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60 YEARS OF THE BROADWATER COUNTY RODEO PARADE

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Nostalgia hits you front and center when you stand on Broadway Street as the flag passes by for the 60th Rodeo Parade coming up Sunday, August 6th. The parade will begin at noon. It has been a tradition for Broadwater County since the beginning of the rodeo in 1963 when Linda Wallace



Riders and horse-drawn carriages were the heart of the 2022 rodeo parade.
Photo Credits: Kathy Toombs

(White) won Townsend Rodeo Queen and parade organizer Boyd Iverson led the horseback riders in the lineup. Iverson's extended family has continued their help arranging the parade every year since then.

Ranchers, Chuck and Carole Plymale, will be grand marshals. Chuck, raised in Broadwater County by an historic family, is a member of the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame. Carole taught



Crowds enjoy the Rodeo parade in 2022.
Photo Credits: Kathy Toombs

school at Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School. She is now retired and working on the family ranch on Duck Creek near Highway 284.

This year's parade theme is "Celebrating 60 Years of Tradition." This year's categories are animal-drawn carriages, drill teams, cowboy riders or animal leaders and antique vehicles. individual, commercial and organizations will each have a category, according to Kathy Toombs, parade coordinator.

All floats, vehicles, scooters, should meet at Heritage Park on South Pine Street to line up. To qualify for a parade award, each entry must

sign up in advance at Massa Park on Broadway.

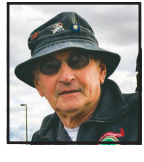
Parade Director Shawn Cartwright will help line up horseback riders, National Guard vehicles, farm machinery, trucks, Fire and Emergency vehicles and individuals running for office on North Pine Street, just off Broadway.

Toombs is encouraging everyone to take part in the parade. "Let's make this a big event for Broadwater County," she said.

For more information or to register in advance to enter the parade, please call Kathy Toombs, (406) 202-5039. Persons may also enter the day of the parade at 10:30 a.m.

TOWNSEND TREE BOARD RECEIVES TOWN PUMP GRANT

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



The Board of Directors of the Town Pump Charitable Foundation has approved Townsend's grant request for the Townsend Tree Board Broadwater County 2023 Tree Planting Project. The grant amount approved is \$7,000.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation Board commended the Townsend Tree Board for the Tree Board's generosity of spirit and dedication of time and effort to Townsend.

The Townsend Tree Board has been planting trees in Broadwater County for 33 years. They do not receive a budget to purchase trees from the Townsend City Council because of limited funding available from the city. The city did provide \$10,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to hire a contractor to water over 750 new trees planted since 2004. Trees need water in our 10- to 12-inch rainfall region, or they will die.

The Tree Board must fund its tree purchases by purchasing extra trees and selling them to private citizens at cost plus 30%. The Tree Board also raises money by planting trees for private citizens. Tree Board volunteers also prune trees for private citizens to help fund tree purchases. Finally, the Tree Board receives many donations as people learn that the volunteers are working without a budget.

This year, the Tree Board purchased 290 trees and shrubs worth \$7,028. The average age of Tree Board volunteers is over 70 years of age. It is getting harder each year to complete enough extra volunteer work for private citizens to make that kind of money to pay for the trees and as a result tree work on the public trees in Townsend and Broadwater County must be set aside until that money is made by working on private trees.

The Town Pump Foundation grant would be used to pay for the 2023 trees. The grant money would



PUBLIC HEARING - ROLLING GLEN RANCH

Melinda Reidy
Administrative Assistant

Notice is hereby given that the Broadwater County Commissioners will be taking comments regarding the Rolling Glen Ranch PUD as it relates to the proposed Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street, Townsend. The proposed subdivision is located in portions of Sections 5 & 6, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Broadwater County. The property is located off of Wheatland Road approximately 4 miles northwest of the I-90/Highway 287 interchange.

Written comments are also being accepted. Broadwater County Planning Board. Publish - 7/15/23

RODEO EVENT SCORING

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



Fair and Rodeo season is underway and people from all over Broadwater County and surrounding areas will pile into the arena stands to watch the cowboys and cowgirls battle it out for the championship buckle in steer wrestling, bareback riding, barrel racing, pole bending, and everything in between. Don't forget to buy tickets to the Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo and of course the concert of Adam Doleac. Broadwater County is celebrating 60 years of our fair and rodeo this year, and there will surely be a turnout. Many people attend the rodeo but have no clue what is going on. I used to be a part of that group as well. However, it is generally straightforward.



Practice barrel for bull riding
Photo Credits: Cort Fraker

Bull riding has to be one of Broadwater County's favorites. There are usually loads of contestants and all of the children dream of becoming bull riders even though it is named the most dangerous event. Bull riding seems confusing and the points don't seem to add up, but there certainly is a meaning behind the scoring. In the event, there are a max possible points of 100 that can be scored. 50 of those points are used in scoring the rider and the other half is used in scoring the bull. Extra points can be gained from spurring technique. A qualified ride is 8 seconds long. If your free hand touches the bull or the equipment it is a disqualification. The main goal of bull riding is to be completely in control of the bull.

Steer wrestling is not as popular in Broadwater County, but is an interesting sport. The goal of steer wrestling is to wrestle the steer so all four legs are up in the air and the steer lays flat on its back. The fastest time wins. There are two cowboys and the steer. One cowboy is called the hazer. He is in charge of keeping the steer running in a straight line to allow the wrestler the ability to grab hold of that steer and its horns. If the steer breaks through the gate barrier before the barrier is released the rider gets a 10-second penalty. It is a tough sport and has more technique than a cowboy falling off of his horse.

Keep an eye out for these events in the rodeo over the end of the month. You will be able to explain to the person next to you how the scoring works and the rodeo will be much more enjoyable!

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN MEETING - JULY 24TH AT 6:30 PM

Christina Hartmann
Townsend School District

If your child is too advanced for preschool but not quite ready for kindergarten – perhaps because of a fall birthday – Transitional Kindergarten may be a solution.

Townsend School District is discussing the option of providing Transitional Kindergarten for the 2023/2024 school year. At this time, Transitional Kindergarten will only be available to children who still meet the age requirement to begin kindergarten, age 5 by September 10th.

The curriculum and approach in Transitional Kindergarten bridges the gap between preschool and elementary school, providing an extra year to acquire kindergarten readiness. If you would like to learn more about Transitional Kindergarten and if it would benefit your child, please join us on July 24th at 6:30 pm at the elementary school (210 N Pine). Thank you.

Townsend School District

DISTRICT #1 SCHOOL BOARD EXPLORES WAYS TO MEET CHILDCARE SHORTAGE

Nancy Marks
Reporter

School board members listened to Elementary School Principal Christina Hartmann explain childcare shortages in Broadwater County and how she is responding to that shortage. "The daycare issue in Townsend is huge. We have lost three daycare centers just this spring and only two preschool centers besides Head Start are open. We have had several calls from parents who would like to have their four-year-olds in a prekindergarten setting if we can make it work," she said.

Currently, Townsend Elementary Kindergarten is planned with four kindergarten teachers and 71 students ages 5 through age 6. Hartmann explained some of those 71 students would qualify as prekindergarten since they are just over age 5 so could be listed in one of the four classrooms, along with the newly listed students. The child must be age 5 by Sept. 10 of the school year.

Hartmann will have a parents' meeting on July 24 at the elementary school beginning at 6:30 pm to visit with parents of 4-year-olds who want and need their children to be in school. If there is enough interest, she will make the transition from one kindergarten class to a prekindergarten class.

Hartmann reported the afterschool program and summer camp are well attended with considerable family participation. Students in the camps are busy fishing and paddleboarding. Some of the group went to Whitefish, Montana for a camping trip. She is looking into an e-sports component and a school drone class for middle school and high school students for this fall. Those programs can be attended by students who might follow those work pathways or apply for scholarships in e-sport designing or drone training.



Superintendent, Susie Hedalen

Superintendent Susie Hedalen presented the result of the questionnaire sent out to parents interested in the 5th Day program to be in place beginning in August when school starts. The seven-question survey asked if parents would be interested in having their child in school on Fridays. The questionnaire is on the school's website. The 5th Day school program would also be funded through the 21st Century grant. Hartman is the director of the program. The nearly \$ 1 million federally funded grant was awarded to Townsend Schools through the Office of Public Instruction (OPI.) The grant is used exclusively for after-school activities.

Board members fielded questions about the 5th Day program including how it would be sustained if the district was not able to renew the grant and whether homeschooled students will be able to attend the 5th Day program. The program is still tentative. The board approved a motion to outline of the program as long as it does not cost the district funds. "If we can improve our educational process, then the program is good. We are not running a daycare with this program," Board chairman Jason Noyes commented.



Townsend Elementary School playground will receive changes in fencing and location of basketball hoops to insure students' safety.

An ongoing lawsuit between School District #1 and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks(FWP) is in negotiation concerning the Townsend Elementary playground area. According to Missoula Attorney Elizabeth Kaleva who is representing the school, in 1981 and again in 2019 the school board entered into a permanent easement agreement allowing the school to receive a \$32,000 grant for playground equipment. The easement stated the playground area would be used as a playground in perpetuity. The easements did not show up in the school's property search so the new school was designed and built on that playground area.

Kaleva is negotiating with FWP to settle the provisions of the grant since the board terminated the agreement without due process. The school is obligated to pay

back the \$32,903 grant if an agreement is not reached on the easement.

Bulldog Buses owner Jeremy Rice and Ed Shindoll presented information on replacing at least one of the school buses. Shindoll researched propane-powered buses and looked at some electric buses. The cost would run between \$120,000 and \$140,000 to replace one of the current buses with a diesel or gasoline bus. Rice said they also were looking into grants to buy environmentally updated equipment.

During a job hiring and resignation review, new head football coach Joe Horne introduced Mike Van Diest former Carroll College football coach, who will act as an assistant coach with Horne. Also assisting will be Townsend athlete Jace Lewis, former linebacker for the University of Montana.

Townsend School Calendar

Jul 24

6:30pm Transitional Kindergarten Meeting at the Elementary School, 201 N Pine



Jul 25 - Jul 27

Summer camp at commons

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

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 (See Ad on Page 11 for Further Details)

July 22
 9:00am Seventh Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale: July 22, 2023 (See Ad on Page 2 for Further Details)
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

July 24
 5:00pm Flynn's Bible Camp: Couple's Bible Camp at Flynn's Cabin - Dry Creek
 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

July 25
 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 (See Ad on Page 2 for Further Details!)

July 26
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

July 27
 3:00pm Farmer's Market
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

July 28
 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
 5:00pm TACC Presents Shakespeare In The Park

July 29
 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 26
 10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building
 6:00pm Airport Board Meeting at Flynn Building

July 27
 4:00pm Broadband Advisory Board Meeting at Flynn Building

Correction: Broadwater County Public Works Meeting

Public Meeting Notice:
 Broadwater County Public Works will be in the Flynn Building Monday, August 7 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

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!
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THANK YOU TO THE 33 TEAMS WE HAD THIS YEAR!

BROADWATER ROD AND GUN CLUB DERBY

Matt Nelson



On Saturday, July 15th the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club hosted the 24th annual Walleye Derby at Canyon Ferry Lake. Douglas Breker, the director of the derby, gave the following statement:

“Broadwater Rod and Gun Club Walleye Derby was started to promote family, friends and youth fishing with the strongest emphasis on youth fishing and their enjoyment of the great Montana outdoors. With the help of many great sponsors and volunteers, Broadwater Rod and Gun Club have been hosting this Walleye Derby for 20-plus years. I have been tournament director since the Walleye Derby inception with lots of help. There is nothing better than seeing the smiling youth, parents, grandparents, and friends at the rules meeting and awards coming in with Walleye on their boats the afternoon of the Derby.”

Several volunteers donated their time and efforts to make sure the derby ran smoothly. Each time a boat came in, people held the boat steady while the catch was being measured, weighed, and recorded by others. All who contributed are very much appreciated. Additionally, Townsend Mayor Mike Evans and Broadwater County Commissioner Debi Randolph were out at the lake cheering the contestants on. Debi was especially helpful with this article.

There are more pictures available - to see the article and ALL the pictures visit our website at: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/BRGCDerby2023>

Winners

Male/Female

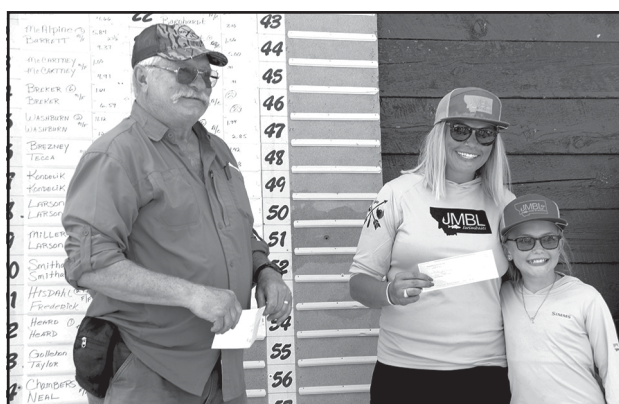
- 1st Nick & Gayle Heard \$400
- 2nd James & Alyssa Washburn \$350
- 3rd Tim McAlpine & Mollie Barrett \$300
- 4th Robert and Jessa Steele \$250
- 5th Randy & Rebekah Larson \$200
- 6th Douglas & Kathy Breker \$150



1st Place Male and Female class: Gayle & Nick Heard won \$400
 Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Female/Female

- 1st Emily & Tori Barnhardt \$400
- 2nd tie Mystica Hisdahl & Tami Frederick \$175
- 2nd tie Cassie Hedstrom & Melissa Franks \$175

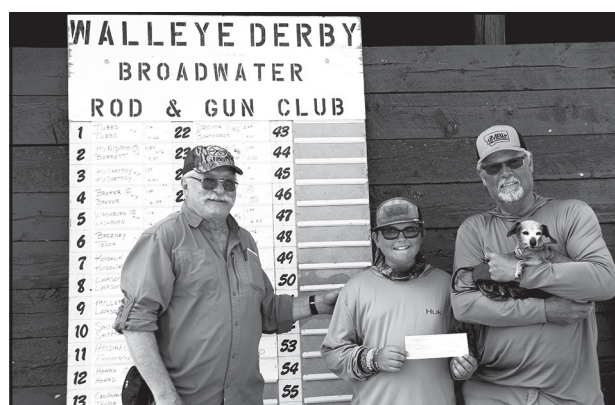


1st Place Female and Female class: Emily & Tori Barnhardt won \$400
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Adult/Child

- 1st Tim Dreier & Braydon Barnhardt \$400
- 2nd Troy & Kylee Warburton \$350
- 3rd Sam & Patrick Deschene \$300

- 4th John & Darby Douglas \$250
- 5th Mike Crider & Charlie Iverson \$200
- 6th Jake & Collyns Prevel \$150



1st Place Adult and Child class: Tim Dreier and Braydon Barnhardt won \$400
 Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Each of the children received \$35 from the proceeds of the raffles at the Rules meeting Friday night.



Gayle & Jake Prevel won \$150
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OVERALL WINNER

- Nick and Gayle Heard \$400
- Mollie Barrett and Tim McAlpine largest carp \$180
- Nick & Gayle Heard largest walleye \$280

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Opportunity Bank, J. Steele Realty, TB's Diner, Jenni Fellenz Most Wanted Real Estate, Townsend Marine, Rocky Mt Supply, Designer Tackle, and Canyon Enterprises (Silos Camping Area and Boat Launch). Many thanks go to all of you.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT NEW COUNTY SEAL DESIGN

Nancy Marks
 Reporter

Broadwater County will have a new official seal, which was accepted at the Wednesday, July 12 by the commissioners. The new seal, presented by Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen, was designed by graphics specialist Roger Flynn.

The official county seal will meet the state's legal requirements. Broadwater County previously had no official seal, according to Paulsen. The seal will be on the Commissioners' banner and the county website as well as on all official mail.

The new seal's design and implementation will include a banner and branding update. Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) monies of \$1,500 covered the new seal. PILT monies are funds received in lieu of taxes from federal nontaxable lands in the county.

Captain Mark Wood of the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office presented an updated mapping system for the department. The system works with Google Maps and GIS to help the department work more quickly to arrive at accidents without having to keep in close contact with the department's dispatchers. Several of the officers will have access through their phones. Eventually, the system will be connected to the Broadwater Rural Fire Department as well, according to Wood. Cost to the department will be \$45,320, to come out of their 911 fund and the Sheriff's office's general budget." Once we receive your approval to purchase this upgrade, it should be up and running in sixty days," Wood said. The commissioners approved the request for payment.

Commissioners passed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the Montana Stockgrowers and Montana Wool Growers Association to pay the county's share of payment for the associations' predator control program. The program covers costs associated with investigating and paying for sheep and cattle losses. The payments are \$8,014 and \$1,256 annually to the Stockgrowers



PUBLIC MEETING PLANNING FOR GROWTH

BROADWATER COUNTY MONTANA

MEETING DATES & TIMES

Residents in North Sub-Area
JULY 25 6:00PM
 Flynn Building
 416 Broadway Street
 Townsend, MT 59644

Residents in South Sub-Area
JULY 27 6:00PM
 Bridger Brewing
 75 Vigilante Way
 Wheatland, MT 59752

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Broadwater County is interested in building on recent community efforts and setting forth a clear action plan for facilitating and managing growth in two of the largest growth areas of the County. In doing so, we seek public input to determine what concerns and ideas the public has regarding land use issues in northern Broadwater County.

This will be the first of several meetings where we will seek to find commonalities in the community's vision and identify needs of the public. Ultimately, two sub-area plans will be adopted as an amendment to the Broadwater County Growth Policy.

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top ten

Most Spoken Languages in the World

1. English
2. Mandarin Chinese
3. Hindi
4. Spanish
5. French
6. Standard Arabic
7. Bengali
8. Russian
9. Portuguese
10. Indonesian

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Town Pump Grant, 1

allow the Tree Board volunteers to concentrate on planting more public trees on our boulevards and in our parks.

Over last year's hard winter, Townsend lost over two dozen trees and many more shrubs on public property. The grant money will also allow us to concentrate on maintenance of the public tree plantings and removal of a backlog of stumps.

Costs to date in 2023 to plant and maintain public tree plantings include:

- Townsend Hardware: soil amendments \$1,657
- Bobert's Tire and Glass: man-lift rental \$3,000
- MT Urban and Community Forestry Assn. Grant Share \$3,500
- ProRider stump grinding \$800
- Spraying over 200 trees for fireblight @ \$8/tree = \$1,600

\$10,557 Total

All this money must be made by selling trees to private citizens, planting and pruning private trees, and with the help from donations. More costs are anticipated as work continues.

Thank you, Town Pump Charitable Foundation from the City of Townsend and the Townsend Tree Board.

Broadwater commissioners approved their contract with Stahly at the commission's July 12 weekly meeting following an update on the project given by Commissioner Darrel Folkvord. He said Stahly's \$224,500 fee will be paid from federal PILT funds held by the county for special projects.



Old Town Road Bridge near Three Forks. Photo Credits: Stahly Engineering

In a statement about the project, Stahly Engineering said it has completed design and construction administration on over 50 bridges in the last 10 years. "Our bridge team has become a valuable asset to many Montana county road and bridge departments, assisting with preparation of bridge inventories, inspection of bridges, management of emergency bridge replacement, funding, design, and construction inspection."

The schedule calls for construction to start in July 2024 and be completed in the first quarter of 2025.

County Seal, 3

and Wool Growers respectively. Cattle and Sheep ranchers pay fees to the associations each year to cover animal losses.

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord presented the final Airport Hangar Lease for approval. Each Townsend City-County Airport hangar renter will pay a 4.9% increase over their current lease agreement. That amounts to 11.5 cents per square foot of hangar space. Hangars average 2,400 square feet, according to Folkvord. No hangars may be leased for residential use as per this new lease. The lease was approved by Townsend City Council at their July 10 meeting.

Larry Phillis of Three Forks joined the Three Forks District Mosquito Board as appointed by the commissioners. Broadwater County Weed and Mosquito Coordinator, Jessica Bushnell presented Phillis' letter of interest.

Folkvord presented the Old Town Bridge Design Contract for the board's approval. See separate story.

Commissioner Chair Debi Randolph congratulated Clerk of the Court Valerie Hornsveld for her 40 years of service in that position.

COUNTY HIRES ENGINEERING FIRM FOR OLD TOWN ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Nancy Marks
Reporter

The Broadwater County Commission has hired Stahly Engineering & Associates, Helena, to design and administer the construction of a replacement bridge over the Jefferson River on Old Town Road near Three Forks.

The bridge is one of two ancient one-lane bridge crossings of the Jefferson on Old Town Road about two miles north of Three Forks. Both have been closed for several years and both are in Gallatin County. Because both are heavily used by Broadwater County residents, Broadwater is partnering with Gallatin to replace them.

Broadwater is responsible for the replacement of the west bridge while Gallatin is for the east bridge. The two counties have contracted separately with Stahly.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE JULY, 2023

Karoline Nelson
Operations Manager

The Church of the Latter-Day Saints is staffing the food pantry during the month of July.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 25 families consisting of 43 family members on July 15th. This includes seven from the Home Maker Program.

The food pantry will be open on July 29th and August 5th. The 29th is the 5th Saturday and the 5th is the first in August. Clients are able to get food on both of these days.

For those gardeners, we do accept fresh produce. We are open for donations on Fridays between 3 and 5 pm. If those times are not convenient, you may call the numbers below and we can make arrangements for delivery.

Foods currently in need at the food pantry are cereal, spaghetti or elbow macaroni noodles, Skillet or Hamburger Helper meals and canned fruit. We are looking at options for our meat supply. If there are any farmers or ranchers who might have options for us, please call Karoline or Daryl at the numbers below. Purchasing a front quarter or two might be an option we could deal with. We also accept professionally processed elk meat.

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

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

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

How to Donate: Bob's Supermarket has donation boxes at the checkout counters. For donations of meat or other perishable items or for emergency food distribution, please call Karoline at 438-3981 or Daryl at 406-980-0800. The food pantry is open to accept donations from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. You may mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644. The food pantry is located at 315 Broadway.

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 22	7:30AM Headwaters Bank Run at Veteran39s Park
July 27	10:00AM Story Time at Three Forks Library 2:00PM Farmer's Market RESERVED @ John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park (TF Chamber)

TOWNSEND'S COMMUNITY FOREST PART 12

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board

Note: This is the twelfth 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 tree and stump removal process since 1990. A lot of large tree removals have occurred over the last 19 years.

In the next 5-year tree care and maintenance plan, the Tree Board will be trying to secure funding to remove the majority of the stumps which will open up new tree planting sites.

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

Tree Canopy

What does tree canopy mean? The widely accepted definition of tree canopy in the context of urban forestry is the layer of leaves, branches, and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above (<https://www.arborday.org/trees/bulletins/documents/084-summary.pdf>).

Tree canopy cover of Townsend's trees was never estimated until 2011. In 2011, The Tree Board received a grant and hired a consultant to determine the tree canopy of all trees in Townsend.

The total tree canopy cover was estimated at 10 percent of the Townsend City area. To double check the results, using the i-tree canopy program (<https://canopy.itreetools.org/>), the total canopy cover of all Townsend trees was estimated to be 11 percent (Dan Rogers, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 2011). Is 10 or 11% good for Townsend? No. It is not enough.

What is the ideal canopy cover for a city like Townsend? According to a national analysis by U.S. Forest Service researchers David Nowak and Eric Greenfield, a 40-60% urban tree canopy is attainable under ideal conditions in forested states like the northeast, southeast, and Pacific Northwest. Twenty percent in grassland areas like Townsend and 15% in desert cities like Phoenix are realistic baseline targets, with higher percentages possible through greater investment and prioritization (<https://www.americanforests.org/article/why-we-no-longer-recommend-a-40-percent-urban-tree-canopy-goal/>).

The consultant hired in 2011 recommended that the Tree Board should plant at least one tree on private property for every tree planted on public property to speed up canopy cover development. As a result, in 2012, the Tree Board started buying and selling trees to the public.

The Tree Board has been doing this for 11 years. We have purchased as many as 750 trees per year and we plant up to 50 of those on public property. The rest are sold to the public and planted all over the state. This past year we purchased 290 trees and planted about 50 on public property.

Community Forest, 12

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JULY 14, 2023

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael McMahon's courtroom on Friday, July 14 is as follows:

Stacy Croy had an Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to two counts of issuing a bad check in the amounts of \$5,000, each. Omnibus is due September 1; Pre-Trial is set for December 1; with the Jury Trial scheduled for January 3, 2024.

Rebekah Green had an Initial Appearance on a Petition to Revoke a Suspended Sentence of allegations of not remaining law-abiding; by getting a DUI in Park County. She denies the allegations and an Evidentiary Hearing is set for August 11. A chemical dependency evaluation has been done and submitted to the court.

Margaret Austin had a warrant of arrest issued.

Joel Speiser had an Omnibus memorandum submitted on a misdemeanor charge of eluding. He will be sentenced on August 11.

Jesse Standifur had an Omnibus memorandum submitted on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia; but, is in custody on a D.O.C. hold. He will be sentenced on August 11.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT JULY 21

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Garrett Wichman, Lewistown- day speed \$200.00
Daniel Thompson, Helena- day speed \$20.00
Emily Scruggs, Helena- day speed \$20.00
Susan Hutz, Big Fork- day speed \$20.00
Ryan Saul, Bozeman- day speed \$20.00
AJ Roy 3rd, Helena- day speed \$20.00
Jennifer Nolte, Short Hills, NJ- day speed \$20.00
Emily Macquarrie, Clancy- day speed \$120.00
Gary Green, Helena- day speed \$20.00
Pia Fay, Winston- day speed \$20.00
Claire Chandler, Bozeman- day speed \$70.00
Jimmie Crain, Snohomish, WA- day speed \$20.00
Tanner Branstetter, Bozeman- day speed \$20.00
Phillip Box, East Helena- day speed \$20.00
Christopher Baker, Groton, CT- day speed \$20.00
Madelyn Alexander, Columbia Falls- day speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Tyler Santoro – Toston – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$200.00 fine.
Shawn Benjamin – Fort Harrison – careless driving, found guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.
Robert Boothman – Billings – habitual offender operating a motor vehicle, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but fourteen days suspended for a period of one year on conditions, \$1035.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Bruce Beard – Townsend – Vicious animal, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fine.
Travis Sands- Townsend- operating without liability insurance in effect-2nd offense, pleaded guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, vehicle registration and license plates suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD; night speed, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine.
Lonnie Stewart – Helena – operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all six months suspended on conditions, \$125.00 fines and fees.
Hayden Rushford – Townsend – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but two days suspended for a period of six months on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

Krista Costa – Belgrade – partner or family member assault, causing bodily injury to partner or family member -1st offense, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of one year on conditions, \$435.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Batterer's education, minimum forty hours of counseling.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Charles Westerhold, Helena- day speed \$70.00
Roger Morris, Kent, WA- day speed \$20.00
Kuan Chang, Sioux Falls, SD- day speed \$20.00
Elise Brann, Wayzata, MN- day speed \$20.00
Driving without a valid driver's license \$135.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Zachary Wade, Manhattan- Motor carrier operating w/o pmt of fee \$85.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Shelby Sheets- MT 2nd Judicial District Court, \$50,000.00 bond
Caden Smith – Probation and Parole Hold, \$50,000.00 bond
Theresa Walker – MT 14th Judicial District Court, \$10,000.00 bond
Theresa Walker – Probation and Parole Hold, \$25,000.00 bond

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR 2023/06/14

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 14, 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: Audrey Martin, Retired State Disaster Services commented.

10:05 AM Renee Bauer Executive Director of Family Promise and Leslie Heisey employee of Family Promise presented updates.

10:15 AM Noxious Weed and Mosquito Coordinator Jessica Bushnell presented a Mosquito and Weed update.

10:33 AM Commissioner Randolph discussed \$1.50 hourly COLA for all employees. Canister Site Attendant position currently at \$13.42. Commissioners suggest \$.25 market adjustment plus \$1.50 COLA, which will total \$15.17. Solid Waste Driver Position at \$24.34, suggested \$.25 market adjustment plus \$1.50 COLA, will total \$26.09. TJ Graveley commented regarding the Market adjustments. Sanitarian Assistant position at \$16.46, commissioners suggest \$.75 Market Adjustment plus \$1.50 COLA, totaling \$18.71. Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield commented regarding voting on the market adjustments.

10:40 AM Broadwater County Museum is requesting a Part-Time Seasonal Employee to work 12 hours weekly at \$12 to \$13. This position already exists, just need an additional person to help with the hours and safety.

10:45 AM Commissioner Folkvord and Randolph discussed County Alcohol Tax Designation. Boyd Andrew Community Services was designated 70%. Southwest Montana Prevention Butte Cares was designated 30%. Deputy County Attorney Hatfield commented regarding DUI Task Force possibly making a request. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:55 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$440,872.22. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$22,145.20. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried. Department of Revenue will be at the Flynn Building July 19th 12:00-3:00PM and 4:30- 7:00PM.

Present at the meeting was Nancy Marks with MT43 News. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held June 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM

1:00 PM Closed Door Meeting; Discussion on update for Upper Missouri Waterkeeper et al vs. Broadwater County and 71 Ranch lawsuit. Closed to the public.

Open Meeting following the Closed-Door Meeting.
Commissioner Debi Randolph called the Open Meeting to order at 1:25PM.

1:15 PM Jania Hatfield Deputy County Attorney will participate in mediation for Upper Missouri Waterkeeper vs. Broadwater County and 71 Ranch lawsuit. Deputy County Attorney Hatfield explained that as a part of any litigation there is a requirement that the parties get together to mediate. In order to do that as a county, we need to have one Commissioner attending the mediation who has the authority to make decisions. As a board, the Commissioners need to decide who that will be and give them the authority make decisions. Commissioner Folkvord volunteered to be the Commissioner liaison for the lawsuit. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Commissioner Folkvord to be the Commission Liaison to the mediation between Upper Missouri Waterkeeper and Broadwater County. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried. Commissioner Richtmyer made a motion to amend her motion stating that she moves for Commissioner Folkvord be the liaison and that he is able to make decisions for the mediation between Upper Missouri Waterkeeper and Broadwater County.

Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.
Commissioner Randolph closed Meeting at 1:30 PM.
Communications Received: Family Promise 2023-2024 Current Budget Services. Mosquito Control activity happening in the community. County Alcohol Tax Guide Service Provider County Designation Forms. Service Provider Designation Form.

DEBRA RANDOLPH
Commissioner Chairwoman
Attest:

ANGIE PAULSEN
Clerk and Recorder

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

8:00 AM Closed Door Meeting; County Administrative Officer Interview

Wednesday, July 26, 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, Nathan Bilyeu & Craig Rickert, Rickert Development/ Jackson, Murdo & Grant PC, TIF Pledge Resolution

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Planning & Development Director, Leap Family Transfer (Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Section 23)

Thursday, July 27, 2023

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

11:00 AM Closed Door Meeting; County Administrative Officer Interview

1:00 PM Closed Door Meeting; County Administrative Officer Interview

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.

Public Hearing Notice: Rolling Glen Ranch PUD as it relates to the proposed Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision on August 1st at 6PM-8PM in the Flynn Building

Public Meeting Notice: CTAP (Community Technical Assistance Program) planning, North Broadwater County sub-area (North of Nelson Rd.) July 25th at 6 PM-8PM in the Flynn Building

Public Meeting Notice: CTAP (Community Technical Assistance Program) planning, South Broadwater County sub-area (South of Nelson Rd.) July 27th at 6 PM-8PM at Bridger Brewing

Items for Discussion / Action / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters

Debi Randolph, Chairman
(406) 266-9270 or (406) 980-2050

Darrel Folkvord, Vice Chairman
(406) 266-9272 or (406) 980-1213

Lindsey Richtmyer
(406) 266-9271 or (406) 521-0834

E-mail: commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us
Future Meetings being held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

(Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)

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

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

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 21, 2023

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Project No. 2853-073

NOTICE OF APPLICATION READY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND PRESCRIPTIONS

(July 7, 2023)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- Type of Application: New Major License
- Project No.: 2853-073
- Date filed: June 30, 2022
- Applicant: Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Montana DNRC)
- Name of Project: Broadwater Hydroelectric Project (project)
- Location: On the Missouri River near the town of Toston in Broadwater County, Montana. The project is adjacent to and includes federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.
- Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a) - 825(r)
- Applicant Contact: David Lofftus, Hydro Power Program Manager, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 1424 9th Avenue, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620; Phone at (406) 444-6659; or email at dlofftus@mt.gov
- FERC Contact: Ingrid Brofman at (202) 502-8347, or Ingrid.brofman@ferc.gov.
- Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Broadwater Hydroelectric Project (P-2853-073).

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The existing Broadwater Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) a 630-foot-long, 24-foot-high concrete gravity dam with a 360-foot-long spillway containing seven inflatable rubber gates capable of raising the dam's crest elevation by 11 feet; (2) a 275-acre, 9-mile-long reservoir; (3) a 160-foot long rock jetty that extends upstream into the reservoir that serves to separate inflow to the powerhouse from the headworks

of the non-project irrigation canal adjacent to the dam; (4) an intake integral with the powerhouse and covered by two inclined trashracks, each 20 feet wide and 40 feet high, with a clear bar spacing of 3 inches; (5) a 160-foot-long, 46-foot-wide, 64-foot high powerhouse containing a single Kaplan turbine with a rated capacity of 9.66 megawatts; (6) a 100-kilovolt, 2.8-mile-long transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The project is operated in a run-of-river mode and generates an estimated average of 40,669 megawatt-hours per year.

Montana DNRC proposes to remove the jetty that separates the hydropower intake and the irrigation canal intake and install two parallel 100-foot-long, 10-foot-wide by 10-foot-high box culverts within the irrigation intake canal and a bulkhead near the current irrigation headworks. Once these facilities are installed, any water diverted for irrigation would first pass through a new angled screen with 6-inch spacing between the bars and then pass through the two new box culverts before entering the existing irrigation intake at the dam. The existing irrigation intake and facilities at the dam conveying water to the Broadwater-Missouri irrigation canal system would remain in place. Montana DNRC proposes to include the new tilted screen and box culverts as licensed project facilities.

Montana DNRC also proposes to modernize the project trash rake (i.e., replace and recalibrate sensors on the rake) to minimize debris buildup on the dam intake and to upgrade its SCADA monitoring system (i.e., improving connectivity to the substation, protective relaying, and automation upgrades).

Montana DNRC proposes to continue to operate the project in an automated run-of-river mode throughout the year where outflow from the project approximates inflow (minus flows diverted for irrigation). Montana DNRC proposes to modify its procedures for responding to an unplanned unit trip to reduce the potential for fish stranding downstream of the project.

m. A copy of the application is available for review via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

n. The applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification. Please note that the certification request must comply with 40 CFR § 121.5(b), including documentation that a pre-filing meeting request was submitted to the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting the certification request. Please also note that the certification request must be sent to the certifying authority and to the Commission concurrently.

o. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestones and Target Dates

Deadline for Filing Comments, Recommendations, and Agency Terms and Conditions/Prescriptions: September 2023

Licensee's Reply to REA Comments: October 2023

p. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ANNA MAE BARBE, Deceased.
Probate No. DDP-23-06

Notice to Creditors

Loretta D. Riener 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 her 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 21, 2023.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

Printed July 21, July 28, August 4, 2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Townsend will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday August 1, 2023, at City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to approve the City's Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of the affairs of the City of Townsend, Montana has been conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, P. C. certified public accountants. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Section 2-7-521, MCA requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that the audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at Townsend's City Hall 110 Broadway Townsend, MT and that the City of Townsend will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request.

JOB OPENING

HELP WANTED:

*Broadwater County Part-Time
Seasonal Museum Attendant*

Broadwater County Museum is currently seeking a highly motivated individual for a Seasonal Part-Time Museum Attendant. The successful candidate must be able to perform basic office procedures, be able to help with displays and exhibits, maintain records, be able to work on a computer, and perform other duties as assigned. Candidate must possess the appropriate valid Montana Driver's License, Graduation from high school or its equivalent is necessary; Starting pay is \$12.00-\$13.00/hr.

Full job description and applications can be found on the Broadwater County Website at www.broadwatercountymt.com, Please email applications to bwcomuseum@mt.net or mail/drop off to 133 North Walnut Street; PO Box 614, Townsend, Montana, 59644. *Position is open until filled.*

Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable



LETTER
from
the
EDITOR

THANK YOU LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sharon Obrigewitch

Congratulations on your one year of publicizing your paper. It's wonderful to read the local news, especially from the school and things that are happening on Main Street.

Much of the state or national news is on TV or the internet so I don't need it in the local news unless it is of local interest. Many of my friends do not have internet so they only hear about it by mouth.

I hear that there will be a happening but cannot find it on the city calendar. But thank you for printing what is local and I do not get angry when I hear or read it.

Isn't it wonderful we live in an area that has so much good going on?



THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY PART II

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.

This is Part II of a letter written to Royal from Ira Merritt.



What I am about to write about now, I did not actually see, but I heard about it right after the hold-up and I know it is authentic.

To begin with, one of the band had boarded the blind baggage back along the line somewhere. When the train reached the designated spot where three other members of the gang with four horses were waiting, he crawled up over the coal car and took charge. The engineer and

fireman, along with other members of the train crew that got out to see what was going on, were ordered to disconnect that train and get the express car out by itself. They didn't want to wreck any of the other cars. Big-hearted, weren't they?

The Auditor and the Baggage man in line with their sworn duty put out the danger flags on each end of the train to warn any oncoming train that they were stopped. Each had one of his arms shot up so bad that the arm had to be amputated, gangrenes got in on one of them and he died a short time after the hold-up.

When the express car was properly placed the bandits proceeded to blow the safe open. It must have been a tough baby, it took three charges to open it. Those explosions I heard along with the continuous rifle fire.

Now, let's get back on the train. It was not long before the people inside knew some blasting was going on up front. What was being blasted they didn't know. When the second blast went off women began crying and men wringing their hands and a lot of them wondering out loud if they were going to blow the whole train up one car at a time. About that time the conductor came down the aisle trying to assure everybody that no harm would come to them, that it was just a little Fourth of July celebration.

Of course, that didn't go over very big. Too many people had seen the horseback rider come and go in record time. Someone asked him to take a look at the girl's wounded shoulder and explain how come if it was

just a celebration. Royal, I'll never forget the look on that man's face when he saw the blood spattered all over that girl's clothes. He turned as white as the driven snow and had to clutch one of the seats to keep from crumpling on the floor. I have learned later in life that the sight of blood affects lots of people that way.

There was a sheriff on the train from somewhere in Montana. I remember he made one trip at least down through the car. He had his coat thrown back showing off his star letting it be known that he had a six-gun, and what he would do if the bandits tried to enter the coaches. Some of the people pleaded with him not to start a gunfight. As I think about it now, I don't think he needed any convincing on that score. He knew no doubt that Kid Curry was tough. Anyway, he wasn't the type of sheriff like our hero Billy Deadmond.

Coming to the final acts of the big show, the blasting was over the firing suddenly ceased and someone cried out "There they go". I looked out through the window across the aisle toward the Milk River and I could see four men mounted on fast-moving horses heading for that river. They were half-turned in their saddles and firing back at the train as they left. What a sight that was for a six-year-old kid to never forget.

Someone came into the coach then and began giving a detailed account of what happened outside. Someone else brought in some pieces of silver that had been damaged by the explosions. The girl that had been wounded was given some of the silver as a souvenir. Kid-like I wished to myself that I'd had some sort of scratch so I could have had some of that silver.

The train was soon coupled together and had just started to roll when the posse arrived on the scene. That necessitated a little more delay.

Some lady spotted the man that had been shot at by the robbers and saw that he had a grin on his face. She promptly branded him as one of the gang or he wouldn't be laughing. She also couldn't see why the posse didn't take right after that gang. You know, I think that posse knew quite a bit more about why they didn't than she did.

They knew Curry, they knew that country and they no doubt knew they would be like so many sitting ducks if they tried to cross that river behind him.

That is it, Royal, as far as the actual hold-up itself is concerned.

Kid Curry, as accounts go, escaped to South America, and later committed suicide. Latin American fashion, that is trying to escape from some law officers and being shot in the back for your troubles.

All of the others, I believe court records will show, that were connected with the robbery directly or indirectly were apprehended in due course of time and sentenced to prison terms that suited their particular part in the crime.

My brother, Jerome, who lives in Townsend, Montana, as you know, and I are the only living members of our family. You check with him and see if I am not reasonably right on the details of that great thriller that was enacted in the rolling hills of Montana somewhere between Malta and Havre, on the afternoon of July 3, 1901.

Sincerely,
Your old Friend and neighbor
Ira Merritt

P.S. Royal, you can have this letter published anywhere, any place at any time you so desire.

FIRE BLIGHT

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



It's interesting to see how things cycle in Mother Nature, and much of it is dependent on weather. For the past two years, we've had prime conditions for fire blight which can be destructive on trees. Fire blight is caused by a bacteria that is most damaging in apple, pear and crabapple trees, but can also be an issue, although less common, on hawthorn, lilac, serviceberries, blackberries, raspberries and mountain ash. It can destroy a season's fruit crop, damage the structure of the tree, and diminish tree health. Highly susceptible trees can be killed in a single season, although this is rare.

The frequency of the disease varies from year to year. The weather is often a major factor in determining if it will be an issue but cultivar, tree age and tree health can also influence susceptibility. Fire blight tends to be most serious when spring temperatures during pre-bloom and bloom are warmer than average. If it is warm and rainy then the disease can spread rapidly. It can be spread by insects, rain, wind or birds. As the weather heats up and the humidity drops, the disease usually stops spreading.

Even though symptoms can be seen as soon as active growth begins in the spring, they are typically not noticed until they are well-developed. Symptoms include the characteristic black "shepherd's crook" twigs, discolored bark and light brown to blackened leaves. During wet conditions, the fruit may have a creamy bacterial ooze. Infected fruit stays on the tree. It will gradually dry and stay attached to the branch.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for this disease and treatment options are limited for homeowners. If you have reoccurring issues with fire blight, then you may want to choose a cultivar that is more resistant. Annual pruning is important and avoid over-fertilizing. If you have fire blight, the first step is removing all the affected twigs and branches. Remove twigs and branches at least 12 inches below the edge of the visual infection. Sterilize your pruning tools between every cut to avoid spreading the bacteria. To sterilize, you can use household bleach, ethyl alcohol or household spray disinfectants. Completely remove and destroy any of the branches.

Pesticides are generally not recommended unless you have a history of fire flight. Copper products are the primary chemical option available to homeowners. They are only a preventative solution and often still don't provide adequate control even with multiple applications. These products should be applied to open blossoms and the number of applications depends on the length of the bloom period. For pear trees, this might mean 5-12 applications per season. Copper can also cause scarring on the fruit and needs to be applied at least 50 days prior to harvest. There are some bacteria strains that are resistant to copper.

For assistance with diagnosing disease or pest issues on trees, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu with questions or bring a sample to 416 Broadway in Townsend.

Super Crossword

STOPPING STITCHING

ACROSS

1 "Still open," on a sched.
4 Poppa
7 Some swords
12 Nero's great-grandfather
19 Wasn't too rushed to do something
21 Dance with people in a line
22 One-dollar Canadian coins
23 Of morals
24 In the vicinity
25 One of Capt. Kirk's officers
26 Start of a riddle
29 Like much folk medicine
30 Lubricates
31 Italian "a"
32 Winter hours in Minn.
35 Ancient recital halls
36 Riddle, part 2
41 Boxer Oscar — Hoya
44 — -mo replay
45 Kiev's country
46 Riddle, part 3
52 X Games broadcaster
54 Playwright Chekhov

DOWN

55 Cartoon canary
56 Burn with no flame
58 — Little (mouse of kiddie lit)
59 Biden's party: Abbr.
60 Los Angeles district
62 Part of OTOH
64 Riddle, part 4
71 Dress in fine duds
72 Pedro's shawl
73 Caged bird, often
75 "Blue Ribbon" beers
78 Barely makes, as a living
81 Andes beasts
84 Nudge rudely
85 "Meh" grades
86 Riddle, part 5
88 1960s art movement
90 — chi
92 Peak in the "Odyssey"
93 End of the riddle
98 Letters after upsilons
102 Sci-fi visitors
103 Prefix with plunk
104 Presque Isle's lake

ACROSS

9 Forms a bladderlike sac around
10 "My stars!"
11 Bargain event
12 Just for laughs
13 Gradually lost light
14 Libertine guy
15 Very pixel-dense, as a TV picture
16 More, to musicians
17 — capita
18 Simile center
20 Old-style sheriff's emblem
27 Lav in a pub
28 Pool hall stick
32 Tony winner Rivera
33 Sir of Seville
34 Former senator Lott
36 Roadwork goop
37 "— 3 Lives" (1952 memoir)
38 Ascended
39 Declaimed
40 Organic fertilizer
42 Prefix for "outer"
43 Fill a nest, in a way

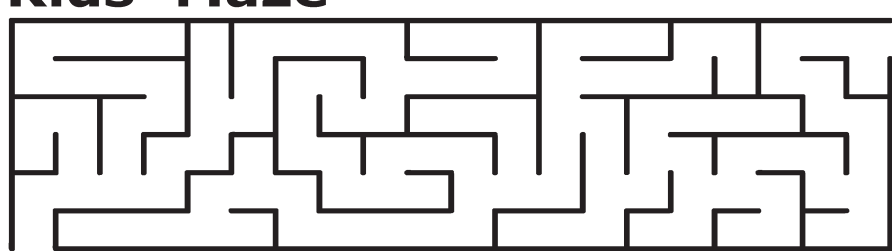
ACROSS

46 Inc., to a Brit
47 Was behind financially
48 Pixar's lost clown fish
49 Con at large
50 Kuwaiti VIP
51 Actor
52 Moss who co-starred on "The Bold and the Beautiful" for 25 years
53 In proportion
57 Wind-deposited loam
58 Armor pieces
61 Sch. in Manhattan
63 With 101-Down, rubber-soled canvas shoes
65 "How curious"
66 Words after "Make love"
67 Cat call
68 Dude, slangily
69 Engine speed stats
70 "You betcha!"
74 Mao — -tung
75 British coins
76 Forewarn
77 Hip-hop devotees, in old slang
79 Etta of old comics

DOWN

80 Morales of "La Linea"
82 Fleur-de-
83 Power cord attachments
85 Declined in status
87 Lap dog
89 Bismarck or Pierre native
91 Freezing
94 Wall St. manipulator
95 Show up
96 German art songs
97 Actor Ayres
99 "Over the Rainbow" composer Arlen
100 "Maybe ... ask me later"
101 See
63-Down
105 Sheep call
106 Flooded (in)
107 Windy blast
108 Cantina pot
109 Jedi guru
110 Daredevil Knievel
111 French "to be"
112 Tone — ("Wild Thing" rapper)
113 Man-mouse linkup
114 Bark sharply

Kids' Maze



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

INSIDE INSPIRATION

OUR VALUES

Ellie West

Certified Master Practitioner of NLP,
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Have you ever taken a moment to reflect on the values that guide your life and where they come from? Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in a practice session centered around NLP as I near the completion of my Masters's Certification. During this session, a process was introduced to help us define our values, and it was truly enlightening.

As I listed my top ten values and went through the process, I discovered something fascinating - some of my values shifted. Even though my values remained fairly congruent, I realized that our values can vary in different areas of our lives. For instance, the values we prioritize in our career might be different from those in our relationships or when it comes to our personal growth, health, and even spirituality.

Various factors shape our values, including our upbringing, environment, role models, and personal experiences. Our values often take shape during childhood, influenced by the teachings and examples set by our parents, family, and caregivers. As parents, we greatly impact what our children value as they closely observe our actions with unwavering attention.

Our morals and values serve as the gentle breeze that guides our ship to identify through the grand ocean of life. Just like the rudder that steers a ship, our values determine our direction, influencing our every action and decision in our everyday journey. However, when we disregard or compromise our values, our ship veers off course, encountering the turbulent waters of regret and uncertainty. Our values shape our identity and provide the emotional compass that guides us toward a life of authenticity, peace, and contentment.

But the beauty of our values lies in their impact on our lives and in how they allow us to add value to others. You might wonder, "How can I add value to others?" It's a beautiful question with countless answers, each reflecting the compassionate nature of the human spirit. Allow me to share a few examples.

You may possess expertise or knowledge in an area where someone may need assistance. By offering to help, you can provide guidance, insights, and tips that make a world of difference to someone struggling with a problem.

Just recently, during our nightly walk, my husband and I noticed a neighbor laboriously mowing a significant patch of grass with a simple push mower. Seeing his struggle, I approached my husband and asked if he could help with our riding lawn mower. After mowing our lot the following day, my husband generously assisted our neighbor in cutting his grass. The gratitude and appreciation our neighbor expressed were immeasurable. My husband added value to our neighbor's life and demonstrated kindness and compassion in that simple act.

Being there for others when they need someone to lean on is another powerful way to add value. Offering a listening ear, words of encouragement, and genuine empathy and understanding can provide comfort and support to those traversing challenging times.

Offering a compassionate presence can truly make a difference in someone's life.

Throughout my Master Certification Program, we are randomly put in breakout rooms. When I got to one of my breakout sessions, the person in the room was having a hard day. Instead of jumping into our assignment, I just let her talk and share what she needed to share. Adding value to that person was more important at the moment than doing our practice session.

Additionally, sharing our success stories, lessons learned, or personal growth experiences can inspire and motivate others on their journeys. By being a source of positivity and optimism, we uplift others with our kind words and positive outlook.

Remember, adding value to others doesn't always require grand gestures. Sometimes, the simplest acts of kindness, such as offering a genuine compliment, lending a supportive ear, or providing guidance, can profoundly affect someone's life.

Our values serve as the solid foundation upon which our individuality is built. They are instrumental in shaping our path and guiding us toward a brighter and more hopeful future.

Let us embrace the power of our values, and together, let us strive to cultivate and live by these values, creating a ripple effect of goodness that touches the hearts and souls of countless individuals.

As we cultivate strong values filled with kindness, compassion, and empathy, we enrich our lives and become catalysts for positive change in the world.

"Sometimes you will never know the value of the moment until it becomes a memory."

~Dr. Seuss

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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. (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

TRAILHEAD EXPANSION UPDATE

Mark Roelofs and Chuck Bair

After a winter of organizing and scheduling subcontractors Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church was able to break ground on the expansion of our building on April 3rd. Fittingly, this took place the day after our official groundbreaking ceremony that occurred on Sunday, April 2nd. There were a few spots of frost still in the ground, but excavators were able to dig through them. The excavation went well, and the ground was an excellent gravel base.

There were many little details that needed to be taken care of in order for the actual digging to begin. The sprinkler system needed to be adjusted and moved, the church's playground had to be relocated, siding from the existing building needed to be torn off, and the lawn shed was picked up and placed on the north side of the church from its original location on the south side.

Weather has been a major factor over the first couple of months of the expansion project - slowing the progress and pushing back the schedule. Once it warmed up in May, it seemed that everybody in the county needed help from our subcontractors!

After the footings and foundation walls were in place, things really got complicated. Work took place on sewer and drain lines, water lines and electrical conduit. Holes

SENIOR CENTER



SR. CENTER MEALS

Dessert

FOR

JULY 24 - JULY 29

Thursday, July 27

BBQ Chicken Breast
Wild Rice
Key Largo Vegetables
Garden Salad with Beans
Applesauce

Rocky's Council on Aging will be at the Sr. Center on August 15.

Friday, July 28

Cabbage Rolls
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Apricot Halves

Monday, July 24

Beef Stroganoff
Egg Noodles
German Vegetables
Carrot Raisin Salad
Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, July 25

Fish Patty on a Bun
Green Peas
Coleslaw
Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, July 26

Chef Salad
Carrot and Celery Sticks
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

Corndog 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/>

needed to be bored to connect the new building to the existing one, and then the gravel base around and over all these obstacles needed to be fine-graded. Over this base insulation board was placed to insulate the floor heat. At this point the Canyon Ferry wind became a relentless adversary, causing further complications. Everyone involved toughed it out and worked together, and finally, the floor was poured last week. This caps off the first phase - possibly the most difficult - of the expansion project.

We are grateful to the Lord for how He has continued to provide for this "Building to Serve" project in every way. It is our collective prayer as a church that God would use this added space for His glory - that our Trailhead Family would be spurred on to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and that our outreach to the community would be enhanced all the more.

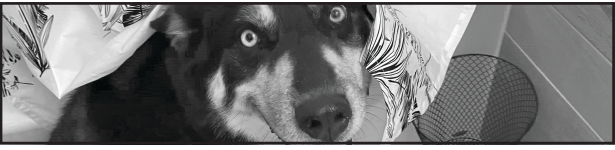
We would like to recognize and thank our A team; those that have been involved thus far:

Randy Visser of Visser Architect
Jerry Schrock of Crow Creek Enterprises
Nate of Pitstop LLC
Nate Brown of Badger Materials
Capital Concrete
Shawn Dafferner of NW Energy
Danny Kurk and crew from Special K Plumbing
Jay Lane and crew from Wm. Lane Construction
And all the neighbors, friends, and volunteers of Trailhead Fellowship.



Bill Lane Construction workers put the finishing touches on the concrete slab for Trailhead church's expansion July 11.
Photo Credits: Chuck Blair

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT by Waqar



"He was much more fun when he wasn't around all the time!"

BSE EXCAVATING

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Special K

Plumbing and Heating

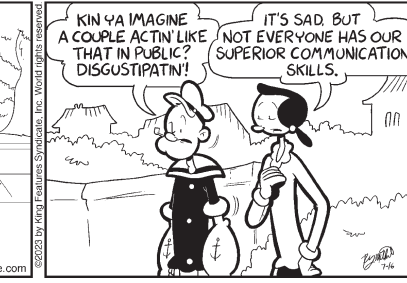
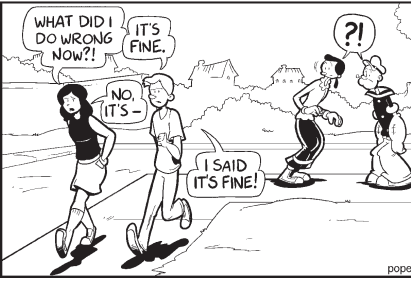
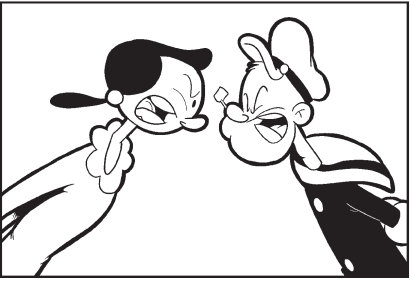
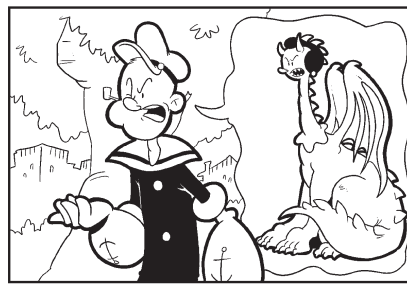
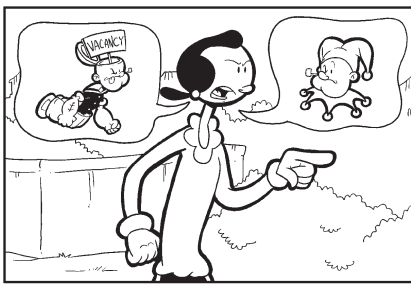
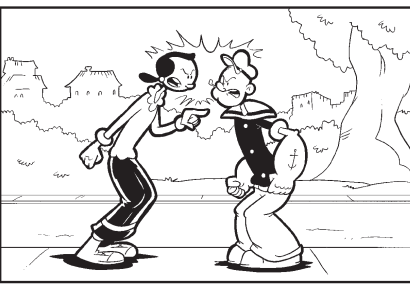
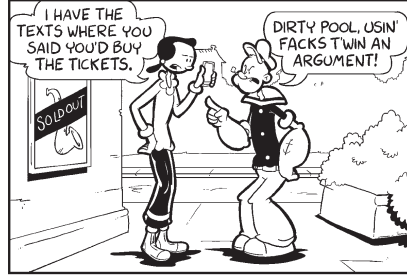
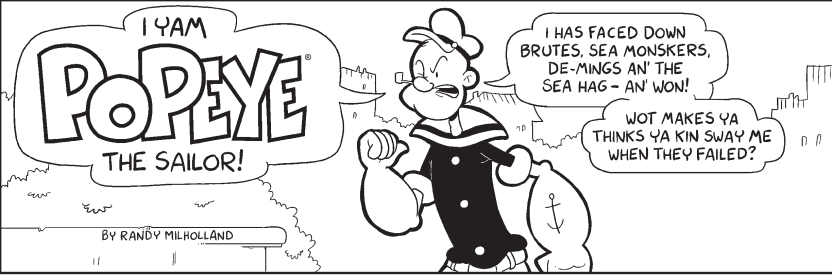
Danny Kurk - Owner

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"The best way to fix a broken world is to look within and work on the parts of us that are broken. Because it is in our brokenness that HaShem wants us to find our completeness."



-Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

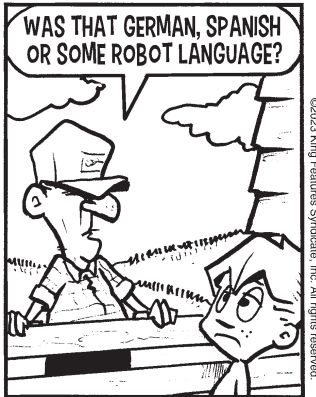
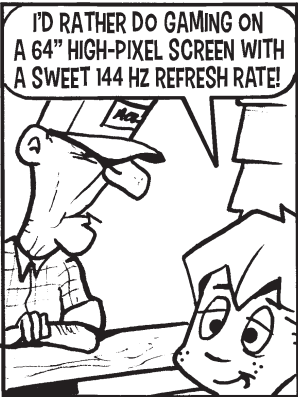
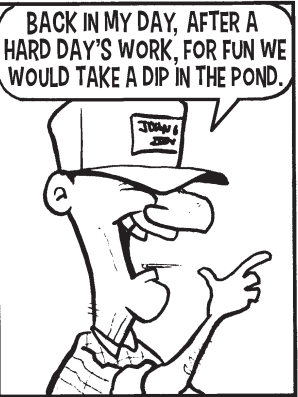
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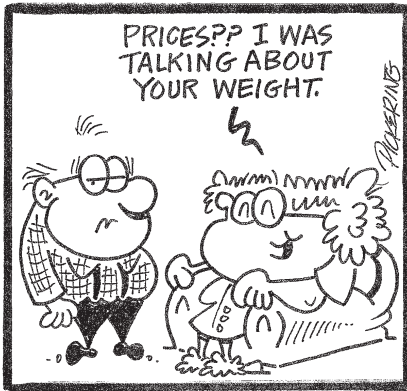
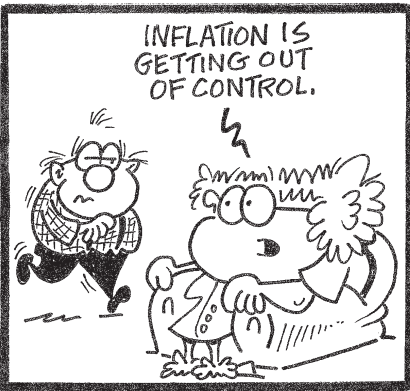
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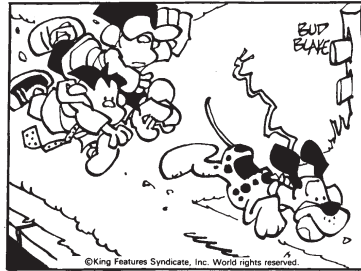
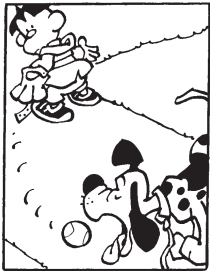
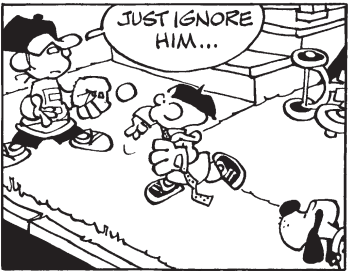
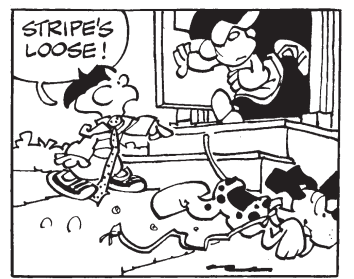
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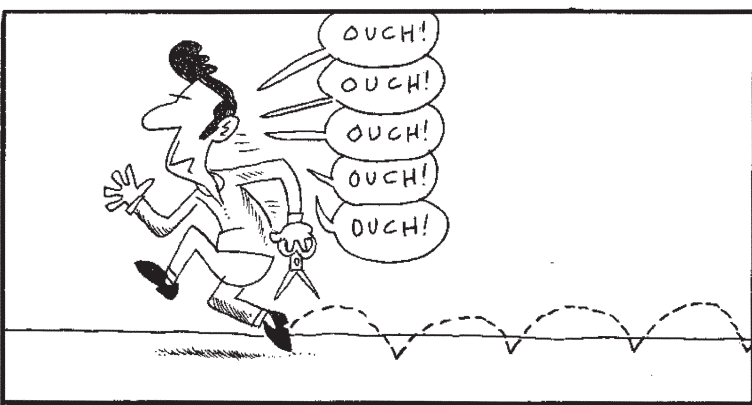
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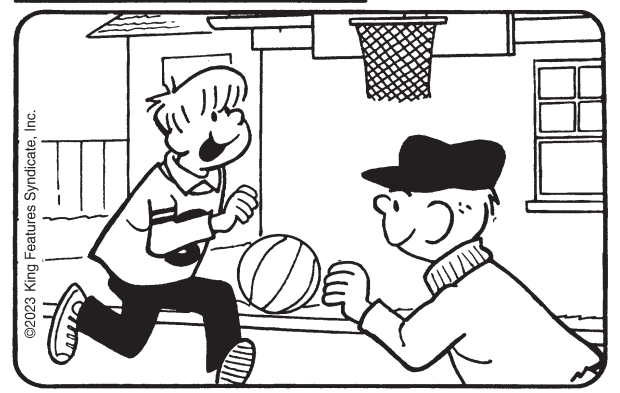
Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN RUNNING WITH SCISSORS IS SKIPPING WITH SCISSORS.

KOPERVAS

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Basket is added. 2. Fence is different. 3. Ball is higher. 4. Arm is lower. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Window is missing.

Americanisms



"Humanity requires both men and women and we are equally important and need one another."

- Beyoncé Knowles

OBITUARY

THANE ALLEN TONEY

Kasshia Sleath

Brother, Son, Father, Friend, Thane Allen Toney passed from this life September 30th 2022 to seek new adventures, visit lost loved ones and fly fish the trout laden waters of Heaven.



Thane Allen Toney
Photo Credits: The Toney Family

An outdoorsman, Thane enjoyed hunting and fishing and had a passion for horses and riding, along with a keen interest in Bigfoot. Even though he loved hunting, he often traded his guns for a Dutch oven and became known for his delectable creations. He loved telling stories and could captivate audiences of all ages recounting his many experiences and spinning a few yarns.

A caring and giving soul, Thane took care of others and checked in on friends frequently. While Thane ascending through the production ranks to become a Master Planner at The Boeing Company in Everett, WA, he remained a true Montana boy at heart. His laughter and smile will be forever remembered in our hearts.

Thane loved his boys, Tyler Thane (24) and Trace Allen (21) with all his heart. He leaves behind his boys and his parents, Ken and Glendia Toney, Townsend, MT and his brother Destry Toney (Stacy) and his sister Kasshia Sleath (Charles) and their families.

Although Thane passed last fall, he always wanted a Summertime celebration of his life in Montana to coincide with the spreading of his ashes in his favorite place.

Please join us to raise a glass and reminisce your favorite Thane stories with us on Saturday August 12th at The Mint in Townsend, MT from 4-7PM.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: MARY HOOKS

Katie Williams
Anderson, Stevenson, Wilke

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



Mary Hooks
Photo Credits: Hooks Family

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

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

lifelong member of the Holy Cross.

Mary was a member of the Bunkhouse Bar bowling team for many years and enjoyed playing bridge. She worked for Graymont Western, Inc. for 29 years, retiring in 2014 at the age of 80. Following her retirement, she fulfilled a dream of volunteering at Head Start in Townsend.

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

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

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

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

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 29th at 11:00 a.m. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, 101 South Walnut St. Townsend, MT. 59644. A burial will follow the Memorial Service at the Holy Cross Cemetery located East of Townsend. A reception will follow the Burial at The Cook Mansion 7408 US HWY 287.

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Q equals R

KRDH WH DBWYB KBP QROCZ
OQP YRLSVPKPT KPPLWHX DWKB
KWQP-ZHOXXWHX CPSQPZZWRHZ:
KBP BRVPT YWKT.

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from READS to DIALS in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

READS

DIALS

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2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

DATE	VISITING HOURS	GROUP/SPEAKER	EVENT TIME
JUNE 9	3-6 PM	Helena Handbasket	5 PM
JUNE 23	3-6 PM	Judy Williams	5 PM
JULY 14	3-6 PM	Mary Bradford	5 PM
JULY 28	3-6 PM	Eliel Family Band	5 PM
AUGUST 11	3-6 PM	Christensen Family	5 PM
AUGUST 25	3-6 PM	Linda Huth	5 PM

KNIGHT MOVES

L	E	M
O		E
T	P	C

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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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!

Source SAUCE [] [] []
Agitation RITHED [] [] [] []
Wound GAMEAD [] [] [] []
Crowd BARBEL [] [] [] []

With or without _____ ?

TODAY'S WORD [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Weather info contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 7/21	Sat 7/22	Sun 7/23	Mon 7/24	Tue 7/25
Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Clear
90° 60° ● 0%	94° 60° ● 0%	94° 62° ● 0%	92° 60° ● 0%	92° 57° ● 0%
⇒ 6 18 mph	⇒ 6 21 mph	⇒ 6 18 mph	⇒ 7 23 mph	⇒ 7 25 mph

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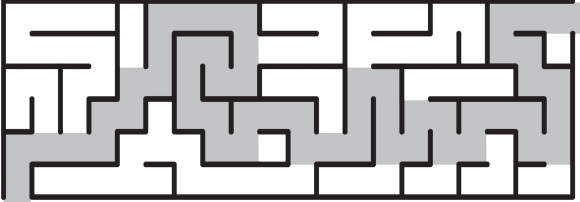
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Super Crossword
Answers

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Kids' Maze Solution



CryptoQuip
answer
Town in which the roads are completely teeming with tire-snagging depressions:
The Holey City.

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Answer


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JULY 20

1939

Accommodations Crowded in Townsend with Rush on
Accommodations in Townsend have become a real problem among hotel managers and tourist camp owners. Night after night with hotels and camps full, visitors have been turned away to seek shelter elsewhere. Many have slept in their cars in the streets and many have moved on to nearby towns to return the next day to transact business.

This condition is due to the newcomers who are interested in the construction of either roads or the big dam.

The housing situation has become a real problem, said R.M. O'Hearn, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who would like to see everyone taken care of who comes to our fair city. If residents of Townsend who own private homes, care to rent out rooms by the week, month or night, would contact Mr. O'Hearn or leave word at the Star Office, then strangers wishing accommodations who cannot get them at the regular hostelrys, will be directed to them.

1950

Townsend Briefs

Mrs. Palmer Engh, who is attending Western College of Education for the summer session, spent the weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex DuFresne and daughters returned the past week from a vacation spent in Canada. While there they attended the stampede in Calgary.

Mrs. D.W. Neifert and sons, Dick and Danny,

returned home recently from Kalispell and Polson after visiting relatives for a few weeks.

1961

Fishermen on Annual Trip to Mountain Lake

Each year a group of fishermen make a trek into the Camas Lake in the Big Belts for an overnight campout. This past weekend the trip was made by Heinie Huth, George Lots, Bud Davis, Mike Huth, Don Anderson and Art Fortin, all of Townsend, Irv Blessinger of Helena and John Winden of Lewistown. Fishing, the gang said, was not so good this year and it looked like old home week, as there were five other groups camping there besides the local gang.

Three Local Scouts on Wilderenss Trek

Three local Boy Scouts, Jerry waling, Bob and Richard Thompson are members of a group of 29 scouts who will spend two weeks on a hike through the Bob Marshall Wilderness area, crossing the Continental Divide on the journey.

The Scouts are being accompanied by four adult leaders on the trek. Participation this annual trip is limited to explorer Scouts. The boys carry their own supplies for a week at a time. They left the West Fork of the Teton River and had enough supplies to last the first week. The second week's supplies will be air dropped at Sheaffer's Meadow and the group will travel on, arriving at Essex, on Highway 2 at the southern tip of Glacier Park.

1967

Crow Creek News

Helena callers during the week were Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Mrs. Dan Hunsaker, Jeanne, Holly and Donna Dee, and Mrs. Al Kimpton.

Mrs. Bill Williams, Robin and Michelle and Mrs. Monte Bingham and girls of Townsend attended a family reunion in Idaho Falls recently. Robin remained for a few weeks visit with her grandparents in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sanderson and boys of Bozeman visited Saturday with Mrs. And Mrs. Gordon Sanderson and family.

George Dundas and family attended the Three Forks rodeo Sunday evening.

Misses Pat Hensley of Missoula and Mary Ann Hensley of Helena spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hensley.

Valerie Horne is spending sometime in Townsend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Fandrich and son, Abe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber Jr. and family were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber Sr. and family.

1978

East of Townsend News

Mary Sue Griffith of Crow Creek visited Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardgrove.

Barry, Blaine and Jeff White and Frankie McArthur floated down the Smith River from Fort Logan to Ulm over the weekend. Joyce White and Betty McArthur met them Sunday at Ulm. They reported the fishing was good.

Kathy, Joe and Mike Plymale helped John and Doc Williams move cattle to the Holloway place Saturday.

Don and JoAnn Marks drove to Bozeman, Thursday to get Denise who had been attending 4-H Congress.

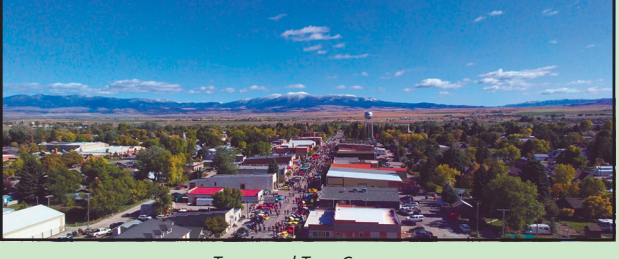
Annabelle Diehl, Rosella Whitehead and Candi Gunderson of Trout Creek visited Sunday in Butte at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Whitehead.

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Community Forest, 4

The Tree Board is cutting back on tree orders because of our volunteer aging issues. We will keep ordering a minimum number of trees as long as the horticulture class at Broadwater High School wants to help us unload trucks, pot trees, prune trees, and plant trees around town. This is a great opportunity for the students to identify if they may want to work at a garden center, or nursery, or become an arborist or landscaper.



Townsend Tree Canopy
Photo Credits: Brian Obert

As the many trees we planted over the last 20 years mature and as we plant more medium to large trees Townsend's canopy cover will increase. Hopefully, a 15% tree canopy goal can be achieved by 2050.

Next week, we will discuss the memorial trees we have planted over the years to honor someone or an event. Hopefully, that article we stimulate the memories of older Townsend residents to help us identify other trees planted to honor someone in the past that we don't know about.

FRESH CHORIZO, THE EASY WAY

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

I've heard a lot of people say 25% fat is 'perfect' for wild game sausage, but I've never bought into that theory. I've eaten that game sausage. It's way too dry for me.

Simply put, game sausage should give us the same pleasure that commercial meat sausage does. Not quite fat dripping down your arm, but a definite 'Ahhh' at the first bite. To get that rich and pleasurable mouth-feel in wild sausage, it takes more than 25%. Hillshire Farms beef sausage for instance, is 31% fat, more than 20% more fat than that 25% some think is perfect

Let's do a bit of simple math: Using 1 pound of ground, carefully trimmed wild venison with ½ pound of fat (be it pork or beef fat) combines for a 33% ratio. There's a bit more math though: A 4-ounce serving of beef flank steak has more than 9 grams of total fat, with nearly 4 of those being saturated. Venison contains 3 grams of total fat and only 1 of those grams is saturated.

Just a tiny bit more math?

I did an experiment when writing Sausage Season, my wild game sausage cookbook. I cooked one 4 ounce patty of commercial beef sausage in a cast iron pan, and a 4 ounce patty of my sausage (1 pound lean to 1/2 pound fat) in a second cast iron pan. When they each reached 170°F, I removed the patties and poured the rendered fat left in each pan into 2 measuring cups. Each measuring cup held exactly the same rendered fat. Why? Read the last sentence of that third paragraph again.



Bear sausage
Photo Credit: Eileen Clarke

Fresh Chorizo

- 1 pound ground venison
 - ½ pound finely ground beef fat
 - ½ cup minced jalapeno peppers (about 1 ½ 6" jalapenos)
 - 2 tablespoons garlic, minced (about 6 cloves)
 - ½ cup grated Mexican Cheese Blend, tamped down
 - 2 teaspoons kosher (or non-iodized) salt
 - 1 ½ teaspoons baking soda, dissolved in
 - 3 tablespoons cold water
 - 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- Grind together the venison and beef fat.
Throw all the ingredients into a large bowl. Mix thoroughly,

then chill 24 hours to let the flavors fully develop, and the salt work on the meat protein (myosin).

After 24 hours, place the meat mixture in a stand mixer bowl and mix on medium about 2 minutes, or until the sausage clings to the paddle. (You should be able to suspend the sausage-laden paddle over the bowl and not have any of it drop off. [If it does, mix it a bit longer, until it doesn't drop off].) Now you can wrap and freeze it for later, or cook it right away. No need to case. Sausage is delicious as patties too.

To enjoy: shape into patties and cook on medium-high heat in a skillet until all the pink is gone, about 170°F.

Eileen's wild game book, Sausage Season, has over 70 sausage recipes, plus the science behind creating the texture that's the magic of sausage. (Not the crumbles of ground venison.) www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.

BROADWATER COUNTY AT ITS MOST BEAUTIFUL

Bob and Barb Tootell live just above the Canton Church. They are quite active in the community and recently joined the Canton Church Restoration board.

Last Fall, Bob and Barb volunteered to help with hosting the Townsend Middle School History outing at the Canton Church.



The Historic Canton Church in the evening light
Photo Credits: Bob Tootell