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WHEATLANDERS SAY NO TO CAVANAUGH PLAN

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Folks living in the Wheatland area of southern Broadwater County want county commissioners to reject land developer Steve Cavanaugh’s plan for a Rolling Glen Ranch minor subdivision.

The Broadwater County Commission held a public hearing on the issue Tuesday evening, August 1, in the Flynn Building in Townsend. About 40 people showed up, overwhelmingly opposed to Cavanaugh’s intention to sell three 20-acre parcels as a legal minor subdivision, even though it would connect with the land in his huge Rolling Glen Ranch Master Plan.

The commission has a deadline of next Wednesday, August 16 to determine if it is indeed legally a minor subdivision or instead a phase of his Master Plan. If the commission rules against it being a minor subdivision, Cavanaugh will have to meet stringent state laws and county regulations for major subdivisions, and county conditions specifically for Rolling Glen.

Of the 18 people who spoke at the hearing, the only proponent was Cavanaugh himself, a graying man who limped to the podium recovering from hip-replacement surgery. At one point he noted that he will not live to see completion of the 34 phases of his Rolling Glen Ranch Master Plan, expected to spread over some 30 years.

The other 17 people who spoke were uniformly opposed to the minor subdivision proposal. Testimony showed that many do not trust Cavanaugh, based on experience with his early development and sale of Rolling Glen Ranch lots before the business came to a halt when he filed for federal bankruptcy protection in 2008.

Elizabeth Barton, a Wheatland Meadows resident, used a familiar adage to caution the commissioners against Cavanaugh’s reliability: “Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me,” she said.

Perhaps the biggest concern among opponents was falling groundwater tables as evidenced by domestic and irrigation wells drying up in the rapidly growing area of several hundred homes.



Developer Steve Cavanaugh speaks before Broadwater County Commissioners at a public meeting about his Rolling Glen Ranch minor subdivision. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Cavanaugh explained that of the three 20-acre parcels of his proposed minor subdivision, two of the parcels would be further subdivided into 14 lots each, for a total of 28 lots and each lot with its own well and septic sewer system.

The proposed subdivision is accessed off Wheatland Road and is located about 4.3 miles northwest of the Interstate 90-US Highway 287 interchange. The interchange is central to businesses, including the Wheat Montana bakery, Town Pump gas station and truck stop, Steer Inn trailer sales, and Bridger Brewery.

Cavanaugh, who lives in Anaconda, downplayed concerns about water. He said that instead of relying on a 2007 water survey by the State Department of Natural Resources, he has worked with that agency on deep drill tests, one down to 650 feet, to show the aquifers have more than enough water for all homes and businesses in his master plan. He talked at some length about aquifer studies, including one costing his development \$250,000. Community wells and sewage systems are planned as the development of Rolling Glen Ranch progresses.

The master plan is technically called a Planned

Unit Development, or PUD, and is to be developed in phases. Cavanaugh emphasized that lots must be sold in his proposed minor subdivision to provide money to develop the next phase.

When and if it is ever fully developed under the master plan, Rolling Glen Ranch would be a town of 2,599 residential, civic and commercial lots with two golf courses, a town center, parks and trails covering 1,724 acres. Apparently, it would be mostly a community of retired people, as shown by the obviously retired age of folks at the hearing.

Shawn Koenig, a rancher whose property borders Rolling Glen Ranch, said the water table for his irrigation well has fallen so much in recent years that it no longer supports a second cutting on his 48 acres of alfalfa and grass hay. He also spoke of area businesses running short on well water. He pointed out that construction of the state Highway Department’s new rest area off the highway interchange was completed months ago but has not opened yet for lack of water. He spoke against “stabbing in a bunch more houses now.”

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KIDS, CARS AND CANDY AT THE 60TH ANNUAL RODEO PARADE

MT 43 News Staff

Broadwater County sure knows how to put on a parade. It must be the organizer’s 60 years of experience that makes people come out in droves to watch the 4-H floats, antique cars and catch mountains of candy.



A familiar figure in town is Roland Heaton, who parades his vehicle every day. Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Sunday, August 6th the hour-long parade on Broadway came off with only one hitch: a tire went flat on the Gand Marshalls’ wagon. Chuck and Carole Plymale and family took it all in stride as they waited by the Power Townsend building for someone to come fix the tire. Thirty- two groups registered for prizes. Many participants do not register, according to coordinator Kathy Toombs.

Two groups of Masons and Shriners provided lots of entertainment with their mini cars. House Representative Julie Dooling added a political flavor to the day. Emergency Services vehicles brought up the end as



Vintage muscle car spices up the vehicles in the parade. Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

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TOWNSEND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REWARDS FIRST RESPONDERS

Tim Pool
Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce

TACC GIVES \$2,000 TO EACH OF OUR 1ST RESPONDER DEPARTMENTS

The annual Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) ATV RIDE was a grand event for all participants enjoying their ride thru the Elkhorn Mountains...you



SAR President Eric Crusch and Sheriff Rauser and some essential members. Photo Credits: Tim Pool

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did Montana National Guard vehicles. National Guard members manned a recruiting table after the parade to interest people in joining.



Organization first place winner Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club celebrates sixty years with a tie-dye theme. Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Parade Marshall Shawn Cartwright made sure to direct the parade to Oak Street so the nursing home residents might have a front-row seat. All children actively involved in the parade under the age of 12 received free tickets to the afternoon rodeo at the fairgrounds.



The Birds Nest won 1st Place in the Commercial Float Division. Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Prize winners of the five categories, in first, second and third place were as follows: Cowboy Costume Riders: Bird Family Children, Kindle VanDyken and Julie Dooling; Drill Teams: Bozeman Saddlites; Organizations: Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, Old Baldy 4-H Club and Townsend Little Guy Wrestling; Commercial: Birdi Kribs, Billings Clinic Broadwater and Staline Construction; Individuals: Ruel Richtmyer and Tameron Harris, Tim Meagher; Antiques: John Moos, Glenn VanZee (orange Dodge Charger) and Jim Beck.

TACC Rewards, 1

must understand the enjoyment for ATV Riders is rough roads, crazy weather, getting back safely and helping worthy causes.

This year's Ride achieved all the "enjoyment"! including raising enough funds to allow TACC to distribute a significant bonus to the budgets of Broadwater County's Search and Rescue, Ambulance and



Cyrus Brandt, Ambulance Supervisor and Jenny Clowes, Billings Clinic CEO, receive the Ambulance's check. Photo Credits: Tim Pool

Fire departments. These extra funds have helped the departments to purchase equipment their normal operating budgets may not allow.



Fire Chief Ed Schindoll receives the Fire Dept. check with FUGI, the Fire Dog ever alert. Photo Credits: Tim Pool

The 2024 TACC Annual ATV Ride is scheduled for June 8th in the Big Belt Mountains...mark your calendars so you can ENJOY THE RIDE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR 1ST RESPONDERS AND TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE IT HAPPEN!

Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce President Tim Pool delivered checks to: Search and Rescue, the Broadwater Rural Fire Department and to Billings Clinic/ Broadwater Ambulance Service. TACC appreciates the vital efforts of all of these organizations.

ADAM DOLEAC PERFORMS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Mikayla Kraft MT43 News Correspondent



As the mention of Adam Doleac's name filled the arena, shouts of excitement rose from the stands. Adam Doleac is a new figure in country music. He had performed many songs with Darius Rucker and Kane Brown and was now going to perform his first concert in Montana, and Broadwater County had the honor of seeing his first performance in the Big Sky state of Montana. This was the main kick-off to the 60th Broadwater County Fair & Rodeo.

For those of you who may not know this new, top-charts country singer, he originally had wanted to pursue sports. This young boy from Mississippi passed up the chance to carry on the family business at an electric company to play baseball for the University of Southern Mississippi, even making an appearance in the college world series. After college, he started writing music and even started to build his career off of music. Since 2015, his song, "Whiskey's Fine", was recognized by the Sirius XM channel, The Highway. It reached the 3rd spot on the Hot Country Countdown. From then on, he continued to write many hit songs and performed with other country music artists.



Adam Doleac performing his unreleased song "Looking Forward to Looking Back". Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

At the concert, fans had the opportunity to get on the dance floor and give Adam Doleac a high-five and meet him personally and get an autograph and/or a picture. The main highlight of the night was when he was singing "Famous" to all of the women in the crowd. He pulled a young girl (about 3 years old) onto the stage and danced with her, singing the song to her. The crowd swelled with joy and excitement for this girl and will live in so many fans' minds as a glimpse into the caring, personal character of the 35-year-old country artist who can personally connect with his fans.

At the conclusion of the concert, I had the opportunity to personally talk to Adam Doleac to give Broadwater County a glimpse into the life of a country music artist's concert set-up, as well as his experience in Montana.

His appreciation for "the Montananness" of our state has been his favorite. "All of the people here are super nice. I am from Mississippi and I have always been raised to care for people and love people, and it really seems like it is that way here, so it was an awesome night," Adam Doleac stated, making the concert in Townsend, MT a great show of the small town community we share.

He had no clue what to expect from a small town in a low-population state, but his team routed a concert for him in Montana while he was on a riding vacation up in the mountains and was excited to perform with the rodeo in town.

He played many songs including his songs that hit the top charts, "Whiskey's Fine," and "Famous", but he also performed songs such as "Neon Fools" and even a song that has not yet been released.

Adam Doleac was definitely a huge hit for our small community of Broadwater County.

WINSTON RESIDENT WINS BIG AT THE BROADWATER COUNTY FAIR

MT 43 News Staff

Audrey Martin lives in Winston and writes children's books in her spare time. That is when she is not raising a family, running a consulting business, raising farm animals and making jewelry.



Audrey Martin of Winston shows her "blue buffalo head" which is one of the many first-class ribbons she won during Broadwater County Fair. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Audrey won best of show in the Photography and Literature division for her book, "Storm," about teaching kids about disaster preparedness, one of her main passions in life. The book is part of a series called "Preparedness Pets". She illustrated the books herself via computer. However, she would like to find a professional artist for the remainder of the series. She entered the Home Crafts Division of the Fair with a "Tree of Life" wire wrap necklace for which she won a first-place ribbon also.

Her passion for disaster preparedness comes from her 16 years as a wildland firefighter. A native of Arlee in the Mission Valley, she saw fire up close and personal, so takes to heart the importance of teaching people to be prepared for emergencies such as fire. Agate Consulting, Inc. is her disaster and emergency consulting business in which she works with commercial, private and government sectors on how best to prepare for fire and emergency.

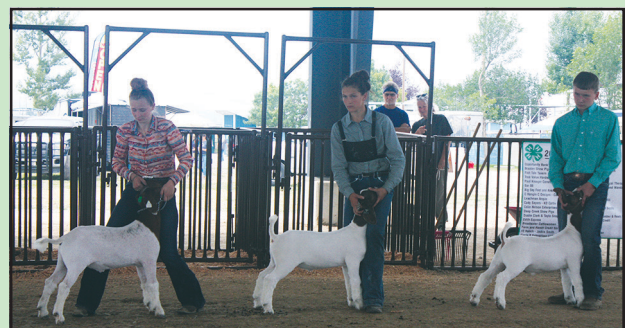
While her husband is away following his trucking business and her daughter at the University of Montana, she and her son Colt, age 16, raise and care for Nubian goats and longhorn cattle. It was through the long-horn cattle she began trading animals with a person who raised buffalo. Her creative arts first place in the Home Crafts Division was a female buffalo head painted in blue. "I made one for my son who plays wide receiver to honor the Broadwater Bulldogs. It is blue and white," she explained.

Audrey is energetic and quick to speak her mind. She graduated from the University of Wyoming, Laramie. She lived in Missoula and was raising two small children while she obtained a master's degree in public administration. Another of her passions is volunteering in the community. While living in Wyoming and in Missoula she volunteered with emergency services, volunteer fire groups and whatever else needed help in the community. "Without the people who volunteer their time, we have no community: we have no school activities, we have no 4-H, we have no rural fire department. Volunteers make it happen," she said.

4-H LIVESTOCK SALE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

MT 43 News Staff

The heart of generosity was alive and well at the 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) Livestock Auction on Saturday, August 5 when more than fifty buyers signed up to bid on the members' animals. Many farm kids showed up to three different animals each,



Scarlett McDaniel, Kaitlyn Noyes and Spencer Braaten Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

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Townsend School Calendar

Aug 11 1st Day of Fall Sport's Practice



Aug 16 6:00PM Old Baldy Adult Ed - Writing Professionally-for Money at Library Classroom

August 23 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (No Kindergarten)

August 24 & 25 KINDERGARTEN 1/2 Days PLEASE GO TO townsend.k12.mt.us/ FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS AND REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH INFO!



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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

August 11
 9:00am - 4:00pm Craft & Bridal Fair (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)
 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: Christensen Family Band at Canton Church (SEE AD ON PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS)

August 12
 9:00am - 4:00pm Craft & Bridal Fair (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)
 3:00pm Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Sponsors FREE SWIM & FLOAT
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

August 14
 5:00pm Flynn's Bible Camp: Men's Bible Camp at Flynn's Cabin - Dry Creek
 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

August 15
 11:00am Rocky's Agency on Aging Will Visit Townsend
 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

August 16
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 Lady's Night @ The Betsy (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

August 17
 1:00pm Townsend Rotary: SLICE OF SUMMER at Heritage Park
 3:00pm Farmer's Market at the WIFI Park
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
 Thirsty Thursday @ The Betsy (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

August 18
 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 19
 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 16
 10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building
 6:00pm Airport Board Meeting at Flynn Building

Do You Have, or Know of a Free Open Community Event?
 Please email us, mt43news@mt43news.com, or call our office, 406-266-0086, so we can add you to our Community Calendar!
Bring Attention to Your Event by Advertising with Us!
It's simple, and we will add you to the calendar!
 Check out our Ad Submission Form and deadlines at mt43news.com and email or call us! We would love to help!
You can also stop in at our office: 401 Broadway.
We'd love to see you!

BROADWATER COUNTY OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant

These are the current Board Vacancies as of August 1, 2023 (3-year terms)

- Broadwater County Airport Board-1 Member
- Broadwater County Trust Board- 2 Non-Voting Members
- Townsend and Three Forks Mosquito Boards- 1 Member Each
- Broadwater County Museum Board- 2 Members
- Broadwater County Board of Health- 1 Member
- Broadwater County Broadband Advisory Board- 1 Member

Broadwater County Board of Investments (no terms)

- 1- Townsend School Representative, 1 Secretary

Please contact Melinda Banks at envhealth@co.broadwater.mt.us to submit a letter of interest if you are interested in serving on a Board.

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Butch Barton, who lives in the nearby Wheatland Meadows subdivision, said he opposed approval of the proposed minor subdivision. "The water issue is huge," he said. Barton said the "Town Pump's well dried up, so they had to punch a new well."

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer questioned Cavanaugh about well water for the 28 parcels he plans in the minor subdivision. "Would they have to go 650 feet for water like your test wells?" she asked. Cavanaugh evaded her question, saying only that each parcel would have its own well and septic system.

County Attorney Cory Swanson tried with several questions to pin down Cavanaugh on whether his proposed three-parcel subdivision is actually a phase of his master plan rather than just a minor subdivision. Cavanaugh gave a wandering response that didn't seem clear.

Retired Three Forks teacher Julie Jensen, who lives in a nearby subdivision, pointed out her family could no longer irrigate their 17 acres because the irrigation well had gone dry.

Jensen also complained that more subdivision housing in the area would put undue stress on the Three Forks schools since the area is in the Three Forks School District. "It is huge for our school system. Their children may very well not be able to go to the Three Forks schools," she said.

The lack of emergency services, including fire, sheriff and ambulances was another major worry. Michelle Bodenheimer who lives in the Mount Vista subdivision, voiced her concerns. "I am opposed to this subdivision because there are not enough emergency services as it is down here." She said Cavanaugh "should be held to the same standards as everyone else. He needs to be accountable and should have to go by the rules" of the master development, "not just as a minor subdivision."

Peter Reiss who lives in the current Rolling Glen subdivision and was Home Owners Association president for two years, voiced those same concerns. "We had a lot of headaches to solve that were historically based," he said.

Several people gave harrowing accounts of the lack of emergency services. One woman said she nearly died of COVID during the epidemic because the nearest ambulance service her family could call was an hour away in Bozeman. "That's with the population as it is now. What will emergency services be like when there is another subdivision?" she asked.

The town of Three Forks and the surrounding area, including the many nearby residential subdivisions, now have ambulance services with certified emergency medical technicians. The newly formed Three Forks Ambulance Service is a nonprofit operation organized by Barbara Mutter. She attended the hearing but did not speak.

ROTARY'S SLICE OF SUMMER CELEBRATION AUGUST 17TH!

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian



The Rotary Club of Townsend's second 2023 Slice of Summer family fun event will be held on Thursday, August 17 in Heritage Fun Park.

Slice of Summer includes Youth Activities that run from 2:00-5:00 pm and Family Activities that run from 5:00-8:00 pm. Rotary is paying for free youth swimming from 1-4 and 6-8 pm. Other youth activities will include free bouncy inflatables, face painting, a sand pile treasure hunt, and the Imagination Playground blue foam toys. Family activities include free musical entertainment and reasonably priced food and drink. Rotary will be selling pizza and cotton candy. The Lions will be selling hamburgers, nachos, and hot dogs. The Rotary Youth Interact Club will be selling ice cream, soda, and other treats. Food and drinks will be served starting mid-afternoon for families through 8 pm. Free music begins at 5 pm and goes to 8 pm.

Music will be provided by Dan Henry. Dan Henry is a Montana-born musician whose love of music and passion for entertaining has helped him carve out a living playing across Montana, with a vision of taking his show across the country. Mr. Henry has constructed his one-man band by combining his guitar with the bluesy sounds of harmonica, the rhythmic beats of his stomp box, and his unique vocal stylings. With this combination, Mr. Henry has a wealth of original music spiced with hints of blues, folk, rock, and country. His Debut album "Gillian Hall" is available to stream on most platforms.

Slice of Summer started after Broadwater County High School students mentioned in interviews for Rotary scholarships that Townsend needed some summer fun

events for families like the Alive at Five event in Helena. All free kids' activities are paid for with profits made by Rotary at Fall Fest.

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

Rotary needs some volunteers to help pull off this great family event. If you can help or if you have any questions, please call Slice of Summer coordinator Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615.

About Rotary

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

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH (SVLC) SPONSORS FREE SWIM

Darlene Beck

SVLC in conjunction with Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a free Swim & Float on Saturday, August 12th from 3 p.m.-6 pm.

Youth are especially encouraged to use the pool and enjoy a free swim.

Following a swim, everyone is invited to enjoy a root beer float at the swimming pool park.

For several years the Lutheran church has sponsored this activity so that all community youth have an opportunity to enjoy a refreshing activity.

Thrivent Financial provides a grant as seed money so that the Lutheran Women are able to sponsor some summer fun for the community.

ILLEGAL DUMPING IS BIG PROBLEM AT WINSTON

MT 43 News Staff

What could have been a gripe session about the county's solid waste fees turned into a brainstorming session Monday night at a Broadwater County Commission public hearing.

Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley laid out the problems he's having servicing the Winston dump site. His crews empty the cannisters daily at the site and even then site attendants end up cleaning up around the cannisters as well as outside the fence where people leave all kinds of junk, from car engines to mattresses and refrigerators. "Of all the sites, Winston is the worst. We need to change the situation by either moving the gates out closer to the highway, or close the walk-in access," he said.

Graveley squelched the rumor that the county intended to close the Winston site. "I have no intention of closing the Winston site. I just want it cleaned up and more manageable," he said.

The Winston site is across from the Pole Creek turnoff just west of Winston on Highway 287. The area is secluded, and the entrance has no turn lane off the busy highway. Currently the site is open only on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The site takes household waste, trees and brush, metal, cardboard and aluminum cans. Large loads of tree branches, lumber, refrigerators need to go to the Transfer Station on Indian Creek Road west of Townsend.

About 30 people, many from the Winston area, attended the meeting. They voiced opposition to closing the walk-in access, but several favored the idea of moving the entrance gate.

Leroy Cooper, a Winston resident, commented: "I like the walk-in access. Why punish people who do the right thing because others can't follow the rules?"

Other residents favored the walk-in access because they work and cannot get to the cannister site before 3 o'clock during the day. Canyon Ferry Mansion owner Stacy Sommer said she cannot get to the Transfer

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Station before it closes, so she favors changing hours at Winston to later in the day on Saturday.

Many felt moving the gates closer to the highway would discourage contractors and others from pulling in without being seen.

Jerry Schoer has lived in Winston for 25 years. He favored moving the gate but expressed the idea of catching bad actors and pressing charges against them. The fine for illegal dumping is currently \$500. "It's time to up the fines and start issuing tickets. Eventually the word will get out then that people are being fined for illegal dumping," he said.

Vince Hoff said he did not favor moving the gate because "then people would dump garbage closer to the highway."

Catching people illegally dumping is another issue. Several people questioned whether it was prudent to snap photos of car licenses when they observe illegal dumping. Dan Pace remarked that in the five minutes he was at the dump he saw many out-of-county license plates, even a New Mexico plate. Others had observed contractors stop off the highway to dump entire truckloads of construction debris. "Where are our surveillance cameras?" asked Townsend resident Duane Holom.

Graveley said the surveillance cameras had long since been shot out or otherwise destroyed. "I've thought about putting up solar cameras on high posts.

His one concession at Winston would be to open the site Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as on Saturdays and Sundays. His attendants can turn in people who dump illegally but have no legal way to enforce the law. Broadwater County Sheriff officers are tasked with handling unlawful behavior.

Graveley suggested the department go back to issuing hang tags. Many in the group agreed hang tags were a good idea, but wanted the hours changed so working people would have access in the evenings. He indicated the department would be installing new signs that clearly explain what waste goes in which bin and a warning sign explaining fines for illegal dumping.

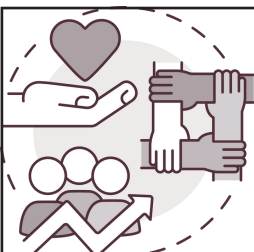
The solid waste assessment rate question found little opposition. Graveley explained the current rate of \$185 per year on people's property tax bill would not be changing. That amount allows each household to dispose of 3,000 pounds of solid waste per year. Any large loads over that will be go to the Transfer Station and charged for through the Transfer Station scale. "The new scale will make the system far more equitable. What you bring in, we weigh and that is what you are charged for disposal," he explained.

Graveley he is proposing some changes in rates. They included \$3 for car tires, \$10 for truck tires and \$25 for heavy equipment tires. Refrigerator disposal rates would go from \$25 to \$35 to cover the cost of freon removal. The rate for large-load tree disposal would be \$10 each.

However, if he cannot keep his department within budget, he will have to suggest more changes to the commissioners. "Right now the assessment for 2,598 solid waste district property tax payers does not cover our costs, with tipping fees to the Lewis and Clark landfill at \$4,000 per month plus higher diesel fuel costs and higher maintenance costs on our aging equipment," he said.

One solution might be to privatize solid waste disposal Graveley mentioned. He had researched private waste disposal company charges. They ran from \$400 to \$600 per year per household.

Commissioner chairperson Debi Randolph and Graveley indicated more meetings on solid waste disposal would follow until they and the public could come up with solutions to the growing amount of garbage in Broadwater County.



A SPECIAL THANKS to Broadwater County's past, present and future volunteers!

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF EVERY COMMUNITY

Barbara Mutter
Three Forks Ambulance Service



Many folks don't think about all their neighbors that put their heart and soul into so many different facets that make a community their HOME.

Volunteers make up most of the community-based social services.

Volunteers are found in everyday places you may not be aware of:

Your Local Fire Department, Your Local Ambulance Service, Churches, Local Libraries, Food Banks, Meals on Wheels, Animal Rescue and Shelters, Hospitals, Museums, Habitat for Humanity, Coaches for all the youth sports in town, County Fair Volunteers, the Red Cross, and Veteran Programs. And there are so many, many more!

90% of all Fire Departments in the United States are served by VOLUNTEER Firefighters. These folks leave their families on holidays, on their days off, and in the middle of the night to answer emergency calls. Firefighters don't think "What's in this for me?" Firefighters go through hours of various training to meet the emergency needs of their neighbors. Many fire departments train in-house to prepare for emergencies.

Many Ambulance Services in Montana's small towns are made up of All-Volunteer Staffing. These folks must have a medical license to be in an ambulance to perform quality medical care. These EMTs must pay out of pocket for a license to volunteer.

The National Registry Emergency Medical Technician license can cost anywhere from \$1000 to \$1500.

Volunteer EMTs leave their families on holidays, on their days off, and in the middle of the night to meet that medical or trauma emergency and don't think "What's in it for me?"

Society has been changing over the years and volunteerism is going away in our communities across this great country. People are working hard to make ends meet. The everyday stress of raising their children and putting food on the table, not to mention any outside activities they participate in leaves no time to volunteer.

WHO IF NOT YOU?

Montana has seen many small independent ambulance services close their doors over the last 5 years. The rising cost of medical supplies, housing ambulances, medical equipment and education has skyrocketed. Ambulance Services are not considered essential services, so Ambulance Services do NOT receive any funds from property taxes. Three Forks Area Ambulance (TFAA) is funded by insurance payments if TFAA transports a patient to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital that has insurance. We also receive a few donations that come our way.

The Three Forks Area Ambulance needs more people to step up to serve. We have an EMT class starting in September. There is financing available so if you are interested in becoming an EMT, reach out!

We Need Drivers as well! Training will be provided by TFAA.

The Three Forks Volunteer Fire Department needs more people to join. TFFVD meets every Tuesday night. Show Up, they will be happy to see you.

Any amount of time a person can give to volunteer makes our community stronger.

It could be you or your family member that needs medical care or your property that's on fire. Who will come in your time of need?

WHO IF NOT YOU?

Three Forks Area Ambulance
3fkamb@gmail.com
406-404-7396

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- August 11**
5:00PM Saavy at Sacajawea Bar
Rockin' the Rivers at The Bridge
- August 12**
5:00PM Three Forks August Omoksee at Three Forks Rodeo
5:00PM Music by Luke Williams at Sacajawea Bar
Rockin' the Rivers at The Bridge
- August 13**
8:00PM Music by Mike and the Moonpies with Vandoliers at Bridger Brewing
- August 17**
10:00AM Story Time at Three Forks Community Library
2:00PM Farmer's Market RESERVED @ John Q. Adams Milwau-
kee Railroad Park
- August 19**
7:00AM Montana Warrior Run: 1 mile, 5k, 10k (Veteran's Park
RESERVED) at Veteran39s Park

THE BROADWATER COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM PURCHASE A SNOWBULANCE

Matt Nelson



The Broadwater County Search and Rescue (BCSAR) Team received an anonymous donation which was used to buy this SNOWbulance, made by Equinox Industries LTD. This vehicle is to be used for the rescue of injured people and can be fitted with skis as well as wheels.

During the next Slice of Summer on August 17th, the BCSAR Team will be at Heritage Park, and hosting a dunking booth - sounds like fun - and selling raffle tickets for a prize of \$750 good for purchases at Rocky Mountain Supply.

For information about joining the Broadwater County Search and Rescue Team contact its President, Eric Crusch at 406 521-0275.



Mike Stapp, Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser, SAR President Eric Crusch, Mike Speedy, Cindy Christophersen, and Steven Wyatt
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson



Hey Townsend Seniors!

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

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

Come hear about the programs and resources we offer!

We are happy to answer your Aging Services questions!

Questions?
Call Michele at 406-441-3985

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AUGUST 4TH

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menahan's courtroom on Friday, August 4 is as follows:

Priscella Evans was to have a Pre-Trial Conference but did not show up for court. A \$10,000 arrest warrant was issued. The jury draw was vacated.

Donald Dewit will have a Status Hearing on September 1.

Christopher Jones will have a Change of Plea on September 1. His Jury Trial was vacated.

Robert Bakke did not show up for his Pre-Trial Conference; An arrest warrant was issued.

Joseph Johnson will have a Change of Plea on September 1. The Jury Trial is vacated.

Robert Cluff did not show up for his Pre-Trial Conference; An arrest warrant was issued. The jury draw was vacated.

Jon Thompson had an Initial Appearance; pleading Not Guilty to (1) felony strangulation of a partner/family member; (2) assault with a weapon; (3) misdemeanor partner/family member assault. Omnibus is due by September 22; Pre-Trial is set for March 22, 2024; with the Jury Trial scheduled for April 22.

LEGAL NOTICES

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLENE M. GROVER, Deceased.

Probate No ADP-2022-16
Judge: Mike Menahan

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to Rodney L. Grover, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o Hanna Warhank, Jackson, Murdo & Grant, P.C., 203 N Ewing, Helena, MT 59601, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

DATED this the 07 day of June, 2023.

RODNEY L. Grover, Personal Representative
CHURCH, HARRIS, JOHNSON & WILLIAMS, P.C.
BY: HANNA WARHANK, Attorneys for Personal Representative

Printed August 11, August 18 & August 25, 2023
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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY HELEN SITTON, Deceased.

Probate No. CDP-23-08

Notice to Creditors

Colleen A. Hohn 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 August 11, 2023.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

Printed August 11, 18, 25, 2023

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT AUGUST 11TH, 2023

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Eric Yoder, Millersburg, OH: night speed \$20.00
Chad Sacry, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00

Amir Mortazavi, Nashua, NH: day speed \$70.00
Harshad Mehta, Palatine, IL: day speed \$70.00
Jillian Lapointe, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
Andrew Lagerquist, Three Forks day speed \$70.00
Davinder Dhaliwal, Calgary, AB: truck speed \$55.00
Austin Broussard-Rangel, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Rebecca Lowe-Smith, Livingston: day speed \$20.00
Stephen Penner, Belgrade: day speed \$70.00
Jennifer Steele, Big Sky: day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Christopher Wagner – Townsend – fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle- owner or operator – 2nd offense, pleaded guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees.

Austin Smith – Townsend – operating without liability insurance in effect-4th or subsequent offense, found guilty in Bench Trial, sentenced to 10 days in jail with all 10 days suspended for a period of six months on conditions, \$535.00 fines and fees, surrender driver's license to the Court and will be suspended until proof of compliance is provided to MVD.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Samuel Burton – Clancy – night speed, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine; possessing intoxicating substances while under the age of 21 (over 18)-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete MIP class, and complete 20 hours of community service; operate vehicle w/o making application for transfer of registration (40 day grace period), pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Wada Theresa, Yreka, CA: night speed \$70.00
Peter Steininger, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
Megan Swanson, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Mark Sodaro, Sherwood, OR: night speed \$20.00
Scott Strahm, Emporia, KS: day speed \$20.00
Dakota Perez, Palmerton, PA: day speed \$70.00
Douglas Marshall, Bozeman: careless driving \$85.00
Justine Mclane, Helena: day speed \$120.00
Cimeri Miller, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Ross Loney, Helena: night speed \$70.00
Sheila Damato, Brooklyn, NY: day speed \$20.00
Pradeep Choudhary, Dowingtown, PA day speed \$120.00
John Botonakis, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Blayne Aafedt, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

William Fredericks Jr – MT 14th Judicial District Court, Meagher County, \$250,000.00 bond
Brittany Hubbard – Anaconda-Deer Lodge Justice Court, \$500.00 bond

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA - AUGUST 16, 2023

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant

515 Broadway, Townsend
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting.

Public comments and items not on the agenda will be taken either in writing in advance of the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1st floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwatercountymt.com, in the window of the Flynn

Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, and in the Helena Independent Record (IR).

Wednesday, August 16, 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, Val Hornsveld, Clerk of District Court, Appointment of County Administrative Officer (CAO) Position

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Allison Kosto, MSU County Extension Agent, FY2024 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Broadwater County, Montana

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, FY2023 AIP Grant Agreement with Transmittal #3-30-0078-016-2023 and FAA Signature Page

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning, Vandenaere-Hansers and Bitners Boundary Relocation (Township 7North, Range 1 East, Section 11)

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning, Jania Hatfield, Deputy County Attorney, Redistricting County Commission Boundaries

10:40 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Revised Loan Payment Plan

10:45 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision (Township- 2N, Range- 1 East, Section- 6) request Final Preliminary Plat Approval

Thursday, August 17, 2023

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

Public Meeting Notices

6:00 PM Southern Broadwater County: (CTAP*) Meeting on August 24th at Bridger Brewing

6:00 PM Broadwater County Emergency Response Facility Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) on August 30th at Bridger Brewing

6:00 PM Northern Broadwater County: (CTAP*) Meeting on August 31st at the Flynn Building

Discussion Regarding Future Growth in Broadwater County

Community Technical Assistance Program

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

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

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Future Meetings being held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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

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

- Three Forks Mosquito on August 15th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito on August 15th at 4 PM
- Weed Board on August 15th at 7 PM
- Airport Meeting on August 16th at 6 PM
- City/County Parks & Rec on August 21st at 6PM

"To the extent that one experiences pain, they will tend to pursue truth to the same degree. Thus, pain is the fundamental fuel for the pursuit of truth."



-Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

4-H Livestock Sale, 2

totaling just under 100 entries. Some Lambs, goats and pigs went for as high as \$20 a pound. Total sales amounted to \$279,572.

County Extension Agent Allison Kosto, in her handout to buyers, explained it this way: “Through livestock projects, youth learn the responsibility of selecting and caring for a quality market animal and enter into a real-world marketing situation through the livestock sale. They also learn many life skills such as record keeping, critical thinking, sportsmanship, goal setting and decision making which they will continue to use through their lives.”

Jason Noyes, chairman of the 4-H Livestock Committee and his vice chair John Ferrat raced from the livestock building to the new Pavilion to set up pens, then take them down when the show was over. Noyes coordinated lining up animals to keep the auction going. Auctioneer Steven Goedert, general manager of Headwater Livestock Auction at Three Forks, plied his trade to encourage the crowd to keep bidding. The list of workers who make the show happen is legendary.

John and Missy Rauser put on their usual excellent barbecued beef dinner complete with baked beans coleslaw, watermelon and cookies. The dinner is offered at no charge to the bidders of the evening. Rausers, who farm west of Toston and run a catering business, have been preparing the free dinner for several years now.



John Rauser slices barbecued beef roasts; Ann Rauser looks on. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Noyes began the auction by thanking the donors and Diamond Construction who built the livestock Pavilion for their contributions to making the facility happen. The open-air building just south of the 4-H Livestock Building comfortably accommodated both the livestock pens and participants’ bleachers. He commended Broadwater County Commissioners, Broadwater County Trust Board members, and Jim and Amber Burgess for their generous help. Many small businesses and individuals in the county donated to the pavilion, including many 4-H livestock members who gave back some of their earnings from selling their animals.

Winners of the various championship animals, agility and round-robin events will be listed in next week’s paper.



Examples of pottery made by Teddy Lewis. Photo Credit: Dee Gannon

Teddy Lewis said he is interested in teaching pottery to adults, as well. His phone number is 406-439-9345 if you are interested in doing an adult class; he says by all means, call him.

Let's get our art on!

BROADWATER FAIR: CREATING A RING

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent

The first entertainment of the 2023 Broadwater Fair & Rodeo moved from the tent to inside the Commercial Building, because of the weather.



Maddie Korthas using a kitchen torch to fasten bezel to band. Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

That didn’t stop these 18 ladies from sitting down to make their own rings. They each paid \$75 to fashion a piece of jewelry to keep and admire; knowing that they did it themselves.

Jessica Hanson, owner of J Rock Jewelry, 321 Broadway (suite B) was the instructor and was always available for any help needed.

The steps are laid out here:

- Each lady cut their band to the right size.
- They each chose a stone, white, pink or blue.
- They had the opportunity to personalize the band more by stamping it if they wished.
- Then, they shaped the band using a torch and mandrel, getting it round. Then they filed the rough spots and set the bezel (the piece holding the stone) using a torch. Off to the ‘pickle pot’ to remove all oxidation.
- They then set the stone using a wooden ring clamp; and tapped the arms of the bezel to hold the stone.
- The last step was polishing the band using a dish scratcher material.

They were all satisfied with how their rings came out; much worthy of the few hours they spent.

Jessica was so happy with the results, that she will do more of these classes. If you are interested in the methods used and are wanting to craft something that you and others can admire forever; please call Jessica at 406-671-1543 to discover when her next class is scheduled.

JUDY WILLIAMS CAPTIVATES

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent

Saturday Afternoon, under the tent, Judy Williams had a great time playing and singing old standards and much-loved tunes like “You Are My Sunshine”, ‘Marezy-Doats’, ‘Oh, Lonesome Me’, ‘Sioux City Sue’, ‘Bad Bad Leroy Brown’, just to name a few, to all who could hear her during the Fair.

Judy began playing piano and singing in 1975 at Grand Coulee, Washington; joining her first band, Country Gold, in Omak. After that, she played in North Idaho with the band, Wild Country, in places like the Slab Inn, Kon Tiki, and the Shanty; along with many more venues in Coeur d’Alene Idaho.

After moving back to Montana several years ago, in the early 2000s; she felt an urge to do what she had done, and began Judy and the Divine Bovines, in 2010. She enlisted her friend, Carla Ahern, to perform with her.

Judy has written many of her Bovine songs (as parodies, as well as a ‘nod’ to the original song). She has sung on many CDs and they are available (just ask).

If you want to hear this duo in person, Judy and the Divine Bovines, (Judy implores that Carla is the ‘Divine’ part of their performances) are the opening act for country singers, Suzy Boggins and Kathy Matea in Lewistown at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering, August 10 through August 13. What a boost to be the opening act of such greats!



Judy Williams captivating everyone! Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

KYLE WILLIAMS PLAYS A MEAN GUITAR

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent

Kyle Williams is out on his own; and Friday, under the tent at the Fair proved it a decent decision. Even after not performing for a few months, Williams proved he hasn’t lost his touch. He had the audience engaged, as he played country, rockabilly, and rock & roll; with a smattering of hymns on his electric acoustic-style, 6-string guitar.

He has played in a few bands; including Helena Handbasket, a band begun by his parents, Jim and Terry Gunderson (who own Goose Bay Glass) who play fiddle and other instruments.



Kyle Williams Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Williams, himself, plays guitar, mandolin, bass and even drums. If there were more of him, he could be his own band. He had listeners tapping their feet and singing along. Fun is how this reporter classified his performance. Hopefully, you, my readers, will be able to enjoy hearing him in the future.

He finished his set by playing the first song he learned, La Bamba. Williams has hundreds of songs in his repertoire; but the audience was only treated to a few, as time allowed. Maybe he will be invited to more gigs around as a result.

WHEAT MIDGE POPULATION ON THE RISE

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



It’s hard to imagine that a tiny insect can cause so much damage. However, this is the case with the Wheat Midge. The pest has slowly been spreading across the state. MSU Extension in Broadwater County

conducts a monitoring program every summer to monitor population changes. It was confirmed in Broadwater County and Gallatin County in 2016. At that time, this was the furthest south it had been detected in the state. Until recent years only a few midges were caught in traps and there was little concern. However, that is now changing.

The first major outbreak of the wheat midge in Montana occurred in 2006 in the Flathead Valley. A conservative estimate put the economic loss at over 1.5 million dollars in Flathead County. It has only recently become a major problem in Montana but has been a key pest in Canada since the 1980s. North Dakota and Minnesota reported significant losses to the midge in the 1990s. It was first found in northwest Montana during the 1990s but was only in low numbers. It was not until 2006 that it started causing major economic losses. The midge is now found in the golden triangle, the hi-line and northeast Montana. And since 2016, it’s been found in the southern half of the state. Numbers have been increasing rapidly in the last few years.

In 2021, there was a significant spike in the midge population in Broadwater County with a trap off of Riley Road on the backside of the lake catching over 300 midges. However, that pales compared to this year. A trap near Lower Dry Gulch Road caught over 1,700 midges in a single trap. These traps catch male midge, but it’s the females that do the damage. Therefore, additional scouting took place to look for the female midge. It was determined that the female midge population was still under the economic threshold. However, this was the first year that additional scouting needed to take place. The good news is though, the high midge counts seem isolated to this pocket of the county. Counts at traps placed in other areas of the county remain low.

Spring wheat is the primary host of the midge. It is particularly fond of irrigated spring wheat. It can also be found on durum wheat and barley. The wheat midge looks like a tiny orange mosquito. The adult lays eggs on the developing wheat head. The larvae feed inside the wheat head causing significant damage. The damage is not visible from the outside and can only be seen by threshing

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STOKE POTTERY DEMONSTRATION

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The STOKE (Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge, Entrepreneurship) Program is at it again!

Teddy Lewis is teaching pottery classes available to all students (grades 3 to 12); thanks to a grant from a Covid Relief Fund, ESSER. He teaches classes Monday through Friday at the building next to Bulldog Laundromat (old welding shop).

Many students have found pleasure in forming bowls, cups and more in his class; and this demonstration brought pleasure to those watching, as well. Lewis says he has eight wheels and about a dozen students per class.



Teddy Lewis assisting Bridger Greene Photo Credit: Dee Gannon



Kaden Green sculpted these bookends, fashioned after Japanese spiritual beings he viewed while visiting Japan. Photo Credit: Dee Gannon

ESSER (Elementary Secondary School Relief Fund) not only funds the Pottery Guild but many more in the STOKE Program; including the After-School Program and more. Coming up are some fun activities/programs. An upcoming Middle School activity is the ‘Lego League Team’, an introduction to robotics. The ‘First Tech Challenge Team’ is a High School robotics activity with Roger Flynn and Spencer Saladay instructing/advising. Please. Look into these classes.



NATURES DANCING LANTERNS

Ellie West
Certified Master Practitioner of NLP, Time Line Therapy, and Hypnosis



Shine Your Light, Shine On, Shine Bright, and Let Your Light Shine are all buzzwords in recent years. These are such great little reminders to be the bright light innate within each of us.

No matter how dark your world may seem, your emotional situation, your family situation, your financial situation, or your health situation, you don't have to be afraid of the dark.

Be encouraged in times of uncertainty, discouragement, or when hope seems dim. In Genesis 1:3 Then, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Not only did the world light up, but we have a light living inside us, and we have the opportunity to bring forth that light.

How we light the world reminds me of fireflies, those tiny beings of light that grace warm summer nights and have a magic of their own. These enchanting insects captivate our imagination, sparkling wonder and joy as they color the dark canvas of night with their flickering glow. Metaphorically, fireflies serve as nature's dancing lanterns, illuminating our hearts and reminding us that there is always light, even during darkness.

In their gentle radiance lies a reflection of the human spirit. Like fireflies, we, too, can emanate our unique brilliance, no matter how small or insignificant we may feel. Just as each firefly contributes to the symphony of light, so can you illuminate the world through kindness, compassion, and love. Our actions, like the flicker of a firefly, have the power to inspire and uplift those around us, igniting a chain reaction of goodness.

Fireflies also embody the momentary nature of life. They exist briefly, their light flickering in the night sky before fading away. Such is the essence of our existence - a swift twinkle, a mere moment in the grand tapestry of time. Nevertheless, we can leave an indelible mark on the world during these brief moments to make our presence felt and our light known.

Fireflies teach us to embrace the darkness, for their radiance shines only when the night falls. Similarly, in the darkest moments of our lives, our inner light has the potential to shine the brightest. It is during these times when we face hardships, setbacks, and pain that we discover the strength hidden within. Fireflies remind us to find solace in the beauty that can emerge from adversity - for it is often through the darkness that we truly learn to appreciate and cultivate our light.

In a hectic world, fireflies offer a respite, a moment to pause and connect with nature. Their soft glow reminds us to slow down, savor the present, and appreciate the simple, often overlooked wonders surrounding us. Their gentle dance teaches us the value of stillness, encouraging us to find tranquility within ourselves.

Fireflies symbolize the interconnectedness of all living things in natural, earthly surroundings. The connection with God represents a deeper spiritual connection, unity, and oneness. We are all part of a greater whole and are interconnected through our relationship with God. Regardless of our differences, we are all connected and woven together. Just as fireflies come together to create a luminous masterpiece, we, too, can work together to create a better, more harmonious world.

Fireflies are a gentle reminder of the beauty that lies within simplicity. Their glow, incomparable to any artificial light, is a testament to the splendor that nature effortlessly shines upon us. The attraction of fireflies lies in their simplicity and ability to find beauty in the ordinary. While the complexities of modern life may surround us, fireflies remind us to seek joy, peace, wonder, and serenity in the simplest of things - a quiet evening, a shared moment, or the twinkling light of a starry night sky.

Fireflies symbolize the beauty that exists within us all. Their delicate dancing lanterns glow to inspire us to embrace our light, despite the darkness that may surround us. They remind us of our power to illuminate the world through our actions, however small they seem. Like fireflies, let our inner light shine and, in doing so, create a world that is filled with beauty, inspiration, and radiant joy.

Let your light shine, and be careful not to let your light be extinguished. We are in a time and place where the world needs more light, not less! Don't miss the opportunities that are in your path every day. Shine bright as you compassionately, kindly, and generously offer to help others.

"Nothing can dim the light which shines from within."
 ~Unknown"

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Elkhorn Community Fellowship, 126 N Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Eric Crusch, (406) 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, (406) 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: (406) 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, (406) 465-5895. MountainValleyChurch.org. We stream our services on Facebook: [Facebook.com/mountainvalleychurch406](https://www.facebook.com/mountainvalleychurch406). (Was Alliance Bible Church.)

Radersburg Baptist Church, 7 Main St. Radersburg. Services: Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Richard Summerlin, (406) 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 - (406) 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, 406-980-0270). Bishop Matt Graham, (406) 266-4255.

Townsend United Methodist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Mele Moa, (406) 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

PIE EATING CONTEST

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent

The 2023 Fair brought a bevy of hungry participants in the first pie-eating contest that this reporter can remember, being here from 2006. The hungry eaters, wishing for a first-place prize of \$25 in each age group, waited their turn, semi-patiently.

The first group, aged 5-10 ate their fill of an Oreo/chocolate pudding with a heaping pile of whipped cream; with Micaiah Hudspeth (10) taking first place. The 11-14 class had a chocolate cream pie, again piled with whipped cream; with Blake Roberts (11) going out of his way to inhale his prize. The 15-19 group was served cherry pie, with the afore-mentioned pile of whipped cream. Aiden Kitto (15) won that one.

Last, but not least, the adults (19+) had their turn with an apple pie (one more time, piled high with whipped cream). The participants were aged 30 to 70; with the 41-year-old Dave Hudspeth going away with the win. Maybe eating is in the genes as there were two Hudspeth winners.

Taylor Shapp and Jessica Erickson were the overseers of this competition, sponsored by the Broadwater Fair Committee. This is a competition hoping to be an annual event.



SR. CENTER MEALS: Fruit Cocktail
AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 18 *Thursday, August 17*
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Rocky's Council for Aging will be at the Senior Center on August 15, 2023 *Friday, August 18*
 Polish Sausage

Monday, August 14
 Swedish Meatballs
 Mashed Potatoes
 Tossed Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Apricot Halves

Tuesday, August 15
 Birthday Dinner
 Roast Pork
 Mashed Potatoes
 Key Largo Vegetables
 Whole Grain Bread
 Applesauce
 Birthday Cake

Wednesday, August 16
 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
 Green Beans
 Golden Corn

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

Townsend Summer Feeding Program

JUNE 6- AUGUST 19, 11AM- 1PM

Heritage Park, Townsend, MT

All Children 18 and Younger Eat for Free

On the Menu:

Monday
 Hamburger with Fruits and Veggies

Tuesday
 BBQ Chicken with Fruits and Veggies

Wednesday
 Corn dog with Fruits and Veggies

Thursday
 BBQ Pork with Fruits and Veggies

Friday
 Burrito with Fruits and Veggies

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

TREE BOARD RECEIVES BACKYARDS OF BROADWATER GRANT

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



Backyards of Broadwater Yard and Garden Tour uses proceeds from its annual garden tour to support local horticulture, gardening, and tree activities including beautification projects, education, and care and maintenance in public areas in Broadwater County.

This year the Townsend Tree Board received a grant from Backyards of Broadwater for \$258 to cover the cost of five trees planted on city property to replace five of the almost two dozen trees that died last winter. The Tree Board planted a variety of trees to increase the diversity in our community forest. The trees planted included: Hackberry, Harvest Gold Linden, Prairie Expedition Elm, Valley Forge Elm, and a Redmond Linden.

The Tree Board budget for 2022-2023 was \$10,000 which was to be used exclusively for watering our existing trees. The Tree Board had no money to remove dead and dying trees, grind the stumps, and replant new trees. It is not good to have dead and dying trees in our inventory. The project aligns with the Backyards of Broadwater purpose: "activities including beautification projects and care and maintenance of trees in public areas in Broadwater County".

Over 2,000 Townsend residents will enjoy the trees planted. The Tree Board used Broadwater County High School horticulture students to help remove and replant a couple of the trees before school was out. The Tree Board thanks Backyards of Broadwater for their continued support of Tree Board projects.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



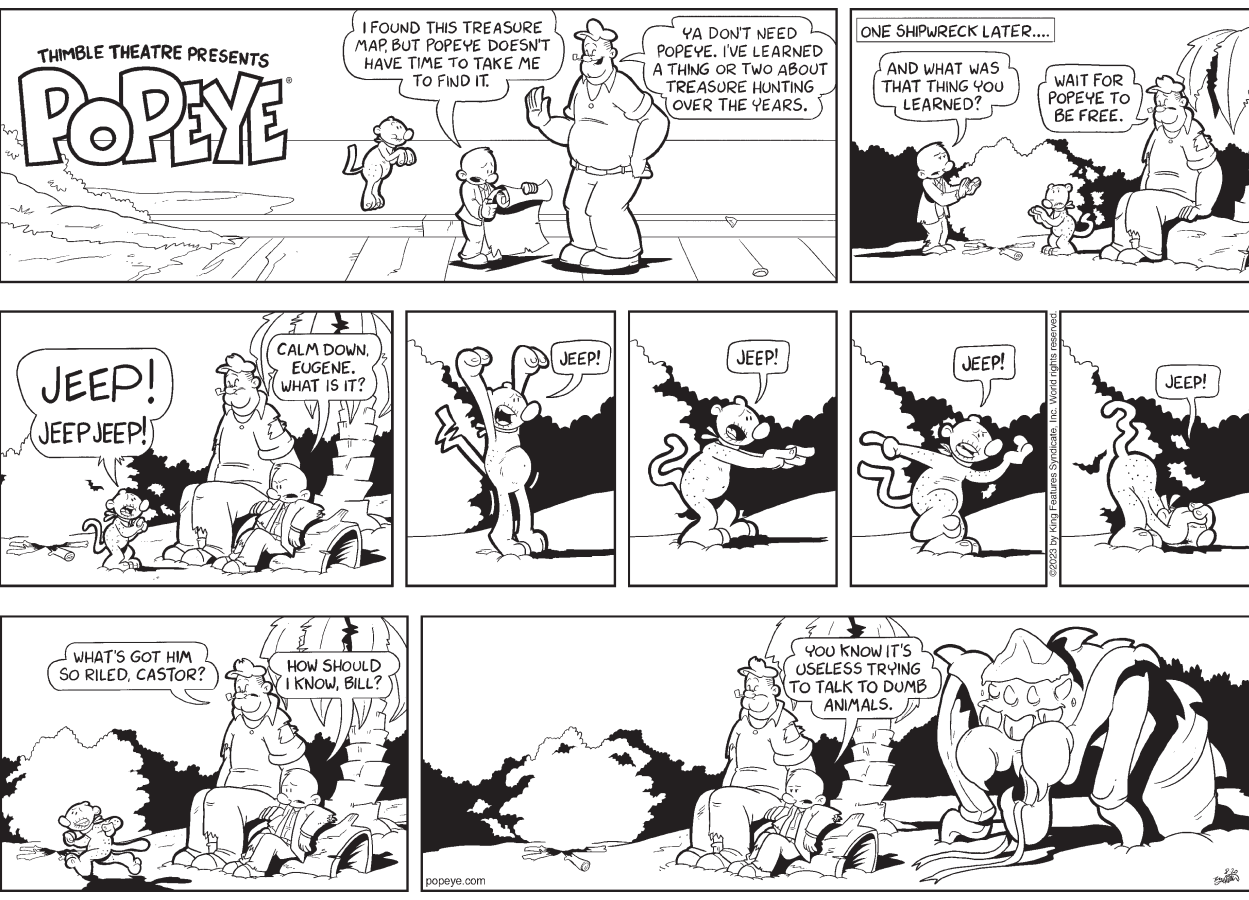
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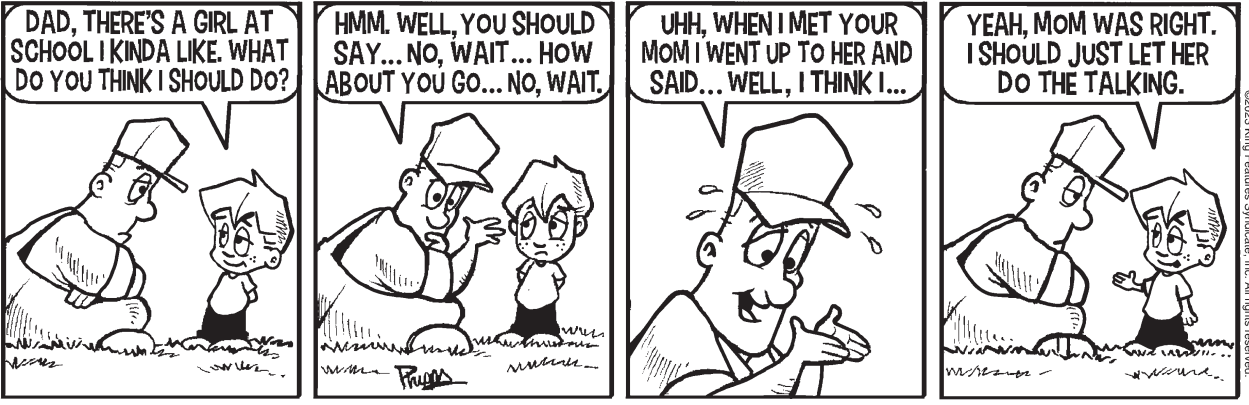


HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Butterfly is different. 2. House is missing. 3. Jar is smaller. 4. Net is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. House is missing.

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



The Garden Bug

Zinnias
 Zinnias can be planted in late summer. They like hot weather, and will germinate easily. Plant your zinnia seeds 9" to 12" apart in well-drained soil located in full sun; after they sprout and grow taller, pinch off the new growth after the 2nd or 3rd true leaf set, as this promotes more branching and flowering. Watering at the base of the plants helps prevent diseases such as "leaf spot" from flourishing. The "Peter Pan" variety of zinnias is one of the fastest to start blooming, often in only six weeks from seed. - Brenda Weaver
 Source: www.lsuagcenter.com

The Spats by Jeff Pickering



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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

Americanisms

"Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education."
 - Mark Twain



WITH CLEAR SKIES

THE PERSEIDS METEOR SHOWER

Jeff Ross



The annual Perseids Meteor Shower is now underway. The Perseids are a long-duration shower, with the first meteors visible beginning in mid-July and lasting until the first part of September. They will peak this year Sunday, August 13.

Last year our Moon was Full during the peak of the Perseids. This year it will only be 10% illuminated and will rise about an hour before dawn. Those dark skies should help us see the fainter meteors. The Perseids are "earthgrazer" meteors. They come in low, fast and bright, sometimes leaving long trails behind.

The Perseids are caused by the Earth crossing the orbital path of Comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle and sweeping up dust and tiny particles that are remnants of its tail. Swift-Tuttle made its last pass in 1992. None of us are likely to see its next pass in 2126.

To get the best view, take a deck chair and get comfortable under an open sky any time after 10:30 pm and before 4:30 am and just start looking up. Meteors will show up in all parts of the sky and can be moving in all directions. If you trace their path back they will mostly all appear to be from the same general area in the constellation Perseus, high in the northeastern sky in the early morning hours.

Our long-range weather forecast is predicting

clearing skies through the weekend. Nighttime temperatures are projected to be in the mid-50s so a hat and a warm sweater are not out of line. Better to be comfortable and stay to see more meteors than to let the chill drive away all interest in meteors no matter how showy they are.

I know of few more enjoyable ways to enjoy a summer evening than to be out under the stars with the Milky Way arching overhead watching for Perseid meteors!

With clear skies, of course.

CHILD ACTORS MAKE TREASURE ISLAND COME ALIVE AT THE LODGE

MT 43 News Staff

Now is the time to scrunch down in your seat and enjoy an evening of adventure of buccaneers and buried gold as told by the summer junior theater production Treasure Island. Thirteen enthusiastic players will hone their theater skills in a story that is sure to please any age.

The novel Treasure Island, written by Robert Louis Stevenson, began in 1881 as a series in a children's magazine under the title Treasure Island or the Munity of the Hispaniola. The story sets scenes about pirates on deserted islands, treasure maps and one-legged seamen with parrots perched on their shoulders.

The production is planned for Friday, August 18 and Saturday 19, 6:00pm both nights at the

air-conditioned auditorium of the Lodge at 131 So. Cedar Street in Townsend.

Broadwater Community Theater members direct and produce the play along with special sponsors Broadwater County Retired Teachers Group. Townsend's Reading Leaves Book Store and The Bird's Nest at its new location on Pine Street will be selling the \$10 tickets.

For more information please contact (406) 980-0592 or email mtskydog@mt.net.



WORD LADDERS

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

YEARN

CRAMS

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2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

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

KNIGHT MOVES

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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: M equals H

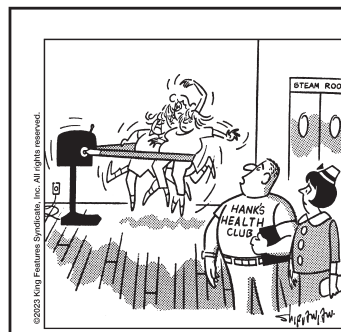
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"That's our _____ plan"

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!

Follow

HEADER

Slant

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Team

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TODAY'S WORD

Weather info contributed by Jeff Ross

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PUBLIC MEETING PLANNING FOR GROWTH



MEETING DATES & TIMES

Residents in SOUTH Sub-Area
AUGUST 24
6:00pm
Bridger Brewing
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Residents in NORTH Sub-Area
AUGUST 31
6:00pm
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Growth is inevitable, but together we can decide where that growth happens.
What will Broadwater County look like in 20 years?

Join us to talk about the future of Broadwater County. We'll need your input during the discussion of the creation of a sub-area plan and a future land use map.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION INCLUDE:

- Where in Broadwater County should growth happen?
- What types of land use and density do you want to see?
- What resources should be protected and where?

This will be the first of three rounds of public meetings. Future meetings will focus on combining your recommendations and drafting the sub-area plan and future land use map.

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~Grace Kroeger
Old Baldy Club

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~Grace Kroeger
Old Baldy Club

60 Years of Parade!

A BIG THANK YOU to all parade participants, spectators and those who helped make this year's parade a success.

Kathy Toombs - Parade Chairperson

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO Top Gun Auto Body. I recently had some body work done on my pickup. They did great work and my truck looks amazing! Ted, the Owner, and Rick, the Townsend Manager, were great to work with. Their Customer service was outstanding! They proved they stand by their claim "Where Good Enough Just isn't Good Enough!" It's nice to have a new business in town and I wish them the best of luck!

Many Thanks! -Wanda



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CryptoQuip
answer

Game-filled campus hangout that's always kept in a state of disarray: the wreck hall.

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PHYSICAL

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Adhere 2. Angle;
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Today's Word
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— KNIGHT MOVES —
Answer

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PHYSICAL

Word Spiral
Answer
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— Super Crossword —

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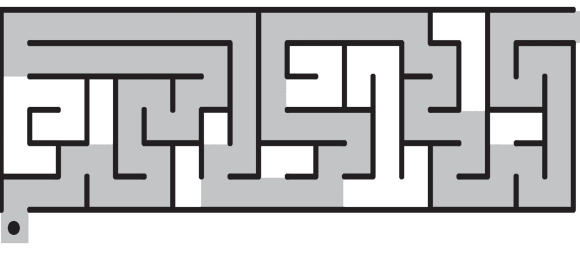
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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August 10

1939

Canton Valley News

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Daniels motored to Great Falls on Wednesday to take their son, Wm. Howard, and nephew, Wm. Eddie Daniels, to the north Montana state fair at Great Falls to enter their respective contests of stock judging and state band contest for music.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hardgrove motored to Helena last Friday to assist their daughter, who was preparing to leave her duties at the county agent's office for a two week vacation She took the train for Butte where she met her two cousins from Stevensville, Mildred and Dorothy Hagen, and two of their girlfriends. The five young ladies will motor via Salt Lake City to Los Angeles and to San Francisco to the Golden Gate exposition, from there they will go to Spokane and then back to Helena.

Miss Mildred Weiferich and sister Frances of Helena and Misses Helen and Josephine Meyers of Winston and Leona Holting of Helena left for the Yellowstone National Park on Thursday of last week and returned on Saturday evening The girls report having had a wonderful trim.

Rep. and Mrs. Guy Kirscher were Bozeman visitors on Wednesday of this week.

1950

Town Talk Takes Second on Ice Cream at Fair

The Town Talk won second place on vanilla ice cream at the North Montana State Fair held in Great Falls last week.

According to tests made by the state officials, the Town Talk ice cream made a rating of 93 3/4. The highest rating was 94. According to the rules the highest possible rating could have been 95.

Chas. Adams, owner and manager of the Town Talk, exhibited his product at the fair.

Townsend News

Phyllis Kieckbusch was hostess Thursday evening entertaining several of her friends at a party in celebration of her 15th birthday. Her guests were Shirley Tintinger,

Genevive Farrow, Mary White, Anne Sweeney, Wilisanne Frey, Nan Ragen, Mary Sweeney and Marjorie Kieckbusch.

1961

Townsend Team Places Third in Sheridan Tourney

Townsend's Little League All Stars went down to defeat in the first game of the Sheridan tournament Saturday afternoon at the hands of a tough Dillon team by a score of 16 to 4. In the second game Saturday, the Vigilante All Stars, composed of the best players from the Ruby Valley league (Sheridan, Whitehall, Twin Bridges, Virginia City and Ennis) defeated the second Dillon entry 9 to 8.

Sunday the two losers, Dillon and Townsend played the first game, with the Townsend All Stars winning the game 9 to 8 for third place in the tourney.

The Vigilante All Stars met Dillon II in the second game Sunday for the championship, with the Vigilante boys defeating their opponents 11 to 6 for first place.

Members of the Townsend Little League All Star team making the trip to Sheridan are: Dale Sprout, Jim Ragen, Joe Jepson, Lance Davis, Mike Perry, Bill Duede, Steve Lambert, Danny Davey, Tim Evans, Jerry Bucy, Brad Tarrant, Tim Ragen, Nathan Bieber, Fred Moudree and Chuck Landon.

1967

Winston-Clasoil News

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hohn went to Stevensville and Hamilton over the weekend to visit with Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Sandman.

David Clark accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Finn to the Stampede in Helena Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Diehl attended the Stampede on Friday.

Mrs. Kenneth (Mary) Larson of Norfolk, Nebr., visited with her father, Art Diehl, in Townsend and with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl and other relatives recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cobban and children attended the stampede in Helena on Sunday.

Local News: Nancy Fryhling on 4-H Trip to Minnesota
Miss Nancy Fryhling left Saturday to attend the Danebod Folk School at Tyler, Minn. While there she will attend

classes in crafts, including lettering, wood carving and several other handicrafts. She is attending as a Junior Leader of 4-H, with other 4-H members from Montana. Nancy was chosen for the trip by judges in Bozeman on the basis of her 4-H record book and was awarded the trip from her application for this school.

1978

Rodeo News

Miss Joanne Slifka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Slifka, was crowned Miss Townsend Rodeo, 1978 by Robin Williams Vandolah.

Elaine Graveley received a special award from MRA leader, Tom Holland

Jody Pate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Pate was Miss Broadwater Western Days, 1978

Other headlines for the rodeo that year were: "Local Broadwater Rodeo Winners"; "Kids' Parade Was Biggest Ever"; "Saturday and Sunday Rodeo Winners"; "Rodeo Parade"

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Congratulations to Joanne Slifka on winning the crown of Rodeo Queen.

Shay, Shawn, Whitney and Lisa Diehl attended the local rodeo Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Flynn and Kyle of Sheridan, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flynn, and family over the weekend. Most of them attended the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer and Gladys VanVliet attended the rodeo Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris hosted a birthday dinner for Helen and Ron Harris Saturday evening. Bill's sister, Barb, and Allen Gullickson were also there. Afterwards they all went to the rodeo.

Tom Sweeney of Kodiak, Alaska is here visiting with friends and relatives. Sunday evening he hosted a dinner party at the Fireside Lounge and Supper Club. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booher, Mrs. W.J. Booher, Randy Booher and Tom Sweeney's mother were among those who attended.

Chris, Lillian, Twila and Doug Arden went to the Gates of the Mountains Monday. They really enjoyed it. They did see one deer grazing on the hillside.

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BROADWATER WESTERN DAYS KID'S RODEO

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Taylor Cartwright, carrying the American Flag, and Ella Begger, carrying the Montana Flag, started off each performance of the 60th Anniversary of the Broadwater County Rodeo



Taylor Cartwright was the flag bearer for the U.S flag and Ella Begger was the Montana flag bearer.
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and Fair that occurred between Thursday, August 3rd and Sunday, August 6th. Both girls competed in Broadwater Western Days Kid's Rodeo on August 3rd in the 13-17 age groups of Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Parent/Child Team Roping, and Barrel Racing events. Taylor was First in Pole Bending, Breakaway, and Barrel Racing, and came in Third place in Goat Tying. She also won the Girl's All-Around award. Ella placed First in Goat Tying and Third with Clint Begger in the Parent/Child Team Roping event. She lives here in Townsend.

In July Ella won the 2023 National High School Finals Rodeo championship in Pole Bending, which was held in Gillette, Wyoming. Besides a belt buckle, she won a saddle, which she proudly displayed as she rode around the arena in a truck driven by and with Townsend Tire employees. Her saddle has the words "2023 World Champion Pole Bender" written on it. Congratulations, Ella.

Prior to the start of the adult rodeo on Friday night, there was a Stick Rodeo for kids ages 3 and 4; 5 and 6,

and 7 and 8. Each child had a stick horse which he or she had to "ride" around three barrels, similar to Barrel Racing. This was really fun to watch.

One thing that is always impressive at rodeos is that a prayer is given for the riders and the livestock either just before or after the National Anthem is sung. Normally you don't have prayers at the beginning of other sports.



Ella Begger was the 2023 winner of the National High School Finals Rodeo championship for Pole Bending in Gillette, Wyoming.
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Stick Rodeo Kids
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