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SUMMERTIME AND THE KIDS ARE JUMPING AT SLICE OF SUMMER

Nancy Marks
Reporter



It was "boot-scootin'" boogie time at Slice of Summer Thursday at Heritage Park as Rotary's first family activity of the season with the "Unpredicatables" band from Helena playing western tunes and kids jumping endlessly in the inflatables.



The Unpredicatables perform western music at Slice of Summer Thursday. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Ten Rotarians manned the various games and jumping activities while parents watched and enjoyed hotdogs and hamburgers prepared by the Lions' Club. Rotarians also served Full Belli Deli pizza and lemonade was free. "We have many more inflatables but don't have enough volunteers to supervise the activities. We wish more folks would come to volunteer for these important community events," Rotarian Jeff Langlinais commented.

The pool was open for free swimming with lifeguards provided by the city. Head Lifeguard instructor Amanda Hazlett said the pool was overwhelmed with kids and



Rotarians bury quarters in the sandpile so kids can spend time digging for coins. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

parents who watched nearby. "Everybody had fun though," she said.

Slice of Summer began fifteen years ago as an idea presented by Broadwater High School students who were interviewing for Rotary Scholarships, according to Rotarian Pat Plantenberg. Asked the question "What do we need for our community," one student suggested a family night at the park, like Alive at Five has in Helena. Over the years the event has evolved into showcasing live music, food and lots of games and activities for kids. Rotarian Jody Toney arranges the bands for the event. "This year the music will be outstanding and we have one more event coming up on August 17," she said.

In addition to fun and games, several organizations held informational booths including MSU Extension Service, Broadwater Search and Rescue, Southwest Montana Prevention, and Broadwater Community Theater. Stephanie Michaelson, of Southwest Montana Prevention said she was there to promote alternative activities to teens. "We try to encourage teens to get involved with productive alternatives to drinking alcohol or doing drugs," she explained.



Levi Cazier, age 3 and 1/2, holds up the sides of the Rotarian "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" inflatable. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

SUSIE HEDALEN ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR MONTANA SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Susie Hedalen

Susie Hedalen Endorsed by Governor Greg Gianforte and Attorney General Austin Knudsen

Susie Hedalen, a passionate advocate for public education and a dedicated leader, has announced her candidacy for Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction. Susie is the current district superintendent

for Townsend schools, Vice-Chair of the Montana Board of Public Education, and previously served as the Deputy Superintendent for the Montana Office of Public Instruction. Susie is running on a commitment to bringing education back to basics. By honoring families and teachers, and ensuring school safety, Hedalen aims to create new opportunities and experiences for Montana students.



Susie Hedalen Photo Credits: Susie Hedalen

"I'm running for Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction to bring education back to basics," said Hedalen. "I will honor families, teachers and ensure that Montana students are safe in their schools. Parents have a right to know what their kids are learning in school, and that they are safe."

Susie is honored to be endorsed by Governor Greg Gianforte and Attorney General Austin Knudsen. Gianforte stated, "Susie Hedalen has dedicated her career to teaching students. She's taught in the classroom and understands that parents' number one priority is their kids' education. I wholeheartedly endorse her to be our next Superintendent of Public Instruction."

On his support for Susie, Knudsen said, "I endorse Susie Hedalen to be Montana's next Superintendent of Public Instruction. Susie is a teacher and will bring a back-to-basics approach to Montana's educational system. She will work with parents and students to ensure the highest standards. I'm proud to support her."

About Susie Hedalen:

Susie Hedalen is the Superintendent for Townsend School District and the Vice-Chair of the Montana Board of Public Education, having been appointed to the Board two years ago by Governor Gianforte. She previously served as the Deputy Superintendent for the Montana Office of Public Instruction. Susie has

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PLANNING FOR GROWTH MEETING POSTPONED

Nichole Brown

Broadwater County Community Development Director

The Broadwater "Planning For Growth" meeting initially scheduled for July 25 has been postponed to a future date yet to be determined.

REVENUE DIRECTOR EXPLAINS PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Nancy Marks
Reporter

Brendan Beatty, director of the Montana Department of Revenue, came to Townsend last week well-prepared for what could have been contentious public meetings about property taxes. After all was said and questions answered, people seemed satisfied.

At issue were property appraisal notices newly issued by the department. In Broadwater County, as well as in most of Montana, the figures reflected sharp increases in the value of residential property, raising fears of dramatic hikes to come in property taxes.



More than 70 people at each meeting gathered to ask questions of the Department of Revenue officials. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

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TOWNSEND STUDENTS ENJOY GRAND STREET THEATRE CAMP

Nancy Marks
Reporter

If theater is where your heart is, then last Friday at Grand Street Theatre in Helena, your heart would have been pounding. Students from all around southwest Montana including three Townsend Elementary students did song and dance routines that brought their audiences to their feet.

After only two weeks of practice, 220 students of all ages performed many theater favorites. The several 10-minute skits were “Change It” from the Dolly Parton Musical, in which Urijah Duede sang and pitched a line. This was Urijah’s second year at Grand Street. His confidence on stage showed.



Zachary Matthews was one of the Fun For Life Scholarship winners this year. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Zachary Matthews did an excellent job with a solo part in “Shrek and Donkey’s Apple Juice Adventure. This was Zach’s first try at Grand Street. He landed the part easily because of his low, booming voice.

Harper Hazlett played the part of King George in the skit “Musicals Got Talent.” She practically jumped off the stage in her enthusiasm. She especially enjoyed seeing “The Little



Urijah Duede shows his excitement at finishing his second year at Grand Street Theatre Camp. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



The fourth grader Harper Hazlett may have been a little worn out after two weeks at Grand Street Camp. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Mermaid” Play now on at Grand Street and making new friends. Harper said she “would love to go back next year to the camp.”

All three students have acted in Broadwater Community Theater’s children’s summer program. Last year they played in Aladdin, Jr. the musical. Hopefully, they will land parts in this year’s summer performance of Treasure Island.

These Townsend Elementary students had applied for scholarships to attend the theater camp earlier in the year. The scholarships are offered through the Fun For Life Program underwritten by the Ryland KM Foote Memorial Trust since 1996.

The program offers scholarships to Broadwater County elementary students in art, theater, music and foreign language and is open to all students including homeschooled students. Broadwater Community Theater is the sponsor for the student scholarships.

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worked as an educator and administrator in schools ranging from class C to AA across the state, including collaboration with various Tribal Nations.

Experienced in managing federal programs at the local and state level, she understands school funding and the big picture of K-20 school systems in the state, allowing her to build on their success and identify areas of improvement. Susie was also able to work in schools across Montana and understand the various needs and strengths of the Montana education system. Returning to working as a superintendent in rural Montana has allowed her to bring her knowledge and passion for working with school administrators, educators, and students back to the field in Montana. She has successfully written many competitive grant applications including the Montana Comprehensive Literacy Grant, awarding the school over a million dollars.

She has a strong understanding of the Montana accreditation system and licensure system, and other models used in the nation. She is passionate about supporting children and understands the urgency for mental health awareness, career & technical education, and family engagement. In her free time, she attends and supports student after-school, summer, and extracurricular programs. Susie also enjoys hunting and fishing with her husband Derrick and helping him run his electrical business. Susie graduated from Montana State University, Bozeman with a Bachelor’s in Elementary Education, a Master’s in Educational Leadership, and a Certificate in Native American Studies.

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Beatty was flanked by close to a dozen department officials and aides as he made his presentations at two sessions in the community room of the Broadwater School library on July 16. About 70 people attended each. They were the first of property assessment town hall meetings scheduled by the department in 14 cities across the state through July 23.

Beatty set the tone by explaining the work done by his 285 employees to ensure that property is assessed properly and by state law. “The law set by the legislature in the 1970s says we assess property at 100 percent of market value,” he said, “The reason assessments have jumped so high in Broadwater County is because of so many new folks moving in and buying homes at inflated values. I explain the jump by saying the cause is due to COVID and Costner,” he quipped.

His reference was to the actor Kevin Costner and the television series “Yellowstone,” filmed in Montana and enticing people to move into the state. Many people have seen their property assessments jump as high as 300 percent over the last two years, he said.

Beatty apologized that the numbers on residents’ assessments showed so much disparity. The estimated 2023 tax on the notices is based on last year’s mill levies from the county. But he said, “The more taxable value we have in an area (more properties on the tax rolls) the more the mill value goes down. That way your taxes may not go up or go up very little because of all the new properties in Broadwater County,” he explained.

Counting new properties

Roz Olson, head of the departmental district Broadwater is in, explained her workers’ count of new properties. “We surveyed for assessment 183 new houses in 2021 and 131 houses in 2022. It’s the barns and outbuildings we don’t get,” she said. The department only does a comprehensive count every six years, she noted.

County resident Keith Kirscher asked Beatty how the department employees are reaching the properties not already on the tax rolls. Beatty said the department is engaging road crews with an app on their phones so they can contact the department directly when they see new property startups. Agents also check through septic and electrical permits, but they miss grain bins, shops and houses that are off the grid. Broadwater County does not have a building permit system.

Beatty also explained that a vast amount of property taxes fall on the shoulders of homeowners because Montana no longer has timber mills and coal companies paying a share of taxes.

Attendees included county commissioners Darrel Folkvord and Lyndsey Richtmyer as well as legislators Jan Gillette from House District 64, Gallatin County, and Julie Dooling, House District 70, Broadwater and Lewis & Clark Counties. County Treasurer Melissa Franks attended as well. The crowd was civil and attentive in their questions. What Beatty and his officers could not answer, the local officials did.

A good thing for Broadwater County is that it has a Department of Revenue office in the courthouse where people can go to have their property tax questions answered. It is open five days a week.

Great Falls DOR Manager Jason Boggess pointed out that property-assessed values will be forwarded to the Broadwater County treasurer who will in turn set the mills for the coming budget year. All values will be turned over by August 7. “If you feel your assessment contains wrong information, or you have removed a building since our appraisers have been around, be sure to contact the office. The office people will make an appointment to come to your house, Boggess said.



Great Falls Region 2 Manager Jason Boggess spoke at both meetings held at the Community Library Room. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Income and property tax rebates

The good news is there will be a property tax rebate of up to \$675 for those who have been in their homes for at least seven months. Montana residents who paid taxes on their primary home must apply beginning August 15 for the rebate through the DOR tap.dor.mt.gov.

Another rebate for those who paid Montana income tax will be coming in the mail beginning in July. The rebate came through the 2021 budget surplus.

Also, people who qualify, including disabled veterans, are encouraged to apply for property tax assistance. This new law was passed by the 2022 Legislature.

Retiree Mike Richter commented on the public meeting. “I thought it was a good meeting. The representatives handled it well by trying to answer our

questions. For me, it cleared up the property rebate question. I was glad to see so many of our county officials at the meeting,” he said.

STOKE POTTERY GUILD’S BURGERS AND BOWLS EVENT

John Hahn
STOKE

STOKE’s Pottery Guild has been a big success in acquiring all the best equipment and supplies needed to operate a complete pottery studio but has lacked the number of potential members that we would like.



Burgers and Bowls at the pottery guild Photo Credit: John Hahn

The STOKE board came up with the idea of Burgers and Bowls to stimulate the public by offering a chance to spend time with our board member and local pottery guru, Teddy Lewis. The event offered potential potters to have a BBQ burger and glaze, or paint, a bowl or cup of their choice.

Over twenty people, youth through retired, did just that. Teddy had already spent the greater part of many evenings throwing some excellent porcelain pottery pieces and had bisque fired them to be ready for the event. After everyone finished their pieces and had gone home, Teddy fired them again, a two-to-three-day process, to set the glaze. The pieces were then ready for pickup.

We were all very happy with the turnout and everyone found out another step into what their possible creation could look like. So if you would like to learn more about the creative world of ceramics, would like to become a guild member, or just contribute to our programs, contact Teddy Lewis at 406-439-9345 or email him at teddylewis65@yahoo.com.

Remember, kids are free to participate in any of our programs. We are funded through grants and generous donations from folks like you. We also encourage family participation in any of our events and projects. Ask about our new robotics programs, First Legos League and First Tech Robotics. stokemt59644@gmail.com. Also watch for our new website coming soon, www.stokemt.org.

Townsend School Calendar

Aug 1	7:00PM Booster Club Meeting at Library Classroom	
Aug 3	7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Ed - Book Club at Broadwater Community & School Library	

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

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 Historic Canton Church Presents: Eliel Family Band at Canton Church,
 5:00pm TACC Presents Shakespeare In The Park at Heritage Park, Townsend MT

July 29
 9:00am 2023 Backyards of Broadwater (SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS)
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

July 31
 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

August 1
 1:00pm 2023 Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo: 4H Horse Show at Broadwater County Fairgrounds
 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
 6:30pm 2023 Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo: 4H Dog Show at Broadwater County Fairgrounds

August 2
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 7:00pm Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo: Adam Doleac In Concert at Broadwater County Fairgrounds

August 3
 1:00pm 2023 Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo: 4H/FFA Small Animal Show at Broadwater County Fairgrounds
 3:00pm 2023 Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo: Commercial and Exhibit Buildings Open To the Public at Broadwater County Fairgrounds
 3:00pm Farmer's Market
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

August 4
 10:00am Sidewalk Sale at The Birds Nest & Rock Room (SEE AD ON THIS PAGE)
 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

August 5
 10:00am Sidewalk Sale at The Birds Nest & Rock Room (SEE AD ON THIS PAGE)
 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

August 2
 10:00am Commission 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.

SLICE OF SUMMER-ROTARY THANKS COMMUNITY!

Pat Plantenberg
 Rotarian



On Thursday, July 20, Rotary pulled off another successful Slice of Summer Family Fun Event. Rotary and Tree Board volunteers spent the entire week before Slice of Summer weeding, pruning, and otherwise cleaning up Heritage Park for the event.

All kids' activities were free including swimming, face painting, the sand pile treasure hunt, the Imagination Playground blue form building blocks, and the Action Inflatables bouncy rooms and toys. And the music by the Unpredictables was excellent!

See you at the next Slice of Summer on August 17th. Please help volunteer for the event as more help is always needed. And please let us know if you want to set up a display at the event.

Remember, Broadwater County all the money used to pay for these Slice of Summer events comes from profits made at last year's Fall Fest.

Rotary is actively soliciting sponsorships for Rotary's 2023-2024 Projects including this year's Fall Fest September 29-October 1.

Please call Patrick Plantenberg, Sponsorship Chair at 406-431-4615 to learn more about sponsorships.

SEVENTH ANNUAL BROADWATER COUNTY-WIDE YARDSALE A HUGE SUCCESS

Victor Sample



Missouri Valley Marketing

July 22, 2023, was the date of the Seventh Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale -- and it was a huge success! In addition to the hundreds of Broadwater County residents that visited the yard sales, there were hundreds more that came from Helena, Butte, Anaconda, Bozeman and as far away as Columbus and Red Lodge!

There were at least 4 groups from our Broadwater County Amish community that came shopping the sales.



Some of the local Amish community attending a yard sale. Photo Credits: Vic Sample

This year we had 67 registered yard sales and a number of sales that did not register to be put on the maps. There were sales in the Silos area, the Golf Course, Toston Area as well as along US Hwy 12 and MT Hwy 284.

Thanks to everyone that participated in the event -- as sellers and as buyers!

The event was organized by Missouri Valley Marketing (MVM). Missouri Valley Marketing is a local volunteer organization that was formed to promote Townsend and Broadwater County tourism.



Sautter Lane Yard Sale brings in a lot of shoppers. Photo Credits: Vic Sample

Live music Rodeo Weekend @ THE BETSY
 Friday night: "Scoundrel Ray"
 Saturday night: "The Unintentionals"
 Now Serving Food!

BACKYARDS OF BROADWATER Saturday, July 29, 2023 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Tickets are \$5.00 on sale NOW at MSU Broadwater County Extension, Townsend Hardware and Goose Bay Glass.
 Call 406.266.9242 for information.
YARD & GARDEN TOUR

SIDEWALK SALE! @ The Birds Nest & Rock Room August 4, 5 & 6th 10am - Closing
 125 S Pine St, Townsend MT (406)266-1335

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 You can also stop in at our office: 401 Broadway. We'd love to see you!

FAMILIES CAN USE WIC FARM DIRECT BENEFITS AT FARMERS' MARKETS THIS SUMMER

Jon Ebelt
 Communications Director, DPHHS

With the farmers' market season in full swing, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) encourages families to enroll and utilize the Montana Farm Direct Program.

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2023 BROADWATER COUNTY FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE ~ MONDAY JULY 31ST-SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH~		
31 MONDAY	10:00 am- 6:00 pm Sign up Northern Rodeo Association (NRA) Townsend Rodeo- Call Central Entry 406.998.6788; Call Backs Tuesday Aug. 1st Noon-6pm 4:00 pm Decorate Exhibit Building 6:00 pm 4-H/FFA Set Up (Livestock & Indoor Building)	
1 TUESDAY	9:00 am 4-H Indoor Exhibits judged- Commercial Exhibit Building 1:00 pm 4-H Horse Show 6:30 pm 4-H Dog Show	
2 WEDNESDAY	9 am-12:30 pm Open Class entries checked in at the Exhibit Building 2:00 pm Judging of Open Class entries; Exhibit Building CLOSED 7:00 pm <i>Live Concert Featuring: Adam Doleac-In the Arena</i>	
3 THURSDAY	8:30 -11 am 4-H Animals arrive and weigh-in 1:00 pm 4-H/FFA Small Animal Show 3 pm-9 pm Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public 6:00 pm Broadwater Western Days Rodeo- Youth Division	***** Under the Entertainment Tent: J Rock Jewelry 3-6pm *****
4 FRIDAY	8:00 am 4-H/FFA Swine Show 9:00 am NRA Rodeo Slack 12-9 pm Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public STEM Activities ; Sandbox Treasure Hunt 1:00 pm 4-H/FFA Sheep & Goat Show 4:00 pm Open Class Premiums- pick up in Exhibit Building 5:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Agility Show- under the Entertainment Tent 5:30 pm Stick Horse Rodeo (Children ages 3-8) Sign up 5:00 East of the Tent 7:00 pm NRA Rodeo	***** Under the Entertainment Tent: STOKE Pottery Demo 11-1 Kyle Williams 3-4:30pm Rabbity Agility 5:00pm *****
5 SATURDAY	8:00 am 4-H/FFA Beef Show 9:00 am Team Roping 10:30 am 4-H/FFA Round Robin Showmanship 11-9 pm Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public STEM Activities; Sandbox Treasure Hunt 3:00 pm 4-H/FFA Buyers Dinner 4:00 pm 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale 7:00 pm NRA Rodeo 9pm-12 am Family Dance- DJ- Open to the public (All ages) FREE	***** Under the Entertainment Tent: Paint Party with Julie 9:30- Noon Pie Eating Contest Sign up 11:30, Contest 12:30 Judy Williams 2-4pm DJ Family Dance 9-Midnight *****
6 SUNDAY	10:30 am Sign up for parade- Massa Park on Broadway 12:00 pm Grand Parade on Broadway 1-5 pm Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public 2:00 pm Broadwater Western Days Rodeo 3:30 pm 4-H Indoor Silent Auction Closes 4:00 pm 4-H & Open Class Exhibits released for pick-up. NO EARLY PICK-UP	

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“There is nothing quite like Montana summers, and getting fresh fruits and vegetables from a farmer’s market is part of what makes our local communities so vibrant,” said Lacy Little, director of the Montana Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program that oversees Farm Direct. “The program helps families participate in the community and access more fresh fruits and vegetables grown by local farmers.”

A state-administered federal nutrition program, Farm Direct authorizes farmers to accept WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program Benefits (FMNP) at local markets and roadside stands.

Approximately 3,200 WIC families participate in the program, with most of the beneficiaries being children. All WIC-eligible families in participating WIC FMNP agencies are eligible to receive Farm Direct Dollars. Participants receive \$30 worth of vouchers to use at a farmers’ market or farm stand.

However, because funds are allocated by the participant, not by the household, a mother with two young children could receive \$90 for the summer. Eligible foods include fresh local fruits and vegetables. Foods such as baked goods, cheese, eggs, honey, and plants are not eligible.

“This is also a great opportunity to introduce children to more types of nutritious fruits and vegetables,” said Little.

The WIC Shopper App has various features to help participants make the most use of their WIC and Farm Direct Dollars including finding WIC offices near them to sign up for Farm Direct benefits, tips for picky eaters, recipes to use fresh fruits and vegetables, and other nutritional information. Tips for picky can also be found at the WIC USDA Resource page <https://wicworks.fns.usda.gov/resources/picky-eaters> and WIC recipe ideas can be found here www.ebtshopper.com/recipes/.

The Farm Direct program currently works with nine local WIC agencies who help administer the program: Gallatin County WIC, Lewis and Clark County WIC, Cascade County WIC, Flathead WIC, Riverstone WIC, Missoula WIC, Ravalli County WIC, Big Horn WIC, and Park County WIC. The season began on June 15 and ends on September 30. Farmers have until October 31 to redeem their vouchers at their local bank for payment.

Farmers interested in joining the Farm Direct Program can contact Glade Roos, the Farm Direct Program Coordinator, at 406-444-2841 or groos@mt.gov. They can also contact any of the nine participating WIC agencies directly.

WIC in Montana includes 35 local agencies and over 80 clinic sites serving all 56 counties and seven tribal reservations. In Montana, almost 14,000 women, infants, and children are enrolled. However, only 55% of eligible families are signed up.

WIC eligibility requires participants to be pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding, or have a child younger than five. Participants must also meet income requirements—making less than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level or qualifying for Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, or free/reduced school meal program. Specific WIC eligibility guidelines can be found on the DPHHS website.

WIC was created in 1974 to help families and young children during a critical time of growth and development. The program’s benefits include providing families access to healthy food, breastfeeding education, referral to other health and social services, and much more. WIC is a voluntary program, and participation does not interfere with other programs like SNAP or Medicaid.

To learn more about WIC or find out if you are eligible, go to www.dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/wic/index. Families can also contact their local WIC clinic or visit www.signupwic.com. The state office may be reached at 1-800-433-4298 or emailed at montanawicprogram@mt.gov.



ST. PETER’S HEALTH UPDATE FOR PATIENTS ON TRANSITION TO EPIC AND MYCHART

Jacquelyn Tescher
Saint Peter's Health Supervisor of Public Relations

On June 10, 2023, St. Peter’s Health transitioned to a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) called Epic. Transitioning to a new electronic health record is a massive undertaking for any health system, impacting virtually every corner of the organization, from staffing and clinical operations to patient experience. While we’ve worked hard for over a year to train our teams, anticipate needs and optimize the system to work best for our patients, the leadership team at St. Peter’s recognizes this transition creates a temporary disruption for some of our patients. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and want to share how we are working to complete the transition as quickly as possible.

Most of the feedback we’ve received from our community and patients relates to access to health record information in MyChart and the timeliness of scheduling appointments and processing referrals. We recently deployed additional resources to speed up the transition of this information into our new system as quickly as possible.

We want to thank our community for your continued feedback regarding these matters, as it’s helping us understand your experience with this change and where we need to prioritize our efforts. In the coming days to weeks, we plan to share another update on the transition and what you can expect when you visit St. Peter’s and interact with us online.

The St. Peter’s leadership team would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our staff, who are working incredibly hard to learn and operate in a new system as well as reconcile information from previous databases. We’d also like to extend our appreciation to our onsite experts and partners at SCL/Intermountain Health, who are standing shoulder-to-shoulder with us to make this transition as efficient as possible. Our Epic partners, who work with health systems across the globe on EHR conversions, believe that our transition to Epic has been incredibly successful but we recognize that there is work to do to make this the best possible experience for our patients.

Please see below for answers to the most common questions related to MyChart, along with contact information for our team members who are here to assist you.

About MyChart Functionality:

Visit the website to read the most common questions we’ve received related MyChart functionality, including:

- Activation information;
- Health information and medical record conversions;
- Affiliation information with SLC/Intermountain Health and our Community Connect Partnership;
- Proxy access; and
- Limited time “read-only” use of our previous Patient Portal

If you have additional questions related to MyChart, please don’t hesitate to use these additional resources:

- Call the Patient Portal Help Desk at 1-406-495-6888
- Email mychart@sphealth.org
- Call the MyChart Help Desk at 1-855-274-2517
- Connect with your care team

View answers to important questions from Epic by visiting our website at: <https://mychart.sclhealth.org>

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 28- 29	Headwaters Country Jam
August 3	10:00AM Story Time at Three Forks Library 12:00 - 2:00PM Three Forks Rodeo at Three Forks Fairground 2:00 - 7:00PM Farmer's Market RESERVED at John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park 8:00PM Music by Reckless Kelly at Three Forks Bridger Brewing
August 5	2:00PM Stevenson Park Gazebo (RESERVED Jones' 90th party) at City Hall 8:00PM Three Forks Antique Aircraft Fly In at Pogreba Field Airport
August 6	11:00AM Stevenson Park Gazebo (RESERVED) at City Hall

CANTON CHURCH PRESENTS: THE ELIEL FAMILY BAND

Victor Sample



The Historic Canton Church will continue our Summer Schedule of Events on July 28 at 5:00 pm with the Eliel Family Band. As always events are free – although we do accept donations!

The Eliel Family Band is a local area band that is extremely popular at the Canton Church. Tom Eliel will perform on lead guitar and mandolin. His wife Joan performs on upright bass. Their performance will be a mix of bluegrass, gospel and old country favorites.

When the Eliel Family Band plays we never know who will be there to play. It might be just Joan and Tom; they might be joined by their children; they might be joined by one or both of Joan's brothers, Jim and John (who play in their own band "The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire"). Or the Eliels might show up with other local area musicians.

We do know that whoever shows up to play, it will be an EXCELLENT event!



Tom and Joan Eliel
Photo Credits: Tom and Joan Eliel

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

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

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JULY 21, 2023

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday July 21 is as follows:

Harvey Wildman was to be Sentenced; but that has been continued until an undetermined date.

Rodney Wilson had an Omnibus Memorandum submitted.

GADAIRE/MATT METH TRIAL

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



Joseph Matt
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Monday, July 17, found a room full of potential jurors, in a procedure called "voir dire" - that is essentially picking a jury. Folks are asked questions by both the defense and prosecution. In this case, Cory Swanson for the prosecution and Paulette

Polenrite for Joseph Matt, the accused.

The jury of 12 is picked, along with an alternate (if a juror should become ill during trial). The jury selection was complete at 11:19 am; with jury instructions given by both sides before lunch. After lunch opening statements were given by both sides.

The State called Andrea Flores to the stand, the witness who called 911. She described a vehicle being driven erratically south of Townsend.

Sgt. Jamie Buck was next to testify; saying he answered the call. He saw the vehicle at the four-way stop and got behind the vehicle in question, putting his lights on.

The car stopped in front of Town Pump and Buck approached the vehicle. Levi Gadaire, driver, (who Buck recognized from school) was nervous and said that he had used meth earlier in the day. After asking the passenger, Joseph Matt for his ID, it was determined that he was under the control of Adult Probation and Parole.

Buck made a phone call to Matt's probation officer to get permission to search the vehicle. After an affirmative answer, Buck found three containers in the car - two baggies and one clear plastic bottle. He also found a zippered bag with a scale, small baggies and a mirror. They all field-tested positive for methamphetamine.

Both men were arrested. Each step was recorded by body cam, and shown to the jury. Weighing the contraband on site: a bag with 30.6 grams (1 ounce minus weight of bag), a bag with 30.3 grams (1 ounce minus weight of bag) and 11.6 grams in the plastic container.

Buck contacted the State Crime Lab for further assistance. Buck seized Gadaire's phone and asked Matt for his. He said that his was broken, so he had been using friends' phones to use the calling feature.

When the Defense questioned Buck, he said the drugs were not in plain sight. Ms. Polenrite asked if they had sent the drugs in for DNA or fingerprint analysis, Buck replied, "No. I assumed they had been through many hands."

The State called Rachel David, an evidence tech, specializing in cell phone recovery. Exhibit 9, dated February 15, 2023, shows 1162 pages of extracted data. Alyssa Stultz, Forensic Scientist; stated that the evidence is in an evidence locker, which is generally accepted within the Law Enforcement community. She used a Spectrometer to test the packages, which proved to be methamphetamine. Exhibit 8.

Levi Gadaire was called to testify. He said he had been in sober living since this incident; that in fact, this arrest saved his life and got him on the right track. He stated that he had lost his leg in 2021 and the pain in his leg is always intense. "I always wanted someone to ride with me. It was easier for me (because having a 'big guy' with me gave me confidence, a witness and help if needed). If someone could help me, I always 'treated' them with money or product.

He stated that he got truck that day at the Three Forks Town Pump (at the intersection of I-90 and 287) with Joseph Matt with him. "I had some scratch tickets and told 'Jo Jo' to cash them in and go to the casino. While he was busy, I met with a person from Belgrade; he fronted me two ounces; one for me to sell and one for Matt to sell. I was going to give Matt either product or cash to accompany me on my trip.

Gadaire pled Guilty to two charges: an amended charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs and criminal possession of dangerous drugs. He was asked

during his Change of Plea if he needed treatment. "Yes, please! I was using and need help!"

During this incident, he was happy and grateful that Joseph Matt was with him this day. "If he was not there to keep me awake, I would have crashed, and would be dead."

The State called Sgt. Matthew Rygard of the Missouri River Drug Task Force to testify. He stated that he interviewed Matt on February 1, 2023, and asked if any DNA or fingerprints would be found; Matt answered "no".

The jury left to deliberate on Tuesday, July 18, at lunchtime. They came back with the verdict at 4:45 pm.

The verdict returned: criminal possession of dangerous drugs with intent to distribute: Not Guilty; on the lesser or included charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs: Guilty; on the charge of criminal possession of drug paraphernalia: Not Guilty.

The sentencing for Levi Gadaire, who took a plea bargain to charges of possession of dangerous drugs and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, will be Friday, August 11.

Joseph Matt will have his sentencing on a charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs on August 18.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT - JULY 28, 2023

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Kim Wild, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Judd Wagner, Denver, CO: day speed \$20.00
- Stephen Truex, Longmont, CO: day speed \$20.00
- Randall Schram, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
- Kelly Rosso, Enumclaw, WA: day speed \$20.00
- Megan Pratt, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
- Hayden Mohr-Mead, Hungry Horse: night speed \$70.00
- Matthew McPartlon, Clifton Park, NY: day speed \$20.00
- Elliot Lofgren, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
- Raquel Kusters, Portland, OR: day speed \$20.00
- Larisa Katsuba, Aurora, CO: day speed \$70.00
- Aaron Helfer, East Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Bailee Field, Townsend: day speed \$20.00
- James Evan-Cook, Elkhart, IL: day speed \$70.00
- Michael Castellanos, Las Vegas, NV: night speed \$120.00
- Daniel Colvin, Livingston: fail/have child under 6 yrs and less 60lbs \$85.00 properly restrained; day speed \$70.00
- Tori Culbreth, Townsend: day speed \$20.00
- Nicole Chakos, Billings: day speed \$70.00
- Jennifer Bachtel, Catonsville, MD: day speed \$20.00
- Daniel Bonilla, Three Forks: day speed \$20.00
- Jacob Berggren, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
- Veronica Apunte, Belgrade: day speed \$120.00
- Wesley Agen, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Jacob Albus, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Jeremiah Cole, Beaverton, OR: day speed \$20.00
- Nicholas Michels, Montgomery, TX: day speed \$20.00
- Mary Pitt, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Hailey Steeger, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Codie Johnson- Belgrade – Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked – 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

- Seth Hazuga, Bozeman: violation of commission or dept orders or rules \$135.00
- Brodie Pielstick, Bozeman: no wake speed personal watercraft \$85.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Ronald Weber, Helena: night speed \$20.00
- Cade Wilson, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Alexander Watson, Farmington, NM: night speed \$120.00
- Adam Simmons, Washington DC: day speed \$20.00
- John Shammah, New Hyde Park, NY: day speed \$70.00
- Jarett Laden, Billings: restricted speed \$95.00
- Christopher Koterwas, Chesapeake Beach, MD: restricted speed \$135.00
- Catherine Gunther, Big Sky: day speed \$20.00
- Zoe Erickson, Missoula: day speed \$70.00; Expired registration \$85.00
- Tavin Tabbert, Dutton: restricted speed \$105.00
- Sheldon Whelen, Helena: expired registration \$85.00
- Jonathan Anderson, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
- Reed Rodgers, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Shane Olds – L & C Co. Justice Court, \$10,000.00 bond

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 before 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).

Monday, July 31, 2023

2:00 PM Working Meeting; Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) discussion and planning with Department of Commerce and WGM Group

Wednesday, August 2, 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, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Task Order #24-07-6-11-05-0; To the Master Contract Between the State of Montana, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS), and Broadwater County; Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP); \$30,381

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Standard Lease Agreement between Montana Department of Revenue and Broadwater County; \$3,000

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Resolution Declaring Tangible Personal Property Owned by Broadwater County to be Surplus Property and Authorizing the Disposal of that Property

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Board of Health By-Laws Approval

Thursday, August 3, 2023

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

Public Meeting Notice: Broadwater County Public Works Will Be in The Flynn Building Monday, 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 Tuesday, August 1st at 6PM-8PM in the Flynn Building

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

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

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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 August 1 st at 10 AM
- Trust Board on August 8 th 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 10 th 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 14, July 21, July 28, 2023

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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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FINAL BUDGET MEETING

The Final Budgets for Townsend Schools K-12 District #1 will be reviewed for adoption at a meeting of the trustees on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room. Trustees may continue the meeting, but shall adopt the final budget no later than August 25th. Any taxpayer in the district may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget.

Publish July 28, 2023 and August 4, 2023

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

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR 2023/06/21

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 21, 2023

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

Public comment: none

10:03 AM Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve

May 24, 2023, Minutes. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:04 AM Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve June 7, 2023, Minutes. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:05 AM Finance Officer Debbie Kelley presented. Next week June 28, 2023, will be final budget. Financial management consultant Bill Jarocki presented the budgeting process this year, along with the financial workbook for each department.

10:20 AM Commissioner Randolph opened the public hearing.

10:20 AM Bill Jarocki presented the preliminary budget. Jarocki requested department heads and elected officials to fill in any blanks in their budget by the end of the day Thursday, June 22, 2023, in preparation for next week's Commission meeting. Tim Ravndal commented. Jarocki commented.

10:44 AM Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of \$266,535.12. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:45 AM Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$186,586.43. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried. Commissioner Randolph announced Department of Revenue is hosting a Property Assessment Town Hall Event July 19, 2023, at 12:00 pm — 3:00 pm and July 19, 2023, 4:30 pm — 7:00 pm at the Flynn Building.

Present at the meeting were Nancy Marks with MT43 News, Honorable Judge Kirk Flynn, Tim Ravndal with Broadwater County News, Broadwater County Treasurer Melissa Franks, Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser, Sheriff Captain Mark Wood, Tom Shindoll, Broadwater County MSU Extension Agent/Associate Professor Allison Kosto, Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley, Broadwater County Maintenance Bill Malone, Broadwater County Public Health Director Ruby Taylor, Connie Shindoll, Broadwater County Community Planning and Development Director Nichole Brown.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held June 28, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

Communications Received: Public Notice No. MT-23-06 June 19, 2023, from DEQ re: Resort P ew model evenu ditures for County, ettlement in the 1,070.02, 4" Qtr. payment for SRS \$156,258.06, PILT revenue in the amount of \$820,003.00, and Property Assessment Division flyer regarding Property Assessment Town Hall.

DEBRA RANDOLPH, Commissioner Chairwoman
ANGIE PAULSEN, Clerk and Recorder

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KEEP THEIR MEETING SHORT

Nancy Marks
Reporter

The regular meeting on July 19 was a short one for the Commissioners as Chairwoman Debi Randolph was absent and the Montana Department of Revenue Public Meeting began at noon.

Legislative House District 64 representative Jane Gillette of Gallatin County reported during public comments that she had attended a broadband meeting with the Governor's Office. Mark Blaisdell of the Governor's office mentioned that Broadwater County was way up on their agenda because the broadband service in the county was so low.

Interim chairman Darrel Folkvord and Commissioner Lyndsey Richtmyer discussed renewing a lease with the Montana Department of Revenue (MDR) which currently has an office in the Court House. Richtmyer expressed her opinion that having an MDR office in Townsend is highly beneficial so residents can deal directly with someone in the department about their taxes. MDR pays \$3,000 annually for the space.

John and Mary Heinemann, 210 Hope Drive, are asking the county to allow three alleyways, two streets and an un-owned area in Springville Townsite to be abandoned. Deputy Clerk and Recorder Mandy Hall presented the request for the appointment of Great West Engineering to survey along with the county surveyor and Commissioner Debi Randolph as liaison. Mrs. Heinemann explained the abandoned areas will be absorbed into the adjacent lots. The board approved the appointments.

Canyon Ferry Trust Fund board member Steve McCullough requested that the Trust board be allowed to transfer monies to their county recreation account in the amount of \$100,000. He explained the reason for the transfer is that the Trust Fund account had reached its threshold amount of \$ 2.75 million The board approved the request. Folkvord thanked the Trust Fund board for

their part in funding the fairgrounds upgrade.

The board approved signing a certification letter to transfer Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) funds for beginning replacing the Old Town Road West Bridge 2 miles north of Three Forks. MCEP funds are matching funds for building infrastructure in qualifying counties. Broadwater County will provide a match to the grant.

A certificate of title for the newly acquired land next to the Municipal Airport was accepted. The board approved the paperwork between Federal Aeronautic Administration (FAA) and Broadwater County to acquire the funds for the land.

WEST NILE VIRUS DETECTED IN MONTANA

Jon Ebel

Communications Director, DPHHS



DPHHS urges Montanans to take extra care to avoid mosquito bites this summer

State and local health officials are reporting the first West Nile Virus (WNV) detection of the year in mosquitoes sampled from Blaine County. No humans or horses have tested positive for WNV yet this season.

Infected mosquitoes can transmit WNV when they bite, and the increased risk of WNV transmission to humans and horses is expected to continue through October – or as long as mosquitoes are active in the state.

While no human cases of WNV were reported in 2022, in previous seasons Montana has reported over 50 human cases in a single summer. In 2022, two horses tested positive for WNV and positive mosquito pools were identified in four counties (Lewis & Clark, Blaine, Phillips, and Dawson). Environmental factors such as winter and summer temperatures and rainfall can heavily influence mosquito populations and WNV activity.

“Mosquito surveillance this year has identified a large proportion of active Culex species mosquitoes, the type of mosquitoes that can carry and transmit WNV,” said DPHHS Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist Devon Cozart. “The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, including WNV, is to protect yourself from mosquito bites.”

This is especially important while spending time outdoors in the summer, and during peak feeding activity times for female Culex mosquitoes, which is dusk and dawn. Permethrin is an insect repellent that can be utilized to treat clothing and gear, including tents. For repellents that can be applied directly to the skin, here's a link to an Environmental Protection Agency search tool to find the appropriate EPA-approved insect repellent.

“It is also a good idea to check your insect repellent for a graphic that indicates the repellent works on mosquitoes and the length of time it repels them,” Cozart said.

The mosquitoes that carry WNV rarely travel more than one mile from where they breed. So, to keep mosquitoes away from the home, it's important to regularly empty standing water once per week. For items such as rain barrels, a screen can be applied to the opening to restrict mosquito access. For other mosquito bite prevention tips, check out the 4 D's of mosquito bite prevention below.

Most people who become infected with WNV will not experience symptoms, but 1 in 5 do experience minor illnesses causing headaches, rash, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, and diarrhea. However, about 1 in 150 WNV infections result in severe WNV disease, referred to as neuroinvasive West Nile. When neuroinvasive, WNV can cause severe neurological symptoms including disorientation, stupor, coma, paralysis, vision loss, and convulsions. WNV can be fatal or lead to long-term neurological complications. WNV can also cause severe neurological complications and death in horses.

Currently, there is no vaccine, treatment, or other targeted medication for WNV in humans. A vaccine is available for horses, who should be vaccinated once a year. Montanans are encouraged to contact their local veterinarian for questions about horses and WNV.

The 4 D's of Mosquito Bite Prevention:

- **DEET:** Use insect repellent containing effective ingredients such as DEET or picaridin. To verify the effectiveness of insect repellent, go to the EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents>
- **Drain:** Drain standing water around the house to prevent mosquito breeding.
- **Dawn/Dusk:** Mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk. Stay inside or take extra precautions to prevent mosquito bites during these times. If doors or windows are left open in the summer, make sure they're fitted with a screen to keep mosquitos out of the house.
- **Dress:** When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants to protect against bites.

For more information about WNV protection and surveillance activities, contact the local health department or visit the DPHHS WNV website page:

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/westnilevirus>

SURPLUS ELK PERMITS AVAILABLE TO SIGN UP

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Hunters interested in signing up for elk permits left over from the permit drawing can do so between today, July 21, and Aug. 4. This new process for the sale of surplus licenses began in 2020 in response to issues in years

past. The old process was vulnerable to long lag times, confusion, and a perception of inequity for those unable to use the first-come, first-served online option starting at 5 a.m.

There is no prerequisite required to sign up for these permits, but if you are selected to purchase one you MUST hold a general elk license.

FWP will contact hunters who are at the top of the list via email with instructions to finalize their purchase within a specified time.

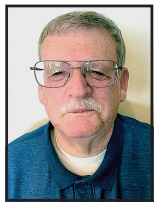
Hunters must finalize the purchase of the license/permit within the timeframe specified in the email, otherwise, the opportunity will be offered to the next hunter on the randomized list. FWP may offer opportunities that have not sold out through the Surplus license list to over-the-counter customers at our internal and external license sale providers.

For more information, contact FWP's licensing office at 406-444-2950 or fwplc@mt.gov.



WILL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TAKE YOUR JOB?

Victor Sample



This is the year of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Every weekday I receive a tech newsletter that lists the top articles of the day. Every day there is another article or 2 about Artificial Intelligence and what effect it will have on our daily lives.

Earlier this year IBM and other tech companies announced the layoffs or planned layoffs of employees losing their jobs to AI. Many customer support websites offer a chat option with a support rep – but increasingly those reps are actually AI Chat engines.

I have seen a lot of articles predicting that in the

future AI will do most (if not all) computer programming. A leading AI engine is ChatGPT. Microsoft is adopting ChatGPT in a big way. If you use the Microsoft Bing search engine you can directly interface with ChatGPT. Google has introduced its AI engine called Bard. If you google “Bard” you can interact with their AI bot.

I was first exposed to ChatGPT in January at a Southwest Montana meeting. Rachael Elliott-Brug and I were representing Broadwater County at the special meeting to rewrite the Southwest Montana mission statement and vision. After working all morning on rewriting the mission and vision, Katya Petersen of Tempest Technologies brought up ChatGPT and asked it to write a mission statement for us.

It was pretty amazing what the AI engine came up with. We did not use the mission statement that was generated by AI but we certainly did borrow from it.

After Microsoft made ChatGPT easily usable from its Bing search I started experimenting with it. I do periodically ask ChatGPT for examples of programming and quite often it comes up with something useful. However, many times the answers it gave me were just plain wrong. When I corrected ChatGPT it graciously acknowledged that I was correct and that it was wrong; quite often it gave me the correct answer on the second try.

For the last few weeks, I have gotten more serious about determining the strengths and the weaknesses of both ChatGPT and Bard. Rather than asking about tech things – which generally are pretty easy to research and answer – I started asking about newspapers in Townsend and Broadwater County.

The results were pretty interesting and sometimes quite humorous.

One of the more useful things about both AI engines is that you do establish a chat with them. Searching with Bing or Google is very transactional; With ChatGPT and Bard, it is very interactive – like speaking with a person.

The results were pretty mixed. When asked about a newspaper in Townsend, both the Townsend Star and the Broadwater Reporter were listed as Townsend newspapers. When I gave the AI engines feedback that both papers no longer publish, both AI verified that I was correct and apologized for the confusion and they both asked for patience since they are still learning.

However, morning after morning they give the same information and graciously accept the same feedback – but their answers never seem to change. On one hand that is a good thing, if they accepted everyone’s feedback it would be easy to tell them lies. However, both AI engines “verified” my feedback – but did not seem to incorporate the corrections.

ChatGPT has some interesting quirks. Once, when I pointed out that the Broadwater Reporter is no longer published it told me it was listed on the TownsendMT website business directory – and so there! When I challenged the answer by asking it to show me any newspaper published after March 2022, ChatGPT said “I don’t care to continue this conversation; is there anything else you would like to discuss?”. As a matter of fact, quite often if challenged it will shut down the conversation.

The Google Bard AI engine was also fascinating. When I first asked about a newspaper in Townsend it gave

me a lot of information about the Broadwater Reporter – including that it was founded in 1897 and has been publishing continuously ever since. When I pointed out that the Townsend Star was founded in 1897 but stopped publishing in 2013, Bard then confirmed that was true and stated that it was owned by Lee Enterprises and was shut down for unknown reasons. I corrected the information about the Townsend Star and the Broadwater Reporter which it, as usual, graciously accepted.

When asked about a newspaper in Townsend, Bard will still list the Broadwater Reporter and the Townsend Star and it is still confused about which one was founded in 1897; but, it no longer mentions either one as being owned by Lee Enterprises.

While both ChatGPT and Bard are fascinating to experiment with, at this time any company planning to replace humans with AI will be making a major mistake. Both AI engines are pretty good at doing very simple, straightforward tasks. They are not ready for anything beyond that.

Perhaps in the future AI engines will improve dramatically and be able to really replace human beings for some tasks, but for now, I am doubtful.

BLUE VANILLA REFRESHMENT

Ari LeVaux

We can’t all have huckleberries. These notoriously fickle plants only grow in the mountains of the Northwest and refuse to submit to domestication. The deep purple berries have a unique aroma that’s unlike any other fruit, but its cousin, the blueberry, offers the closest comparison and is a worthy substitute in most cases. So when I relate to you the events of the huckleberry milkshake challenge, you can follow along wherever you reside, with whatever blueberries you have available. And you should, right now, to help you cope in a glorious way with the blast furnace of summer.

Like many of my challenges, the huckleberry milkshake challenge began with my kids engaging in one of their preferred pastimes: spending my money. On that day, they had somehow got it into their heads that they deserved huckleberry milkshakes from a certain espresso shack that advertises shamelessly.

I assured the boys I could do better at home at a fraction of the price. They had no interest in believing me and weren’t swayed by any potential cost savings.

The stalemate was quickly broken by the fact, as they pointed out, that my boast moved me into checkmate because the only way to prove my superiority was a side-by-side comparison. Which meant, alas, a trip to the milkshake shack after all.

We pulled to the window and ordered two large huckleberry milkshakes. The barista was kind enough

Blue Vanilla, 12

Super Crossword

SHE'S OUT

ACROSS

1 Crux
9 Denver gridders
16 Butte relative
20 "Later!"
21 1990s Oldsmobile
22 "Downhill" star Novello
23 Going just the way one begged for it to go? [Curry]
25 Medieval peon
26 Scrawny screening official, for short
27 Former Common Market abbr.
28 35mm camera abbr.
29 Uruguay's — del Este
30 Tarzan actor Ron
31 Palme — (prize at Cannes)
33 "You could hear — drop"
37 Property appraiser
39 Rabbit action
40 Reputation as a great pilot? [Salonga]
42 "You're on!"
46 Be a snitch
47 Fleecable females

DOWN

1 Cabinet wood
2 Ear-relevant
3 Twisted wit
4 Nape's place
5 "— found it!"
6 Female rabbit
7 Marine duck
8 R&B singer India.—
9 Valise, e.g.
10 Rival of LG
11 "Ex's & —" (Elle King hit)
12 Light bites
13 Bottom level
14 Exceed, as a proper limit
15 Bummed out
16 Treats badly
17 Nevertheless
18 In a sense
19 Kennel noise
24 Raleigh loc.
29 Certain toy dog, for short
31 Knucklehead
32 Sign of total acceptance
34 Longtime New Yorker cartoonist

ACROSS

48 Late-night host Jimmy's collection of TVs? [Zadora]
50 Kissing target
52 Martini liquor
55 Tire trouble
56 Leafy recess
57 Proscribe
58 Hot-air bath
60 Tokyo cash
61 Family guy
62 "Happy Days" actor Scott
64 Luggage-screening official, for short
67 Headline after a Harley stalls? [Meyers]
71 Waits on hand and foot
73 Not yet final, legally
74 Family guy
75 Lincoln-to-Topoka dir.
78 Surrounded by
79 '16 Olympics site
81 Group of sub-sub-athletes
83 Retort to "You weren't!"
84 Tear

DOWN

85 Bit of change
87 Comparably dense to the one here? [Arden]
89 Bamboozle
91 "Later!"
93 Guaranteed-to-succeed excavating fossil fuel? [Ortiz]
99 Ballplayer Ripken
100 It's turned to go in and out
101 Designer Saarinen
102 Buddhist sect
103 Rep.'s rival
106 Tools with teeth
107 "Angie" actor Stephen
109 "No more seats" abbr.
111 Mrs., in Madrid
112 Take — view of (frown on)
113 Cook another egg after cooking a dozen? [Tarbell]
119 French film theater
120 Demigods
121 Traditional Chinese drink

ACROSS

35 March day to "beware"
36 Packers' org.
38 Tools with teeth
39 Go no further
40 League
41 Pueblo pot
42 Uncertain
43 Narrative
44 Like desks with sloping covers
45 Intrinsically
49 1930s-'40s pitcher Newsom
51 The "I" of ILO: Abbr.
52 Question asked while covering someone's eyes
53 Hotel cousin
54 "King" Cole
57 Singing group for lads
58 Verbalized
59 Get riper
61 Arctic floater
63 French "here"
65 Crooner Neil
66 Unwillingness to yield
68 Cackling bird
69 Singer Amos
70 — Field (Mets' home)
71 Uber arrival
72 Pal, in Paris
76 Je ne — quoi

DOWN

77 "To be," to Augustus
80 Cuzco native
82 "Behold," to Augustus
83 "— never fly!"
85 Tribal bunch
86 Holliday-Earp gunfight site
87 Docile
88 Lee of Marvel
89 Some ancient warships
90 Pen fillers
92 Dot in la mer
94 Dated music display case
95 Band gofer
96 Joining, as oxen
97 Fell in line
98 Light bite
102 Mark-leaving swordsman
103 "— know it!"
104 Set foot in
105 Taj —
108 "Look — now!"
110 Diana of "The Avengers"
111 China's — Xiaoping
113 Rx org.
114 Sweetums
115 Suffix with exist or differ
116 Philosopher Lao- —
117 Half of twenty
118 Wide shoe width

Kids' Maze



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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!

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INSIDE INSPIRATION

RISE ABOVE ANY LIMITATION

Ellie West

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Persevering against all odds is an extraordinary display of strength and determination. It means facing countless obstacles, setbacks, and failures yet refusing to give up or be defeated.

It entails finding the courage to keep going despite adversity, even when it feels impossible. It requires a deep belief in oneself and a relentless drive to achieve one's goals.

The journey may be filled with doubt, pain, and heartbreak, but those who persevere choose to rise above it. They find motivation in their dreams, inspire others with their resilience, and prove that anything can be accomplished with unwavering commitment.

This is a story of a young African-American woman whose journey of resilience and determination inspires others and highlights the potential, value, and worth of individuals with and without disabilities.

Loretta Claiborne was the middle of seven children raised in a poor, single-parent family, born partially blind, intellectually challenged, and with clubbed feet. She underwent surgeries to correct her feet and visual impairment when she was young, could not walk until age four, and learned to talk at age seven.

Although doctors advised Loretta's mother to institutionalize her, her mother steadfastly refused, raising her at home with her other children.

When Loretta was 17, a school counselor suggested she participate in the newly formed Special Olympics. Loretta discovered her love of running and subsequently competed as a runner at the Special Olympics of 1970, where she received her first medal as an athlete.

She has since completed over 25 marathons and has placed twice as the top 100 women finishers of the Boston Marathon. In 2000, Loretta's life was the subject of "The Loretta Claiborne Story", an inspirational television story. She has won medals in dozens of its events and holds the women's record for the 5000 meters at seventeen minutes in her age group.

Running is not the only part of Claiborne's life. She holds a 4th-degree black belt in karate, communicates in four languages, including American Sign Language, and holds three honorary doctorate degrees from Quinnipiac University, Villanova University, and York College of Pennsylvania, making her the first person with an intellectual disability known to receive such honors, according to Special Olympics Incorporated.

Considering Loretta's achievements, these are just small steps in her life's purpose to show that persons with intellectual and physical disabilities are equal to those without.

Loretta says, "I figured if my story could change a person's mind about another person, or especially a child's mind about another child, then it was the right thing to do." Now, close to seventy years of age, she recalls a time when children taunted her for being different and how the taunting turned her into an angry young woman who was expelled from high school and fired from a job.

Because of her love of running, she used her speed and strength to protect herself in fights against cruel classmates, but she also credits the Special Olympics with helping her realize that her tremendous athletic talent could be used to do good.

Loretta says, "If it weren't for sports, I wouldn't be the person I am today. I was very angry before, and sports was the arena that turned that around for me. I got support from family, community, and God - he is the strength of all and can make anything possible."

The Loretta Claiborne Story outlines Loretta's personal and spiritual journey and shows her joyful, sometimes mischievous personality. "In the simplest terms, it's about possibility," says executive producer Suzanne de Passe. Loretta's story is uplifting and full of renewal. But it's not humorless. It doesn't hit you like a freight train with a somber, one-note refrain. This story is also about a very engaging, funny personality."

Loretta says, "I want to continue helping people with intellectual and physical disabilities succeed." She advises them, "Find an opportunity and seize it. Be your best, and never let anyone doubt you."

Loretta continues to run every day - just for the joy of it, the pleasure of the moment. It's how she lives her life. "I don't look toward the future because you don't know what tomorrow will bring," she says. "You have to live your life for today."

"I don't run away from a challenge because I am afraid. Instead, I run towards it because the only way to escape fear is to trample it beneath your foot."

~Nadia Comaneci

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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

RED HAT SOCIETY VISITS SILVER SPRINGS

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The residents of Silver Springs Assisted Living were delighted to welcome the local chapter of The Red Hat Society for lunch on Thursday, July 20.

About 15 members of the local chapter made their way to Silver Springs to celebrate womanhood. Sandy Vanover, the Queen, was quick to say that 24 years ago, Kathleen Jepson was the force that began the



CmGerry Kimpton, Bonnie Olsen, Sylvia (resident of SS), Katherine (young lady who came to help), Linda McCoullough, Betty Mockel. Front, Sharon Obrigewich, Sandy Vanover, Barb Wogamon, Helen Turcotte, Katherine McBee, Trenna Scofield. At the table: Katherine Jepson with other residents. Photo Credits: Sandy Vanover

SENIOR CENTER



**SR. CENTER MEALS:
JULY 31 - AUGUST 4**

*516 2nd Street,
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**Rocky's Council For
Aging will be at the
Senior Center on
August 15, 2023**

Monday, July 31

Beef Tacos
Cheese and Sour
Cream
Lettuce and Tomato
Mexican Corn and
Beans
Zesty Pinapple

Tuesday, August 1

Baked Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Steamed Carrots
Dinner Salad
Blushing Pears

Wednesday, August 2

Carol's Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
with Gravy

Garden Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Plump Peaches

Thursday, August 3

Sweet-N-Sour Pork
Fried Brown Rice
Green Beans
Four Bean Salad
Baked Apples

Friday, August 4

Deli Sandwich
Potato Salad
Pickled Beets
Fruit Cocktail

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/>

local chapter. "If it wasn't for her, who knows where we would be." Sandy was granted Queen a few years ago when Kathleen retired. Kathleen is now a resident of Silver Springs.

The Red Hat Society is an international group of women who offer powerful and interpersonal connections and emotional support systems for women from all walks of life. Although they used to have an age limit for members (50); they now encourage women of all ages to join, and reading from the website: "placing the importance of friendships and sisterhood, and the value of play into our busy lives. Always trailblazers, we help reshape the way modern women are viewed and valued in today's culture."

The Red Hatters (or 'Hoots' as they are known) began in November 1998, when Founder and Exalted Queen Mother, Sue Ellen Cooper, saw a need for an inclusive group of women who support and love one another. The wearing of red hats came into existence through a gift of a red hat, along with a poem by Jenny Joseph, entitled, "Warning."

That was 25 years ago, and since then Red Hats have grown in numbers. The organization is also recognized by the National Center on Aging as being most beneficial to women who understand the importance of connection and sisterhood.

As for our local group, Sandy Vanover, Queen, explains that the chapter has done so much for the fun they get to enjoy. "Every month (Thursdays) we visit a different business. If it's a restaurant; we have lunch. Other businesses, we support that business."

Annual membership is \$35; plus, there are \$3 monthly dues that go toward the 'fun' that they have. This month was Silver Springs, where they had a delicious lunch consisting of amazing ribs, potato salad, garlic bread and watermelon. Prepared by Silver Springs chef, Vivian Boaz. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

If you want to join the Red Hat Society you can contact Sandy Vanover or Sharon Obrigewich. Or, you can contact redhatsociety.com.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



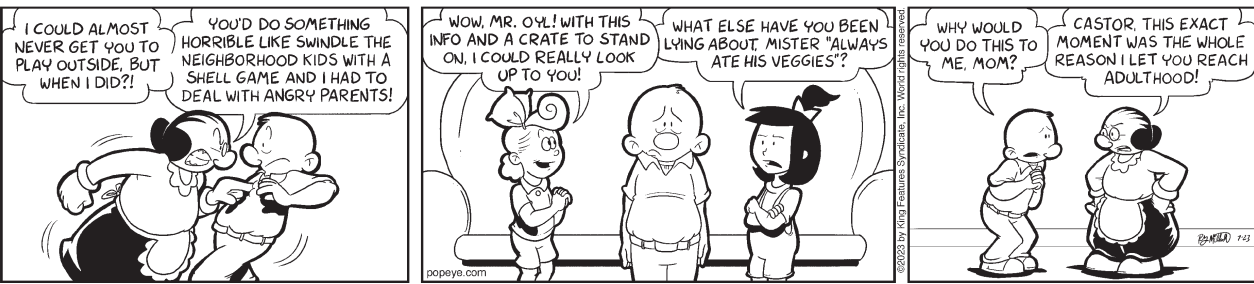
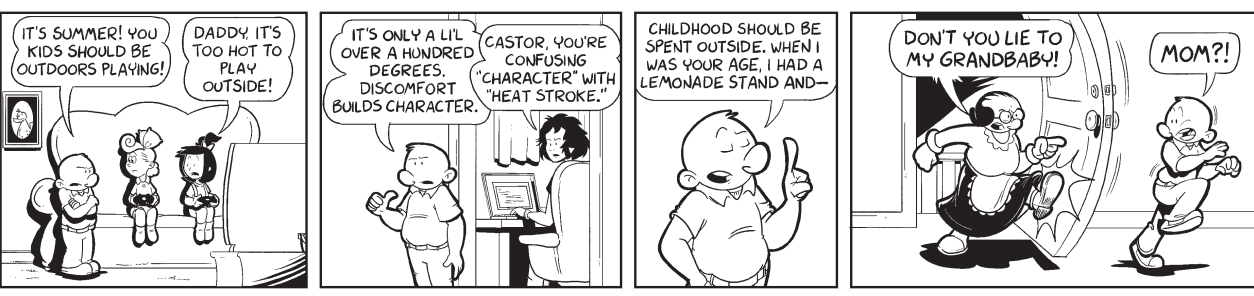
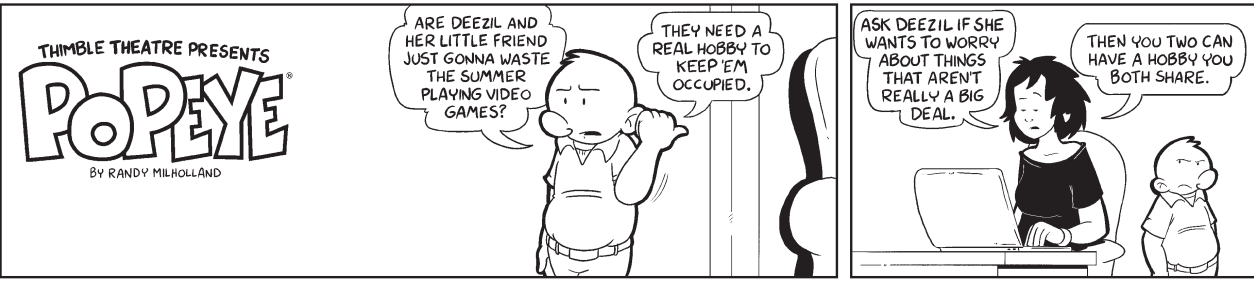
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"The president is out of town, but a movie star who PLAYED a president will take your questions."

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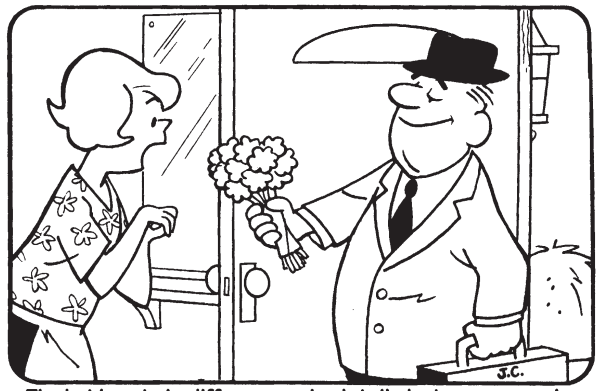
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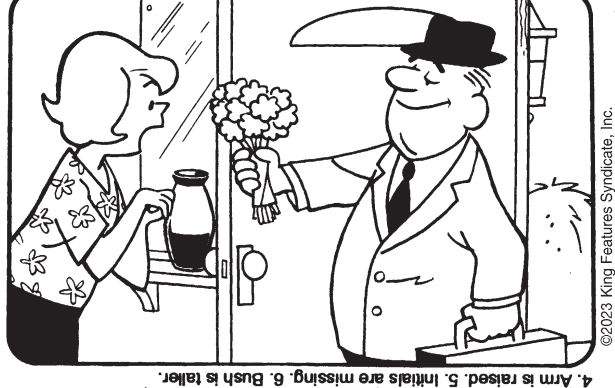
"Devote your life to something infinitely greater than yourself. Never give up on your dreams!"

-Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

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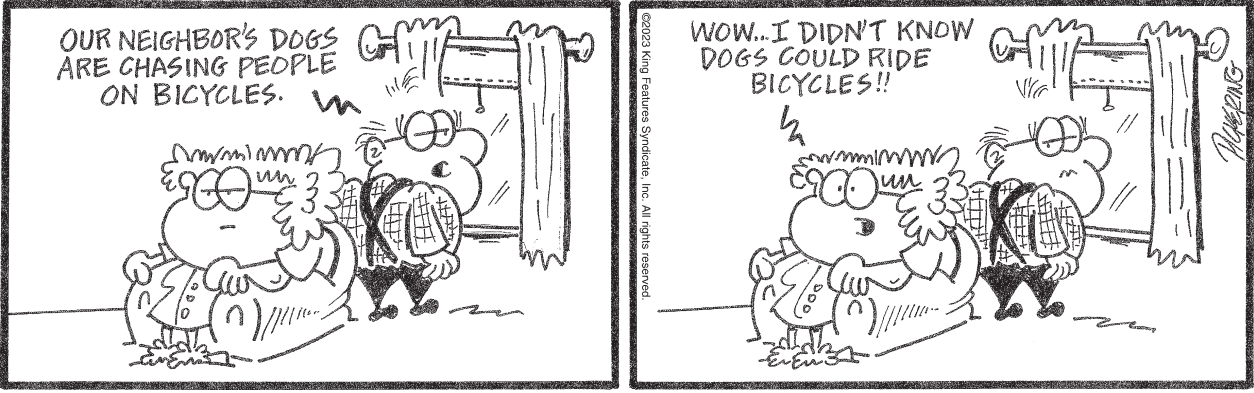


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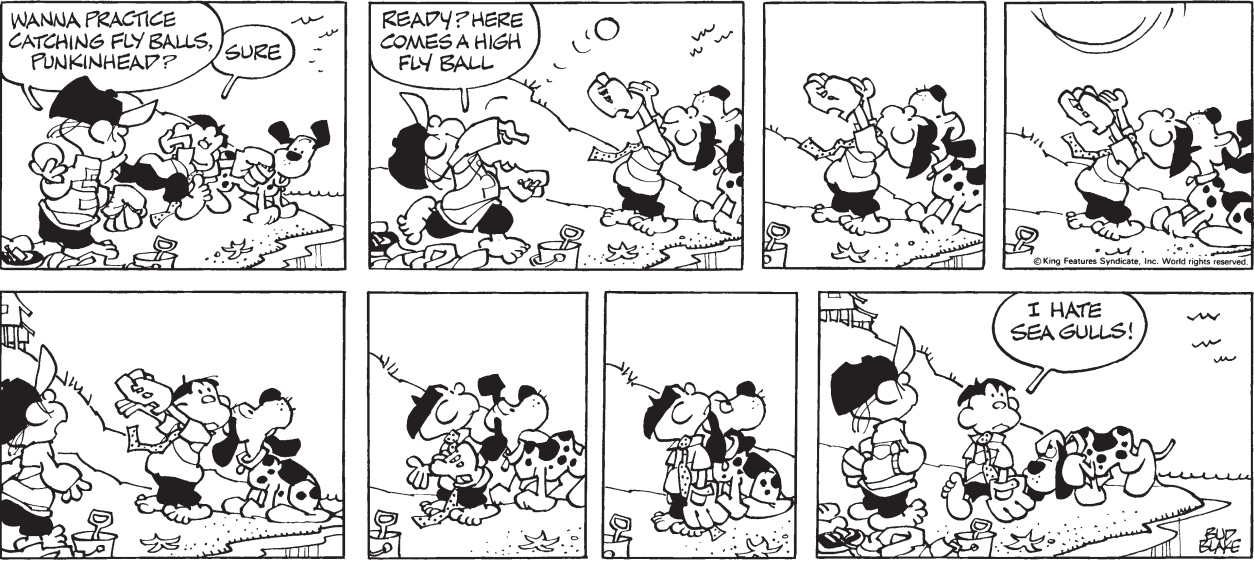
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THIS HEAT GIVES A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO THAT PHRASE...

BUCKLE UP!

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The Garden Bug Late summer garden tasks

Plan your garden tasks to be done during the coolest times of the day. Note rainfall variations and how watering needs change as summer progresses, and make any needed adjustments. Look out for thrips, fruitworms, hornworms, mites, chinch bugs, scale, snails, slugs, etc. and treat promptly. Remove and dispose of any diseased foliage; do not compost it, but rather burn or bag it, then disinfect your tools to avoid spreading disease.

Source: thespruce.com - Brenda Weaver

Americanisms

"Success is a collection of problems solved."
 - I. M. Pei

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OBITUARY

IN LOVING MEMORY- MARY HELEN WOODS SITTON

APRIL 25, 1948 - JULY 18, 2023

Mary Sitton Family



Mary and David Sitton

Mary Helen Woods Sitton passed away Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

She was born on April 25, 1948, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She moved to Townsend Montana in 1976 with her daughter Renee. She met and married David Sitton that same year. The couple had Colleen the following year and Sharon 5

years later.

Mary ran a successful in-home daycare for many years. She enjoyed reading, crafts and had a deep love of Grandstreet Theater.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Florence Woods; her sisters, Geraldine Wilson, Beverly Rood, Virginia LeVasseur and her husband David.

She is survived by her twin sister, Mary Lynn

(Dennis) McGinley; daughters, Renee Kern, Colleen (Craig) Hohn, and Sharon (John Putz) Sitton; 14 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and her beloved dog Mia.

The funeral service was held Friday, July 21, 2023, at Mountain Valley Church, followed by the burial at Deep Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice or to Grandstreet Theater, 325 N Park Ave, Helena, MT 59601.

Please visit www.stevensonwilke.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a favorite memory of Mary.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, who stretch out the heavens like a curtain. He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, who makes the clouds His chariot, who walks on the wings of the wind, who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

PSALM 104: 1-4



MARY HOOKS SERVICE

Mary Hooks Family



Mary Hooks
Photo Credits: Hooks Family

HOOKS, Mary, age 89 of Townsend passed away on April 29, 2023. 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. Please visit www.stevensonwilke.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Mary.

WORD LADDERS

Can you go from BURNT to CUFFS in 6 moves? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BURNT

CUFFS

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VISIT HISTORIC CANTON CHURCH

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH

2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

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

KNIGHT MOVES

N	E	E
S		C
R	I	A

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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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 YRLSVPKPV T KPPLWHX DWKB
KWQP-ZHOXXWHX CPSQPZZWRHZ:
KBP BRVPT YWKT.

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"Where Henry's _____ goes—I go!"

SCRAMBLERS

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

Stitch
BETAS

Trimmer
WORME

Lump
BUGLE

Cape
ALMOND

TODAY'S WORD

Weather info contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 7/28	Sat 7/29	Sun 7/30	Mon 7/31	Tue 8/01
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear
85° 55°	90° 59°	90° 56°	88° 57°	87° 57°
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5 18 mph	6 21 mph	7 21 mph	7 18 mph	6 18 mph

Precipitation:

February: 0.736"	March: 0.622"
April: 0.630"	May: 1.181"
June: 3.669"	July: 0.980"
2022: 15.272"	2023: 6.461"

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WEED OF THE MONTH: PRICKLYPEAR

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



There are only five species of cactus native to Montana. Of these, there are two species of prickly pear, Brittle Prickly Pear and Plains Prickly Pear. Plains Pricklypear is more common in Broadwater County. Although native, prickly pear has some weedy tendencies and can be an increaser. An increaser is a plant whose population increases during a disturbance such as overgrazing.

Description & Habitat

Plains prickly pear can be found throughout much of Montana except for the northwestern corner of the state. It can be found in a wide range of habitats and prefers dry, well-drained soils, gravelly to sandy soils. It is often associated with environments with sagebrush, rabbitbrush, wheatgrass and Idaho fescue.



Prickly pear is a unique plant. It has green-gray waxy oval pads 2 to 6 inches long that are modified stem segments. The spines are modified leaves. It has a shallow root system so that it can easily catch rainfall. It stores excess water in the pads which helps it withstand extended periods of heat and drought. In some environments, the plant can reach 1 to 2 feet tall. However, in Montana, it typically remains close to the ground creating clusters or colonies across the ground. Prickly pear blooms in early summer. The flowers are yellow. The most common method of spreading is through detached pads which root and form new colonies. It can also spread by seed, although this is less common.

Even as a native species, prickly pear can be a pest. It can reduce accessibility and forage availability on rangeland, especially with dense populations. It can also degrade wildlife habitat, reduce plant diversity and decrease land value. The spines of prickly pear can injure livestock in their feet, nose and mouth. It also can be a nuisance for recreation. However, prickly pear is highly valued in some cultures. Prickly pear pads are edible and are common in Native American and Mexican cuisine.

Management

Avoiding disturbance or overgrazing and maintaining a healthy population of native or desired species is often effective to keep prickly pear at a manageable level. Digging or grubbing is effective with small infestations. Cut the main root 2 to 4 inches below the soil with a hoe or shovel. Remove any cacti pads from the site, because if they are still in contact with the soil they can root and grow new plants. Mechanical methods such as harrowing, disking and tillage will destroy top growth. However, the plants can still regrow from the vegetative components, and this can actually increase cactus density.

Herbicides are an option, but they act slowly on cacti. The prickly pear dies very slowly. The plants turn yellow first and then "meltdown." It will take 6 to 8 months before any visible effects show and then 1 to 3 years for the plant to fully melt down. The most effective products contain picloram such as Tordon or Surmount. However, these products require a pesticide applicators license. If you do not have a license, alternatives are Milestone or Curtail. They may not provide total control but will slow it down. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

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



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1. Skin
2. Liver
3. Brain
4. Lungs
5. Heart
6. Kidneys
7. Spleen
8. Pancreas
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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July 27

1939

Canton Valley News

Miss Doris Whaley who graduated recently from the beauty culture school in Helena is fortunate in receiving employment immediately after her graduation in Fligelman's beauty shop.

Crow Creek News

Evan Kimpton was in Townsend Friday when the fish truck from the state fish and game department arrived and brought 14 cans of fish to Crow Creek which he planted in the streams in this part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Stubblefield of Toston have moved out to the Sleepy River ranch where Mr. Stubblefield has a contract to put up the hay.

Mrs. W.A. Sherlock left for Augusta Wednesday for a visit with her friend, Mrs. H.H. Howard.

Mrs. Orlando Allen who has been in Butte for the past two weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leo Milburn, and family has returned home.

1950

Social News

Denny Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kelly, was five years old Friday, July 14, and to celebrate the occasion was host to a number of his friends at a party from 2 to 6 o'clock. Gay colored favors and candles centered the

table from which refreshments were served, after an afternoon spent playing games. Guests were Mrs. Willis Smith, Sr.; Mrs. Anna Moudre; Mrs. Alex DuFresne and daughters, Coralee and Betty Ann; Mrs. T.F. Duffy and daughter, Joanne and son, Pat; Mrs. D.W. Neifert and son; Randy Smith; Jim Braley; Marnie Lanning; Tommy Davidson; Mary Jessica and Dana Stiner; Jim Lots; Ray and Richard Thompson; Jim and Teresa Knox; Deena Hollaway; Kitty and Patsy Kelly.

1961

Local News

Miss Gloria Fryhling left Monday for Sacramento, Calif., to visit her sister, Janet. Later Janet will get her vacation and the girls will drive back to Townsend.

The Clyde Alley family visited in Missoula Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alley. Mrs. Alley remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jepson left Saturday morning for Green City, Mo., to get their sons, Johnny, Joe and Jack, who have been visiting this summer with their grandmother, Mrs. Fern Jepson, and her son, Don.

1967

Winston-Claysoil News

The Townsend Toe Tappers are sponsoring a square dance at the Winston Hall Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. The Toe tappers will furnish a lunch and all square dancers are welcome.

There was a good attendance at the Winston Firemen's dance Saturday evening at the Winston Hall. Congratulations to Bill Halm and Kenny Hohn for winning the food baskets.

Mr. and Mrs. John Masolo and young son, Craig, have returned to Winston to make their home and are presently staying with John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masolo.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hohn and daughter of Walla Walla, Wash. are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hohn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hohn and other relatives in East Helena.

1978

Toston-Crow Creek News

Amy Whitman of West Yellowstone has spent the last couple of weeks visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Slifka and family. Amy left for her home Sunday.

Mitzie, Kary and Tom Scheffield of Cody, Wyo., and Nancy and Tom Scheffield of Bozeman spent the weekend with Mrs. W.J. Booher.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bruce and family attended the LDS church picnic July 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cazier and Steven and Mrs. Cazier's neice, Barb Reynolds of Kansas City, Kan., and Mrs. Cazier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Olin of Denver, Colo. returned Monday from a week's vacation at Hungry Horse Reservoir. L.W. Olin picked Huckleberries at the reservoir. They also toured Glacier National Park.

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TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES - PART 1

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



This is the first of a series of articles about trees planted in Townsend and Broadwater County to honor people, special events, or for other purposes. The Tree Board hopes people will come forward with more information on other trees planted on public as well as private property so the tree and its purpose can be documented.

The Townsend Tree Board has planted many trees over 33 years along with other groups to honor loved ones, special events, and for other special purposes. These special trees, mostly paid for by donations, have helped the community diversify our urban trees and add personal and historical interest to our community forest.

These articles will report on the purpose of the planting and the status of the tree. Many trees have been lost due to new construction, winter kill, injuries, disease and insects, vandalism, etc. The Tree Board would like to replant as many of the trees lost as possible in the coming years. The Tree Board plans to put together a Memorial Tree Trail through the county that people can follow using their cell phones.

1) Malus species 'Starlight x Jefflite', Starlight Crabapple; planted at the Townsend Elementary School, 201 N Spruce Street; 2008 Arbor Day Tree.

A burning bush tree (Euonymus alatus) was planted on April 25, 2008, by Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School 5th grade students to honor the 2008 Arbor Day poster contest winners: 1st) Jaden Sparrow, 2nd) Madison Robischon, and 3rd) Elizabeth Holland.

Jaden's teacher was Mrs. Aubra Lewis. The tree was paid for by an MT DNRC Arbor Day Grant. The tree was vandalized and died from winter injury in 2018. The Tree Board replanted a Starlight crabapple in 2019. The crabapple tree is one of the few trees that survived the new school construction in 2022 and is recovering from the construction disturbance.

2) Sorbus americana, American Mountain Ash; planted in Heritage Park.

The memorial tree was planted in 2009 in the northeast corner of the playground by the spring-mounted toys to honor Herb and Martha Sprout by Rotary Club members and the Tree Board. The tree is still alive and

being treated for fireblight to keep it healthy.

3) Picea pungens, Colorado Blue Spruce; planted at the Broadwater County Museum, 133 N Walnut Street.

The memorial tree was planted in 1993 in memory of Frank Flynn, a quiet man from the country with a strong character and deep roots. The tree was planted on the north side of the museum by the Flynn family. The tree is alive and doing well.



30 year old Frank Flynn Memorial tree, north of the Museum
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4) Aesculus x carnea 'Ft. McNair', Ft. McNair Red Horsechestnut; planted on the boulevard at 100 N Oak Street south of Doc Campbell's Medical Clinic.

The tree was planted in 2006 and died from the historic October 2009 frost. The tree was replanted on May 13, 2013, as a memorial tree for John T. Flynn, County Attorney, 1978-2012, and member of the BCHS Class of 1970. Planted by the family, friends, and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by a Broadwater County PILT Tree Board Grant. The tree suffered minor dieback in the winter of 2018-2019. It is in fair condition and being monitored by the Tree Board.

5) Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Patmore', Patmore Green Ash; planted on City property at 300 N Cherry Street.

The memorial tree was planted in May 2007 to honor Eldin (Moose) Herbst, father to six great kids. Thank you, Moose, from the Broadwater County 4-H. The tree was planted by 4-H Club members and the Tree Board. Tree funded by a National 4-H Council Deft, Inc. grant. The tree is in good condition.

Blue Vanilla, 7

to identify each ingredient she added to the blender. ice, milk, sugar, huckleberries, and homemade vanilla syrup. But seeds of doubt began to sprout in my heart when she couldn't, or wouldn't, divulge what was in the vanilla syrup. When I tasted this magnificent milkshake, I knew I was in trouble. I found myself floating on a sweet purple cloud, and the only way to stay on it was to keep sipping. But I knew what I had to do. Challenge accepted.

I let the boys split one of the milkshakes as we jetted home, and I put the other one in the freezer for later. Then I went vanilla shopping.

I was hoping to find the kind of Italian vanilla syrup like they have at any espresso bar. It wouldn't be homemade, but it would be vanilla syrup. Alas, it wasn't meant to be in small-town Montana. I did have vanilla extract at home, but that alone was not going to cut it. I had a plan that involved multiple sources of vanilla. I found some vanilla powder in the bulk section and grabbed a box of Jello instant vanilla pudding. I've used this product before in off-label ways, and it always delivers.

Armed with my vanilla extract, powder and pudding, I felt ready to take on the espresso shack. I may not have had the secret syrup recipe, but I had the power of redundancy, which can do wonders for flavor. And with vanilla in particular I have another rule: you can't have too much of it. The sweet aroma of the vanilla pod dances with the berry fragrance, and there isn't anything not to love.

As for that Huckleberry milkshake challenge, let's just say they haven't asked to go back to the shack since. And they've slurped down many of those purple refreshing drinks at home.



Huckleberry Milkshake
Photo Credits: Ari Levaux

The Blue Berry Milkshake of Victory

Find as many sources of vanilla as you can. I used extract, powder and pudding mix, but you could also use vanilla ice cream instead of milk and sugar.

2 servings

For the recipe, follow the link: <https://arilevaux.com/be-my-huckleberry-milkshake/>