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CANYON FERRY MERCANTILE CHANGES HANDS

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Cassie Cooper of C Hangin C gift shop in the former Train Station Building on Front Street has purchased Canyon Ferry Mercantile to complete her gift shop area. The new name will be C Hangin C Mercantile and Creamery. “I was pleased to take on the takeout food business. I like that it fits what I’m doing with the gift shop,” she said.



Owner Cassie Cooper of Winston shows some of her ladies' clothing line in her gift shop.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



Left to right: The ice cream and taco ladies Angie Theriault, Lexi Howard and Kaycee White, along with owner Cassie Cooper.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Cooper purchased the ice cream and taco stand from Gayle Watson and Kwinco Tartarka who started the business in May 2020 just as COVID was in full swing. “We did it because it was something fun for families to do outside. It gave

the high school kids jobs. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream,” Watson said.

Watson said it was Tartarka’s idea to make it a year-round business by adding tacos to the menu. “It is a great business model that you see in towns all around Montana,” Watson explained.

Cooper took over July 1st and plans to keep the menu the same as well as the hours. “The employees

do a great job and I plan to keep selling Wilcoxin’s ice cream. She has ten year’s experience in running a restaurant so she is not new to the business.

Her gift shop specializes in Montana Made items, kids’ and ladies’ clothing. She also has lots of jewelry, wood art and handmade greeting cards among her gift items. She also specializes in custom sewing.

ROLLING GLEN SUBDIVISION HEARING SET

Nancy Marks and Hugh Van Swearingen



Developer Steve Cavanaugh is attempting to kick start his long-stalled Rolling Glen Ranch plan for a series of land subdivisions that would ultimately create a retirement town of several thousand homes in southern Broadwater County near Three Forks.

He faces a skeptical county commission which has set a public hearing on the matter for August 1 at the nearby Headwaters Auction building. The commission took the action at its July 5 regular weekly meeting at the urging of County Attorney Cory Swanson.

The hearing will focus on Cavanaugh’s application for preliminary plat approval for a minor subdivision

consisting of three lots of about 20 acres each. The application was on the agenda for possible approval at the July 5 meeting, but instead the commissioners decided to hold a public hearing.

The original master plan for the Rolling Glen Ranch Planned Unit Development (PUD) was submitted to the county in 2006. It called for the development of 2,599 lots in 34 phases spread over about 30 years. The financial engine was based on selling lots from phase to phase. Lots sold in early phases would raise money to finance development of succeeding phases.

The county commission approved the master plan in February 2007 under a set of 38 conditions governing all manner of things from road standards, to water and sewage systems. Each phase of the master plan was to be submitted to the county as the developments progressed. A public hearing was held on January 18, 2007. In its order of approval, the commission deemed that the hearing was “adequate for the Master Plan and subsequent phases” and that, “Therefore, public hearings will not be required for subsequent phases of the Master Plan unless a phase presents a material change to the Master Plan.”

Swanson summed up the situation as to Cavanaugh’s request for approval of his proposed three-lot minor subdivision. “You want to wear the coat of a minor subdivision, but it is really a part of the PUD,” Swanson said. “Therefore, we must have a public hearing to sort out whether there are material changes in conditions for the PUD, thus putting Broadwater County at risk for litigation.”

Material changes pointed to by Swanson were that the minor subdivision proposal did not meet the master plan’s criteria for water and sewer systems.

Cavanaugh responded that the minor subdivision preliminary plan had been approved by the county planning board based on what he said was a \$250,000 water study done in compliance with the State Department of Environmental Quality. He urged the commissioners to consider the minor subdivision separately from the PUD.

Cavanaugh stressed the importance to him of getting

LOCAL BOOKSTORE OWNER CREATES "BOOKSTORE TRAIL"

Anna Paige
Montana Free Press



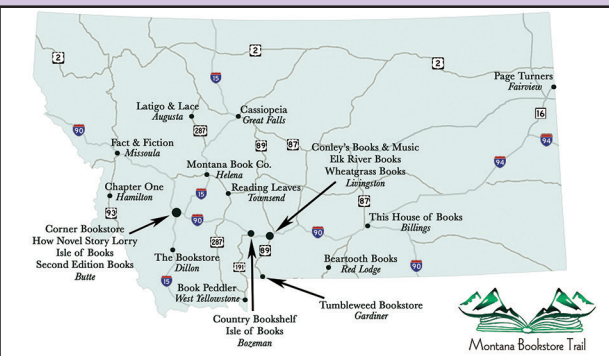
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The new Montana Bookstore Trail includes 21 independent booksellers throughout the state.

Montana’s brewery trail, a map created to encourage tourism to the state’s many microbreweries, has more than 50 stops. The trail snakes from the western side of the state into southwest and central Montana, then east, with an outlier on the Hi-Line.

“Everyone knows beer trails. So why not book trails?” wondered Chelsia Rice, co-owner of Montana Book Co., in downtown Helena. “Book people make it a point to check out the bookstore when they go to a new town. Bookstores exemplify the community in which they’re situated.”

So when Rachael Elliott-Brug, owner of Reading



Montana Bookstore Trail Map
Photo Credits: MFP

FFA JULY UPDATE

Kaitlyn Noyes
FFA Correspondent

May 25th - July 1st, 2023

Farmer's Markets:

This year's Farmer's Markets are up and running with vendors every Thursday from 3 pm - 6 pm starting on May 25th through September 28th. To participate, vendors must Grow It, Make It, or Bake It locally in Broadwater County. However, no garage sale, resale, multi-level marketing products, live animals, or flea market-type items are accepted.



FFA at the Farmer's Market
Photo Credits: Jemma Loughery

Broadwater FFA has taken part in this event selling items such as flowers

and soap. It's a good opportunity to sell FFA student-made/grown items to the community. However, with the summer still ongoing, we're far from done being involved with the farmers market. Broadwater FFA will continue to sell our items in preparation for the upcoming year, which promises to be fun, eventful, and progressive toward our goals as a chapter and an official team.

SAE Highlights:

So far this summer, only a few students have scheduled and completed their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) visits, including Kaitlyn Noyes, Amanda Pesiscka, and Grace Kroeger.

- Kaitlyn has a breeding beef and show steer operation.
- Amanda does ranching and farming for her grandpa, owns her own cattle operation, and does rodeo.
- Grace has a breeding/dairy goat operation as well as chickens, pigs, and sheep.

All of them are well on their way in their projects, plus Kaitlyn and Grace are preparing for the upcoming Broadwater County Fair in the first week of August. While these are only a few SAEs reviewed by Mrs. Loughery, our Ag Instructor, others will be scheduled throughout the rest of the summer.



Kaitlyn Noyes with her Steer
Photo Credits: Jemma Loughery



Grace Kroeger with her goats
Photo Credits: Jemma Loughery

All SAE visits consist of individually showing our operations and talking over a yearly review of our projects. We then grade ourselves on our performance, and then that is compared to our instructor's performance score that she gives us. Additionally, we talk with her about goals and areas of improvement in the upcoming year.
Kaitlyn Noyes, Grace Kroeger

HONORING OUR VETERANS - DARREL FOLKVORD

Matt Nelson



Broadwater County Commissioner Darrel Folkvord grew up near Helena on a farm near the Spokane Bench, which lines up with the approach to the Helena Airport. His first adventure with aviation was when he was eight years old when he was able to fly in the back of a crop-dusters airplane to scout fields he was going to spray for his dad. That day was the start of his aviation career.

He joined the U.S. Navy in October 1976, went to Boot Camp in San Diego, California, and his "A" school was at Lake Hurst, New Jersey. He started his career as an Aircrew Survival Equipmentman, Parachute Rigger, and Ejection Seat Mechanic with Antisubmarine Warfare Squadron VS-28, stationed at Naval Air Station Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Florida. VS-28 was a seagoing squadron and their mission was to hunt and track Soviet submarines. They were flying S-3 Vikings built by Lockheed, which was a new aircraft at the time.



Darrel in his home office
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

They took care of all the aircrew survival equipment onboard the aircraft. Anti-ice, de-Ice, pressurization, ejection seats, all the parachutes, and all of the pilots' personal survival gear. He was on two different aircraft carriers, the USS America and the USS Independence. The squadron's patrol was the East Coast, the Atlantic, the Caribbean, down into South America, and also the Mediterranean. This was quite an adventure for an 18, 19, and 20-year-old kid, and Darrel was able to see a lot of the world, and different people and cultures. After his enlistment in the Navy was up, he went into the Army National Guard in Helena for three years. He was attached to the 163rd Air Cav on Huey UH-1 helicopters.

Darrel learned to fly during the last year while he was in the Navy. He did all of his ground school while on the USS Independence, taught by one of the pilots who was a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI). After they came back to Florida, he took his FAA written test and then flew as often as he could with this same CFI in fixed-wing aircraft through the Navy Flying Club. He said, "The cool thing was all I had to do was pay for gas." After receiving his Private Pilot License in 1980, Darrel went on to earn commercial and instrument ratings in fixed-wing aircraft, which he continues to fly today. He is also a rotor-wing CFII. At Townsend Airport, he is restoring a Piper Pacer aircraft. As a side note, his son Cody is an aerial applicator pilot and owns Headwaters Flying Service, based at Three Forks. During the summer months, Cody often operates out of Townsend Airport.

In 2001 Darrel started training to fly a Bell-47 helicopter, but just before he was to take his private helicopter check ride, another pilot made an emergency landing and crashed the helicopter, so it wasn't until 2006 that he finished his check ride. By 2007 he completed his commercial, instrument, and CFI helicopter ratings.

Quoting Darrel, "My first commercial flying job was as a flight instructor where I built my flight time to be marketable as a commercial helicopter pilot." "In 2010 I earned my Helicopter ATP (Airline Transport Pilot) rating which is the highest level of aircraft pilot certificate and it has been one of my greatest aviation achievements.

"I was fortunate that a company by the name of Columbia Helicopters took a chance on me and trained me to fly the Boeing Vertol 107 and the Boeing 234 Chinook model helicopters. Our flights were primarily heavy lift long line operations doing logging, utility, construction, aerial firefighting, gas, and oilfield support.

"The last years of my helicopter career were spent as a contract helicopter pilot for the military flying in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"My aviation career has taken me all over the world flying in different countries and environments.

"One of my most memorable moments was dressing up as Santa Claus and delivering Christmas presents to our troops at the Forward Operating Bases across Afghanistan via helicopter."

During his time with Columbia Helicopters, which is based in Oregon, Darrel flew in Papua New Guinea, going to many very primitive native villages. Although he didn't fly the native kids, they were always around when he was landing and taking off. He also knew several missionary pilots around there, whom he greatly admired.



Darrel Folkvord in Afghanistan next to the Boeing 234 Chinook Helicopter
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

In Afghanistan the pilots flew troops around, and many supplies. He often worked with the Special Forces, who would mark landing sites with different colors of smoke, which changed daily, to avoid enemy fire.

He is the Broadwater County, District 3, Commissioner and is in the 5th year of his 6-year term. He was asked by several local people to run for that position because they know he is a person of integrity and exemplary character. As part of his duties, he also interacts with the Broadwater County Airport Board.

It would take many books to record all of Darrel's flying adventures.

Natural tomato treatment

Mix together:

- 1 tablespoon of baking soda
- ½ teaspoon mild detergent
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 gallon of water

This mixture can be put into pump bottles, and sprayed onto tomato plants as a natural insect repellent or as a fungicide for blight and mildew. Be sure to shake the mixture sufficiently before each spraying. - Brenda Weaver
Source: www.usda.gov (Tomato Plant Diseases and How to Stop Them)

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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 School Calendar

Jul 17 - Jul 19	Summer camp at commons
Jul 17	8:00AM Summer camp at football field
Jul 18	8:00AM Summer camp at football field
Jul 19	8:00AM Summer camp at football field 6:00PM Old Baldy Adult Ed - Writing Professionally for Money at Library classroom

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

July 14
 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
 4:00pm Broadwater Community Theater: Auditions for Treasure Island - A Musical at The Lodge of Townsend,
 5:00pm Historic Canton Church Presents: Mary Bradford as Nancy Cooper Russel - Wife and Manager
 6:30 - 8PM NIGHT OF WORSHIP with Colton & Lissa Sterling @ Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St- ALL ARE WELCOME

July 15
 8:30am Broadwater Rod and Gun Club 2023 Walleye Derby at Silos Recreation Area, Canyon Ferry Lake
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

July 17
 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

July 18
 10:00am Kids Craft, Game, or Story Time with Broadwater Prevention Specialist at Reading Leaves Books! 401 Broadway
 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 19
 12:00pm Property Assessment Town Hall Meetings at Flynn Building (formerly Opportunity Bldg),
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 4:30pm Property Assessment Townhall Meeting at Flynn Building (formerly Opportunity Bldg),

July 20
 1:00pm Townsend Rotary: SLICE OF SUMMER at Heritage Park, 3:00pm Farmer's Market
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

July 21
 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 22 - July 23
 12:00pm Broadwater Community Theater Group Presents: Michael Lewis at The Lodge of Townsend,

July 22
 9:00am Seventh Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale:

July 22, 2023
 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 14
 8:00am Broadband Advisory Board Meeting at Flynn Building

July 17
 6:00pm City / County Parks & Recreation at Flynn Building

July 18
 1:00pm Board of Health Meeting at Flynn Building

July 19
 10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building
 12:00pm DOR Property Assessment Open House at Flynn Building
 4:30pm DOR Property Assessment Open House at Flynn Building

Do you know of or have a free event open to the community?
 Email us, mt43news@mt43news.com, or call our office, 406-266-0086, so we can add you to our Community Calendar!
Interested in advertising to make your event more noticeable?
Perfect!
 Check out our Ad Submission Form at mt43news.com and email or call us! We would love to help! 
 You can also stop in at our office: 401 Broadway. We'd love to see you!

FARMER'S MARKET HAS HANDICAPPED PARKING

Chris Hettinger
 Farmers Market



Did you know that handicapped parking is available at the market? The reserved handicapped parking area is at the parking cones in front of the vendor stands. If you are in need of assistance, put down your window and get our attention. We may be able to help you from your car.

Townsend Farmers Market is open on Thursdays from 3 PM to 6 PM through the end of September. It is located at WIFI Park on the highway north of the blinking traffic light.

LEGAL NOTICES

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LILA SCARLETT RAABE, Deceased. Probate No. CDP-23-05

Notice to Creditors

Kenneth J. Alexander has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via his Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated July 14, 2023.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

Printed July 7, July 14, July 28, 2023

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ROTARY'S SLICE OF SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

Pat Pantenberg
 Rotarian



July 20

The Rotary Club of Townsend's first 2023 Slice of Summer family fun event will be held on Thursday, July 20 in Heritage Fun Park.

Slice of Summer includes Youth Activities that run from 2:00-5:00 pm and Family Activities that run from 5:00-8:00 pm. Rotary is paying for free youth swimming from 1-4 and 6-8 pm. Other youth activities will include a free bouncy room, face painting, or tattoos, games, etc. Family activities include free musical entertainment and reasonably priced food and drink. Food and drinks will be served starting mid-afternoon for families through 8 pm. Music begins at 5 pm and goes on to 8 pm.

Slice of Summer started after Broadwater County High School students mentioned in interviews for Rotary scholarships that Townsend needed some summer fun events for families like the Alive at Five event in Helena.

If you have any displays, events, or activities you would like to show off at Slice of Summer please let Rotary know.

Rotary needs some volunteers to help pull off this great family event. If you can help or if you have any questions, please call Slice of Summer coordinator Patrick Plantenberg at 431-4615.

About Rotary:

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit

<https://www.townsendrotary.org> or www.rotary.org

TOUR THE BACKYARDS OF BROADWATER

GUEST COLUMNIST: Terey Artz
 Broadwater County Master Gardener

The Backyards of Broadwater self-guided garden tour returns for its 9th year on Saturday, July 29th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with new gardens and old favorites! This year's tour features six unique gardens and yards stretching from Townsend and southeast of Highway 287 to Radersburg. Highlighted gardens include a site on the original tour in 2014 (Sharmon and Dave Corner) along with Monica and JB Howick, Private Stock Perennials (Bryan Flynn), Kelly and Jeff Garrard, Becky and Warren Flynn, and Martha and Joas Miller.

There is something for everyone on the tour, whether you're just embarking on your gardening journey or looking for new and innovative ideas to enhance your "old" landscape. Each highlighted garden has a different focus such as growing beautiful flowers or preserving pollinator and bird habitat. One site will feature

Montana native wildflowers with a special opportunity to discuss the grower's successes - and failures!

Tickets are now on sale at the Broadwater County Extension Office, Townsend Hardware, Goose Bay Glass, Chadwick's Nursery and Birds and Beasleys. They are \$5 per person with kids 12 and under free. When you purchase your tickets, you will receive a map and garden descriptions. You can enjoy the tour at your own pace on July 29th and can even take lunch to enjoy creekside at one of the destinations.

Proceeds from the Backyards of Broadwater Garden Tour are used to support local horticulture, gardening and tree activities, beautification projects, education, and care and maintenance in public areas. In the past six years, more than \$2400 has been granted to organizations and projects including the Townsend Tree Board, the Townsend Garden Club & Study, Wyse Acres and the Harvest of the Month program at Townsend Schools.

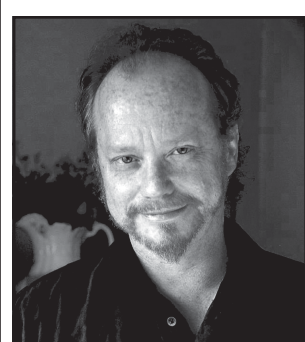
The tour is organized by the Broadwater County Master Gardeners and MSU Extension Office with generous support from this year's sponsors: Broadwater Blooms, Infinite Hope Counseling, JKG Properties, Lane Construction, Most Wanted Reality, MT43 News, Reading Leaves, Townsend Hardware, and Broadwater County Master Gardeners.

For more information, follow "Backyards of Broadwater" on Facebook or visit www.msuxextension.org/broadwater/. You can also contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu or stop by our office in the Flynn Building at 416 Broadway.

PROFESSIONAL ACTOR MICHAEL LEWIS TO PRESENT ACTING WORKSHOP

Nancy Marks
 Reporter

Broadwater Community Theater will host a stage performance workshop beginning Saturday, July 22 at noon and Sunday, July 23 at noon at the Lodge, 131 South Spruce Street in Townsend.



Michael Lewis

Michael Lewis, originally from Butte, will hold the workshop to "allow participants to hone in on their skills of creative direction, collaboration and adaptation. He has offered his time to share his unique experiences as an actor and transformed from a local Montana thespian to the regular working performer he is today," according to a press release.

Lewis has performed for thirty years at regional theaters across the country and in Europe. He has also appeared in numerous television cameos and feature films such as Law and Order and Blue Bloods.

The workshop will run July 22nd and 23rd from noon to 2:00 pm each day. Teens and adults are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Anne Hall at (406) 924-9850 or email syreniaimagery@gmail.com.



Hey Townsend Seniors!

Rocky's Agency on Aging will be visiting the Townsend Senior Center Tuesday, August 15, at 11 am!

We hope you will join us so we can get to know each other!

Come hear about the programs and resources we offer!

We are happy to answer your Aging Services questions!

Questions?
 Call Michele at 406-441-3985



Rolling Glen, 1

the small subdivision “off the ground” without meeting conditions of the PUD. “The restrictions of the PUD are very difficult to meet, especially the very complicated water rights in the Jefferson and Gallatin drainages which we are working on,” he said.

The entire venture began falling apart in February of 2008 when the county commission suspended its plat approval of two Rolling Glen subdivisions and halted sales of lots without the commission’s approval. The county claimed that Cavanaugh had failed to meet deadlines for making required improvements to Rolling Glen and Wheatland Roads and that Cavanaugh owed the county \$258,399 for maintenance costs incurred by the county. Cavanaugh countered that he did not owe the county money, but instead the county should pay him \$176,969 due to overpayments and changes of road standards. He followed up in March by filing a lawsuit against the county in Broadwater district court. In May the county sued Cavanaugh. He filed a countersuit in June.

Then in September of the same year, 2008, Cavanaugh and his wife Susie filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization. Cavanaugh was quoted in the Helena Independent Record at the time: “Things the county has done and statements they’ve made have made it virtually impossible to sell lots. It has taken away our ability to operate as a business.”

It all ended up with a mediated settlement whereby the developer is to pay the county a portion of the disputed Rolling Glen Ranch PUD road debt as lots are sold.

As originally proposed, the Rolling Glen Ranch PUD with all 34 phases complete would be Montana’s largest subdivision development. It would include two golf courses, a town center, parks and trails, community water and sewer systems. The master plan listed 2,497 residential single-family lots, three condominium lots, 72 commercial lots, 10 civic lots, and two lots for lodges. Golf courses would cover 15 lots.

Bookstore Trail, 1

Leaves Books in Townsend, contacted Rice with an idea to start a bookstore trail, she enthusiastically said “yes.” Along with a handful of booksellers throughout the state, they set about making the Montana Bookstore Trail, which includes 21 independent bookstores. In June, accompanying bookstore passports were mailed to each bookstore to encourage tourists and travelers to check out Montana’s literary communities this summer. The passports are free, and funded by Visit Southwest Montana, Far Country Press and Arcadia Press. Visitors receive a stamp in their passport, which is about the size of a regular passport, for each bookstore they visit.

Participating locations number fewer than half of the bookstores that Elliott-Brug contacted, but she hopes that as the passport gains attention, more booksellers will want to join.

“Everyone thinks that bookstores are disappearing, but they are not,” Elliott-Brug said. “We add more bookstores every year. I guess it’s just an inspiring state to live in.”

“I wanted it to be completely inclusive of all the bookstores,” she said, though not everyone responded to her inquiry. Since launching, she’s received several calls from booksellers wanting to be included in next year’s bookstore trail.

In 2012, Montana had the most bookstores per capita in the nation, according to Publishers Weekly, which examined the health of bookstores from Alaska to Florida. The study has not been repeated, but at the time Montana had 64 stores — one for every 15,705 people. Of that number, 35 were independent bookstores. To create the bookstore trail, Elliott-Brug contacted nearly 50 independent bookstores and sellers currently operating in Montana.

Elliott-Brug’s business, Reading Leaves, began in 2018 as a pop-up bookseller after her third child was born. “I was looking for ways that I could do more in

the community and still keep him with me, and books have always been a passion of mine,” she said. In 2019 she moved into a physical space on Broadway in Townsend.

“Bookstores are probably the most supportive group I’ve ever known,” Elliott-Brug said. “You can ask questions and get answers from people who have been in the business for 60 years. It’s not really a competition. It’s more of when someone does well, everyone does well. We share information.”

Such comradery exists between Reading Leaves and Montana Book Co., which are located in neighboring towns. When Rice installed new shelves and fixtures at Montana Book Co., the old ones were given to Reading Leaves.

“Community connections are vital to our state,” Rice said. “We need more books, and it doesn’t need to be a competition. I’m not worried about losing people to other bookstores. I need people to spend their money. Put it where it counts.”

Julie Schultz, board treasurer for This House of Books, had a similar experience when helping launch the cooperative bookstore in 2018 in downtown Billings. She turned to Ariana Paliobagis, owner of Country Bookshelf in Bozeman, for advice.

“She was super generous with her time,” Schultz said. “I sat down just asking her stupid question after stupid question, and she didn’t make me feel like they were stupid questions at all.”

The network of independently owned bookstores is linked by the American Booksellers Association (ABA), and its regional associations. Montana is the only state in the nation with two regional associations, the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association and the Mountains and Plains Independent Booksellers Association.

Independently owned bookstores have faced many threats as technology has evolved, and online retailers such as Amazon and the advent of e-books and Kindle posed another avenue of competition. COVID-19 also exaggerated issues for book retailers, and while it seemed like they might not recover after the pandemic shuttered many locations, bookstores have rebounded with strong numbers. According to the ABA, in 2023 membership reached its highest level in 20 years, growing by 300 members since 2019 (before the COVID-19 pandemic).

“With the revival of independent bookstores, we all do better, and our industry does better, if more of us are thriving,” Rice said.

Rice compares her bookstore to a bar. People come in to share their joys and sorrows, but instead of bartenders, customers share with booksellers.

“People tell us their stories all the time,” Rice said. “When people feel lonely, or when they feel like they are suffering something, a lot of people turn to books to look for examples of themselves and find stories to help them contextualize what is going on in their lives.”

Many independent bookstores function beyond the shelves, hosting author signings, book clubs, game nights and other community events. At Elk River Books in Livingston, author events and book signings have grown in popularity and frequency, said Marc Beaudin, who co-owns the downtown store.

“The community is super supportive of the literary arts, and that is partly because of the incredible caliber of authors who are willing to come and do readings. It is such a draw for the community.”

Bookstores are often described as a “third place,” a social environment outside of home and work. Gyms, libraries, churches, cafes, clubs and parks also fall into the category. Elliott-Brug hopes the bookstore passport encourages people to seek out their local bookstore as a third place to gather.

“Bookstores are destinations. They promote culture in our communities and are a place where people can exchange ideas and get to know each other away from home and work,” Elliott-Brug said.

Rice is excited to utilize the passport herself. “The book passport is a great way to get people out and explore,” she said. “There are so many more bookstores that I didn’t know existed.”

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 14
11:00 - 2:00PM Community BBQ at First Security Bank
7:00PM Three Forks Rodeo at Three Forks Rodeo Grounds (Gates Open at 6:00PM)
8:30PM Music by Matt Wallin & His Nervous Breakdown at Plaza Bar & Casino
Street Dance (following Rodeo)
July 15
6:00 - 10:00AM Fireman’s Breakfast at Three Forks Fire Department
10:00AM Rodeo Dayz Street Fair
11:00AM Rodeo Parade
1:00PM Stevenson Park Gazebo RESERVED at Gazebo 64 Stevenson Park
7:00PM Three Forks Rodeo at Three Forks Rodeo Grounds (Gates Open at 6:00PM)
8:30PM Music by Matt Wallin & His Nervous Breakdown at Plaza Bar & Casino
July 18
6:30PM School Board Meeting at Three Forks Schools
July 20
10:00AM Story Time at Three Forks Community Library
2:00 - 7:00PM Farmer’s Market at John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park
7:00PM Zoning and Planning Board Meeting at City Hall
July 22
7:30AM Headwaters Bank Run at Veteran’s Park

BROADWATER COUNTY LIONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Bob Brastrup
Townsend Lions Club

New officers have taken the helm as the Broadwater County Lions Club enters its forty-second year of serving Broadwater County residents.

The new officers are Christina Hartmann – president; Kevin Reed - vice president; Richard Heida - 2nd vice president; Bob Brastrup – secretary; Teena Larson – Treasurer; Gary Olsen - Lion Tamer & Tail Twister.

Board members: Kevin & Lacie Reed, and Richard Heida. The membership committee is Richard Heida, Sheri Brastrup, and Lacie Reed.

The officers will be installed at the August meeting.

The club has many projects on its agenda for the next few months. Club members will travel to Helena on the 17 to watch the Helena Senators take on the Butte Miners in an American Legion baseball game.

The club will participate in the July and August Slice of Summer and help with an August golf tournament.

Also on the agenda, is parking cars at the rodeo.

The club will assist with a vision and hearing screening later this summer and will provide the A For Attitude books to third-grade students when school starts.

In addition, the club will evaluate requests for purchasing hearing aids and/or eyeglasses.

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~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

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JULY 7, 2023

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menahan's courtroom on Friday, July 7 is as follows:

Stacy Croy made her Initial Appearance on two counts of Issuing a bad check; each totaling over \$5,000. She will be Arraigned on July 14, in front of Judge Michael McMahon.

Robert Cluff's Omnibus Memorandum was signed.
Paul Creason's Omnibus Memorandum was signed.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTE

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: June 7, 2023

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

Public Comment: none

10:00 AM Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley presented Solid Waste Scale Purchase with four bids: Rockwell Scale's Hulk Scale \$62,750.00, Gallatin Scales Cardinal model 1010223 \$66,850.00, Southwestern Scale Company Inc. \$59,415.00, and Rocky Mountain Scale Works \$63,355.00. Recommendation from Graveley is the Hulk Scale from Rockwell Scales. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the purchase of the Rockwell Scale in the amount of \$62,750.00. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded. John Hahn commented. Motion carried. Graveley discussed Solid Waste and Road Updates. Alan Steele is new onsite attendant and Solid Waste has a new driver, Matt Miller, who is starting on Monday. New grader is up and running well.

10:37 AM Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser presented Lexipol Policy, which is a new policy manual for the detention center. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Master Service agreement with Lexipol in the amount of \$7,247.95. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:46 AM Broadwater County Public Health Director Ruby Taylor presented to fund the hiring of one FTE via a grant. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve Task Order 24-07-1-01-105-0; Master Contract between the State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services and Broadwater County Public Health Department in the amount of \$77,000. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:51 AM Community Development & Planning Director Nichole Brown presented Rolling Glen Ranch Estates request Preliminary Plat Approval. Deputy County Attorney Hatfield commented. Director Brown read into the record a letter to Broadwater County Commissioners from Broadwater County Sanitarian Megan Bullock dated June 5, 2023 re: Rolling Glenn Ranch Subdivision. Subdivision Water Conditions read into the record.

11:25 AM Director Brown presented Quiet Lot 8 Subsequent Minor Subdivision presented Final Plat Approval request. Gary Bay commented regarding the fire plan. Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson commented. Commissioner Folkvord commented. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the final plat for Quiet Lot 8 Subsequent Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

11:49 AM Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield presented Procurement Policy Revisions. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

11:56 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve; Inter-Local Agreement Formation, Authority and Administration of Abatement Region-4 for the

Opioid Settlement Thursday, June 8, 2023. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the Resolution by the County Commission of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County to Appoint a Member to the Board of the Multi-County Abatement Region-4 Board. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

12:10 PM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the avoiding agreement Form 5100-110, Request for FAA Approval of Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements, Townsend Airport. Commissioner Folkvord seconded. County Attorney Cory Swanson commented. Motion carried.

12:14 PM Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley presented a revision in Misty Masolo's position from Assistant to Assistant Public Works Supervisor. Market Adjustment from an hourly rate of \$20.62 to increase to \$24.12, which includes the COLA market Adjustment effective July 1, 2023. A \$2.00 increase, in addition to COLA of \$1.50, to change her job description and duties. Commissioner Folkvord commented. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the Assistant Public Works Supervisor position and market adjustment for an hourly rate of \$24.12 to begin July 1, 2023. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

12:20 PM Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson presented market wage adjustment for Deputy County Attorney. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve. Amounts of \$38.52 including COLA, for Deputy County Attorney 1 and up to \$44.74 Deputy County Attorney 2. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried. Broadwater County Finance Officer Debbie Kelley commented.

12:41 PM Market Adjustments for Environmental Health Assistant position at \$16.46 we suggest \$.50 market adjustment plus \$1.50 COLA, takes that to \$18.46. District Clerk Assistant was \$15.90 we suggest \$.75 market adjustment and \$1.50 COLA takes that to \$18.15/hr. Public Health Assistant position at \$20.01 with an additional \$1.50 COLA to \$21.51. Fair Manager position at \$17.07 with additional \$1.50 COLA to \$18.57. Treasurer Assistant position currently at \$16.96 and recommending \$0.52 market adjustment and \$1.50 COLA takes that position to \$18.98. Broadwater County Treasurer Melissa Franks commented. Clerk and Recorder Deputy current salary is \$22.56 recommending \$1.50 COLA takes that position to \$24.06. Treasurer Assistant \$18.85. Commissioners suggest \$0.52 market adjustment plus \$1.50 COLA takes that position to \$20.87.

12:43 PM Commissioner Randolph presented New Position Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Job Description is on the website with agenda. Budgets, projects, meetings with department heads, and come to Commissioners with reports. This position is up to 30 hours/week. Not require health benefits. Same hourly rate as Commissioners. Commissioner Folkvord commented. This position will be advertised and applications taken. Not an entry level position. Option of working from home a few hours a week. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Goal would be to have this position work on policies in the County and communication with the public. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the new CAO Position. Commissioner Richtmyer did not want to move forward with the motion. Commissioner Randolph commented that she would like it to move forward with the motion. Randolph seconded the motion. Commissioner Randolph and Folkvord voted in favor. Commissioner Richtmyer voted against. Motion carried.

12:46 PM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$122,227.21. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

12:47 PM Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$37,902.53. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

12:48 PM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$14,121.52. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

12:49 PM Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$77,786.33. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

12:50 PM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of \$246,407.56. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

12:51 PM Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$33,369.52. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

12:52 PM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$44,043.31. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried. Communications Received: Email from Dave Hegardt to TJ Graveley, Rockwell Scale \$62,750.00, Cardinal model 1010223 \$66,850.00, Cardinal model 1010203 \$55,700.00, Southwestern Scale Company Inc. \$59,415.00, Rocky Mountain Scale Works \$63,355.00, Lexipol Policy Master Service Agreement, Task Order Number 24-07-1-01-105-0, Findings of Fact and Order Report Preliminary Plat The Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision, Letter from Broadwater County Sanitarian Megan Bullock dated June 5, 2023 re: Rolling Glenn Ranch Subdivision. FAA From 5100-110 Request for FAA Approval of Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements, Quiet Lot 8 Subsequent Minor Subdivision Final Plat, DEQ letter of compliance, Item #11 Documentation of Legal and Physical Access, Grant of Shared Driveway Access Easement, Letter from USPS, Letter from Three Forks Rural Fire District Secretary Gene L. Townsend, Subdivision Noxious Weed Management and Revegetation Plan, Declaration of Restrictions, Covenants and Conditions for Quiet Lot 8 Minor Subdivision, Letter to Director Brown from Gary W. Bay regarding improvements, First American Title Company Insurance, Resolution No. 23 A Resolution by the County Commission of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County to Appoint a Member to the Board of the Multi-County Abatement Region 4 Board, Authority and Administration of Abatement Region 4 for the Opioid Settlement.

COMMISSIONERS WILL BE ATTENDING MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MACO) DISTRICT MEETINGS IN DILLON on June 9, 2023.

Present at the meeting were Nancy Marks with MT-43News, Bernadette Swenson with Schuaber Surveying, Gary and Flora Bay, Jessica Bushnell with Broadwater Noxious Weed and Mosquito Department, John Hahn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM. Next regular commission meeting will be held, June 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM DEBRA RANDOLPH, Commissioner Chairwoman ANGIE PAULSEN, Clerk and Recorder

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Kari Williams
City of Townsend Clerk/Treasurer

CITY OF TOWNSEND
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council members present were Vicki Rauser, Angie Wintrow, Nate Brown, Matt West, Ken Urich, and Christina Hartmann. Other attendees include Kari Williams, Tim Rauser, Tim Ravndal, JB Howick, Adam Six, Katherine McBee, Georgjean Brewster, Vivian Boaz, Cliff Wrobletz, Andrew Herrick, Valerie Baraza, and Kristie Harris

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES:

Vickie Rauser made a correction to the June 6th minutes. In the minutes section, the first sentence has been corrected to Vickie asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2023, instead of made a motion...

Vickie made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Angie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

City-County Airport Lease Agreement: Provided by Peter Simon today via email. Christina said it's difficult to move forward on something that was just received a few hours prior to the meeting. Angie stated that the agreement had been looked at and corrected prior to this meeting. Christina said she had not been able to read it with the corrections. Vickie made a motion to defer action on the Airport Lease agreement until July 10th. Christina seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Pool: Tim gave an update saying that there are a few glitches, but hopefully Brian, the new pool manager will get the chemicals balanced and get it opened. JB Howick asked if the glitches in the system will affect the upcoming years. Tim said no, nothing big. Just average glitches that occur with opening each year.

Hard Drive Chip Sealing: Tim said that they had to quit the work due to the rain and return in July or August. Tim asked the council how they'd like to proceed since the money was to come from the current fiscal year. Vickie said she believes we can encumber the appropriation this year or we can let the appropriation lapse this year and increase it next year. Vickie said she thinks we need to finish the work that we have planned for the streets. Kari will look into how the transaction can be done for the budgetary accounting reporting.

City Council, 5

Christina Hartmann gave a report on the Imagine Rural 2023 conference. She said it was very interesting and there was a lot of information from other cities, the Department of Labor, co-op information, housing, childcare, workforce. Topics included grants and funding. Smaller communities all have the same issues. Some communities have started “inviting” people to help out instead of just asking for volunteers, which has increased the number of people participating in various community projects. Some communities offered a “newcomer” event. They invited all of the new people and informed them of the opportunities available to get involved. There was also talk of “re-branding” for a different and more positive image of the town. Top reasons for moving to Montana include better access to the outdoors, a safer place to live, less congestive, a smaller community, and nothing to do with work or jobs. Lots of great ideas and Christina is able to network with some of the people who attended.

Adam Six: One comment that Adam made regarding Christina’s Re-Imagining Rural is that Broadband is limited in Townsend, and he encourages the City of Townsend to consider this and welcome upgraded broadband internet.

Adam also brought pictures of the sidewalk to be installed between the new pavilion and the restroom at Holloway Park. The pathway is about 55-60 ft. Various questions regarding the sidewalk were discussed leading to a motion made by Vickie Rauser to go forward with the sidewalk at Holloway Park. Christine seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Guest Katherine McBee requested the use of Massa Park during the County Wide Garage Sale on July 22nd. She will be using it to set up and sell antiques, and she will have 12 vendors. Angie stated that since it’s in a city park and she’s having vendors if she is asking that the city waive the solicitor license fee? Katherine said she didn’t realize that there was a fee. Vickie made a motion to allow Katherine McBee permission to use Massa Park and waive the solicitor’s fee. Angie seconded the motion. Voting was interrupted by JB Howick stating that he’d like to point out that any vehicles for this event should only be allowed to load and unload, and not park on the main street, so as not to interfere with the business parking. Katherine asked what signs she can use for the sale. Ken asked if an outdoor restroom is needed in the park for that many people. Katherine asked why Townsend does not have public restrooms. Tim stated that there are a few public restrooms around town. Matt stated that he would like to see Katherine place signs on the road that tell people where to park for the antique show. Vickie asked Katherine to tell the vendors parking is available for unloading and loading only and that they are not allowed to park there, and also to direct them where to park on the side streets or behind in the alley. Mayor Evans stated that there is a motion on the table that had been made and seconded giving Katherine McBee permission to use Massa Park on July 22nd for an antique sale and waive the solicitor’s fee. All in favor. Motion carried. Matt stated that for other events, we have people fill out an event sheet. Vickie and Angie stated that the event committee has not met, and those sheets are not yet available.

Guest Georjean Brewster requested a “Dark Sky” ordinance in the city. She stated that this is the Big Sky state, and a dark sky ordinance would preserve our skies for night viewing without artificial light. She has researched international dark sky parks, communities, and how to become a dark sky place. She stated that street yard lights may need to be modified. Vickie asked if she would leave her information with Kari so that they could look at the material, as the council could not decide on this tonight. Georjean left the material with Kari for the council to review.

Contract from Denning & Downey and Associates. The contract is for 3 years going forward for FY2023, FY2024, and FY2025 and needs to be signed. Christina made a motion to approve the contract pending Peter’s review and approval. Matt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Denning & Downey and Associates Audit for FY2022: Vickie asked if Kari would explain the audit results. Kari stated that one of the findings is “segregation of duties”. Kari stated that the employees are now performing actions with dual control initials on all cash deposits and transactions as well as initialing dual control initials for any journal adjustments. Also having timecards signed by the employees, reviewed by their supervisors with the supervisor’s signature. Bank statements and/or cash reports will be given to the council to review monthly and payroll reports and adjustment journal vouchers will be given to the council to review bi-monthly. Matt asked if the timecards being signed by the employees and supervisors were in the employee policy manual. It currently is not, so he asked if we could have Peter add it to the employee policy manual. Vickie asked Kari when the audit report will be final. Angie stated that she attended the exit interview of the audit with Kari and that the auditor stated that the City of Townsend was the first audit this year to have no significant findings.

Good job to all. Vickie went through the folder that included the bank statements, adjustment journals, and payroll reports. Kari stated that these will be provided at each council meeting, and they are for informational purposes only.

Guest Valerie Baraza introduced herself and stated that she was interested in becoming a council member.

Adam Six stood up and requested that the Rotary reserve Heritage Park for the Slice of Summer on July 20th and August 17th. Those dates are available and have been reserved.

JB Howick spoke and reiterated the need for broadband internet in rural areas. Adam stated that the broadband committee would welcome a city representative.

Round Table:

Christina—pothole on north cedar and 2nd. Tim said that they have to wait until the weather dries out before the potholes can be repaired.

Ken—x

Nate—x

Angie--x

Matt—x

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

Next meeting: July 10th, 2023

Next Budget meeting: July 10th at 5:30

Kari Williams

Mayor Evans

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR TJ GRAVELEY EXPLAINS SOLID WASTE FEE CHANGES

Nancy Marks

Reporter

There is a chance your neighbor is paying no county garbage fee while you pay for all solid waste services in Broadwater County. Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley explained at the July 5 County Commissioners meeting. There are 3,240 address points (houses, barns, shops with apartments) in Broadwater County but 642 of those addresses are not even on the assessment roles. “The county is missing around \$600,000 in solid waste fees because these points are not on the roles. I’m hoping the Montana Department of Revenue can bring the roles up to date,” he said.

In an update to the Commissioners, Graveley said he had heard rumors that he was raising solid waste fees. “That is not true,” he said, “The annual fee for household garbage will stay at \$185 per year.” Fees that will change are as follows: Non-household waste: \$65 a ton: items such as refrigerators: \$35 each; passenger tires: \$3; Semi tires: \$10 each and heavy equipment tires: \$25 each. Agricultural waste such as wire, fencing materials, and oil filters may be deposited in the metal container at Cedar Street Dump or at the Transfer Station. The county allows each household 30,000#s annually of biodegradable materials such as newspapers, food waste, and clothing. The Transfer Station on Indian Creek Road takes large loads of grass and trees. Small loads may go to the Cedar Street site. When the new weigh station is installed, every load taken to the Transfer Station will be weighed and priced accordingly.

Graveley said his department’s biggest problem site is the Winston Site. “It’s a disaster. We get much more waste there than anywhere else. I suspect we are seeing dumping by Lewis and Clark and Gallatin County people. My crew takes two loads a day to the Helena landfill from Winston. My crews spend up to 10 hours a week just cleaning up around the area,” he explained.

CHANGES PLANNED FOR WINSTON DUMPSITE

He is making plans to change the hours of operation and availability to the Winston Site. The hours will be 9 am-3 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. He warned people caught dumping illegally may face fines of up to \$500. “My overall plan is to begin enforcing the policies that are already on the books.

The Solid Waste Department will hold a public meeting to answer residents’ questions. Time and place of the meeting is pending.

AIRPORT BOARD NEWS

The Commissioners approved the airport board’s recommendation to appoint Seth Wolfram to a three-year term. After changes to the City-County lease agreement from the Townsend City Council on July 11, the Commissioners approved the new City-County Municipal Airport Lease which will include a very small increase per square foot of hangar space annually for

up to twenty years. The average hangar space is 2,400 square feet. Three hangars presently include living spaces. Under the new lease, no living space is allowed, except for those three. The hangar leases include the use of runways and airport buildings.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

515 Broadway, Townsend

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Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Standard Lease Agreement between Montana Department of Revenue and Broadwater County; \$3,000

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Angie Paulsen County Surveyor, Petition to Abandon Streets, Alleys and Un-owned Area Townsite of Springville

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Approval for Trust Board funds transfer from the First Premier Account to County Account of \$100,000

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Old Town West Bridge Replacement MCEP Grant Management Plan

Thursday, July 20, 2023

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

FUTURE PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETING

Public Meeting Notice: The Department of Revenue Will Be In The Flynn Building On July 19, 2023 From 12PM-3PM and 430 PM-7PM.

Public Meeting Notice: Broadwater County Public Works Will Be in The Flynn Building August 7th from 6PM-8PM for Public Comment on Proposed Solid Waste Changes.

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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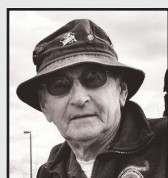
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The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

- BC Airport Board on July 26th at 6pm
- Broadband Advisory on July 27th at 4pm
- Trust Board on August 8th at 11:30am
- Planning Board on August 8th at 1pm
- Local Advisory Committee on August 9th at 2 pm
- Fair Board on August 10th at 7pm

TOWNSEND'S COMMUNITY FOREST PART 11

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



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

Last week, we discussed Townsend's public tree maintenance over time. In 1990, tree maintenance on street trees was judged to be fair to poor. The Tree Board has pruned all the public trees in town over the last 19 years. As a result, Townsend's trees today are now largely in good condition.

After severe thunderstorms, the number of branches or trees that fall on public property is less than unpruned trees on private property.

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

Townsend's Tree and Stump Removal Process

In 1990, 15 trees were rated as dead/dying along Townsend's streets. Stumps were not inventoried. In 2005, 28 trees were recorded as dead or dying and 33 stumps were listed for removal. The Townsend Tree Board started removing old stumps and any new stumps arising from large hazardous tree removals in the five-year tree care and maintenance plan from 2006-2011. Most of those stump removal locations were replanted. In 2011, 26 trees were recorded as dead or dying and only 12 stumps were listed for removal.

Since 2011, more large trees have been removed with grants the Tree Board has been awarded from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association. These grants allowed the Tree Board to remove large hazardous old cottonwood trees and green ash trees that were too close to fire hydrants, water shutoff valves, and/or tree roots that were lifting sidewalks.

Remember, the Tree Board has had a very limited budget for tree work and must secure funding from grants, money raised by selling trees, and/or money raised by pruning trees for private citizens. As a result of the removals, in the 2020 tree inventory, 52 stumps were identified. In the next 5-year tree care and maintenance plan, the Tree Board will be trying to secure funding to remove the majority of these new stumps.

Two large cottonwood stumps were left in the Heritage Fun Park playground. The Tree Board is sponsoring a contest to get those stumps carved into characters or animals for the kids' enjoyment in the playground.

Next week, we will discuss the importance of and status of tree canopy in Townsend.



THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY PART I

Linda Huth
Broadwater County Museum Curator

This letter from Ira Merritt was sent to Royal Smith. Royal was born in Hassell and was a lifelong Broadwater County resident.

Republic, Washington
July 4, 1964
Dear Royal,



Royal Smith
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I hope this does not come as too much of a shock to you, but I am finally getting around to writing that letter I promised to write to you several years ago.

As I recall quite vividly I arrived in Townsend, Montana just sixty-three years ago today at about this same time of the day. Of course I wasn't alone. My father, who had met us in Helena in the wee early hours of the Fourth, my Mother, my brother Jerome and my two sisters, Katherine and Lily were with me. My oldest brother, Cassius who had left Duluth, Minn. a few days ahead of us via a boxcar on the Great Northern, which contained all of our worldly goods and Molly, the old family cow, was in Townsend waiting for us.

I mean to tell you, Royal, there was a real old celebration going on in Townsend that day. I'd like to see another one like it sometime. To a kid from the city of Duluth, Minn., not quite seven years old, it was quite a thriller, a sort of an anti-climax to a real thriller that I witnessed, let us say, from a ringside seat, about two or three o'clock in the afternoon of July 3rd, 1901. That thriller was namely the last train robbery committed by the notorious "Kid Curry" and his band. The scene of the holdup was in the rolling country not too many miles west of Malta, Montana. The Milk River was plainly visible from the train, that is the trees along the north bank and the high, apparently barren, bluffs on the south bank.

The events that took place on that July afternoon so many years ago are almost as clear to me now as though it only happened yesterday.

First the train was stopped and word was sent in that it was a hold-up. Before I go further let me say that we were aboard a Great Northern passenger train in the

third or fourth car from the front. Of course a lot of the people got quite excited. I can well remember the porter vanishing and I learned later they didn't locate him until we got to Havre. The poor fellow had hidden in the ice box and was about done for when they found him.

Jerome and I were sitting in a seat close to the front of the car on the right-hand side where we could see out toward the rolling hills. My mother and two sisters were seated toward the rear of the car. Mother came forward to where Jerome and I were sitting, and had us exchange places in our seat, placing Jerome next to the window and me next to the aisle. She told us to stay put, keep our heads inside and not to try to hide under the seats. She then went back to the girls and we saw no more of her until the show was over. More and more as the years go by, I realize how calm my mother was in the face of danger and hardships.

Almost immediately after the train was stopped, word was sent in for the people to stay inside and no one would get hurt. They backed this order up by keeping up an almost continuous rifle fire along either side of the train. To give you some idea of how close they were keeping their fire to the train, holes began to appear at quite frequent intervals in the wind-boards that were standard equipment alongside of the windows on passenger cars of that era.

A girl about nineteen years old, sitting in a seat just in front of Jerome and I, playing cards with three other people, got curious and stuck her head out of the window. A bullet evidently went whizzing by too close for comfort, she jerked her head back in mighty fast but her shoulder was a little late. A bullet tore through her flesh, missing the bone, which might be considered a lucky break for her. I still remember how the blood spurted out of that wound. Needless to say, that put an end to the card game.

Things were happening fast right about now. Some of them I could see, some I could hear and some of the things I heard about after the affair was over. As I said before, I remember it was as though it were yesterday.

One of the things that I saw and that really stands out was a rider (appearing out of nowhere and riding towards the train). He apparently was not a welcome onlooker. When he got as close as the bandits figured was good shooting range they cut loose on him with their rifles and that cow poke took out of there like a tin canned dog spurred on by a little shot of turpentine in the rear. He later returned with the posse and we got a good look at him and his horse. It was easy to see then why he departed in such a hurry. One of the bullets had grazed the left hip of his horse.

Naturally, the advent of the rider and his quick and safe departure made it necessary for Kid Curry and his cohorts to get through with their main job in a hurry. That was to blow open a safe that contained several thousand dollars worth of National Bank Notes that were en route to a bank in Montana, Helena, I believe.

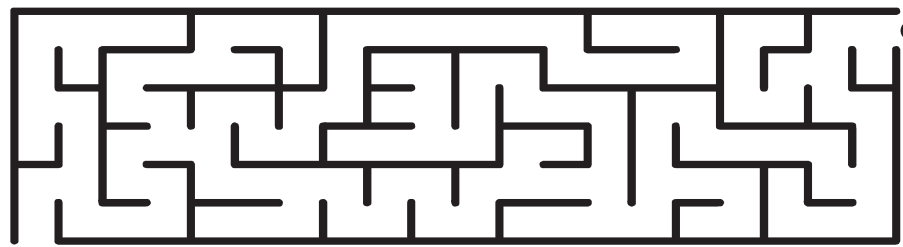
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Super Crossword

NINE FLEET

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| ACROSS | 52 Give new weapons to | 96 Perceive | 2 "Dies —" (Mass hymn) | 40 Draft-eligible | 82 French inn |
| 1 By means of | 54 Fluctuate wildly | 99 Imitated a sheep | 3 Similar | 41 Coercing | 83 2021 is one |
| 4 Seizes suddenly | 56 Cole — (shoe brand) | 102 — pedi | 4 Car radiator | 42 Edifice | 86 Diner list |
| 9 Niche religion | 59 Curious pet | 103 "It's My Turn" singer Diana | 5 Toon pal of Stimpy | 47 "Let's suppose ..." | 87 Sale rack caveat |
| 13 Cousins of rumbas | 60 Gift label | 106 Small, floating cephalopod | 6 "The Ice Storm" director Lee | 49 Like the study of habitats | 91 Pursued speedily |
| 19 Noah's craft | 61 Pro — (some tourneys) | 109 Device used in cardiology | 7 Plastic pail or shovel, say | 50 County in the Bay Area | 93 Key related to C major |
| 20 Zellweger of "Bee Movie" | 64 Sport fish also known as "little tuna" | 113 Actress Eve | 8 Toxin fighters | 51 "Undo" mark | 95 Bungle |
| 21 Assistant of Frankenstein | 68 "Them's the breaks!" | 114 Everything | 9 Form a rough judgment of | 53 Bryn —, Pennsylvania | 97 Lead-in to center or dermis |
| 22 Mount where the 19-Across landed | 71 Title word before "Inferno" or "Peak" | 115 Venus de — | 10 Vanity | 55 Info that's not up to date | 98 Do lunch |
| 23 1987 comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter | 72 Came to rest | 116 9-to-5er's shout | 11 With 15-Down, flimflamming guy | 57 Pub spigot | 100 Gift for music |
| 26 Set fire to | 73 Atlanta daily since 2001 | 118 Of a junction point | 12 "Lady and the —" | 58 Preposterous | 101 Clunker |
| 27 Streisand musical film | 77 "Game of Thrones" actress | 122 Gazed angrily | 13 Rum cocktail | 62 Domestic household | 104 Wee bit |
| 28 Diner relative | 79 Turning out | 124 Principle of capitalism | 14 Evita's land | 63 Hit hard, as the brakes | 105 Note above fa |
| 29 Portion (out) | 80 Windy City airport | 129 Showing on TV | 15 See 11-Down | 65 Airline to Copenhagen | 107 Very strong |
| 31 Part of "GWTW" | 84 Adobe Acrobat file | 130 Work to make | 16 Big name in faucet filters | 66 Apnea-treating doc | 108 One of a bowler's targets |
| 32 Mosque God | 85 "— believer!" | 131 Second-largest city of India | 17 Solemn vows | 69 Blacklisting org. of the 1940s-'50s | 109 "Horrible" cartoon Viking |
| 35 Black-and-yellow stinging insect | 88 Almond-hued | 132 — out a win (just prevail) | 18 Expensive | 70 Petting zoo animals | 110 Actress Kemper |
| 39 1993-2004 Chrysler sedan | 89 Actress Olin | 133 Distant | 24 Veteran | 73 2008-12 Mets pitcher | 111 Fire alert |
| 43 Thing to fly in the wind | 90 Plaintiff | 134 Californie, par exemple | 25 Casual statement of sympathy | 74 Roman 151 | 112 Credit card lure |
| 44 Pertaining to | 92 Turns toward | 136 Abbr. that can precede nine key words in this puzzle | 30 Comic shriek | 75 Suffix with planet | 117 — -Chinese |
| 45 Seat in a bar | 94 Darling child | | 33 Fleur-de- (iris) | 76 Petty quarrel | 119 God, to Gigi |
| 46 Seat in a church | | | 34 Kitchen pest | 77 Eight: Prefix | 120 Inquires |
| 48 Things | | | 36 Fabric flaw | 81 Doled-out share | 121 Some blue jeans |
| | | | 37 Bardic verse | | 123 Brazilian city, in brief |
| | | | 38 Rainy | | 125 Hamelin pest |
| | | | 39 Juicy gossip | | 126 Slice of time |
| | | | | | 127 Yale attendee |
| | | | | | 128 Pi-sigma link |

Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

INSIDE INSPIRATION



Editor's Note: Ellie West is in the process of getting a Master's Certification in NLP, Timeline Therapy and Hypnotherapy. So Ellie did not submit an article this week. She does expect to be writing articles next week.

MT43 News is proud to publish Ellie's "Inside Inspiration" articles and we look forward to having Master Coach, Ellie West back with us.

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AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATES THE FOURTH OF JULY

Brenda Phillips



Tuesday, July 4th the American Legion held a short Independence Day ceremony at the Heritage Park. A few of the fire department guys brought a fire truck for people to look at. The other 1st responders that were invited were on duty.

The leadership of the local American Legion Post read a portion of the Declaration of Independence that pertained to our Freedom and Independence. They also read the Preamble to the Constitution. I was grateful that I took the time to attend this activity because I don't think I have ever read either of these documents written by the founding fathers of our nation. We also said the pledge of allegiance, which I appreciated because I know I don't hear it often enough. A moment of silence was observed for our fallen soldiers and in gratitude for those that serve our country. They also read the American Legion preamble. I found this to be a very interesting statement and commitment. These brothers and sisters in our community commit to continue to honor, and serve our country and community after their official military service has ended.

The audience was invited to relate memories from their favorite 4th of July celebrations. Parades and Community picnics were mentioned. Dave Brown remembered a time that they went to the fairgrounds to watch the fireworks. He and a group of guys he used to sing with choreographed ooo's and aw's (in harmony) to correspond with the fireworks that were being shot off.

A group of cars, trucks and ATVs decorated in flags and red, white and blue paraded past the park honking.

The gathering then moved to the American Legion Hall for a build-a-burger luncheon. There were lots of flags, red, white & blue and patriotic clothes, to show the spirit of the day! The event was enjoyed by those that attended. Thanks to the American Legion for reminding us of the privilege that we have of living in this free land.



The Missing Man Table at the Legion Hall
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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](https://www.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

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Eric Krueger
Pastor, Mountain Valley Church

Wherever you are at in your walk with God we would love to have you join us for a night of worship. This team has an incredible gift of creating space to connect with the Creator.

Worship helps to set aside the worries and anxieties of life and focus on what really has impact and power to change....an encounter with the living God.

Join us, Friday July 14th from 6:30 to 8 pm at 107 E St, behind the Post Office.



SENIOR CENTER

SR. CENTER MEALS FOR JULY 17 - JULY 22

516 2nd Street, Townsend MT

Rocky's Agency On Aging is visiting Townsend on August 15 at 11:00 at the Senior Center

Monday, July 17
Montana Pasties
Garden Peas
Tossed Salad
Apricots

Tuesday, July 18
Birthday Dinner
BBQ Pork Ribs
Macaroni Salad
Sweet Corn
Pickled Beets
Baked Apples
Birthday Cake

Wednesday, July 19
Turkey ALA King
Steamed Potatoes
Key Largo Vegetables

Tossed Salad With Beans
Golden Pears

Thursday, July 20
Ham Salad Sandwiches
Pea Salad
Coleslaw
Mandarin Oranges

Friday, July 21
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Peaches

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/>

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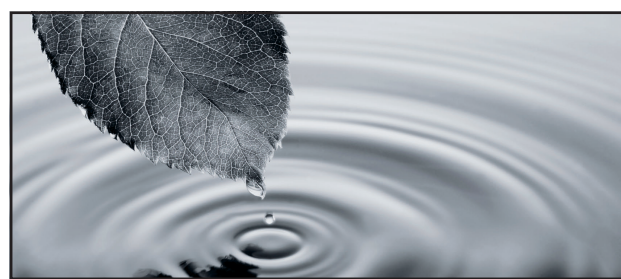
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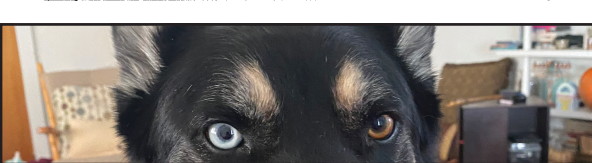
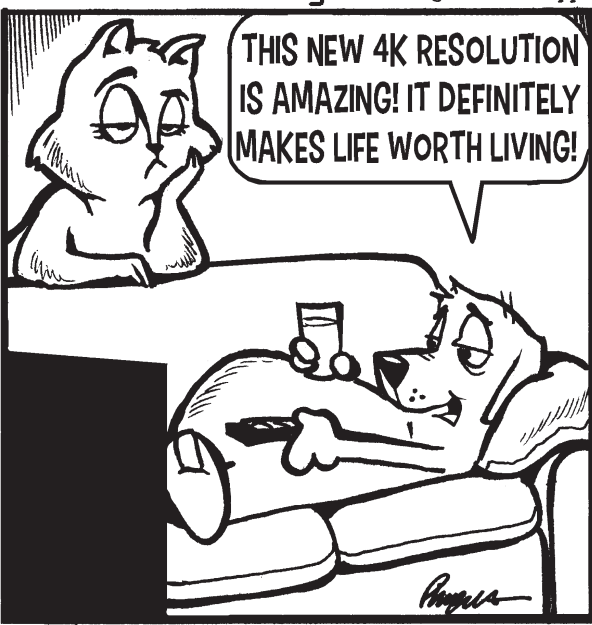
Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

COLOSSIANS 4:2-4



Detail of "Yaroslava's Lament" by Jacques Hnizdovsky (1950)

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



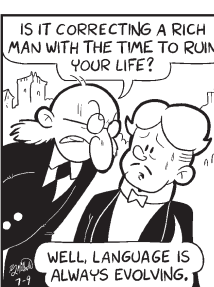
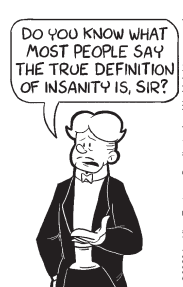
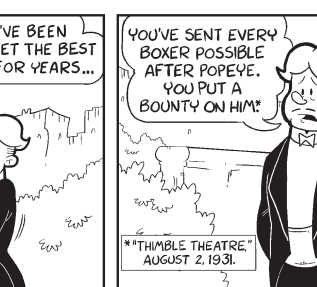
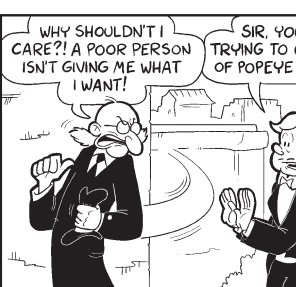
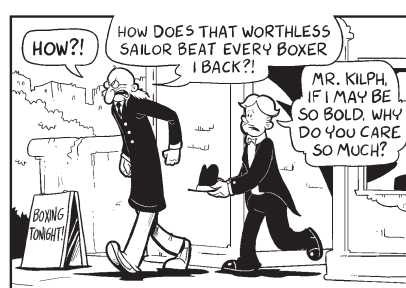
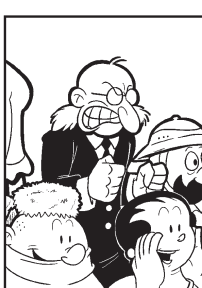
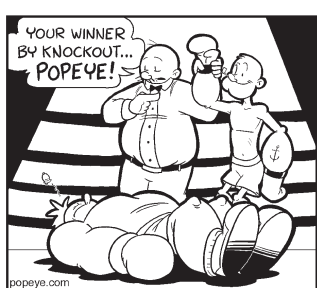
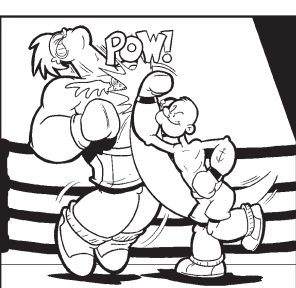
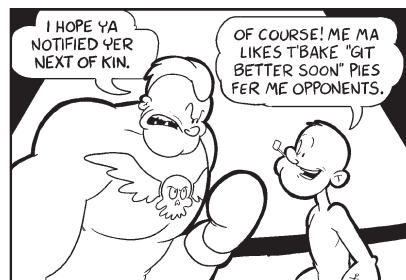
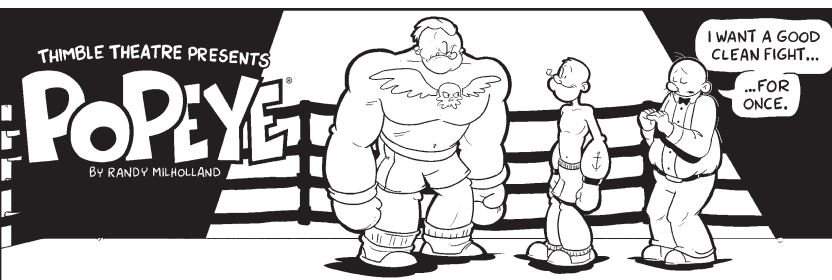
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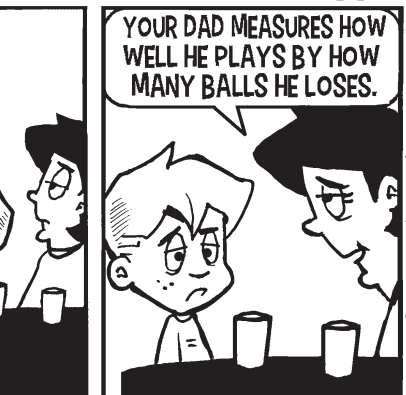
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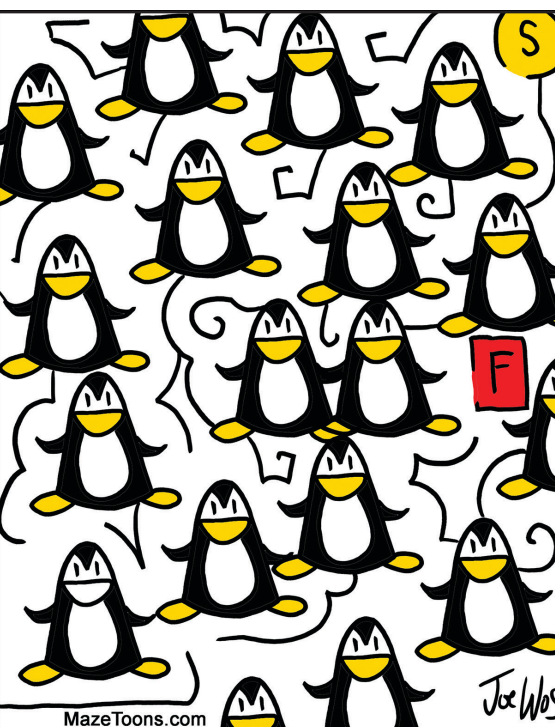
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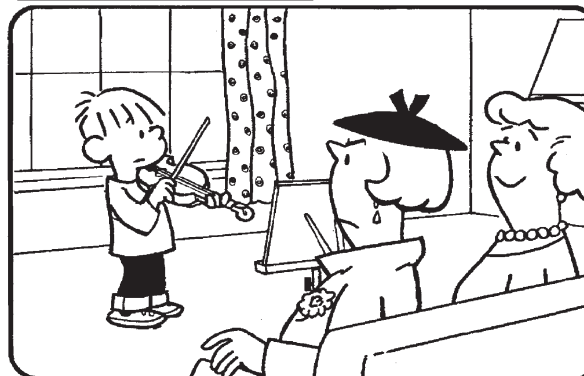
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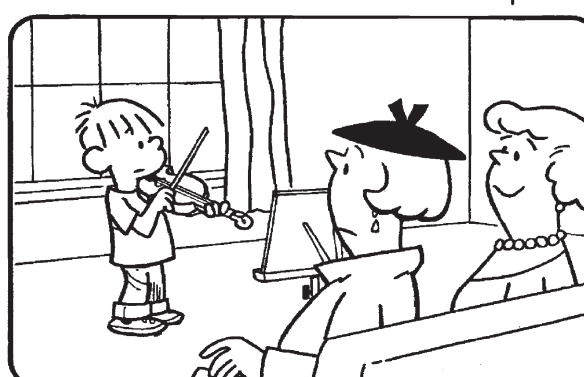
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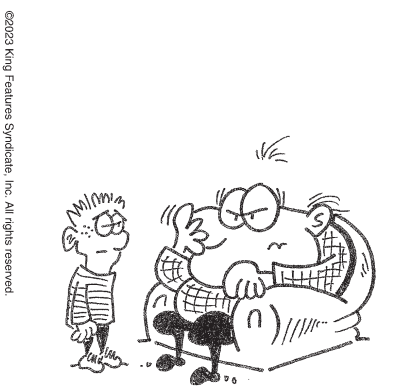
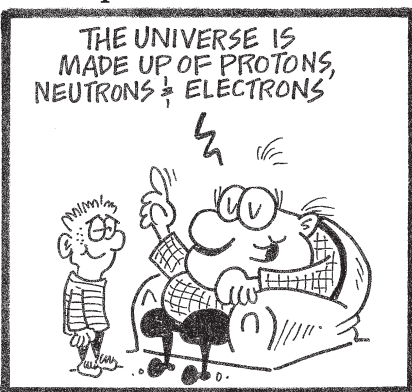


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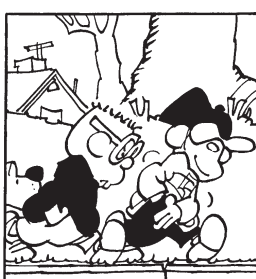
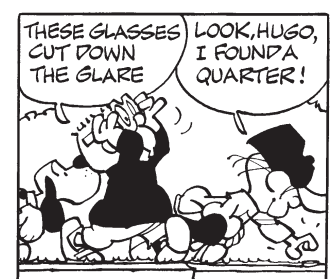
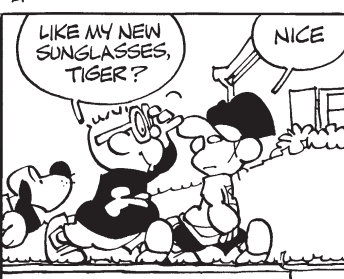
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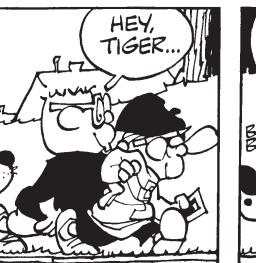
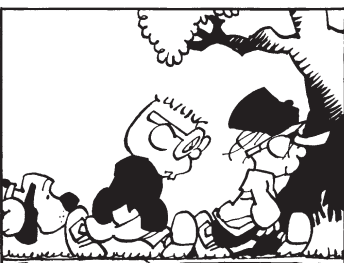


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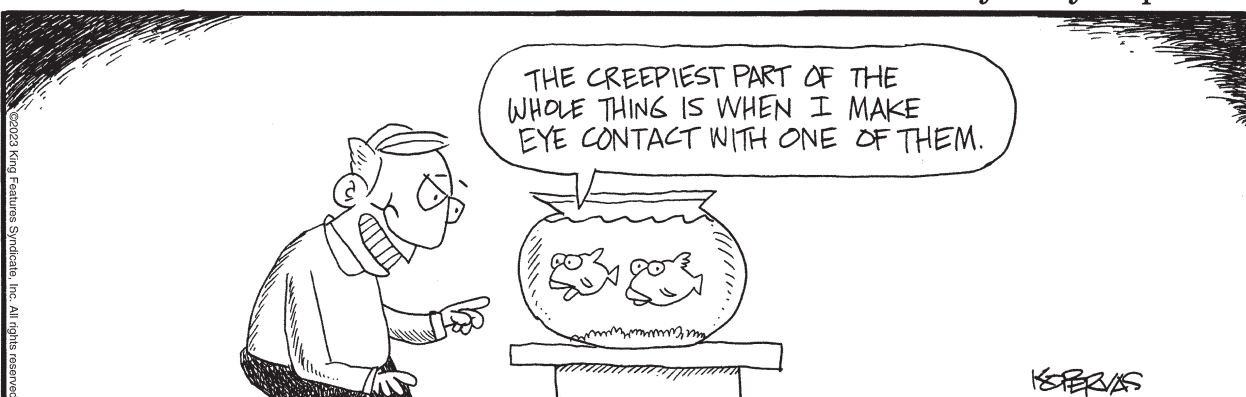
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"Remember no one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
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OBITUARY

CLARA ZABROCKI

Family of Clara Zabrocki

On July 5, 2023, Clara Zabrocki of Townsend went to be with her Lord Jesus and to reunite with her beloved husband Harry. Clara Lisa Burling was born on March 7, 1925, in Wheeler, Wisconsin. She married Harry Zabrocki in Seattle, Washington. Clara and Harry had one son, David.



Clara and Harry Zabrocki

In retirement, Clara served as a Senior Companion. As a member of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, she shared her one-of-a-kind smile and her faith in her Lord with each member. She completed her life with her friends and her loving and compassionate caregivers at Silver Springs Assisted Living in Townsend. With her

dear friends Sheila Heavirland and Jim Beck, she enjoyed sharing her life story and her trust in the saving grace of her Lord Jesus.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence Burling and Lila (Downs) Burling; husband, Harry; two sisters, Claris Grace (Clara's twin) and Marian Gentry; and four brothers, Juel, Duane, Charles, and Ron Burling.

She is survived by her son David Zabrocki (Mary) of Wenatchee, Washington; and sisters-in-law, Lorraine Freeman and Arlene Burling. She has two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by cousins, Jim and Mary Nesbit, and John Granger who have provided support during Clara's time in Townsend.

Clara has been interred with her husband Harry at the Ft. Harrison Veterans Cemetery. A celebration of Clara's life will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry St, Townsend, Montana, at 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 30. Those who wish to make a memorial donation in Clara's memory may make it to the charity of their choice.

CANTON CHURCH PRESENTS: MARY BRADFORD AS "NANCY COOPER RUSSELL"

Victor Sample



Mary Bradford
Photo Credits: Mary Bradford

The Historic Canton Church will continue our Summer Schedule of Events on July 14 at 5:00 pm with Mary Bradford as "Nancy Cooper Russell". As always the events are free – although we do accept donations!

Mary Bradford is a talented historic interpreter and scholar who brings history to life for audiences of all ages. She is an artist in residence for the C. M. Russel Museum in Great Falls and the Montana Historical Society in Helena.

Join us at the Canton Church as Mary brings Nancy Russell to life, sharing the stories of summers spent at Bullhead Lodge with Montana's cowboy artist, his gift for portraying, in image and story, the west of our imaginations, and his abiding connection to the place he called home.

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.

- All watercraft entering Montana are required to be inspected for aquatic invasive species. An inspection is required before launching on Montana waters.
- Non-residents transporting watercraft into Montana must purchase a Vessel AIS Prevention Pass before launching. The fee is \$30 for motorized and \$10 for nonmotorized watercraft. The pass is valid until Dec. 31.
- Inspection is required for Montana residents before launch IF: the boat is entering the state, crossing west over the Continental Divide or entering the Flathead basin.

WATERMELON SALAD

Ari LeVaux

I met my first watermelon salad at The Covington restaurant in Edgartown, MA. The dish consisted of watermelon cubes tossed into a pile of salad greens, alongside turnip shavings, pickled scapes, feta cheese, and balsamic vinegar. The juicy red chunks did the job normally reserved for tomatoes and availed themselves beautifully. Their sweet acids bent the salad around them, and a leafy salad with watermelon meta morphed into watermelon salad with leaves. Refreshing and sweet, the salad seemed to make me hungrier the more I ate.

A few minutes later in the hotel lobby, I gushed about the joys of watermelon in salad to whoever would listen. A receptionist named Shania was not impressed. "We put that stuff in salad all the time." She's from the hills of Jamaica, a land of year-round gardens and daily salads. She spoke with authority on vegetables but didn't dwell on specifics. "If it can grow in the backyard it's going in," Shania said when I asked her what else goes into a Jamaican watermelon salad. The only ingredient she named as unfit for watermelon salad is tomatoes. They can be too bossy, she explained, and take over the flavor. As for the watermelon, the only guidance she offered was to cut the chunks small. "If the pieces are too big, people will pick them out and eat them."

The one aspect where Shania got very specific was the dressing. It was nothing more than a simple mix of brown sugar and cheap white vinegar. I was baffled

Watermelon Salad, 12

KEEP AIS PREVENTION PROTOCOLS IN MIND THIS SUMMER

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WORD LADDERS

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BLAST

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CryptoQuip

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Clue: K equals S

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LDCCAUL JGNFUO NU ENNC CN
CZD SDKC NE ZAK KCJSATACX.

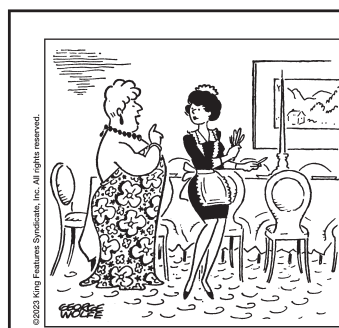
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KNIGHT MOVES

V	R	H
E		I
O	A	B

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!

Surmise
CONKER _____

Prickle
GENTIL _____

Relaxed
ACUSAL _____

Fling
BEING _____

TODAY'S WORD

Weather info contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 7/14	Sat 7/15	Sun 7/16	Mon 7/17	Tue 7/18
Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Clear
81° 54°	83° 56°	88° 58°	90° 57°	85° 53°
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
⇒ 5 23 mph	⇒ 5 17 mph	⇒ 6 17 mph	⇒ 7 22 mph	⇒ 8 23 mph



Precipitation:

February: 0.736"	March: 0.622"
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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






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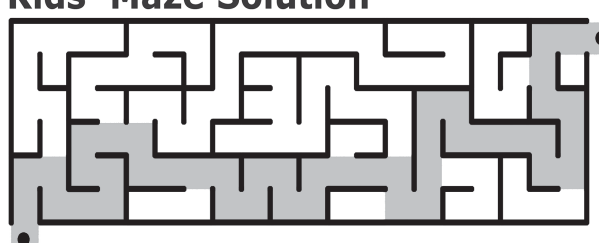



Super Crossword

Answers

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Kids' Maze Solution



CryptoQuip

answer

That cute, tiny tyke could barely walk yet, but he was getting around on foot to the best of his stability.

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

V	R	H
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solution

1. Reckon 2. Tingle; 3. Casual; 4. Binge

Today's Word

TALKING

WORD LADDER

Answer

BLAST, BOAST, TOAST
ROAST, ROOST, BOOST

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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July 13

1939

Radersburg News

The Montana Power Company has finished setting poles and are stringing the wire for the new line through Radersburg which will be a great asset to the town.

Miss Katherine Greaves and Miss Tillie Nelson of Toston were overnight visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Sitton of Radersburg Sunday and all left Monday for Yellowstone Park.

Local Briefs

Mrs. A.C. Carson and daughter, Helen, arrived here last Friday from Arlington, N.J. and intend to spend the remainder of the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson on lower Deep Creek and with Mrs. Carson's daughter Mrs. James Tidyman at Valier.

Sheriff N.C. Bruce stole away from his duties here and took in the big stampede in Calgary, Canada this week. He was accompanied by Al Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deadmond and two children spent Sunday here visiting Mrs. Stella Deadmond and Floyd Deadmond, mother and brother of Mr. Deadmond.

Miss Helen and Miss Mary Kearns of Benton, Wis. are here visiting their cousin, Miss Phoebe Kearns and other members of the family.

1950

Swimming Beach Constructed

During the past week much work has been done to make a suitable swimming beach. Several truckloads of washed sand have been hauled in from Helena where it was donated by the Helena Sand and Gravel Co.

The county and Neifert-White supplied the trucks to haul the sand. A raft is being constructed and will be launched in the near future. An area is being roped off and swimming instruction will be given by Mrs. Howard Doggett and Coach Radakovich just as soon as the river goes down a little more. Everyone is invited to use this "Waikiki Beach" of Townsend.

1961

Scouts Hike to Boulder Lake

Boy Scout leaders, Scott Grover and Louie Day, took a group of Scouts of Troop 98 to Boulder Lakes over the week end. They left town Saturday and returned home late Sunday. They drove as far as possible in a truck and hiked the rest of the way in.

Camping out was fun and fishing fine, that is, for some of the boys. Making the trip were Scouts, Danny Day, Tony Kaul, Mickie Grover, Mike and Cleve Har-rigfeld, Kenneth Toney, Nickie O'Dell, Larry Lundborg and Stave Lambert.

1967

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. John Antonich and daughter, Tina, have returned from a ten day trip to the west coast of Oregon. Enroute they visited two days with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Luntsford in Kalispell.

Mrs. Mabel Beers of Judith Gap was a weekend visitor with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Kirscher and family. She was enroute to the Postmaster's convention in Great Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hooks and three children visited over the long holiday weekend with Mrs. Hook's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reller and children

in Thompson Falls.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Richtmyer and sons over the long holiday weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Wally Richtmyer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Missoula and Mrs. and Mrs. Jim Hedburg and children of East Helena.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gillespie and sons are Mrs. Gillespie's brother and sister, David and Laurie Terry of Victor.

1978

Radersburg News

Helen Harris celebrated the 4th of July – the 3rd with Sherri and Tamika Joan Harris at their home; Sally and Norman Bruce of Crow Creek and Susie, Rita and Terry Harris all enjoyed a picnic lunch in the yard with them. Helen had to work the 4th.

Marg Skillman called early Saturday evening saying Benny Skillman was better. Mary Sue Griffith and Marg took him to Fort Harrison Saturday evening.

Mary Jane Colby and son, Timmy, made a business trip to Helena Monday. While gone, a little after four o'clock, the wind came up with some rain and it sure did a lot of damage to their house. It took most of the roofing off on the south side and the TV antenna was tipped over on the north side of the house; tore the screen off the living room window. I bet she was just sick when she got home. Edna tells me Lynn left for Milwaukee with a load of lumber Monday morning.

Did not know if anyone else got that hail storm Friday evening, but the Burg sure had one. Hail and rain mixed. The road out front of the house was like a river for a little while. It didn't hurt anything as I could see – my garden was okay.

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SHOOT FOR THE CURE MONTANA

Linda Huth

This past weekend, July 8 and 9, was the 15th year that The Shoot for the Cure Montana was held at the Huth/Bodle Ranch in the foothills of the Big Belt Mountains. The event is hosted by Mary Huth and Al Bodle.

All of the money raised from this event is donated towards cancer research, in hopes of one day finding a cure and the event has donated thousands of dollars to this cause.



Shoot For The Cure Sign
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the foot of Old Baldy!

On Saturday evening they serve a free dinner to their guests!

This event is open to the public and there are archery enthusiasts who come from all over the state and some from the surrounding states.

You don't have to be an archery enthusiast to enjoy this event. You can enjoy a delicious lunch and have a visit with neighbors and friends. Mark your calendar for next year. It is always the first full weekend in July.



Mary Huth and Al Bodle
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A lot of work goes into this event and Mary and Al would like to express a big thank you to those who volunteer their time and help. Also, a huge thank you to all of the organizations, businesses, and individuals who donate to the silent auction and raffles.

Congratulations and thank you to the hosts for such a wonderful event for such a worthy cause!

Watermelon Salad, 10

that the dressing, and the salad as a whole, contained neither salt nor oil. Most chefs and food processors would agree that salt and fat are of paramount importance to creating flavor and that food without these key ingredients will taste bland.

But she insisted. "In Jamaica, people can't afford oil," she said. And if you do have oil, she added, you should save it in case they have to fry a fish. The problem with trying to make this dressing in the U.S., she says, is that "the brown sugar here isn't right. It clumps together." I explained that American brown sugar is simply white sugar to which molasses has been added. I found some

chunks of evaporated cane juice from a local specialty store and submitted them. She approved.

So I mixed a few chunks of sugar into some cheap white vinegar and used it to dress a salad of lettuce, onion and watermelon.

Invigorating, thirst-quenching and light, this salad was satisfying on every level. The watermelon washed the leaves, helping them go down effortlessly.

I realized that my original watermelon salad at The Covington similarly did not contain oil or salt, although the crumbled feta provided both salt and fat. But those additions, nor the turnip shavings and pickled scapes, did not elevate the salad above the simple version inspired by the backyard salads from the hills of Jamaica. You don't need to be fancy with watermelon salad. Just stay out of the way and let the ingredients speak for themselves.

Watermelon Salad

In essence, the core of this recipe is to add watermelon to salad, with Shania's vinegar and sugar dressing. Feel free to adjust by adding anything that grows in the backyard. Except for tomatoes.

- ½ cup white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons proper brown sugar
- 4 cups salad greens
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ cup minced red onion
- 2 cups cubed watermelon, in ½-inch chunks
- Stir the sugar in the vinegar.

Wash, dry and trim the greens. Add the onion and garlic and toss. Add the watermelon chunks and the dressing. Toss again, and serve.

