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BHS SPRING PLAY: SYMPATHY JONES, THE NEW SECRET AGENT MUSICAL

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



The Spring Play at BHS was named *Sympathy Jones, The New Secret Agent Musical* originally written by Brooke Pierce. The music, lyrics, and concept were written by Masi Asare. The story was written in the 1960s and still brings so much joy to the community. In the plot, *Sympathy Jones*, the secretary of a spy agency, has had a lifelong dream of becoming a secret agent. After her boss denies her the promotion, a confidential file “accidentally” lands on her desk. She hides the file and gains all of the information she can. She turns rogue and tries to solve the drastic issue by herself.

The lead role, *Sympathy Jones*, was played by senior Cassidy Johnson. Her acting and singing talent made her the perfect fit for the role. She brought a smile to everyone’s faces and served as an amazing actor throughout her high school years and will be missed. Nick Steele was played by junior Aiden Easter. His easy-going humor was performed smoothly and made the whole audience laugh. Ann and one of the S.C.R.A.T.C.H. Agents were played by Nykia Mondragon. Nykia surprised everyone with a change of sides during the play and gave no hint of it, showing her acting talent. The PR Person, Rose Pinkerton, and a S.C.R.A.T.C.H. Agent were played by Jenna Mainwaring. Her quick change and adaptation to roles kept the audience from realizing that each role was played by the same person! Richard Oscill was played by senior Jonah Wishman. His sarcastic remarks throughout the play and his relatability made it amazing to watch. He was a great show of talent throughout the years and will be missed. Tick Tock was played by senior Kayden Greene. He fully embraced the “mad scientist” character and made everybody’s spines shudder. Scarlett McDaniel played Doris and the last of the S.C.R.A.T.C.H. Agents. Her dramatic falls and timid excitement made the crowd roar



The entire cast poses in pride after the play
Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

with laughter. We cannot wait to see her in additional plays. Caprice Nova was played by Jazlyn Martin. Her astounding sense of style and incite were enlightening to the whole cast and audience. The next two years will be exciting as Jazlyn grows her acting skills. The President was played by senior Will Lynde. His voice impressions threw off the whole audience and his adaptation to his role made the audience feel like it was real life. He was laughter and a spotlight on that stage and will be missed! Kitty Hawk was played by senior

Kailey Knaub. Her singing and acting talent wowed the entire crowd. She has been an amazing actor for BHS and we can’t wait to see what the future holds for her. It was directed by Denise Bakkum, choreographed by Amanda Hazlett, and the lights/sound was controlled by Caleb Lelacheur. Set construction was done by Kory Bakkum.

These plays are important to our students and your support means so much. Thank you Broadwater County!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Rocky Mountain Supply will celebrate its first anniversary in its new building with a Customer Appreciation Day on May 20. The day is always a hit in Townsend with a free lunch beginning at 11 a.m. The business moved from 310 South Front St. to its current location in 2022. The large agricultural, sporting goods and clothing

store employs twenty-two people according to Manager Robert Michael. Special services provided also include a greenhouse, seed, fertilizer and bulk fuel and propane. Michael has managed the store since 2016.



Original CO-OP Supply building on Front Street where Full Belli Deli is currently located.

Rocky Mountain Supply was formed in 1999 as a merger between Gallatin Farmers Company, Belgrade and CO-OP Supply based in Dillon. The two original companies were formed in the 1930s as co-operatives (customer-owned) to sell area farmers less expensive gasoline and diesel fuel. Rocky Mountain Supply is now run by a board of directors who are agricultural producers representing the communities they serve.

In 1974 CO-Op Supply broke ground for its new service station and retail farm supply store in Townsend along Front Street where Full Belli Deli has its store. Dave Campbell was the manager at that time, according to files from the Broadwater County Museum.

Other managers who ran one of the largest businesses in Townsend were Dave Middlemas, Libby Campbell, Carla Ahern, Bill Jappe and Lloyd (Punk) Girdler.



The Farm Supply location was moved to 310 Front Street, shown here in the 1980's as CENEX Supply

In 2001 Rocky Mountain Supply formed a joint venture with rural electric cooperative Vigilante Electric, Dillon for the purpose of serving members and customers with propane and related services. This joint venture is Montana Energy Alliance.

The business has served its members and customers by sharing the success of the cooperative model through



The newest Rocky Mountain Supply location is at 7847 Highway 297 south of Townsend.

its patronage dividends returned to members each year along with the reinvestment of improved facilities such as the new one in Townsend. “We will look to continue to expand our presence throughout Southwest Montana by offering more products and services to its members and customers,” Chief Executive Officer Brad Gjermo said.

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TOWNSEND SCHOOL BOARD TRAVELS A ROCKY ROAD AHEAD

Nancy Marks
Reporter

The election of two new members and the sudden resignation of another have plunged the Townsend School District into a state of upheaval and dissension

SchoolBoard,

PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

Lacie Reed
Lacie J. Reed Photography

We would like to thank Big Sky Horse Leasing for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs!

Here are our athletes of the week:

Track:

Senior Ryan Racht placed in all five events and had three season best at the district meet in Belgrade this past weekend.

Junior Havyn Vandenacre placed in all five events and took home first in both hurdle events as the Lady Bulldogs captured a district championship in Belgrade on Friday.



Ryan Racht



Havyn Vandenacre

Golf:

Freshman Trenton Hoveland finished the season as the number two ranked bulldog golfer following the divisional tournament.

Junior Mikayla Kraft finished her season on a strong note with a 16th-place finish at divisionals.



Trenton Hoveland



Mikayla Kraft

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TOWNSEND/ BROADWATER COUNTY BUS DRIVERS ARE RETIRING

Matthew Nelson



Known and loved by well over 1000 students, Larry and Buffy Woodring have been driving Broadwater County school buses for many, many years. Buffy began driving in 1983 for Marvin and Mary Lou Meyer she drove as a substitute driver for them until Larry and Buffy moved to Manhattan and drove as a substitute driver until 1992 when they moved back to Townsend and purchased the Meyer's 3 buses and thie bid on their three routes, the Winston, Canyon Ferry and Deep Creek routes. The end of this school year is Larry's 30th anniversary and Buffy's 40th anniversary of driving school bus About a year ago they sold the buses to Jeremy Rice and started driving for him.

Buffy has driven the back side of the lake on Highway 284, up to Goose Bay, and also on Highway 12 to Diamond Gulch and Sand Hill Lane. She has seen elk, moose, deer, antelope, and bald eagles. It takes her about an hour and a half or so to drive the route.

Larry drives on Highway 12/287 to Spokane Creek and back to the Silos. Because his bus got fully loaded, his route now cuts off by the Silos.

Gail Vennes drives the Radersburg route. It's about a 50-mile trip and he also goes up to Lone Mountain, and Highway 437 and to Radersburg and back. He leaves around 6:15 in the morning and gets to the school about 7:50 or so.

Gail said that he hasn't put in the time that Buffy and Larry have, but he has been driving for about 20 years. Most of it has been substituting for route driving, but he has also driven the athletics to and from their sporting events. At the same time he was trying to run a little cattle business. Gail substituted for Buffy for a while a couple years ago when she had her knee surgery and he came close to hitting a few elk on the East side of the lake. He has often seen mule deer and white tail deer on his route to Radersburg, and most of the mule

deer that he sees are in downtown Radersburg.

Corrine Swan has also driven for Larry and Buffy for 20 years, Corrine has driven the Deep Creek Route as well as some activity trips. However, she wasn't available for the interview.



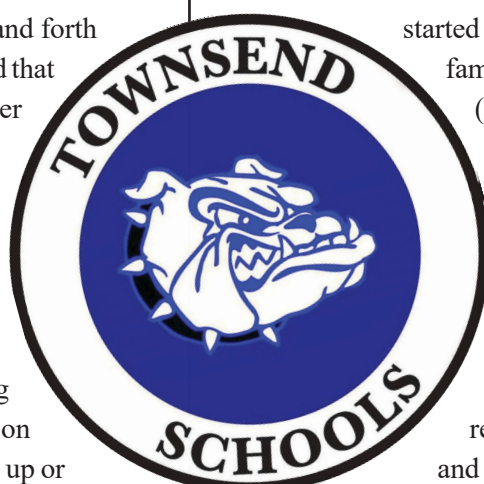
Retiring Broadwater County Bus Drivers Gail Vennes, Corrine Swan, and Larry and Buffy Woodring
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

All of these drivers have built great relationships with the kids, and sometimes they drive the kids of their former students. Often they get invited to graduations. Lots of times the kids come and see them and give them hugs. The parents are always appreciative of what the drivers do getting their kids back and forth safely. Each driver strongly emphasized that the safety of the kids is his/her number one priority.

Although they drive in all kinds of weather and at all times of the day taking kids to and from school and sporting events or other special activities, their biggest complaint is about other drivers crowding them, or not stopping when the buses are stopped, or passing on the right side, especially when picking up or dropping kids off.

When asked what they will do in retirement, Larry grinned; "It's been a good life. I do what other guys do when they retire - they drive a school bus! I will get two of the three buses out of my shop this year, so that way I will have room. I have a couple of pickups that I want to rebuild, and get back to playing in my shop. I have steers that I feed, and she has chickens that she milks!" Although Buffy is retiring from driving a bus, she is still going to keep busy - she is the Office Manager at the Catholic Church.

Larry and Buffy have been bringing eggs down the Broadwater Food Pantry for several years, which is much appreciated. Thank you all for your excellent service to our community and dedication to our kids.



that were special to her, she replied, "I love seeing my former students' successes and take pride in knowing I was a small piece of it. It's fun to see them grow up and see the positive things in their lives. It does my heart a lot of good, like getting wedding invitations from these kids and seeing these young people and how successful they are. One guy came back to see me after being in the military."

Her husband Henry said, "You have 20-year-olds who give you compliments."

Liz has thought about retiring for a while, especially after the stress of the Covid-19 pandemic and the challenges of teaching the kids from home using computers and new technology. Liz doesn't know what she will be doing once she does retire from teaching, but still wants to work full time. She has a lot of interests and skills and wants to figure out what's available with her skills and interest level.

The difference in family dynamics has changed a lot over the last 30 years. When Liz first

started teaching, all the kids had core families with mother and fathers (and brothers and sisters) home.

Liz said, "Now the kids still lead lovely lives, but there are so many facets, such as the technology changes, and the ways cultures have shifted".

Liz is going to miss the relationships with her students and colleagues. She said, "It will

be a challenge, but it will be beautiful too. I still love the kids; there are so many beautiful wild cards out there." Liz has made great friends during her teaching career, and she truly loves the people she will leave behind.

Liz, Henry, and their two sons Jonah and Jeremiah are strong Christians.

FAREWELL TO THE TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kevin McDonnell



Townsend School District,

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve on the board. It has been a positive and varied experience. I am glad there is so much renewed interest in the school and so many good candidates running for the board. It is interesting to recall my reasons for initially wanting to be on the board and how my thoughts about education have changed and also remained the same.

Someone once advised me that at times it is helpful to remember initial motivations and ideals for beginning an endeavor. Through many experiences, I have found that by doing so I gain a fresh perspective and renewed energy. To enter the educational field, I imagine requires a high degree of idealism. Wealth and fame are typically not in the equation.

I am grateful for the education my children received and am grateful for the dedication and professionalism shown by the Townsend Schools faculty and administration over the years. You are the ones who make it work. The new building can be designed to be safe, but it cannot secure itself. It can be designed to welcome the community and parents, but it cannot bring them in. Spaces can be built to facilitate learning, but the teachers engage the students in meaningful learning.

I still believe a good teacher with a chalkboard and a notebook is better than a disengaged teacher with a Chromebook and a smartboard. Unfortunately, there is no panacea to solve the challenges that face education today. What we have are the people who are dedicated to educating our students. I wish you all the best and hope that you can find time to reconnect with those ideals that initially lead you into the educational field and keep you motivated.

Best regards,
Kevin McDonnell

TOWNSEND KINDERGARTEN TEACHER LIZ WISHMAN IS RETIRING

Matthew Nelson

On May 26th, Townsend Kindergarten teacher Liz Wishman will be retiring after 30 years of teaching. She grew up in Dutton and received her bachelor's degree from MSU and her Master's degree from Walden University. She started her teaching career in Geraldine, where she taught the Second Grade for 9 years and Sixth Grade for 1 year. She taught the Sixth Grade World History and Language Arts for 8 years in Townsend and has taught Kindergarten here for 12 years.



Townsend Kindergarten Teacher Liz Wishman is retiring.
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Coming to Townsend was a great opportunity for her, a bigger school, and there were more opportunities for their kids. She was a bit overwhelmed here. She taught 78 students during her first year of teaching the Sixth Grade here. She was pregnant at the time and in a new school. It was a lot. But it was lovely. They were good kids, they were fun. All the kids came through her classroom every day, where she taught Language Arts and World History. Teaching world history was fun for Liz. She wanted to make history fun and interesting and come to life for the students.

When asked if there were any teaching moments



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over the prospect of switching the school system to a four-day week.

Shaun Scott, a member of the board for 14 years, abruptly resigned during the early minutes of the board's May 9 meeting.

With frustration and sadness apparent in his voice, Scott said he felt the board made the wrong decision at an April 24 Strategic Planning meeting to adopt a four-day, Monday through Thursday, teaching schedule. "I can't see dumping 550 kids on the street on Fridays. As a teacher for 24 years and an administrator I do not see how this will be good for kids," he said.

"There are lots of ways to approach good education besides the four-day week," Scott continued. "I do not want to be an obstructionist, so with that, I resign as a school board member," he declared.

Then he walked out.

Scott's resignation left the board with only two veteran members, Jason Noyes and Vanessa Flynn, joined by Chase Ragen and Jason Kool, both of whom were publicly elected on May 2. After Ragen and Kool were sworn in, the board re-elected Noyes as board chair and Ragen as vice chair.



Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen swears in Chase Ragen. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

In line with precedent, the seat vacated by Scott's resignation was to be offered to Daniel Truesdell, who finished in third place in the May 2 election race for two seats on the board.

In public comment, Paul Graham of Winston said the school district's survey of public opinion as to a four-day week was poorly distributed because it was only available online and difficult to track on the school district website. He questioned when the survey results would be released to the public. "It was paid for by the school board, so with taxpayer funds. We will be looking for the results," he said.

Ragen noted that when the board voted for the four-day week, it did not set a date for moving into the new schedule. He asked if the four-day plan could be postponed so the board, school personnel and parents could prepare better for the change. "We are being reactive to the decision, rather than being proactive and prepared. I feel as if we're going into battle with no sword," he said.

Both Ragen and Kool pointed to a need for time



Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen congratulates new school board member Jason Kool. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

to make the change, including classroom scheduling, teachers' planning, negotiations with the two teachers' unions, bus schedule changes and teacher recruitment. "If we could postpone the start of the shortened school week even until November or December, it would especially give parents time to prepare with childcare and job change arrangements they would need to make," he said.

Ragen asked if recruiting teachers will be more difficult on such short notice since the idea to change came up so quickly. Middle School Principal Brad Racht said the four-day school week did not come from the teachers directly but from many parents. "Several different parents have asked in multiple years if we could make the change, especially since other schools around us are using the model. As a matter of fact, since we announced the schedule change, we have seen more teacher applications in the last week than we've had previously," he said.

In the last 30 minutes of the three-hour meeting, Ragen asked about issues with the district's financial audit. "The audit is not in a good place," he said.

Ragen and Kool noted there were problems with the audit that needed to be addressed and corrected if possible. "We need to make sure our financial house is in order before we jump into a whole new way of doing business," Ragen said.

Noyes admitted there were discrepancies in the audit. He pointed out the school district has had turnovers in the school clerk position, so the new person has been

trying to get up to speed on putting out the financial information.

New district clerk Kayce Williams, who is assisted by Pam Watson, explained the workload of her position. "We are way behind. The work of payroll, insurance, salary negotiations and the school calendar is piling up. I think this time next year we will have a tight budget with lots of red lines," she said.

LETTERS TO TOWNSEND SCHOOLS FAMILIES

Susie Hedalen
Townsend Schools Superintendent



5/15/2023

Dear Townsend School District Families,

Our school is closely monitoring enrollment for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Staffing strategies for next year are continually analyzed and adjusted accordingly. Our teachers assist school leadership in making these decisions thoughtfully by working together to ensure high-quality staffing and the most effective use of resources.

I want to welcome Chase Ragen and Jason Kool to the Townsend School District Board of Trustees. The School Board will have an upcoming meeting to declare a vacant position. We will follow Montana State law in accordance with Townsend K12 School District #1 policy in order to fill this position timely.

The School Board is negotiating with classified and certified staff on how to best implement the proposed four-day week calendar. The school calendar committee will meet this week to discuss potential calendar options. The committee is made from a diverse group of staff members. The agreed-upon calendar will be presented to the School Board for final consideration and adoption. Presentation will be held during a public session school board meeting where staff and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Students and staff will still spend the same amount of time in school, the days will be extended, and the calendar will be adjusted. Please visit www.townsend.k12.mt.us to view our recent four-day school week survey results.

Regular Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Library Community Room. Agendas are posted per State of Montana open meeting laws, guidance, and timelines. Regular meeting agendas are posted by the Thursday before the Tuesday of the meetings. Postings can be found throughout the school, on the school website, in the community library, Townsend Post Office, and the Broadwater County building. Special board meetings are often held to handle things that come up unexpectedly; however, they are still posted according to law.

I am working with our education organizations to begin planning for the changes from this legislative session and will keep you posted on how they impact our school.

2023-2024 Employment interviews are scheduled for May 15th through the 22nd.

Upcoming Meetings & Events: June 13th Facilities Committee; June 13th Regular School Board Meeting; May 21st Graduation; May 25th Ag Day; May 26th Last Day of School

Check www.townsend.k12.mt.us for Current News! Thank you, Susie Hedalen School Superintendent shedalen@townsend.k12.mt.us 406-441-3454

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MAY 9, 2023

Nancy Marks
Reporter

School Board Hears Teachers' and Administration Staffs' School Term Reports

District #1 school board changes and staff reports culminated the end-of-year term at the May 9 meeting. Two board members ended their terms and member Shaun Scott resigned. (See related story.) Kevin McDonnell a 5-term member did not win reelection. Todd Olson, a 14-year member, did not run for another term.

Middle School Principal Brad Racht praised Terey Artz for her work reenergizing the Old Baldy Adult Education Program. In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, he thanked all the teachers for their work throughout the year. Among those was fifth-grade teacher, Kim Gilligan, who praised the Teacher Residency program and Katie Goodman, the first resident teacher. "The full-year student teaching program goes

a long way in encouraging new ideas with one-on-one teaching in the classroom. A 12-week student teaching term makes little impact neither on the person nor does it encourage recruitment or retention for the school," she said.

After the new members were signed in, new officers elected were Jason Noyes, chairman; Vice Chairman Chase Ragen and Kayce Williams, District Clerk. The board approved assignments for committee positions. Montana High School Association (MHSA) dues and insurance premiums of \$4,752 were approved. The contract for solar panels was approved. Part of the school will need reroofing before solar panels are installed. Hail damage insurance payments from 2019 will pay for the project.

A second reading of Policy 3510 edits was approved as requested by the board regarding extra-curricular activities and school social events. "We needed to define what activities are MHSA governed such as music, choir, theater, speech and drama; what events involved clubs such as student council and National Honor Society; and what are social events such as dances," board member Vanessa Flynn explained.

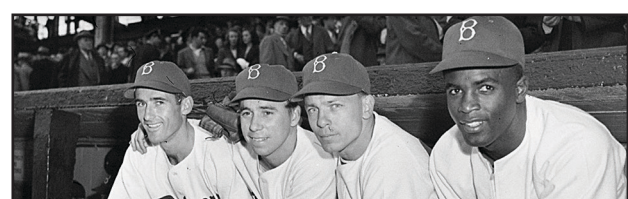
Seventeen people will lead a myriad of summer camps, including some school staff who will be paid a stipend to work at the camps. Counselor Molly Hanson will lead the special education camps. There are six elementary special education students this year. Pending background checks, the board approved payment for the positions. According to Elementary School Principal Christine Hartmann, scholarships may be available to pay for Broadwater High School students to work at the summer camps as well, funded by a pending 21st Century grant.

Football coach, track and field coach and teacher Travis Rau resigned, as did K-8 Counselor Madison Floding and Paraprofessional Nicole Sandidge. Both Noyes and High School Principal Sheri Heavrin praised Coach Rau for his leadership and dedication of 24 years to the teams and students. The resignations were accepted.

The last day of school is May 26, high school graduation is May 21st and eighth-grade awards ceremony is at 7 pm May 23. All mandated testing is completed. High School Principal Heavrin praised band and choir leader Harlon Conroy and elementary music teacher Olga McNulty for their work with the music students in their Spring concerts. The high school choir received an Excellent rating at State Festival and the Band received a Superior rating. Ag Day in the Schools will be May 25 at the Fairgrounds. Heavrin also reported the school has been awarded a Comprehensive Rural School grant but did not know yet the amount rewarded.

Townsend School Calendar

- May 19**
 - 3:00 PM After school program at elementary gym
- May 20**
 - 7:00 AM Community Health Fair (backup location in case of inclement weather) at Elementary commons and kitchen
- May 21**
 - 2PM Graduation
- May 21 - May 22**
 - Senior all-night party at 1963 gym, concession area, consumer sciences room
- May 22**
 - 4:00 PM After school program at elementary gym
- May 23**
 - 2:00 PM Set up for 8th grade post-awards night dance at Elementary commons/kitchen/gym
 - 3:30 PM After school program at Community room
 - 7:00 PM 8th grade awards night at Broadwater High School stage gym
- May 23 - May 24**
 - 8th grade post-awards night dance at Elementary commons/gym
- May 24**
 - 4:00 PM After school program at elementary gym
- May 25 - May 27**
 - State Tennis @ Great Falls
- May 25**
 - AG Day at fairgrounds
- May 25**
 - 4:00 PM After school program at elementary gym



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 19**
 12:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church*
 1:00 pm *Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center*
- May 20**
Tri County Legion Riders Chapter 2: Third Annual Fundraiser-Ride-A-Thon
 8:00 am *Billings Clinic Broadwater: Health Fair at Heritage Park*
 11:00 am *Rocky Mountain Supply Customer Appreciation Day*
 6:00 pm *Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut (406)439-3945*
 6:30 pm *Magic-The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore*
- May 22**
 6:00 pm *Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church (406)980-1805*
- May 23**
 2:00 pm *Public Meeting with Montana Department Of Transportation at Flynn Building*
 5:30 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church*
- May 24**
 1:00 pm *Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center*
- May 25**
 3:00 pm *Farmer's Market*
 7:00 pm *Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church*
- County and Government Calendar**
- May 23**
 2:00pm *Public Meeting with Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) at Flynn Building*
- May 24**
 10:00am *Commission Meeting at Flynn Building*
- May 25**
 4:00pm *Broadband Advisory Board Meeting at Flynn Building*

QUEEN CITY SWING BAND OF HELENA TO PLAY IN TOWNSEND

Nancy Marks
 Reporter

If you attended the Broadwater High School Junior Prom to see the kids all dressed up and out there dancing, it just makes you want to get out there and dance.

Here's your chance: Queen City Swing Band will be performing Saturday, June 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge for a public dance event complete with an eight-member group who participate in various concerts, musical theater and small ensembles in Helena and nearby towns. "Our love of swing band music from the '20s to the '70s brings us together," band leader Heather Bell said.



Members of the Queen City Swing Band
 Photo Credit: Queen City Swing Band

The current lineup of the swing group was formed by Owen Franks in 1992. After the group became inactive, Nancy Trudell revived it and led the band for four years during which they played at many different venues. "Our favorite, most cool place to perform is at St. Timothy's Chapel at Georgetown Lake," trumpet player Shaun Deola reported.

The band performs everything from fox trots to Jitterbugs with a few waltzes thrown in to get people dancing or just listening to great music. They play classics such as String of Pearls, Tuxedo Junction, In the Mood and Sing, Sing, Sing. They do play for special events, weddings, birthdays and anniversaries with music from movie themes, and hits from the Golden Age of swing. They also play salsa and tango music, a favorite of the Last Chance Tango Club of Helena. The band plays once a month.

How to dress is up to the dancers: some wear formal attire, others come in very casual dress. "It's whatever is comfortable for you," Shaun said.

The dance is sponsored by Broadwater Community Theater as the beginning of its 2023 season. Tickets are \$10 per person. Beer and wine will be available with appetizers by Amanda. Broadwater Community Theater (BCT), was organized in 2018, and has sponsored several theater and music performances since then.

BCT is underwritten by the nonprofit Ryland KM Foote Memorial Trust which annually gives scholarships to K-8 students in theater, art, music and foreign language.

For more information on the Queen City Swing Band dance, please call (406) 980-0592 or email mtskydog@mt.net.

FWP SEEKING APPLICANTS TO REGION 3 CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Application deadline is June 15

BOZEMAN – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) staff in southwest Montana are seeking applicants to the Region 3 Citizen Advisory Council.



The council meets several times per year and operates in an advisory capacity to help FWP be responsive and effective resource managers within the constraints of the law. Citizen advisors help identify emerging trends and resolve conflicts, and they act as FWP ambassadors to various interest groups and geographic communities.

FWP employees benefit from having a deeper understanding of public priorities and expectations with help from citizen advisors, who can function as a trusted sounding board for ideas and initiatives. People who volunteer in this capacity benefit from understanding FWP programs, priorities, administrative processes and limitations in a broader context.

FWP is seeking applicants representing a variety of interests from communities across southwest Montana within Region 3. For more information or to apply, call 406-577-7891 or send an email to Morgan.Jacobsen@mt.gov. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 15.

Employment Opportunity – Clerk and Recorder's Election Department

Broadwater County is currently seeking a highly motivated individual for a Full-Time Elections Assistant. The successful candidate must be able to manage and maintain the voter registration system in Broadwater County; assist Election Administrator in organizing and conducting elections in the County to comply with State election laws and statutes; assist in preparing and conducting training for seasonal staff and election judges; assist in setting up for all elections; conduct related work as required; work under the Election Administrator. Understanding of local government entities and experience in elections is preferred.

Starting pay is \$17.50/hr., with an excellent health benefits package. Full job description and application may be picked up in the Clerk and Recorder Office at the Broadwater County Courthouse; 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644, or by emailing apaulsen@co.broadwater.mt.us. Resumes and other application materials can be sent to the same email by Thursday, June 1 at 5:00 pm. Position is open until filled. Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities.

Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

HEALTH FAIR & BIKE RODEO SATURDAY

Dee Gannon
 MT43 News Correspondent



Billings Clinic Broadwater is sponsoring a Health Fair on Saturday, May 20, from 8-4 at Heritage Park. This gives all citizens a chance to see the local health care services provided; along with multiple local vendors who just want to encourage others into better health.

The Public Health Department will have a Bike Rodeo from 11:30 to 1:30. This will include a bike helmet safety demonstration and the Rodeo with prizes...including six bikes, and many lesser prizes! If you register for the rodeo, you'll receive a swag bag. No one leaves without something. If you do participate in the Bike Rodeo, a parent must accompany you. If you ride your own bike, you must wear a helmet.

The Broadwater County Sheriff's Office will be there to do car seat safety and installation. BCSO will also do child fingerprinting, a very useful service. Please call Broadwater County Health at (406) 266-2509 to register!

Broadwater County Health Services wishes to thank all of those entities who contributed their time and energies to the rodeo. Townsend Rotary, Childcare Connects and BCSO. Come on out and have some fun!

CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY!



Broadwater County Annual Bike Safety Rodeo!

Location: Heritage Park in Townsend, MT.

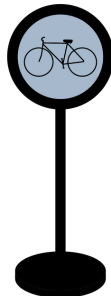
Date: May 20th, 2023

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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**MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL
FORFEITURES
MAY 19, 2023**

Julie Sickles	Clancy
day speed	\$20.00
Shane Swigert	East Helena
day speed	\$20.00
Bradley Snow	Helena
day speed	\$20.00
Xavier Smith	Livingston
day speed	\$20.00
Danielle Pipinich	Marysville
day speed	\$20.00
Cheryl Poore	East Helena
day speed	\$20.00
William Permenter	Boulder
day speed	\$20.00
Thomas Nelson	Bozeman
interstate day speed	\$40.00
Tyler Marsh	Townsend
No insurance-1st offense	\$285.00
Day speed	\$20.00
Connor Mahurin	Sparta, Mo
day speed	\$20.00
Braxton McCormack	Helena
day speed	\$20.00
Joseph Bobrowski	Bozeman
day speed	\$20.00
Grace Loveless	Helena
day speed	\$20.00
Shane Knight	Minot, Nd
interstate day speed	\$40.00
Christopher Keller	Three Forks
restricted speed	\$55.00
Michael Jezak	Bozeman
night speed	\$20.00
Brandon Intrater	Concord, Ma
day speed	\$20.00
Michal Hayden	Bozeman
day speed	\$20.00
Ashley Curry	Bozeman
day speed	\$20.00
Ivan Torres	Houston, Tx
DWOVL	\$135.00
Curtis Watson	Townsend
day speed	\$70.00
Whitney Peterson	Belgrade
day speed	\$70.00
Evan Graham	New Holland, Pa
day speed	\$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Chad Kruskie – Townsend – Operate vehicle that has not been properly registered, pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees; Basic rule, pleaded guilty, \$35.00 fines and fees; operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.
 Kristopher Smith – Billings – Driving without a valid driver’s license, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.
 Robin Blaze – Helena – fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Georgia Johnston – Helena – Criminal mischief pecuniary loss less than \$1500.00, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all suspended on conditions, \$335.00 fines and fees, \$410.01 restitution to the victim.
 Thomas Kauzlarich – East Helena - Criminal mischief pecuniary loss less than \$1500.00, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all suspended on conditions, \$335.00 fines and fees.
 Shawn Realbird – Hardin- night speed, pleaded guilty, \$70.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Danielle Pipinich	Marysville
night speed	\$20.00
Ryan Lynch	Butte
night speed	\$20.00
Colter Leep	Keller, Tx
expired registration	\$85.00
Day speed	\$20.00
Chas Harmon	Helena
night speed	\$70.00
A Chanthavong	Rochester, Ny
night speed	\$20.00
William Budka-Gray	Omaha, Ne
day speed	\$120.00
Parker Morrison	Bozeman
night speed	\$20.00
Craig Aasved	Clancy
night speed	\$20.00
Franklin Cacarin-Pushug	Bozeman
night speed	\$20.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

David Lapp	Great Falls
expired registration	\$85.00
Fail to follow conditions and requirements of	\$135.00
Special permit	

**BROADWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS UNOFFICIAL AGENDA
FOR MAY 23, 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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Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

10:00 AM Public Hearing; Subdivision fee amendment, Certified Mailing Postage Fee - \$10/ mailing Resolution

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Subdivision Fee Amendment, Certified Mailing Postage Fee - \$10/ mailing; Adoption of Resolution

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Preliminary Plat, Vistas at Headwaters Subsequent Minor Subdivision, request Preliminary Plat Approval

10:25 AM Discussion, Nichole Brown Community Development & Planning Director, Rolling Glen Ranch Estates request Preliminary Plat Approval

10:45 AM Discussion/Decision, Tracie Kiesel, Tri-County Buckle Up Montana, Broadwater County DUI Task Force Plan FY 23/24 Budget Meeting

10:55 AM Discussion/Decision, John Maxwell, DNRC, Floodplain Development Permit, MT DNRC-Toston Dam Sediment, Permit # 23-FP-01

11:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Cyber Security Insurance; 7/23-7/24 (\$13,121.36)

11:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Clerk and Recorders Office; Election Assistant position.

Tuesday, May 30- Wheat Montana

Commissioners will be attending the Broadwater County Emergency Response Facility PAR (Design Workshop Meetings)

THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

Wednesday, May 31- Bridger Brewing

Commissioners will be attending the Broadwater County Emergency Response Facility PAR (Design Workshop Meetings)

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

**CITY OF TOWNSEND COUNCIL
MEETING—MAY 2, 2023**

Kari Williams
City of Townsend Clerk/Treasurer

Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Council members, Mayor Evans, Vickie Rauser, Matt West, Angie Wintrow, Ken Urich, Nate Brown, and Christina Hartmann. Also present were City Attorney, Peter Simon, Jenny Barnett, Diane Berglund, Tim Ravndal, Darrel Folkvord, JB Howick, and Amanda Hazlett.

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

Minutes: Mayor Evans asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting on 04/18/23. Angie made a change to the minutes (removing an unnecessary “the” from a sentence.) Vickie made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Angie seconded it. All in favor, motion carried.

- Airport: City attorney, Peter Simon, reported on it. The city-county airport will take more time to review as he’s not sure where the larger piece of land was from. The land purchase agreement from Steve McCullough will be purchased by the county, as far as he knows. Darrel Folkvord stated that the city and the county need to work together to sign some documents in order to move forward.

Peter asked Darrel if we could deal with signing off on just the land acquisition now, and then deal with the interlocal agreement between the city and the county after that. Darrel said that we could do that. There was a discussion on the finance and budget section of the interlocal agreement.

The city currently pays \$14,000 per year to the airport, but it needs to be looked at to see what the city is responsible for beyond that. Christina and Vickie stated that the wording needs to be clear before signing a contract to make sure there are no additional financial obligations to the city.

Peter said that he could write up a Memorandum of Understanding. Before moving forward, Vickie stated that there are two task orders from the county. Darrel clarified that one is the land acquisition and assistance, and the second is the project administration for paying the engineer. Vickie made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the documents related to the airport projects, and further, that the city have our attorney prepare a document that relieves the city of any financial obligations with respect to the land acquisition. Angie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- Vickie reported on the Law Enforcement Committee: There was a request from law enforcement for a 25% increase to \$355,513.89. The law enforcement committee offered for this to be put into the budgeting process.

If the city can accommodate this increase, it would mean that the total amount from the city sources to the county for law enforcement and public safety is \$484,839.85. Matt stated that the large number is a little misleading. Vickie clarified that it is approximately a \$70,000+ increase from what we paid to law enforcement last year. The city has a budget meeting on Monday, so this will be discussed.

- Ken reported on the Pool Committee: Mike said we have 3-4 applications for lifeguards. Mike said that Pat Hamilton is on board to return, and Ken said that Amanda Hazlett is on board to return. Ken asked if Tim did any employee evaluations and he said that he evaluated Pat.

Vickie asked Tim to check with Pat to see if he had done any employee evaluations of the lifeguards. Pat and Tim and Peter are going to go over the general procedures for the pool manual next week. Tim asked if Pat could be a part of the pool committee, as he could probably answer a lot of questions. Christina asked if we could confirm that the water instructors are on board for this season. Angie stated that Amanda gave a two-year commitment last year, so she should be there as well as Heather Hamilton. The mayor will confirm with them.

- Big Sky/Hiawatha Railway: Darrel said that there is a study to see if Montana wants this as well as the feasibility of it. He stated that it’s important that Broadwater County has a seat at the table on this to be informed and make decisions about it.

The Dakotas, Oregon, and Washington support the railway in their states. Vickie asked if there is any speculation as to where the depots may be. Darrel stated that depending on where the depots are placed, it could have a positive economic effect on that community. Vickie stated that there’s a lot of rail traffic through town already. How would that work with the current trains?

Christina asked if there has been a vote on the \$500 contribution that the city could make, and Vickie stated that we still have time to think about that. JB asked where to find more information on the railway. (There is information on the Broadwater County website as well as www.bigskyrail.org.)

- Angie read a letter from DEQ stating that Eric Crusch has passed all of his water tests and training.
- Amanda Hazlett showed up and Mayor Evans asked if she would be a WSI this year. Amanda stated that it depends on management. There was discussion on closing the meeting to discuss this with Amanda, however, Peter stated that the employee being discussed has a right to know prior to any closed meeting. The discussion will be deferred until all parties involved are present.

Amanda asked Tim how safe the pool would be this year. Tim said that it will be safe and that the pool has been cleared by the state for any petroleum.

- New Building Permits for Jim Schaubert, who is contracted by the city.
- MMIA requested Townsend to host the annual training Thursday, May 18th.

Round Table: JB stated that it is the Nation’s 250th Anniversary in 2026 and asked if the city might participate in a celebration. Something for the city to think about.

Claims: Ken made a motion to pay the April. Claims. Vickie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment: Ken Urich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nate Brown seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.
Next Budget Meeting: Tuesday, May 23rd at 5:30

MARY FRANCES KIECKBUSCH HOOKS

Mary Hooks Family

Mary Frances (Kieckbusch) Hooks was born on January 29, 1934, to Lillian and Bill Kieckbusch of Townsend. Mary passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, April 29, 2023, after a brief illness.

Mary grew up on the family ranch outside of town before moving to Townsend when her father passed away. She graduated from Broadwater County High School and attended the College of Great Falls.

On June 25, 1955, Mary and Patrick Hooks were married at Holy Cross Church in Townsend. They were married for 51 1/2 years. Mary was a lifelong member of the Holy Cross.

Mary was a member of the Townsend Lumber bowling team for many years and enjoyed playing bridge. She worked for Graymont Western, Inc. for 29 years, retiring in 2014 at the age of 80.

Following her retirement, she fulfilled a dream of volunteering at Head Start in Townsend.

Mary and Pat traveled to Hawaii and fell in love with the Island of Kauai, which they visited several times. With her good friend Betty Holzwarth, Mary traveled to Amsterdam and to the East Coast to see the fall colors. Mary was a longtime member of Old Baldy Golf Course and on any given Tuesday could be found on the course with Bonnie Berglind and Martha Wilson prior to going to Taco Tuesday at the Fishtale.

Preceding her in death were her parents, brother Tom, sister Patricia Reller, husband Pat, and grandson Conor. Mary is survived by her daughter Susan of Pocatello, Idaho, sons Bill and his wife Mary of Helena, Montana, and Michael and his wife Maggie of Seattle, Washington, her beloved grandchildren, Brendan, John, Patrick, Kathleen and Brian, brother-in-law Dale Reller, sister-in-law Marnee Kieckbusch and seven nieces and nephews. Also surviving Mary are bonus sons Donny Walters, Mike Meyer, John Huth, and Greg Field.

Mary was the heart and soul of our family. She loved us fiercely and unconditionally. Her children and grandchildren cherished her in return. She was the best of us.

"A mother's hug lasts long after she lets go."

Unknown

Services for Mary are pending and will be announced once plans are complete.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis TN 38148 (Memorial ID 23460304), Shriners' Hospital for Children, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394, or to a charity of donor's choice.



Mary Frances (Kieckbusch) Hooks
Photo Credits: Mary Hooks Family

HONORING OUR VETERANS: KELLY MORRIS

Matthew Nelson



Retired US Army Lt. Colonel Kelly Morris joined the Montana Army National Guard (MTARNG) in Billings in August 1987. There was a tank company in town near the airport and he thought it would be exciting to operate tanks. Having always been interested in the military, he saw it as a way to both serve his community and country and to help provide for his family. At the time he joined the MTARNG, he was working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Billings. It is now called the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Kelly and his wife Lori had just moved to Billings after he had graduated from college in Glendive.

He thought, "When I retire it would be nice to have some supplemental retirement, and I wanted to be in one of those tanks. I thought I would kill two birds with one stone. So, I joined the Guard and started off as a Tank Crewman. Early on I let it be known that I wanted to become an officer."

After about a year in the Guard, he was accepted into Officer's Candidate School (OCS), and he attended the Montana Military Academy in Helena. Once he graduated, he became a 2nd Lieutenant and an Armor Officer, where he was assigned to Company D/1-163D Armor Battalion in Great Falls as a Platoon Leader. He stayed with that company for the next nine years, serving as Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and after being promoted to Captain, the Company Commander. After about a year as a Tank Company Commander, the MTARNG reorganized the 1-163D into a Mechanized Infantry battalion. Kelly went to Ft. Benning, Georgia to the Infantry Officer Advance Course, branch transferred to Infantry, and served two more years as the Company Commander of what was now Company B/1-163D

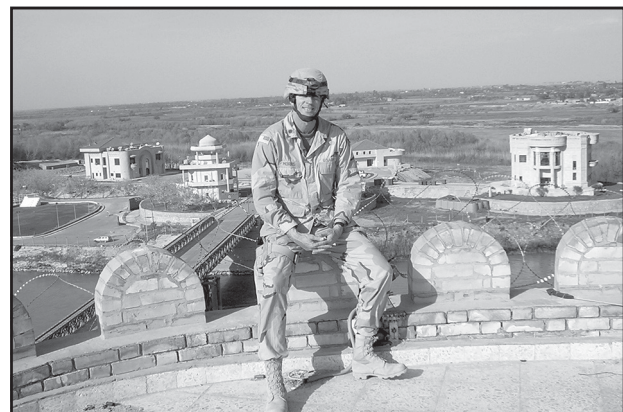


MAJ Kelly Morris on "No Name" bridge over the Tigris River in North Central Iraq, August 2005.
Photo Credits: Kelly Morris

Combined Arms Battalion (CAB)

He then became a staff officer of the 1-163rd CAB which was located initially in Bozeman but then moved to Belgrade. He fulfilled most of the staff functions during the 18 years he was with the 1-163rd. In 2004 the Battalion was mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and after a 6-month train-up, spent 2005 in Iraq, where Kelly served as the Battalion's S-3 or Operations Officer. He was stationed at a Forward Operations Base (FOB) McHenry in Northern Iraq between Bayji and Kirkuk.

As the S-3 Operations Officer, Kelly oversaw the planning for all of the operations that the 163rd was involved with. "It was a fast-paced, stressful yet exciting job that kept you going 16-20 hours a day, 7 days a week. It was absolutely amazing watching these young Montana soldiers executing their combat missions with such professionalism. They were one of the very best



MAJ Kelly Morris enjoying the view of the Tigris River from the top of a palace in Tikrit.
Photo Credits: Kelly Morris

Battalions in all of Iraq!"

Two ancient rivers, the Euphrates and Tigris, both flow through Iraq. The Tigris River was closest to where Kelly was stationed. It formed part of the western edge of the Battalion Area of Operations. He submitted two photos of himself near this river.

After returning home from Iraq, Kelly went to work

full-time for the Montana National Guard (MTNG) and would spend the last 10 years of his career working for them in various capacities, including Deputy Inspector General, Commander of 1-163D CAB, the J2, or senior Military Intelligence Officer, and the J 5/7, or Future Plans and Operations Officer. Kelly retired from the Montana Army National Guard as a Lt. Colonel in 2017, after serving 30 years. He also had 21 years as a civilian with the NRCS.

Kelly and his wife Lori have lived in Townsend since the end of 1991 and have raised 5 kids here. Now Kelly does an excellent job working in his photography business, which he started in 2015. Among other things, quite often he does the photography for the Townsend sports teams. Find him on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KSMorrisPhotography>, or check out his website at: <https://kmorris99.zenfolio.com/>.

Quoting from his website, Kelly writes, "Welcome from Big Sky Country!"

For the last 30 years, I have been blessed to live, work, play, and raise a family in Montana. My love of the outdoors, the natural beauty of Montana, and the wildlife within it have led me to a love of photography.

Much of my photography is from Broadwater County, where I reside, which has many scenic and wildlife photography opportunities. However, I am fortunate in that I am able to travel throughout Montana, capturing as much of the state as I possibly can.

So please, come on in, sit back and relax, and enjoy some of the beauty of Montana. My hope is that you enjoy viewing the photos as much as I enjoy taking them.

Thank you for visiting!

Kelly."

Kelly and Lori are strong Christians and both serve in their church, Mountain Valley Church. God Bless, and thank you for your service to our country, Kelly.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE DEEP CREEK CEMETERY

John Hahn

With Memorial Day weekend coming up, the cemetery board would like to update you on all the new improvements we have been working on and hope that you appreciate our efforts.

Most of the residents are familiar with the Deep Creek Cemetery but some of you may not know some of the history. Our oldest sections are A & E. The oldest grave is a baby born and buried in 1871 on land that was donated to the cemetery by the Shelleys. Then there is the Titman addition to the south and then the Prosser addition to the east. The whole cemetery is 13 acres with 9 acres currently being used and the 4 acres to the east are currently undeveloped other than 11 pauper or county burials located there on the north end. As of today, we have over 2040 burials in the cemetery. The cemetery became a 501 c (13) nonprofit in 1965 which means any donations to the cemetery are tax deductible.

As you browse through our records, either in the Directory located on the south side of the caretaker building or in our new website, you will notice the plot numbering system may seem strange as the numbers are set up similar to how a township's sections are numbered, left to right, down, and then right to left and then repeating itself through the rest of the sections. The Deep Creek Cemetery is the largest cemetery in Broadwater County but definitely not the only one.

As we are a perpetual care cemetery, we strive very hard to keep your cemetery looking as green and well-kept as possible. Craig Vietz, our Caretaker, spends countless hours irrigating, mowing, weed eating, filling in sinking graves, and other tasks just to keep this one of the most beautifully landscaped cemeteries around. We recently purchased a small, older tractor and loader to assist with some of the back-breaking tasks. It has been a huge help. Thank you to K.C. Johnson for giving us a great deal on this tractor.

This winter, some of our board members spent countless hours transferring burial records into spreadsheets, checking and re-checking, to make sure we have as accurate records as we possibly can. Having established this new record format, these records have been placed on our new website in which you will be able to access these records, searching for relatives and friends. As time goes along, we will be adding more material such as stories, pictures, and the history of our inhabitants. A special thank you to Roger Flynn for graciously donating his time to developing and designing this new website.

We have also been adding and replacing our plot markers (fabricated by our student high school shop class) in some of the newer sections, specifically sections I, J, K, and L. As these areas are filling up quickly, we need these markers to accurately mark new interments.

Deep Creek Cemetery, 8

CEMETERY FLAG PLACEMENTS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Jen Dalrymple
American Legion Post 42

Please join us for Cemetery flag placements at both Deep Creek and Radersburg Cemeteries on Saturday, 27 May at 09:00. Fresh donuts and bottled water will be available at both locations.

Meet at the respective cemeteries by 09:00 and with many hands, we should be done fairly quickly as the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H kids will be helping us again this year.

We will be picking flags up on Wednesday, 31 May 0900. Again, meet at the respective cemeteries and our 4-H kids will be helping pick up as well.

Karen Susag will be leading the group at Radersburg and I will be available at Deep Creek. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning the activities for these two days.

Hope to see many of you at the cemeteries for this solemn tribute to our brothers and sisters in arms.

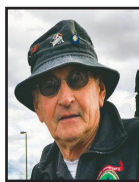
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TOWNSEND'S COMMUNITY FOREST PART 5

Pat Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



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

Last week, we discussed how the number of tree species in Townsend has increased from 15 to over 70 since 1990. There are new cultivars of tree species being developed all the time and the Tree Board will continue to try new species over time.

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

To highlight these diversification changes over time, in 1990, the top three species totaled 80% (267 trees) of all trees. In 2005 and 2011, the percentage of the top three species dropped to 44% (354 trees) and 37% (370 trees), respectively. Finally, in 2020, the percentage of the top three species dropped to 31% (353 trees).

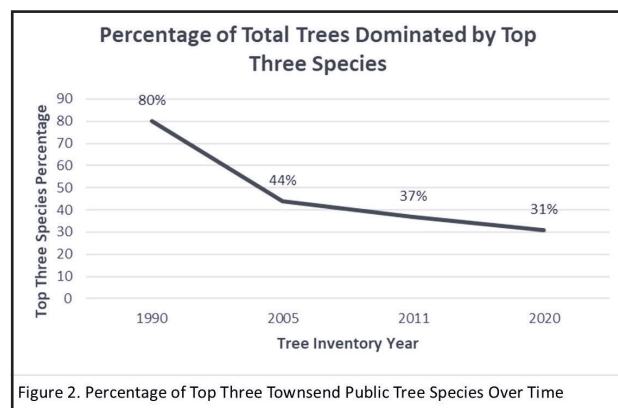


Figure 2. Percentage of Top Three Townsend Public Tree Species Over Time
Graph Credits: Pat Plantenberg

This reduction in individual species' dominance over time is important. Chestnut blight wiped our American chestnut trees over 100 years ago. Dutch elm disease has wiped out large percentages of elm trees across the US as seen in Great Falls. The current threat looming in urban forestry is the emerald ash borer, an invasive insect from Asia that is decimating ash trees in over 35 states. When it arrives in an area, it kills 99.9% of the ash trees. Cities dominated by ash trees have had to spend millions of dollars to remove and replace ash trees with new species.

Townsend is in great shape and continues to reduce the ash tree population each year.

Researchers continue to try and develop a chestnut tree resistant to chestnut blight. Several new cultivars of Dutch elm disease-resistant American elms and elm hybrids are now available and are being planted in Townsend.

Research has begun to try and identify emerald ash borer-resistant ash trees. Hopefully, a new ash tree cultivar will be developed so we don't lose this important tree species in our planting palette.

Next week we will discuss urban forestry guidelines and how Townsend is doing in meeting those guidelines.

latest violation that upset legislators. Media outlets have been implying that this was a one-time violation, but people need to realize that these violations have been going on all session. While Rep. Zephyr was not required to apologize for the earlier infractions, this time an apology was requested, and the Representative refused. From the very beginning of our session, Rep. Zephyr has "poked the bear" multiple times. The very first week of the session, there was the issue of the use of the Women's bathroom off the House Chamber, dubbed "Bathroom Gate," which could have started the whole session off on a bad note. We refused to let this matter set the tone of the session and therefore it became a non-issue.

Throughout the session, when Rep. Zephyr spoke on a bill, it increasingly became a theatrical performance. I felt as if a disruption of some sort was Rep. Zephyr's main objective since arriving Helena. Rep. Zephyr's refusal to apologize resulted in the loss of speaking privileges on the House floor.

On the Monday of the disruption/riot in the Gallery, many felt that Rep. Zephyr had a couple of choices – either to calm the demonstrators, which a true Leader would have done; instead choosing to actively support, encourage and incite the behavior that led to ceasing the floor session, legislators being requested to leave the floor and law enforcement clearing the Gallery in riot gear.

Frankly, sitting at my desk on the floor, with the Gallery full of people you know are angry and emotional, was quite unsettling. When the disruption broke out, we watched law enforcement clear the gallery, protecting our staff, pages, and legislators. It truly broke my heart to have our pages, teenage students, watching in fear as the protestors yelled, stomped in the Gallery, threw trash onto the floor below and refused to be evacuated. Those actions that day stopped the process and duties for which I had been elected. The inability to finish our duties that day and the cancellation of floor debate for 2 more days cost Montana taxpayers' money. My constituents were not being represented.

Due to the Representative encouraging the demonstrators' disruptive actions, I supported the motion of the Majority Leader in removing Rep. Zephyr from the floor and only allowing participation via remote access. We could not condone this behavior from anyone nor let it become a daily occurrence for the remainder of the session. The incident was a well-planned event – why else would busloads of people have come to the Capitol? Go fund me accounts were established to pay fees for those arrested and for the Representative.

Let me assure you, Rep. Zephyr was not barred from the floor due to offensive words but barred due to actions inciting the disruption/riot in the Gallery, an egregious violation of the decorum of the House. Decorum is how we civility conduct business in committee and throughout the Capitol.

Apologies for actions and statements made, happen periodically. It helps to calm the tension, and no person is ever above an apology for offenses. I hope that this is an isolated incident. I hope that we have all learned valuable lessons so that history does not repeat itself.

Sincerely, Representative Julie Dooling HD 7

GUEST EDITORIAL: ZOE ZEPHYR

Julie Dooling
House District 70 Representative



I have been asked to comment on the incident with Representative Zoey Zephyr and disruption/riot in the Gallery of the House of Representatives. Many things have been reported on the news - locally, nationally, and internationally. A few things were true, but unfortunately the media has failed to report many crucial details.

First, I would like to point out that Representative Zephyr has violated our rules of decorum more than once. The "blood on your hands" statement was the

Townsend Public Tree Species Over Recommended Guidelines

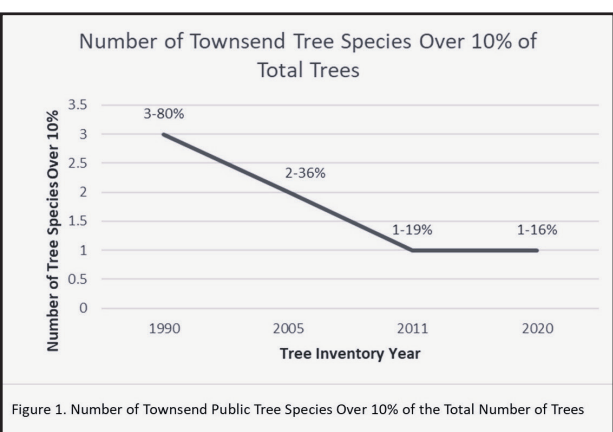


Figure 1. Number of Townsend Public Tree Species Over 10% of the Total Number of Trees

Number of Townsend Public Tree Species Over 10 Percent of the Total Number of Trees
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Urban tree planting guidelines recommend that no single tree species should represent more than 10 percent of the tree population. This diversification will be more aesthetically pleasing and will minimize future insect, disease, and weather damage. Townsend had little variety of street and park tree plantings in 1990. In 1990, 80% of the trees were dominated by three species: green ash (48%, 161 trees), Siberian elm (22%, 73 trees), and white poplar (10%, 35 trees).

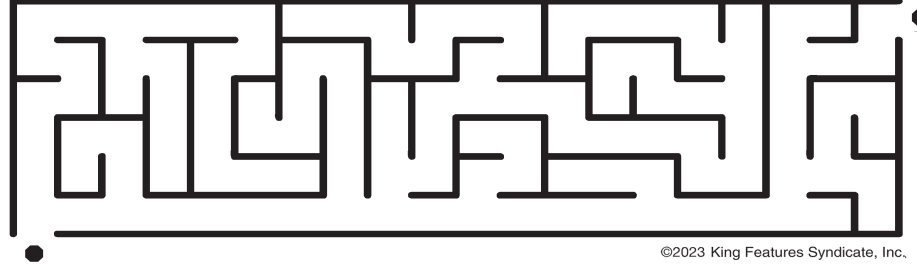
Townsend has made significant progress in 33 years to achieve proper tree planting guidelines. As mentioned above, in 1990, three species exceeded the 10% guideline. In 2005, only two species exceed the 10% guideline and they totaled only 36% of the total number of trees: green ash (24% 197 trees) and Siberian elm (12%, 98 trees). In 2011, only green ash exceeded the 10 percent guideline and made up 19% (194 trees) of the total number of trees. Finally, in 2020, only green ash exceeded the 10% guideline and made up 16% (182 trees) of the total number of trees.

Super Crossword

EPICUREAN SPECIALTY

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| ACROSS | 53 In the vicinity | 97 Riddle's answer | 10 Intro studio course | 48 Catering coffee pots | 76 2010-19 Royals skipper Ned |
| 1 Salary limit | 54 Riddle, part 3 | 107 Back-baring blouse | 11 Secular | 49 Vigoda of "Fish" | 77 Waist wear |
| 4 Reputation, on the street | 58 Old-time | 108 "— think so!" | 12 Range of the Appalachians | 50 Tries to hit, as an insect | 78 Pokes a hole in |
| 8 Two-team wrestling competitions | 59 She was Mrs. Gorbachev | 109 Certain airport worker | 13 Actress Hedy | 51 Cat variety | 81 Chew the — |
| 13 Gave high praise to | 60 German word before "geist" | 111 "History repeats —" | 14 Composer Khachaturian | 52 Sluggers' stats | 83 Helicopter rescue, say |
| 19 Pesticide compound | 61 Donkey Kong and others | 112 Make a phony copy of | 15 — Reader (magazine) | 54 DJ Casey | 84 Three |
| 21 The "A" of James A. Garfield | 62 Riddle, part 4 | 113 Moniker for Will Chamberlain | 16 Turn a — ear of | 55 Fall chill | 19th-century literary sisters |
| 22 Aorta, for one | 65 Lacerate | 114 Shoulder garments | 17 Hence | 56 Bear, in Baja | 85 Arctic chunk |
| 23 Study hard | 72 Riddle, part 5 | 115 Deuce-beating cards | 18 Hair colorer | 57 Gas in an atmospheric layer | 86 Subgenre of rap music |
| 24 Proportional relation | 78 Scrupulous insistence | 116 Admin. aide | 20 "I love you," to Juanita | 59 Hayworth and Moreno | 89 Friends of Snow White |
| 25 Supervise | 79 Disturbs | 117 Low grade | 27 — Christian Andersen | 62 Certain garden worker | 90 Mart start |
| 26 Start of a riddle | 80 Source of some bran | DOWN | 28 Opposite of old, in Germany | 63 "The Simpsons" storekeeper | 91 Like flashy jewelry, informally |
| 29 Thing a doc prescribes | 81 Havana natives, to Havana natives | 1 Baby bear | 32 Plummer of "Pulp Fiction" | 64 Sleuth, in old slang | 92 Least frequent |
| 30 Yin and — | 82 Novelist George | 2 In — (lined up) | 33 How cards are sometimes dealt | 65 Lipinski on ice | 93 Not fulfilled |
| 31 Suffix with hotel or cash | 83 Braying beast | 3 Phnom —, Cambodia | 34 Gasoline rating | 66 Rapper aka "Slim Shady" | 97 — and that |
| 32 Riddle, part 2 | 84 Shooter of small balls | 4 Skydived, for short | 35 Exalting verse | 67 Sop up | 98 Possesses, in Shakespeare |
| 43 Apple on a desk | 85 Bard's "before" | 5 Second-most populous place in South Dakota | 36 Lower leg part | 68 19th-dynasty pharaoh | 99 Bride of Lohengrin |
| 44 Latin "that is" | 86 Bard's "before" | 6 Slaughter of the Cardinals | 37 Feudal toiler | 69 Greek island | 100 Crockpot dish |
| 45 "— So Fine" | 87 Bard's "before" | 7 Chewing gum brand | 38 Source of some bran | 71 Deli hero | 101 Beehive unit |
| 46 French for "man" | 88 End of the riddle | 8 Lack the courage to | 39 Goose sound | 72 "Oh, ri-i-ght!" | 102 Scent |
| 47 Set into motion | 89 Huge battle | 9 700-mile-long African river | 40 1980s Dodge | 73 — contendere (court Singer Phil plea) | 103 Sweat outlet |
| 50 Charles Chaplin's title | 90 Berett, poetically | | 41 Supermodel from Somalia | 74 "Take — from me ..." | 104 Singer Phil |
| 51 Eileen of "Clue" | 96 Khaki color | | 42 Hong Kong's Hang — Index | 75 Take an ax to | 105 Blyton of kids' books |
| | | | | | 106 Prefix with marketing |
| | | | | | 110 Blvd., e.g. |

Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!



COURAGE

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



Courage is more than facing fear and doubt; it's also about standing up for my beliefs and values, speaking the truth, and being open to opportunities for growth in all my experiences. By choosing to build courage, I declare my intention to live a life of my design that is true to who I am on the deepest level.

I don't know who wrote this manifesto, but I found it about three years ago when I chose a word for that year. This resonated with me, and I still ponder "courage" daily.

I think about courage and what it means to different people. This word came alive the year I chose it as I made many changes and ventured outside my comfort zone...and it still speaks to my heart today.

This past week, someone asked me about my book, "Soar," the story I wrote about my journey. Some are typical questions such as: how long did it take you to write your book? Why did you write a book, or how is your book doing? They are all great questions that allow me to share a glimpse of who I am and my story.

I desire to inspire others to write their story, as we all have a story, and your story matters. Is it worth being transparent and vulnerable if your story could change one person's life for the better? Absolutely! In writing my story, I set my intention, and that intention was to influence at least one person positively.

Was it scary to share my story with others to read before it was published? Yes, but I knew in my heart that someone needed to hear it. I had to trust that what had been lying dormant for many years needed to be released for my healing journey to begin.

For too many years, I feared people would either reject me or judge me if I shared some painful parts of my life. Even writing weekly articles brought some fear, but I have learned that sharing our stories, pain, and trauma brings hope and inspiration to others.

It takes bravery to step out of our comfort zones and share our experiences with the world, but the outcome can be life-changing not only for the reader but for the writer as well.

Writing a book can be a long and challenging process, but the reward of knowing that someone somewhere can relate to your story makes it all worth it. There was so much healing that came in writing my story. For me, it was not about becoming a best-selling author or receiving endless accolades. It was more about connecting with other human beings and possibly changing their lives for the better.

We have all heard of heroic stories involving courage, but I have learned that courage is only sometimes dramatic or heroic. Courage can be found in small acts of kindness, in our daily choices, and in the moments when we choose to be vulnerable and authentic. Courage is about taking risks, even when it's scary or uncertain. It's about being willing to fail and learn from our mistakes. It's about owning our mistakes and taking responsibility for our actions. Courage is also about standing up for what you believe in, even when others disagree. It's about speaking up and advocating for yourself and others. It's about being willing to have those difficult conversations and listening intently with an open mind. Courage is about being true to yourself and your values. It's about living with integrity and doing what's right, even when it's not easy or popular. It's about being willing to stand alone if necessary and to follow your path even if it takes you out of the norm. Courage is the determination to persevere even in the face of adversity and to keep moving forward when the road seems impossible. Courage is about living a life that is authentically who you are and what you believe in. It's about making the most of every moment and living your life to the fullest.

Whether through a book, blog, or even a conversation with a friend, you never know who may be inspired by your experiences. So, your story matters and deserves to be shared with the world.

Be courageous, be vulnerable, be you, and never underestimate the power of your story.

"You can choose courage, or you can choose comfort, but you cannot choose both." ~Brene Brown

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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

Deep Creek Cemetary, 6
 We have now added extra plots just for cremations, dividing a regular grave into three plots so you won't have to pay for a regular grave if you don't need the space. These areas are in the north part of Section I.



Deep Creek Cemetary
 Photo credit: John Hahn

As we acquire more funds, we would also like to establish a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) fund for future equipment replacements such as our mower, tractors, and irrigation system which are starting to show their age.

This year during the Memorial Day weekend, Pam McDonald and her 4-H group, the Rocky Mtn Rough Hands, will be on hand to assist you in locating loved ones or any other tasks you might have. Pam has also



SENIOR CENTER MEALS FOR MAY 22 - MAY 26	Plump Peaches
Monday, May 22	Thursday, May 25
Beef Tacos	Sweet-N-Sour Pork
Cheese & Sour Cream Lettuce & Tomato	Fried Brown Rice
Mexican Corn & Beans	Green Beans
Zesty Pineapple	Four Bean Salad
Tuesday, May 23	Baked Apples
Baked Chicken	Friday, May 26
Rice Pilaf	Deli Sandwich
Steamed Carrots	Potato Salad
Dinner Salad	Picked Beets
Blushing Pears	Fruit Cocktail
Chocolate Mousse	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.
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Garden Salad	
Whole Grain Bread	

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donated to our new website and worked with us to prepare for this year's Memorial Day weekend.

The American Legion will again be placing American Flags on the graves of our veterans. In our quest for accurate records, we have collaborated with the Legion to add previously unknown veterans to our records. We have over 300 veterans in our cemetery, some dating back to civil war times.

A special thank you to Bill Alley for over 30 years as our Caretaker and over 20 years as our board secretary. Bill needed to retire for health reasons, but he did a super job while at the cemetery with many compliments on his fine job skills. Also, thank you to Helen Turcotte for her many years as a director on the board as she has retired also.

For those of you who wish to find the cemetery, you can do a Google Map search for 50 Deep Creek Cemetery Rd., Townsend, MT.

Our Current Directors: John Hahn – President, Gary Olsen – V. President, Kevin Flynn – Secretary and Co-Treasurer, Craig Vietz – Co-Treasurer and Caretaker, Chuck McLane, Tom Shindoll, and Cory Davis – directors at large.

Over the years, with expenses increasing and investment income decreasing, it has become impossible to maintain our funds for your beautiful cemetery. Our only income comes from the sale of graves, a too-small amount of secure investments, and donations and memorials from you who really care about the care we are giving your cemetery.

Please leave a generous donation or memorial at www.deepcreekcemetery.com (this website will be up and running by Memorial Day Weekend)

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...We were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

1 THESSALONIANS 2: 7,8

"Mother and Child" by Pablo Picasso (1929)

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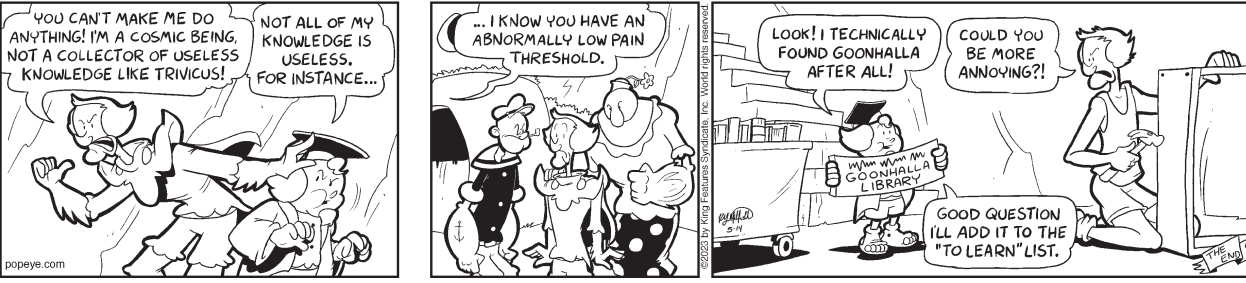
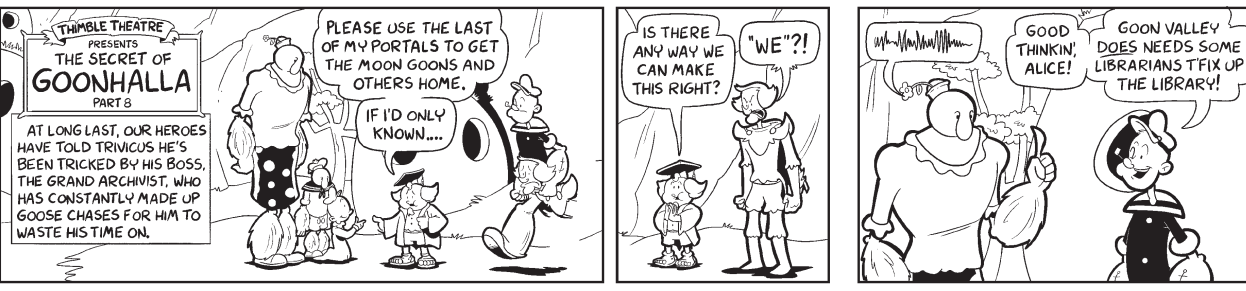
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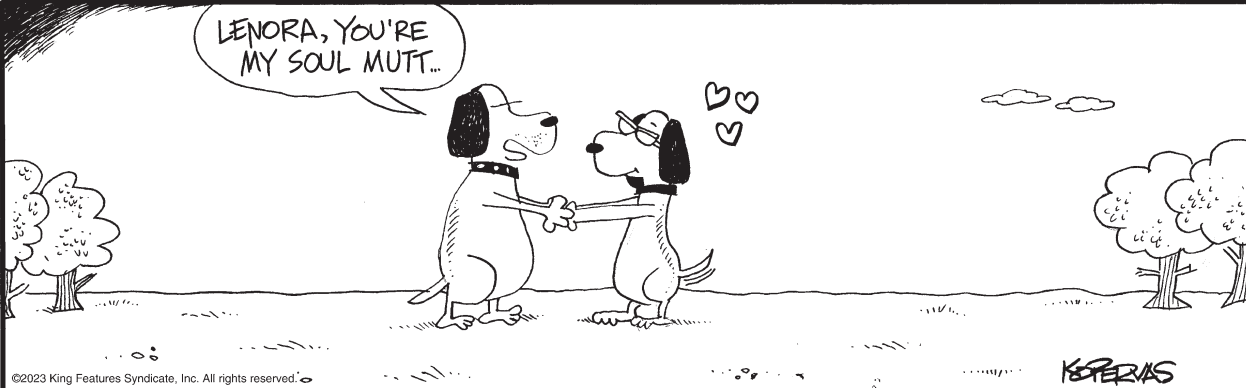


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SINE DIE OF THE 68TH LEGISLATURE

Julie Dooling
House District 70 Representative



The 68th Montana Legislative Session ended Tuesday, May 2nd amid a flurry of last-minute surprises. The week before we were told that Sine Die would be called most likely on Friday, May 5th, but at the earliest, we could Sine Die on Wednesday.

When we heard that the Senate had unexpectedly called Sine Die Tuesday afternoon, we were caught off guard. Both the Majority and Minority Leadership and our incredible staff scrambled to compose several boards of the remaining bills that needed to be heard and voted on the floor, to wrap up business. We concluded the session's work and the motion for Sine Die was made around 9 p.m.

Unfortunately, in the Senate's haste to call Sine Die, nearly 40 bills were inadvertently killed because they didn't properly clear the Legislative process. One of those bills was my study resolution HJ 32 – "Interim Study of Water Storage in Montana".

Another 15+ bills are awaiting further review, as to whether or not they will be allowed to pass "as is" or be vetoed by the Governor.

The last 2 weeks of any session are generally crazy and a bit chaotic, and this session was no different.

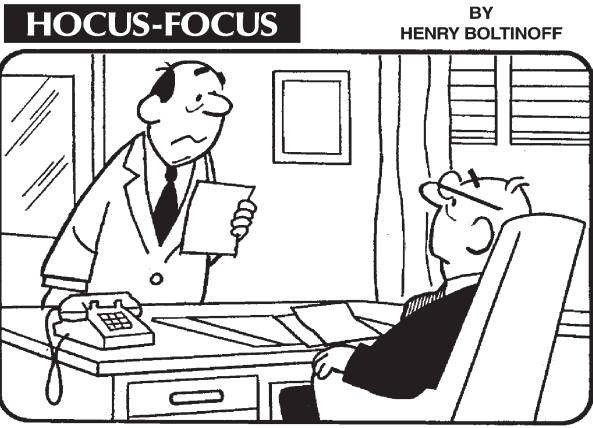
During the last 10 days of the session, I did receive quite a bit of communication from the public regarding bills being amended in the Conference Committee. If a bill has been amended in either the House or Senate committees, it is generally done so with the Sponsor's consent. When it is received back in the originating house, the Sponsor can either concur (agree) or do not concur (do not agree) with the amendments placed on the bill. If the Sponsor does not agree, the bill can then go to a conference committee to either have the amendment removed, amend the amendment, or have

another amendment added to the bill.

Sometimes the latest amendment is something totally new that has not had a public hearing. It may have been a part of another bill that was killed or held up earlier in the session. As long as any amendment fits the title, it can be added to the bill.

Sometimes a "generally revised" bill becomes an aircraft carrier that is used in negotiations, to assist other Reps or Senators get items passed into law. Whether you think it is good practice or not, it is a legislative process that has gone on both in Montana and in D.C. Fortunately, I feel we keep most of those antics to a minimum. While our last day at the Capitol, was dramatic, it was a good last day of the session.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you in Helena.



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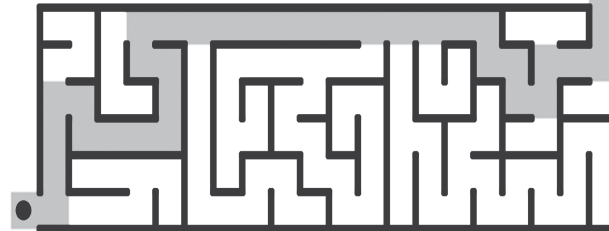
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Super Crossword

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Rifles and Recipes

Let's talk serving size, especially when it comes to meat. While the food pyramid recommends about 4 ounces of meat a day for adults, most men eat 2-4 times that much, while most women eat less than 4 ounces. That's reflected in the suggested servings, below. But what's not in that suggestion is teenage boys. More than once when my son was a teenager, whole elk roasts disappeared from the refrigerator. So, if you have one of those protein inhalers, you'll have to adjust for that, perhaps making the Bonus Recipe, Doctor E-Z Beans, so the rest of the family gets some meat, too. Heck, it's so easy, make the beans even if you don't have a teenage boy at home.



Meat on the Grill
Photo Credit: Eileen Clark

Hot & Sweet Venison Kabobs

Serves 2 men, 3-4 women

Ingredients

- 1 pound venison steak, cut in 1 1/2 inch chunks
- 1 red onion, quartered
- 1/2 cup white balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/4 cup Chipotle Tabasco sauce (Not the red sauce, the smoked.)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse black pepper
- 1 head of elephant garlic, separated and peeled,

Preparation

1. Trim the steak chunks, and dry with paper towels.

2. Purée 1/4 of the red onion in a mini-grinder, and add it to the oil, vinegar, hot sauce, honey, salt, and pepper in a re-sealable plastic bag. Shake to mix, then pour off about 1/2 cup of the marinade and set it in the fridge. Add the steaks to the rest of the marinade. Marinate 24 to 48 hours in the refrigerator, turning the baggie every 12 hours.

Cooking

1. Preheat your grill to medium-high, about 450°F. Separate the quartered onion layers, and slice the elephant garlic into 1/8" slices.
2. Remove the meat from the marinade (don't rinse or dry it) and place on skewers, alternating chunks of red onion and slices of garlic with the meat.
3. Place the kabobs on the grill, and cook 3-4 minutes on the first side and about half as long on the second side, 6-8 minutes total. (Meat cut that small is done way before you think it should be.) Cut into a piece of meat to test for doneness, or check with a meat thermometer: about 135°F.

4. To serve, slide the meat and veggies from the skewers to a serving plate. Pour the 1/2 cup of reserved marinade on the meat and, when you take a bite, have some of each on the fork—elephant garlic, red onion and meat. Getting the full flavor in one bite is a treat!

You could serve the kabobs with cole slaw or potato salad, but here's an ultra-simple baked bean recipe.

Doctor E-Z Beans

15-ounce can Van Camp's pork and beans (or your favorite classic pork and beans)

- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons dark molasses
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon Chipotle Tabasco sauce

Combine all the ingredients, heat on the kitchen stove--or over a campfire or your grill's side burner--until bubbly hot.

Both of these recipes and lots more are in Slice of the Wild: 100 Venison recipes, just one of Eileen's wild game cookbooks. They're all on sale for Father's Day, starting May 26th: www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.

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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

Tuesday, June 13th at the Lewis and Clark Room of Matthews Hall

710 S. Atlantic St, Dillon, MT

5:30 P.M. registration, 6:00 P.M. for dinner

Call our corporate office at (406) 388-4009 to RSVP by June 6, 2023.



THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY INC. REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JERRY MEINE, SECRETARY

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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May 18, 1939

Foiled
“That’s the prize deer of the mountains – I shot it myself.” These were the words in answer to one of “Shorty” Safley’s bosses the other day when in the Townsend office.

The two men were transacting business. Shorty was intent upon some records on the desk, the overseer was gazing about the office and as his eyes surveyed the deer head on the wall, he asked with some disgust, “Who killed that measley old animal and what kind of a carcass is that” and a lot of other uncomplimentary remarks.

Needless to say Shorty came back in strong defense of his antlers, secured with so much of the old hunting skill and prowess last fall.

With swift flaring temper he waved his proud hand toward the proof of his words and what greeted his eyes would have made the most healthy nimrod’s stomach turn over.

There gracing the wall in the place of the beautiful mounted head was hung a most dilapidated, moth eaten, flee bitten deer head that could be imagined.

The editor of this newspaper doesn’t have to guess who played this prank on Shorty.

1950

Winston News

A large crowd from Winston attended the Vigilante parade in Helena Friday.

Wesley Diehl attended the Junior Prom in Townsend Saturday night.

The Beacon Lite club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harold Hamlin. After a delicious luncheon, we discussed our picnic. We then had a quiz. Betty Hohn won first prize for the quiz; Annabelle Diehl won high honors in Hearts. The next meeting will be a picnic to be held at Alhambra.

Toston News

The teachers and the pupils of the Toston school entertained the mothers of the pupils at a Mother’s Day tea Monday afternoon. A program was given by the children, after which tea and cookies were served. Karen Johnson and Shirley Flynn presided at the tea table. Each mother was presented with a carnation.

Mrs. W.R. Thompson was a bus passenger to Great Falls Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marks and daughter and Mrs. Vera Quinn and sons spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hattie Hargrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beyers and Carol drove to Helena Friday for the Vigilante parade.

1961

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grimm were in Harrison Friday night to attend 8th grade graduation ceremonies for their nephew, Gary Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Olsen.

Timothy Jim Holling was four years old Sunday and to celebrate the occasion his mother, Mrs. Chas. Holling, invited a number of his friends to help enjoy the time with him Saturday afternoon. Present were Mike, Kerry and Kris Sullivan, Doug Ellis and Susie Sautter, Lori and Lita Clark, Gary Wogamon, Stacy Wogamon, K.D., Mike and Pam Barnhart and Tim’s little brother, Sidney.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan were their daughter, Gay Ann, Judy Hennessey of Lenten, N.D., Judy Frew of Rexburg, Idaho and Celeste Dickens of Shanken, Montana. All are attending Carroll College in Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kirscher and family spent Mother’s Day in Judith Gap with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beers.

1967

VFW Installs New Officers

Last Tuesday evening at the VFW Hall members of the

VFW Auxiliary and of C.J. Lynch Post installed officers for the coming year. Mrs. C.T. Smith was initiated into the Auxiliary as a new member. Mrs. Jerry Stockburger served as installing officer for the Auxiliary and the following officers were installed: Mrs. Cliff O’Hern, president; Mrs. Paul Bester, first vice president; Mrs. Wesley Horne, second vice president; Mrs. Hugh Whitehead, conductor; Mrs. John Schmidt, secretary; Mrs. Wayne Waddell, treasurer; Mrs. Mae Tintinger, chaplain; Miss Helma Erickson, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Pedro Luna, guard; Mrs. Emma Murray, Mrs. Mae Duede, Mrs. C.T. Smith and Mrs. John Deadmond, color bearers.

John Schmidt was installing officer for the post and installed the following officers: Cliff O’Hern, commander; Randy Anderson, vice-commander; Kenneth Biggs, adjutant; Ray Kline, chaplain; Leslie Gorman, trustee.

Following installation, refreshments were served, and a social hour was enjoyed.

1978

88 Complete Dimes Walkathon

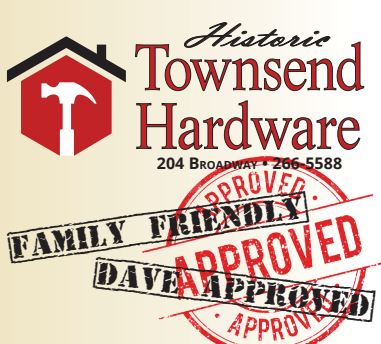
The March of Dimes Walk-a-thon is over for another year and chairman, Dale Bjorge, announced that it was again successful. 123 Hikers participated in the event, and 88 of them completed the full 20 mile route.

A tie for the fastest walker was won by Mary Antonick and Spencer Ouren. Frank Holloway was again the oldest walker, and there is a possibility of two youngest walkers, so this will be determined by birth records. The Jaycees plan a collection picnic on Sunday at 1:00 at the water tower park. Prizes will then be awarded.

Overlooked in mention of business places donating to the walk-a-thon were the State Bank of Townsend, Fireside Lounge and Neifert and White. They and numerous other businesses donated money and prizes towards the effort to which the Jaycees are very grateful.



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LAWN WINTER KILL

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension
Agent



Last week, we discussed winter damage in alfalfa fields. Unfortunately, that is not the only area that was hit hard by the long winter. I was a victim of winter damage to my lawn, and I know I am not alone. There was a significant amount of winter damage to lawns and turfgrass due to a number of causes.

One possible cause is snow mold. Snow mold is a fungal disease. You will often notice it in the early spring as the snow recedes and it shows up as gray matted areas in the grass where the snow laid for an extended period of time. If you look closely, you may also see gray or pink mold. Other conditions that contribute to snow mold are excess nitrogen fertilizer in the fall, excess thatch, shade, poor drainage and debris on the lawn such as leaves or straw. Snow mold weakens the plants, but typically does not kill them. These areas are often slow to green up but usually recover. Fungicide is not necessary.

Another issue that can cause damage is accumulated ice on the lawn. Even though plants are dormant during the winter, they still transpire and require oxygen. Plants covered by ice for 3 to 4 weeks will likely suffer injury or death. 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. This type of damage is more often seen in low points in the yard and areas of poor drainage. If there was no proper drainage, the ice can continue to build up throughout

the winter. Some of these areas will be slow to green up or may need to be replanted.

Voles can also cause damage to lawns. The first evidence of voles you see in the spring is a network of trails scattered along grassy areas where the snow was piled. Voles work hard during the winter to create a maze of runways underneath the snow and remove revegetation. Voles are also known for girdling trees and damaging roots. Because of their high production rate, control is difficult, and eradication is virtually impossible. Remove litter and ground cover to reduce food sources. Cut the lawn short prior to snowfall to reduce winter damage. Wrap the base of trees or shrubs with hardware cloth which can help prevent girdling during the winter.



Winter Kill
Photo Credit: Allison Kosto

You may also see salt damage next to hardscapes such as sidewalks, driveways and streets where salt was applied during the winter. Damage will be most intense next to the edge of the hardscape and lessen further away. Extensive salt damage can injure or kill plants. This can not only affect turfgrass but also trees and shrubs. Consider using a product that is less damaging to plants such as potassium chloride or calcium magnesium acetate. These products are often more expensive but less harmful to plants, pets and humans.

The good news is that in most cases, lawns will recover but they might look rough for a while. If you

find that there are patches in the lawn that were killed, your options are to reseed or resod. Give it time though, they may just be slow to recover.

In the case of my lawn, in most areas, it was damaged by excess ice. There is also evidence of snow mold and voles. The iced areas are not showing much sign of life and time will tell if they recover. If you have any questions about lawn management, stop by your local MSU Extension Office at 416 Broadway or contact us at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu

Americanisms



“If you have an opportunity to make things better and you don’t, then you are wasting your time on Earth.”
— Roberto Clemente

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The Jon Rushford 5th Annual Beaters with Heaters Poker Run was held on 5/6/2023.

I was the lucky recipient of the funds that this event raised.

Bill and I would like to do a shout out to the Rushford families for their kindness and generosity at our time of need. We appreciate the support of everyone who donated and/or participated in this event. We are blessed to live in such a loving community.

With heartfelt thanks,
Dana Banks and Bill Amsk.