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MELE MOA AND FRIENDS LIGHT UP TOWNSEND

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Reverend Mele Moa, Townsend United Methodist Church organized a Polynesian luau complete with a brass band and hula girls for the public to enjoy Friday, June 16 at the church at 200 N. Cedar Street. The joyful sounds of Hawaiian music wafted over downtown while a crowd of 50 gathered behind the church for an outdoor dinner.



Pastor Mele Moa welcomed a large crowd to an evening of food and music.
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“The luau was in honor of the 140th anniversary of the Methodist Church, built in 1983 and myself who is the first female minister of color serving at the church. Church members and I thought we should celebrate those two special occasions. We are so happy to have such a large crowd to share the meal and visit,” Mele said.

Mele has served both the Townsend and the East Helena Methodist churches for nine months. Mele, who has a Masters in theology and social transformation from UC Berkeley, said she has found Townsend residents to be kind and welcoming. One East Helena lady explained that the congregation enjoys Moa’s preaching. “We like her very much,” she said.

Rev. Mele, who refers to herself by her first name, served a church in Salt Lake City before coming to Townsend. She had asked the Tongan Christian Brass



The Tongan Christian Band of Salt Lake and hula dancers wowed the crowd with their authentic Polynesian sounds and dance moves.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Band to come to play. The band of about thirty student players and dancers performs on a regular basis in Salt Lake. The young dancers were decked out in black shifts and grass skirts. The crowd clapped and yelled approvingly as they performed several Polynesian dances.

Mele pointed out it was the Polynesian tradition to honor the dancers with donations, so many showed their appreciation with dollars on the dance mat.

The Polynesian dinner included baked sweet potatoes, pulled pork, a spinach dish and a special chop suey dish. Dessert was a sweet drink of watermelon, pineapple and coconut shreds.

The evening ended with the dancers teaching hula dancing to some of the audience and closed in worship.



Salt Lake cooks made a meal to remember for the Methodist Church Luau
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROUND-UP LAST MINUTE BUDGET REQUESTS

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Broadwater County Commissioners fielded last minute requests for employees and a \$1.50 an hour raise for employees who receive wages on the lower end of the pay scale.

Broadwater County Museum board members are requesting a second part-time employee for help from May 15 to Aug. 30 of each year. The basic wage is \$12-\$13 an hour for a 24-hour pay period.

The county will decide on a \$1.50 hour wage increase. That would be in addition to the \$28-a-month partial health coverage premium for each employee. The wage

increase would be 50% of what the group was asking. “This allows for a little bit of growth, then next year we can factor in more. We are thinking long-term about wage increases,” Chair Debi Randolph explained. The vote is not yet final.

Audrey Martin, a retired emergency services expert, suggested to the commissioners that they update their application form on the website, make their response to applications timely and organize a recruiting event to encourage and hire more emergency service volunteers. She spoke during the public comment period.

FAMILY PROMISE SERVICES UPDATE

Family Promise of Great Helena gave the commissioners an update on their work in Broadwater County. Leslie Heisey of Radersburg explained homelessness in the county is low according to their survey but the organization has helped two families who were passing through town. Family Promise was able to help with work and getting kids enrolled in school for people new to the area.

Heisey said people in the south end of the county are tough to reach, but the organization does operate in Radersburg where she lives. They are working on getting counseling in the county. As of now, people must go to Helena to receive services. The Family Promise office is in the basement of the Methodist church on Cedar Street. Family Promise members work with other mental health organizations and the Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office to reach those in need. “We have received funds from a Montana Children’s Trust Fund grant so we are able to help vulnerable children stay out of the state child protective services system,” she said.

SIGN UP FOR MOSQUITO FOGGING

Broadwater County Weed Coordinator Jessica Bushnell reported to the commissioners that this will be an active mosquito season for the county because of the continuing rain. Her team will be using mosquito insecticide fogging during their usual night fogging. She will notify people when the fogger is coming through via Facebook, the website and the newspapers. She emphasized that the Silos area is not in a mosquito district. “If residents want to set up a district in their

RURAL MONTANA TOWNS REIMAGINE THEMSELVES AT A MSU EXTENSION CONFERENCE

Nancy Marks
Reporter

People drove from all over Montana to attend a reimagining rural gathering put on by Montana State University Extension Service. The reimagining rural concept is about helping small Montana towns which are languishing to rebuild their economies and way of life. The conference-goers came from Terry, Big Timber, Warden, Cutbank and Roundup. Around 150 persons attended at the Watkins Event Center south of Townsend.



Big Timber representatives left to right Cory Sutz, Dawn Curry, Cheryl Follen, Linda Stoltz and Helena representative Kate Hampton
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Community Development Specialist Tara Mastel opened the morning workshop. She talked about identifying the newcomers to Montana communities and how important they are as volunteers. They don’t have connections in the community and often face challenges integrating into the community.

NORTHERN CROPS INSTITUTE'S (NCI) SUMMER AG ACADEMY

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



From the 13th through the 18th, I had the opportunity to travel to Fargo, ND to participate in the Northern Crops Institute's (NCI) Summer Ag Academy. This was the first academy the NCI hosted and the sponsors covered all costs of the tuition, tours and hands-on experience, and food and lodging. The only thing that they would not cover was the cost of gas. Students from Montana, North Dakota, South



My roommate and new friend, Elle, from Minnesota.

Dakota, and Minnesota were invited to attend the program and a total selection of sixty students would be accepted into the program. This would also be equivalent to two college credits that can be transferred to any school in the U.S.

When this program was brought to my attention by my FFA advisor, I jumped at the opportunity to grow my knowledge and gain new experiences. I was accepted as one of the sixty students and worked tirelessly to earn the money to travel the 800 miles to enhance my education. I would not have been able to participate in this program without the help of the Broadwater County community.



Carousel milking parlor at a dairy farm of 10,000 jersey holstein cattle

I attended as the only student from Montana. Being the only student from this area, I learned so much about interactions with those of other cultures. I learned more about an agricultural college that may be in my top sights for my future college career and the branches that surround agriculture. I attended as a student in the animal science track and I got to learn about the dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and feed mill industries. We had hands-on experience with many things, but overall, my favorites were the 10,000-head dairy farm and the cannulated jersey steer. The dairy farm was an amplified version of our dairy farm and I got to see the commercial dairy industry and how much hard work goes into creating the cheese, yogurts, milk, butter, etc. that is seen in every grocery store. A cannulated steer is a steer that has surgery performed to have a hole in its



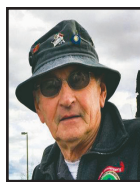
Feeling the inside of a rumen on a cannulated jersey steer

body, into the rumen, to aid in studies about the ruminant digestive system. This does not hurt the cattle or affect the life of the animal in any way. We also had lecture times each morning that mainly focused on livestock nutrition and the importance of microbes, enzymes, minerals, fats, protein, etc. that surrounds livestock nutrition.

A program in North Dakota is almost like a foreign affair to this community, but you, the community of Broadwater County, helped an average high school student attend a college camp that will help me secure my future in the agricultural industry. I have seen many other students in the Townsend school system attend programs and camps with help from the community as a whole. You, the community of Broadwater County are invested in the future generation and their security and education and I thank you. Broadwater County has been and always will be an undying supporting family.

ROTARY HONORS 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Pat Pantenberg
Rotarian



The Rotary Club of Townsend honored its 2023 scholarship winners at its regular meeting on June 13th. This year's winners included:

- Cael O'Dell - Rotary Frank Holloway Scholarship \$2,000,
- Dakota 'Trinity' Wilson - Rotary Holling-White Scholarship \$1,500, and
- Dawson Sweat - Rotary Mel Pottruff Scholarship \$1,000.

Congratulations to these wonderful students. Each year, Rotary sponsors its annual Fall Fest on the first weekend of October.



Diane Brown, Rotary president presents certificates to Rotary 2023 scholarship winners: Caleb O'Dell, Dakota 'Trinity' Wilson, and Dawson Sweat. Photo Credits: Pat Plantenburg

Profits made at Fall Fest are used to fund the club's many community projects including these annual scholarships. This year's Fall Fest will be September 29-October 1.

If you are interested in helping sponsor Fall Fest please call Patrick Plantenburg, at 406-431-4615.

Townsend School Calendar

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DANIEL TRUESDELL APPOINTED FIFTH SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Daniel Truesdell
Photo Credit: Daniel Truesdell

Daniel Truesdell was elected to the empty board position on June 13 by the District #1 School Board after a lengthy interview session. He garnered three votes with board member Vanessa Flynn voting against.

Hannah Rauser was the second person who applied for the seat.

Truesdell had run in the school board election held in May. He came in third in the running for the then two empty seats. The third seat opened when long-time board member Shaun Scott resigned. Truesdell was officially sworn in by County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen.

PLAYGROUND FENCE IN QUESTION

High on the minds of the board members was the question of the new fence around the playground. Superintendent Susie Hedalen had received a parent's email about the height of the fence and the placement of the basketball court near the fence.

Parents voiced the idea that a stranger could reach over the fence, or in the case of an active shooter, harm the children through the fence. In addition, because of the location of the basketball court, balls are going over the court backboard into the street. Then children go into the street to get the ball. "What is the real risk," Hedalen questioned, "Keeping kids in or allowing them to get out in case of an emergency from inside the school?"

The District's safety committee will take up the concern. The board fielded bids on a higher fence at \$7,700 or putting up netting around the basketball court at \$5,500, the cost of which would come out of the building reserve fund. Board member Jason Kool suggested the funds could come from safety grants received from the Office of Public Instruction (OPI). "For safety reasons, I would rather have a brick fence with automatic gates," Kool said. The board tabled the decision.

WAGE INCREASE FOR TEACHERS, STAFF

Wage increases for teachers were approved at 4% raise to the base of the salary matrix with a reduction in sick leave from 15 to 12 days and five days of bereavement absence. "This is the highest wage increase we have ever agreed to," Board Chair Jason Noyes declared.

Teachers will have the same instruction time (1436.5 hours) as last year, just longer days. We will have some school days on Fridays depending on holidays. Fridays scheduling has not been approved yet.

The agreement negotiated with the classified staff will mostly affect the lower wage level employees. It is a one-year agreement. Hedalen said the increased costs can be met with changes in the budget but she can make it work. Board members discussed other avenues to cover the additional costs including an expected higher enrollment and a higher percentage per student passed by the State Legislature. "Keep in mind though that our ANB payments(amounts paid by the state per enrolled student) are always paid from the year following," Hedalen said. The board approved the negotiation.

Telephone company Century Link has notified the district it will no longer provide phone service for the school beginning September 10.

Technicians Director Luke Carr researched several companies. Broad Voice seemed the best choice at \$826

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

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| June 23 | 5:00pm: Historic Canton Church Presents: Judy Williams at Canton Church, 12:00pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 1:00pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St |
| June 23 - June 25 | ACC 2023 Walleye Tournament at Silos Recreation Area, Canyon Ferry Lake |
| June 24 | 4:30pm: Youth For Community at United Methodist Church, 200 Cedar- ALL WELCOME 6:00pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway |
| June 26 | 6:00pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805 |
| June 27 | 5:30pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 6:00pm: Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway |
| June 28 | 1:00pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St |
| June 29 | 1:00pm: Join Us For A Free Workshop on Google LOCL at American Legion Club, 211 Broadway 1:00pm: Paper Making @ Broadwater Community Library, 201 N Spruce 3:00pm: Farmer's Market 7:00pm: Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry |
| June 30 | 12:00pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 1:00pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St |
| July 1 | 6:00pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway |
| County and Government Calendar | |
| June 28 | 10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building |
| June 28 | 7:00pm Airport Board Meeting at Flynn Building |

EPIC ESTATE SALE PART 2
Countless items of interest!
Saturday July 1: 8-2
Sunday July 2: HALF PRICE 8-noon, FREE from 1-3
Cash or Venmo
249 Goose Bay Lane, Townsend
(Goose Bay Marina)

HELLO BROADWATER COUNTY RESIDENTS!

We want to thank all the community volunteers as well as sponsors for all the support and efforts for our Bike Safety Rodeo that was held on May 20th! Honestly, without this wonderful community and sponsor's help, this event would be impossible! We had an amazing turnout this year as well as amazing weather! We raffled off 6 new bikes as well as a toddler scooter which was donated by Head Start! Child Care Connections distributed new helmets to kids in need and the Broadwater County Sherriff's Office provided fingerprinting kits as well as car seat safety information.

We are amazed and very grateful for all the support, efforts as well as time that was contributed to this annual event. We personally want to thank everyone listed below:

- Rotary
- Child Care Connections
- Broadwater County Sherriff's Office
- Bob's Supermarket (drink donations)
- The Birds Nest (Donation)
- Universal Athletics in Helena (Door Prizes)
- Cinemark Theatres (Movie passes)
- The Painted Pot (Gift Certificate)
- Pintail Salon (Donation)
- Jan Hubber (Donation)
- American Legion Auxiliary (Donation)
- Reading leaves (Gift card)

- Sharon and Iwy Obrigewitch (Donation)
- Broadwater County Northern Stars Chapter (Donation)

We appreciate ALL the volunteers and sponsors that made this event happen! Without all of you, we would not be able to host this event. We apologize if we happened to forget any names of businesses.

Feel free to call the Broadwater County Public Health Department @ 406-266-5209 or email us @ publichealth@co.broadwater.mt.us for any recommendations or suggestions for next year! We intend to make registration more organized as we noticed congestion as well as an overload all at once! We hope everyone enjoyed the Bike Safety Rodeo and we look forward to a wonderful turnout next summer!

Thank you all from Broadwater County Public Health Department!

BROADWATER COUNTY MONTANA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Melinda Reidy
Administrative Assistant

In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, The Broadwater County Commissioners, upon completion of the Final Budget, will be holding a public hearing to adopt by resolution, The Broadwater FY 2023/2024 Final Annual Budget.

The hearing is set for Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 at 10:05 AM, located at the Flynn Building; 416 Broadway St. Any taxpayer or resident may appear and be heard for or against any part of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be viewed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office during regular business hours or the website at www.broadwatercountymt.com

PROPERTY APPRAISAL NOTICES COMING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Katie Kakalecik
Department of Revenue



The Montana Department of Revenue is mailing property classification and appraisal notices to all owners of residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural land properties.

These notices are not tax bills. They include the department's determination of market or productivity value and the taxable value for your property that will be used by your county treasurer to determine the property taxes owed for tax years 2023 and 2024.

"It's important that Montana property owners review this information," said Brendan Beatty, Director of the Montana Department of Revenue. "If property owners wait until property tax bills are sent in November, it will be too late for the department to correct property characteristics and make adjustments that may impact the value of the property for Tax Year 2023. So please review the notice as soon as possible and contact us if you have questions."

If property owners disagree with the department's determination of value for their property, they may submit a Request for Informal Classification and Appraisal Review (called Form AB-26) within 30 days of the date on their notice. Owners can electronically submit the form, download it, and find more information on the informal review process at MTRRevenue.gov.

In July, public meetings in cities and towns across the state will be held to help taxpayers understand the property valuation process and how the department determined the new values on their appraisal notices. Go to MTRRevenue.gov for the dates, times, and venues of the public meetings being held.

The public can find contact information for local Department of Revenue field offices by visiting MTRRevenue.gov/contact/ or by calling (406) 444-6900, or Montana Relay at 711 for hearing impaired.

NATIONAL FLAG DAY CELEBRATED IN TOWNSEND MONTANA

Tony Wagner
American Legion Post 42

It is common practice for Flag Day to be the date for the respectful retirement of unserviceable flags. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts carry out this duty with the supervision and support of their scoutmasters and the American Legion.

American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain Judy Lund opened the ceremony with a prayer and Janet Wagner, American Legion Finance Officer read about honoring the flag. Two of our local cub scouts then retired the unserviceable flags.

The American Legion has a box in its entryway for collecting unserviceable flags for retirement.



Jason Cysewski, Alexander Hoeger, Gage Douglas, Mike Cysewski
Photo Credit: Tony Wagner

On June 14, 1777, The Continental Congress declared "The flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation." For this reason, June 14th became Flag Day. It should be noted that on the same date, two years earlier, the Continental Congress resolved that six companies from Pennsylvania and two from Maryland be sent to join the militiamen near Boston, and the US Army was born.

The American flag was first carried into battle on September 11, 1777, in the Battle of the Brandywine, but a national observance of our flag was a long time coming.

Bernard J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher in Waubeka, Wisconsin, spent years trying to get Congress to declare June 14 as a national holiday, even though the day was already widely observed. "Father of Flag Day" honors were eventually given to William T. Kerr, who was credited with founding the American Flag Day Association in 1888.

Both President Wilson, in 1916, and President Coolidge, in 1927, issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law.

TOWNSEND MAN DIES IN A ONE CAR ACCIDENT

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Broadwater County Sheriff's office was called to a fatal vehicle accident Friday, June 16.

The one car accident happened at the corner of Clopton Lane and Greyson Creek Road, according to Sheriff Nick Rauser.



Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

A.J. Atkins, 37, apparently missed the turn in the early hours of the day. He was driving a white Ford F150 and was alone in the vehicle. Atkins was a Townsend resident.

The family was notified by the Sheriff's Office.

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- June 24**
7:00- 11:45PM Music by Muscadine Bloodline @ Bridger Brewing Three Forks
- June 25**
10:00AM- 3:00PM Christian Center Picnic @ Stevenson Park Gazebo-ALL WELCOME
- June 26**
6:30PM Three Forks School Board Meeting @ Three Forks Schools
- June 27**
6:00PM Public Hearing to vacate alley in block 4 of original town plat @ City Hall
- June 28**
1:00PM Mahjongg @ Three Forks Community Library
4:00PM Dungeons & Dragons Club @ Three Forks Community Library
- June 29**
2:00- 7:00PM Farmers Market @ John Q Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park

Judy Williams is a native Montanan born and raised in White Sulphur Springs. She was the middle child of a musical family. Judy plays bass guitar and sang with popular country bands for several years in the Spokane, Washington and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho areas prior to moving back home to Montana in 1986. She continues to provide entertainment with dance music and laugh-filled variety shows. Her motto is: "If it isn't fun, I'm probably not doing it".



Judy Williams
Photo Credit: Judy Williams

Judy performs professionally all over Montana and western Canada as "The Divine Bovines". Judy observes the cattle on their ranch and then her keen sense of humor and her musical ability kick in as she writes hilarious parodies "from the cows' point of view".

Montana PBS honored Judy by choosing her to be featured in a segment of their popular Back Roads of Montana program in May of 2014. Repeated airings of that segment still continue to generate future bookings.

The Historic Canton Church was built in 1875-1876 and is one of the few surviving buildings from the town of Canton which was flooded during the creation of Canyon Ferry Lake. All our events begin at 5:00 pm but the Canton Church will be open to visitors from 3:00-5:00 pm before events.

Visit our website at WWW.Canton-Church.org for more information about our events and about the Historic Canton Church and the Town of Canton.



Another Thoughtless Lawsuit

I heard on the Monday morning news that "16 youths" are suing the state of Montana for siding with the fossil fuel industry to produce CO2. They believe this will harm future generations. Well...

Montana produces 406 thousand metric tons of CO2 per year all told. That includes energy, manufacturing etc. used, or exported. That's a significant decrease from the one million metric tons of CO2 produced in 1995. 406 thousand metric tons equals 895 million lbs. of CO2 produced each year.

Montana has 6 billion trees, each converting 48 pounds of CO2 into oxygen on average per year. That's 288 billion lbs. of CO2 that Montana trees convert into oxygen per year, or more than 200 billion lbs. in excess CO2 that Montana trees convert into oxygen. That's just trees. We grow a lot of wheat and other grains.

Unlike Canada and South America, the US, as a whole, does not convert more CO2 to oxygen than it produces. So, there are states that are doing poorly in this area, but not Montana.

I think the folks bringing this lawsuit against Montana should move to New Jersey and sue them. After all, it's states with lots of big cities that are tipping the scales.

I don't know about you, but I've long been tired of big city folks writing laws and suing the states and industries for what they are the ones guilty of. Tell me these "16 youths" aren't using electricity or taking some form of transportation. It's big cities where millions of gallons of oil and billions of kilowatts are being used every day. Another fact, Montana rates high in reusable energy, primarily due to our hydroelectric dams.

I think I'll send this information to Montana's defense lawyers. I'd like to see the state win and counter-sue for expenses.

Tony Wagner
Townsend, MT

An Alternate View

This letter reflects my personal views and does not reflect the views of MT43 News. MT43 News reports news but does not take sides; however, we do encourage

presenting multiple facets of issues.

In this issue, there is another "Letter to the Editor" about the young people suing Montana. I would like to present an alternate view.

Climate change is a fact; good arguments can be made as to what is causing climate change but the climate is changing. The teenagers suing the State of Montana are concerned about their environment and want to make a difference.

Instead of spending all of their time on social media sites or playing video games, these teenagers are taking action on an issue they feel strongly about. I do not see how teenagers engaging in our society and wanting to make a difference can possibly be a bad thing.

We all deplore trivial lawsuits; but, in the United States settling issues in court is the proper way to resolve issues. These teenagers are not leading disruptive protests or rioting in the streets; they are pursuing their concerns in an adult, legal manner.

The United States Supreme Court recently ruled against big oil companies that sought to prevent lawsuits regarding climate change. Our Supreme Court believes that lawsuits are the proper channel for trying to resolve these issues.

Regardless of the outcome of the lawsuit, we should be applauding these young people for being willing to become involved in what they believe in and doing it the correct way.

Victor Sample
Townsend, MT

Department of Justice

The Department of Justice (DOJ) didn't indict Donald Trump. The DOJ provided evidence to a grand jury.

A jury of Donald Trump's peers indicted Donald Trump, not the Department of Justice.

America is a country of laws. America is a land of truth and justice, not a land of conspiracy theories. I wish people would tell the truth even when they don't like the truth.

Doug Purcell
Townsend, MT

APHID CONTROL IN THE YARD AND GARDEN

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Aphids have long been a pest in the yard and garden. June is often their peak population. Later


in the summer, populations naturally decline as the predator population increases. However, they can still cause severe damage and sometimes intervention is necessary.

Aphids are an issue for several reasons. They have sucking mouth parts that pierce the plant and suck out fluids. Over time, this can diminish plant health. Symptoms include wilting, leaf curling and dieback of shoots and buds. Aphids can also carry many viral diseases. Another problem related to aphids is their production of sticky honeydew. Honeydew is a waste material excreted by aphids. It can cover leaves, branches and even sidewalks. Sooty mold can grow on the honeydew, adding another problem for the plant.

There are thousands of aphid species worldwide, but only a small number are considered serious pests. Most aphid species are host specific, meaning they only feed on certain plants. Only a few species feed on multiple host plants. This is good news because it means that if you have aphids in your ash tree, for example, it is unlikely that this specific aphid will move to nearby

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THE HISTORIC CANTON CHURCH PRESENTS: JUDY WILLIAMS

The Historic Canton Church will continue our Summer Schedule of Events on June 23 at 5:00 pm featuring Judy Williams – a local performer well known throughout the Northwest. As always our events are free – although we do accept donations!

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JUNE 16

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael McMahon's courtroom on Friday, June 16, is as follows:

Jesse Standifur pled guilty to three misdemeanors: criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with fictitious plates, and driving without a driver's license. In his elocution, he stated that while in Broadwater County, "I had in my possession a glass pipe used to smoke meth. I had no legal basis to use fictitious plates or drive without a license." The Jury Trial for count 1, felony possession of dangerous drugs is scheduled for February 2, 2024. He will be Sentenced for the misdemeanors on August 11. He is released on his own recognizance.

Hector Martinez had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs with intent to deliver; criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth) and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. Omnibus is due on August 8; Pre-Trial is set for October 20; with the Jury Trial scheduled for November 13. His bond is \$10,000. When released, he must abide by all set conditions and check in at BCSO by 4 pm every Friday.

Gabriel Puga had Arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to charges of assault with a weapon and theft (unauthorized control of property). He is held on a \$15,000 bond. Omnibus is due on August 25; Pre-Trial is set for October 27; with the Jury Trial scheduled for January 22, 2024. He is released on his own recognizance.

Hope Lee will have a Change of Plea on July 28.

Rodney Wilson had his Status Hearing continued until July 28.

Pablo Gonzales had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to the amended charge of negligent endangerment. His elocution included that he caused a risk of injury to his spouse when he charged down a narrow staircase with her on it. He is sentenced to 40 hours of Anger Management, pay \$250 to the Office of Public Defender, pay fees and surcharges and have no contact with the victim for one year, except through a third party (for parenting needs). The judge also recommended that Gonzales and his spouse enlist a website called uptoparents.org.

Harley Wildman appeared on a Petition to Revoke. He has been attending Behavioral Health Court with success, according to Judge McMahon. He will be sentenced on July 21 by Judge Seeley.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT
JUNE 23, 2023**

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Thomas Trisdalw, Frisco, Tx: day speed \$70.00
Tanya Stewart, Crow Agency: day speed \$70.00
Yonathan Mendoza, Lehi, Ut: day speed \$70.00
Mackensie Smith, Missoula: interstate day speed \$40.00
Carlos Rolon II, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Dana Peters, Bozeman: interstate day speed \$40.00
Kyle Milke, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Clint Hosman, Bozeman: interstate day speed \$70.00
Tanya Hines, Townsend: day speed \$120.00
Jake Hebenstreit, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
Lawrence Emig, Manhattan: day speed \$20.00
Alonzo Delacruz, Emmett, Id: interstate day speed \$40.00
Lindsey Fenton, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
Troy Koser, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Travis Simons, Saint Regis: interstate day speed \$70.00
Nahun Carcamo, Denver, Co: day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Leroy Montgomery – Helena – Reckless driving-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; Violate 1st year restrictions- operate MV without using a seatbelt, pleaded guilty, 20 hours community service.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Ernest Amouzou – Belgrade – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$120.00 fine; Reckless endangerment of emergency personnel- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$235.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Andrew Yaffee, Gallatin, TN: day speed \$200.00
Gerald Weaver, Simms: defective tail lamps \$85.00
Brandon Thompson, Townsend: night speed \$20.00
Shayne Trujillo, Gillette, Wy: day speed \$20.00
Clive Townsend, WSS: restricted speed \$55.00
Douglas Schnablegger, Townsend: day speed \$70.00
Zoe Sandy, Clancy: day speed \$70.00
Brittany Norris, Umatilla, Fl: careless driving \$85.00 day speed \$20.00
Jesse Kester, Gallatin Gateway: expired registration \$85.00
Emily Johns, Geneva, Il: day speed \$120.00
Ty Harris, Clancy: day speed \$120.00
Derek Heggen, Townsend: night speed \$20.00
Jakob Fletcher, Billings: day speed \$20.00
Neil Fasteen, Helena: night speed \$20.00
Daniel Favela, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Anthony Fread, Billings: day speed \$20.00
Bridget Beausoleil, Belgrade: day speed \$120.00
Russell Raschkow, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Chase Delude, Helena: day speed \$70.00

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

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

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

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

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM Fairgrounds Bathroom Project Walk Through

Public Comment on any subject not on the agenda, and that the Commission has jurisdiction over

10:05 AM Public Hearing, Final Budget FY 2023-2024

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Final Budget FY 2023-2024

10:30 AM Discussion, Commissioner Richtmyer and Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Update and overview, Reimagining Rural Conference Discussion,

10:35 AM Discussion, Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer; Broadband Advisory Board Update

10:40 AM Discussion/Decision, Resolution Renaming the Spokane Airway Beacon to the Ferguson Airway Beacon

Thursday, June 29, 2023

10:00 AM Weekly Working Meeting with Jania Hatfield, Deputy County Attorney, in the Commission Office regarding projects and deadlines

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IS HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE ON JULY 19, 2023 FROM 12-3PM AND 430-7PM IN THE FLYNN BUILDING

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, Chairperson
406-266-9270 and 406-980-2050

Darrel Folkvord, Vice 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) (Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website) The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

- BC Airport Board on June 28th at 7pm
- BC Solid Waste Public Meeting on July 5th at 6pm
- Trust Board on July 11th at 11:30am
- BC Planning Board on July 11th at 1 pm
- LAC Meeting on July 12th at 2pm
- BC Weed Board on July 12th at 7pm
- Fair Board on July 13th at 7pm
- Board of Health on July 18th at 1pm
- Broadwater County- Three Forks Mosquito Board on July 18th at 3:30pm
- Broadwater County- Townsend Mosquito Board on July 18th at 4pm
- LEPC on July 20th at 1pm

Budget Requests, 1

area, they must organize a petition with 40% of the landowners' signatures. Please contact me via the website or through Facebook for more information on how to do that," she said.

People interested in learning about control materials and environmentally safe treatments should contact her office or attend the Townsend Mosquito District board meetings. She needs board members.

Her office has two Montana Conservation District interns mapping fire areas for weed contamination. Her office is working with landowners to get grants to spray those areas. She is also working on spraying weeds on the backside of Canyon Ferry Lake along the roads. She is working with Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley in experimenting with chemical mowing of roadsides versus mechanical mowing. Test strips are in place on Flynn Lane and Beaver Creek Road. Her office is also involved in four West Nile-carrying mosquito traps. They are in Townsend and the Wild Life Management Areas.

Her county weed board is active and good to work with. "They show up and run efficient meetings," she said.

COMMISSION APPROVES COUNTY ALCOHOL TAX FUND ALLOCATION

The board approved 70% of the county's alcohol tax revenue funds to Boyd Andrew Mental Health Services, and 30% to Butte, Cares, Southwest Montana Prevention for use in the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction, and for educating youth about the dangers of those diseases. The county acts as a passthrough for the funds from the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS). No money comes directly to the county, according to the DPHHS handout but is dispersed to the designated service organizations.

The two organizations approved for alcohol tax funds may then donate some of the monies to the Broadwater County DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Task Force, according to Commissioner Reynolds.

METH FOUND IN AUTHORIZED VEHICLE SEARCH- BROADWATER COUNTY

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent

Levi Gadaire and Joseph Matt appeared in Judge Michael McMahon's courtroom on Friday, June 16 to file Motions to Suppress evidence taken at a traffic stop on January 31, 2023.

Testimony by Sgt. Jamie Buck included that on January 31, 2023, he received a suspected RADD (reporting a drunk driver); a person was swerving in his lane, and seemed not to be in control of his vehicle. As Buck got behind the vehicle, he noticed, how the car was failing to maintain its lane.

He stopped the car near Town Pump on Front Street, finding Levi Gadaire in the driver's seat. In the passenger's seat was Joseph Matt. Asking the two if they were "on paper", meaning if they were on Probation, Gadaire replied in the affirmative. Matt, however, wasn't so quick in his response. Buck asked Gadaire if he had used meth and when; Gadaire replied he had used meth early that morning.

One of the conditions for all probationers is that they not be in the presence of other probationers. Buck called Adult Probation and Parole (AP&P) Officer Landon Lamb for assistance. Lamb authorized a search of the vehicle because Joseph Matt had absconded from AP&P, and there will be a warrant for his arrest.

Upon search of the vehicle, Sgt. Buck discovered three small zip-lock baggies, containing a total of 30.3 grams of methamphetamine. Upon further inspection, 11.4 grams of meth were found in a clear plastic container and 30.6 grams were also discovered. All in all, it added up to 72.3 grams or almost 2.6 ounces! All field-tested positive for meth and both were arrested. Later, a chemical analysis from the Montana State Crime Lab proved it positive.

AP&P Officer Landon Lamb took the stand; saying that yes, he talked to Sgt. Buck and authorized the search, based on Matt's absconding. He was shown an arrest warrant for Matt, dated January 31, 2023; and testified that it was indeed the same one.

The evidence that Gadaire is trying to suppress is that he told Buck he had used it earlier in the day (without being read his Miranda Rights). In the body cam video, you can see and hear Gadaire as he talks to the sergeant. Matt is trying to suppress the evidence that he is absconding.

After two and a half hours, the hearing concluded when Gadaire asked for a Change of Plea. That will be heard on July 30. Matt, however, chooses to go to Jury Trial. The Pre-Trial is September 15; with the Jury Trial to be held on October 10.

CANYON FERRY AIRSTRIP GETS UPDATES- SCOUTS EARN AVIATION MERIT BADGES

Matt Nelson and Matt Lindberg

On the evening of Monday, June 12th, twelve members of Boy Scout Troop 212 East Helena, which also includes scouts from Townsend, worked together toward earning their Aviation Merit Badges at the Canyon Ferry Airport. Among the attendees were Scout Master Eric Sommer, Broadwater County Airport Manager Dwight Thompson, County Commissioner Darrel Folkvord, Airport board members consisting of Bob Hollister, Adam MacDonald, who is the board chairman, and Rob Bargatze. Also present was Aubra Lewis, who is the airport board administration assistant and also a retired 5th-grade teacher from Townsend. She had taught several of the scouts, and it was easy to tell that they liked each other! Mark Young works for the city of Helena as the Transportation Engineer and is the father of three of the scouts.



1st Flight L-R: Wade Litton, owner of the Cessna 182, Conner Mowery, Colter Schaible, and Carter Sommer
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Matt Lindberg, the Safety & Education Bureau Chief /Aeronautics, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) wrote: "The East Helena Scouts, volunteers, airport manager Dwight Thompson, and Montana Aeronautics gathered at the Canyon Ferry airstrip to paint rocks that mark the field elevation and help Scouts work toward earning their aviation merit badges. Also lending a hand were local pilot volunteers".



2nd Flight L-R: Zach Matthews, Konner Swan, Sam Smith, and Wade Litton
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

After the airport sprucing up was done, Scouts worked toward earning their Aviation Merit Badges by completing introductory flights, learning the forces of flights, exploring aviation careers, flying drones and flight simulators (brought to the airport by Matt Lindberg), and learning the basics of navigation and primary flight instruments. The evening wrapped up with burgers cooked over a campfire donated by Dwight.

Dwight is the airport manager of both the Townsend and Canyon Ferry airports in Broadwater County. Significant improvements have been made to both airports by Dwight in his official capacity, and through the time and resources he has volunteered. Both airports are in fantastic condition and ready for your visit thanks to him!



3rd Flight L-R: Skyler Buffman, Marcus Phan, Walker Young, and Wade Litton
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Special thanks are owed to him for the support of the Scout Aviation merit badge program. It is especially nice that the Canyon Ferry runway is nicely rolled, the weeds are sprayed and mowed, and even some cactuses were dug up in the parking areas!"

Dwight had his 1975 Cessna 172 on display, in which the students were given training in pre-flying

an airplane, but the highlight of the evening was when Townsend pilot, Wade Litton, took the scouts flying in his 1967 Cessna 182. Each of the four flights had three scouts as passengers. They took off from Canyon Ferry Airport heading South, flew over Townsend, and along Canyon Ferry Lake. It didn't matter whether or not the scouts had flown before. Each scout stepped out of the plane after landing with wide grins, excited laughter, and a memory that will last a lifetime.



4th Flight L-R: Ephraim Young, Damon Young, John Sommer, and Wade Litton
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Conner Mowery, Carter Sommer, and Colter Schaible flew in the first flight with Wade; followed by Zach Matthews, Konner Swan, and Sam Smith in the 2nd flight; Skyler Buffham, Marcus Phan, and Walker Young in the 3rd flight; and Ephraim Young, Damon Young, and John Sommer in the 4th flight.

After the scouts flew, Eric Sommer was a passenger with two other people, and then Mark Young, a young TV reporter named Rachael, and I were all able to go for a ride. What made it even more special for me is that I had about 30 minutes of flying from the right seat since I am a pilot!

Thanks to all the Boy Scouts and everybody else who participated.

TOWNSEND'S COMMUNITY FOREST PART 9

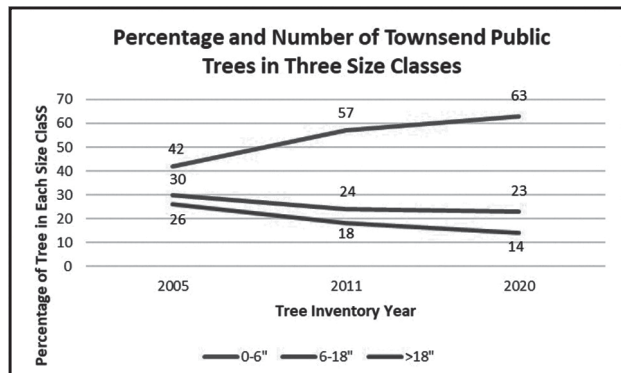
Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



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

Last week, we discussed the value of Townsend's urban forest. The 1,093 trees inventoried in 2020 were valued at \$2,164,000 even though over 52% of Townsend's trees are less than 15 years old. This is an average price of \$1,980 each. Trees did not grow in Townsend historically except where they received additional water. Without active watering, most trees in Townsend would die. Watering is essential to retain the value of our urban forest.

This week, we will discuss how Townsend's public tree size and age classes have changed over 33 years. Size and Age Classes of Townsend Public Trees



Percentage of Townsend's Public Trees in Three Size Classes over Time. Graph Credit: Pat Plantenberg

The ideal situation for a community, with respect to tree size, is to have an even dispersal of trees in each size class: For example, if each size class had an equal percentage of the tree population, it would indicate a constant level of removal and replacement. In 1990, Townsend's urban forest, as well as other Montana communities' urban forests, was dominated by large, mature, poor-condition, first-generation trees. The average diameter of trees in Townsend was 13 inches in 1990.

Many of the older, mature trees have died, were damaged in storms and removed, and/or have been removed as part of Townsend's annual tree care and maintenance plans after tree inventories in 2005, 2011, and 2020. The average diameter of Townsend's trees had dropped to 9 inches in 2011. The average diameter of Townsend's trees had dropped to 8 inches in 2020.

In 2005, Townsend's urban forest had 42% of its trees less than 6 inches in diameter (Figure 1). That percentage increased to 57% in 2011 and 63% in 2020. The 2020 inventory revealed that 594 of the 1093 total trees or 54% had been planted in Townsend since 2005.

Many other community forests are also seeing a reduction in average tree size because many new tree species being planted do not get as big as tree species planted in the past. In addition, like Townsend, many large mature trees have been removed in other Montana cities in the last 20 years. In Townsend, trees from 6-18 inches in diameter dropped from 30% in 2005 to 23% in 2020 (Figure 1). Trees over 18 inches in diameter dropped from 26% in 2005 to 14% in 2020. The percentage of Townsend's trees over 24 inches in diameter decreased from 13 percent in 2005 to 6 percent in 2020.

Figure 1. Percentage of Townsend's Public Trees in Three Size Classes over Time.

Cities have been planting trees that do not get as big to minimize risk and potential property damage, reduce damage to sidewalks and streets, and reduce potential conflicts with utility lines. The result is a major loss in canopy cover. Currently, Townsend is concentrating on planting medium to large tree species such as linden, various Dutch elm disease-resistant elm cultivars, some alkaline soil tolerant maples, hackberry, honeylocust, and bur oak to help recover some of the lost canopy covers over time.

Next week, we will discuss Townsend's public tree maintenance over time.

MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITY HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Jessica Bushnell
Broadwater County Weed and Mosquito Control

The Townsend Mosquito District (TMD) will be conducting surveillance and treatment activities to reduce the risk of disease and annoyance in an environmentally-sensitive manner.

- Ground larval treatments - applying control materials to a wetland with a backpack.
- Catch basin treatments - applying control materials to neighborhood catch basins.
- Setting or collecting traps - surveillance helps TMD determine where and what types of mosquitoes are active.
- Ground adulticide applications - using ultra-low volume insecticides to target adult flying mosquitoes.
- Wetland surveillance-determining if ponds or swamps have mosquito larvae present.

The control materials and methods used by TMD are regularly tested for safety and only applied when surveillance indicates they would be effective. The active ingredients are specifically designed to target mosquito larvae or adults with minimal impacts on non-target insects. The control materials are not harmful to people, pets, or wildlife. Please remember we cannot operate the fogger if we can see you on our route. We cannot operate the fogger under windy or rainy conditions. Evening operation will be posted on the TownsendThreeForksMosquito Facebook page, please look there for the most current route updates.

Window screens should be inspected and repaired if damaged to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home. In addition, any openings around window air conditioners, clothes dryer vents, etc. should be eliminated for the same reason. If possible, avoid outdoor activities around dusk. If not possible, wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Loose-fitting, light-colored clothing is best. Appropriate use of insect repellents per the manufacturer's instructions is recommended. Residents should look for potential mosquito breeding sources around the home and take the following simple steps:

- 1) Throw away all trash that can hold water such as cans, jars, bottles, etc.
- 2) Clean rain gutters/downspouts to prevent water from standing in gutters or on flat roofs.
- 3) Change water in bird baths, wading pools, etc. at least once a week.
- 4) Maintain swimming pools properly.
- 5) Remove or turn over containers, buckets, wheelbarrows, etc. which may accumulate water.
- 6) Screen rain barrels to prevent adult mosquitoes from depositing eggs on the water's surface.
- 7) Aerate ornamental ponds and stock with goldfish or other surface-feeding fish to control mosquito production.
- 8) Dispose of any used tires without rims to prevent water accumulation.

If you are interested in having the Townsend Mosquito District expand into your area; we are in search of engaged members of the public to spearhead the process. It begins with drafting a petition and getting other interested landowners to sign. If you are interested and need more information please reach out at 406-266-9243 or on our website <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com/noxious-weed-mosquito-department>

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR MT TAX REBATES

Eric Dietrich
Montana Free Press



Montana's Republican-controlled Legislature directed hundreds of millions of dollars from the state's budget surplus — \$899 million in total — toward income and property tax rebates during its 2023 session. With those rebates signed into law by Gov. Greg Gianforte, here's what taxpayers need to know to make sure they get their refund from the Montana Department of Revenue.

HOW MUCH DO I QUALIFY FOR?

Lawmakers passed two buckets of rebates, one focused on income taxes and the other on property taxes:

Rebates on 2021 Montana income taxes

If you were a full-year Montana resident who paid your state taxes on 2020 and 2021 income on time, you should receive a rebate of up to \$1,250 for your 2021 taxes. If you meet those requirements but paid less than \$1,250 in 2021, you should have your entire payment refunded.

The \$1,250 cap applies to taxpayers who filed as single taxpayers, heads of household or married taxpayers who filed separately. Married couples who filed jointly are eligible for up to twice that amount, \$2,500.

The law specifies that taxpayers who didn't file taxes as full- or part-year residents in 2020 or who paid their 2020 or 2021 taxes late won't be eligible for rebates.

More information on the income tax rebates is available from the revenue department here.

Rebates on 2022 and 2023 property taxes

Homeowners are eligible for up to \$675 a year for their 2022 and 2023 property taxes on their principal residence, defined as the place where you've lived for at least seven months of the year. If you paid less than \$675 in property taxes in either year, you'll be eligible for a refund of your entire payment.

While payments are often handled through banks for homes with mortgages, property tax payments are made to county treasurers twice a year, with payments due in November and May. The department says the 2022 rebate is applicable to November 2022 and May 2023 payments and the 2023 rebate is applicable to November 2023 and May 2024 payments.

More information on the property tax rebates is available from the revenue department here.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO GET THE INCOME TAX REBATE?

Nothing, according to the revenue department, which says it will send rebates automatically to qualifying

taxpayers. Rebates will either be deposited in your bank account electronically or mailed, using the account or address information you gave the department for your most recent tax return.

The department says it will start issuing income tax rebates in July. The law requires all rebates to be completed by Dec. 31.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO GET THE PROPERTY TAX REBATES?

These you have to apply for. The department says taxpayers can apply for the 2022 property tax rebates through its online TransAction Portal or via a paper form during an application period that runs from Aug. 15, 2023, to Oct. 1, 2023. A second application period for 2023 rebates will be open across the same dates in 2024.

I DON'T REMEMBER HOW MUCH I PAID IN 2021 STATE INCOME TAXES. WHERE CAN I LOOK THAT NUMBER UP?

If you're looking at your old tax filings, the department says the income tax number used for its rebate calculations is the number on line 20 of its 2021 Montana Individual Income Tax Return form.

I RENT INSTEAD OF OWNING MY HOME. DO I QUALIFY FOR THESE REBATES?

All resident taxpayers regardless of ownership status qualify for the income tax rebates. The property tax rebates, however, are available only to homeowners for taxes paid on their principal residence. While landlords typically use a portion of renters' housing payments to pay property taxes on rental properties, the Legislature didn't make the property tax rebates available for homes that aren't owner-occupied.

WHO DESERVES CREDIT FOR THIS?

Gov. Gianforte's original budget proposal included only property tax rebates in combination with forward-looking income tax rate cuts but threw his support behind a combination of smaller property tax rebates and income tax rebates after negotiations with legislative Republicans.

While Democrats said they thought the 2023 Legislature should authorize some tax relief, the income and property tax rebate bills, House Bill 192 and House Bill 222, ultimately passed with Republican support on near-party-line votes. Democrats, who said they worried about underfunding other budget priorities, did make unsuccessful attempts to amend the property tax relief bill to include renters.

A subsequent, late-session bill that put more funding into tax rebates, House Bill 816, passed with support from most Republicans and a handful of Democrats.

Beyond those facts, we'll leave this answer to your own judgment.

SHOULD I EXPECT THIS AGAIN IN 2025?

That's up to the 2025 Legislature, but probably not. The state's 2023 surplus, fueled by pandemic-era economic

stimulus, inflation and migration driving up income tax collections, was quite likely a once-in-a-generation situation.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THESE REBATES?

The revenue department has published an official FAQ on its website: <https://mtrevenue.gov/taxes/montana-tax-rebates/>

BOWHUNTER EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULED IN THREE FORKS

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

THREE FORKS – Volunteer instructors will teach a Bowhunter Education course in Three Forks early next month.

The class will be on July 1 and 2 at Three Forks High School's tech education classroom across from the football field. Students must register for the class in advance by visiting register-ed.com/events/view/200120.

Students will also need to pick up a Bowhunter Education course manual from a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks office and read it prior to the first day of class.

All first-time bowhunters in Montana must complete a Bowhunter Education course or show proof of a prior year's archery license from another state or province. All classes are free, and students must be at least 12 years old by Jan. 16, 2024, to take a Bowhunter Education class this year.

Hunter and Bowhunter Education classes are taught by skilled volunteer instructors and offer hands-on learning experiences, mentoring opportunities and the ability for students to ask questions of experienced hunters. Students learn how to handle firearms and archery equipment safely, basic survival skills, hunting ethics, wildlife management, game identification, landowner-hunter relations, and Montana hunting laws and regulations.

To learn more about Hunter and Bowhunter Education in Montana, visit fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter-education.

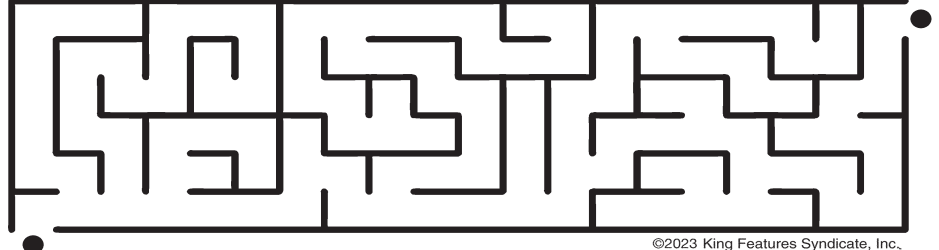


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Kids' Maze



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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INSIDE INSPIRATION

THE ROBIN'S NEST

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



I love robins as they are symbols of renewal and transformation, and just like spring, they represent new beginnings. And we certainly have our share of robins this year!

When I woke up the other morning, I noticed four robins' nests being built in an area I prefer they didn't nest. So, I took a broom and swept the area to try and discourage the robins from building their nests. I cleaned up the area, and a short time later, I looked out the window and saw some robins picking up the residue left on our driveway to start rebuilding their nest.

I went back outside to investigate, and sure enough, two nests were being built in the same area I had previously swept. So, I get the broom again and sweep the partially built nests. As I am sweeping, Momma Robin is watching me, and I can almost hear her say, "You can continue to sweep away my nests, but I will continue to persevere and build them at all costs. I have chosen the area where I want my nest and will not let anyone or anything stand in my way."

Bill comes out with a smile and watches me sweep and clean up, sweep and clean up, sweep, and clean up... I am not sure who is more exhausted me or the robins. These robins are relentless, and they keep scouring for twigs and mud and push themselves to keep moving forward to get their nest built in due time.

They don't give up and continue to press in as they have a goal to reach. Oh my, we can learn so much from these birds. Their determination and perseverance are admirable, and they teach us that no matter what obstacles we face, we should never give up.

As I watch the robins persist in building their nests, I am reminded of the importance of pushing forward, even when things get tough. Like the robin, we must keep our eyes fixed on our purpose and refuse to let any setbacks or challenges deter us.

With this in mind, I am grateful for the opportunity to observe these beautiful creatures and learn from their example. I look forward to seeing their nests take shape as they endure to build and grow their families in another area. :)

Do you sometimes feel like you are moving forward, just like Momma Robin, and then someone or something comes by and sweeps away or tears down your nest - even if it is just partially built?

You have a vision, dream, purpose, or goal you are working towards, and your idea gets shot down and swept away. Or perhaps you have shared your vision with those closest to you, and you heard, "You can't do that, You don't have the skills or education to do that", or how about this one, "It's not going to work."

When I stopped to think about how diligent these Momma Robins are in pursuing their goals and building their nests, I was reminded that there are many times when I have felt just like that, Momma Robin.

It can be disheartening and make you feel like giving up, but remember that not everyone will understand your vision, and not everyone will support you. The most important thing is to believe in yourself and your abilities.

Surround yourself with people who inspire and motivate you, and keep pushing towards your dreams. Remember, success often comes from taking risks and stepping outside your comfort zone. It may not be easy, but it will be worth it.

But just like Momma Robin, we need to persevere. We must keep pushing forward and not let anyone stand in our way.

We must have the determination and the courage to continue building our nest, twig by twig until we reach our goal. It may take some time, and we may face obstacles along the way, but with persistence and a positive attitude, we can achieve anything we set our minds to.

So, let us learn from the robins and their relentless pursuit of their goals. Let us not give up when facing opposition or setbacks but continue to build our nests and reach for our dreams. And who knows, just like the robins, our persistence may inspire others around us to pursue their purpose, goals, and dreams.

"Perseverance is not a long race: it is many short races one after the other." ~Walter Elliot
 To connect with Ellie FB@coachelliewest

OUR WALK IN FAITH

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

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

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 101 S. Walnut St. Townsend. Sunday Mass at 4:30pm Weekdays. Monday Mass at 9am and Adoration at 9:30am, Tuesday Mass at 9am. Reconciliation Sunday 3:30-4:15 p.m. or by appt. Rel. Ed. classes (during school year): All grades on Sunday after Mass with dinner at 5:30 and programming beginning at 6 pm. For Adult Education programs, see the website: holycrossmt.org. Parish contact info: phone: 266-4811 or email: 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. Pastor Ney Khut - 269-362-5768

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



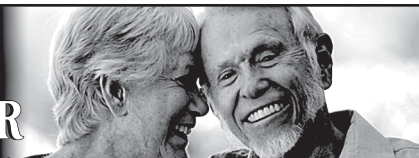
FLYNN BIBLE CAMP

2023 Bible Camp Schedule

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| June 19 | Men's Bible Camp |
| July 10 | Men's Bible Camp |
| July 24 | Couple's Bible Camp |
| Aug 14 | Men's Bible Camp |
| Aug 28 | Men's Bible Camp |
| Sept 1 | Couple's (seafood) Bible Camp |

The cost is \$40 per person and it is BYOB. If you are interested in receiving Bible Camp notifications let us know at: flynnbiblecamp@yahoo.com Thank you. We look forward to seeing you!

SENIOR CENTER



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| SR. CENTER MEALS JUNE 26 - JUNE 31 | Plump Peaches |
| 516 2nd Street, Townsend MT | Thursday, June 29 Sweet-N-Sour Pork Fried Brown Rice Green Beans Four Bean Salad Baked Apples |
| Monday, June 26 Beef Tacos Cheese and Sour Cream Lettuce and Tomato Mexican Corn and Beans Zesty Pineapple | Friday, June 30 Deli Sandwich Potato Salad Pickled Beets Fruit Cocktail |
| Tuesday, June 27 Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Steamed Carrots Dinner Salad Blushing Pears 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. |
| Wednesday, June 28 Carol's Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Garden Salad Whole Grain Bread | |

Townsend Summer Feeding Program

JUNE 6- AUGUST 19, 11AM- 1PM

Heritage Park, Townsend, MT
 All Children 18 and Younger Eat for Free

On the Menu:

- Monday**
Hamburger with Fruits and Veggies
- Tuesday**
BBQ Chicken with Fruits and Veggies
- Wednesday**
Corn dog with Fruits and Veggies
- Thursday**
BBQ Pork with Fruits and Veggies
- Friday**
Burrito with Fruits and Veggies

Holiday or weather may interfere with the schedule.
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Townsend-Summer-Feeding-Program/100063791852252/>

COMMUNITY GOSPEL SING

Mary Ellen Schnur

Prior to the COVID epidemic, a community gospel sing had been held for several years in Townsend.

Interest has been expressed in resurrecting this community event this summer.

The proposed date is July 23. Anyone wishing to participate as a musician or musical group, or as a "worker bee" in assisting with logistics, should contact Mary Ellen Schnur by July 1 at 406-266-3515 or by e-mail schnur.family7@gmail.com.

POWER TOWNSEND HISTORY

Linda Huth
Broadwater County Musuem Curator

Power Townsend Building; 415 Broadway; Townsend, Montana

This building was built in the fall of 1911 by T.C. Power Co. of Helena and it was operated under the name of The Townsend Hardware and Implement Company.

In 1929 the Townsend Hardware and Implement Company merged with the T.C. Power Company of Helena. The manager of the store was George Gabisch of Helena. Power also had a store in Fort Benton along with the ones in Helena and Townsend. The store in Helena is still in business today.



*Original Power Townsend Sign
 Photo Credit: Linda Huth*

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



HIS WIFE JUST STARTED A HOME DAYCARE. I'M NOT SURE IF HE'S TIRED, SICK OR HAS LOST HIS WILL TO LIVE.

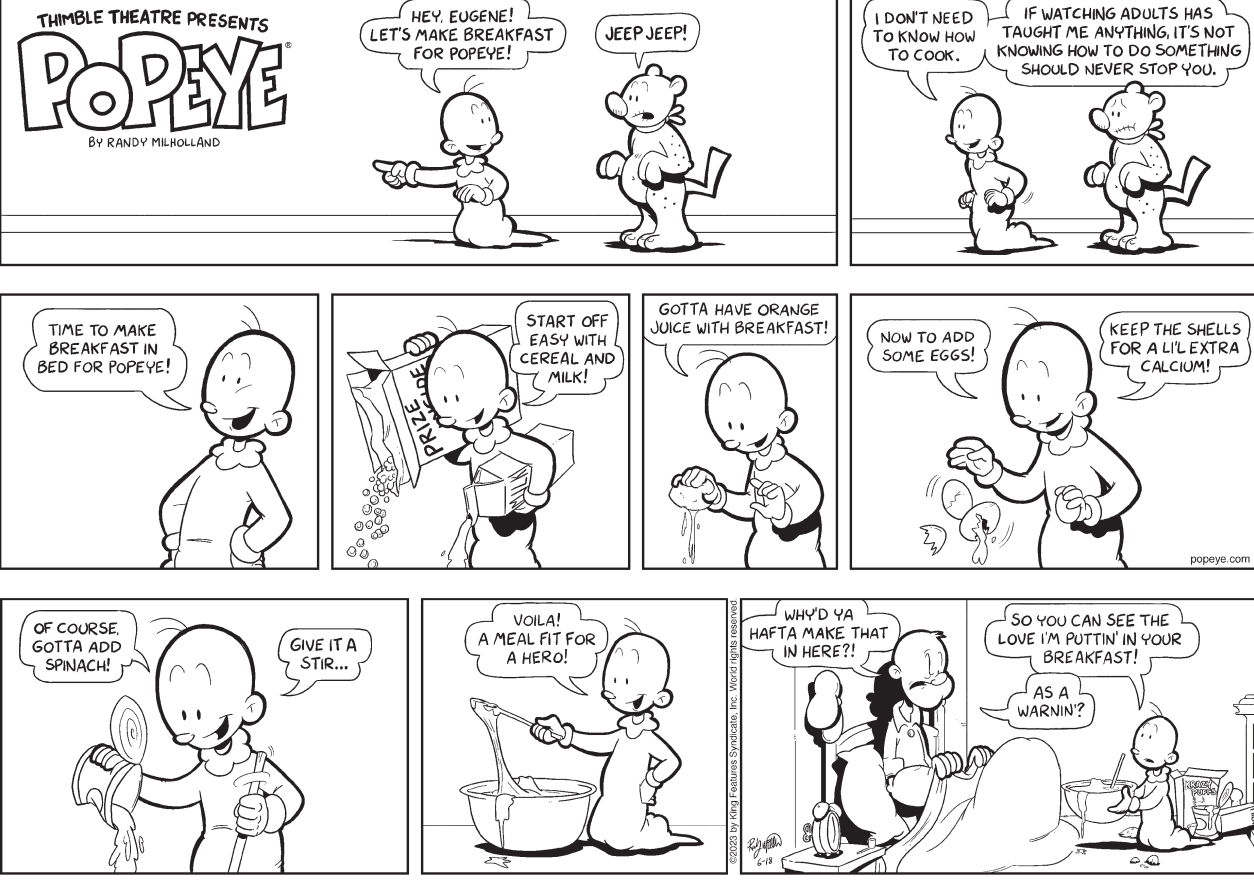


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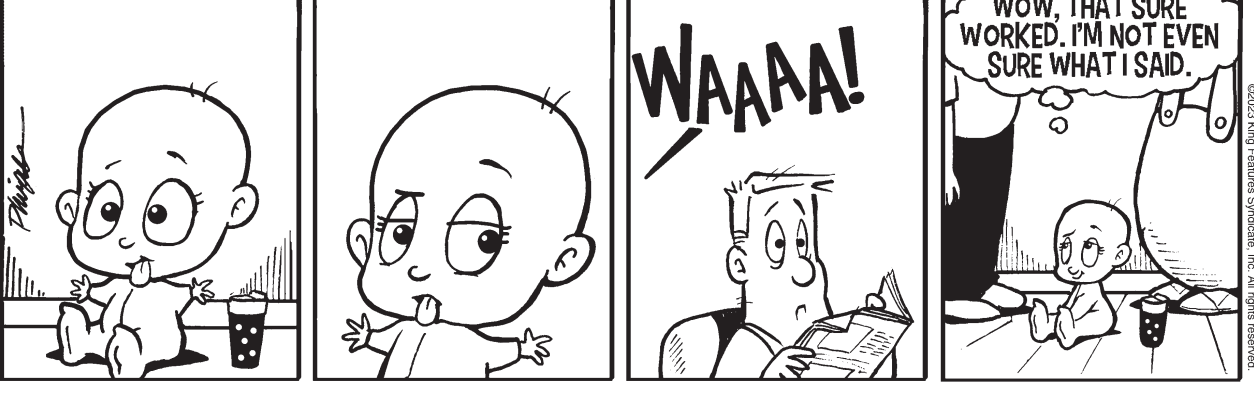


"Son, it's time we had that talk. ... There's nothing on TV."

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND



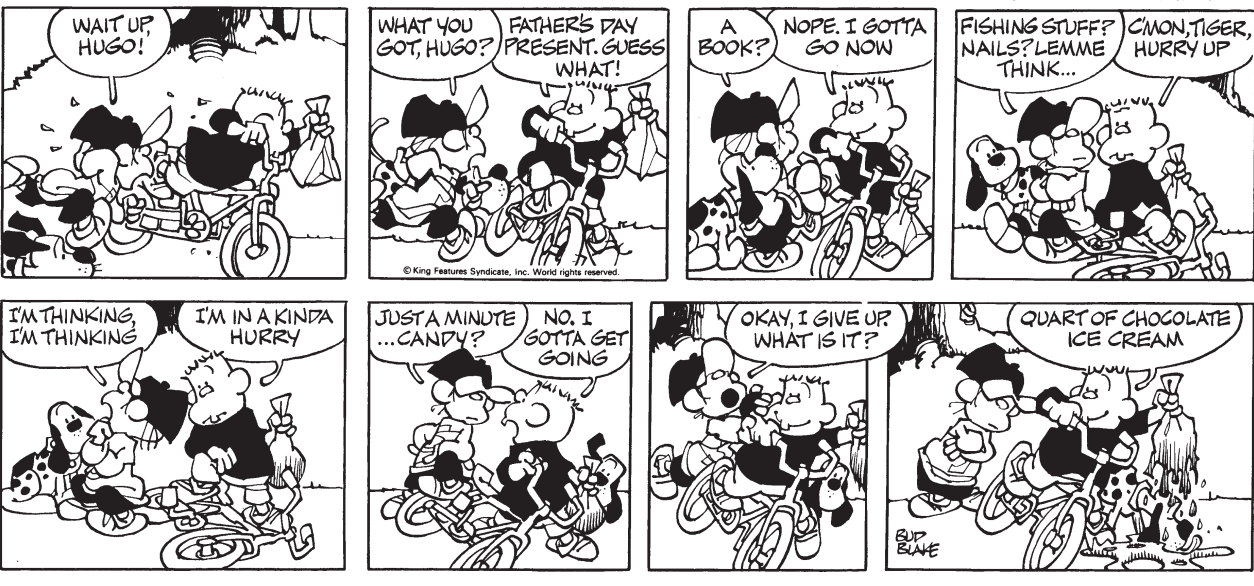
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Aphid Control, 4

plants or different tree species. Many aphid species are green, but they can also be white, yellow, pink, brown, black or mottled. Most have a pattern but it's often difficult to see. They are very small with pear-shaped bodies and a pair of pipe-like structures called cornicles protruding from the back of the body. Colonies consist of winged and wingless forms of aphids. A majority are wingless which remain and reproduce on the plant. The colony will produce winged aphids when it is getting overcrowded, or the plant is starting to decline.

The life cycle of aphids is unique. Male aphids are rare and only seen in late summer or early fall for the last generation. Female aphids give live birth to a genetically identical daughter through asexual reproduction. A newborn will be fully grown in 10 to 14 days. Adults produce three to five young per day over the course of their lifetime, which can be up to a month. At the end of the summer, both male and female aphids are produced and result in sexual reproduction that allows females to lay eggs. The eggs are laid around buds or on stems to allow them to overwinter.

Sometimes the first signs of aphids are not actually the aphid itself. You may notice other strange symptoms before observing an aphid. One telltale sign is a sudden invasion of ants. Ants along with bees and wasps are attracted to the honeydew secretion. Leaf curling, especially in trees, is also another sign.

The good news is that there are several control options. Famous natural enemies of aphids are ladybeetles and lacewings. While it is possible to purchase these biological control agents, they are most effective in a greenhouse where they stay in one location. Otherwise, they tend to disperse and may not be highly effective outdoors.

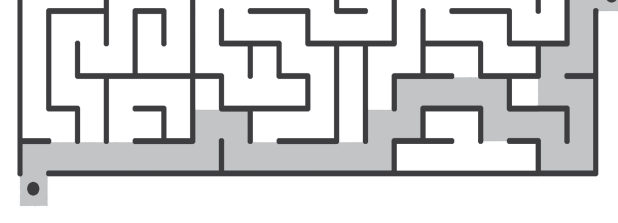
On shrubs and garden plants, aphids can often be managed by spraying them with water. The purpose is to injure the aphids and knock them off in hopes that they won't return.

There are also a variety of chemical control options. Reduced risk or organic pesticide options include dormant season oils, insecticidal soap, horticultural oil and neem oil. These products primarily work by smothering the insect so good coverage is key. More than one application may be necessary. Pyrethrin is another natural pesticide. For a pesticide with longer residual, pyrethroid products or malathion are options. However, these pesticides can have serious effects on pollinators so should be used with caution and not when plants are in bloom.

Systemic insecticides are also an option. The most common active ingredient is imidacloprid. It comes in a spray or can be applied to the soil underneath the plant. The latter is a great option for large trees that are difficult to impossible to get good coverage with a spray. These pesticides will provide longer control, up to a couple of months. However, they can pose a risk to pollinators so should be used cautiously and applied after flowering.

For assistance identifying insect pests or control recommendations, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Kids' Maze Solution



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2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

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| JUNE 9 | 3-6 PM | Helena Handbasket | 5 PM |
| JUNE 23 | 3-6 PM | Judy Williams | 5 PM |
| JULY 14 | 3-6 PM | Mary Bradford | 5 PM |
| JULY 28 | 3-6 PM | Eliel Family Band | 5 PM |
| AUGUST 11 | 3-6 PM | Christensen Family | 5 PM |
| AUGUST 25 | 3-6 PM | Linda Huth | 5 PM |

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Towns Reimagine, 1

She pointed out reasons people move to Montana varied. In the last five years, 35% moved to Montana for a job; 34% had lived in Montana previously and 23% owned a business here. A few worked from home with their business in other states. Mostly they came for Montana’s outdoor opportunities. The lack of congestion and finding a safer place to live also impacted newcomers to move here. Almost half of all people came from other cities and towns in Montana. Newcomers moved mostly from nine intermountain states and Texas. They are highly educated and 97% own their own homes, compared with only 68% of Montana natives.

Those numbers translate into newcomers who want to become involved in our small communities. Over half of those interviewed said they volunteer in some form and would do more if they knew how and where to get involved. The interviewed newcomers were highly motivated to get to know their neighbors: 83% said they exchanged small favors with their neighbors.

Small towns struggle to keep a growing economy and their populations for several reasons, Mastel explained. She gave a startling number: In small towns, only one person in thirteen is willing and able to lead in organizations or projects. “In some very small towns, one in five persons leads,” she said.



Broadwater County Extension agent Allison Kosto welcomed the conference attendees. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Townsend has taken advantage of the tenets of reimagining rural discussions: County Extension Agent Allison Kosto welcomed the group and shared her use of the leadership class component. Kosto had just completed the class with twenty-four graduates, “The Big Sky Leadership class met for several weeks and learned the complexities and the issues of our fast-growing county. The class helps them bridge the gaps in knowledge about our county and city governments; who runs our non-profit organizations and basically how to make connections to get things done in the community,” Kosto said.

She also pointed out the project to have murals painted on business buildings to attract visitors and to give a positive lift to the downtown area. Broadwater County and Townsend elected officials have encouraged upgrades to the county fairgrounds and the municipal swimming pool. Kosto pointed out the Watson Center is one of the draws for a better community since it allows large groups to gather in Broadwater County.

Cutbank, Forsyth, and Worden-Ballentine citizens shared their success with using the tools of reimagining rural programs. Morgan Bevelev of Roundup was raised in the town and returned after an extensive career abroad. He returned to open the “Back Porch” restaurant. Besides adding to the vitality of Roundup, he earned a James Beard best restaurant national award. “I was able to bring my education and experience to add value to my background connection to my town,” he said.

School Board, 2

per month for thirty phones in the buildings. That was an April bid, so he indicated the bid might increase. The bid would not include phones in teachers’ rooms which board members agreed was important for safety reasons. After discussion, the board approved researching a proposal for no more than \$900 a month with a review of phones needed. No decision was made.

The board approved a host of resignations including Old Baldy Education director Terey Artz. The board approved summer camp employees. Assistant Coach Joe Horne was hired as head football coach. Former University of Montana quarterback Jace Lewis will volunteer with high school football. Lewis is originally from Townsend.

Elementary School Principal Christina Hartmann reported the afterschool program has had great attendance. Sign-up for kindergarten has hit a high of 71 students. She will have four kindergarten classes, as well as four classes in each of the 1st and 2nd grades.

She commended the American Legion Post #42 members for awarding its student Citizenship Award Legion Auxiliary members also fixed lunch for the teachers as a thank you. She thanked Townsend Tree Board members for their arbor day poster competition. They have been giving the award for 19 years she said. Ag Day at the Fairgrounds was a huge hit. She thanked teacher Lisa Larson for her leadership in that program.

Middle School Principal Brad Racht reported his classes will be larger, but manageable this coming school year.

HAND-HELD VENISON QUESADILLAS

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

I love quesadillas, but they’re hard to eat in a blind—or pickup. So when I saw this folded version, I was hooked. It’s walking around food, which a traditional quesadilla is not. They’re more a drip-down-your-shirt food.

Why? It’s easier to handle: instead of being 10 inches around—and needing both open hands to hold it—it fits easily in one hand. It’s easier both to get in and out of the skillet.

Plus it’s infinitely variable. I’ve eaten at least 5 varieties this week alone including wild turkey with pesto, mozzarella and pepperoni slices, plus Polish sausage (from my book, Sausage Season) with sauerkraut, mustard/horseradish sauce and sweet hot pickle relish. This is what we did last Tuesday for lunch, but you can add jalapeno peppers, nopalitos, pepper jack cheese, and even bacon.

Just don’t overfill the quesadilla quarters. I always do that, but this is enough filling. Trust me.



Hand-Held Quesadilla

- Makes 10
- Ingredients
- For the sour cream/cilantro sauce
- 4 cups loosely packed cilantro leaves
- 10 cloves garlic

- 2/3 cup chopped onion
- 2/3 cup sour cream
- For the meat
- 2-4 tablespoons oil
- 12 ounces minced venison
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 yellow onion sliced
- 1 Anaheim pepper, chopped
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground oregano
- 1/3 cup Pace Picante sauce, mild
- To Assemble
- 10 Flour tortillas (9-10” diameter)
- 1 pound grated Mixed Mexican cheese
- 1 ¼ cups Pace Picante sauce, mild

Preparation

1. Start with the sour cream/cilantro sauce. First, in a mini grinder, pulse the cilantro leaves and tender stems with the garlic cloves and onion, pulse it four to five times so everything is minced—not liquefied. Stir into the sour cream, then cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Cooking

1. In a large skillet, heat 1-2 tablespoons of the oil over medium heat and brown the minced venison/burger in batches, adding more oil as needed. Don’t overcrowd the pan. Transfer the browned meat to a bowl, and add the garlic, onion and Anaheim pepper to the skillet. Sauté them until soft, 3-4 minutes.

2. Return the meat to the pan, stir the cumin, chili powder and oregano into the meat and veggies, then stir in the Picante sauce. Remove from the heat.

Assembly

1. Warm a tortilla for 15 seconds in the microwave so it folds easily. In your head divide the tortilla into quarters, like 15-minute intervals on a clock; 12, 3, 6 and 9.

2. Cut the tortilla from the center down to 6 o’clock. Now spread your ingredients, quarter by quarter on the tortilla. Starting with the 6 to 9 quarter and the sour cream/cilantro spread—something that will stick to the tortilla—gently fold that quadrant up over the 9 to 12 quadrant, then the 9 to 12 over the 12 to 3, rotating clockwise around the face of the tortilla. You now have a multi-layered triangle, with a layer of tortilla between each element of the filling.

Once you’ve made your first one, you’ll see which layers end up deep inside, and set it up so any cheese quadrant that needs to melt, will end up with only one layer of tortilla between it and the hot skillet. Don’t worry, it will be obvious.

3. Now put a smear of oil in the skillet, turn the heat to medium and toast the outside of your tortilla, both sides, until golden brown. If you’re going to be sitting around a campfire while eating these, you could also wrap them in foil and set them at the edge of the fire. Explore Eileen’s other wild game recipes at www.riflesandrecipes.com. There are hundreds, from simple grill to fool-proof sausage and jerky.

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June 22, 1939

Big Three-day Celebration over 4th Rounding into Shape Committees Say

The bleachers and corrals have been completed at the fair grounds where the rodeo on July 3rd and 4th is to be held and other arrangements are being carried out by the committees from the Legion to make the big three-day celebration in Townsend a real success, according to Ben Sautter and Les Anders who head on the committee on general arrangements.

Tickets on the new Ford V-8 two door car are selling good and when the car is finally given away on July 4th, there is going to be some tense moments. The tickets are 50¢ and who knows but that a new beautiful automobile will be someone's proud possession for but 50¢. Doesn't seem possible, but it is very probable.

Duke Wellington has been named marshal of the day. Such an honor was bestowed upon the non-legion man because of his interest in the celebration and his desire to assist all of the committees.

Committees are as follows: general chairmen, Mayor Les Anders, Ben Sautter, F.G., McCarthy; rodeo, Wallace Burt and Floyd Walker; pig race, Nick Helner; potato horse race, Paul Ragen; boys bicycle race, Fred Kapinos; girl's bicycle race, Elmer Feldt; baseball, Sautter and Balhiser; dance, Frank Murray, Frank Holloway and Dewey Shields; concession, Geo. Bickford and Eustice Walter; race judges, Matthis and Wellington; programs Al Schwab.

A committee on decorations and parade will be announced later.

1950

Townsend Briefs

Carol Mockel of Bozeman had been visiting her cousin Marion Mockel here recently.

Several young girls enjoyed a week's camping party at Rillway on Deep Creek during the week, trying their hand at their own cooking and enjoying the freedom of the mountain canyon. Those in the party were Marjorie

Ward, Vivian Graveley, Patty Nash, Janet Fryhling, Judy Doggett, Beverly Branton, Patty Paulson, Dorothea Sass.

Misses Peggy Graveley and Billie Jean Zimmerman, students at the Dillon Normal college, spent the week end in Townsend.

Fred W. Schmitz returned Thursday last from a short vacation spent in Portland and on the west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Loris Zimmerman have been here visiting Mr. Zimmerman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Zimmerman from Bremerton, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gabisch returned recently from a trip to Denver.

1961

Scouts Get Awards at Court of Honor

Saturday night, June 17, a number of Boy Scouts of Troop 98 and Post 98 were presented various awards at a Court of honor by Earl Satchel of Helena, deputy Commander of Prickly Pear District. The Court of Honor was held at the LDS Church.

Activities got under way when the Scouts presented the flag ceremony with Chris Grover playing "To the Colors" on his bugle. LDS Missionary, John Collins, was master of ceremonies and his associate, Stephen Gold, gave a talk on bravery.

Grover Powers of Helena, district chairman, gave his principal address. He expressed great concern for future Scouting activities in Prickly Pear district, and stated that unless more funds were raised, the program would be greatly curtailed.

Outstanding attraction at the meeting was a display of arrowheads and other Indian artifacts which have been collected over a number of years by Louie Day.

Among the Scouts receiving awards were: Kenneth Toney, tenderfoot badge; Tony Kaul, second class badge; Mark Whitehead, star badge, senior patrol leader badge and 8 merit badges; Chris Grover, life badge and 4 merit badges; Richard Thompson, star merit badge and 4 merit badges; Bob Thompson, 5 merit badges; Danny Day, 2 merit badges; Bruce Whitehead, Larry

Lundborg, Kent Grover, Mickey Grover and Jim Nave each received a merit badge.

1967

Toston Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rauser and Bill Kearns were in Boulder Saturday night.

Miss Janet Etwiler of Townsend spent last week with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rauser and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mickey of Bozeman were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Jersey and family.

Miss Jean Berberet was a contestant in the high school rodeo held in Townsend last weekend. Among those attending the rodeo from the Toston community were David and Steve Johnson, Mrs. George Rauser and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, Scott, Garth, Cathy and Gay, Bill Flynn and John, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet and family, Miss Jo Ann Slifka, Richard Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson and Patti.

1978

Winston-Clasoil News

The household of Jim and Rubie Cox has been an exciting one this past week with the arrival of their son and family, Cliff, Missie and Courtney, who have been residing in Calgary, Canada for the past several months. Cliff is enroute to a new assignment and is spending his time visiting his parent and sister and her husband, Chris and Jim Robinson-Cox.

Congratulations to David Hohn who placed third in the Advanced Unlimited Wrestling class at Salt Lake City this past week. Vince and Inez drove their son to Salt Lake on Tuesday, returning Saturday night after an eventful week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Fred Geisser who visited her sister in Ogden, Utah. David is eligible to attend the National Wrestling Matches in Lincoln, Nebraska in July. David is also the only one who represented his county, and if he decides to go to Lincoln, we know he will do likewise.

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RETIRED TEACHER GINNIE POOLE TAKES LEADERSHIP SERIOUSLY

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Retired middle school teacher Ginnie Poole said the Big Sky Big Leadership course she took beginning last fall, was the best she had ever attended. The leadership course, sponsored by MSU Extension, was taught by Extension Agent Allison Kosto.

The fourteen members attended one class monthly in the mornings for nine months, then toured around Broadwater County to learn about businesses in the community and what makes the county tick. "Some of the places we visited I, who have lived in this community

a long while, had never visited. We went to Canyon Ferry Dam, to the Graymont Lime plant for a tour and to the new Bridger Brewery. Another particularly interesting business we visited was the man who is



Retired teacher Ginnie Poole enjoying a day on vacation.
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renovating Air Stream recreational vehicles out on Highway 284. Everywhere we went we learned how business owners operated and why they got started in what they were doing," she explained.

Ginnie had considered joining the nine-month class, even though she felt at her age she would have little to contribute to the community. Then she spoke with a former student of hers, Jeff Kirksey, who had taken the class. He encouraged her to join so she did.

"We learned so much about how to use leadership skills to solve conflicts in meetings and work with different leadership styles, but more than that, we learned how important it is to be knowledgeable about what's going on in Broadwater County," she said.

The class taught her how important it is to sign up

for county boards and nonprofit organizations to get involved and make changes for the better in Broadwater County. One of the class members' final projects was to set up an opportunity to interest new people in town to get involved. The group tagged on to Billings Clinic Broadwater's Health Fair last spring at Heritage Park. "We reached out to fairgoers to try to interest them in becoming volunteers. Whether we were successful remains to be seen," she explained.

Another fruitful project the group worked on was helping build a public presence for The Lodge of Townsend. They thought few people were aware of how much goes on at the privately owned former Masonic Lodge. They contacted Carla Amundson of the Broadwater Community Theater, Tina Homann, owner of the Lodge, and graphic specialist LaRinda Spencer to create a poster that illustrates all the activities for both children and adults that take place at the Lodge. "It will be out soon," she said.

Power Townsend, 8

In 1936, George Gabisch took over the firm and changed the name to George Gabisch Company.



Restored Power Townsend Sign
Photo Credit: Linda Huth

As a tribute to T.C. Power, in 2014 Charles "Bud" Lawson was responsible for redoing the "ghost" sign on the east side of the building. BCDC sponsored the project and Scott Hufnagel painted the new sign and a fine piece of Townsend's history was preserved.



Left to right: Top Row - Brody Maughan, Jessica Crusch, Todd Kitto, Anne Pichette, Samantha Ferrat, Amy Currence. Bottom Row - Melinda Reidy, Virginia Poole and Tacy Swanton.
Photo Credit: Allison Kosto

(Photo is a Correction from Allison Kosto's "Broadwater County Leadership Program Graduates Second Class" article. Please see Volume 1, Edition 49, Page 7 to read her article)