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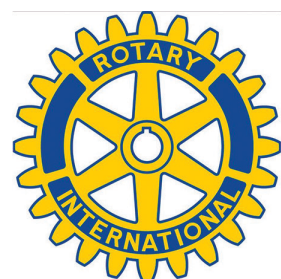


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ROTARIANS CLEAN HIGHWAY

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Townsend Rotary members Julie Thompson and Jeff Langlinois worked Saturday morning picking up garbage along Highway 287 south of Townsend. They were joined by several Rotary members who worked through the morning to tidy the entry into the city.



SCHOOL BOARD VOTES THREE TO TWO IN FAVOR OF 4-DAY WEEK

Nancy Marks
Reporter

School District #1 Chairman Jason Noyes cast the deciding vote to pass a motion to begin negotiations implementing the 4-Day school week in Townsend Schools for the 2023-2024 school year to the applause of about 70 persons who attended the meeting.



Board of Trustees: Left to right: Shaun Scott, Vanessa Flynn, Todd Olson, Chairman Jason Noyes and Kevin McDonnell shown remotely. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Each school board member explained why they voted their preferences. Vanessa Flynn voted in favor of implementing the 4-Day week because she thought just four days in school would give kids time to be kids. She felt it would give the school a better chance to retain good teachers. “Each year there are 300,000 fewer people in our population under the age of 18, so we will have fewer and fewer people who become teachers. We need to give our teachers every chance we can to hold them,” she said.

Shaun Scott said he was against the 4-Day week at this point because he felt it would not serve special

needs kids adequately.

Todd Olson voted in favor of the 4-Day week. Olson, who lives in northern Broadwater County, explained he is sensitive to the 52% of working families who commute to either Helena or Bozeman. “I would favor the idea if it is included as part of the package we already have in place which includes a pay raise and continuing education for teachers. It must be in a package. Negotiations with the teachers’ organizations and the board will take time, so probably could not be implemented this year,” he said.

Kevin McDonnell, who is the incumbent running for the board in the school election, said he could not responsibly vote for a 4-Day week. He said he felt there were still too many unanswered questions including the need to support all kids at all levels of learning and how much would it cost the district.

Chairman Noyes said he struggled with the decision because of the long-term effects on kids at every grade level, but he acknowledged 81 percent of the 68 teachers and staff who responded to the online survey were in favor of the 4-Day week, as were 60 percent of the 367 parents and community who responded. The survey was conducted last week by the Montana School Board Association. He pointed out our school has 80 special needs kids who do well when in five days of school. He acknowledged daycare is a huge concern in Townsend and he wondered where the budget could be stretched to accommodate more services on Friday. “After hearing speakers tonight, however, I must vote in favor of the motion to begin negotiations for the 4-Day week,” he said.

Several Townsend School teachers and administrators spoke as did members of the public, both for and against the motion. Chase Ragen, who is running for the school board, suggested the board table the motion for three weeks until the newly elected board members could be part of the decision. Andrea Rice, also vying for a seat on the board, said the decision should not be based on research statistics, and that the board is not seeing the forest for the trees. “Please listen to the teachers, they are the ones who bridge the gap between learning and our children,” she said.

John Bleile, a parent with kids in school, was emotional when he suggested the board had not heard the teachers, and that teachers were not included in formulating the survey. “You are equating qualified educators who teach our kids with babysitters. They are not babysitters,” he said.

Roger Flynn echoed Bleile’s point. “Why even do the survey if you do not listen to the respondents’ choices?” he asked.

SECOND ANNUAL BIG SKY FUN RUN OFFERS MANY ACTIVITIES

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Saturday was sunny and crisp, just the sort of day needed to participate in the Many Abilities Fun Run Festival.



Checking in runners and giving out t-shirts were left to right: Judy Siler, Trudie Jones and Chairperson Kristal Nelson. Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

The event hosted by the Big Sky Autism Project which took place at the Watson Center on Litening Barn Rd., had a good showing for the 5K and 1K runs with 20+ participants but only a few hardy souls for the 8K run earlier in the morning.

Monique Prevel, organizer of the event and Chairperson Kristal Nelson were pleased with the turnout for the 2nd annual fun run and festival of activities and vendors. Volunteers for the Christmas Connection



Andrew Edgar of Helena places in the 5K race at Big Sky Autism Fun Run with a time of 41.06. Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

organization were serving giant open-faced tacos. Chairperson Bret Anderson explained this event was their big fundraising event for the year. Their average budget is around \$4,500 a year to give toys to children and food baskets at Christmas to those in need. “Many Broadwater County organizations donate to help us,

JOB SHARING

*Mikayla Kraft
School Correspondent*



The end of junior year in high school may leave some unwanted stress on students struggling to decide what career they may support themselves on. Worries might arise from the fear of the unknown and going into adult life nearly blind, not understanding how to thrive and hopefully not live in their mother's basement.

To combat this, Broadwater High School allows all juniors in high school once a year to shadow another business to explore career advancement options. Following the process of permission slip signages and



Ultrasounding a bull at Chuteside

arrangements, students may get the chance to work with and interview industry professionals to get an idea as to what they may be in the future once they graduate high school. Students went to everything from visiting

the Legislative Audit Division to shadowing medical professionals.

I was able to get an arrangement with Chuteside Veterinary Services in Three Forks to get additional experience working alongside a veterinarian, specifically large animals, the area I am interested in specializing in. I spent time with CVT (Certified Veterinary Technician)



Amy Grenier and Dr. Chelsey Petz through their schedule to expand my knowledge of operations I have seen at the Elkhorn Vet Clinic and see procedures I have never seen before. Throughout my visit to Chuteside, I had the opportunity to watch a dental on a four-year-old gelding where I got to feel the teeth before and after they were filed down. I watched two bull testings and looked under a phase contrast microscope to understand the motility of the bulls' sperm. I stood close to Dr. Chelsey Petz as she performed laser therapy on a bull's testicle to get rid of an infection. I held a colt's front legs while it was sedated as Dr. Chelsey castrated the horse. Finally, I had the opportunity to watch a necropsy and help take samples of a calf to send to a lab to get results as to what the calf died from.

Xander Hepfer also had an interesting job shadow at the Townsend Police Department. He had the opportunity to tour the entirety of the place where the investigators, dispatchers, and deputies work. After the tour, he had the opportunity to ride with Deputy Lewis in his patrol car to do a patrol around the county. There was a traffic stop for someone speeding on a 70 mph road. Following this, they finished their county patrol.

Xander, I, and many other juniors greatly enjoyed this experience and would do it again if given the chance. These job shadows that every junior takes part in will change these students' lives and help in the search for a future career and also allow them to find their passions.

JANELL ROBISCHON LEAVING AFTER 30 YEARS

*Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent*



Janell Robischon has decided to retire after teaching in Townsend for 30 years. She expresses her gratitude for her supporting staff, students, and community throughout her tenure as a teacher at Townsend Middle School. She began in 1993 as a part-time language arts/reading teacher; but has done so much more; teaching a variety of subjects; including Language Arts, Science, P.E. and some electives. She has helped organize the middle school Science Fair for many years. She was the cheerleading advisor many years ago, and was involved with the middle school student council for the past 20 years.

She said, "I truly enjoyed my teaching career at Townsend schools. I was blessed to raise our daughters, Alexa Robischon Rauser (who graduated in 2010) and Madison Robischon, (who graduated in 2015); Townsend Public Schools from K-12. The teachers and administrators who made a difference in my daughter's lives will always have a place in my heart."

A teacher's job is never easy, but she had the opportunity to teach and encourage many students over the years. She always felt that her job included preparing students for the future by having a good work ethic; besides teaching the curriculum. She is grateful for having the co-workers and staff that surrounded her,

considering those her friends.

Her future includes "spending time with my daughters, son-in-law, and, of course, her delightful grandson." "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

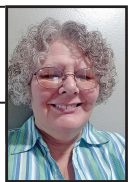
In closing Janell said, "I know Townsend Schools is in good hands with our school board, administration, teachers and staff. I will miss my Bulldog family, and I know that they will continue to make Townsend Schools the best they can be. Forever a Bulldog."



Photo Credit: Townsend School District

PETE ROBISCHON RETIRES

*Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent*



Golf at BHS may never be the same, with Mr. Robischon retiring after 36 years of teaching; 31 of those at Townsend High School. He remarks that he has met and become friends with so many people here; both teachers and students; not to mention the Townsend community, which he loves.

He thought that this was a great place to raise his children, where they could reach their goals and prosper. They both excelled in golf; that he taught (nature or nurture?). In fact, the golf teams won many accolades over the years, including three state championships. That is due to Mr. Robischon's love of the game and the ability to spread that excitement. He said, "I owe so much to the parents and the community for supporting me during my tenure as a teacher here and a coach, as they made my job so much easier."

He moved to our tiny town because despite the financial tradeoffs that working in a bigger district



Photo Credit: Townsend School District

would allow; he wasn't willing to sacrifice money for a better education for his children and all those children he would teach. He has nothing but praise for our educators, forever grateful that his girls got such a superb education, preparing them so well for life.

The best reward that he receives is when he gets a wedding invitation or birth announcement from his former students; maybe a reference for employment, it shows him that he must have done something right and that they appreciated what he was trying to accomplish. Things like that are what kept him going for the last 36 years. "I always tried to hold my students to a high standard; both in the classroom and as individuals, always trying to prepare them for real life the best he could.

What's next for this retiree? Well, if you need him this summer, he will likely be at Old Baldy Golf Course. In the fall, he may be a bit harder to find; but one thing is certain, the pride for his students lives on.

If you see Pete, thank him for all he has done, teaching our children, caring for them, and seeing in them what they may not recognize.

He thanks the school district, teachers and co-workers for doing their best; presenting education as not just learning, but a way to manifest their dreams. And thanks, Pete Robischon for everything you've done for students and the community.

Upcoming School Events

Friday, April 28	Saturday, April 29	Sunday, April 30	Monday, May 1	Tuesday, May 2	Wednesday, May 3	Thursday, May 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dawg Bite Tennis Tournament @ Helena Varsity Golf @ Ennis - 9 a.m. Adult Ed Studio Ceramics @ 6 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dawg Bite Tennis Tournament @ Helena Track @ Butte - 10 a.m. Prom 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Adult Ed Cast Iron Cooking @ Library Classroom - 6 p.m. Adult Ed Studio Ceramics - 6 p.m. Middle School / High School Spring Concert @ Stage Gym - 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Middle School Golf @ Bozeman - 11 a.m. Track @ Anaconda Top 8 - 3 p.m. Adult Ed Language-Building Resources for Children @ Commons - 6 p.m. Booster Club Meeting @ Library Classroom - 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Adult Ed Studio Ceramics @ 6 p.m. Adult Ed Open Gym @ 1963 Gym - 7 p.m. Pickleball @ Stage Gym - 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Varsity Golf @ Three Forks - 10 a.m. Elementary Spring Concert @ Stage Gym - 6 p.m. Adult Ed Book Club @ Library - 7 p.m. Middle School Track @ Butte



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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAIT ON DECISION TO ADD SECOND CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICE POSITION

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Broadwater County Commissioners voted two to one to turn down the Clerk and Recorder budget amendment to provide for an additional full-time position in the Clerk and Recorder's office. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord suggested they wait until work begins on the county's preliminary budget to investigate whether the money will be available for next year. Preliminary budget work will begin in the next few weeks.

Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen presented extensive research on the costs of adding a deputy clerk position to her office at the commissioners' meeting on April 19. The commissioners had asked Paulsen in a previous meeting to show her budget's numbers including what effect the additional full-time position would have on her budget.

Paulsen pointed out that if she had another person to oversee elections, it would save the county on costs for contracting out election systems and software. When the clerk and recorder's office split from the treasurer's office, Paulsen said she lost a half-time position. She expects the full-time position would be more than covered in her 2023-24 budget.

During public comment, Ed Regan asked what exactly would be the "payroll burden" for the full-time position. Commission chair asked Paulsen if she would be open to a half-time position. Paulsen said she felt the position needed to be full-time due to the increased security restrictions during elections, and more procedures to follow as well as the need to get election results out quickly.

Boyd Andrew Community Services Chief Operations

Officer Dan Krause presented a request for use of State Alcohol Funds which are allocated to each county by the State Department of Revenue from alcohol sales taxes. Boyd Andrew Services has offered counseling since 2019 to adults who are chemically dependent on alcohol or drugs. The group works with Broadwater County Sheriff's office and the court system for evaluation and training for people charged with felony driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (DUI) or misdemeanors. Adults can ask directly for counseling as well. Currently, Townsend does not have a counselor in Townsend but will have a person as needed beginning May 15 in the courthouse. "Meanwhile clients can use Zoom or schedule an appointment for after May 15," Clinical Director of Addiction Services Heather Hundtoft explained.

Public Works Director T.J. Graveley gave an update on the county road situation. He and the commissioners closed all county roads to heavy trucks until further notice because of the spring thaw. Drivers are plagued by upheavals, bumps and ridges on county roads currently. Montana Motor Carrier Services will not be policing county roads. "People will have to police themselves," he said.

Roads with the most breakup are Lone Mountain, Muddy Lane and Ferrat Lane in the Crow Creek Valley. Flynn Lane is broken up mostly from the summer damage from pivot-end guns washing the roads. Ross Gulch is in bad shape he said, and Lippert Gulch was closed for about a week due to bad road conditions. In the Three Forks area, because the crews had put in new culverts, Rolling Glen and Price Road have done well. Both roads have had the new Permazyme put on them. "Our four grader guys started today (April 19) working on Indian Creek Road. They will be out every day from here," he concluded.

Permazyme is a road hardener that is much safer to use than Magnesium Chloride because it contains no toxins. The cost for the Permazyme is comparable to Magnesium Chloride, Graveley said.

Commissioner Folkvord pointed out Broadwater County has 800 miles of county roads. "With only four graders that take six passes on a section of road to smooth up, plus maintaining road signs and culverts it's a really big job to cover," he said.

Fun Run, 1

but we feel this is a good way to get our message out to the public," Bret explained.

Among the several vendors, Animal Tracks was the most spectacular. Christina Wetherall and her mom Leona of Helena started an exotic animal rescue



Animal Tracks Outreach owner Christina Wetherall holds an exotic snake from her rescue collection
Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

business in 2019. Among their prized rescue is an axolotl, a water salamander that does not go through metamorphosis. Five-year-old Peter Brug was helping explain the various habits of the prehistoric-looking reptile. "He eats worms and snails and doesn't take his coat off," Peter remarked.

Other special animals Christina showed was a rattle snake-eating snake from Mexico and twin ferrets.



An axolotl from Mexico. The prehistoric-looking water salamander drew a curious crowd at the Festival
Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

They do not take common pets and exotic pets only in emergencies. Animal Tracks Outreach is an educational show which goes to birthday parties, schools and festivals. "The lockdown during COVID really killed our business, but we have built up business through word of mouth," she said.

Broadwater County Social Services is the nonprofit umbrella organization for Big Sky Autism as well as for the Christmas Connection. Big Sky Autism serves children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families to improve their lives and to promote awareness, acceptance and inclusion in the greater community. The project serves children with other disabilities and their families as well.

School Board Candidates 2023

CHASE RAGEN

ChasePatrick Gurnett Ragen is a 6th generation Broadwater County resident who graduated from BCHS (now BHS), in 1994; and whose parents and grandfather all graduated from Townsend Schools. Born and raised in Townsend, Chase has a lifetime of investing his time and resources in the Community. Chase has spent countless hours coaching basketball for youth and recently the middle school. Chase has been an avid supporter of all athletics, in fact when he was a Junior in 1993, along with a couple of his classmates; petitioned the school board to add boys' golf. The board agreed and added Boy's Golf and Girl's Tennis. In the first year of boys' golf in Townsend, the team took 3rd at State. Chase is married to Daniela; together, they have five children who form part of Townsend Schools' alumni. Dev, a Jr. at UM Western and Zee, a Jr. at UofM. Devinn was also a member of the 2015 football team who earned a state title in Football. Their three younger children, Jazz, Ellie, and Millie attend our school currently.

Chase's vision as a future School Board member is

influenced by his experience as a decade-long business owner of Farm Ranch Credit Services on Broadway, coupled with his 29+ year career in the Montana Army National Guard since 1993, where he deployed to Afghanistan in 2013. His vision for the school is "Excellence produces Excellence!"

Chase's areas of priority are the safety of our kids and teachers, the fiscal health of our school, the talent management of our teachers and administration, and a top-quality curriculum nested in the essentials of education. We get these areas correct, "Excellence produces Excellence!"

Please Refer to MT 43 News Volume 1, Edition 41 from Friday April 21, 2023 to read about the rest of the School Board candidates.

HEATHER ANDERSON
JASON KOOL
KEVIN MCDONNELL
ANDREA RICE
DANIEL TRUESDELL



top ten

WORLD'S LARGEST STADIUMS

1. Narendra Modi Stadium	Gujarat, India
2. Rungrado 1st Of May Stadium	Pyongyang, North Korea
3. Michigan Stadium	Ann Arbor, Michigan
4. Beaver Stadium	Sate College, Pennsylvania
5. Ohio Stadium	Columbus, Ohio
6. Kyle Field	College Station, Texas
7. Tiger Stadium	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
8. Neyland Stadium	Knoxville, Tennessee
9. Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium	Austin, Texas
10. Bryant-Denny Stadium	Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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Broadwater Community Calendar

Friday, April 28	Saturday, April 29	Sunday, April 30	Monday, May 1	Tuesday, May 2	Wednesday, May 3	Thursday, May 4
<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"> Magic: The Gathering @ Reading Leaves Bookstore - 6:30 p.m. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Meeting - 10 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Working Meeting - 2 p.m. 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"> Compensation Board Meeting - 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Broadband Advisory Board Meeting - 4 p.m. Al-Anon @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 7 p.m.



AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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NOTICE:

White Sulphur Springs Schools is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Full time Maintenance position- Starting pay is \$22.00 per hour. The ability to obtain a Low Pressure Boiler Engineer License is required and once obtained the hourly rate will increase after June 30, 2023, to \$25.00 per hour. Benefits and retirement available. Please include a letter of interest and resume with your application.

2 Custodial positions- Starting pay will depend on experience. Join our staff in making our school a wonderful place for the students to learn and achieve their highest potential. Benefits and retirement available.

2 Kitchen staff/Cooking positions- Starting pay will depend on experience. These positions will likely start at the beginning of the next school year. Join our staff at the school and enjoy the satisfaction that comes with offering nutritious meals to our wonderful students. Benefits and retirement available.

Bus Driver positions- The hourly rate is \$17.00 per hour. Our bus driver positions can be flexible, if desired, with a combination of route and activity/athletic options available. Applicants will need a Class B CDL, School Bus and Passenger Endorsements, and Air Brakes. The District will assist with training after a learning permit is obtained. Please include a letter of interest, a current letter of recommendation, resume and a release of driving record to the district with your application.

Substitute Teacher- Join our amazing teaching staff in providing our students with a quality education. This position provides you with flexibility to work around your schedule and with a variety of ages and classrooms to work in.

Please call or stop by with questions or to pick up an application and job description. 406-547-3751.

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Broadwater County Board Openings

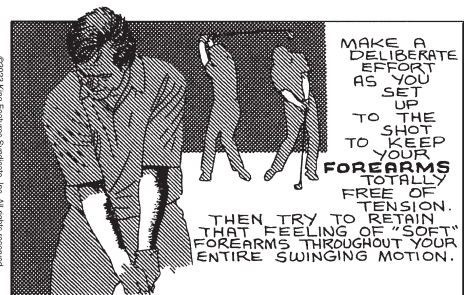
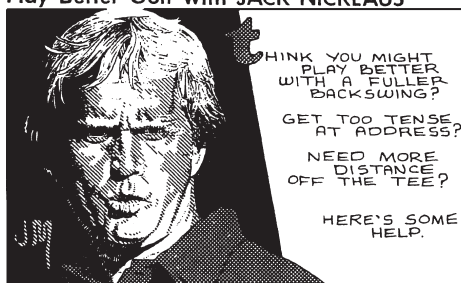
The following Broadwater County Boards are seeking volunteers for the 2023 term:

- Airport (3 yr. terms): 1 Member
- Trust (3 yr. terms): 2 Non-Voting Members
- Mosquito - Townsend (3 yr. terms): 1 Member
- Mosquito - Three Forks (3 yr. term): 1 Member
- Museum (3 yr. terms): 2 Members
- TV (3 yr. terms): 3 Members
- Board of Health (3 yr. terms): 1 Manager
- Board of Investments (no terms): 1
- Townsend School Representative, 1 Secretary

If you have an interest in serving, please consider submitting a letter or email of interest to:

Broadwater County Community Development & Planning c/o Tacy Swanton
515 Broadway St. Townsend, MT 59644 or tswanton@co. broadwater.mt.us

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



Three Forks Community Calendar

Friday, April 28

- Tennis Dawg Bite Tournament @ Helena - 9 a.m.
- Golf @ Ennis - 10 a.m.
- Softball @ Deer Lodge - 3 p.m.
- Track @ Helena - 3:30 p.m.
- Music by Tessa Williams @ Sacajawea Hotel - 5 to 8 p.m.
- Trivia Night @ Three Forks Bridger Brewing - 8 to 10 p.m.
- Sunrise Karaoke @ Sacajawea Hotel - 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Saturday, April 29

- Tennis Dawg Bite Tournament @ Helena - 9 a.m.
- Music by Blake Brightman Band @ Sacajawea Hotel - 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.
- Junior & High School Rodeo

Sunday, April 30

- Junior & High School Rodeo

Monday, May 1

- Three Forks Rodeo Arena Board of Directors Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2

- Middle School Golf Tournament
- Middle School Track @ Butte - 9 a.m.
- Softball vs. Ennis - Varsity at 3 p.m. / JV at 5 p.m.
- Three Rivers Mosquito Control Board @ City Hall - 6:30 p.m.
- Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting @ Fire Hall - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3

- Mahjongg @ Three Forks Community Library - 1 p.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons Club @ Three Forks Community Library - 4 p.m.
- Lego Club @ Three Forks Community Library - 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4

- Middle School Track @ Whitehall
- Golf @ Headwaters - 10 a.m.
- Story Time @ Three Forks Community Library - 10 am.

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

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES—APRIL 28, 2023

Brittany Taves
expired registration
day speed
Levi Wanner
day speed
Zachary Westre
day speed
Maria Wisler
day speed
Brenda Synness
day speed
Ian Quinn
day speed
Shannon Marinko
day speed
Makenzie Johns
day speed
Emily Johnson
day speed
Nickolas Freeman
day speed
Alexa Franks
day speed
Travis Fjetland
night speed

Belgrade \$85.00
\$20.00
Billings \$20.00
Missoula \$70.00
Helena \$20.00
Helena \$70.00
Clancy \$20.00
Belgrade \$20.00
Conrad \$20.00
Billings \$20.00
East Helena \$20.00
St. Joseph, Mo \$70.00
Billings \$20.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Coltin Briggs – Townsend – Operate non-commercial vehicle with an alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.
Gage Fitzferald – Lincoln - Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program; change lanes when unsafe to do so, pleaded guilty, \$45.00 fines and fees.
Jason Razink – Three Forks - Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.
Recho Wallace – Billings – Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked – 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Jillian Taylor Salem, Or \$20.00
day speed
Andrew Raether Fort Collins, Co \$20.00
day speed
Aubrey May Billings \$120.00
night speed
Danielle Kvadas Bozeman \$20.00
night speed
Amie Hewey East Helena \$20.00
day speed
Todd Douglass Provo, Ut \$70.00
night speed
Julie Clark Wheat Ridge, Co \$20.00
day speed
Aaron Albrecht Great Falls \$20.00
day speed
Jimmie Eloff Townsend \$80.00
stop sign violation

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Raymundo Cortes – Helena – operating without liability insurance-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; driving without a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees; Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.
Joshua Dobbs- East Helena - Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs-2nd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.
Gregory Goldman – Bozeman – day speed, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$20.00 fine and enroll and complete Defensive driving school.
Austin Jenkins Thomas – seatbelt violation, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine; driving without a valid license, pleaded guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees; fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle-owner or operator- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Raul Amezcuita Nampa, Id
operate a vehicle whose gross laden weight exceeds \$85.00
GVW shown on owner certificate

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Joshua Hairston – Gallatin Co. Justice Court, \$285.00 bond
Forrest Martens – Probation and Parole, \$50,000.00 bond

Americanisms

“Read a thousand books,
and your words will flow
like a river.”
— Lisa See

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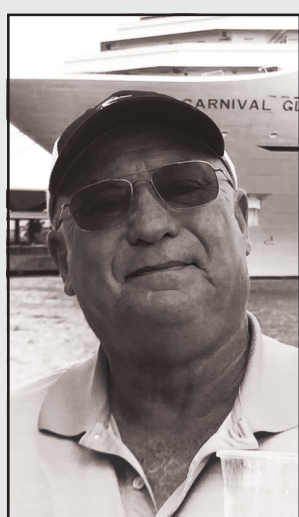
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OBITUARY OF WILLIAM LEWIS

Katie Williams

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, William "BILL" Lewis went home to be with the Lord. Bill was born in Bakersfield, California, to Nelson Lewis and Mary Freeborn Lewis and resided in Buttonwillow, California, his entire childhood. He graduated from Shafter high school in 1966. Bill married Sue Jacobs and they had two children, Charlotte and Billy.



Bill had the heart of a farmer and followed in his father's footsteps, farming and ranching in Buttonwillow, California. After the death of his parents, Bill left farming and pursued other careers. Bill sold farm equipment, drove the local ambulance, owned a stop-smoking & weight loss business and a liquor/sporting goods store.

Bill found a new passion when he joined the Kern County Sheriff's Office as a reserve Deputy Sheriff. In 1986, Bill joined the Sheriff's Office full-time as a Deputy Sheriff, following the advice his father had given to his teenage son, to find a career in public service.

Bill loved the Sheriff's Office and spent time in detentions, transportation, and detectives, but mostly enjoyed working patrol, where he could utilize his love of people. In 1995, Bill met his soulmate in jail, another Deputy Sheriff, Kelli Barnett Weigand. Bill retired after 27 years of service to the residents of Kern County.

Bill and Kelli married on May 12, 2007, at their home in Bakersfield, California, where they lived until they retired. They spent many years traveling, golfing and hosting gatherings for friends and family.

In 2016, Bill and Kelli bought a home in Townsend, Montana. They later moved to Toston, Montana, where they lived until his passing. Bill considered Montana his home and loved both the beautiful country and the people.

Bill loved the lord and his church. He served as a Steward and greeter at Faith Baptist Church. Bill often said he was ready to be with the Lord when the Lord was ready for him.

Bill was preceded in death by both parents, daughter Charlotte, son Billy, stepson Nathan, brother Roger, and sister Bonnie.

He is survived by his wife Kelli, sister Margaret Hatten, step-son Justin Weigand, grandchildren Cynthia Joslin, Kayla Lewis, Tyler and McKenzie Sterling, great-grandchildren, Miley, Emily, Travis, Leighann, Kyri, Kora, and Claire.

A celebration of Life will be held at Faith Baptist Church, 5 Jack Farm Rd, Townsend, Montana, on Saturday, April 29, at 11:00 am. A reception will follow.

Bill's cremains will be scattered on the property of his nephew Roger, a place where Bill loved to fellowship, hunt, and enjoy nature.

Kelli and the Lewis family would like to thank their church family and the communities of Townsend and Toston, for their outpouring of generosity, support and kindness. It has been a testimony that Montana is truly the "Last Best Place".

TOSTON MAN DIES OF APPARENT MUSHROOM POISONING AT BOZEMAN RESTAURANT

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Toston resident Bill Lewis died suddenly last Tuesday at his home, according to Broadwater County Sheriff and Coroner Nick Rauser. "A relative told the officer after dinner he became very ill and dehydrated," Rauser said.

The Bozeman Chronicle article reported the man had eaten at Dave's Sushi in Bozeman. The restaurant is now closed. An autopsy performed Thursday, April 20 but Rauser said a toxicology report would be needed to confirm the cause of death. It would be three weeks to three months to receive the report.

Owners of the restaurant gave an official statement saying the cultured mushrooms used in their special dinner menu were FDA approved. People who had eaten there several different days earlier in the month had reported being ill, according to a report from the Gallatin County Health Department.



TOWNSEND'S COMMUNITY FOREST PART 2

Pat Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



Note: This is the second in a series of articles from the Townsend Tree Board reporting on the status of the community forest in Townsend.

Last week, we learned that the Townsend Tree Board has conducted four tree inventories on public property in 1990, 2005, 2011, and 2020. The 2020 inventory uses the state of Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation TreeKeeper inventory software system and tree data has been updated regularly as changes occur. These updates are significant to keep the data on the community forest up to date.

Townsend's Landscape Character

The City of Townsend lies on a nearly level old stream terrace of the Missouri River. Like all alluvial soils, soil characteristics vary locally depending on river deposition patterns. Most soils have a thin upper layer 20 to 40 inches thick consisting of gravely loamy sand to clay loam. Subsoil consists of sand and gravel and in a few areas clay. Soils may be affected by calcium carbonate salts and alkalinity (a high pH) which limit water infiltration, water holding capacity, and availability of micro- and macronutrients. Compaction and construction impacts in disturbed areas make it important to dig tree planting holes at least twice as wide as the tree roots but don't dig holes deeper than the tree roots to avoid planting too deep-tree roots need oxygen! Always plant trees in our native soil. Just remove rocks over 1" in diameter. The addition of soil amendments is not generally recommended. The Tree Board does use some elemental sulfur, a little wood-based compost, an iron additive, and a little organic fertilizer when we plant.

Townsend has a modified continental climate. Invasion of Pacific Ocean air masses, drainage of cool air into the valleys from surrounding mountains, and the protecting mountains shield in all directions combine to make temperature changes somewhat smaller than a true continental climate. During winter, a few invasions of cold Arctic air occur which drop the temperatures well below zero. Trees planted in Townsend, generally, must be hardy in USDA Hardiness Zones 2-4. The frost-free growing season ranges from 100 to 110 days long. Townsend lies in the rain shadow of the Elkhorn Mountains to the west. Average precipitation is 12 inches, three-fourths of this falls between April and September. This climate does not lend itself to trees growing naturally in Townsend. All trees have died around abandoned homesteads as soon as supplemental water ceased. All trees planted in Townsend need supplemental water!

Townsend had a population of 1,878 (2011 Census data). Based on the latest 2020 data from the US census, the current population of Townsend is 2,152 <https://www.biggestuscities.com/city/townsend-montana>). Townsend has grown 15.4% since 2000 and the local area continues to grow rapidly.

Townsend is served by two main business districts, one east-west along Broadway or Montana Highway 12 and the other north-south along Front Street or US Highway 287 to the south of Broadway and US Highways 12 and 287 to the north of Broadway. The residential areas lie north and south of Broadway and east of Front Street. There are four main city parks: Heritage Fun Park, Holloway Park, McCarthy Park, and Veterans' Memorial Park. These highway corridors, residential streets, and parks are the focus of tree planting on public property.

Why is it important to manage Townsend's community forest?

With the landscape setting described above, what trees would exist in this area, if Townsend shut down tomorrow and everyone left the community? As mentioned above, almost all tree species in Townsend would die without additional water. Without active management, the community forest would soon be dominated by a limited number of volunteer species adapted to our dry climate such as introduced shelterbelt species like Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*), and Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*). Other volunteers in town include green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), boxelder (*Acer negundo*), and Rocky Mountain Juniper (*Juniperus scopulorum*). These five species are common volunteers from seed in alleys interfering with the city garbage trucks, and volunteer under fences and next to buildings. The Tree Board removes hundreds of these volunteers each year.

The most common tree species volunteering in our community is the Siberian elm, a very hardy Zone 2 tree. Siberian elm is an important shade tree in Montana, but it is a prolific seed producer and sheds limbs regularly. In 1984 and 2009, Siberian elms in Townsend had up to 1/3 of their canopies die back from spring and fall extreme weather events. These trees largely have naturally recovered from these canopy losses. Pruning by the Tree Board has sped up the recovery

of the Siberian elm canopy in the last 15 years. Most Siberian elms have been removed as boulevard trees in Townsend. Siberian elm is not being planted anymore.

Russian Olive has been classified as a noxious weed in Montana as it is spreading prolifically in riparian areas along waterways across Montana. It is displacing native riparian vegetation. It can no longer be planted in Montana. We only have a few boulevard trees that are



Sensation Boxelder - a male cultivar being planted in Townsend as the Tree Board manages the community forest
Photo Credit: Pat Plantenberg

Russian olives. The Tree Board removes all Russian olive volunteers when encountered.

Green ash was heavily planted in Montana cities and is our most common street tree. The female green ash trees are prolific seed producers like Siberian elm. The Tree Board is not planting any green ash or white ash trees as the emerald ash borer is headed our way and when it arrives it kills 99.9% of the ash trees. Hopefully, an emerald ash borer-resistant cultivar will be developed in the future.

Boxelder is one of our two native maple trees in Montana. Like green ash, they also have male and female trees. The female trees attract boxelder bugs. The Tree Board does not plant female boxelder trees. A new cultivar called 'Sensation' Boxelder is a male cultivar that does not produce seeds and does not attract boxelder bugs. It does well in Townsend.

Rocky Mountain Juniper is a native small tree common in the foothills around Townsend. It is not a shade tree so the Tree Board only plants it in locations where small trees are needed, like under powerlines.

We need to manage the community forest to limit these undesirable volunteers and to plant desirable species in desirable locations.

Next week, we will review how the number of public trees has changed since 1990.



MONTANA FARM BUREAU PRAISES FEDERAL COURT RULING ON WOTUS

AG News Wire

BOZEMAN, Montana – The Montana Farm Bureau was ecstatic to learn that the federal court ruling out of North Dakota stops the implementation of the overreaching Waters of the U.S. Rule in 24 states, including Montana. The District Court out of North Dakota granted a preliminary injunction against the Biden Administration's Environmental Protection Agency rule. MFBF (Montana Farm Bureau Federation) expressed its thanks to Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen for his role in filing a motion to the U.S. District Court to stop the detrimental WOTUS rule.

"EPA's most recent attempt to define waters of the U.S., which are protected under the Clean Water Act, has caused immense uncertainty and confusion for America's farmers and ranchers," noted MFBF President Cyndi Johnson. "The Biden Administration's WOTUS rule goes far beyond Congressional intent under the Clean Water Act by granting the EPA sweeping authority to regulate nearly every wetland, stream, tributary, pond and other body of water in the country."

"Farm Bureau has been fighting different overreaching versions of this rule since 2015," said Johnson. "Farmers and ranchers all want clean water for themselves, their families, their communities and this country. The fact that this court understands the overreach of government in the WOTUS rule is refreshing. Let's hope this version of WOTUS can be halted once and for all, and that the EPA can produce a rule that provides us the clean water we want, along with the clear rules we deserve."

The 24 states impacted by today's ruling are: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

The first decision to halt the rule came from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas on March 20, 2023. It stopped the implementation of the rule in Texas and Idaho.

BETWEEN THE PAGES

GO AS A RIVER

Rachael Elliott-Brug



Sometimes you must carve your own path.

On a cool autumn morning, Victoria Nash heads into her village pulling a rickety wagon filled with late-season peaches. As she nears an intersection, a stranger in town stops to ask her the way.

She makes the decision to walk with him. 'Go as a river,' he tells her as they part ways.

So begins a mesmerizing story of split-second decisions and considered acts that make up one woman's tumultuous life, as Victoria begins to absorb and follow his words.

Gathering all the pieces of her small and extraordinary existence, spinning through the eddies of desire, heartbreak and betrayal, she will arrive at a single rocky decision that will

change her life forever.

Go As a River is a splendid American Gothic tale of a young woman broken by circumstances who must find a way to forgive before she can love. Victoria Nash is a character for the ages as she navigates loss and despair on the road to redemption. The vast plains and desert canyons of her Colorado home are filled with ghosts until a mysterious drifter arrives and changes the course of her life forever. *Go as a River* is a stunning debut set in the soul of the American dream. This soaring, compassionate tale of female resilience is set against a breathtaking picture of our natural world - its trees and mountains and light.

Shelley Read is a fifth-generation Coloradoan who lives with her family in the Elk Mountains of the Western Slope. She was a Senior Lecturer at Western Colorado University for nearly three decades, where she taught writing, literature, environmental studies, and Honors, and was a founder of the Environment & Sustainability major and a support program for first-generation and at-risk students. Shelley holds degrees in writing and literary studies from the University of Denver and Temple University's Graduate Program in Creative Writing. She is a regular contributor to Crested Butte Magazine and Gunnison Valley Journal and has written for the Denver Post and a variety of publications.

WELCOME ALLIED MACHINE, INC. TO TOWNSEND

Matthew Nelson



Jeff and Lisa Stejskal opened a new machine shop in Townsend in December 2020. Allied Machine, Inc. is located at 511 North Front Street. It is a family-owned and family-operated full-service machine shop that was established in 1988, and they pride themselves for doing high-quality workmanship. Their phone number is 406 266-3108, and their email address is alledmachine@sbcglobal.net.

As a One-stop Machine Shop, they offer Machin-



Jeff Stejskal
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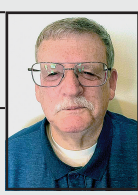
ing, Portable and on-site Machining, Prototype Work, Welding and Fabrication. No job is too big or too small. They also specialize in repairing all types of industrial equipment, including ranching and agriculture-related, dairy and frozen foods, and labeling and packaging.

Jeff and Lisa's son Joshua works with them as the shop foreman and fabricator. Joshua's wife Amy works there part-time also. They are hoping to expand their business to five employees, depending on how busy

TECH TALK

PRESENCE SENSING DEVICES

Victor Sample
Reporter



More and more computing devices (PCs, laptops, tablets, smartphones) have built-in devices that can be used as Presence Sensing Devices. For instance, the webcam built into your laptop can be used to detect whether you are actually present; the microphone built into your devices can detect your breathing to tell if you are actually present; etc.

Microsoft Windows 11 is adding Presence Sensing APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) to the operating system to allow your applications to interface with devices capable of sensing your presence. Lighting a screen, whether it's a PC monitor, laptop screen, tablet screen or smartphone screen uses a lot of power. For battery-powered devices lighting the screen will put a heavy drain on your battery. These types of applications (Windows itself) might be used to automatically turn off your screen when you leave or to automatically turn it back on when you come back to your PC thereby saving power – especially battery-draining power.

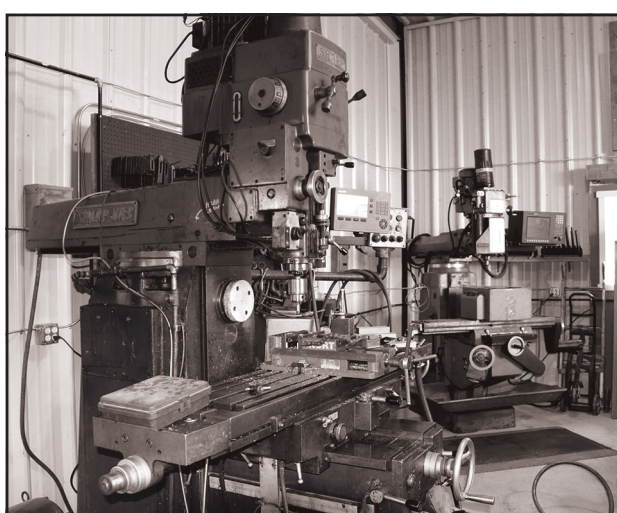
However, presence sensing can be used to invade your privacy. Not only can your camera detect your presence it can spy on you. Your employer might use an application to track the amount of time you are actually working on your PC or laptop. Applications might secretly take pictures of you and send them to an outside source.

To help control and protect your security Microsoft will be including a "Presence Sensing" privacy switch that allows you to list the applications using the presence sensing interfaces and turn off the ability to use those interfaces. Of course, Microsoft promises to NEVER invade your privacy.

The privacy settings will allow you to control the applications using the official Microsoft interfaces. However, applications can detect and directly access the presence-sensing devices without using the official Microsoft interfaces. They cannot be controlled via the "Presence Sensing" settings.

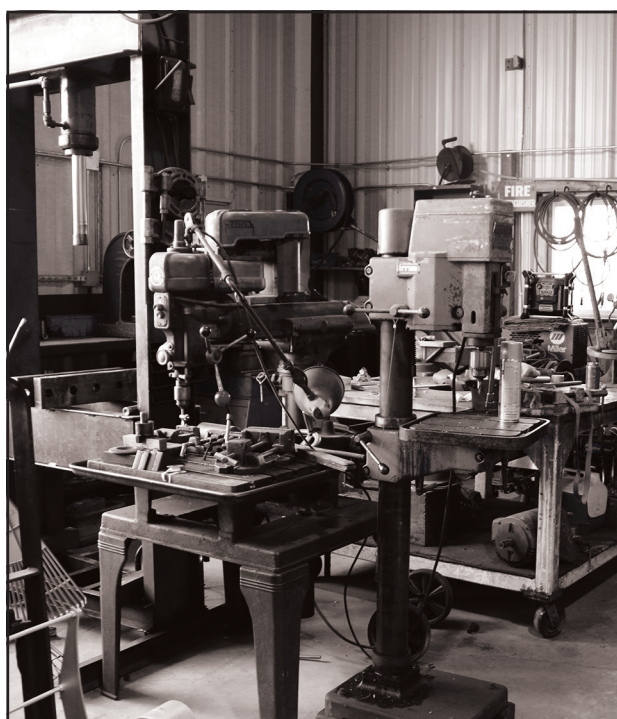
The new interfaces and "Presence Sensing settings" are being beta tested right now – so only those users that are registered to be beta testers or early release users have them. But, if the testing goes well Microsoft will likely include the features in a future update of Windows 11.

Remember to safeguard your privacy and security at all times – always be cautious!



CNC and Manual Mills
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

they get. If you need any machine work done, contact Jeff and Lisa. They are very strong Christians and have a very impressive shop. God Bless. Once again, welcome Allied Machine, Inc. to Townsend.



Welding and Process Area
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY DONATING \$3,200 FOR WALKING/BIKING

Jo Dee Black
NorthWestern Energy Media Contact

Sioux Falls, SD/Butte, Mont. - April 19, 2023 - NorthWestern Energy is donating \$3,200 to One Tree Planted in honor of our employees and their families who committed to avoiding driving at least 3,200 miles during Earth Week.

"We challenged our employees to leave their vehicles parked when possible and walk or bike instead," said NorthWestern Energy President and CEO Brian Bird. "They enthusiastically accepted our challenge. By driving less they will avoid at least 2,460 pounds of tailpipe carbon emissions this week. We are supporting tree planting to do even more for the environment."

Some employees and members of their families walked to work or school while others biked to do errands.

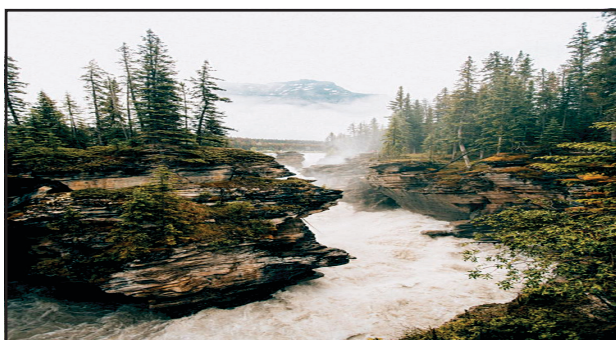
"Our whole family took the challenge," said NorthWestern Energy Communications & Marketing Coordinator Eric Thorsrud. "We are all more aware of how with a little planning, we can leave our car parked more often. It was actually a lot of fun, good for our health and something we will continue."

NorthWestern Energy's donation is designated to plant 3,200 trees in the Custer Gallatin National Forest in Montana.

The mission of the non-profit One Tree Planted is to make it simple for anyone to help the environment by planting trees. Their projects span the globe and are done in partnership with local communities and knowledgeable experts to create an impact on nature, people, and wildlife. For more information, go to Onetreeplanted.org. Follow us on Facebook or on Twitter (@NWEinfo).

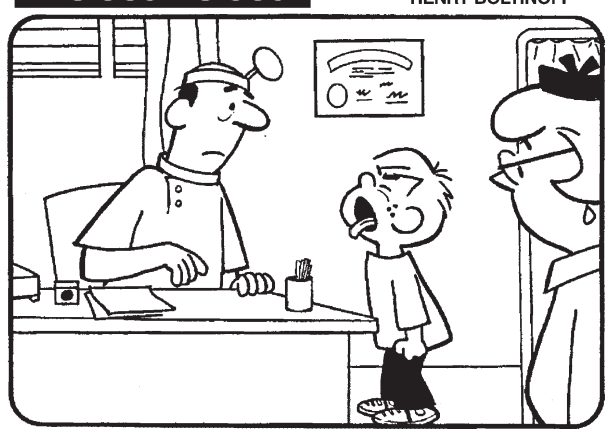
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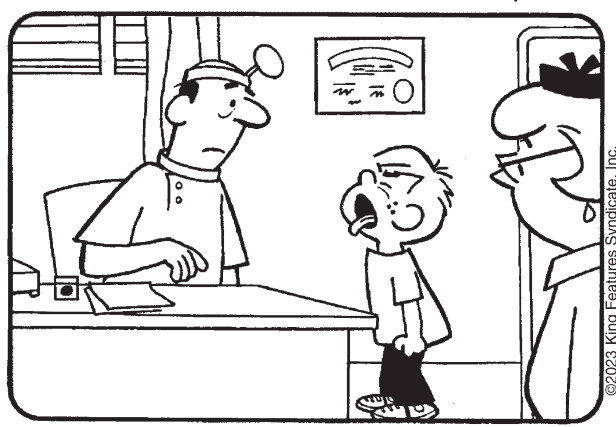


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

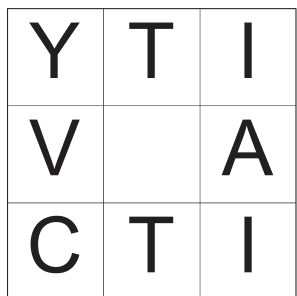


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hand is missing; 2. Container is missing; 3. Diploma is different; 4. Sleeve is shorter; 5. Curtain is missing; 6. Glasses differ.

KNIGHT MOVES



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.

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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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AMENDED RESOLUTION 2023 - 6

RESOLUTION FOR THE TEMPORARY LIMITATION OF TRAFFIC ON THE COUNTY ROADS IN BROADWATER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Broadwater County Board of Commissioners is responsible for the maintenance of the county roads under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the county roads can be seriously damaged or destroyed by deterioration, rain, snow, thawing, or other climatic conditions unless the permissible vehicle weights are reduced;

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 7-14-2127 states, "A board of county commissioners may in its discretion limit or forbid, temporarily, any traffic or class of traffic on the county roads or any part of a county road when it is necessary in order to preserve or repair the roads.";

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

The Resolution 2023-6 that was passed by the Broadwater County Commission on April 10, 2023 is hereby amended as follows;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, In order to preserve the county roads during the spring weather and pursuant to § 7-14-2127, Mont. Code Ann., the Broadwater Board of County Commissioners hereby limits traffic the following county roads to 8 tons for a single axle, 16 tons for a tandem axle, and 400 pounds per inch width of tire. At no time will the weight exceed 16000 pounds per single axle and 32000 pounds per tandem axle.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, this applies only to the following roads in Broadwater County to preserve the road in the spring time weather:

- Filson Road from Highway 287 to Beaver Creek Road
- Rolling Glen Ranch Road
- Lone Mountain Road from Hossfeld Road to the Hunsacker corrals
- Muddy Lane from Johnson Loop to Highway 437
- Ferret Lane from Highway 285 to Muddy Lane
- Ray Creek Road
- Flynn Lane from Dry Hollow Road to Nelson Road

All other county roads do not have a restriction.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the following vehicles are exempt from the weight limit: school buses, emergency responders, propane tanks, heating oil trucks, garbage trucks, and septic trucks.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is in place until it is lifted by the Broadwater County Commission or May 31, 2023 whichever is later.

Dated this 24 day of April, 2023

Debra F Randolph
 Chairperson, Debi Randolph
Darrel Folkvord
 Member, Darrel Folkvord
Lindsey Richtmyer
 Member, Lindsey Richtmyer

Attest: *Angie Paulsen*
 Angie Paulsen, Clerk and Recorder

Dated this 24 day of April, 2023

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST: *Angie Paulsen*
 ANGIE PAULSEN, CLERK AND RECORDER
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 LINDSEY RICHTMYER, MEMBER

BE BEAR AWARE WHEN RECREATING OUTDOORS

MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks



HELENA – Bears are emerging from dens with the onset of spring, and people headed outdoors should “Be Bear Aware.”

Bears can be found throughout Montana. In recent years, grizzly bear populations have expanded and bears are sometimes found in historic ranges beyond western Montana.

As bears begin foraging for food, people can avoid conflict by removing or securing food attractants such as garbage, bird feeders and pet food. The most common human-bear conflicts involve unsecured food attractants.

People venturing into the outdoors can “Be Bear Aware” by following these precautionary steps:

- * Carry and know how to use bear spray.
- * Travel in groups whenever possible and plan to be out in the daylight hours.
- * Stay on trails or rural roads.
- * Avoid carcass sites and concentrations of ravens and other scavengers.
- * Watch for signs of bears such as bear scat, diggings, torn-up logs and turned-over rocks, and partly consumed animal carcasses.
- * Keep children and pets close.
- * Make noise, especially near streams or in thick forest where hearing and visibility is impaired. This can be the key to avoiding encounters. Most bears will avoid humans when they know humans are present.
- * Don't approach a bear.

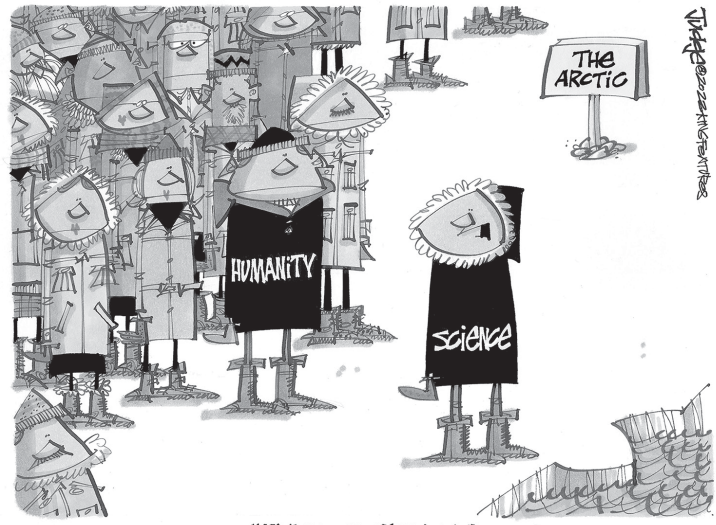
If you are camping in bear country, follow these guidelines:

- * Camp away from areas where you see grizzly bear sign.
- * Keep a clean camp at all times. Keep tents and sleeping bags free of food.
- * Follow all food storage regulations. Contact the applicable land management agency to learn what food storage rules apply where you're recreating.

Hang all food, trash and other odorous items well away from camp and at least 10 feet above ground and 4 feet from any vertical support, or store in a bear-proof container. Livestock feed should be treated the same as human food.

Anglers also need to practice safe behavior in bear country:

- * Don't leave fish entrails on shorelines of lakes and streams.
- * Sink entrails in deep water.
- * If you don't properly dispose of entrails you increase danger to yourself and to the next person to use the area.
- * Carry bear spray when fishing along rivers or streams with dense streamside cover.



Super Crossword

TWELVE OF DIAMONDS

ACROSS

1 “— Sharkey” (70s sitcom)
 4 Winter bug
 7 Corn, to Brits
 12 SoCal daily paper
 19 Mammal with a black mask
 21 Cook's wear
 22 Ant-Man's partner in a 2018 superhero film
 23 Oakland basebatter's footwear?
 25 Boarded, as a train
 26 Langston Hughes poem
 27 Stuff hitting an umbrella
 28 Fa-la linkup
 29 Coop female
 30 Calamari prepared by a San Francisco basebatter?
 34 Atlanta basebatter's collection of Kia cars?
 38 Son of Isaac
 39 Watch slyly
 41 — Park (home of Edison)
 42 Attys.' gp.

DOWN

1 Jenny with a diet plan
 2 Singer
 3 Women's golf star Lorena
 4 Enemy
 5 Filming locale
 6 Bi- minus one
 7 Member of a Kenyan tribe
 8 Plant pests
 9 “Fe” element
 10 Saldana of “Guess Who”
 11 Type widths
 12 No. 2 in a statehouse
 13 Burn — in one's pocket
 14 Vietnamese New Year
 15 — Jima
 16 Search to find a criminal
 17 Actress Getty
 18 Subsidize
 20 Exact copy
 24 Grand — (wine type)
 28 Riviera resort
 31 Old autocrat
 32 — Mae (loan offerer)

ACROSS

45 “Scorpio” co-star Delon
 48 Chicago basebatter moonlighting as a journalist?
 51 Detroit basebatter's Easter flowers?
 54 Vaping item
 55 Designer von Furstenberg
 56 Like many tiny headphonses
 57 Put the (try to coerce)
 59 Oomph
 63 Gold lumps
 65 Money won by a Washington basebatter?
 68 Tether again
 69 Actor Quinn
 70 OshKosh — (kids' clothing brand)
 71 What a Minnesota basebatter sleeps on?
 75 Enormous
 78 Latin “to be”
 79 Litigious sorts
 80 Taunt
 82 Article in Ulm
 84 Pioneer Boone, briefly

DOWN

85 Cincinnati basebatter's chewy candy?
 87 Something a St. Louis basebatter confesses?
 93 “Oh My My” singer Ringo
 94 Ending with cash
 95 Kitchen range brand
 96 Warhol and Roddick
 98 Pixar's lost swimmer
 100 Kansas City basebatter's toast topper?
 103 Pennant won by a Pittsburgh basebatter?
 109 President pro —
 110 Right-angled pipe joint
 111 Sleek, in brief
 112 1993 Nobelist Morrison
 113 Some wind players
 116 Florida basebatter's rod-and-reel activity?
 121 Web page for aficionados
 122 Figure skating leaps

DOWN

123 Sideways
 124 Felt hats
 125 Dog strap
 126 Single bill
 127 “Nuts” actor Wallach

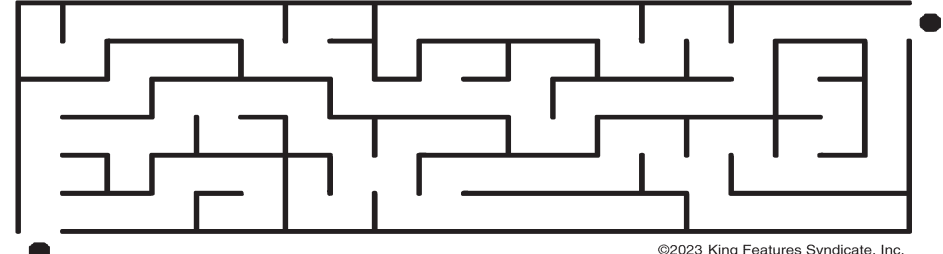
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Weekly SUDOKU

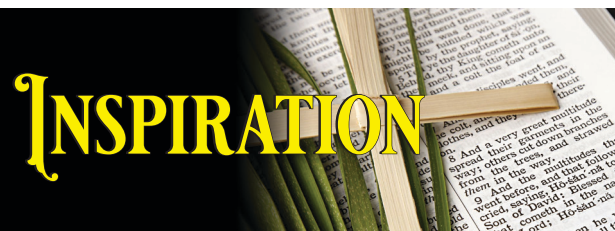
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!



INSPIRATION

DISAPPOINTMENTS

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



Disappointments in life will happen. Life is not easy or fair, and none of us are exempt from struggles or disappointments. Do not fall into the entitlement trap. There will be things in your life that will throw you off course. But you can get through it - we are all in the same boat.

Write down challenges you may have encountered in a situation that disappointed you and grow from them.

When I become disappointed, I journal all my positive attributes - my strengths and characteristics, even if they seem minor. That is what builds your confidence.

As an NLP practitioner and having worked with a Master NLP coach, I have learned to recognize unhelpful negative core beliefs, and I have challenged myself to build positive core beliefs. When a disappointment comes, I apply the principles I have learned to help curb my frustration and disappointments.

One way to do this is to shift the focus from what went wrong to what I learned from the situation. I ask myself: What can I take away from this experience? What did I learn about myself? What can I do differently in the future?

By answering these questions, I motivate myself to move forward and take proactive steps to improve.

Another technique I use is to practice gratitude. I make a list of everything in my life that I am thankful for, such as good health, a supportive family, and my faith. It is easy to get caught up in negative thoughts when we experience disappointment, but consciously focusing on what we are grateful for can help shift our mindset.

Lastly, remember that setbacks are temporary and do not define who you are. You can overcome challenges and come out stronger on the other side. It is essential to take a step back, breathe, and remember that every disappointment is an opportunity for growth and learning.

Regardless of your personality or situation, disappointment challenges us to identify our beliefs about God and ourselves. It forces us to determine where we place our trust and reveals the areas of our hearts that need healing or growth.

The truth is that God takes you through the disappointment valley for a reason. So, if you're disappointed, don't waste the opportunity to allow God to train you. Seek His perspective and guidance. Allow Him to work in your heart and mind. Trust that He has a purpose for your pain and that out of it, something new will be born. Isaiah 66:9 states, "In the same way, I will not cause pain without allowing something new to be born".

If you are after happiness, a response to a particular event or situation, you will be disappointed. If you think the position you applied for or the relationship you want will bring you happiness, you will be disappointed. It is joy that resides deep within your heart and will erupt as you become you authentically. But it is up to you to do the work and show up.

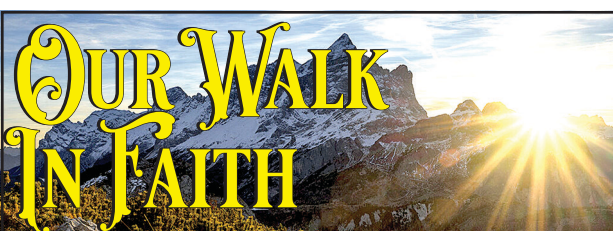
I had a beautiful and timely (because I was feeling disappointed) conversation with someone this past week, and he told me that he had read my story twice. This person's heart was now filled with joy as he shared with me how he began to unravel the things in his life that were no longer fulfilling. It was the jumpstart he needed to live his life purposefully, and yes, he did it scared. He is well on his journey of living his dream, which was explicitly given to him. He is now inspiring and encouraging others to live their passion and have a more fulfilling life. I am so incredibly proud of him.

What is success for you? Define it. Don't spend your precious time that will jeopardize your character. Life is not a popularity contest. Be brave and courageous, and begin by climbing your mountain, but do it with integrity and honesty.

I strive to be my best every day, learning and growing from my experiences and interactions with others. Ultimately, success for me is about living a fulfilling life, positively impacting the world around me, and leaving a lasting legacy.

Remember, disappointment may be painful, but it's not the end of the story. Your story is still being written, and God is the author. Trust Him with your disappointments and let Him bring you to a place of hope and restoration.

"Disappointment is the gap that exists between expectation and reality." ~John C. Maxwell
 To connect with Ellie FB/IG @coachelliewest



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 MAY 1 - MAY 5
Thursday, May 4
 Baked Cod
 Rice Pilaf
 Carrot Coins
 Bean Medley
 Sweet Peaches

Monday, May 1
 Cabbage Rolls
 Mashed Potatoes
 Tossed Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Apricot Halves

Friday, May 5
 Polish Sausage
 Sauerkraut
 Steamed Potatoes
 Mixed Vegetables
 Whole Grain Roll
 Pineapple

Tuesday, May 2
 Chef Salad
 Carrot & Celery Sticks
 Whole Grain Bread
 Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, May 3
 Swedish Meatballs
 Mashed Potatoes
 Key Largo Vegetables
 Whole Grain Bread
 Applesauce
 Cookie

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.



A PINCH OF INCENSE

Tony Wagner - Townsend

From the middle of the first century and continuing sporadically through the end of the second century, Roman law required all those living under Roman rule to burn incense before an altar of the Roman Emperor. The emperor was considered a deity and agreement with this was considered a national security issue, making anyone who refused a risk.

This left the Christians in a quandary. They were told that they could just go along, showing that they would live under the emperor's rule, leave, or suffer the punishment of death. This divided Christians with some fleeing, others going along, but over and over, the Bible says that you shall worship no god, but the one God. This caused many martyrs, including Polycarp, the first follower of the apostle John entrusted with carrying on John's testament, and Pope Fabian.

All they had to do was to burn a little incense and bow. Just a small compromise, a show of some tolerance towards other deities.

Today, our "pinch of incense" is being required to help celebrate gay marriage, being dutifully quiet as our government teaches our children how to perform homosexual acts, decides to change their sex, allows boys to claim to be girls which allows them to use the girl's facilities, or teaches a modified history that aligns with a new ideology. All of these things are abhorrent to Christianity, but if you resist, your livelihood and your security will be threatened, you may be investigated as a terrorist, a political/national security risk. We know that these are the risks because of how Christians were treated when they put their foot down and refused to comply. These new rules are nothing less than a direct threat to all Christians and Christianity as a whole. Where are our first amendment rights?

These comments are not a condemnation of either the LGBTQ community, or our Townsend school district, but rather only against those in the LGBTQ community who act out in this manner and those government officials that support them. Also, as far as I can tell, the Townsend school district has done an admirable job of resisting the current, ongoing pressure to follow the government-supported changes that other Montana school districts appear to be succumbing to. There has been only one possible issue at the school and that issue appears to have been taken care of by the school.

Please support both HB 359 and SB99 to help Montana rid itself of these federally promoted wrongs. Call your district Senator and State Representatives to make sure they are supporting these bills.

To me, this pressure against Christian beliefs seems to be even more offensive than demanding the acknowledgment of another deity with a pinch of incense, they are demanding that Christians fully align with a deity more evil than any Caesar.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 4th

10 am

Please join us at The American Legion Hall for a non-denominational prayer meeting.

Representatives from local churches have been invited and there will be an inspirational speaker.

DPHHS TO PROVIDE LEGAL DOCUMENT CLINICS APRIL THROUGH JULY

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

First clinic to be held this week in Columbus

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) announced today its annual Kelly Moose Memorial Legal Document Clinic schedule for 2023 will include stops in Columbus, Dillon, Havre, Poplar, and Glasgow.

The clinics are provided by the DPHHS Legal Services Developer Program, with the first one to be held on April 27 in Columbus at the Stillwater County Pavilion.

“This is a free service DPHHS provides to Montanans in need of preparing legal documents,” said DPHHS Legal Services Developer Program Director Katy Lovell. “It’s so important to complete this work well ahead of a medical emergency, and to review the documents on a regular basis to ensure they are kept current.”

The Legal Services Developer Program serves older adults aged 60 and older, enrolled Tribal members and adults with disabilities. At the clinics, legal professionals volunteer to assist participants in completing their estate planning documents, and assist older adults draft, review, notarize and copy each document.

According to DPHHS, a major reason for senior exploitation in Montana is the lack of knowledge of estate planning documents such as Powers of Attorney (POAs), guardianships, living wills and health directives.

The clinics are comprised of a one-day training session for community members to learn how to screen for senior exploitation, and, on the second day, a clinic is held where trained legal professionals assist senior participants in completing their estate planning documents.

“Those exploiting seniors often use a POA to control a senior’s entire life, even though the document does not legally grant them this ability,” Lovell said.

In calendar year 2022, a total of 944 cases were opened, involving 3,295 legal issues.

The most legal assistance requested in FY 2022 were: Estate planning, abuse/neglect and exploitation, landlord/tenant, probate, guardianships, Medicaid eligibility, collections/garnishments, social security and contract issues.

During the clinics, staff and volunteers not only educate seniors, but also financial, health care, and law enforcement professionals on what Powers of Attorney do and do not allow. The clinics present an important opportunity to reach seniors and communities and provide an access point to report and disclose financial exploitation, abuse and neglect.

Lovell said estate planning services are also available year-round through phone clinics at no cost. In 2022, the program completed over 2,450 documents through in-person clinics and over the phone.

Lovell said financial exploitation of seniors is a major problem in the nation and in Montana, especially when considering the state’s large senior population.

“Financial exploitation presents a significant threat to older Americans, their families and financial institutions,” Lovell said. “Addressing exploitation and preventing it provides benefits to institutions and consumers alike.”

The average victim of exploitation loses \$120,000 Lovell noted.

“It is important for anyone who suspects financial exploitation has or is occurring that individuals contact DPHHS - Adult Protective Services (APS) immediately,” Lovell said. “APS works to protect the senior from further harm. Often when financial exploitation is occurring, abuse is also present.”


To make a report go to www.aps.mt.gov or call 1-844-277-9300.

For more specific information on the upcoming clinics, locations and times go to [<https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/sltc/legaldeveloper/ClinicSchedule2023.pdf>].

Or visit the Legal Services Developer Program website here. [<https://dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/aging/legal-servicesdeveloper/>]

Space is limited and appointments must be made in advance of the clinics. To register for the in-person clinics, contact Lovell at 406-444-7787 or 1-800-332-2272.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the Lord, he rose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying: “Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.”

2 Kings 8: 54-56

WEED OF THE MONTH: WESTERN SALSIFY

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



My kids affectionately call this weed a giant dandelion, and it’s easy to see how they make the connection with its yellow flower and fluffy seedheads. The word salsify means “a plant that follows the sun.” Western Salsify opens during the day and always remains pointed at the sun, following it across the sky and closing at night. It also goes by the names yellow salsify and Goatsbeard.



Description & Habitat

Native to Eurasia and northern Africa, Western Salsify was brought to North America around 1900 as a food plant and ornamental. It is now widespread across North America and has been found in every county in

Montana. Although not as serious as other weeds, it can be problematic in rangeland and pastures. It can also be found in disturbed areas.

Western Salsify has rubbery, grass-like leaves. It is often mistaken as a grass prior to flowering. The stems and leaves have a milky juice when broken. The stem is hollow. The flower head is yellow and looks similar to a large dandelion. The flowerhead matures into a fluffy sphere, also like a dandelion, about 2 to 4 inches in diameter. Western Salsify has a thick taproot. It is a biennial (life cycle of two years) or short-lived perennial. It only spreads through seed production and will die after seed production which can take 1 to 4 years.

The plant is found in a wide range of climates ranging from grassland to forested areas. It can form dense colonies that displace native and desired vegetation and decrease forage production and plant diversity. It is commonly consumed by wildlife including deer, squirrels, rabbits and pocket gophers. One study found it to be an important food source of blue grouse. The roots of western salsify are edible and can be used similarly to parsnip or carrots.


Management

Very little research has been done on Western Salsify. Typically, 100% control is not necessary. Reducing the population in high-density sites will allow the desired species to come back but still leave a few Western Salsify plants that can benefit wildlife.

The most effective management strategy is to prevent it from going to seed. Small infestations can be hand pulled, hoed or dug. Mowing consistently can be effective. Tilling may be effective if followed by reseeding.

Herbicides are also an option and are most effective before plants flower. The most commonly used chemicals include Banvel, Chaparral, Cimarron, Escort, Tordon (restricted use) and Weedmaster. A surfactant is beneficial due to the rubbery leaves. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and management, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242.



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNOFFICIAL AGENDA FOR APRIL 26, 2023

Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St. Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com>.

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

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

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

2:00 PM Working Meeting: Amanda Casey and Zach Ringsak, Senator Tester’s Office regarding broadband

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

10:00AM Discussion/Decision, Recommendation

from the Compensation Board

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Darrel Folkvord, Broadwater County Commissioner, Airport Revised Lease Agreement

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Darrel Folkvord, Broadwater County Commission, FAA Form 5100-130, Drug Free Workplace, Airport Improvement Program Sponsor Certification, Townsend Airport Improvement Projects AIP 3-30-0078-016-2023; Record of Engineering Selection and Contract Negotiations, Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

10:20 AM Discussion, Update from the Broadband Advisory Board

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Jania Hatfield, Deputy County Attorney, Quit Claim Deed for William Lane Alleyway Abandonment

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
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Broadwater County Annual Bike Safety Rodeo!
Location: Heritage Park in Townsend, MT.
Date: May 20th, 2023
Time: 11:30 to 1:30

Broadwater County Public Health and Rotary along with several of our partners would like to invite you and your children to our annual Bike Safety Rodeo! Children 3-15 are welcome; a parent or guardian must accompany all children. Helmets are required to participate.

There will be small prizes during the event, free helmet fit checks, finger printing, drawings for a couple of new bikes, and plenty of FUN!

If you have any questions or would like to preregister your child(ren) for this event please call 406-266-5209! (Children who pre-register will get an extra ticket in one of the bike drawings.)

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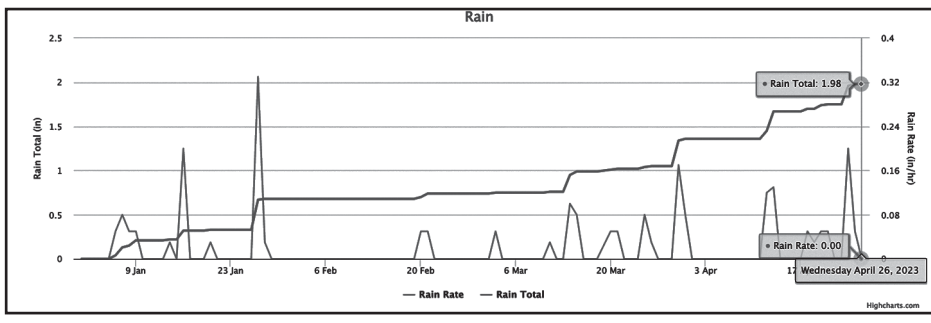
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Wow, what a great party!! Many thanks go to my daughter Diana for all the work she did to get the party going. She's my ROCK. Thanks also to the gals and guys that helped to keep things flowing. Being 90 sure came with many perks. Bonnie Berglind



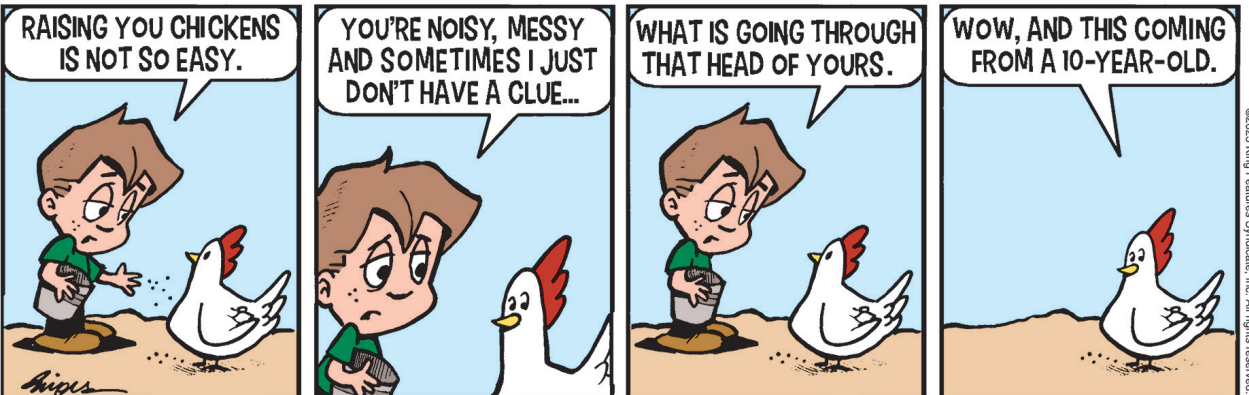
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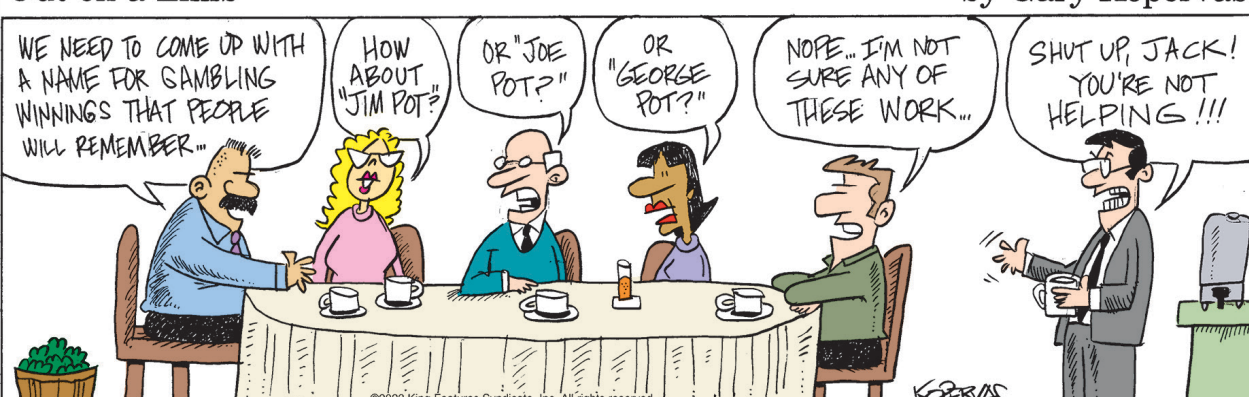
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April 27, 1939

Canton Valley News

Sunday morning found Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lewis and son, Mrs. Chas. Williams, May Ellen and two granddaughters, Irene and Charles Sullivan, on their way to Crow Creek to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Junior Lewis at their home on the Tom Miligan place.

C.R. Barker finished the spring branding of his herd of cattle the first part of this week.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Plymale is receiving a new dress of white paint this last week.

Mrs. Elmer Kenney, who has been living in Townsend this winter and keeping house for Frank and Robert, who are attending high school, moved back to the ranch last week. The boys will do light housekeeping until school closes.

1950

Local Masons Visit Marysville

Several members of Valley Lodge attended the spring roundup of the Marysville Lodge last Friday evening. Going from here were Glen Perry and son, Glen Jr., Frank Holloway, Art Schwisow, Gray Keene, Ray Sears and Bill Huth.

Crow Creek News

Guests at the W.K. Parker ranch Sunday were Mrs. Tom Moore, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Edith Moore, Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Cheadle of Helena.

Dinner guests at the Evan Kimpton home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson of Toston, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Kimpton and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Scofield.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb and son, Jimmie, and Mrs. Ben Webb and son, Bill, were recent Helena visitors.

1961

First Issue of Townsend Star

Last Thursday, April 20, 1961 we started on the 64th year of the Star. First issue of the Star was published Saturday, April 24, 1897 with M.W. Hatch publisher. We quote a part of the editorial announcing the birth of the Star by Mr. Hatch:

“With this issue the Townsend Star is launched upon the uncertain – and sometimes troublesome – sea of Montana newspaperdom, and proposes to live and do business in Broadwater, the youngest county of this great state. This paper believes in the future of this county and if it can aid in the development of the magnificent resources and at the same time fairly represent the people, the Star will feel that it has done its part.

“In politics the Star will be Democratic and will advocate the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver, at the ratio of 16 to 1 to the utmost of its ability. Let there be no mistake on this point.

“The Star does not expect please everyone, nor does it intend to try that impossible feat, but will strive to conduct its business in a spirit of fairness and on business principles, and to publish a clean country newspaper. If the foregoing platform suits, call and see us. If it don’t call anyway”

Note: This article is fairly lengthy so I have shared only a portion of it.

1967

Townsend Wins First in Class B & C Speech Meet; 2nd Against All Classes

Larry Mullany and Charles Sullivan debated their way through nine debates April 21 and 22 at the State Speech meet in Billings to win second place in the state. Great Falls Central took first place and Anaconda Public was third.

Larry and Charles received medals and their speech coach, Mrs. Nickey, was presented with the Sweepstakes Trophy for Broadwater County High School for leading the field in combined B and C schools. This trophy is now in the office at the high school and will be placed in the trophy case.

Kathleen Mullany represented Broadwater County High School in oratorical declamation and Marcia Moudree was a contestant in original oratory. Both girls are freshmen and did well at the state meet, placing in their individual rounds. Each of these divisions had 30 contestants who were finalists from the district level.

An Awards Banquet was held Saturday evening in

the Student Union Building at Eastern College.

LeAnn Jersey, Margaret Mullany and Virginia Fischer accompanied the group to Billings as observers. They had been previous winners in sweepstakes awards.

The group was chaperoned by Supt. L.J. Mullany and Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Nickey.

Marsha Miller Crowned DeMolay Sweetheart

Miss Marsha Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller of Radersburg was crowned DeMolay Sweetheart at the annual DeMolay dance held last Friday evening in the Masonic Temple. Attendants were Miss Debbie Holland, Miss Sandi Ewing and Miss Marcia Thompson. Miss Miller will attend the DeMolay State Conclave next October in Lewistown as a candidate for State DeMolay Sweetheart from the Townsend Chapter.

Approximately 100 young people enjoyed dancing to the music of the Rich and Poor Boys from Bozeman. The dining room was attractively decorated for the occasion.

1978

Prom is Saturday

The Junior Prom will be held this Saturday night, April 29 at the old gym in Broadwater County High School. Sponsored by the Junior Class, the event is open to all high school students and adults. Music for the spring dance will be provided by “Tumbling Dice” from Missoula.

Senior King and Queen candidates include Linda Waterson, Penny Stanfill, JoAnne Slifka, Carmel Steffen, Mike Meyer, Mike Hooks, Don Walters and Doug Cook. Prince and Princess candidates, chosen from the Junior class are Krista Swenson, Kris Toombs, Jackie Holland, Diane Harris, Steve Watterson, Russ Cleveland, Barry Clark and Jim Brammer.

According to Junior Class President, Terry Holzwarth, the Grand March will begin at 10:30 p.m. and is open for public viewing. Class members are busy decorating the gym for the formal affair. They have picked “Jungle Love” as their theme.

Junior Class sponsors are Miss Mary McGonigal, Miss Teresa Trip, Mr. James Therriault and Mr. Robert Cremer.



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 Eileen Clarke
 Rifles and Recipes

It seems like grilling weather — comfortable grilling weather, that is — will never get here. But the osprey nest on Highway 12, near the Silos, is now occupied. A pair has settled in and, with that, spring cannot be far behind. This week, I’m scrubbing winter from my grill, checking my propane tank and doing a test fire. If all is A-OK, the next step is the marinade. This is one of my favorite grilled recipes because it’s essentially a one-pot meal.



Those red sweet peppers in the photo? Cut 1 full-sized pepper in half lengthwise, then across, so you have four mini cups. Divide 1 cup salsa and 4 ounces grated Monterey Jack cheese among the pepper bowls, and grill, starting them 10 to 15 minutes before the kabobs and cooking until the pepper looks charred on the bottom and the cheese has melted. For those who don’t cotton to over-the-top, super-sweet barbecue sauces, this sweet and tart mustard sauce makes a vibrant statement.

Old World Marinated Venison and Potato Kabobs
 Serves 2-4

Ingredients

1 pound venison, cut into 2-inch chunks

1/4 cup malt vinegar
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 2 tablespoons prepared Dijon mustard
 2 tablespoons oil
 1/2 teaspoon coarse black pepper
 1 pound new potatoes
 1 red onion, sliced thick
 4 slices bacon
 Preparation

1. Trim the steak chunks, and wrap with a double layer of paper towels. If the steaks are drippy, as they often are when frozen and then thawed, give them a gentle squeeze with those paper towels, too. You don’t want the flavor of the marinade diluted by meat juices.

2. In a re-sealable plastic bag combine the vinegar, sugar, mustard, oil, and pepper. Add the meat, seal, and refrigerate 24 to 48 hours.

Cooking

1. Preheat the grill to medium-high heat. About 450F. With charcoal, start the coals, and spread them out when they’re pretty ashy. To test the heat, carefully wave your palm about 3” over the grilling surface. If you can hold it still, for about 4-5 seconds without pain, blistering or otherwise abusing yourself, that’s about 450F. Adjust the bottom and top vents of the grill to raise or lower the temperature: closing the vents lowers the heat, opening them raises it. (Adjust a little at a time.)

2. Microwave the potatoes on high for about 2 minutes, or until just fork tender, but still firm enough to be able to put on the skewer. Remove the meat from the marinade and arrange on the skewers, alternating with the potatoes and onion slices and threading the bacon along the skewer as you add ingredients. Fold and skewer the ends of the bacon slices to keep them anchored.

3. Cook about 2 minutes a side, until the bacon is browned all over, turning four times. Remove from

the skewers and serve hot, with more mustard. (Use the same mustard in the marinade or honey mustard, smoked mustard, horseradish mustard, whatever.) Heck, put them all out on the table and put a dab here and a dab there.

New potatoes are the golf-ball-sized, first-picked potatoes. You can cut up mature potatoes for these kabobs, but new potatoes don’t need any prep work.

From *Slice of the Wild: 100 venison recipes* available all at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.



Detail of Antonio Frasconi's woodcut "Overhead the Sun" (1969)

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