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DAWSON SWEAT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Townsend's Dawson Sweat comes by his athletic ability honestly. He has four sisters and two brothers who are all athletes in their own right as well.

Sweat earned four state track championships in the Class B track meet in Butte on May 27 ending his four-year high school career along with being valedictorian of his 2023 Broadwater High School class. He had played football all four years of high school winning a chance to play on the All-State team and All-Conference game. He also went out for track all four years in school where he was awarded a total of 16 medals.

Sweat is not only an outstanding athlete, he realizes the importance of giving back to his community, which he learned from his family as well. He volunteered in the "Take Down Drugs and Alcohol" program and was a member of the National Honor Society.

All his family is very athletic, so he comes by his ability honestly. Sweat, who was born in Salt Lake City, has lived in small towns all his life. He lived in Wendover, Wyoming until his family moved to Townsend in 2010 when he was in 4th grade. His family moved away during his 5th and 6th grades but moved back to Townsend in his 7th grade.

The middle child of four sisters and two brothers



Dawson Sweat at state track meet
Photo Credits: Gary Marshall (BMG Photos) for 406mtsports.com

all of whom were athletic. He grew up playing football, basketball and baseball. His older brother, ----- was very encouraging. "He was always pushing me to do better but I would say I have my own self-motivation too. I like to work out in the gym, to keep getting better and stronger," he said. His college plans are to attend MSU-Billings

where he earned a full-ride scholarship in track and will earn a business degree with the goal of setting up his own business in auto detailing such as ceramic coatings.

This summer Sweat is employed at Ashgrove Cement in Montana City where he works doing equipment and yard maintenance.

TOWNSEND RY TIMBER RY TIMBER SELLS LIVINGSTON BUSINESS - TOWNSEND PROPERTY NOT INCLUDED

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Ry-Timber company of Livingston has signed a purchase and sales agreement with Sun Mountain Lumber of Deer Lodge. The contract does not include Ry Timber's former sawmill near Townsend on Canton Lane.

Ry-Timber Manager Dan Richards announced Thursday the contract had been signed and Sun Mountain would take over operations on August 1st. He did not disclose the purchase price. Fifty



Lumber mill equipment in the process of being dismantled by Salmon, Idaho lumber mill.
Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

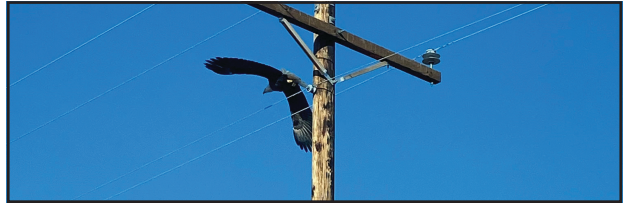
persons are still employed by RY-Timber cleaning up the mill building whose roof burned in a fire earlier in the year. He said there are broken pipes to be fixed and getting the planer up and running will take place next week.



Townsend's RY Timber property remains abandoned.
Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

As to whether Sun Mountain will continue employment for the fifty workers, Richards said each person will be interviewed. "I assume everyone will stay on; I hope so," he said.

The Townsend property is still offered for sale. The 117-acre property continues to be dismantled by the winner of the contract, Salmon River Forest Products of Salmon, Idaho, according to owner Britt McFarland. A security worker is the sole worker at the facility currently.



COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS TAKE LESSONS IN BUILDING THEIR BUDGETS

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Broadwater County Department heads and elected officials studied a new workbook formula for building their coming year budgets at the June 21 County Commission meeting with guidance from consultant Bill Jarocki of Helena.



Bill Jarocki

Jarocki has worked in governmental finance, both internationally and within the United States. He began by saying Broadwater County government is unique on how it formulates its budgets. "The county is very secure in its funding

because you base your next year's budget on last year's value (revenues.) In other words, your budget is based on the exact level of paid expenditures from last year. That way the treasurer only taxes county residents what is needed," he explained.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Jarocki reviewed budgets for several county departments.

Each department workbook Jarocki devised makes clear where revenues come from and what expenditures can be cut back to meet the budget guidelines. As an example, Jarocki used the Community Planning and Development office. He pointed out Director Nichole Brown has many sources of revenue to meet her expenses. New subdivision application fees and licenses cover much of her department's costs, so she uses little

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FAA JUNE UPDATE

Kaitlyn Noyes
FAA Correspondent

Plant Sales:

This month, our Broadwater FFA Chapter held our plant sales on May 6th, 13th and 20th. Many community members came to choose from our wide selection grown in our chapter's greenhouse.



Students in the Horticulture class plant, transplant, and tend to our plants all semester. Examples of our supply include prearranged hanging baskets, petunias, and vegetable starts to name a few. Overall, we made an income of \$1600 from these sales so far. This revenue will help our chapter further its growth and involvement. Even though our individual plant sales are done, we'll be continuing to sell our plants at the farmer's markets this summer.

Many of our members enjoy helping out at events such as this. One of our members and horticulture students, Mishayla Lambott, states, "I like helping out with the plant sale because it gives money to our chapter so that we can go places like Washington D.C. It also helps earn money for other fundraisers and banquets that we put on to give back to the community."



Plant Sales
Photo Credits: Kaitlyn Noyes, Mishayla Lambott

1st Monthly Chapter Meeting:

On May 16th, 2023, our chapter held our first monthly meeting! Our lunch was pulled pork sandwiches and cookies supplied by the FFA Alumni. Called to order by our president, our newly installed officers completed our first opening ceremonies. We had 14 members present and 0 guests. The agenda consisted of Ag Day committee reports, our Member of the Month (Hunter Borrer), an awards banquet report, and new business consisting of sponsorships and the Ag Opportunities Tour. We also received announcements on scheduling our SAE visits, plant sales, farmers markets, upcoming meetings, the officer retreat, and our welcome back barbecue to be held on August 15th. While we may have adjourned the meeting, we didn't adjourn our involvement in FFA, as we have many exciting events planned over the entire summer.



Kenzie Knaub leading her FCCLA Booth
Photo Credits: Kaitlyn Noyes, Mishayla Lambott

Ag Day:

Once again, our chapter held our annual Ag Days at the fairgrounds on May 25th, 2023. This included many fun and educational activities/workshops conducted by the following:

- Archery: Ross MacDonald
- FCCLA: Kenzie Knaub *Assistant: Kaitlyn Noyes
- Dairy Cattle: Kayla Kraft
- Chickens: Grace Kroeger
- Ag Bingo: Amanda Pesiscka, Cassidy Flynn, Maddy Schritz.
- Pigs: Spencer Braaten
- Forge: Lane Santi
- Bees: Hunter Borrer
- Equipment: Aiden Kitto

Each of these workshops helped further younger kids' knowledge of things agriculturally related, which may prove to persuade them to get involved with agriculture and FFA when they get older! Kenzie, who was in charge

of the FCCLA workshop says, "I enjoyed the realization that I was once one of those little kids excited to do the project that was set before us, and now I have the opportunity to teach those kids and that is something that I really enjoy."



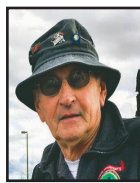
Member of the Month - Hunter Borrer
Photo Credits: Kaitlyn Noyes, Mishayla Lambott

Additionally, our advisor Jemma Loughery states, "Seeing students take the teacher role is fun to watch. They share their excitement and knowledge and there is no greater way to get the kids involved."

Over the years, this tradition has been ever-growing in popularity and our chapter looks forward to continuing it for many years to come.

TREE BOARD TREE CARVING CONTEST

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



The Townsend Tree Board is offering two cash prizes for the child that comes up with the best idea for carving the two tree stumps at Heritage Park in the playground.



Heritage Park Tree 1
Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

The large white cottonwood trees were removed last winter because they were declining and represented a hazard to children playing in the playground. Now the Tree Board would love to see them carved into something that a child sees in them so children can enjoy them being in the playground with the carvings over the next few years.



Heritage Park Tree 2
Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

There will be a cash prize of \$100 for each tree. The contest is open to all children under 12 years of age. Please look at the stumps and imagine what they could

be carved into --maybe an animal, a cartoon character, or your grandfather! Please submit a sketch of your idea and a one-paragraph reason why the tree in the playground should be carved that way.

Send your entry to The Townsend Tree Board, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644. Please include your name, age, address, and phone number.

The contest will be open until August 1, 2023. Any questions, please call Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615.

Townsend School Calendar

Jun 26 - Jul 10

Gym Floor Refinishing

Jul 4

7:00PM Booster Club Meeting at Library Classroom



Jul 6

7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Ed - Book Club at Broadwater Community & School Library

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FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN!!!

Please join us for
HOLY CROSS PARISH'S 2ND ANNUAL CORNHOLE Tournament
SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

Registration @ 9:30am Bags Fly @ 10am
Holy Cross Parish: 101 S. Walnut Townsend, MT

\$50 Per Team
Guaranteed 4 Games!!

POOL PLAY IN THE MORNING
TOURNAMENT IN THE AFTERNOON

ADULT DIVISION: AT LEAST 1 PLAYER OVER 15
CHILD DIVISION: ALL PLAYERS MUST BE UNDER 15
FREE PLAY: \$10/DAY

Prizes for the top 3 teams
1ST PRIZE - \$150
2ND PRIZE - \$100
3RD PRIZE - \$50

Proceeds will benefit Townsend 1st Responders & Holy Cross

Questions? Please call the Parish Office at 406-266-4311

GRAND REOPENING
The Birds Nest & The Rock Room

125 S Pine

Birdi has moved her store The Birds Nest to the back rooms with Ali and The Rock Room. Same building. Different entrance.

Saturday July 1 - 10 AM to 8 PM
Sunday July 2 - 10 AM - 4 PM

Ribbon Cutting at 10 AM Saturday morning Door Prizes Drawings Sales

7th Annual BROADWATER COUNTY County Wide Yard Sale

Brought to you by Missouri Valley Marketing
Saturday July 22nd
Contact Pam @ (406)422-7028 to put your sale on the map!

Participation is free, donations accepted.



TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

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	10:00am - 8pm The Bird's Nest & Rock Room Ribbon Cutting (10am) and Grand Reopening, 125 S Pine (See ad on page 2 for more details!) 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
July 2	10:00am - 4pm The Bird's Nest & Rock Room Grand Reopening, 125 S Pine (See ad on page 2 for more details)
July 4	Independence Day 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
July 5	1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
July 6	3:00pm Farmer's Market 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
July 7	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 8	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

July 5	10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building
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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)

JOB OPENING

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Chief Administrative Officer Broadwater County is currently seeking a

highly motivated individual for their Part-Time Chief Administrative Officer that will report directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

The successful candidate must be able to assist the County Commissioners in the management of all county operations and departments under their supervision and is responsible for managing logistics and activities essential to running county business.

The CAO will enhance the operational effectiveness of Broadwater County by facilitating a diverse range of processes and procedures at all levels of county management. Education may vary; an advanced degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Public Finance or Law is preferred, but not required.

This position is a Permanent, Part-time (up to 30 hours/week) vacancy starting at \$31.49/hr.

To apply, please email your cover letter and resume directly to Melinda Reidy at envhealth@co.broadwater.mt.us by Monday, July 10 at 5:00 pm.

Resumes and cover letters received by July 10, 2023 will be favorably considered.

This position is open until filled. For full job description, please visit the Broadwater County website at www.broadwatercountymt.com. Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities.

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

Cause No: DV-2023-10
SUMMONS

MYSHEDRENTAL, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, Plaintiff,
vs.
RYAN HUGHES, and individual, Defendant.

TO: Defendant, RYAN HUGHES

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court this 20 day of March, 2023

By: Desiree Taves, Deputy Clerk

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BROADWATER ROD AND GUN CLUB WALLEYE DERBY



July 15, 2023 (8:30am-2:30pm) on Canyon Ferry Out of Broadwater Bay near the Silos

Maximum 90 2-person teams Forms can be found

at www.broadwaterrodandgun.com

Please fill out entry form and include entry fee.

Make checks out to Broadwater Rod & Gun Club and mail to PO BOX 641 Townsend Mt 59644

***** Entry fee is discounted to \$100 if post-marked, or received, by July 1, 2023 *****

HURRY AND GET YOUR ENTRY IN BEFORE JULY 1, 2023 TO SAVE \$50.00!!!!

A first prize of \$1,000 is based on a full field (90 2-person teams). Each of three team categories – female/female, male/female, adult/child (17 & under) – will have cash prizes. Contestants may have five people in the boat but only 2 fishing. The derby is a catch and release format but one fish per entrant can be kept as a trophy. A mandatory pre-tournament rules meeting will be held on July 14, 2023 @ 7pm at the Broadwater Rod & Gun Club indoor shooting range at 96 Canton Lane Townsend, Mt

For information contact:

Debi Randolph debi.randolph@gmail.com or 406-451-6035 (texting is best)

Doug Breker at 406-949-0070 or email dbreker@mt.net

Send Entry Forms to:

Broadwater Rod & Gun Club Derby, PO Box 641, Townsend, MT, 59644

Please include your email address! That is how we let you know your entry is received and any updates.

HOLLOWAY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Lyle Byrd

Workers at Holloway Park continue to make improvements on the skate park area and more!

Skateboarders of all ages were enjoying the skateboard park while many volunteers, alongside Pat Plantenberg and crew, were busy grooming the landscape for the sod to be laid.



Skateboarders enjoying the park
Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips

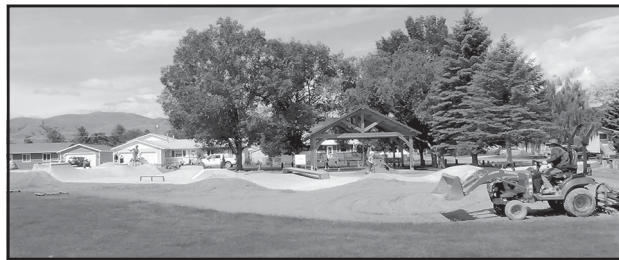


Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips

This week they are working on Sprinkler systems. The park now has a new gazebo that was made with the beautiful workmanship of the Amish.

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actual taxpayer monies to run the department. She does not have much room for cutting costs.

On the other hand, Broadwater County Justice Court operates mostly on property taxes. In both Justice Court and Community Planning departments the only place department heads can lower their budgets is in costs not related to personnel.

County Public Health Department Director Ruby Taylor has the luxury of a budget based on about 300 sources of revenue. With this new workbook style, Taylor can track every grant and how she spends the funds, he said. The Public Health Department uses no county taxpayer dollars in its operations.

Jarocki complemented Broadwater County Finance Officer Debbie Kelley for hitting a 99.34% mark in meeting predicted expenses for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. He pointed out that good public policy depends on department heads who understand how budgets work and can adjust to save money. "Mastering the budgeting process is part science but is also an art. We want to do the best we can to show the taxpayers what their dollars are worth," he said.

Jarocki was first hired by the county several years ago to help resolve a crisis in the sheriff's office budget. "We have built our budget planning around what we learned from that process," he concluded.

A member of the public asked what the difference will be in this year's budget compared to last year's, considering how many people have been added to the county payroll and salary increases. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord answered, "We'll use our best guess. Outside forces such as fuel costs impact our planning, but we have some reserves to take care of the shortfall,"

DEADLINE FOR LWCF PRE-APPLICATION FORM IS OCTOBER 2

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is now accepting pre-applications for the 2024 Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant funding cycle. To review the LWCF grant requirements, project eligibilities, and for questions go to the LWCF webpage on FWP's website. The deadline to submit the pre-approval application form for the first round of funding is Oct. 2.

LWCF is a federal grant program administered through FWP that awards approximately \$1.5 million annually. LWCF encourages a full partnership between national, state and local governments in planning and funding public outdoor recreation projects.

Examples of eligible projects include ball fields, public parks, outdoor swimming pools, playgrounds, picnic facilities, walking trails and more. These grants require a 50 percent match.

The minimum grant funding request for this cycle is \$25,000

Also known as "tickseed" or "pot-of-gold," coreopsis is easy to grow. Sprinkle the seeds over a prepared area of soil in a very sunny location, and cover lightly with soil. Keep this area watered until the seeds germinate in about 3 weeks. This plant tolerates heat, humidity, and drought. It is well suited to beds, borders and containers. Not only do bees and butterflies love its nectar, but also small birds like goldfinches love its seeds. It's an excellent cut flower in a mixed bouquet. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: llnet.geog.abc.ca, www.gardeningknowhow.com, almanac.com

FLYNN BIBLE CAMP

2023 Bible Camp Schedule

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!

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 30
3:30PM Stevenson Park Gazebo RESERVED (Softball fun/practice) at Stevenson Park Gazebo

July 3
8:00AM CITY DEPARTMENTS CLOSED - pursuant to Res. #400-2023 at City Hall

July 4
8:00AM CITY DEPARTMENT CLOSED - in observance of Independence Day at City Hall

July 6
2:00PM Farmer's Market RESERVED @ John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park (TF Chamber) at John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park

July 9
11:00AM Stevenson Park Gazebo RESERVED (Langel Family) at City Hall
7:00PM - 11:50PM Bridger Brewing's Summer Concert Series featuring Paul Cauthen

MONTANA IS BEING LIMITED BY FEDERAL OVERREACH IN DC.

Steven Galloway
MT House District 24

Government inefficiency knows no bounds. A classic example is the fact that it takes a literal act of Congress to add flights from the Western United States into Reagan National Airport in DC. This arbitrary restriction on the free market has resulted in underutilization of that airport, and fewer options and higher fares for those of us in the West.

It all goes back to good ole boy deals made back when Reagan National Airport was first constructed decades ago. By loosening the federal binds on Reagan National, Montanans would benefit from better and more affordable access to the DC area and our government. It works the other way too, giving folks easier access to Montana from the DC area.

I urge Senators Tester and Daines to support the DCA Act to add more flights into Reagan National from the Western United States. Let's take one small step to eliminate government inefficiency for the benefit of Montanans.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE SERVICES EXPLAINED

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Maybe you need to get a permit to transport livestock or obtain a signature on an application for an event permit to serve alcohol. But you are a little shy about going into the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office at the Detention Center. The building can be intimidating.



Detention Sargent Johnnie Spurlock does paperwork at her office on the second floor of the Sheriff's office. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

You need not be concerned about how the office works for you. After the dispatcher admits you through an intercom system you will see her behind a window. She can direct you to someone in the office who can help.

Sheriff Nick Rauser has tried to dispel any concerns about using his office's services by offering public tours. The tours will be scheduled every 2nd Wednesday beginning at 2:00 pm and every 4th Wednesday beginning at 6:00 pm.



Sheriff Nick Rauser stands beside the dispatcher's window inside the building. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

The tours will last about an hour and a half and will include touring the offices, the evidence room, the dispatch center and the detention center exercise rooms and kitchen. No more than ten people per group will tour. Please sign up at (406) 266-3441.

"We will be doing this every month as long as people are interested," Rauser said.

PROTECT THE FUTURE OF THE BIG HOLE AND BEAVERHEAD RIVER VALLEYS

Upper Missouri Waterkeeper

Public lands in southwest Montana have been unnecessarily at risk from industrial oil and gas leasing and development under the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) public lands management plans for decades, threatening our wildlife, waterways, and way of life.

The outdated management plan that covers the Big Hole, Beaverhead, and Centennial Valleys allows speculative oil and gas leasing on 90% of public lands in the region. It was only a few years ago when an oil and gas company nominated 10,000 acres for leasing in the region. With wild trout numbers in the world-class cold water fisheries of the Big Hole, Beaverhead, and Ruby already at historic lows, protecting public lands and waterways from industrial oil and gas are more important than ever.

The Department of the Interior's BLM is now proposing a new public lands rule titled Conservation and Landscape Health. The proposal would adjust the bureau's multi-use mandate to better balance the importance of maintaining landscape health, big game and wildlife biodiversity, climate resilience, recreational access, cultural and historical value, and existing public land uses.

Under this new proposal, the BLM would refocus management efforts on conservation for the benefit of current and future generations, emphasizing and recognizing the cultural and natural value of public lands.

This is especially important in the Big Hole and Beaverhead Valleys, where industrial oil and gas development does not reflect the historical, cultural, and current public land uses in the region. As we know, this area offers world-class big game public hunting opportunities, is one of the only remaining intact cold water fisheries in the Lower 48 supporting native Westslope Cutthroat and the threatened fluvial Arctic Grayling, and hosts hundreds of family farms and ranching businesses. Hunting and fishing in Beaverhead County support over 1,400 local jobs and generate \$167

million in revenue each year. This is the wrong place for fracking and industrial oil and gas development.

Supporting BLM's proposed rule can help lead to critical revisions for the Dillon Resource Management Plan (RMP). As it stands, the Dillon RMP unnecessarily exposes sensitive landscapes to development where fluid mineral recovery is highly unlikely and negligible; lacks adequate protections for fish, wildlife, and habitat; and by virtue of incentivizing speculative industrial development, jeopardizes major pillars of the region's economy. Therefore, we should support BLM adopting the proposed rule, which would level the playing field for protecting all resources equally, and we support BLM taking steps to amend the RMP to remove the availability of public lands for fluid mineral leasing in SW Montana. Doing both of these actions would close the door to the significant threat industrial oil and gas development poses to SW Montana's residents, businesses, and keynote waterways.

Issues with the Dillon area Resource Management Plan have been brought to the BLM by conservation organizations, local businesses, and community members, but the agency has failed to address nor respond to the concerns.

The new proposed Conservation and Landscape Health Rule will provide BLM a path for focusing on protecting the health of our public lands now and for future generations, including our special Big Hole and Beaverhead Rivers.

The BLM is accepting public comments on the proposed rule through June 20th.

Comment in support of BLM's new rule that will better balance the multiple uses of our public lands and protect the world-class Big Hole, Beaverhead, and Centennial Valleys.



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BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR 2023/05/24

Angie Paulsen
Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA

LOCATION: 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

DATE: May 24, 2023

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

Public Comment: Broadwater County Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley commented.

10:05 AM Public Hearing; Subdivision fee amendment, Certified Mailing Postage Fee -\$10/ mailing Resolution.

10:06 AM Community Development & Planning Director Nichole Brown presented Subdivision Fee Amendment, Certified Mailing Postage Fee - \$10/ mailing. Adoption of Resolution

10:13 AM PUBLIC HEARING closed. Regular meeting opened

10:14 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the resolution establishing Subdivision Fee Certified mailing postage fee for any subdivision initial and subsequent and all public hearings at \$10/ mailing. Richtmyer amended the motion to approve the resolution establishing Subdivision Free Certified mailing postage fee for any subdivision initial and subsequent and all public hearings at \$10/ mailing. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:17 AM Director Brown presented Vistas at Headwaters Subsequent Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat. Broadwater County Attorney Jania Hatfield read into the record Proposed language for section 7 for Wheatland Road. Matt Tackle with Alpine Engineering commented. Public Works Supervisor Graveley commented. Director Brown discussed specific language. Hatfield commented. Director Brown read into the record the Proposed amended condition number 7. Commissioner Folkvord moved to change the proposed language condition number 7 to read. From the subdivision Road intersecting with Wheatland Road to the point that Wheatland road intersect with Highway 287. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried. Commissioner Folkvord moved to include the proposed language with condition number 7. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried. Commissioner Folkvord moved to grant preliminary PLAT approval for Vistas at Headwaters Subsequent Minor Subdivision with conditions. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:41 AM Director Brown presented Rolling Glen Ranch Estates request Preliminary Plat Approval. Public Works Supervisor Graveley commented. Hatfield commented. Director Brown read staff report into the record.

11:30 AM Bernadette Swenson with Schuaber Surveying commented regarding the road impact report. Public Works Supervisor Graveley commented. Bernadette Swenson commented.

11:36 AM Tri County Buckle Up Montana, Coordinator Tracie Kiesel presented Broadwater County Task Force Plan. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the Broadwater County DUI Task Force Plan FY 23/24 Budget. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:55 AM DNRC Operations and Maintenance Engineer John Maxwell presented. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve Floodplain Development Permit, MT DNRC-Toston Dam Sediment, Permit # 23-FP-01. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

11:55 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the renewal of contract regarding Cyber Security Insurance; 7/23-7/24 in the amount of \$13,121.36. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

11:10 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Commissioner Clerk and Recorders Office; Election Assistant position in the amount of \$17.50/ hr. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve May 17, 2023, Minutes. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of \$268,747.17. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

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).

Communications Received:

Subdivision Fee Amendment, Certified Mailing Postage Fee - \$10/ mailing. Resolution 2023- 8. A Resolution Establishing Broadwater County Subdivision Fees, Findings of Fact and Order Report Vistas at Headwaters Subsequent Minor Subdivision, Vistas at Headwaters Subsequent Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat, Findings of Fact and Order Report The Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision, Roads from Existing Tobacco Root Road, Rolling Glen Ranch Estates request Preliminary Plat Approval, Broadwater County DUI Task Force Plan SFY-2024, draft Broadwater County DUI Task Force SFY 2024 DUI Plan Budget (estimate), Broadwater County DUI Task Force Meeting Calendar for SFY 2024, Member Contacts for SFY 2024, Broadwater County Floodplain Development Permit Project MT DNRC — Toston Dam Sediment 23-FP-1, Invoice from Centennial Insurance Inc., to Broadwater County, Policyholder Disclosure Notice of Terrorism Insurance Coverage, and Update on Meridian Bridge, Letter from Governor Gianforte in the amount of \$750,000.00 to replace old town Road West Bridge, Letter from Federal Emergency Regulatory Commission action plan to Commissioners. Present at the meeting were Nancy Marks with MT43News and Bernadette Swenson with Schuaber Surveying.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM. Next regular commission meeting will be held June 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

DEBRA RANDOLPH
Commissioner Chairwoman
Attest
ANGIE PAULSEN
Clerk and Recorder

\$70.00 fine; unlawful possession of marijuana, products or paraphernalia in motor vehicle on highway, pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Miles Sumner, Kennewich, WA: day speed \$20.00
Brenda Nordlund, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Taylor Miller, Littleton, CO: night speed \$20.00
Brandy Piper, Great Falls: day speed \$70.00
Jack Chater, Pony: day speed \$20.00

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING JULY 5

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.

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Wednesday, July 5, 2023

10:00 AM Public Comment on any subject not on the agenda, and that the Commission has jurisdiction over

10:00 AM Discussion, TJ Graveley, Public Works Supervisor, Proposed Solid Waste Changes

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, City-County Airport Lease Agreement

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision (Township- 2N, Range- 1 East, Section- 6) request Preliminary Plat Approval; Discussion only on Rolling Glen Ranch PUD Master Plan as it relates to the Rolling Glen Ranch Estates proposed Minor Subdivision.

Thursday, July 6, 2023

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

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

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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)

- 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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT - JUNE 30

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Michael Mcdaniel, Durango, CO: day speed \$70.00
Daniel Liebe, Billings: ROW violation \$85.00
Soren Hanson, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
Paula Holland, Clancy: day speed \$20.00
Kaila Gill, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
Kiersti Felska, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Corrine Calvert, Kalispell: day speed \$20.00
Christine Cieri, Chicago, IL: day speed \$20.00
Giovanna Bentley, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
Nicole Anderson, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
Emma Donald, Melville: interstate day speed \$40.00
Lloyd Newell, Townsend: day speed \$20.00
Bani Mendoza, Missoula: careless driving \$85.00
Hayden Fellows, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Daniel De Feu, Culter Bay, FL: day speed \$20.00
Erik Kandilas, East Helena: day speed \$20.00
Cameron Hinkle, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Shaughn Mckeon, Billings: expired registration \$85.00
Kenneth Lorencen, Grand Ledge, MI: day speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Tyler Durkin – Butte – operating without liability insurance in effect – 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fine and fees; driving without a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

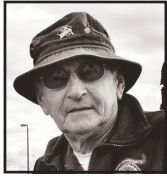
David Klinkenborg – Toston – Failure to obtain land-owners permission for hunting-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$170.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Richard Hart – East Helena – fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle- owner or operator- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.
Daniel Simmons – Toston – night speed, pleaded guilty,

TOWNSEND'S COMMUNITY FOREST PART 10

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



Note: This is the tenth 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 Townsend's public tree size and age classes have changed over 33 years.

The 2020 inventory revealed that 594 of the 1093 total trees or 54% had been planted in Townsend since 2005. Many large undesirable trees have been removed. The average diameter at breast height (4.5 feet above the ground) of Townsend's trees has dropped from 13 inches in 1990 to 8 inches in 2020. The percentage of Townsend's trees over 24 inches in diameter decreased from 13 percent in 2005 to 6 percent in 2020. 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.

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

Townsend's Public Tree Maintenance Over Time
In 1990, tree maintenance on street trees was judged to be fair to the poor. Most pruning was reactive in response to storms or other damage. Pruning in Townsend now is mainly proactive. Townsend has improved its maintenance practices in the last 18 years by using its Tree Board volunteers.

The Townsend Tree Board sponsored a large tree pruning workshop in 2006 to show how to properly prune trees using climbers or aerial lift trucks. Townsend also trained its citizens that are in the tree pruning business in proper tree pruning techniques in 2010 with another workshop. Patrick Plantenberg, Tree Board Chair, has attended many pruning workshops and now teaches pruning workshops in other cities in Montana.

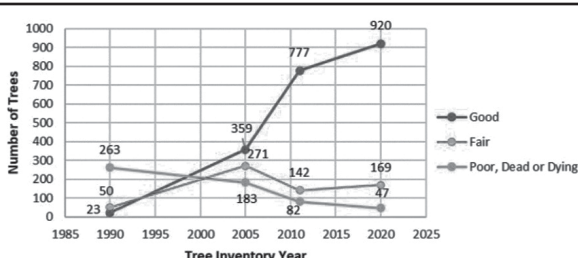


Figure 1. Condition of Townsend's Public Trees

*Condition Of Townsend's Trees over Time
Graph Credit: Pat Plantenberg*

The Tree Board rents a 50-foot man-lift each winter to prune large trees. All large trees in Townsend have been pruned at least once since 2005 to remove deadwood, thin the crown, and reduce lever arms to minimize the risk of failures. Townsends' Tree Board volunteers prune up to 200 trees each year of its over 1,000 trees to meet city ordinance specifications and raise tree branches eight feet off sidewalks and 14 feet over city streets. The Tree Board also prunes the young trees to improve their structure during the first 5 years of their life.

Older trees have been severely pruned or topped because of improper placement around power lines

and buildings. The Tree Board works with the utility company to remove these trees and has been planting smaller trees to minimize these problems.

Tree inventories have identified trees that have been lifting sidewalks. The Tree Board has worked with the city and homeowners to remove many of these trees to eliminate the risk of tripping.

As a result, Townsend's trees today are now largely in good condition.

Next week, we will discuss Townsend's tree and stump removal process since 1990.

VIGILANTE ELECTRIC COOP HOSTS MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Vigilante Electric Cooperative of Dillon hosted its first ever Member Appreciation Day in Townsend Tuesday, June 27 at Heritage Park. Two of the organizers, Chelsey



*Coop members treated to a great lunch
Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips*

Hutchinson and Paige Garrison of Dillon put their heads together to provide a brat for the Coop's many rural customers in Broadwater County. "Several other Montana coops hold appreciation- day so we talked our boss, Rollie, into letting us try out the idea. This way we get to meet our customers face-to-face rather



*Flag hanging at Vigilante Luncheon
Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips*

than hearing a voice over the phone," she explained.

The Coop's next appreciation days will be in Whitehall, then in Dillon, the location of the main office. The turnout for the event was outstanding. About 200 people attended. Hutchinson commented how great it was to be able to rent such a good facility as Heritage Park.

Broadwater County area foreman Clint Begger agreed with the ladies about the appreciation day being a good idea to get to know the customers. Begger, who has been with Vigilante for five years began his job as area foreman in January. Asked how he liked Broadwater County, he said he loved the weather both winter and summer and remarked how great the people are. "It's a super good community. I really like how people turn out to support community events," he said.

Vigilante Electric serves approximately 2,200 customers in Broadwater County.

MANAGING DIABETES IN THE SUMMER HEAT

MT Department Public Health and Human Services



If you have diabetes, you may have noticed that it can be harder to manage diabetes in the heat of summer. Extreme heat can affect

blood sugar control, including worsening blood glucose levels and even low blood sugar (hypoglycemia). How the heat affects a person depends on their current blood sugar control, whether and what they've eaten, if they're hydrated, and their activity level.

If activity and heat make you sweat a lot, you could become dehydrated leading to a rise in blood glucose levels. This can make you urinate frequently and can lead to further dehydration and even higher blood sugars. It can be a vicious cycle.

If someone has diabetes complications that include damage to the nerves to the sweat glands, they could sweat less and overheat, leading to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Heat can also damage medications and blood sugar checking supplies. Exposing insulin to high temperatures can degrade it, making it ineffective. The same goes for monitoring devices and test strips.

But don't let the heat keep you indoors. Here are some basic tips to share with patients and others for managing diabetes in the summer heat:

- Avoid becoming dehydrated. Drink lots of water.
 - Adjust your insulin as needed. Talk to your provider or diabetes care and education specialist about how to be physically active in the summer.
 - Check your blood sugar frequently.
 - Keep items to treat low blood sugars with you at all times.
 - Carry snacks.
 - Protect your medication and supplies from the heat. Never leave them in the direct sun or in a hot vehicle.
 - Protect your feet. Don't go barefoot, even at the pool or at the beach. Closed-toe shoes are best.
- Please reach out to Marci Butcher at mbutcher@midrivers.com for help, support, or questions on Diabetes Education.*

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VISIT HISTORIC CANTON CHURCH ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH 2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

DATE	VISITING HOURS	GROUP/SPEAKER	EVENT TIME
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



THE RAGENS - BORN INTO RACING: PART 1

Bob Gates

The Ragen family has a long history in Broadwater County. This 2-part article is about their storied history in horse racing. The article was written by Bob Gates and posted on the Assinboia Downs Facebook Page. It is published here courtesy of Bob Gates.

Part I

The Ragens were a multi-generational horse racing family with roots in Ireland. Edward Michael Ragen was one of the original grand old men of racing.

“Eddie” spent more than 70 years racing thoroughbreds, until an injury from a 1981 fall forced him into retirement at the age of 91. One of his many contributions to the sport was mentoring his nephew, John Edward



Ed Ragen and Super Twenty
Photo Credits: Bob Gates

Ragen, who in turn would spend the better part of 60 years in the same sport. And that’s what you could call a lot of “corporate” memory.

Ed Ragen was born August 3, 1889, and lived most of his life in Townsend, Montana. The family is proud of their Irish heritage and as far back as anyone can remember the Ragens always had horses in their life.

*May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,*



Ed on Red
Photo Credits: Bob Gates

*May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
-- Traditional Irish Blessing*

Ed Ragen raced his stable throughout the northwestern United States and in western Canada. He first came to Winnipeg to race at Robert James Speers’ Whittier and Polo Park racetracks in 1937. He missed the first year Assiniboia Downs opened but arrived early in 1959 and raced here until 1975. He spent the twilight of his career (1976-1981) racing in Saskatchewan.

He was your typical old-school horseman:

“In my opinion, I think a man gets the best out of life when he owns a horse. Sure they eat hay and oats and can’t speak, but they’re mighty human after all and you just have to get to know them.

I have lived my life with horses and never regret a minute of it. Sure, I’d like to have more wins, what owner wouldn’t? You always know when your horse is trying, and if he gets beat, well that’s racing.”

Horses stabled in Ed’s barn during his time at the Downs included: Super Twenty, Miss Reliable, Kottonwood Kid, Go Spy, Colonel Miltie, Pete’N Repete and Pairs and Spares. Remember any of these?

On August 31, 1962, Ed Ragen’s Miss Reliable (13-1) combined with Kickapoo Joy (69-1) for a then record (and now defunct) Quinella of \$499.60. One of the horses these two had to pass in the race was Maida, a 127-1 longshot who was leading at the top of the stretch but faded to fourth.

Ed never married. The love of his life was racing horses. His stable colors were blue and white. His riders wore white trousers, a blue silk shirt and a blue sild cap.

When you consider his 94-year life, with its happiness, sorrow, pleasure, heartbreak, joy, and thrill of racing horses, is it possible to pick his proudest moment? Probably not, but June 15, 1975, has to be up there.

To mark the official opening of Assiniboia Downs

under its new ownership headed by President, Jim Wright, Edward Ragen was one of seven men honored for their contributions to the sport of horse racing. The others included Dick Armstrong, Maurice Smith, Jim Coleman, Lee Williams, Tom Sumner, and Lou Davies. Now that’s a collection of racing dignitaries!



Early win at Polo Park for Ed Ragen
Photo Credits: Bob Gates

AVIATION CAREER EXPLORATION ACADEMY STUDENTS MEET AT CANYON FERRY AIRPORT

Matt Nelson



Eighteen high school students participated in the three-day 2023 Aviation Career Exploration (ACE) Academy course on Saturday, June 17th at Canyon Ferry Airport. Sponsored by Montana Aeronautics, and staffed by volunteer pilots of the Montana Pilots Association (MPA), the course was designed for students wishing to pursue a career in aviation. Besides being a pilot, other opportunities are Avionics (aircraft radios and electronics), Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) mechanics, working in an air traffic control tower, preparing weather reports, etc.

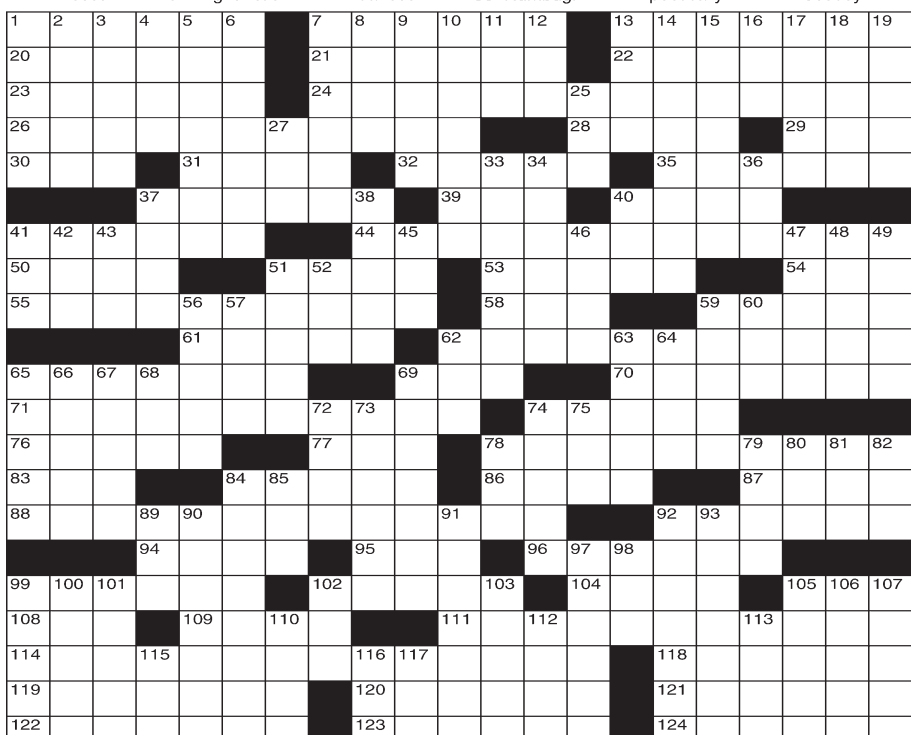
Some (but not all) of the leaders/pilots for this event were Ryan Stock, Rob Esurdge, Dwight Thompson.

Aviation Career, 12

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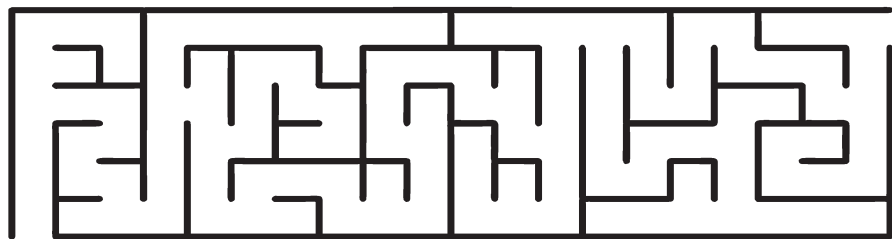
MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

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- 1 Dryer's partner
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- 20 Get in the way of
- 21 "You may relax, soldier"
- 22 One looking something over
- 23 "The Delta Force" actor Chuck
- 24 Question after a chat interruption
- 26 Latched on firmly
- 28 Space balls
- 29 San Luis —, California
- 30 Mount, as a jewel
- 31 "Diane" star Turner
- 32 "Carrie" star Spacek
- 35 Mutineers
- 37 2012 Robert Pattinson film based on a Maupassant novel
- 39 Chou En —
- 40 Fictional "Warrior Princess"
- 41 Lax in duty
- 44 British remake of "That '70s Show"
- 50 Say for sure
- 51 Trepidation
- 53 Fathered, as a horse
- 54 Start of many rapper names
- 55 Realities that are tough to face
- 58 "E-e-ew!"
- 59 Vodka brand, informally
- 61 Reply to "You are not!"
- 62 Fulfill, as standards
- 65 Wiseacre
- 69 River to the Rhine
- 70 Hint at
- 71 "That's impossible!"
- 74 Reagan adviser Edwin
- 76 Flooring units
- 77 "... bug — feature?"
- 78 Identify before turning over a new leaf
- 83 City in Oklahoma
- 84 Trig function
- 86 Away from the wind, nautically
- 87 Non-iron club
- 88 Revealing interference with the contents, as a package
- 92 Key related to D major
- 94 Saharan
- 95 Oct.-Dec. link
- 96 Creek, e.g.
- 99 Garbage collectors
- 102 Very easy thing
- 104 "Back in Black" band
- 105 Italian monk's title
- 108 Runner Sebastian
- 109 Really eager
- 111 With
- 114-Across, source of the phrase formed by the ends of eight answers in this puzzle
- 114 See
- 111-Across
- 118 Is identical to
- 119 Famed French mime
- 120 Interfere
- 121 Nuanced
- 122 Places in categories
- 123 Flip one's lid
- 124 Plant with prickly leaves
- DOWN**
- 1 Hot bar food
- 2 Roman love
- 3 Fat avoider
- 4 Jack
- 4 Sage, e.g.
- 5 Items of food
- 6 Closes tightly again
- 7 Suburb of D.C. in Maryland
- 8 "Am — late?"
- 9 Cries weakly
- 10 In a ribald way
- 11 —Kosh
- 12 Notice
- 13 Phone button abbr.
- 14 Novel kind
- 15 Not absent
- 16 "— Gang" formed by the ends of eight answers in this puzzle
- 17 River to the Rhone
- 18 Stairway post
- 19 Low cards
- 25 Banjoist Clark
- 27 Genetic helix
- 33 More cheeky
- 34 Stuff in sand
- 36 "Humbug!"
- 37 Avian creature
- 38 Boise's home
- 40 1960s Jaguar model
- 41 Team booster
- 42 Actress Longoria
- 43 Sea, to Gigi
- 45 "— longa ..."
- 46 Vexes
- 47 Flee to wed
- 48 Sediments
- 49 Writer T.S.
- 51 Showed rage
- 52 UFO fliers
- 56 "— Andronicus" (Shakespeare play)
- 57 Locomotive supporter
- 59 Singer Bob
- 60 Yank
- 62 Actress West
- 63 "I'm here to help"
- 64 Bit of artifice
- 65 Join, as a table
- 66 Peak in W. Turkey
- 67 Happy as —
- 68 Fish eggs
- 69 Run out on
- 72 Tube lover's punishment
- 73 57-Down vehicles
- 74 De-feathers
- 75 Prior to, poetically
- 78 Team booster
- 79 Exercise in a pool
- 80 Long time
- 81 Leicester lav
- 82 WWII prez
- 84 Recoil from
- 85 Multivolume Brit. lexicon
- 89 Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"
- 90 Amazon Kindle, e.g.
- 91 Dodgers
- 92 Recuperation by lying down
- 93 Asian monkey
- 97 Natural gift
- 98 Rival of Sony
- 99 In — (not just sleeping)
- 100 Big couches
- 101 My future kings
- 102 Long time
- 103 Tubular pasta
- 105 Edicts
- 106 Esther of "Good Times"
- 107 Photographer Adams
- 110 Creative work
- 112 Cl doubled
- 113 Big brass instrument
- 115 Sarge, e.g.
- 116 Sports org. with skaters
- 117 Scooby- —



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Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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



Summer means longer days, more time outdoors, BBQs, hikes, adventures, events, and family gatherings.

My husband and I have hosted family gatherings for the last several years. Family members, siblings, their spouses, and cousins come in from other states to celebrate as we reconnect and make new and beautiful memories. Our long-term goal in hosting family gatherings is to leave a legacy where the family will reconnect each year.

Families are important, but what is more important is the physical time we get to spend together. Making time for family can also strengthen relationships, increase feelings of support and love, and create cherished memories. These close relationships can provide a sense of belonging and purpose, positively impacting overall well-being.

There are several health benefits of spending time together as a family. It improves mental and emotional health, growth, and development, especially face-to-face whenever possible. It promotes resilience and communication and creates lasting memories. So, make it a priority to spend quality time with your loved ones whenever possible.

Perhaps, it may not be easy to be with some family members; just like a garden, our brokenness can sometimes seem messy and chaotic.

We may feel like we have lost our beauty and purpose, with weeds and thorns suffocating our growth. But just like a garden, our brokenness is also an opportunity for growth and renewal.

By acknowledging our pain and working through it, we can cultivate a stronger sense of resilience and self-awareness. As we tend to our inner garden, we can carefully prune away the dead branches and nurture the healthy ones. With time, new sprouts will emerge, and we can see the beauty in our imperfections.

Just as a garden can bloom after a harsh winter, we too can flourish after experiencing brokenness. And just like a garden requires attention and care, our healing journey also requires patience and self-compassion.

While there may be some challenges, you can learn to work through them ahead of time and focus on the joy and love of being together.

I encourage you to plan a family reunion/gathering, as there are things you can do to make the gatherings easier. Here are a few ideas that you can do to help the event flow better.

Plan ahead and send out invitations to ensure everyone knows the date and time. Create a theme for your gathering, as having a theme helps you organize the event.

I have planned a Western theme event with Fourth of July celebrations this year. Plenty of food, games, prizes, and even a band will keep the energy high.

You can also make sure to plan activities for everyone to participate. We have done everything from floating the river to making soaps and blending essential oils. Have a variety of activities or games that everyone can join in, both young and old. Activities bring us together, allow us to have fun, and create treasured memories.

If you are still hesitant about creating your family reunion, there are several ways to strengthen your family bonds and rebuild relationships with family members.

Communication is the key to any successful relationship. Talk to your family members about your feelings and their perspectives. Be honest but also empathetic in your conversation.

Show appreciation and let your family members know that you appreciate them. Celebrate them. Offer compliments, support, and encouragement when they need it most.

Forgiveness is a critical component of healing any broken relationship. Let go of grudges, apologize when necessary, and move forward. Unforgiveness is like a puzzle with missing pieces. Healing requires finding and fitting those missing pieces back into the puzzle to complete it.

Seek outside help to provide a safe and neutral space if you're struggling to repair a relationship with a family member.



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

Building and maintaining healthy family relationships takes time, effort, and patience. However, the benefits of strong family ties are well worth the effort.

Disconnecting from technology and being present in the moment with loved ones can improve and build stronger relationships that create meaningful experiences.

Be flexible and open to changes. Family gatherings can be unpredictable, but that makes them unique. Prioritize spending time with family, enjoy time with your loved ones, and cherish the memories made.

Family connections are like branches on a tree, each unique, but all are interconnected and rooted in the same foundation.

"Family is not an important thing. It's everything."
 - Michael J. Fox.

To connect with Ellie FB/IG @coachelliwest

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

GENESIS 29:20

Detail of "Leah and Rachel Catch Jacob" by Luba Lukova (2000)



Sr. Center Meals for July 3 - July 8
 Steamed Potatoes
 California Blend
 Carrot Raisin Salad
 Mandarin Oranges

Monday, July 3
 Sloppy Joes On A Bun
 Baked Beans
 Creamy Coleslaw
 Juicy Pears
 Dessert

Friday, July 7
 BBQ Pork Sandwich
 Potato Salad
 Pickled Beets
 Cinnamon Applesauce

Tuesday, July 4
 Closed for Fourth of July

Wednesday, July 5
 Baked Ham
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Garden Peas
 Carrot Raisin Salad
 Spiced Apples

Thursday, July 6
 Salisbury Steak

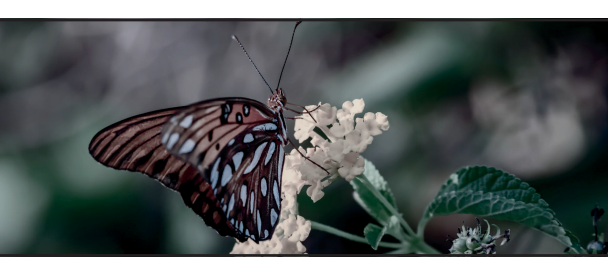
The Townsend Pinochle Club meets every Wednesday and Friday at the Broadwater County Senior Center for an afternoon of pinochle and camaraderie. The Club plays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All ages and experience levels are welcome! If you have never played Pinochle and would like to learn come and join us.

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/>



LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATES TO THE FOOD PANTRY

Laurie Nugent

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church held Vacation Bible School recently and the youngsters worked on a project to supply the Townsend Food Pantry with 19 birthday bags.

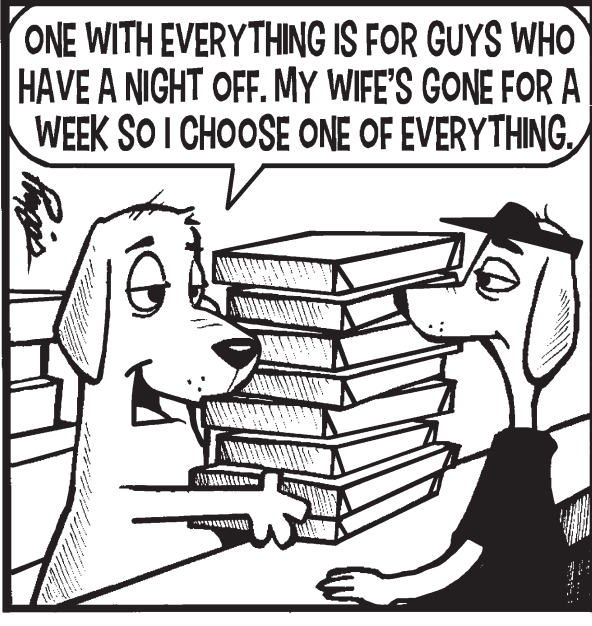
When families of the food pantry have a birthday, they can take home a decorated bag with a cake mix, a can of frosting, candles, and some birthday favors!



Lutheran Vacation Bible School
 Photo Credit: Laurie Nugent

Daryl and Marilyn Blumhagen, representatives of the food pantry, accepted the donations from the VBS children on the final evening during the family barbecue. The youngsters were excited to complete a Project with a Purpose as a part of their Bible School experience. Seventeen eager students and 22 helpful volunteers filled the church with enthusiasm and joy

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

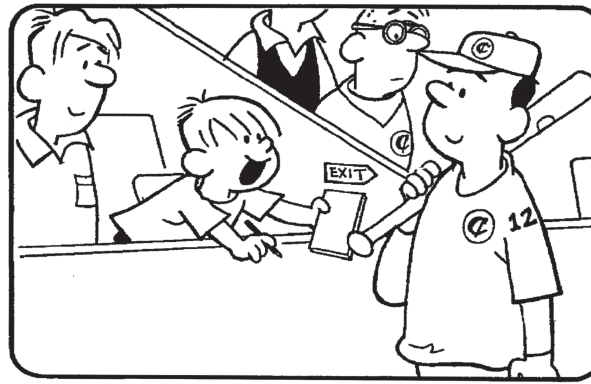


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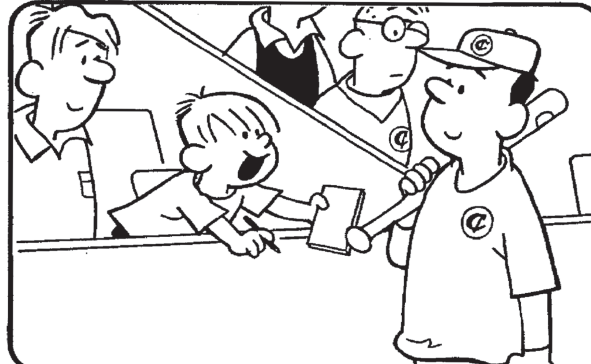


"We used all foreign parts to make the best domestic car available!"

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pocket is smaller. 2. Neckline is different. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Glasses are different. 5. Number is missing. 6. Bat is shorter.



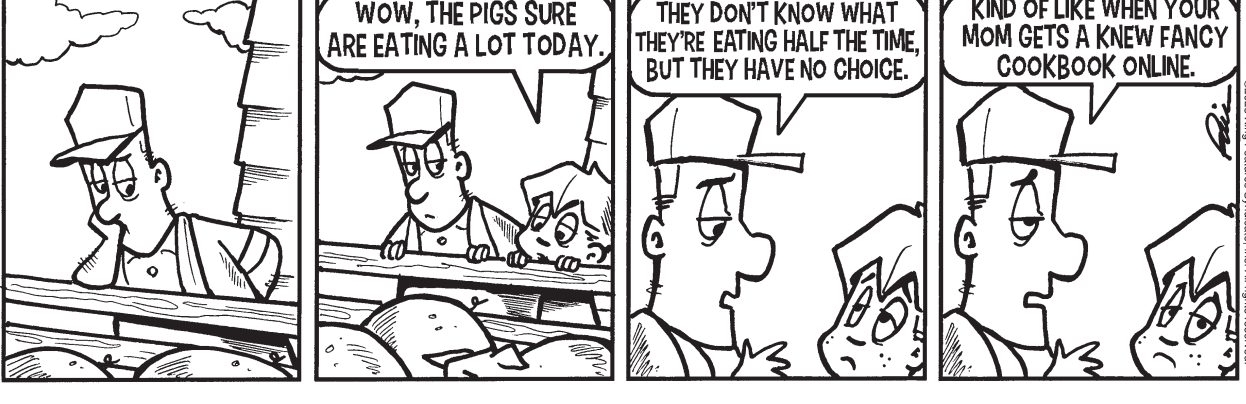
Americanisms



"If we couldn't laugh we would all go insane." — Robert Frost

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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



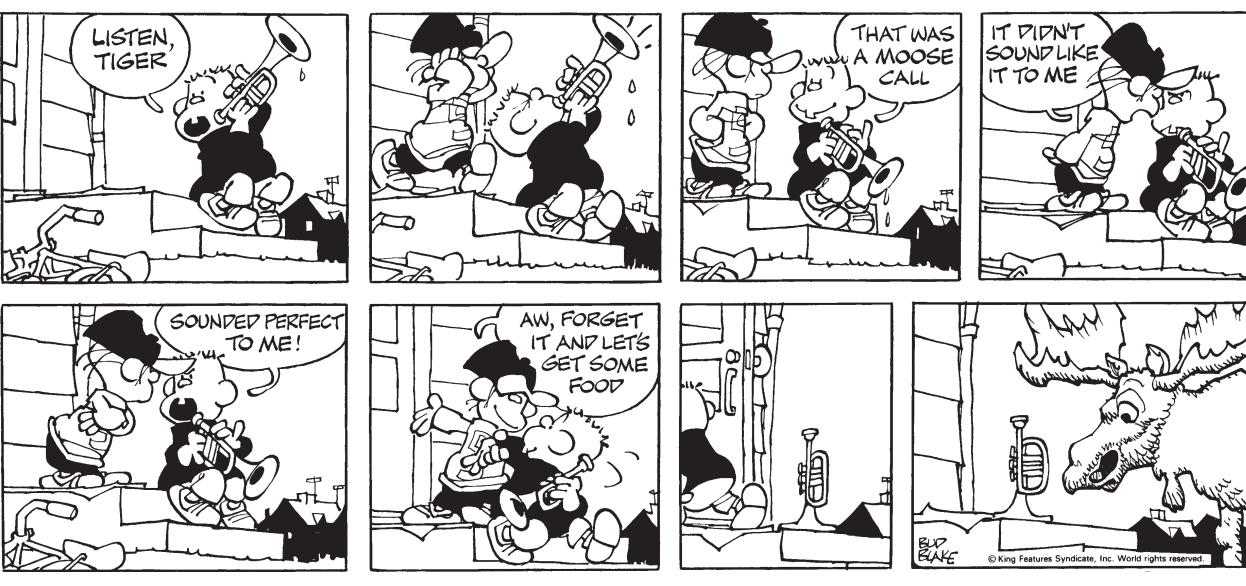
It's your future. Let's protect it.

Advertisement for Farm Bureau Financial Services featuring Dustin Gillaspie, 410 Broadway, Townsend, MT. Services include Auto, Home, Life, Annuities, Business, Farm & Ranch.

The Spats by Jeff Pickering



TIGER by Bud Blake

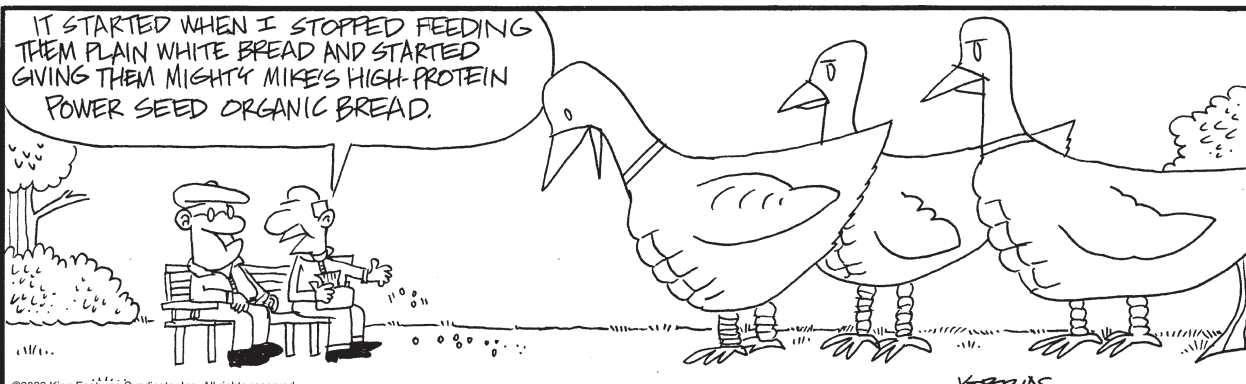


Advertisement for 'the MAN STORE' featuring a man with a pipe. Contact info: East Helena 406-227-6519, Helena 406-443-8084.

Advertisement for WHEAT MONTANA BAKERY & DELI with a logo featuring a mountain range.

Advertisement for BSE EXCAVATING, 7200 HWY 287, TOWNSEND, MT. Contact: BRANDON BAKKEN, SHANE TEW, P - 266-3772, C - 980-1100.

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



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WITH CLEAR SKIES

SUMMER NIGHT SKIES

Jeff Ross



We are now just a little over a week past the Summer Solstice. In Montana, that means short summer nights. Astronomical Night begins when the Sun is 18 degrees below the northwestern horizon and ends when the Sun is 18 degrees below the northeastern horizon. During that time the sky is dark enough for us to see 4th and 5th magnitude stars and is truly "night". Night at the end of June begins just before midnight and ends at 3 am!

Venus and Mars dominate the western sky at twilight. They are only a couple of degrees apart now and over the next few weeks, Mars will move slowly away from Venus gaining altitude. Both drop below the western horizon just before midnight.

Jupiter and Saturn are both visible in the morning sky. Saturn rises around midnight and at 3 am is in the southeast. Jupiter rises around 2:30 am and is still fairly low in the sky at 3 am.

If you are out near midnight, look directly overhead to see the Summer Triangle. The Summer Triangle is an asterism--a pattern of stars that is recognizable but not necessarily an official constellation. The Summer Triangle consists of three of the brightest stars in the summer night sky: Altair in the constellation Aquila, Deneb in Cygnus, and Vega in Lyra. First-time viewers will find a planisphere or a smartphone app a great aid in locating the three vertices of the triangle and their respective constellations.

At the end of night, you'll find the Big Dipper almost at its lowest in the north all year. The dipper is pointing up--ready to be filled. With all the rain we've had this June you'll probably see that it already is.

With clear skies, of course.

OBITUARY

VICTORIA (TORI) MARION

Victoria Marion Family

Victoria (Tori) Jane Ketchman Marion, 72, born July 25th, 1950, passed away in her home on June 21st, 2023.



Tori was born in Detroit, MI to Rodger and Shirley Ketchman, and was raised in the greater Metro area with her brother Tracy. After graduating high school, she went to art school in Detroit and worked as a telephone switchboard operator. In 1972, she gave birth to her only child, Christopher Rodger Blakley. In 1974, she moved to Big Sky, MT with her son and then-husband, Douglas Blakley. During her early years in Montana, she was an advertising agent and part owner of Old Faithful Times, bartender, sheriff's department dispatcher, and shuttle bus driver at Big Sky before becoming one of the biggest antique dealers in Montana. During her early years as an antique dealer, she was also an advertising agent for KTVH, the NBC affiliate in Helena, MT.

As proprietor of Tori Jane's Treasures, she started out traveling around the state selling at antique shows when she lived in Phillipsburg, MT. Life eventually took her to Townsend, MT. in 1982, where she lived until 2006. While in Townsend, she had several storefronts around town before moving a single-room schoolhouse from the Old Crow Creek Valley to her home property and turning it into an antique, antique shop. She produced several antique shows around the state, with the Mother's Day and Cabin Fever shows at the Civic Center in Helena being the most popular. She had several smaller businesses during that time, including Sweet Thing, a candy store, Tori's Books, specializing in antique pricing books, and Balloon Baby. In 2005, she moved her shop to Last Chance Gulch's shopping district in Helena, MT. She retired from full-time store management in 2012 and closed down the Helena store, though she continued to sell at antique and gun shows. Her last show was the 40th anniversary of the Cabin Fever show in January 2023.

When her shop was next to American Federal Savings Bank, she hired a local handyman to refinish furniture. Vernon R Marion transitioned from someone who helped improve the quality of her shop's stock to the love of her life and husband. They spent over 20 happy years together before Vern passed in 2006.

In 1997 she was appointed as a judge to the City Court in Townsend. She served on the bench until 2005 and by far, her favorite duty as a judge was to proceed over 100 marriages to happy couples. After relocating her store to Last Chance Gulch, she sat on the bench

in East Helena, Mt. for a few short years and finally a reserve judge for the City of Helena.

In 2011, she met her last love, Mel Blanchard. They lived together until July of last year when he passed away. They spent much of their free time bowling in leagues year-round.

She was survived by her son Christopher Blakley, PsyD, Chicago, IL; her brother Tracy Ketchman, Ann Arbor, MI; niece Yasmina Ketchman, Plano TX.; and nephews Latif Ketchman, Ann Arbor, MI; Said Ketchman, Milltown, NJ; and Hamid Ketchman, Norfolk, VA.

A Funeral Service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 6th at Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 212 Broadway St. 59644, Townsend. A burial at Deep Creek Cemetery will follow the Funeral Service.

Please visit www.stevensonwilke.com to offer your condolences to the family or share a favorite memory of Victoria.

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ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA - GARNET

Brenda Phillips



The 3rd Weekend in June is Garnet Days at Garnett Ghost Town. Garnett is a nice day trip from Townsend. Everything was green on the drive from Helena to Lincoln. We took Highway 200 west to the Garnet turn-off, just past Clearwater Junction (@25 mi). From Highway 200 the road is 3 miles paved and 9 miles of gravel but very well maintained. Google Maps will direct you to go to Drummond then north, however, that road is a narrow one-lane road that is not maintained for cars. The flowers & Beargrass and Indian Paintbrush along the road were fantastic this year due to the rain.

The town of Garnet is maintained by the Bureau of Land Management and Garnet Preservation Association Inc. Fees are \$3 a person over 16 years of age. The BLM uses entrance fees to help protect, preserve and interpret Garnet Ghost Town.

Here's a little history from the Garnet website: <http://www.garnetghosttown.org>

The town was originally named Mitchell, but in 1897 it became known as Garnet, for the semi-precious ruby-colored stone found in the area. The gold "boom" began and by January 1898 nearly 1,000 people resided in Garnet. There were four stores, four hotels, Road Trip, 11

CryptoQuip

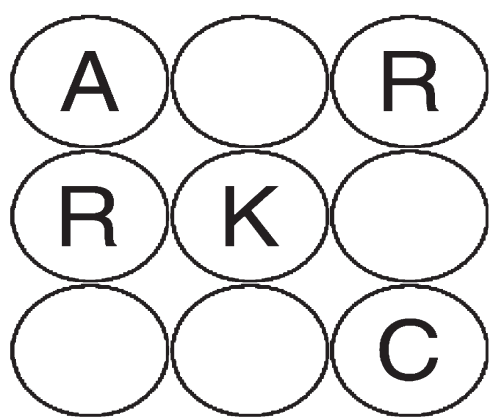
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Q equals R

RY SIUGLIQO, N'U YJXXIYGT HI
QGRT HSNY MIIO ME LQNHGQ
TRSZ NA IAG TRE.
HNUG HI SNH HSG QIRZT!

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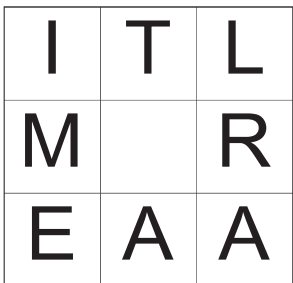
WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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KNIGHT MOVES



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

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SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Placid
TENLE

Charge
MABLE

Amble
WADDLE

Pivot
NIGHE

TODAY'S WORD

"The doctor said I should watch my calories at mealtimes...he said nothing about _____ meals!"

Weather info contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 6/30	Sat 7/01	Sun 7/02	Mon 7/03	Tue 7/04
Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms
83° 60°	86° 58°	85° 56°	79° 55°	80° 53°
0%	0%	0%	12%	18%
⇒ 5 15 mph	⇒ 6 19 mph	⇒ 7 23 mph	⇒ 7 19 mph	⇒ 7 17 mph

Precipitation:

January: 0.677" February: 0.736"
March: 0.622" April: 0.630"
May: 1.181" June: 3.669"
2022: 15.272" 2023: 5.480"

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WEED OF THE MONTH: TUMBLE MUSTARD

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Contrary to popular belief, the word “tumbleweed” is a broad term that actually refers to several different plant species that can create a tumbleweed. Tumbleweed is a simplified term to describe a diaspore. A diaspore is a plant that has the ability to detach from the root or stem and roll with the force of the wind. Basically, it is a mechanism that plants have evolved to improve seed dispersal. We have several weeds in Broadwater County that have tumbleweed characteristics. In addition to tumble mustard, our weed of the month, it also includes Russian thistle, kochia, diffuse knapweed and baby’s breath.

Description & Habitat

Native to Europe and Africa, tumble mustard has naturalized through much of North America and most of the world. It was likely introduced as a contaminant in imported crop seed. It can be found in gardens, landscaped areas, cropland, rangeland, vacant lots, roadsides and other distribution sites.

It is an annual (life cycle of one year) plant with a tap root. It has a main stem that can reach a height of 5 feet and has many branches to give it a bushy appearance. At the base of the stem is a rosette with dandelion-like leaves. It has very small yellow flowers that are arranged in a cluster at the tips of the stems. Tumble mustard produces narrow seed pods that are 2 to 4 inches long. A single plant can produce up to a million seeds. Seeds can stay viable in the soil for up to 10 years. As the plant dries, it loses its leaves, breaks off at the base and tumbles with the wind.

Like other weeds, tumble mustard can displace native and desired vegetation and decrease forage production and plant diversity. It is known to be a pioneer colonist, often one of the first plants to establish a distributed site and is especially known to establish quickly after fire. Toxicity issues are rare but have been reported. The plant contains substances that cause digestive irritation.



Tumble Mustard
Photo Credits: Allison Kosto

Management

Avoiding disturbance or overgrazing is often effective to prevent the establishment of tumble mustard. It is not very competitive, so maintaining a healthy population of native or desired species is helpful to control it.

Once it is established, the key to managing it is to prevent it from going to seed. This can be done with hand pulling, digging or hoeing before seed production. Make sure to cut or remove the crown. Mowing can be effective but may need to be repeated. Tumble mustard can be grazed by livestock when young.

Herbicides are also an option and are most effective in the seedling stage. The plant is sensitive to most chemicals at this stage. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

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

Road Trip, 10

three livery stables, two barber shops, a union hall, a school with 41 students, a butcher shop, a candy shop, a doctor’s office, an assay office, and thirteen saloons comprising the town.

After 1900 many mine owners leased their mines out, and the gold had become scarcer and harder to mine. An estimated \$950,000 was extracted from all the mines in Garnet by 1917. By 1905, many of the mines were abandoned and the town’s population had shrunk to about 150. A fire in the town’s business district in 1912 destroyed many commercial buildings, and most remaining residents moved away to defense-related jobs.

By the 1940s, Garnet was a ghost town. Cabins were abandoned, furnishings included, as though residents were merely vacationing.

In 1934 when President Roosevelt raised gold prices from \$16 to \$32 an ounce, Garnet revived. New miners moved into abandoned cabins and began reworking the mines. Then, World War II drew the population away and again Garnet became a ghost town.

We arrived at a crowded parking area in the woods, but a short walk down the hill transported you to another time. The sounds of voices and a bustling town rose up from the valley, to greet you.

Volunteers for the Preservation Association were dressed in period clothes that gave you a glimpse of what this town may have looked like in the early days of Garnet. We found a bearded gentleman in overalls, sitting on the porch playing a banjo. The saloon girls were serving Sarsaparilla (& root beer) so that we could taste the drink that we have all heard of in the old movies. A gold panning area was available so that we could try our luck at gold panning.

We wandered around town to look in some of the buildings that have been preserved with a lot of the furnishings still in tack. Up on the hillside were the cabins/homes of the miners. Most areas are accessible to the Handicapped.

A musical group consisting of Accordion, guitars, banjo and drums played fun background music. The gift shop was open for souvenirs & information. There were frontier games and activities that we could participate in, such as a watermelon contest, egg toss, pie eating and an auction of pies. There was a group of volunteers providing delicious BBQ hamburger & hot dogs for lunch – for a price, but all proceeds went to help pay for preservation efforts.

Garnet is open year-round, daily from 9:30 am-4:30 pm, however, access is limited in the winter. It is an interesting excursion any time of year but we find that Garnet Day is a whole separate type of adventure to experience. The activities I am telling you about are only available on this special weekend. Mark your calendar for the 3rd weekend of June next year (or contact BLM for the exact date). You won’t be disappointed.

Brenda and Kurt Phillips are from Townsend and enjoy visiting Montana scenery and historic sites.



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

3	4	9	2	5	8	1	6	7
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4	7	1	8	6	3	2	5	9
5	9	2	4	1	7	6	8	3
6	8	3	9	2	5	7	1	4

Super Crossword

Answers

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Kids' Maze Solution

CryptoQuip answer
As homework, I'm supposed to read this book by writer Dahl in one day. Time to hit the Road!

KNIGHT MOVES Answer

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E	A	A

MATERIAL

SCRAMBLERS solution
1. Gentle 2. Blame; 3. Dawdle; 4. Hinge
Today's Word
BETWEEN

Word Spiral
Answer
RACETRACK

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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June 29, 1939

Local Briefs

T.M. Cheney has broken ground for a new home, the location of which is the corner lot just south of the W.G. Ragen home on Cedar Street. The plans are for a neat little five room cottage and Carl Hov has the contract to build it. Mr. Cheney hopes to have the house ready for occupancy by the first of September at which time he will return to take over the superintendency of the Public school.

Miss Ann Whaley returned to Townsend Tuesday evening after a vacation trip to the San Francisco World's Fair and other points of interest on the coast.

Howard J. Doggett motored to Red Lodge Wednesday. He is driving a new Buick recently purchased from the Chevrolet garage.

1950

Miss Eleanor Schwisow Chosen for State Office in Rainbow Assembly

The delegates to the State Assembly of the Order of Rainbow for Girls departed on Sunday for Livingston where the assembly was held. Miss Mary Lou Bristow, Worthy Advisor, Miss Eleanor Schwisow, Charity and Miss Margy Kieckbusch, Hope were the delegates and they were accompanied by Mrs. Paul Plymale, Mother Advisor, and Mr. Plymale. They returned on Tuesday and report that Miss Eleanor Schwisow was chosen Grand Musician for the Order and will preside at the organ at the next grand assembly next summer.

1961

Winston News

The Joe Clark ranch was the scene of a very happy reunion picnic Sunday. A sister and brother of Joe from Richland and Kennewick, Wash. And two sisters and a brother from Anaconda were there with their families. Over forty were present and everyone had a good time.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Annie Bisby were Mr. Elsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Alten and children of Fort Peck and Olaf Olson. Mrs. Rola of Three Forks is spending several weeks with Mrs. Bisby.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Wallace of Toston were visiting with friends in Winston Sunday.

Glen and Wayne Whitehead, who are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitehead, in Townsend have been calling on friends in the Winston vicinity. Both boys now reside in Wisconsin.

1967

Many Youngsters Enroll for Swimming Course

As of Wednesday afternoon there were 171 who had signed up to take the swimming lesson course. These lessons are being given each morning, Monday through Friday.

Bob Miller, pool manager, is asking that boys and girls between the ages of 13 through 18 contact him about the Junior and Senior Life Saving courses. These courses can qualify persons for future life guards.

Visitors are asked to watch activities in the pool from the wading pool area instead of around the pool. This is especially true of those accompanying the youngsters there for the lessons now being given. Too many parents cause the children to be distracted from the lessons and therefore do not get as much from the lessons as they might. The new grass around the pool will not stand any

trampling and visitors should refrain from walking on the grass.

Forty-five students from White Sulphur Springs will be taking lessons at the local pool as soon as details of scheduling, etc., can be worked out.

1978

East of Townsend News

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Marks, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Richtmyer and Mrs. Marion Bucy attended the Duede-McGonagal wedding at the Cathedral in Helena Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bucy and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nagy and family were dinner guests Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sanderson and family at Belgrade.

Mike and Mark O'Dore of Billings spent the weekend at the home of their grandmother, Mildred Neild.

Lita Clark left Monday for Billings where she will visit her aunt and uncle, Judy and Larry Johnson and will seek employment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bucy and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nagy visited Friday in Butte with Don and June Matthews.

Bruce and Janis Eckert and daughters of Red Lodge visited Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Romo and family.

Barry Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Corky Clark, participated in the AAU Junior Olympics last week at Bozeman. Barry place 4th in the 100 with a 10.5 time and also placed 4th in the 220 with a time of 23.72. He will participate in the regional track meet which will be held in Bozeman on July 8. Joe Cazier was also a participant, but unfortunately, didn't place in any event.

JULY 4TH @ 11 A.M. AT HERITAGE PARK COME VISIT WITH OUR DEFENDERS AND PROTECTORS AS THEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT! ABOUT NOON THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL HAVE A BRIEF CEREMONY AND A FREE BUILD-A-BURGER FOR LUNCH! Donations Appreciated!



Aviation Career, 7

Nick Hunt and his son, Porter, Brandon Wilson, Clint Saunders, and Matt Lindberg, the Safety & Education Bureau Chief / for Montana Aeronautics.

The following aircraft were located at Canyon Ferry Airport for this event:

- Cessna 150 N7718E converted to a tail-dragger, owned by Nick Hunt, Bozeman
- 1974 Cessna 172MN5149R owned by Daniel Hurst, Manhattan, Montana
- 1970 Citabria Model 7KCAB N9064 co-owned by Don Hendrickson, Helena
- 1973 Cessna 182P N79882 owned by WEBBS WILDLIFE CONSULTANTS LLC, Park City, Montana
- 1957 Cessna 182A N3803D owned by Clinton Saunders, Belgrade
- 2023 Kitfox Light Sport N65KA owned by FOXAIR LLC, Homedale, Idaho
- R-44 Helicopter flown by Brandon Wilson
- 1946 Piper Cub PA-12 owned by Ryan Diehl, Columbus, Ohio. This plane was on the field, but not part of the event.

Kieron Moore is 16 and lives in New Zealand. He has lived there for 12 years. He is currently staying with his Godfather in Stevensville, Montana and together they are building a plane, it's a Bearhawk Patrol, which is similar in design to a Piper PA12 Super Cub. He has been interested in aviation since he first saw an airplane. He has just started working in the United States on obtaining his Private Pilot License (PPL), and has six



ACE student Kieron Moore in front of the Cessna 150
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hours of flying so far. Besides aviation, he has interests in photography, running and hiking. He also wants to hike the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).

He talked about the shortage of pilots. Part of that is the expense of flying. He pays \$120 for the airplane he rents and \$45 for the instructor. He has done some flying with his Godfather. However, he is willing to work to pay for his flying by doing odd jobs.

He doesn't want to fly commercially for the airlines but has thought about doing charters or guiding. Right now he definitely just wants to get his license. He has thought about joining the Air Force. Once he gets his license he has thought about becoming an instructor to build up his hours. He wrote about the ACE course:

Day 1

We got there at 6 am and started the day with a flight, there were 2 Cessna 172s, 1 Bonanza G36, and a Cessna 206. I was in the 206 we took off from Helena and went to Deer Lodge from there we went to Lincoln. The flight was smooth with great views, I am unsure about what the other planes did.

After we landed we went and got a tour of Helena Collage, then we went to the ATC Tower and got a tour of that, then lunch next was the National Guard tour, we went in the Black Hawk and Chinook hangers (they were way bigger then I would have ever thought), and got to go in both of them, then off to a Helena Airport bus tour, after that, we went to Exec Air/MT and saw their air ambulance and that was the end of day one.

Day 2

We drove to Missoula in the morning, we started with Neptune Aviation and got a tour of their hangers and firefighting planes, then, we went to the Smoke Jump center went through where they pack the parachutes, and their gear, then the planes, and next was lunch, then we moved on to the Museum of Mountain

Flying, where we got a tour of Miss Montana; 1 hour after we got there she left for an Idaho fly-in, I believe, then we went to Washington Companies, where we got a tour of their hangers and a jet, which was great, then back to Helena

Day 3

We got up and jumped in the vans to go to Canyon Ferry, where there was a fly-in, then back to Helena airport at 12 pm and that was the end of our trip."

Suzanne (Susie) Michalski lives in Townsend. Although she is not a pilot herself, she helps prepare students for their careers and was involved with the ACE students at the Canyon Ferry Airport. She has recently started working as a career coach through the Office of



ACE pilots and leaders
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Public Instruction. She goes into the schools to speak with the students and try to get them exposure to soft skills like interviews and how to conduct themselves in an interview, how to dress for opportunities such as internships, apprenticeships, certifications. They talk about military opportunities, four-year education, two-year education, and the importance of all of that. Career coaches expose the students to dual credit college classes, summer camps and soft skills they can use to get the desired job. They work with principals, counselors and teachers to get them the tools they need (including funding) to teach these skills to the students.