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## HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ENJOY DONKEY BASKETBALL

Mikayla Kraft  
School Correspondent



Each year, a group of high school students gets the opportunity to travel out of the country to explore cultures outside of their own. These students fundraise money throughout the summer at fireworks stands and work at concessions to gain the needed money for the trip expenses. This group is called Bulldogs Beyond headed by high school English teacher, Jill Flynn. Once a year, Bulldogs Beyond puts on a town-famous fundraiser called Donkey Basketball in the old gym of Broadwater High School.

As most of the Broadwater County citizens know, donkey basketball is simple. Each half of the game is 5 minutes long and different people are riding a donkey on each half. Every member of the team rides a donkey across the court to shoot the basketball into the teams' respective hoops. The players may get off of their steed to retrieve the ball, however, they must continue to hold onto the reins as they fight to retrieve the rebound.

The event attracted around 600 people from Broadwater and surrounding counties. A silent auction that lined the main hallway of the high school was also made available to the public as well as concessions. I spoke to Heston Vandenaere and his cousin Clayton Rice who served as pooper scoopers to get their excited input about Donkey Basketball. Heston loved "all of the fans that came to watch it. It's just really hyped when anybody



Now which way is our basket?  
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scores." Clayton believes that "all of the action" added to the energy that was already surrounding the gym.



Four teams competed; they fully represented the wide scale of Broadwater County. The teachers of Townsend Schools were named the "How to Train Your Donkeys," Law Enforcement was ironically named "The Outlaws," seniors of BHS were named the "Donkey Desperado's," and the team representing the local businesses of Townsend, and also the 2023 Donkey Basketball winners, "The Good, The Bad, and the Donkeys." Walker Spurlock was part of the high school senior team commenting, "It was so much fun and I think I did alright... my favorite parts were the fast breaks when the refs would get behind the donkeys and get them to go faster."

It had taken a long while for Donkey Basketball to be planned and it has been a success. Luci Horne, a help to the fundraising for Bulldogs Beyond stated that they started around October. Even though it was

stressful and generally quick planning, it had paid off and the public enjoyed it. The community was a large help to this event, sponsoring the students in large amounts! These students will now have the chance to explore the foreign cultures of Italy and Greece with Broadwater County's help!



Outlaw Donkeys (Sheriff's Dept) watch as the ball misses the basket, again!  
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## CHASE RAGEN AND JASON KOOL WIN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Nancy Marks  
Reporter

Business owner and National Guard officer Chase Ragen received the highest number of votes in the May 2nd school board trustee election. Montana State government supervisor Jason Kool came in second. The men will replace Kevin McDonnell, a five-term trustee, who ran unsuccessfully for a sixth term. Trustee Todd

Olson did not file for re-election.

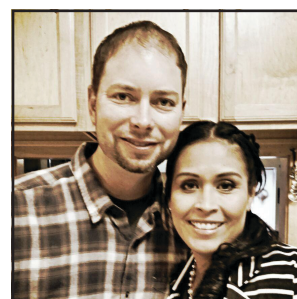
Ragen garnered 606 votes, Kool – 528; Daniel Truesdell – 495; Andrea Rice – 433; Kevin McDonnell – 425 and Heather Anderson-406. The number of qualified voters who live in the district who voted was 2,893 following the canvas. The voter turnout came in at 39%, according to the Broadwater Clerk and Recorder's results.

Trustee candidates in their biographies talked about themselves and their qualifications. However, they were careful to skirt the main subject before the county: whether to pass the 4-Day school week. The decision ultimately came down to the previous board who voted 3 to 2 to accept the policy held at an early April Strategic Planning meeting. It will be up to the newly formed board to deal with the implantation of the policy.

Incumbent McDonnell had said in a board candidate forum he was not in favor of the 4-Day week, while Kool said he favored the change. Ragen did not commit one way or the other to the change. McDonnell, who would have won a sixth term, said he felt it necessary to be clear about not being in favor of the 4-Day week, he was not disappointed about the loss of his seat on the board. "I saw that we had six very qualified candidates running for this important position, so I was good with that. More people ran in this election than any other I have been involved with since 2008. That shows a great deal of interest in the school," he said.



Jason Kool



Chase Ragen and Daniela Ragen

New board trustees Ragen and Kool were sworn in at the regular school board meeting Tuesday night.

## BROADWATER COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Nancy Marks  
Reporter



After years and months of waiting for approved contracts to install broadband to rural Broadwater County rural residents, the newly formed broadband advisory board gathered to weigh its options on Tuesday, May 2nd. They gathered at a meeting with Senator Jon Tester's field representatives Amanda Casey and Zack Ringsak to discuss strategies to give the county a better chance of receiving a grant from the State from federal BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program) funding.

Fiber Optic Company Opticom General Manager, Dean Nelson, of Bozeman pointed out that Broadwater County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the state. Its rural citizens are 92% unserved or underserved by fast internet service. "Not many places in Montana are as poorly served as Broadwater County," he said.

He pointed out Broadwater County needs to advocate for itself because many counties and companies will be vying for the next round of funds. Between \$500 and \$750 million will be allocated toward extending Montana's broadband. The advisory board's many tasks will include learning the ropes of requesting federal funds and understanding the eligibility requirements for winning those funds.

Partnerships in our community will be everything

# Townsend Seniors, Class of 2023



Alex Schaible



Codie Skillman



Jonah Wishman



Alexia



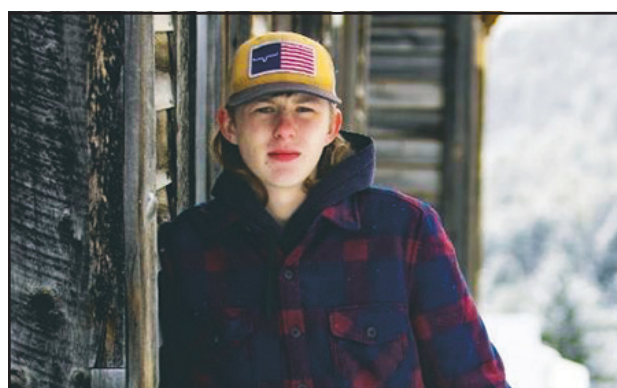
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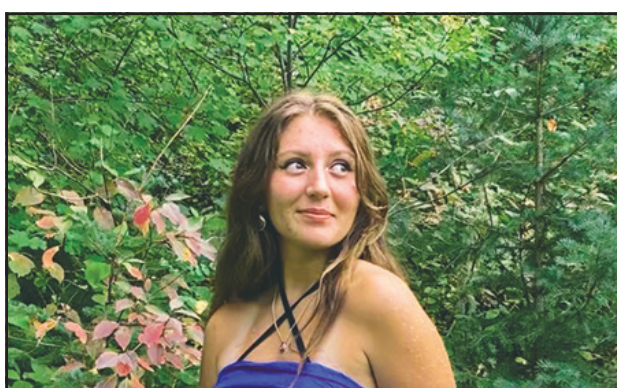
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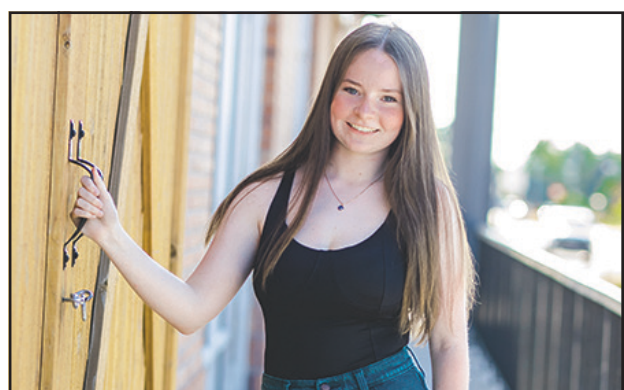
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James Pitassy



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Cassidy Johnson



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Chloe Naber



Joseph Thompson

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**NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER: JASON KOOL**

I first want to thank the parents, staff, teachers, administration and community for their investment into the education of our children. The statement about taking a village is most definitely true. I want to thank Kevin and Todd for their work and dedication to the school and community and for the service they provided over the years. I want to thank the current board members and other candidates who took the time to run and invest as well. I want to thank many friends, acquaintances and family members as well as well as the voters of Broadwater County for placing their trust in me. I love living and raising my family in this small town.



As we move forward with the successes, challenges

and issues facing our children in the world today, I hope we can seek community-based solutions which positively impact and grow the excellent reputation that Townsend has developed. I firmly believe a culture of transparency, accountability and communication across many areas will enable district staff to feel empowered and inspired to provide a safe and quality education for our students.

If you have any suggestions about how to implement these goals or have questions, ideas and/or concerns please reach out to me or any of the board members. I hope to hear from you about the good things and the bad things you experience through the trust you place in public education. I hope to see many of you around town, at kids sporting events, at the fair/rodeo, Fall Fest or other great community events. I hope to certainly see you at future board meetings as well, as it takes a village.

Lastly and most importantly I want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts, talents, abilities he's give me. John 3:17.

**NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER: CHASE RAGEN**

Thank you, Townsend Community for the support in the recent School Board election. Your voices were heard and I am humbled with the trust you have put in me to help lead our school to an institution of excellence. I do not take this responsibility lightly.



I want to thank all the constituents who reached out to me already to share their concerns and questions. Please feel free to reach out to discuss any concerns you may have. I can be reached at 406-266-3051. Excellence produces Excellence!

Best regard,  
~Chase Ragen

**ATHLETES AND PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK 05/12/2023**

Lacie Reed  
Lacie J. Reed Photography

We would like to thank Big B Ready Mix for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs! Here are our athletes of the week:

*Tennis:*



Addy Kraft  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

Addy Kraft is the Bulldog tennis player of the week she had a tremendous showing against her conference rivals last week pulled out some huge wins and is sitting in a good position to advance to the postseason

*Track:*

Jazlyn Martin had her best throwing day of the season, placing in the discus while throwing two season records.



Jazlyn Martin  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed



James Pitassy  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

James Pitassy ran personal best in both the 800 and 1600 and placed fourth and fifth in them, respectively. He also anchored the winning medley relay in Anaconda on Tuesday.

*Golf:*

Freshman Tava Giomi did very well in her first varsity experience in Three Forks.



Tava Giomi  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed



Walker Spurlock  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

Senior Walker Spurlock finished strong in his final regular season tournament at Three Forks.

**FFA REPORTS → STATE REPORT APRIL**

Kaitlyn Noyes  
Broadwater FFA Reporter

April 17th - May 1st, 2023

Future Farmers of America (FFA) Officer Banquet: 8th Annual FFA Awards Banquet



On April 17th, 2023, Broadwater FFA held our 8th Annual Awards Banquet! The night included a delicious pasta dinner provided by Kelly Morrow, a keynote speaker, degree recognition, awards, new officer installations, and was finished off with dessert cookies provided by the FFA Alumni and Supports Group.

Our inspiring keynote speaker was Kelsey Proue, the Montana FFA Foundation Director of Operations, who talked about her own experience in agriculture and working with the FFA Foundation. She reminded us to keep our options open and to have goals but be open to new opportunities that come along.

FFA is structured into a degree program that rewards active FFA members for progress in all phases of leadership, skills, and occupational development. The first degree is the Discovery FFA Degree.

To be eligible for this degree, 8th-grade students must be enrolled in an agricultural course for a portion of the school year and participate in at least one local FFA chapter activity. It is my great pleasure to say that our Discovery Degree Recipients went above and beyond the basics and took their Conduct of Chapter Meetings team to the State Convention this year. Our Discovery Degree recipients were Jacey Brunette, Airabella McDaniel, Sarah Morgan, Amy Peters, Jazel Ragen, Sierra Sherrard, Emily Taves, and Madison Zaharko.

Additionally, the recipients of the Greenhand Degree were Ashley Sanderson, Kaitlyn Noyes, Aiden Kitto, Spencer Braaten, Ross MacDonald, and Julian Stewart. For a member to receive their Greenhand FFA Degree they must---Enroll in an agricultural education class and have satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural

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*Upcoming School Events*

Friday, May 12	Saturday, May 13	Sunday, May 14	Monday, May 15	Tuesday, May 16	Wednesday, May 17	Thursday, May 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Appreciation Week</li> <li>District Track 5B @ Belgrade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High School Spring Play @ Stage Gym - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Divisional Tennis @ Billings</li> <li>State Golf @ Shelby</li> <li>D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Divisional Tennis @ Billings</li> <li>State Golf @ Shelby</li> <li>D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.</li> <li>8th Grade Holocaust Night @ Community Room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Golf @ Shelby</li> <li>Senior's Last Day / Elementary Grad Walk / Grad Rehearsal</li> <li>D/C Writing @ Community Room - 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.</li> <li>Old Baldy Adult Ed - Writing Professionally for Money @ Library Classroom - 6 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Divisional Track @ Laurel</li> </ul>

**Broadwater Community Calendar**

Friday, May 12	Saturday, May 13	Sunday, May 14	Monday, May 15	Tuesday, May 16	Wednesday, May 17	Thursday, May 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 12 p.m.</li> <li>Townsend Pinochle Club @ Broadwater County Senior Center - 1 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother's Day Breakfast @ Townsend Fire Department - 7:30 a.m.</li> <li>Poses Amongst Pages Yoga @ Reading Leaves - 9 a.m.</li> <li>Magic: The Gathering @ Reading Leaves Bookstore - 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous @ 102 N Walnut Street - 6 p.m. - (406) 439-3945</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother's Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City / County Parks &amp; Recreation - 6 p.m.</li> <li>Celebrate Recovery @ Mountain Valley Church - 6 p.m. - (406) 980-1805</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcoholics Anonymous @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>Bingo @ American Legion - 6 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission Meeting - 10 a.m.</li> <li>Townsend Pinochle Club @ Broadwater County Senior Center - 1 p.m.</li> <li>Airport Board Meeting - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission Working Meeting - 10:50 a.m.</li> <li>Al-Anon @ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>



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## Three Forks Community Calendar

- **Friday, May 12**
  - Spring Clean-Up Dumpsters @ Rodeo Grounds
  - Track Districts @ Belgrade
  - Three Forks Open Court - 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 13**
  - Spring Clean-Up Dumpsters @ Rodeo Grounds
  - High School Track @ Stillwater Meet in Laurel - 9 a.m.
- **Monday, May 14**
  - Mother's Day
  - Spring Clean-Up Dumpsters @ Rodeo Grounds
- **Monday, May 15**
  - Peace Officers' Memorial Day
  - Tennis Divisional @ Billings
  - Pints with Purpose for Prospera @ Three Forks Bridger Brewing - 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 16**
  - Softball Divisional @ Anaconda
  - Tennis Divisional @ Billings
  - Headwaters Golf Course Ladies' League Begins
  - Willow Creek K-6 Annual Fun Run - 2:30 p.m.
  - Willow Creek 7-12 Awards Banquet - 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 17**
  - Softball Divisional @ Anaconda
  - Tennis Divisional @ Billings
  - State Golf @ Shelby
  - Mahjongg @ Three Forks Community Library - 1 p.m.
  - Dungeons & Dragons Club @ Three Forks Community Library - 4 p.m.
  - Three Forks School Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 18**
  - Softball Divisional @ Anaconda
  - Track Divisional @ Laurel - 9:30 a.m.
  - Story Time @ Three Forks Community Library - 10 a.m.
  - Middle School Book Club Movie/Pizza Event - 12 p.m.
  - Three Forks Zoning & Planning Board Meeting - 7 p.m.

Contact [eliza@mt43news.com](mailto:eliza@mt43news.com) to have your event listed.

## TOSTON MAN'S DEATH LINKED TO BOZEMAN RESTAURANT

Nancy Marks  
Reporter

### Dave's Sushi Restaurant in Bozeman Sickens AT LEAST 30 Customers

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services said last week at least 30 customers who ate at Dave's Sushi Restaurant in Bozeman were sickened. Two people died of food poisoning including Bill Lewis, 74, of Toston and Donna Ventura, age 64, of Belgrade. Mr. Lewis had eaten at the restaurant on April 17 and passed away the following day. Broadwater County Sheriff and Coroner Nick Rauser arranged for an autopsy which was performed on April 20. The cause of death for the two persons has not been confirmed until toxicology reports are available. The sickened customers ate at the restaurant between March 31 and April 17. The establishment closed voluntarily on April 21, according to a May 4 Bozeman Chronicle article. Those customers became sick within 30 minutes and up to 4.5 hours after eating. The cause of the outbreak has not been identified yet. Both state and federal health partners are working on testing food samples, according to a report released by the Gallatin City-County Health Department. Morel mushrooms raised in China and shipped to the United States through a California Distributor have likely been the basis for the food poison outbreak. The mushrooms were not distributed to any other Montana restaurant. They had been sent to other states. No illnesses or deaths have been reported in those areas. Gallatin City-County Health officials have asked anyone who ate at the restaurant between late March and mid-April who experienced illness, to please call them at (406) 582-3100.

## THREE FORKS AREA AMBULANCE HOSTS TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING

Nancy Marks  
Reporter

If an emergency medical technician in your area is trained in saving your son's life after a gasoline fire accident, he will have a better chance of surviving. Last Saturday Program Director Lee Roberts of Simulation in Motion, a Bozeman nonprofit group that provides simulation training for emergency workers, gave a course in trauma treatment.

Roberts, who has worked in the field for twenty years, now provides training to hospital workers, ambulance students and emergency workers in rural areas in Montana. His eleven students for the two-day training were from Hardin, Lewistown, Three Forks and Columbia Falls. The course, paid for by the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS), emphasizes traumatic injury treatment for vehicle accidents, opioid overdose and children's trauma. "The

course is sponsored by the Vision Zero program run by the Montana Department of Transportation. Training participants pay nothing to take the course, not even a registration fee," he explained.



Trauma Life Support students practice on a practice mannequin burn victim. Left to right: Program Director Lee Roberts, RN Aimee Verreth, Medical flight instructor Maile Allzer and student Jager Rogers. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Roberts pointed out that despite the fact the in-depth training was fully free, few medical personnel take advantage of the two-day event. "Every day we see emergency workers opting out of EMT work. A DPHHS survey shows the average age of emergency workers is mid-50s. We struggle to find younger people who want to serve in these extremely important positions," he concluded.

For more information or to sign up for the next class call (406) 579-6580 or email [lee@simmt.org](mailto:lee@simmt.org).

### Community Health Fair

Saturday, May 20  
8 am - 4 pm  
Heritage Park  
200 South Pine Street, Townsend

Please join us for health screenings, education, activities, vendors, food, and much more.

**FREE Glucose and Lipid Panel**  
Now - May 17  
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[billingsclinic.com/broadwater](http://billingsclinic.com/broadwater)  
110 North Oak Street, Townsend, MT, 59644

As we celebrate Hospital Week and Nurses Week, we want to take a moment to express our deep appreciation for our healthcare providers. Your tireless dedication to caring for patients, saving lives, and improving health outcomes is remarkable. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to providing high-quality care to every patient who comes through the doors of our hospitals and clinics. Your kindness, empathy, and expertise make a profound difference in the lives of so many people and communities.

## NORTHWESTERN ENERGY REQUESTS LOWER RATES FOR TOWNSEND PROPANE CUSTOMERS

Jo Dee Black  
NorthWestern Energy

Butte, Mont. – May 4, 2023 – NorthWestern Energy has filed for an interim decreased supply rate for our approximately 600 Townsend customers with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC).

If approved by the Montana PSC, the decrease for a typical residential customer using 55 therms per month will be on average \$15.68 per month in the summer months, \$9.04 per month in the winter months and \$4.10 per month in the spring months.

NorthWestern Energy is proposing: a 28.4% decrease from \$1.76603 per therm from June 1 to Sept. 30 to \$1.26444 per therm, (or \$1.15787 a gallon); a 20.1% decrease from \$1.88883 per therm from Oct. 1 to March 31, 2024, to \$1.50804 per therm (or \$1.38095 per gallon), and an 18.6% decrease from \$1.55550 per therm from April 1, 2024, to May 31, 2024, to \$1.26444 per therm (or \$1.15787 a gallon).

The rate for delivery and service remains unchanged.

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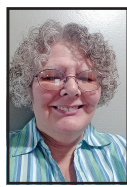
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MAY 5

**Dee Gannon**  
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menahan’s courtroom on Friday, May 5 is as follows:

Justin Ahl had an Omnibus Memorandum filed.  
Jason Wahlrich had his Sentencing after pleading Guilty to felony DUI (4). He is to serve 6-18 months in D.O.C. treatment. He receives a three-year suspended sentence; with 56 days credit time served. He must pay \$80 fees and surcharges. Office of Public Defender fee is dismissed. He must follow all recommendations for aftercare. He received a \$5000 fine: with his CTS exchanged @\$75/day. He owes a fine of \$800 (plus the \$80 fees).

Raymond Harbeck had a Change of Plea, pleading Guilty to incest (child under 16; with offender three years or older). This case is consolidated with a similar case in Gallatin County. Harbeck went to Galen to have both mental health and psycho-sexual evaluations. In the Broadwater case, from 2004-2012, he had sex with his biological daughter in Radersburg. From 2010-2013, he had sex with the same daughter in Bozeman. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered; with the tentative Sentencing date of June 2.

Pricella Evans did not appear for a Status Hearing. Her attorney stated he hasn’t been able to locate her. A warrant for her arrest is issued; with a \$10,000 bond. Pre-Trial is set for August 4; with the Jury Trial scheduled for August 28.

Michael Coyle was scheduled for a bail modification; he is under a bond of \$150,000. He faces charges of sexual assault of a minor (under twelve) along with receiving and promoting child pornography. He had communication with another adult; soliciting and corresponding about minors they had seen or spoken with; exhibiting predatory behavior. His bond stays as it is.

Gabriel Arndt	Bozeman
No insurance-1st offense	\$285.00
Mary Anderson	Helena
day speed	\$20.00
Hailey Anderson	Corvallis
day speed	\$70.00
John Adams	Helena
day speed	\$20.00
Brian Clewley	Great Falls
day speed	\$20.00
Reese Haley	Three Forks
day speed	\$20.00
Hayden Lohr	Spokane, Wa
Basic Rule	\$120.00
David Shilling	Bozeman
day speed	\$70.00
Michael Yakawich	Billings
night speed	\$20.00

**MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS**

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**MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES**

Kelsey Kilander – Bozeman – Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

Daniel Chumbler	Bozeman
violation of commission orders and rule	\$135.00

**BROADWATER COUNTY FINES**

Donald Clark – Townsend - Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked - 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.  
Timothy Muth – Helena – Assault, purposely or knowingly causing bodily injury to another, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$335.00 fines and fees, 40 hours anger management, no contact with victim.  
Timothy Muth – Helena - Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked - 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$535.00 fines and fees.  
Paul Taylor – Bozeman- night speed, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine.  
Susan Wesner – Toston – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$120.00 fine.

**BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES**

Kaitlin Torres	Helena
day speed	\$20.00
Alejandro Ponce	Lexington, NE
Driving without a valid license	\$135.00
Displaying fictitious, altered, license plates	\$85.00
Devin Foulon	Eagle Point, Or
day speed	\$20.00
Anna Christensen	Great Falls
night speed	\$20.00
Casey Brolio	Meridian, Id
day speed	\$20.00
Michel Barta	Helena
day speed	\$20.00
Amy Casne-Fetz	Helena
day speed	\$20.00
John Tubbs	Bozeman
day speed	\$20.00

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MAY 3**

**Nancy Marks**  
Reporter



During public comment, Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen reported the results of the District #1 School Board of Trustees election. (See separate story.)

Commissioners approved a request for an exemption review of the Hamilton Subdivision boundary relocation. The subdivision is in southern Broadwater County on the Jefferson River.

County Finance Director reported the Compensation Board approved a \$1.50 increase in county employee's cost of living adjustment (COLA) across the board for lower salaries up to highest paid salaries. “This will help those employees on the lower end of the pay

scale,” she pointed out.

Commissioners approved the increase.

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord presented the revised lease agreement from the Airport Board. Dedicated airport property such as hangar space can no longer be leased for “hangar homes.” The commission board approved the revised lease.

Folkvord reported the airport improvement Program is going forward with its land acquisition. The cost will be \$266,666.67 of which 10% or \$26,667 must be paid by either the city or the county or both as the airport is jointly owned by both entities. The airport board members have approached Townsend City Council about paying their half of the local share. City Council said they could not pay it at this time due to their funds going to the city water upgrade project. “The airport board has a reserve money account to pay the entire local share,” Folkvord said. Commissioners approved the land acquisition and improvement program.

Commissioner Lyndsey Richtmyer reported on the May 2nd meeting of the newly formed broadband advisory board. Richtmyer is the liaison member to that board. She said board members are diving into grant research, learning about federal and state funding, and learning about the specific eligibility requirements for our county.

Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield presented the quit claim deed from the county to Bill and Marilyn Lane of Toston for a one-half block of the alleyway of Lucifer Street which connects to their property. Lucifer Street was closed on Sept. 3, 1985. The property could not be transferred until official abandonment was exercised so a quit claim deed could be transferred to Lanes. The commissioners signed the quit claim deed.

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in doing the research, writing and connecting to the government departments who will be allocating the money according to Commissioner Lyndsey Richtmyer who is the liaison member of the committee.

The advisory committee will be reaching out to broadband businesses as well as to large employers in the county such as Billings Clinic Broadwater, Graymont Lime Plant and Townsend Schools, Wheat Montana, Bridger Brewing and Montana Business Assistance Connections (MBAC) to build economic research and needs for higher broadband service. They will be asking for letters of support from the 102 nonprofit organizations in Broadwater County as well. Nelson admonished the group about gathering data and getting letters of support. “Community support is really critical for qualifying for these additional funds,” he said.

Vic Sample is the chairman of the volunteer advisory board. Other members are Roger Flynn, Joe Gill, Warren Smeltzer and Adam Six.

**Americanisms**

“When someone asks you where you come from, the answer is your mother.”  
— Anna Quindlen

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**NOTICE OF INTERNET SERVICE TO TOWNSEND BUSINESSES**

Blackfoot Communications

Blackfoot Communications will host an in-person event to invite small businesses to use their new service in Townsend. The event will be Wednesday, May 17 at Canyon Ferry Brewing, 300 Broadway St. from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.



Blackfoot Communications of Missoula's crews installing fiber optic cable along Highway 12 East for Townsend small businesses. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

# BROADWATER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY

Nancy Marks  
Reporter



County Commissioners Moving on Broadwater County Emergency Services Facility

The much-needed County Emergency Services Facility (CEFS) in South Broadwater has come into view again.

At their regular meeting Wednesday Commissioners approved the preliminary architectural report from Great West Engineering of Helena. The facility will be in a lot in the Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) across Highway 287 from Wheatland Drive.

The building will house law enforcement, Emergency Services and Search and Rescue along with a community meeting room, according to Commissioner Darrel Folkvord. Great West Engineering of Helena will do a site assessment and get back to the commissioners.

“From there the information will go to the architect for building plans,” Folkvord said.

Chairwoman Debi Randolph explained the process of planning the CESF began in November when the commission approved a task order for Great West Engineering to begin work. “We have budgeted for two public meetings to review the plan. The building will be functional, not fancy. But it will be built keeping in mind expansion if needed. We hope the building will serve as a community center, used as a polling place or for public meetings.

In public comment, Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield presented a public comment policy update.

Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen presented a budget amendment to hire an election supervisor hire for her office. Paulsen explained with the upcoming heavier 2024 election work, she needs more help. Paulsen also has been appointed the County Surveyor. When the offices of Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools and Clerk and Recorder offices were separated, her office lost ½ of a position. Currently, she has one deputy Clerk and Recorder. “Broadwater County currently has 5,400 registered voters. We have registered 1,600 new voters since 2020. The legislature has passed a bill to heighten cyber security. The bill, HB530, was passed in the 2021 legislative session. Those additional security tasks slow down the entire process,” she explained.

Paulsen pointed out that wages for the new position, if approved, would be covered in her current budget at between \$18 and \$21 an hour. It would be a full-time position. The commissioners asked Paulsen to present a job description and her amended budget for their April 19 meeting. No action was taken.

Broadwater County Airport Board presented a buy-sell agreement to purchase two lots north and adjacent to the airport. If approved, the board would purchase the airport zone protection ground from Steve McCullough for \$226,666.67, which includes closing and engineering fees. An environmental assessment still must be completed before the final closing. According to Airport Board liaison Folkvord, the Federal Aeronautics Administration (FAA) will pay 90% of the total costs. The county and the City of Townsend will pick up the match at \$26,666.67 equally. “We are seeing a tremendous increase in the use of the airport including a call for more hangars and regular use by private planes and emergency services,” he said. Commissioners passed a motion to accept the buy/sell agreement.

Commissioners reviewed the bylaws draft of the newly formed Broadband Advisory Board. After edits, commissioners approved the bylaws. Officers of the new board are President Vic Sample, Vice President Roger Flynn and Secretary Warren Smeltzer.



## BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNOFFICIAL AGENDA FOR MAY 17, 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.

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Wednesday, May 17, 2023

**10:00 AM** Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Master Contract Between the State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services and Broadwater County; Task Order 24-07-4-31-301-0; \$4,719.00

**10:05 AM** Discussion, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Vistas at Headwaters Subsequent Minor Subdivision, request preliminary plat approval

**10:35 AM** Discussion/Decision, Jessica Erickson, Broadwater County Fair Manager, Fair Board Bylaws

Thursday, May 18, 2023

**3:00-5:00 PM** Working Meetings; Department Budget Meetings

Tuesday, May 23, 2023- Mark your calendar for this informative meeting

**2:00 PM** Public Meeting; Hear directly from MDT. Gino Liva, Butte District Operations Manager-MDT, and others will be there to give an update and answer your questions. This will also be live-streamed if you cannot make the meeting

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

Debi Randolph

406-266-9270 and 406-980-2050

Darrel Folkvord/Chairperson

406-266-9272 and 406-980-1213

Lindsey Richtmyer

406-266-9271 and 406-521-0834

E-mail: [commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us)

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

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Karoline Nelson  
Operations Manager

The Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church will be staffing the food pantry during the month of May.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 25 families consisting of 51 family members on May 6. This includes five from the Home Maker Program.

Starting Mother’s Day, May 14 until Father’s Day, June 18, the Townsend Rotary will be matching funds collected during that time. Funds will be matched one to one.

Foods currently in need at the food pantry are cereal, spaghetti or elbow macaroni noodles, Skillet or Hamburger Helper meals and beef or elk burger that has been professionally packaged. Anyone with a meat donation may call Karoline or Daryl at the numbers below for anytime delivery.

The food pantry will only be open for the distribution of food and receiving food on the first and third full weekends. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also. If these days are inconvenient for any donations, please notify Karoline or Daryl at the numbers below.

If you are dropping off food donations during off hours, please do not leave them at the back door. They may go unnoticed and especially with the warming temperatures, the food may not be noticed for several days.

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

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

Daryl at 406-980-0800. The food pantry is open to accept donations from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. You may mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644. The food pantry is located at 315 Broadway.

## ASSESSING ALFALFA WINTER DAMAGE

Allison Kosto  
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



After months of white and brown, our world is erupting into a beautiful tapestry of green. It was a long winter and many of us have been eagerly waiting for this time.

However, it is disheartening when you notice damage after the long winter. Vole damage and winter burn on trees and lawn damage are common for homeowners. For many farmers and ranchers, alfalfa and winter crops have been slow to come out of dormancy or not coming at all. After the winter we had, it is no surprise to see winter damage across the various landscapes.

Winter damage in alfalfa will likely be seen in areas of the field that are slow to green up or may be completely dead, depending on the severity. Winter-killed roots usually have a grey appearance (sometimes brown). An indication is that the root is soft, and water can easily be squeezed from it. Uneven growth from the same plant can also be an indication that buds had winter injuries.

In our county, in many cases, winter damage was caused by long-standing ice on the fields. You may recall we had a brief warming spell in January. This caused snow to melt, but since the ground was frozen the water had nowhere to go. Ice formed on the surface and proceeded to stay there for the next few months. Even though plants are dormant during the winter, they still transpire and require oxygen. Alfalfa covered by ice for 3 to 4 weeks will likely suffer injury or death.

Many other factors may cause or contribute to winter damage. Older stands are more susceptible. Cutting management also plays a key role. You should allow at least 30 days after the last cutting until the first killing frost to allow the plants to recover and accumulate adequate carbohydrates to get through the winter. Snow cover is important as it helps insulate the plants and crown. Stands that have at least six inches of stubble are able to retain more snow cover and are less susceptible to winter injury.

The next challenge is to figure out what to do with the field. Most universities advocate using stem counts to determine if a field should be replaced. If the stem count is below 40 stems per square foot, then consider a replacement. A healthy stand is usually defined as more than 55 stems per square foot. In the case of winter kill, where the damage is patchy, this method is hard to use. In this case, another technique is to look at the total area lost. Fields with more than 50% loss may need to be removed while fields with less than 50% loss may be worth salvaging. It is important to consider the economics of this decision. Even with a reduction in yield, it may not be worth the time and money to renovate the field.

Interseeding may be an option. Alfalfa plants produce a chemical that reduces the establishment and growth of new alfalfa, called autotoxicity. You can only interseed with alfalfa when the field is less than one year old. For older stands, autotoxicity will make it challenging to impossible. Autotoxicity does not seem to be an issue with other plants, so interseeding with an annual clover such as Red Clover or Berseem or perennial grasses can prolong your field for another year or two or more.

If the alfalfa has been in for more than 2 years, then it may be economical to renovate the stand. Because of autotoxicity, you will need to do a different crop such as a small grain, perennial grass or pulse crop. Rotation intervals of 12 months are recommended to reduce autotoxic effects.

In many cases, alfalfa will recover from winter damage. If you can, give it time before making a decision. We had a similar issue in 2018 and many fields recovered with time. If you have any questions about crop or forage management, stop by your local MSU Extension Office at 416 Broadway or contact us at 406-266-9242 or [allison.kosto@montana.edu](mailto:allison.kosto@montana.edu).

# NOTICE OF THE 23RD ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC.



TO: STOCKHOLDERS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE 23RD ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC. 210 GALLATIN FARMERS AVE, BELGRADE, MT 59714 WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2023 ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WESTERN IN THE LEWIS AND CLARK ROOM OF MATTHEWS HALL, 710 S. ATLANTIC ST. DILLON, MT. 5:30 PM FOR REGISTRATION, 6PM FOR DINNER AND 7:00 PM FOR TRANSACTION OF ANY BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AT SAID MEETING, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP:**

1. FY 2023 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT
2. MANAGER'S REPORT
3. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT
4. DIRECTORS ELECTION
5. DOOR PRIZES

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY ANNUAL MEETING**  
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 Call our corporate office at  
 (406) 388-4009 to RSVP by  
 June 6, 2023.

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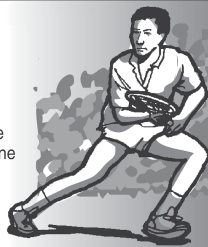
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**WORKING TO THE NET**

One of the best times to go to the net is after you return a serve. This is sometimes called a "chip and charge" strategy - you take a short stroke as you hit the return and run to the net. Any hesitation will often make you late getting into volley position.



Another option is to move to the center of the court at the baseline after the return of serve. Once there, you can wait for your opponent to hit a short shot, then move forward.

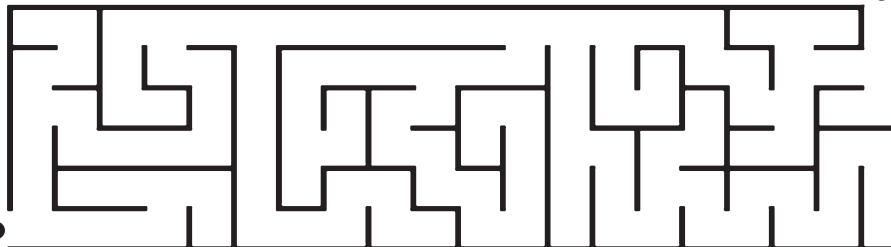


**Super Crossword**

**BOOK OPENINGS**

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| 1 "Billy —" (1991 gangster film)                  | 52 Prayer opener                       | 102 Billy portrayed by Brad Pitt in "Moneyball"                   | 6 Poking tool                               |
| 9 Certain line on a weather map                   | 53 "Chances —" (1957 hit)              | 104 Swelled head  | 7 Earthy colors                             |
| 15 God of love                                    | 54 Dept. of Justice div.               | 105 Los Angeles neighborhood                                      | 8 One who used to be in the club            |
| 20 It'll make a walking surface shine             | 55 Vatican VIP                         | 109 Tranquilize   | 9 Dogma suffix                              |
| 21 Sterling or Shannon of the NFL                 | 56 Not distributed, as cards           | 115 Brazilian berry in juices                                     | 10 "Homeland" aier, for short               |
| 22 Cartoon art of Japan                           | 57 One working to take control         | 116 "Eat — eaten" (law of survival)                               | 11 Rowing tool                              |
| 23 Washington monument                            | 58 Actress — Dawn Chong                | 117 Lister's abbr.  | 12 Of a wedding                             |
| 25 Tasty morsel                                   | 59 Mean Amin                           | 119 "How Do I Live" singer  | 13 Southwestern tribe                       |
| 26 Devoured                                       | 60 Lucy's Desi                         | 120 Mint family herb  | 14 Past artifact                            |
| 27 Stitch   | 61 Dog types                           | 122 What the first words of eight long answers in this puzzle are | 15 Panther, e.g.                            |
| 28 Caesar's 604                                   | 62 City west of Lake Superior          | 127 Crawl   | 16 Not fully aged                           |
| 30 "Othello" villain                              | 63 Freely                              | 128 Ready to go the start of the Bible                            | 17 Hot-and-cold dessert                     |
| 31 Flung  | 64 "Guys and Dolls" song               | 129 Thorn in one's side   | 18 PR concern                               |
| 33 Belief that one is destined to be a savior     | 65 Meadowland                          | 130 Ibsen's "— Gable"   | 19 Juice                                    |
| 38 Call to cop cars, in brief                     | 66 PUNCH sound                         | 131 Family tree females   | 20 She-sheep                                |
| 40 Weasel look-alike                              | 67 Narrative at the start of the Bible | 132 Have faith in ending  | 21 Render null                              |
| 41 Concept  | 68 Sportserson                         | 133 Bibical verb  | 22 Quarterback                              |
| 42 Singer of the 1984 hit "Too Late for Goodbyes" | 69 Ship's frame                        | 134 Big blood line  | 23 Marino                                   |
| 48 Hwy's, e.g., 1804 school                       | 70 Cry on "The Simpsons"               | 135 Sinuous fish  | 24 IRS datum                                |
| 49 Von Sydow of "The Exorcist"                    | 71 Biblical verb ending                | 94 Small pellets for air guns                                     | 25 "Son of —" in Arab names                 |
|   | 72 Famous 1804 duel                    | 96 Famous 1804 duel   | 26 Rx writers                               |
|   | 73 High-school jrs.' exam              | 97 Musical steps  | 27 With 42-Down, restaurant dish of the day |
|   |  | 98 State of ore   | 28 Sgt. Snorkel's pet dog                   |
|   |  | 99 Nabokov title  | 29 Phase out nursing                        |
|   |  | 100 Feel blindly  | 30 Takes too much, in brief                 |
|   |  |   | 31 "— out!" (ump's cry)                     |
|   |  |   | 32 Puppy's bite                             |

**Kids' Maze**



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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

# INSIDE INSPIRATION

## NO REGRETS

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



Have you ever experienced - "What was I thinking?"... "Why did I do that?" ... "I can't believe I said that!" ... or "Why didn't I stand up and say something?" These are all common expressions of regret, and we all have them at some point.

You crumble under pressure or make poor decisions. Perhaps you have let your family down or have a disconnected relationship. Whatever that voice is telling you, it is simply not true. It's time to declutter your mind and heart and not let those nagging voices haunt you.

Stop blaming God for the "why's," God is not your problem; instead of wondering "why," change your perspective and know that God has a good plan for you. It simply says in Romans 8:28, "Nothing happens to me; it only happens for me because of God's unconditional love.

We have all experienced regret, yet we can choose to move forward and not hold bitterness next to our hearts because of the poor choices or decisions that we have made.

I was chatting with one of my brothers, and he told me that if he ever wrote a book, it would be called "Regrets." At that moment, I looked at him and thought about his comment. I could see and almost feel the pain he had experienced over the years. I know some of his stories, which have created pain and filled him with regrets.

Regret is a powerful emotion, but there is good that can come from our regrets. If we learn to process those feelings of regret, we can gain valuable wisdom, insight, and understanding of becoming better and not bitter while making peace with our past.

When we feel regret, it means that we wish we had done things differently or made better choices. It also means that we have learned something from our mistakes or actions and are motivated to change and improve ourselves.

Regret can be an opportunity for reflection, self-awareness, and growth. We can become more accountable and trustworthy by recognizing our mistakes and taking responsibility. We can examine our past actions and decisions, identify what went wrong, and create a plan to do better and not become bitter.

Regret can also be a source of empathy and compassion. When we regret hurting someone or making a wrong decision, we can make amends and show that we care about the other person's feelings. We can learn to listen better, communicate more effectively, and build stronger relationships.

Regret can catalyze positive change and personal growth. It can help us become better versions of ourselves and make meaningful connections with others.

Instead of wallowing in your self-pity and self-defeat, becoming a victim of your regrets, give them to God, and let Him heal your emotions and heart. This will help propel you to move forward to see yourself as God sees you - unconditionally loved with a forgiven past and a bright, beautiful future.

I have made many poor decisions and mistakes during my lifetime, and there have been times when I lived with regrets. But, looking back, I have learned and grown from those decisions that initially gave me a sense of regret. I have realized that how I respond to failure, mistakes, and poor choices will determine my future.

Don't let your regrets define who you are or what your future will be like. Instead, use them as a stepping stone to propel you forward and guide you towards your true calling. God has a plan for your life that is bigger and better than anything you could ever imagine, and He can use even your mistakes and failures to shape you into the person He created you to be.

Don't be afraid to face your regrets and give them to God. Allow Him to heal, comfort, and guide you toward a brighter future. Trust in His love and mercy, and know He has great things in store for you. With His help, you can move forward with confidence, purpose, and joy, knowing that your mistakes and regrets are just a tiny part of your story and that your future is full of hope and promise.

Remember to take those regrets and turn them into something beautiful. Use them to inspire, motivate, and empower yourself and others. You can create a bright and beautiful future, so go out there and shine bright!

"Never look back and regret; look back and smile at what you have learned."

~Michelle C. Ustaszewski

To connect with Ellie FB/IG @coachelliwest

# OUR WALK IN FAITH

**Elkhorn Community Fellowship**, 126 N Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Eric Crusch, 949-0183.

**Faith Baptist Church**, 5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend. Services: Sunday, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Service, 11:00 a.m. Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Mike Wenzel, 266-4219.

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**, 101 S. Walnut St. Townsend. Mass: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Thursday, 9:00 a.m., Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Adoration: Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. or by appt. Rel. Ed. classes: Pre-K-5th Grade, Wednesday, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Middle & High School grades, Wednesday, 6:15-8:30 p.m. Adult classes, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Father Cody Williams, 266-4811 or office@holycrossmt.org.

**Mountain Valley Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA)**, 110 E Street Townsend. Services: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Kids and Youth Ministry during Sunday services. Life groups meet during the week. Pastor Eric Krueger, 465-5895. MountainValleyChurch.org. We stream our services on Facebook: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406. (Was Alliance Bible Church.)

**Radersburg Baptist Church**, 7 Main St. Radersburg. Services: Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Richard Summerlin, 410-0458.

**Set Free Christian Fellowship**, meets at 318 Broadway St (PO Box 1163), Townsend. Services: Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Set free recovery Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Bible study, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Carol Bergstad, (406) 461-2181.

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

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

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

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

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

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# SENIOR CENTER

<b>SENIOR CENTER MEALS FOR MAY 15 - MAY 19</b>	<b>Thursday, May 18</b> BBQ Chicken Breast Wild Rice Key Largo Vegetables Garden Salad with/ Beans Apricot Halves
<b>Monday, May 15</b> Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles German Vegetables Carrot Raisin Salad Mixed Fruit	<b>Friday, May 19</b> Fish Patty On a Bun Green Peas Cole Slaw Mandarin Oranges
<b>Tuesday, May 16</b> Birthday Dinner Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Applesauce Birthday Cake	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.
<b>Wednesday, May 17</b> Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Green Beans Golden Corn Jello with Fruit	

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED AT THE AMERICAN LEGION IN TOWNSEND

**Matthew Nelson**

On May 4th the American Legion Post 42 hosted the National Day of Prayer. The welcome was given by Roland Heaton, and then after all present said the Pledge of Allegiance, prayers were given by some of the pastors in Townsend.



Father Cody Williams of the Holy Cross Catholic Church prayed for Education and Media; Mele Moa, the pastor of the United Methodist Church prayed for Church and Family; Pastor Mark Roelofs, the pastor of the Trailhead Christian Church gave a prayer for Farmers and Ranchers and the Business owners; Larry Westfall, the Commander of the Post 42, and American Legion Unit 42 Auxiliary Chaplain, Judy Lund, prayed for all of our military personnel; and the guest speaker was Don Hettinger, who is Messianic-Jewish, "The name given to New Covenant faith in Yeshua (Jesus) as Messiah by those who are of Jewish heritage." (<https://www.jewishvoice.org/learn/messianic-judaism>)



National Day of Prayer Speakers  
 Back row L-R: Pastor Mark Roelofs, Roland Heaton, Father Cody Williams, Mele Moa  
 Front row - L-R: Don Hettinger, Judy Lund, Debbie and Larry Westfall.  
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Don remarked, "Prayer is talking to God about problems needing solutions. And Joy needs to be shared." Roland closed with a prayer for Thankfulness and Benediction. The whole event was very powerful, and truly one could feel the presence of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God Bless.

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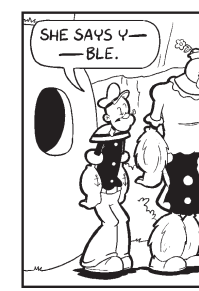
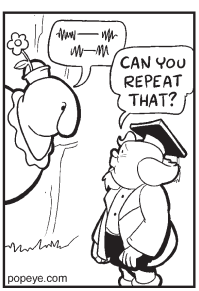
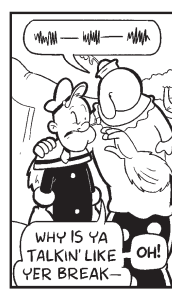
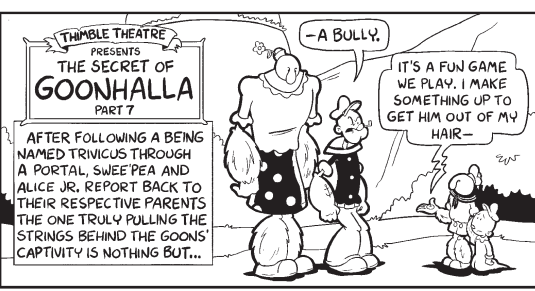
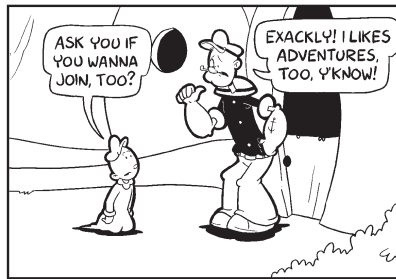
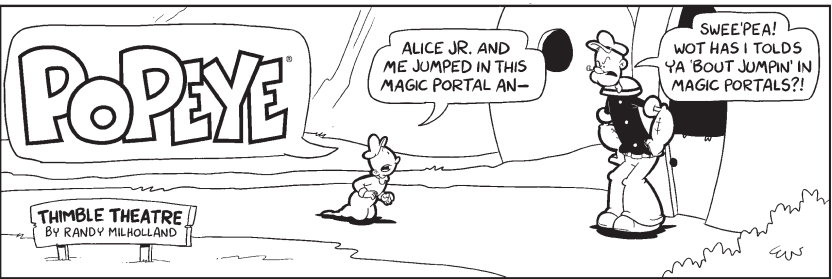
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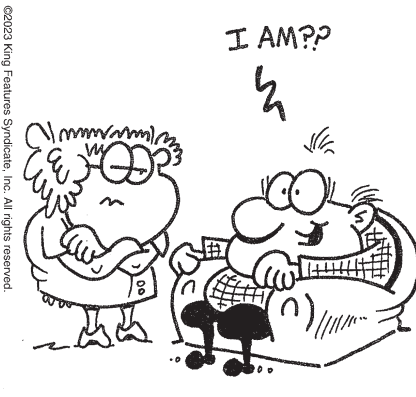
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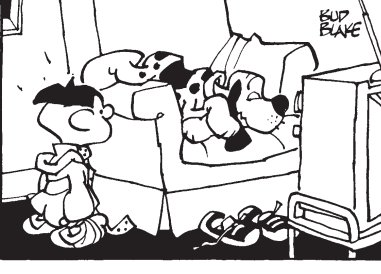
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Lisa Olmsted  
 Public Involvement Manager

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the design of the new facility, which includes open sight lines for patrolling, license plate-reading and security cameras, and LED lighting throughout the interior and exterior of the rest area facility and parking lot. A feature that is not typically included in rest areas, but that will serve nearby communities, is the addition of a Law Enforcement Office that will be available for use by the Broadwater County Sheriff, Montana Highway Patrol, and MDT Motor Carrier Services. Coordination with those agencies is ongoing; all are planning to use the space when opened.



More information about the project can be found at the project website: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/headwatersrestarea>. Comments, questions or concerns can be directed to [headwatersra@dowl.com](mailto:headwatersra@dowl.com) or by calling 406-551-1473.

**Weekly SUDOKU Answer**

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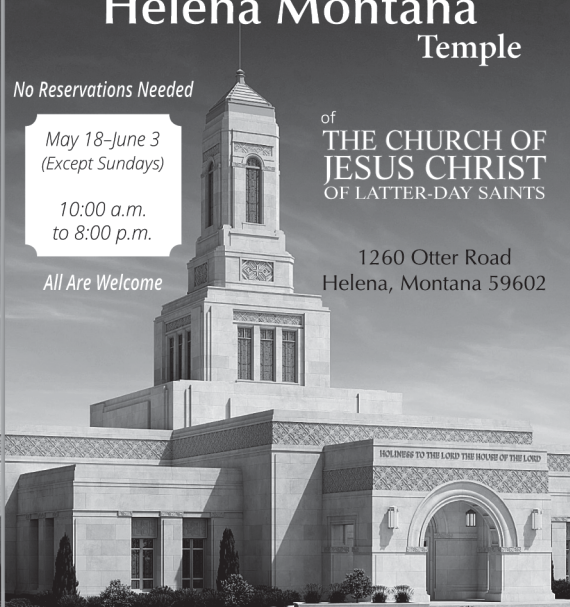
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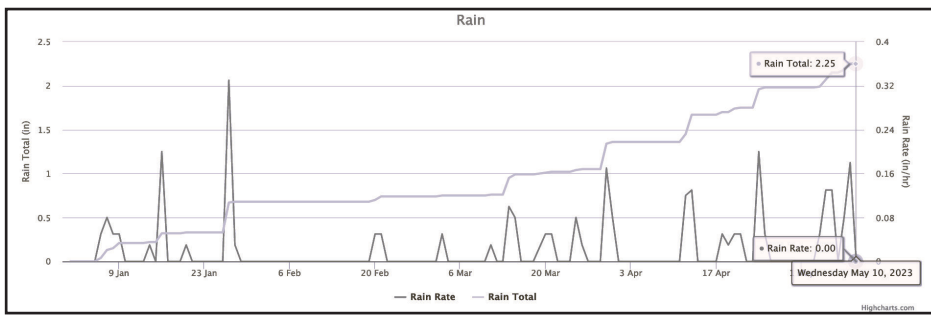
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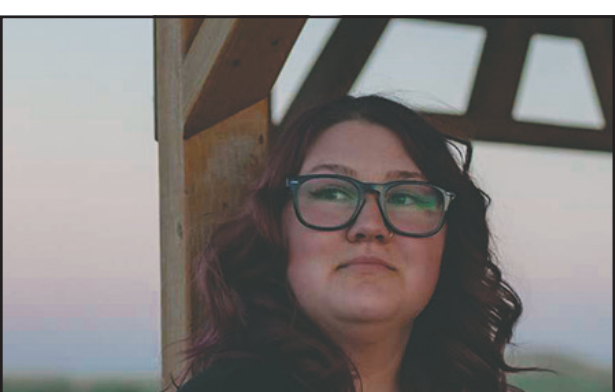
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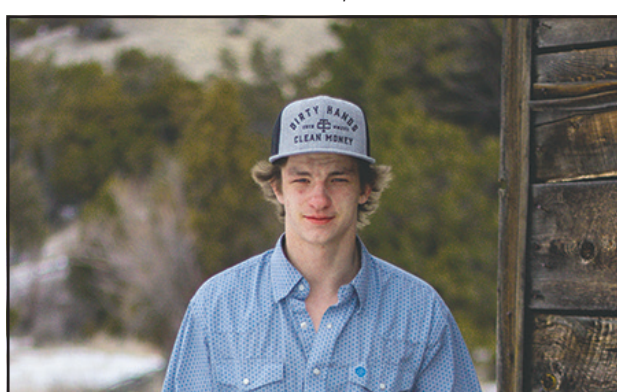
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Tery



Will Lynde

FFA, 3

Experience (SAE). They need to learn and explain the FFA Creed, Mission, Motto, and salute. They also need to describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors, along with demonstrating an understanding of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket. Greenhands must demonstrate an understanding of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter Program of Activities. They also must submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.



Retiring Officers

Left to Right: Jacob Pesicka, Lane Santi, Ross MacDonald, Kayla Kraft, Amanda Pesicka, Codie Skillman, Justene Santi  
Photo Credit: Karen Noyes

We also honored Kadyn Braaten on receiving her American Degree. This means that she had to get her State FFA Degree and be an active FFA member for the past 36 months. She had to take a minimum of 540 hours of agricultural education courses, have an operational and well documented Supervised Agricultural Experience, and have earned \$10,000 and productively invested \$7,500 or spent over 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. She needed to have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement, and have achieved a high school scholastic record of "C" or better. She also needed to complete 50 hours of

community service. Less than 1% of FFA Members actually complete their American FFA Degree.

This year our chapter also selected three Honorary Degree Recipients. The purpose of the The honorary FFA Degree is to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding service to agricultural education and FFA. Individuals nominated must have provided exceptional service to agriculture, agricultural education, and/or FFA. This year's honorary FFA Degree Recipients are Lisa Higgins, Jess Moody, and Tyler Noyes. We recognized many of our members for their outstanding accomplishments this year. First was the "Most Active Award" to Freshmen: Spencer Braaten and Ashley Sanderson, Sophomore: Amanda Pesicka, Junior: Kayla Kraft, Senior: Justene Santi, and Overall: Kaitlyn Noyes. The average number of activities that these students attended this year was 20 FFA activities. Next, we awarded the "Merit Award" given to Freshmen: Kaitlyn Noyes and Ashley Sanderson, and Junior: Kayla Kraft.

Each Agricultural Education student is tasked with creating a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The SAE program is the best way for students to control what they learn, do and earn. There is potential to earn cash, awards, and recognition. SAEs are year-round projects or enterprises where you apply agricultural skills and knowledge taught in the classroom. This year, we awarded a \$150 grant to Spencer Braaten's Berkshire Breeding Entrepreneurship SAE. He will use the funds for designing a label for his meat-selling business.

We also recognized community members who have gone above and beyond with the support of our chapter. Recognition was also given to Hugh Braaten for "Outstanding Citizenship" and the Fishtale Tavern for "Outstanding Business". We could not accomplish the things that we have without the support and help from members of our community, such as these great examples.

Now, the part everyone was looking forward to, our new officers! Thanks to our nominating committee, Codie Skillman, Justene Santi, Bailey Taves, Alana

Oisted, and Rick Naber, we are proud to announce the installation of our new officers as follows:

- President:** Kayla Kraft
- Vice President:** Amanda Pesicka
- Secretary:** Ashley Sanderson
- Treasurer:** Ross MacDonald
- Reporter:** Kaitlyn Noyes
- Sentinel:** Spencer Braaten
- Historian:** Jacey Brunette
- Parliamentarian:** Grace Kroeger



New Officers

Left to Right: Ashley Sanderson, Kayla Kraft, Spencer Braaten, Ross MacDonald, Amanda Pesicka, Janey Brunette, and Kaitlyn Noyes  
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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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## May 11, 1939

### Court House Lawn Gets Spruced Up

A tree and its earth-protected roots, weighing five tons, was unloaded and planted in the lawn of the courthouse here last Friday. The tree, a Colorado Blue Spruce, is about 30 feet tall and was placed at the east and south corner of the main building.

The planting was a part of the WPA project now underway at the courthouse. The crew, doing their own work, was allowed to dig it from the State Nursery and Seed company's tree nursery near Helena. The price was very reasonable, the cost being but \$50, it is said. Another one, but smaller, will be planted in the city park across the street.

## 1950

*Neifert-White Firm Finishing New Modern Building*  
Standing out as Townsend's largest business enterprise, the Neifert-White Company located on Front Street facing into the main street of the town, has just about completed a very large remodeling and expansion job for their firm.

The original corner has been given a face lifting seldom equaled in the remodeling of an old building. A year or two ago a large addition was built on the south with ceiling to floor show windows in the front and side. Now the original building has been reconstructed to match the new part and the long ceiling to floor plate glass windows in metal cases gives the old part a new appearance. The outside walls have been given a stucco finish and the entire structure is now almost finished and would compare favorably with city structures anywhere.

A tourist passing through on the two highways that intersect at the Neifert-White corner could not pass without being very impressed and home guards are proud to have such a complete and fine business enterprise in their community.

D.W. Neifert and Hubert G. White, owners, have announced that they are planning a grand opening in the near future just as soon as they can put the last finishing touches on the interior.

### Winston News

Mrs. Lillie Welch returned home to Townsend Saturday. She has been a visitor at the W.A. Bisby residence.

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Diehl and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitehead went to a dinner-dance Saturday evening, May 6, at the River Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies and son and Carol Whitehead attended the show in Townsend Saturday evening.

Last week Leslie Davies purchased a new 2000

Chevrolet truck, 50 model.

Hugh Whitehead is owner of a new 2 ton Chevrolet truck, 50 model.

Robert Pigman and his sister, Miss Joyce Pigman, attended the show in Helena Saturday evening.

Mrs. Albert Albright and family spent the weekend at the farm home near Winston.

### Townsend Briefs

Miss Laurie McCarthy, who is teaching in the high school in Phillipsburg, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCarthy, in Townsend. Miss McCarthy is planning a summer's trip to Florida where she intends to enter some college for a summer's course.

Mrs. A.C. Carson arrived here by plane Monday from Arlington, New Jersey and is visiting at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson and visiting her son, Paul, who is a patient in the local hospital.

Lanny White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert White, was six years old Saturday, April 29, and to celebrate the event was host to several of his little friends at a supper and theater party. Guests were Larry Massa, Jimmy and Ray Thompson, Jerry Cooper, Dwain Arnett and Barry and Bradley White.

## 1961

### Radersburg News

Cecil Wine of Townsend was a caller in Radersburg Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Gerry Parker was at the Radersburg school Monday, lecturing the children on "litter bugging" in Montana.

Dennis Miller, who was home from Dillon for the weekend, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Van Meter in Helena. The Van Meters brought him home on Sunday and were dinner guests in the Wayne Miller home. Dennis returned to Dillon Sunday afternoon.

The eighth-grade students from Toston rode the bus to Townsend Wednesday to accompany other eighth grade student in the county on a conservation tour of the county. Those going from Radersburg were Alberta Thurston, Mary Jane Puttin, Lennie Harris and Sally Harris. Mrs. Smith took advantage of their absence to have the two pre-school children, Doug Miller and Bradley Dundas, spend the day at school so they would know what to expect next fall.

## 1967

### Ten to Attend Divisional Track Meet at Billings

Ten members of the BCHS track team will leave Thursday noon for the divisional track meet being held

at Billings. Thirty other schools will be represented at the meet on Friday.

Boys making the trip and competing for BCHS are: George Gabisch, Mile Run; Dave Cameron, High Jump, Mile Run; Joe Jepson, Pole Vault; Brad Tarrant, 180 yard; Low Hurdles; Gary Richtmeyer, Shot Put; Dale Sprout, Pole Vault; Jim Smith, Shot Put; Jerry Bucy, 100 yd. Dash; Tim Ragen, Javelin; Mike Perry, Javelin.

These boys all placed in the district track meet held here last Wednesday.

### Crow Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber, Jr. and family were Friday evening callers at the home of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber, Sr. and family in Townsend.

Mrs. Herman Moudree and family were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Gladys Foot in Helena.

Mrs. Mike Lewis and Michelle, Mrs. Gordon Sanderson and family, Mrs. Junior Lewis and Mrs. Mabel Williams visited Sunday in Helena with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horne and daughters visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Horne and family in Martinsdale Sunday.

Jerry Kitto attended High School Week in Bozeman.

## 1978

### East of Townsend News

Mrs. Annabelle Diehl and Mrs. Rosella Whitehead of Helena spent a week sightseeing in Seattle.

Mary Antonick, daughter of Pat and Bob Antonick, received four red ribbons at the grade school track meet Saturday in Townsend.

Patti Schwisow of Missoula was a weekend guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ragen.

John, Janice, Nikki and Robin Walsh were dinner guests Friday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Perry Rhyneer and Dean.

Bob Rowland and Tom Shindoll did some motorcycle riding Sunday afternoon.

Sp.4 Joseph S. Foster spent a couple of days travel time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster and family. Joe was enroute to Alabama where he will be attending an explosives ordinance disposal school for the next 4 months. Following the schooling he will be stationed at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Whaley visited last weekend in Dillon with their son, Scott.

Lita Clark hosted a potluck barbeque Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Clark, for members of the senior class. Kris Sullivan assisted in the planning. Marge Stocks, Larry and Louise Sullivan and Corky and Myrna Clark did the cooking for the event. The gang enjoyed playing softball and cards.



# MOTHER'S DAY & ARBOR DAY

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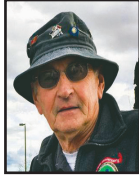


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## TOWNSEND'S COMMUNITY FOREST PART 4

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Tree Board Chair



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

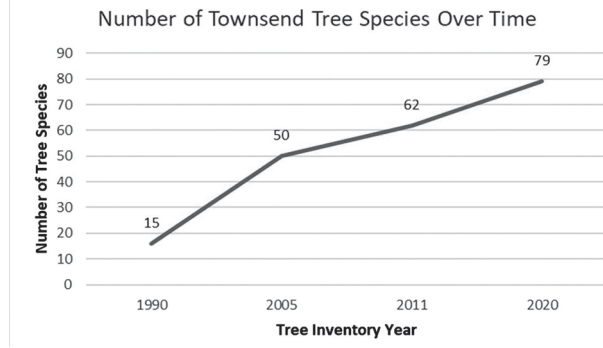
Last week, we reviewed how the number of public trees in Townsend has changed since 1990. The total number of trees more than doubled and increased to 1140 by 2020. Based on Montana city tree inventory data, the average city in Montana has one tree for every three people. Townsend has one tree for every two people!

This week, we will discuss how the number of tree species has changed since 1990.

Number of Townsend Public Tree Species Over Time

Diversification, desirability, disease and insect resistance, and hardiness are primary goals in the selection

of tree species for a northern community. Communities dominated by only a few species are ripe for major losses and major removal and replacement costs as seen in Great Falls where they have lost thousands



Number of Townsend Public Tree Species Over Time  
Graphic Credit: Pat Plantenburg

of American elms from Dutch elm disease. The Tree Board is always looking for new hardy (USDA Zones 2-4) tree species to try in Townsend. In 1990, only 16 tree species were identified (Figure 1). The number of species increased to 50 in 2005, to 62 species in 2011, and up to 79 species in 2020!

Since 2020, some of the experimental species planted in Townsend have died due to our winter extremes. But we still have over 70 species. Our community forest is diverse and the Tree Board is ready to plant more of

the tree species that have done well in our plantings. The Townsend Tree Board is currently concentrating on planting medium and large tree species to help replace lost canopy cover because we have removed so many undesirable large trees such as hybrid cottonwoods, white cottonwoods, dying American elms, etc.

Small-stature flowering trees have their place under powerlines, in the city business district, and on boulevards with limited space for root development. There are new cultivars of tree species being developed all the time and the Tree Board will continue to try new species over time.

Next week, we will discuss how we have reduced the dominance of species that dominated our community forest in 1990.



## Juanita Bray,

## Happy 86th Birthday!



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