hunting, fishing and trapping, that assumption is very wrong.

I grew up in a low to moderate income family, as was most of my blue-collar extended family. My grandpa, dad, uncles, and many cousins hunted yearly for deer, elk and the occasional moose or bear, when someone was lucky enough to draw a tag. We all went camping every summer, and we fished in the creeks and rivers, and ate what we caught.

Hunting and fishing were not a recreation, it was a necessity, as it put food on the table when we couldn't afford meat at the grocery store. It has been a part of my life since a very young age.

I had issues with the bill as originally drafted, as did a majority of the farm/ranch groups, so a last-minute amendment was added in the House Judiciary Committee, that states "...which does not create or imply that any right of public trespass on private property or diminish in any way vested private property rights and does not affect rights to divert, appropriate, and use water or establish a minimum amount of water in any water body."

While the Amendment made the bill a bit more palatable, I still had/have a lot of concerns. I don't think that we are looking at the big picture. While I understand that the objective of this Constitutional Amendment is to prevent any anti-hunting, anti-fishing, anti-trapping groups from coming in and shutting down these activities in Montana, I'm not sure that this is going to do the job without creating "unintended consequences" in the future.

Should the Constitutional Amendment pass by voter approval, these will be state-based rights and could possibly give the environmental groups another avenue and ammunition to argue for instream flows for fishing or wildlife. For example, if we establish the constitutional right to hunt, fish and trap, the public then has a RIGHT to expect to fish – and therefore the waterway HAS to have a certain level of water to produce those fish, be it in the stream, lake or reservoir.

This is the argument many courts have used to grant the Native Americans instream flow rights with a time immemorial priority date. While our farmers and ranchers have water rights to irrigate, whose right becomes superior? There are many that argue farming and ranching has a negative impact on our land. Does the fisherman, hunter or trapper in the Upper Gallatin or Upper Beaverhead Rivers have a superior right to practice their "hobby" over a farmer or rancher's right to make a living and provide food for the public?

While the Constitutional Amendment states that "...does not affect rights to divert, appropriate, and use water or establish a minimum amount of water in any water body.", we cannot guarantee that our Montana Supreme Court or US Supreme Court will interpret this in the same manner at any point of time in the future, and not strike out pieces and portions it does not like.

The environmental groups seem to have an unlimited supply of money and attorneys to file cases and it will be heard and decided in court. Another thing to consider is access for hunting, fishing and trapping and corner jumping. We have been able to prevent corner-jumping from becoming legal, but the amendment does not address it specifically. Do we want liberal courts making these decisions?

I DO think that we need to protect our Montana Heritage of Hunting, Fishing and Trapping but I'm not convinced that this Constitutional Amendment is a one-size fits all solution to the issues at hand.

Our farmers and ranchers need to be afforded those same protections as well. It is my sincere hope that a well thought out approach, to protect private property rights, irrigation/water rights, and access issues will be brought forward that can be supported by the majority of the House and Senate and not just one party or the other. This needs to be a Montana decision.

THE 4-SEASON TACO SALAD BOWL

Eileen Clarke
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My husband and I work from home and have long had our 'big' meal of the day at noon, followed by a simpler snack plate for dinner. Cheese, crackers, sliced up 'lunch' meat, some fruit, an easy meal because we're tired and just want to put our feet up and be done. But lately, we've been even lazier, opting for this quick and simple bowl at lunch. It starts with the cooked rice I like to have in the fridge—as a shortcut for other quick lunches like curries, soups and stir-fries. Then a do-it-yourself spice mix that easily adjusts to your personal spiciness index.

So far, as we suffer through False Spring we're not adding many greens. But in high summer we'll add garden lettuce, cukes and tomatoes for a cooling dish. (About one cup of those for each serving.)

A safety note: Whenever you use a combo of cooked and raw ingredients on a plate, first dice the food that will not get cooked, before cutting the meat, or use a separate cutting board and knife to avoid contaminating what won't be cooked with raw meat juices.

Here's the recipe and do feel free to enjoy the flavors for dinner. Heck, for breakfast.

- Ingredients**
 ½ pound tender venison steak, in 1½" cubes
 2 tablespoons oil, in all
The Spice Mix
 2 teaspoons onion powder
 2 teaspoons ground cumin
 ½ teaspoon ground marjoram
 ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
 ¼ teaspoon ground smoked Serano chili*
Assembly Ingredients
 1 cup cooked rice, (we use brown rice, for better nutrition)
 1 cup black beans, rinsed and drained
 1 cup salsa, preferably fresh, but bottled works too
 ¼ cup chopped raw red onion
 ¼ cup chopped yellow sweet pepper
 Grated cheese (Cheddar, Mexican cheese blend, Cotija, your choice)
 Sour cream

*Taste the spice mix before using. Too spicy? Add more onion powder to tame the bite. FYI smoked serrano and other ground and whole chilies are available at The Real Food Store. (Right next to Capital Sports.)

Preparation
 1. Wrap the cubed venison in a double layer of paper towels and give them a little squeeze to remove excess moisture. Combine the spice mix in a bowl, add the meat chunks plus 1 tablespoon oil, stir to coat the meat with oil and spices. Let it sit.

2. Divide the cooked rice and beans between two bowls. Set out the salsa, grated cheese, sour cream, red onion, sweet pepper and green salad ingredients if you're using them on the table.

3. In a large skillet, heat the second tablespoon of oil over medium heat, and when it starts to sizzle add the meat. (If you're doubling the recipe cook the meat in 2 batches, tripling, 3 batches, etc. so it browns rather than steams.) Turn the meat when you see drops of bright red blood rising to the surface and cook the second side about ½ as long. Remove from the heat.

4. Warm the rice and beans in the microwave, 45 to 60 seconds, divide the meat between the bowls, and top with salsa, red onion, pepper, grated cheese and/or sour cream. If you're adding salad greens, sprinkle

them on top.

5. Serve with crisp corn tortillas. Toss the bowl's ingredients together gently and enjoy!

Check Eileen's blog on www.riflesandrecipes.com



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