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TREASURE ISLAND PLAYDRAWS A CROWD

MT 43 News Staff

Ho, ho and a bottle of rum was the theme for pirates and scullery maids on ships and inns as they made Treasure Island the play come alive on the stage at the Lodge Saturday, August 19. Twelve elementary school-aged students belted out songs and gave convincing portraits in the Robert Lewis Stevenson play.



The pirates sail off on the Hispaniola to find Captain Flint's sea chest of treasure on a far off island.
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The young Jim Hawkins (played by Urijah Duede) is working in his mother's Inn when in comes the seasoned pirate Billy Bones (Zach Matthews). Jim learns Bones has a map to a buried treasure on a distant island. Suddenly Bones dies, but not before giving the map to Jim. With the help of Captain Flynt and his ship, the Hispaniola and the Littaloo Chief (Harper Hazlett), Jim



From Left: Urijah Duede, Mason Bauman, Tessie Hughes, Emmalyn Estrada, Aaura Toney, Ava Boaz, Eriyl Straight, Zach Matthews; In front Harper Hazlett, Jaxon Fligge, Charlie Hughes, Anthony Grandy.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

and his crew set out to find the treasure. The twists and turns of the play lead to mutiny on the ship but finally, they find the treasure and all ends well.

The crowd clapped enthusiastically for each student who not only learned his or her lines but also sang short solos for each number. Co-Directors Carla Amundson and LaRinda Spencer did a masterful job pulling the students together into a great play.

Broadwater Community Theater board members

produce a children's play every summer. Others who paint backdrops, provide props and generally help put together the performance were Macy Bauman, Vivian Boaz, Laura and Hannah Frazier, Townsend Flooring, the Bird's Nest, Anne Hall and Sean Duede. Dallas and Jaxon Fligge ran the lights.

Volunteers who enjoy theater and would like to help with the next performance should contact Board President LaRinda Spencer at larindas@yahoo.com.

DISTRICT #1 SCHOOL BOARD DEALS WITH FEWER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND LARGER BUDGET

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Townsend School District's budget passed on August 8 continues to rise even though the high school enrollment is down. Total funds for the year 2023 were \$ 7.3 million. The budget passed on August 8 by the school board stands at \$ 8.25 million. The reason the budget remains high while high school enrollment lags is a complicated issue.

Townsend School District has not escaped the painful reminders of the effects of COVID. Schools all over the country were forced to close and teach students remotely when the pandemic hit in early 2020. Broadwater High School census has never fully recovered.

In 2020 the number of high school students was at its highest at 232 registered students. After a slow decrease in numbers since then, high school enrollment stands at 195 for the 2023-2024 year. Many students turned to homeschooling, dropped out or decided to try for a GED online rather than returning to school.

Additionally, the total student enrollment in high school and elementary for last year was 696. The monies from the Office of Public Instruction(OPI) are based on last year's number. This year the total enrollment is 734. The 2024 number of students will not be used to calculate the average number belonging (ANB) until next year. "We will not see an increase in funds from our ANB until next year for those additional students," Hedalen said.

According to Superintendent Susie Hedalen, she and her staff have tried to implement programs and classes that will bring back high schoolers to stay in school to graduate. Those include school-to-work programs so students can participate in real work situations including carpentry, electricians and plumbing as well as restaurant jobs and nurse's aide position.

The school's recruitment program also includes dual-credit courses so students who graduate with the intention of going on to college will have college credits as well.

More mandated services for special needs children, more students in the new elementary school who require more teachers and increased costs for technology upgrades are part of the budget increase. Hedalen said more paraprofessional staff are needed to attend to the special needs of students in class. Enrolled special needs students who require out-of-school treatment are covered under this budget line. The amount went from \$67,000 in 2023 to over \$134,000 in 2024.

Another issue is the need for more teachers in elementary school. Enrollment has burgeoned from a low 462 students in 2021 to 539 registered for the 2023-2024 year. "We have four kindergarten classes, four first grade classes and four fifth grade classes averaging 20 students per class in our new elementary school. We knew this was coming so we are so glad for the new facility, but to equip and supply those extra classes is expensive. We have hired several new teachers and

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THREE FORKS AREA AMBULANCE UPDATE

Barbara Mutter
Three Forks Ambulance Service

Three Forks Area Ambulance (TFAA) had a very busy July. We responded to 45 emergency calls. We are at 185 emergency calls since January 1, 2023.

TFAA transported 12 of these calls to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. TFAAEMTs and Crew Members assisted Med Air and AMR on several critical calls.

TFAAEMTs responded to a variety of calls and were able to check folks out without the need to transport and we staged several times for Law Enforcement. This made up most of the emergency responses.

The BIG NEWS is the completion of the ARPA FUND CONTRACT with Gallatin County. These funds will purchase the big equipment items for the new ambulance and pay the 10% matching funds to the Department of Transportation (DOT) on the ambulance grant. The DOT grant for a new ambulance was awarded in late October 2021. TFAA is hopeful that delivery of the new ambulance will be this November.

Three Forks Area Ambulance will be holding a silent auction at First Security Bank. The painting is by our own TFAA EMT, Michelle Bodenheimer. Stop by and see this beautiful work of art. All the proceeds will go toward upgrading some of our current radios and the purchase of new handheld radios. This will improve our ability to communicate with all emergency agencies involved on a 911 call and will be compatible with our new 911 system in Gallatin County.

Later this month our EMTs will be training on Medications and Airway support.

Don't forget to check out the T. F. Voice for the EMT of the week!

Hope to see everyone come out to the Farmers Market on August 24th for Walking Tacos. All proceeds will go toward the much-needed handheld radios.

All of us at TFAA want to thank the community for their continued support.

Broadwater Supports the 4-H Clubs.

CONGRADULATIONS ON YOUR HARD WORK!



CORRECTION: TOSTON BLUE RIBBON 4H CLUB

MT43 News inadvertently omitted the picture of the Toston Blue Ribbon Club from our page featuring the Broadwater County 4H Clubs.

We apologize to the Toston Blue Ribbon 4H Club for our error.



Caption: Front row from left: Zola Six, Tucker Volkman, Katey Crusch; Middle Row: Andrew Beatty, Caleb Crusch, Jayden Flynn, Kay Crusch, Alex Kitto, Anna Beatty; Back Row: Kathryn Six, Emily Taves, Emily Bird, Kenzie Knaub, Kaitlyn Noyes, Teigen Volkman, Tanner Bird, Mishayla Lambott. Not pictured: Tyler Bird, Spencer Braaten, Kaylee Flynn and Aiden Kitto.

SUMMER FFA UPDATE

Kaitlyn Noyes
FFA

Summer Meeting:

This summer we had a scheduled FFA meeting on July 25th, with an officer meeting at 5 pm where we met at the fairgrounds and restained the picnic tables in preparation for the fair. Afterward, we had a member meeting at Heritage Park, with a dinner of hamburgers.



Photo Credits: Kaitlyn Noyes

Items on the agenda included no old business or committee reports, a few member reports on SAEs, and a member report on WLC from Kayla Kraft.

New business covered whether we wanted to do something at the fair, but since it was on such short notice we decided to put our time towards another item of business, chapter t-shirts.

While at our officer retreat on August 7th-9th, we will decide on a design from our officers, and get them made for the school year to be purchased.

Announcements included a reminder to continue to schedule your SAE visits if you haven't done so already, and an announcement of our August Meeting/Welcome Back BBQ on August 15th, 2023.



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Broadwater County Fair:

The week of August 1st-5th was the 60th annual Broadwater County Fair! This exciting week featured livestock, indoor entries, rodeos, vendors, and live entertainment. Kaitlyn Noyes represented FFA and her SAEs by showing her 2 breeding heifers and 2 market steers, in addition to her 4-H sheep and swine.

At the weigh-in, her 2 steers weighed 1375 and 1371 lbs. Both received multiple purple ribbons in all of their classes, and they ended up with reserve champion market steer, 3rd place showmanship, and her heifers



Reserve Champion Market Beef
Photo Credits: Kaitlyn Noyes

received grand and reserve champion breeding beef. This is her first year in breeding beef, and her second year in the beef project. While it's always a full week at the fair, she always enjoys showing off the projects that she's worked with throughout the year, and always looks forward to the opportunity and what comes of it.

KIDS RODEO RESULTS

Tanya and Toby Dundas

Editor Note: visit our website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/2023Rodeo> to view pictures from the Broadwater County Rodeo.

Kids Broadwater Western Days August 3, 2023, courtesy of Lisa Parker, who is on the Rodeo Board.

Poles 8-12

1. Josie Begger
2. Myla Graveley
3. Rayna Cameron

Poles 13-17

1. Taylor Cartwright
2. Amanda Pesicka

Goat Undressing 2-7

1. Lilian Hitchcock
2. Canton Cartwright
3. Jackson VanDyken
4. Hattie Payne
5. Betty Cooper



Lilian Hitchcock: Barrel Racing 2-7 1st Place
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Goat Tying 8-12

1. Josie Begger
2. Myla Graveley
3. Tana Santi

Goat Tying 13-17

1. Ella Begger
2. Gavin Begger
3. Taylor Cartwright

Breakaway 8-17

1. Taylor Cartwright

Parent/Child Team Roping

1. Ridge Cameron/Roddy Cameron
2. Taylor Cartwright/Shawn Cartwright
3. Ella Begger/Clint Begger

Barrels 2-7

1. Lilian Hitchcock
2. Canton Cartwright
3. Jackson VanDyken
4. Mya Cartwright
5. Hattie Payne

Barrels 8-12

1. Rayna Cameron
2. Myla Graveley
3. Josie Begger

Barrels 13-17

1. Taylor Cartwright
2. Amanda Pesicka
3. Amy Peters

- Girl's Reserve All-Around – Josie Begger
- Girl's All-Around – Taylor Cartwright
- Boy's Reserve All-Around – Lane Santi
- Boy's All-Around – Canton Cartwright



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ADULT RODEO RESULTS

Tanya and Toby Dundas

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Tie Down Roping

1. Kane Cartwright
2. Austin Rath
3. Clint Begger

Polebending

1. Amelia Gonzales
2. Lauren Reiser
3. Justene Santi
4. McKenzie Kimpton

Old Timer's Team Roping

1. Austin Rath & Alfred Rath
2. Ryan Counts & Bobbie Hicks
3. Tom O'Donnell & Jake Rose

Goat Tying

1. Lauren Reiser
2. Coree Cartwright
3. Jamee Cameron

Ribbon Roping

1. Austin Rath & Kayla Rath
2. Roddy Cameron & Jamee Cameron
3. Kane Cartwright & Coree Cartwright

Barrels

1. Lauren Reiser
2. McKenzie Kimpton
3. Kayla Rath
4. Amelia Gonzales

Breakaway

1. Jamee Cameron
2. Kayla Rath
3. Tess Counts

Open Team Roping

1. Ryan Counts & Austin Rath
2. Shawn Cartwright & Mike Cartwright
3. Coree Cartwright & Kane Cartwright
4. Robert Michael & Steve Downing

Team Branding

1. Kayla Rath, Austin Rath, Alfred Rath and Colton Briggs

- Women's All-Around – Jamee Cameron
- Women's Reserve All-Around – Kayla Rath
- Men's All-Around – Austin Rath
- Men's Reserve All-Around – Kane Cartwright



Sauteed Mushroom appetizer
Photo Credits: The Wassweiler

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

August 25
 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: Linda Huth, Broadwater County Museum Curator at Canton Church,

August 26
 EDGEWATER FARM TRACTOR PULL: CANCELLED (See Page 8 for Details)
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

August 28
 5:00pm Flynn's Bible Camp - Men's Bible Camp at Flynn's Cabin - Dry Creek
 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church at 107 E St, 406-980-1805
 6:00pm Broadwater Democrats Meeting at The Mint- Open to Public

August 29
 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
 Lady's Night @ The Betsy (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

August 30
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

August 31
 3:00pm Farmer's Market
 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)

September 1
 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

September 2
 NAVY '83 Ride Across America - Townsend
 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 30
 10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building

August 31
 6:00pm Public Meeting Notice for Northern Broadwater County: Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) 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!

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 31
 2:00PM Farmer's Market RESERVED @ John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park (TF Chamber)

Townsend School Calendar

August 25 - Aug 26
 HSVB @ Choteau Tourney

August 25
 7:00PM HSFb @ Cut Bank

August 26
 CC @ Boulder

August 28
 4:00 - 6:00PM JV/MS FB @ Three Forks
 4:00PM MSVB vs Three Forks

August 29
 4:00PM HSVB @ Whitehall

September 1
 NO SCHOOL
 CC @ Belgrade
 7:00PM HSFb @ Florence

September 2
 HSVB @ Manhattan Tourney

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 several assistants," Hedalen explained.
 The board approved a retirement budget line with an additional \$150,000 more than was listed in 2022. Several long-term teachers have retired over the past few years. But according to Pam Watson, school assistant clerk, the marked increase is because the state has raised both public employees' retirement and the teachers' retirement funds.
 Hedalen explained that of the total budget, the mill levy from taxpayers remains stable at 116.5 mills in 2024, which is down from 135.16 mills in 2023. Because there are more property owners in the county to pay taxes, the mill value goes down, but the schools receive more levied funds.
 The remainder of the budget comes from grants such as the 21st century grant which will pay for the 5th day of the week's programs. Other funds are ESSR (Covid relief funds) and Title I funds from the state and federal government. The 4-Day week was approved by the board in May of this year. Although the teachers received a 4% raise, they will work the same amount of hours with longer days and one day a month on Fridays. "The board and I are doing our very best to cut costs where we can, to stay within budget for this coming year. It will be tight," Hedalen concluded.

GRANDVIEW BOUNDARY RELOCATION RAISES HACKLES

MT 43 News Staff

What began as a seemingly simple boundary relocation between two adjoining property owners turned into a real hornets' nest at the Aug. 16 County Commissioners' meeting.
 Mandy Vandenaere Hanser and John Bittner sought to change part of their common boundary to "create a more suitable access" to Hanser's property. It involved a lot in the Grandview Manor Subdivision owned by Bittner and a lot outside the subdivision owned by Hanser. The area is west of Highway 287 north of Townsend.
 The proposal met with stiff opposition during the commission meeting, primarily from residents of the subdivision. They claimed generally that the relocation infringed on their own property rights and violated the covenants of the subdivision.
 Following the public comments, County Attorney Cory Swanson cited state law that appeared applicable to the situation. He said it placed a burden on the applicants to demonstrate legal compliance, which could include getting consent from other landowners. He said he did not think the applicants had met that burden. He recommended that the commission table the request. He suggested that the applicants have a

lot of work to do before coming back to the commission. On motion of Commissioner Darrel Folkvord, the commission voted to table it, leaving the door open for the applicants to try again.
 The commissioners listened while many Grand View Manor homeowners aired complaints about how previous county commissions gave the okay over the years for Hanser's parents, John and Donna Vandenaere, to form Grand View Manor Phases 1 and 2 without adequately registering easements for access. Homeowners also brought up issues about being blocked out of their property.
 Hanser's 5-acre lot adjoins 200 acres owned by her parents.
 Debra Buck, subdivision homeowner for 13 years, originally had a Highway 287 address. When the subdivision was formed, she received another address. The proposed boundary relocation would close access to their driveway plus if the addresses for the three houses on the driveway were changed, this would be her third address change, she complained.
 Homeowner Justin Meissner said this was the third time the Vandenaeres have tried to gain access to their properties that adjoin the subdivision. "Vandenaeres subdivided this land they owned without retaining access to their adjoining land. This is not a (Grandview homeowner) problem," he said.
 Meissner and his wife Melissa both spoke to their subdivision covenants which indicate no plats within the subdivision may be subdivided. They also said the roads in the subdivision are maintained by the homeowners association and would not sustain traffic from an adjoining subdivision on their subdivision's private roads.
 Homeowner Kitt Peppard maintained if the exemption were approved, the decision would violate Grandview Manor Subdivision covenants. He said, "The elephant in the room here is that the Vandenaeres want to gain access to the 200 acres they own. Mr. Bittner had no right to agree to this and we don't intend to stand for it."
 Manser countered by saying she had only wanted to build a home on her own acreage but could not even get electrical power without an address. She approached Bittner to make the property line change so she could apply for an address. "I only want at some point to build a home. I have no idea how the rumor got started that we would develop a subdivision on the 200 acres. We only want a 30-foot driveway. Developing another subdivision would involve a 60-foot driveway. I have no intention of blocking the Bucks' driveway." Her mother Donna Vandenaere echoed the same view. "This has been a sad thing for the community to get everyone riled up about us developing another subdivision," she said.

Every success story has a stage which stinks. And it's ok if you're going through that stage right now.
Stay strong. Hashem has your back and you're going to go farther than you can possibly imagine.
But whatever you do, DON'T. GIVE. UP!
 -Rabbi Shmuel Reichman



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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.

NEW FACES ARRIVING ON CITY COUNCIL

MT 43 News Staff

At the City Council meeting held Tuesday, August 15, Valerie Baraza was appointed to fill the vacant seat in Ward 1. She won the appointment over Judy Gilespie and Bill Garwood who had submitted letters of interest.

Baraza fills the seat of Christina Hartmann who resigned at the August 1st meeting. Baraza has filed to run for the seat in the November election. In her letter of interest, Baraza listed her experience in business management and her 11 years living in Townsend as assets she would bring to the council membership. Baraza will be sworn in at the Sept 05 meeting.

Council Member Kenny Urich has chosen not to run for Ward 2. No one filed for the position. Vivian Boaz filed to run for Ward 3. She will be a contender for the seat presently held by Nate Brown who refiled to run for the seat.

In other business Council member Vickie Rauser reported on a meeting with Angie and City Attorney Peter Simon who worked on simplifying and streamlining City Ordinance penalties. She also reported Attorney Simon would be partially vacating his position with the city. He would like to continue with administrative legal issues, but not be involved with criminal cases. Rauser has suggested the council sign an interlocal agreement with the county so city criminal cases could be covered by the county attorney's office. The council took no action.

The council voted to authorize Mayor Mike Evans to sign a grant offer for the Airport Improvement Program through the Federal Aeronautic Administration. The land grant monies would go toward two 1-acre parcels the city and county have purchased to enlarge the City-County Municipal Airport. Mayor Evans will execute the paperwork by the August 20 deadline.

Rotarian Jeff Langlains presented a proposal to simplify how kids' free swimming at the pool is conducted during Slice of Summer events. Next year, Rotary would like to make swimming for all children present to be able to swim.

Thirty children would be able to swim for 45 minutes. That group would then leave the pool. The next shift of 30 children would be allowed in the pool. This would make the free event more equitable. Rotary would pay a flat fee of \$600 for having the pool available from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Slice of Summer events. The summer family entertainment is offered twice during the summer at Heritage Park.



We are writing to express our joy and sincere thanks to the Broadwater Council of Commissioners, Road Department Managers and hard-working road crew for the pavement which has been applied to Main Street in Radersburg!

For many years, we have suffered at the hands of thoughtless drivers who see the end of the pavement, stomp the accelerator, forget the 25 MPH speed limit, and blast their RVs, big trucks, trailers, pickups, motorcycles, ATVs, and cars leaving a cloud of dust 75 feet high and 10 minutes in the air in their wake.

This is the best change in Radersburg we have ever seen. We most appreciate the road crew folks who have been hammering at this job for many days in near 100-degree heat, wind and rain. We can't thank you enough!

Jeff and Carolyn Dobb
Main Street, Radersburg



VOLUNTEERS ARE COMMUNITY

Nancy Marks

I read with great interest Barbara Mutter's letter to the editor in the MT43News August 11 issue about volunteerism in our communities and how it affects her ambulance service business in Three Forks.

I certainly agree with Barbara's assessment that volunteers make the community. I think of our own community of Broadwater County volunteers. John and Tamie Hahn" two-handedly" ran the recycling program. Pat Plantenberg and his crew plants an entire community forest. Generations of the Shindoll family serve as fire fighters and put up the lights on the water tower. Countless others who are all very busy people, with children to raise. They make time to volunteer to guarantee the luxuries of a community – support for all in hard times, fun dances, basketball games and great food at potlucks.

But, you say, I've tried to volunteer, but I never get a callback, or I hate going to meetings so I won't volunteer where I have to attend them.

Attention: There are all kinds of ways to volunteer.

If you don't care to fight fire in the middle of the night, how about reading to kids in the afterschool program, or teaching cake decorating in the Old Baldy Adult Education Program?

Better yet, take it upon yourself to clean up your neighborhood street or road. Maybe seeing a clean highway or road will rub off on someone else who will follow suit. Without being asked.

Take an interest in your local nursing home. Volunteer your time reading to a resident, or just visiting that person once a week. Dorothy Hahn visited the old people until she entered the nursing home herself. She also made treats for the basketball teams and attended every game.

Our hospital/nursing home is chronically short of certified nurse aides who do those jobs. Help out.

How about writing letters to our kids serving in our military? Find out through your church who is serving and how to reach them. A letter from home makes such a difference to a homesick service person.

New in town and would like to get to know folks? Volunteer at the senior center as a "Meals on Wheels" delivery person. I hear the center has a dynamite Pinochle group after hours....

I work with some of the busiest, most talented volunteers in Broadwater County in the newspaper, and in Broadwater Community Theater. I appreciate how they give so unselfishly of themselves to this community. Besides they have become another great group of friends to me.

The saying "Who, if not you?" is well taken. We have less of a community if you don't volunteer in some field you enjoy.

Please email Broadwater Community Development, BCDC@mt.net. They will direct you to those contacts.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE AUGUST, 2023

Karoline Nelson
Operations Manager

The Shepherd of the Valley Bible Church is staffing the food pantry during the month of August and the United Methodist Church will be staffing during September.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 27 families consisting of 45 family members on August 18th. This included eight from the Home Maker Program.

The September board meeting will be held September 7th at 7 pm at the food pantry.

A big Thank You to Caroline Nelson for her recent beef donation. A reminder to those hunters out there. We do accept game meat as long as it is professionally processed. We are part of the Hunters Against Hunger program so the processing will be paid for through the program. If you have any questions about this program, you may contact the food pantry.

Foods currently in need at the food pantry are cereal, spaghetti or elbow macaroni noodles, Skillet or Hamburger Helper, can fruit or vegetables.

The food pantry will only be open for the distribution of food and receiving foods on the first and third full weekends. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - AUGUST 1, 2023

Kari Williams
City of Townsend Clerk/Treasurer

CITY OF TOWNSEND
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

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

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- Any letter that calls into question another person's character will be held until the other party can respond to the allegations. Rebuttals must be submitted within one week of our request. If no rebuttal is received, the letter will not be printed.

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 undesigned 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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COURT BEAT

AUGUST 18, 2023

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday, August 18 was as follows:

Gordon Breeden had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs (fentanyl), displaying fictitious plates and speeding on the interstate. Omnibus is due October 20; Pre-Trial is set for February 16, 2024; with the Jury Trial scheduled for March 11. He remains in jail on a probation hold.

Gary Hamilton had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of felony assault with a weapon, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. Omnibus is due October 20; Pre-Trial is set for February 16, 2024; with the Jury Trial scheduled for March 11. He is released on his own recognizance.

Joseph Matt was Sentenced to a charge of criminal possession of a dangerous drug; per a Guilty verdict of a Jury Trial. A Pre-Sentence investigation was submitted. He is due to be released from MSP in October 2025. This Sentence will merge with the current 24-month Sentence out of Powell County. He will get 200 days credit for time served. He is ordered to complete successfully chemical dependency treatment.

Casey Smith had a Petition to Revoke a deferred sentence on a charge of criminal endangerment. He is charged with allegedly not abiding to court orders by remaining law-abiding. He denies that he drove without a license and driving without liability insurance. An Evidentiary Hearing is set for December 15.

Codey Green pleaded a denial on Petition to Revoke. An Evidentiary Hearing is set for March 8, 2024. He is scheduled to discharge from custody on April 19, 2024.

Harvey Wildman had his Sentencing, with an amended charge of Petition to Revoke because of new criminal charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs. He had 23 total days of credit time served; out of both Gallatin and Silverbow Counties. His Sentence is 10 years D.O.C., all suspended, to run concurrently with those Sentences. He must show completion of Behavioral Health Court.

City Council Minutes, 4

Present: Mayor Evans, Vickie Rauser, Matt West, Ken Urich, Angie Wintrow, Nate Brown, and Christina Hartmann. Also present were Tim Ravndal, Peter Simon, Jenny Barnett, Tim Rauser, Kirk Flynn, Vivian Boaz, and Kari Williams

Public Hearing on FY2024 Budget:

Vickie asked Kari if there was anything to point out regarding the budget; Kari stated that there is a negative number in fund 3420 SID #6.

Matt stated that he's concerned about the Tree Board and that \$15000 is excessive for watering trees especially when he's watering trees on private property. Currently, the \$15000 is earmarked for water and irrigation, so \$5000 needs to be reallocated for purchasing trees for the school's Ag program. Kari will correct that so there is \$10,000 for the Tree Board's irrigation/water for trees; \$5000 will be for purchasing trees for the school's Ag program. No change is the dollar amount to Tree Board---just the allocation of the funds.

No further comment on the Budget; the Public Hearing is closed.

MINUTES: Vickie Rauser made a motion to approve the minutes of 7.10.23; Matt West seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Vickie made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments of \$150 for fund 3420 SID #6; \$41.87 for fund 3410 SID #5 and \$9000 for fund 2400 SLD Light Maintenance. Christina Hartmann seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Airport Lease Agreements: Angie spoke on the lease agreements. One is for Seth Wolfgram, and he will be building a new hangar on one of the two lots available. The second agreement is for Daniel Finey & Sharon O'Leary who purchased Al Irvin's old hangar, and this is a new lease agreement. Ken asked if Seth Wolfgram is from the Townsend area; Angie stated yes and that he's on the Airport Board. Ken asked if the leases haven't increased for quite a while. It was 11 cents per sq foot, and it's now 11 1/2 cents per sq foot. Vickie made a motion to approve the airport lease agreements, Angie seconded the motion; all in favor motion carried.

Peter Simon: Spoke on the letter he submitted a couple of weeks ago regarding his current contract. He would like to explore the idea of staying on and continuing his civil duties but would like to step away from the criminal side/prosecution. He's open to resigning if the city doesn't think it's feasible to have two different attorneys for different duties. He stated that his private practice has been busier, and his family life is also busier, as the reason for wanting to reduce his duties with the city. He also said that he'd sign a short-term contract if need be, until the council can hire an additional attorney or a replacement attorney. Peter thanked the council for the opportunity to get established in Townsend.

Vickie suggested that a committee should be formed to discuss the attorney position. This committee will consist of Matt, Angie, and Vickie to determine the best route to take regarding Peter's contract. Tim Ravndal with Broadwater Co News asked if there's a timeline for when a decision will be made. Vickie stated prior to the end of September when Peter's contract is due to expire.

Law Enforcement contract: Peter spoke on the changes to the original contract. Changes include: General Law Enforcement services defined; Effective date, term renewal and fiscal period states the agreement is effective for 4 years; After the expiration date of the initial term, the Agreement shall automatically renew on July 1, 2027, for two consecutive 1-year terms unless a new agreement is executed; Finances & Budget stating the City of Townsend shall pay the County \$355,513.89 in 2023 and for each subsequent fiscal year under the Agreement, the amount will be increased by 3%. Also, prior to the expiration date, the review shall begin for future contracts no later than January 1, 2027, and include a budget for compensation, labor, patrol car costs, overtime adjustments, workload increase and ability of the City to fund the recommended increase. Christina asked if it would be difficult for the city to complete the budget that early; Vickie stated that it shouldn't be a problem as we use the prior year's revenue estimate to provide the baseline for setting the budget.

Vickie made a motion to approve the interlocal law enforcement agreement with the provision that Exhibit A gets attached to the Agreement. Christina seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Tim Ravndal requested the original contract to see the baseline and current dollar amounts of what the County was receiving from the City.

Swimming Pool Liability email from MMIA; There needs to be a form that parents/guardians sign with contact information for kids being dropped off at the pool. This resulted in a lengthy discussion on how to proceed with kids when the pool closed early due to the weather.

Broadband: Angie spoke on this as she attended an informational meeting at the Flynn Building. Angie explained that the city may be interested in a "Right of Use" permit as Blackfoot recently laid cable for commercial services. More to come on this topic.

Guests/Correspondence:

Kirk Flynn spoke and handed the council a drawing of the property behind his own property on Elm Street. He would like to get permission to move forward with a survey on the property, as the owners, (Sitton's) have given Kirk permission to purchase a small portion of that property that would give him access to his backyard/garage from Kolczak Ln. The council did not see a problem with doing a boundary relocation, however, they would like to run this by the zoning engineer, Jeremy Fadness to make sure there isn't a zoning regulation that would prohibit this. Jeremy was called the next day, and he stated it would only be a boundary relocation and would not be a problem.

Correspondence from RPA on Copper Springs. Engineering questions to Copper Springs. (Information Only)

American Legion Street Closure request for September 10th for a 9/11 parade. Christina made a motion to approve the street closure, Nate seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Townsend Airport Meeting Notes: Angie spoke about this as she attended the meeting. The meeting notes show funds, capital improvement plan, and information on the timeline of their construction.

Budget: Vickie made a motion to approve the 23-24 budget; Angie seconded the motion. Yay was Angie Wintrow, Vickie Rauser, Nate Brown, Matt West, and Christina Hartmann. Nay was Ken Urich. Motion carried.

Round Table

Nick Rauser spoke and said it's been busy criminal-wise in

Broadwater County.

Peter---stated he would like to meet with the Penalty Revision Committee to set a date for a future meeting; Also questioned the Employee Policy Manual being on the agenda as pending business. It was decided that it doesn't need any further review, so Kari will remove it from future agendas.

Matt---

Vickie---

Ken---

Christina Hartmann officially gave her resignation as a council member since she sold her house in town so cannot remain on the council.

Nate---Told Tim that the alleys look good and other areas where the city crew has patched.

Angie---Two more lease agreements will be coming forth; The Airport Board recently adopted an application process that is first come first serve, local residents first and then move to others second.

Claims: Ken made a motion to pay the July claims; Nate seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Evans

Kari Williams, Clerk

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT AUGUST 25TH, 2023

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Dale Rogers, Townsend: day speed \$20.00

Garrett Perkins, Sheridan, WY: change lanes when unsafe to do so \$85.00

Erin Nevers, Baker: day speed \$20.00

Shea Mckenzie, Broken Bow, OK: night speed \$20.00

Renqiang Min, Princeton, NJ: day speed \$120.00

Courtney Krueger, Kansas City, MO: night speed \$20.00

Kara Carson, Lake Mary, FL: restricted speed \$105.00

Jamison Bird, Livingston: interstate day speed \$70.00

Robert Bruggeman, Edmonton, AB: day speed \$20.00

Trenton Byrd, Townsend: careless driving \$85.00

Jeremy Bourne, Belgrade: Driving without a valid driver's license \$135.00

Jessica Nunez, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Filip Pankovcin, Seattle, WA: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

CJ Piland - Kalispell - operating without liability insurance in effect-3rd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$5385.00 fines and fees, license plate and registration for the vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD; night speed, pleaded guilty, \$120.00 fine. Danielle Henderson - Helena - driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked - 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$75.00 fines and fees; day speed, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine; fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle- owner or operator - 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Raey Hanke - Belgrade - waste of game animal, game fish, or game bird - person in possession, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all six months suspended on conditions, \$135.00 fines and fees, forfeit any current hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued in the State of MT and defendants privilege to hunt, fish, or trap in the State of MT is forfeited for 24 months.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Chance Cross - East Helena - Criminal trespass to property, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all suspended on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.

Danielle Henderson - Helena - driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked - 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

Max Daniels - Shepherd - operating without liability insurance in effect-2nd offense, pleaded guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plate and registration for the vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance is provided to MVD.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Tyler Tinkham, Belgrade: restricted speed \$55.00

Cole Patterson, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00

Elena Hoyt, Fitchburg, WI: day speed \$70.00

Chase Bradford, Soddy Daisy, TN day speed \$20.00

Benjamin Clinton, Columbia, MO: day speed \$70.00

Shay Racki, Helena: night speed \$20.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Bradley Novak, Helena: unlawful use of mobile phone \$135.00

HONORING OUR VETERANS – GARY “FERG” FERGUSON

Matt Nelson



Townsend Air Force Veteran Gary "Ferg" Ferguson was born in 1934 in Saskatchewan, Canada, but grew up in Montana. He spent 20 years and 3 weeks active in that branch of the military between 1953 and 1973. He was a flight crew chief on a lot of aircraft in England and served as a supervisor to four crew chiefs on F-86Ds Sabre jets, while stationed at the Royal Air Force (RAF) base near Manston, England, which is located near the North Sea.



Ferg is holding a photo of himself while serving in the United States Air Force. Photo Credits: Gary Ferguson

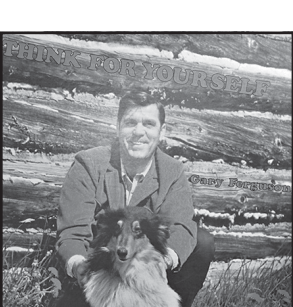
At another time in his career, Ferg was a Flight crew chief in charge of T-33 jets and an assistant crew chief on B-52s at Walker AFB in New Mexico near Roswell, New Mexico. He once rode in the back seat of a T-33 jet and had the controls for about 30 minutes. The pilot told him to turn left and he put too much pressure on the stick and actually rolled the plane. Ferg's brother is Mike Ferguson, who has had a lifetime of flying. Ferg

laughed and said, "I did one thing my brother never did – I flew a jet!"

Once he went up on a RB-36 test flight while stationed at Ellsworth AFB near Rapid City, South Dakota. That plane looks similar to a B-29 and is big as a B-52. It has six 4360 prop engines and four J-47 jet engines. Ferg also served as a crew chief on two other Air Force fighters, the F-106, at Selfridge AFB in Michigan outside of Detroit, and the F-102 in Germany. He busted his knee up badly and was then placed in F-106 ejection systems for six years, two of which were in Maine and the other four years in Alaska at Elmendorf, outside of Anchorage.

Ferg started playing the guitar, singing, and writing his own songs in 1954, during his first year in the Air Force. He retired as an E-6 Tech Sargent, officially in Mindenhall, England. Previously he had been stationed in England for about three years and also had spent six months in Libya. He was in Anchorage when it was near his retirement time, but he could retire where he wanted. His wife was from near Mildenhall, Suffolk, England and at the time of his retirement Ferg had performances scheduled in Europe. At the same time, singer Tex Ritter was going on a tour in Europe, and Ferg traveled on the same circuit in England (but not with Tex Ritter). Besides England and Libya, Ferg has performed in Ireland, Wales, Germany, Luxemburg, Canada, and of course, the United States.

In Alaska, he served for four years as the Membership Chairman for the Country Music Association of Nashville. He was the DJ for the Alaskan Forces Network, and in 1972 reported back there for the 47th Anniversary of WSM and the Grand Old Opry in Nashville when Loretta Lynn was given the Entertainer of the Year Award by the Country Music Association (CMA). Besides being a member of the CMA, Ferg was also a member of the National Oldtime Fiddler's Association.



A 33 RPM LP album cover of "Think For Yourself" Photo Credits: Gary Ferguson

While stationed in Maine, Johnny Cash's brother Tommy came up to the Northern Maine State Fair, and Ferg played bass with him. Also, in Maine, Ferg was the president of the Northern Maine/New Brunswick Country Music Association. His song "Someone Hurt You" was

on the charts in New Brunswick for a couple of weeks. When he was stationed in Michigan he had a song called "There Is No Answer" that was on the charts for 10 to 12 weeks.

Merle Haggard, Eddy Arnold, Johnny Cash, Ray Price, and Jim Reeves were among his favorite country and western singers. His favorite song is "For The Good Times" by Ray Price.

After leaving the Air Force, Ferg also attended school at MSU in Bozeman, studying music and film and fine arts. He didn't finish his degree, but while at MSU he started at the bar near the Four Corners area, and he ran that for several years. However, that didn't stop his music career. He has recorded music for the American Heritage Music Corporation (AHMC).

Ferg is pretty well-known around the area. He and other local musicians have played at the Canton Church and the Serenity Retirement Home here in Townsend. He has also played at CENEX. From August 10th until the 13th Ferg played at the Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Western Music Rendezvous

in Lewistown. He took with him his copies of a CD called "Ferg's Favorites" which has a combination of his music and other well-known artists. He also said that with his voice range, he can sing lower and higher notes more than most people.

Interviewing Ferg was definitely a pleasure. When I left his house, he gave me a copy of "Ferg's Favorites" and also a 33 RPM Long Playing record called "Think For Yourself" that he recorded five of his own songs and the others by Harlan Howard, Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, and Kris Kristofferson. I treasure both.

ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA – SPOKANE BAR SAPPHIRE MINE

Brenda Phillips



My dad owned an excavation company when I was growing up. When we would go on trips he always commented on the piles of dirt and gravel alongside the highway – and there are lots of gravel pits in Montana. Anywhere we stopped we would all look for pretty rocks or weird-shaped rocks, especially heart-shaped rocks! This rock collecting has carried on in our family.

We were looking for interesting things to do with our 2 tween-age grandsons. I remembered going to the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine with a group of friends so we decided to take the boys to check out sapphire mining. It is not far from Helena, just off the York Road. (5360 Castle Rd, Helena) They are open 7 days a week 9:00-5:00. They have the cutest modern Outhouse!!!!



Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine Store Photo Credits Brenda Phillips

In the store they have very interesting rocks, some are native to MT and others come from other places. They have cut gemstones & jewelry that you can buy. One grandson is really interested in geodes. The friendly gal behind the counter, Crystal, explained to him we don't get geodes in MT but some can be found in Idaho. They have bags of gravel that you can buy and sift through for gemstones and gold. If you are really ambitious, you can choose to go up to the mine area and dig your own bucket of gravel with a pick and shovel (\$10.00 for a 5-gallon bucket). Their gravel bags range from \$10 to \$100. We opted for 2 of the small kids' \$10 (@ Qtr size) bags. Crystal outfitted us with sifter screens and tweezers and took us to a table to start our search. It was a very sunny warm day and it would have been nice to have shade but you need the sunlight to help you find the gems. Be sure you take sunscreen, a hat and water! Crystal showed us how to put the gravel on the screen and shake it in a tub of water, which causes the heavier gemstones to move to the center. We used the tweezers to pick out the red Garnets, sapphires of varying colors, and other pretty rocks and put them in a small zippered plastic bag. The 4 of us spent about 2 hours sorting through the two small bags of gravel. They have larger bags that would take a lot longer to look through. Closing time was nearing so we put our gravel back into the bags to take home and look through another day. Crystal and her co-worker took us back into the store and viewed the treasures we found on a lighted glass plate. We each had a good collection of garnet, sapphires, quarts and agates. Crystal said I had found a Moonstone, about the size of the tip of my pinky finger, which would be worth about \$20 (and it is heart-shaped!). Both of the ladies were very knowledgeable & informative about the gems that we found. Most of the gemstones are too small to cut (and cutting is costly) but the ladies gave us some other options of what to do with our gemstones. This probably wouldn't be a good activity for small children (that get bored easily) but it's interesting for teens to adults that enjoy pretty rocks. Crystal said they have people tell them that this is a very therapeutic calming activity for Veterans and those needing to unwind and forget the world, while they look for gems. They try to make this an educational and geological experience rather than a tourist activity. Crystal told us that there are lots of opportunities to find gemstones around Townsend and Canyon Ferry – along the Missouri River.



My family looking for sapphires Photo Credits Brenda Phillips

Brenda and Kurt Phillips are from Townsend and enjoy visiting Montana's scenic and historic sites.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Misty Masolo
Assistant Public Works Supervisor

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

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

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Wednesday, August 30, 2023

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

10:00 AM Introduction of CAO (County Administrative Officer) Bill Jarocki

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning, Exemption Review Request for Olsen Boundary Relocation (Township, 6 North, Range 2 East, Section 9)

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Misty Masolo, Assistant Public Works Supervisor, Loan Extension/update

6:00 PM Discussion, Proposed Broadwater County Emergency Response Facility Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) at Bridger Brewing

Thursday, August 31, 2023

1:00 PM Weekly Working Meeting with Jania Hatfield, Deputy County Attorney, in the Commission Office regarding projects and deadlines

6:00 PM Northern Broadwater County: (CTAP*) Meeting at Flynn Building (416 Broadway) 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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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.

OBITUARY

CAROL ANN JACOBSEN

Carol Ann Jacobsen Family

Carol Ann Jacobsen 77, of Helena, passed away on August 11, 2023, of natural causes.



Carol Ann Jacobsen

She was born May 9, 1946, in Missoula, to Harold and Hazel Jacobsen of Ovando. She lived with her family on the Ovando family ranch. She worked for her dad in the hayfield summers in between high school and university school years. Her dad used to proudly say that she was a better worker than any hired man he'd ever had.

Carol Ann attended the one-room Warren Creek grade school until the school consolidated with Ovando School, a two-room school. She then boarded in Missoula and graduated from Missoula County High School.

She attended the University of Montana, graduating with honors with a degree in sociology. She taught second grade for 10 years in Townsend and completed a degree in elementary education, with honors, while attending summer school at the University of Montana.

Carol Ann retired after working 28 years for the Montana Legislative Services Legal Division and traveled extensively after retirement, touring 17 countries.

She was a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, the national sociology honorary, the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, and Plymouth Congregational Church.

She enjoyed gardening, Grandstreet and Broadway shows, snowmobiling, and spending time with family and her army of amazing friends. She was an avid University of Montana football fan, holding season tickets for decades. Carol Ann spoiled and loved all her pets dearly and generously donated to a variety of causes she believed in.

Carol Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Hazel Jacobsen, and by her brother, Gerald (Jake) Jacobsen.

Survivors include Sandi and Mike Sandry of Missoula, Kim and Courtney Herzog of Rapelje, Stacie and Travis Cline of Jens; Kristi Jacobsen of Missoula; great nieces and nephews Marlee and Dylan Sandry, Trevor and Ty Herzog, and Remington and Charlee Cline; Uncle Harry Bandy; and several cousins.

At her request, no services will be held.

The family suggests that those wishing to donate memorials in Carol Ann's name make them to the UM Grizzly Scholarship Association or to the Lewis and Clark Humane Society. Simple Cremation has assisted the family.

PAUL G. SCHMITZ, AGE 63 OF TOWNSEND JUNE 2, 1960 - JULY 22, 2023

Paul Schmitz Family

Paul G. Schmitz (Schmitt), of Townsend, Montana, passed away unexpectedly in July 2023.

Paul was born in Mankato, Minnesota on June 2, 1960, to Robert and Lois Schmitz. Paul attended school in Mankato, after which he enlisted in the US Army.

After completing Basic Training and AIT in the States, he was stationed at Baumhilder, West Germany USAEUR, with B Co. 293rd Engineer Battalion. Paul was honorably discharged in 1982.

He will be laid to rest with Military Honors on August 18, 2023, at 2 PM at Ft. Harrison Veterans Cemetery in Helena, Montana. There will be a celebration of life to follow at Townsend, Montana American Legion Post 42.

Paul is survived by his daughter, Camille Schuster, his brothers Michael, Carl and Matthew and sisters Roberta and Kathryn, and all their families.

MARK S. RADLEY, AGE 73 OF WINSTON, MT MARCH 20, 1950 - JULY 29, 2023

Mark Radley Family

Mark Stratton Radley, 73, passed away July 26, 2023, in an unexpected, tragic accident, on the family's ranch in Winston, MT.

Mark was born Mar. 20, 1950, in Helena, MT. to Dr. Penrose Radley and Bette Stratton Radley. Mark graduated from Helena High School in 1968 and went on to Eastern Montana College where he earned his BA in History. He was renowned for experiencing life to the fullest. Some of the infamous stories shared from his youthful years included his playing the accordion in his rock band "Threshold of Pain"; his road trip to Canada to witness Janis Joplin perform live during the Festival Express in the summer of 1970; and countless close encounters with authorities which were always more comical than serious.

Mark would eventually go on to live a life full of successful endeavors including Carly's Closet, Concord Transportation, Sharp Transportation, National Focus, Trish's International Transportation and Rapid Road and Rail.

Throughout his life, Mark would spend time living in Washington, California, Canada, and Georgia, but



Mark S. Radley
Photo Credits: Mark Radley Family

he always called Montana home.

His irresistible personality led to his many successes and his ability to make friends wherever he went.

Mark had a passion for scuba diving, deep sea fishing, American history, reading and "good" music.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Trace. He is survived by 2 sisters, Jennifer (Marc) and Leisa; 4 daughters, Britny (Chong), Rhiannon, Kasey, and Samantha; 6 grandchildren, Elias (Roquell), Dupree, Veronica, Justice, Callan and Kaydon; 3 great-grandchildren, Isabella, Stella, and Elias; several loving nieces and nephews, and a multitude of lifelong friends.

People were Mark's passion. His daughters were the true loves of his life, and his grandchildren & great-grandchildren, his pride and joy!

We will miss his constant humor, his infectious grin and his love of life. A celebration of Mark's life will take place at a future date. The family will keep people updated on these plans. Please check back here for future details.

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- Twig star ornaments
- Painted clay pots
- Jar made into hanging vase or lantern using wire, string or ribbon
- Twigs glued to can or jar, tied with raffia bow
- Paint stepping stones with chalkboard paint
- Decorate bird, frog or bee houses - Brenda Weaver

Source: mothernatured.com

Americanisms



"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."

- T.S. Eliot

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Super Crossword "YOU'RE A BEAST!"

ACROSS

1 Quick heartbeat sound
8 Jordanian's language
14 Do over again
20 Exercise caution
21 Baseballer Minnie
22 Come about over time
23 Oscar-nominated actress for "Georgia"
25 The X's of XOXO
26 Even, in golf
27 Was in a pew
28 "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host
30 "Morning Has Broken" singer
36 Eggy holiday drink
37 Building floor
38 Noted Dodge City sheriff
46 Watch via Hulu, e.g.
49 "A Christmas Carol" miser
50 Too trusting
51 "Got ya!"
52 Jesting sort
55 Opening in a schedule

56 Cove, e.g.
57 2013-14 co-host of "The View"
61 Foldable beds
62 100-eyed mythical giant
63 Boat's load
64 NFL Hall of Famer Carter
66 Well-honed
67 "The Situation Room" host
70 Middle East's Strip
74 Diving venue
75 Made a typo, e.g.
76 Got along
77 "GLOW" star
81 Longtime panelist on "To Tell the Truth"
84 Funny stuff
85 Hooplas
87 "Hey, I was thinking..."
88 Crude liquid
89 Partner of alas
90 Nine-sided figure
93 Sharp pang
95 Defensive tackle whose #86 was retired by the Chiefs
97 Best athletes

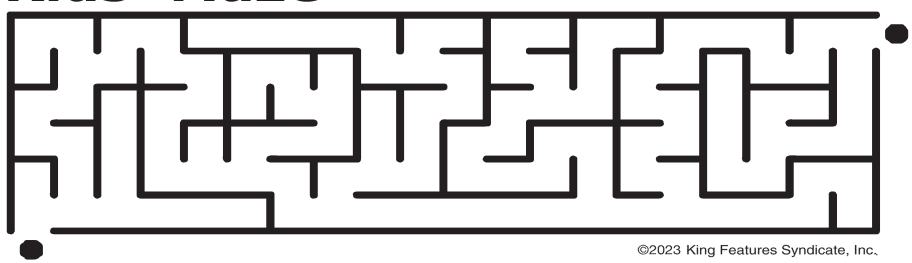
99 Gray color
100 1958-82 Crimson Tide football coach
104 Champion of 15 golf majors
16 Emulate a supermodel
17 Snow queen in "Frozen"
18 With, to Fifi
19 "Concetta" pianist John
24 SEAL's group
29 Map of Hawaii, often
31 Lao —
32 Actor Keach and singer Lattisaw
33 Greeting on a May greeting card
34 "Chicago Med" ailer
35 Fraternal patriotic org.
39 Reggae singer Peter
40 "Holy —!"
41 In the past
42 Throw a fit
43 Fodder tower
44 Cooking appliance
45 Clears, as profit
46 Pat of "Wheel of Fortune"
47 At that place
48 Cooking appliance
49 Neck warmer

53 Singer Marilyn
54 Bluff-busting poker words
58 Prioress, e.g.
59 Abbr. for three primary colors
60 Words on a flat rental sign
61 Yule tree
64 Prague native
65 — a beet
67 Prevailed
68 NYC subway inits.
69 Test in a fitting room
70 Moo goo — pan
71 Fire felony
72 1983 Woody Allen movie
73 "Hello" singer
74 Political patronage, informally
76 Migrating birds' regular route
77 "Moby-Dick" helmsman
78 Real doozie
79 Apple option since 1998
80 Ankle coverer
81 Coffee from Hawaii
82 "This — emergency!"
83 Star-giving critic, e.g.
85 — chili (pepper type)
86 Cry of Homer Simpson
91 Chin-wag
92 Nearly zero
94 "— Little Teapot"
96 A "Baby Bell" phone co.
97 Environs
98 Choice loin steaks
101 Tiptops
102 Dubbed
103 The "T" of LGBT, in brief
104 Old overlord
105 "XOXO" actress Skye

DOWN

1 Tire-filling tool
2 "I, Robot" writer Asimov
3 Cotta or firma precursor
4 Virtuoso
5 Fido's foot
6 Newsman Melber
7 More jittery
8 Very slightly
9 — Tin Tin
10 "Lust, Caution" director Lee
11 Atom modeler Niels

Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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INSIDE INSPIRATION



THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Ellie West

*Certified Master Practitioner of NLP,
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Forgiveness is a constant part of our lives.

Often, the hardest people to forgive are the ones closest to us - family members, friends, or loved ones. It is not wrong to feel anger or bitterness in our pain, especially if trust has been broken or we've been wronged. But letting anger and resentment take root is like poison to our souls.

I think about forgiveness often, as an example, when something triggers an emotion, feeling, or past experience. At that moment, I have to have a heart-to-heart talk with myself. I ask, "What hinders me from forgiving?" I am learning to move the hurt, pain, and disappointment from my heart to my hands. I hold my hands tight as I pray for forgiveness and to forgive. I open my hands and release all that holds me back - asking God to help.

Forgiveness is a process, it's about being honest about the pain and hurt, and it is about releasing the unforgiveness to God without waiting for an apology... Healing takes time.

Carrying the weight of resentment and unforgiveness is like an anchor that drags you through the turbulence and currents of life.

Many walk around nursing wounds from things people have said or done. Life, family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and even the communities in which we live will disappoint us. But carrying that extra baggage because we are unwilling or unsure how to forgive will only hold us hostage and sabotage our lives.

Forgiveness is not a one-size-fits-all solution but rather a process that unfolds at its own pace. It begins with acknowledging the pain and the emotions associated with it. By facing these feelings head-on, we allow ourselves to heal. This process requires courage and compassion as we examine our vulnerabilities and the reasons for our transgressions.

Genuine forgiveness is not about excusing the actions that caused us pain but about granting ourselves the gift of freedom. It's acknowledging that our well-being deserves precedence over nurturing bitterness. When we choose to forgive, we allow ourselves to let go, heal, and move toward a healed heart.

Forgiveness is an act of kindness towards the offender and a powerful exercise in self-compassion. It's about cultivating empathy, not just for the person who hurt you, but for ourselves. When we empathize with the flawed nature of humanity, we realize that everyone can make mistakes. This realization softens the edges of anger and resentment, making room for understanding and healing.

Extending empathy toward those who hurt us invites us to see the bigger picture. Beneath their actions often lie their struggles, insecurities, and fears. This understanding doesn't justify their behavior but helps us view them with a compassionate lens, contributing to our forgiving ability.

Forgiving someone close may not mean immediately returning to the way things were. It might entail setting new boundaries, renegotiating expectations, and embarking on a journey of rediscovery. As trust gradually rebuilds, the foundation of the relationship can become even stronger than before, strengthened by the resilience that comes from facing and overcoming challenges.

In the journey toward forgiveness, we also find our way to inner peace. When we let go of the resentment that weighs us down, we make space for positivity, gratitude, and personal growth. Releasing negative emotions can improve mental and emotional well-being, paving the way for a more fulfilled and joyful life.

Forgiving those closest to us is a transformative act that can reshape our entire outlook on life. It teaches us that our hearts have immense strength, resilience, and compassion. Through forgiveness, we become living examples of the power of healing and the beauty of second chances.

Forgiveness is not a sign of weakness; instead, it's a badge of strength. It takes immense courage to release the grip of resentment and allow forgiveness to flow. When we forgive, we free ourselves from negativity, and our hearts truly begin to heal. The act of forgiveness is a journey of our capacity to rise above pain and choose compassion and empathy over bitterness.

We all have a story...are there parts of your story you wish you could rewrite? I often think, "If only I could rewrite parts of mine," as we all make mistakes that make us feel ashamed or embarrassed. While we cannot rewrite our past, we can begin the process of forgiveness and write our beautiful future.

"Forgiveness doesn't excuse their actions. Forgiveness stops their actions from destroying your heart."

~Unknown

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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, (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

TRACTOR PULL CANCELED

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Edgewater Farms Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch. August 18 at 1:28 PM.

Due to problems with the weighted sled that are out of our control, we, unfortunately, have to CANCEL the Tractor Pull Event next week. We are so sorry for any inconvenience. Please help us to spread the word by sharing with your friends.



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Tuesday, August 29

Fish Patty on a Bun
Green Peas
Coleslaw
Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, August 30

Chef Salad
Carrot and Celery Sticks
Whole Grain Bread
Pineapple
Desert

Friday, September 1
Cabbage Rolls
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Apricot Halves

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.

ROCKY'S AGENCY ON AGING VISITS TOWNSEND SENIOR CENTER

Victor Sample



On August 15, Rocky's (RMDC) Agency on Aging visited the Townsend Sr. Center. Michelle Mathot (RMDC Education and Outreach Coordinator) along with Anita Linden (Program Coordinator) and Justin Belgarde (Program Coordinator) came to Townsend to share information about Rocky's services for Senior Citizens.

Michelle and Anita spoke to the Townsend area Seniors about Medicare services and about Medicare Fraud. Michelle warned the seniors that Medicare and Social Security will NEVER call you on the phone, or text or email you. She warned that you should never answer any call from a number that you don't already know. If someone actually needs to call you, they will leave a voice message.

She also noted a monthly publication from The Senior Medical Patrol (SMP) that details various types of Medicare fraud and how to avoid them. Rocky's Agency on Aging provides the monthly newsletter to the Townsend Senior Center. Anyone can drop by and get a copy - they are free.

Michelle, Anita and Justin had lunch with the seniors. Each one sat at a different table and enjoyed an excellent lunch while speaking with the Seniors. They explained the services that Rocky's Agency on Aging provides and listened to what the Seniors had to say about the services they feel they need.

Led by Michelle Mathot, Rocky will be doing a multi-week Stepping on Falls Prevention class in Helena. The Stepping On program can help you avoid a dangerous and costly fall. Michelle would also like to find a local person to be a facilitator of the Stepping On program in Townsend. If you are interested in attending the Stepping on Falls Prevention class or if you are interested in becoming a local facilitator of the program, contact Michelle Mathot at 406-441-3985 or email her at mmathot@rmdc.net.

A reporter from KTVH television in Helena also attended the event in Townsend. She did a nice interview with Michelle about Rocky's Agency on Aging: "So, what the Agency on Aging actually does, is they are a resource center for seniors. We serve those 60 and over and adults with disabilities," Michele Mathot the Education and Outreach Coordinator for Rocky's Agency on Aging said.

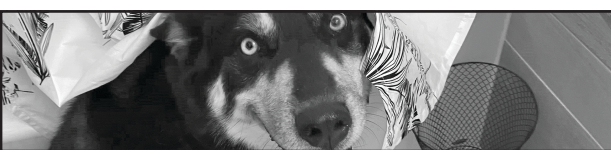
The agency can help find community resources and connect people to information and services in the counties they serve.

They serve Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Meagher, and Park counties."

You can view the interview online at: <https://www.ktvh.com/news/rmdc-shares-its-aging-services-with-senior-citizens>

For more information about Rocky's Agency on Aging, contact Michelle Mathot at 406-441-3985 or email her at mmathot@rmdc.net.

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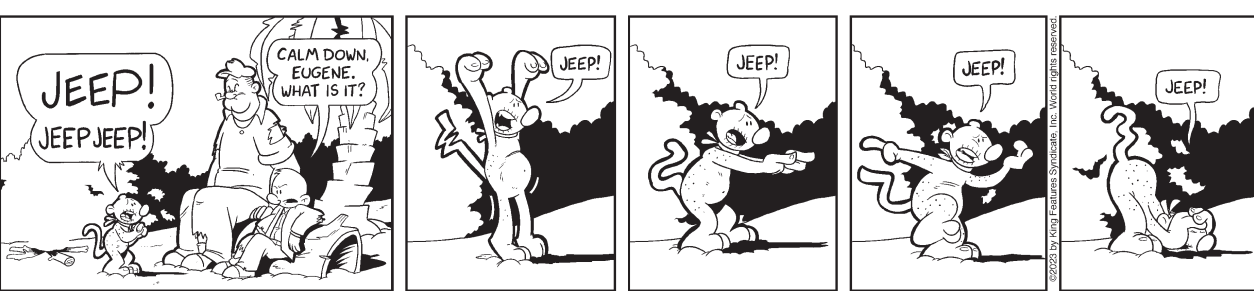
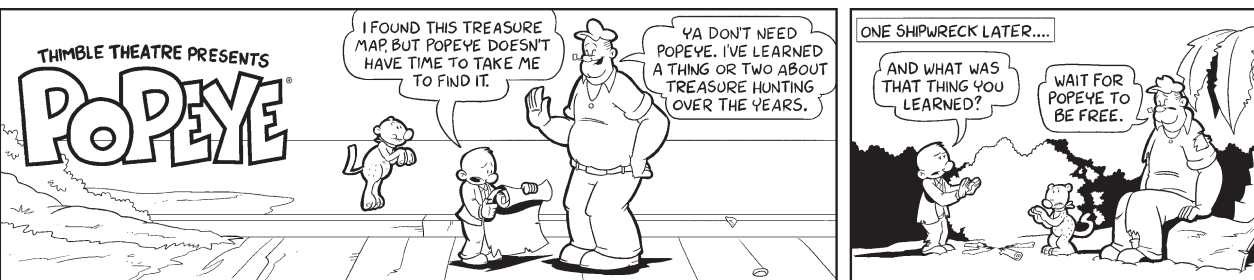
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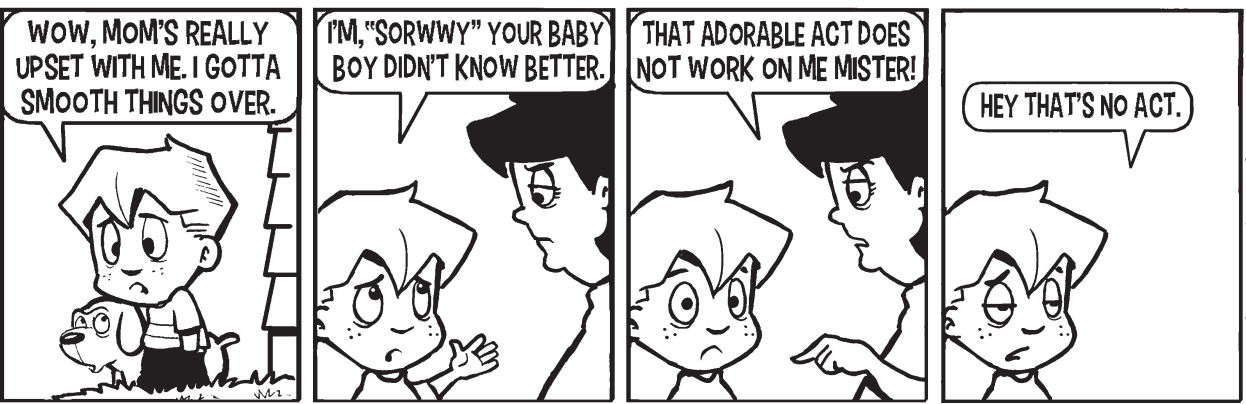
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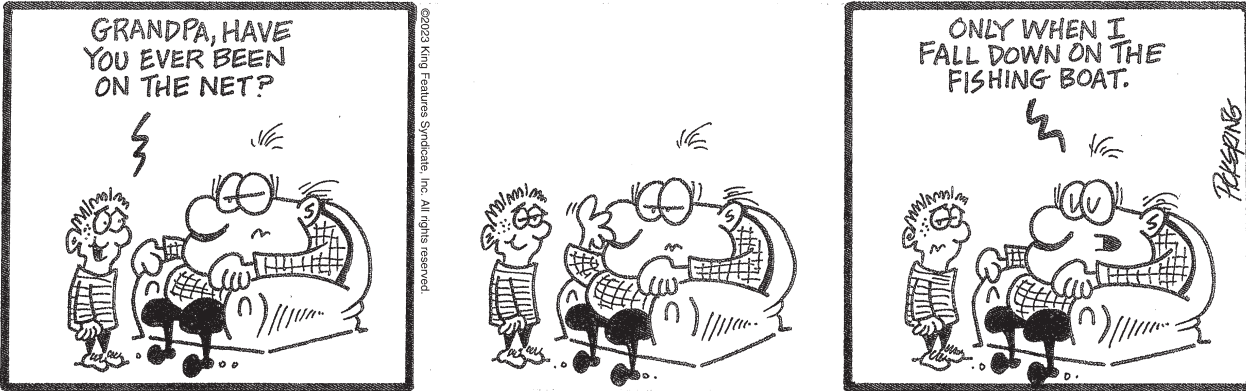
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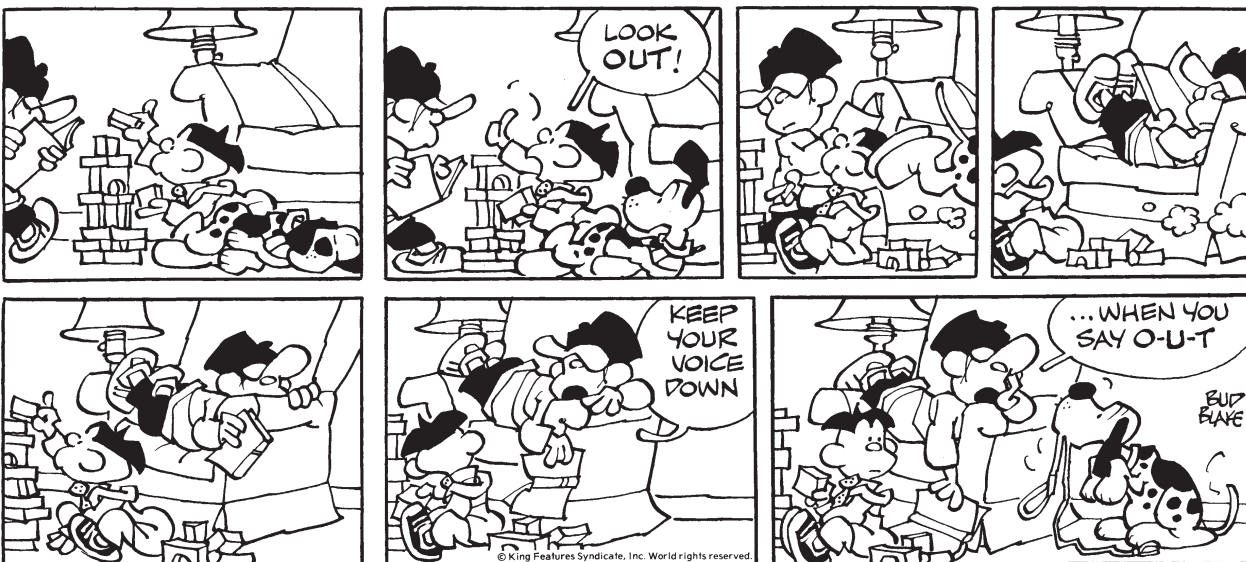
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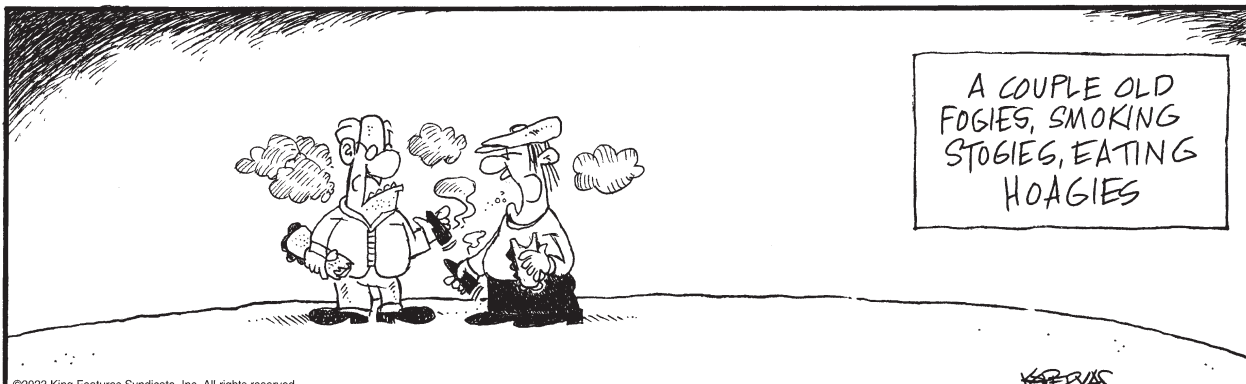
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THE WASSWEILER - HELENA, MT

The Traveling Diners



Recently, the Travelling Diners made a trip to The Wassweiler restaurant in Helena, MT. The Wassweiler is one of our favorite restaurants in all of Montana and we always look forward to an evening at The Wassweiler., 4528 West Hwy 12, Helena, MT, 406-502-1303.

From the Wassweiler website:

“Ferdinand Wassweiler’s original hot springs stood not far from the current Broadwater Hot Springs and Fitness.

After selling part of his land to Colonel Broadwater, Wassweiler, a German immigrant who followed the rush of gold miners to the Helena area, built a second facility in 1883. His second creation combined an Inn with a separate bathhouse where travelers as well as locals could enjoy a hot soak.

Today, Marci Andersen has restored this original 1883 Inn & Bathhouse into a fine dining experience steeped in good old-fashioned Montana history. With history, hospitality, and an honest-to-goodness menu, we welcome you to Helena’s newest fine dining establishment.”

The building has been exquisitely restored and the ambiance of the restaurant is wonderful – perhaps the best in Helena. In addition to the building itself, the table settings are beautiful, and the diners all felt very comfortable.

Since we were there for a special occasion, we decided to throw diets to the wind and sample as much of the Wassweiler fare as possible. The restaurant has a very good wine list, and we settled on a great bottle of Pinot Noir for our meal.

We started the meal with an appetizer of sauteed mushrooms. The mushrooms were sauteed with onions in a cream sauce and topped with grated cheese. A plate of toasted French baguette slices came with the appetizer. The appetizer can easily be shared by 4 or more people. It was truly outstanding.

After the mushrooms, we enjoyed the Wassweiler version of a wedge salad. Originally wedge salads were a wedge of iceberg lettuce with bacon bits and blue cheese dressing. Most fine restaurants offering a wedge salad offer their own unique version and the Wassweiler has a wonderful wedge salad: butter lettuce with bacon and blue cheese dressing.

Then, on to the main courses. We had “Chicken Jerusalem” (breaded chicken breast with a light hollandaise sauce) served over linguine and the “Seafood Pasta” (shrimp, mussels and clams) served over fettuccine. Both dishes were excellent and were very generous

servings; much of it went home to be enjoyed again the next day. It was accompanied by freshly baked Italian bread.

We finished the meal with a flourless chocolate torte served with ice cream made on-site. The ice cream was outstanding although the chocolate torte was not my favorite. It was a dense chocolate torte very much like a very heavy fudge. It was still very good, but next time I think I will try the three-berry cobbler.

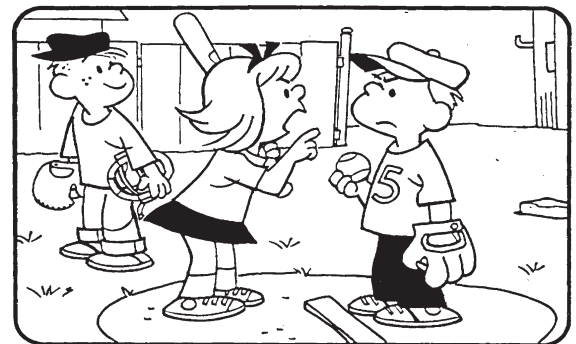
The Wassweiler is a true Montana gem, and we highly recommend a trip to the Wassweiler. In addition to dining in the historic building, the Wassweiler also offers dining outside on their patio (weather permitting). Reservations are recommended.

Visit the Wassweiler website at: <https://www.wassweiler.com/>

Please see page 2 for a delicious photo!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

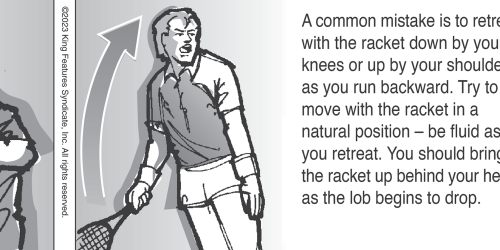


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Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

WE “PUTT FOR DOUGH” BUT WE MUST DRIVE BEFORE WE CAN PUTT.
TO ME, THEREFORE TEE SHOTS DEMAND ALL THE CARE THAT I GIVE TO TAP-INS.
TRY WORKING WITH THIS “RISK RATING” OF HAZARDS IN PLANNING YOUR TEE SHOTS.

OUT-OF-BOUNDS MARKERS, WATER HAZARDS, UNPLAYABLE LIE ZONES, STEEP-LIPPED BUNKERS, THICK ROUGH, STRONG SLOPES, SHALLOW-LIPPED BUNKERS, LIGHT ROUGH, SLIGHT SLOPES.
IN OTHER WORDS, THE MORE SEVERE THE POTENTIAL PENALTY, THE LESS AGGRESSIVE YOU SHOULD BE.

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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: F equals N
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OAMPS BCHB DIAUXSR QAM OXBC?
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SCRAMBLERS



“Honey, I found out what keeps my budget from working. Your _____.”

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!

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MERIDA

Mourn

MANTLE

Quiet

TODEMS

Falter

CUHRL

TODAY'S WORD

WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS

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~Jazzie Ragen



Thank you
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for buying my
2023 4H Beef!

~Jazzie Ragen

Thank you,
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for purchasing my Grand
Champion Market Goat.
Your support of 4-H and FFA
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~Spencer Braaten




Thank you,
HARRIS PLUMBING,
for purchasing my Grand
Champion Market Hog!
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Thank you
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for purchasing my
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~Caleb Swanson




Thank you
AquaTech for purchasing
my 2022-2023 4-H Market
Lamb

~Kaitlyn Noyes



Thank you
Jim & Amber Burgess for
purchasing my 2022-2023
4-H Market Steer

~Kaitlyn Noyes



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"The Ogre"
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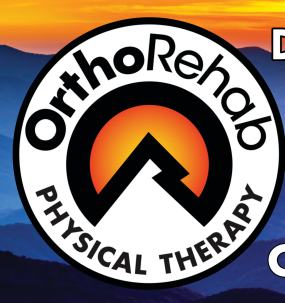
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2023.



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- The minimum bid is \$250.00 (valued at \$1,025.00)
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- Successful bidder will be contacted after the closing date.
- Shipping can be arranged, at the winning bidder's expense.
- Winning bidder may pay for the artwork by cash, check or credit card.

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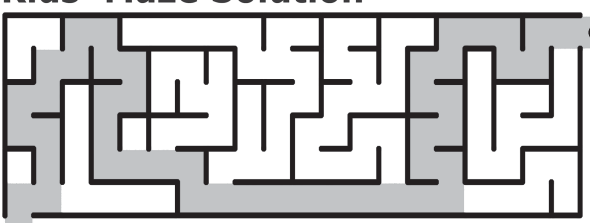
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Kids' Maze Solution



CryptoQuip
answer

If you ingested a bill depicting Abe Lincoln, what would that provide you with?
Dietary fiber.

KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

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RECENTLY

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Admire 2. Lament;
3. Modest; 4. Lurch

Today's Word
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Word Spiral
Answer
ACCORDIAN



Super Crossword

Answers

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WEED OF THE MONTH: BLACK MEDIC

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

While likely not at the top of the list of the most menacing weeds, the black medic can be a nuisance in certain situations and is worthy of a nomination for weed of the month.

Description & Habitat

Native to Eurasia, black medic was introduced to North America as a forage crop. It is a legume so has the ability to fix nitrogen in the soil. It's a common lawn weed but can also show up in distributed areas, roadsides, fields and landscape beds. It's often an indication of low soil nitrogen or nutrients. Black medic can withstand some soil compaction so can also be found along curbs and sidewalks.

Black medic is an annual (life cycle of one year) or a short-lived perennial (life cycle of more than one year). It is often confused with clover. Leaves have three small oval leaflets just like clover. However, the leaves of the black medic have tiny teeth along the leaf edges. Black medic has tiny yellow flowers in small, rounded bunches. The flowers transition into clusters of black fruit at maturity. The stems are covered in tiny hairs, and they creep across the ground creating a mat. Black medic has a deep taproot that is difficult to pull. It reproduces solely by seed.

This plant can be a nuisance by invading lawns and other areas where it is not wanted. It has the ability to form large colonies. It is difficult to control due to its prostrate growing pattern and deep tap root.

Management

The best defense against black medic in your lawn is a healthy lawn. It tends to prefer low nitrogen areas and can grow in compacted soil, so good nutrient management and aeration are key.

As with most annual weeds, the key is to prevent the plant from going to seed. Hand pulling can be highly effective, and the root is more easily pulled when the soil is moist. If the plants are along a driveway or sidewalk, water the area before pulling. Mulch is also an option where practical, at least three inches deep. Since the plant prefers compacted soil, tilling will discourage development but is often not practical where this weed is typically found. Mowing is not effective because the plant grows along the ground.



Black Medic
Photo Credits: Allison Kosto

Herbicides can also be used to control black medic. In lawns, pre-emergent herbicides prior to seed germination can be effective. After the weed is established, then post-emergent herbicides are necessary. Two or three-way herbicide mixes are an effective means to control the plant. Mixtures can include a combination of 2,4-D, dicamba, MCPP or MCPA. Product names include Bushmaster, Chaser, Strike, Super Trimec and Triamine. Chemicals are most effective when applied in late spring to early summer and again in the fall. 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.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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AUGUST 24

1939

Townsend May Have a Rotarian Chapter

Whether or not Townsend is to have a Rotary club will depend upon attendance and general interest shown in a meeting held tonight at the Commercial hotel. This meeting will be attended by associate Rotarians from Helena and White Sulphur Springs and S.H. Harrison, organizer from Helena, according to W.L. Emmert, who consented to assist with the organization here.

So far 16 men have signed up and given a check for the charter membership of \$10 and who will probably be on hand tonight. If the organization is perfected it will work in conjunction with the Broadwater Chamber of Commerce and in no ways be an opposing civic body and is a necessary factor in a community of this size, the organizers point out.

1950

Townsend Briefs

Earl Fryhling and daughters met Mrs. Fryhling in Missoula last Saturday evening for a continued trip to Ronan, Flathead Lake and other points for a few days' vacation and outing. Mrs. Fryhling had been attending the Grand Chapter meeting OES in Missoula.

Chuck Holling is back from Alaska and is again working for A. V. Safley for the Montana Power Company.

Miss Trena Hollaway is spending the week in Helena, guest of Miss Enid Overturf.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Rains of Charleston, Ill., are here visiting their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Garrison Rains and three little daughters, Sharon, Sue and Stephanie.

Mrs. Gail Davis came down from Bozeman for the weekend and on Saturday evening helped to prepare a birthday dinner to honor her daughter, Peggy, who

was ending a week's camping trip that day at Rillway on Deep Creek. Those who participated in the picnic were Miss Peggy's grandmother, Mrs. Geo. Zimmerman, who presented the birthday cake, her aunt, Mrs. Gordon Graveley and daughter, Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward and daughters, Roxy and Marjory, Mrs. William Kieckbusch and son, Tommy, and daughters, Patsy and Mary, Miss Sheila McCarthy and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hollaway.

1961

Winston News

Recent callers at the home of Mrs. Annie Bisby included Mrs. Ray Reynolds. Mrs. Norene Trabach and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies, Mrs. Martha Masolo, Mrs. Minnie Riis and Mrs. Marie Fisk of Harlowton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and sons took a three-day vacation, two of which they spent visiting Joe's brother in Kalispell, and one day at Sealy Lake. Mrs. Clark's father, Mr. V.W. Tooker, stayed on the ranch and was pleased by a visit from his son, Albert Clark and family from Anaconda.

Mrs. Lulu Hagbom is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Chuck Stipe, in Moise.

Miss Helen Harrington has completed her studies at Montana State College in Bozeman. She will be home with her parents for a couple of weeks before beginning her nurses' training in a Billings hospital.

Some friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lokowich dropped in Saturday evening for a belated housewarming. They presented Mr. and Mrs. Lokowich with a lovely floor lamp for their new house. After an evening of visiting, the group consumed sandwiches, cake and coffee which they had brought.

1967

Jan Kirscher Wins Demonstration at State 4-H Congress
Jan Kirscher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Kirscher, was named top dairy foods demonstrator at the 4-H Congress

held recently at Montana State University at Bozeman. By winning this honor she was presented a wristwatch by the Carnation Company. She was a representative of Broadwater County at the 4-H Congress.

Miss Kirscher also baked an "Angel Supreme" to win the bread baking competition and a lemon meringue pie which put her in second place in the home economics competition.

She will be eligible to go to the Western Roundup 4-H completion in Denver in January.

1978

Radersburg School Reunion Planned Sept. 3

Persons who attended school in Radersburg will gather Sunday, September 3 in Radersburg at the Rebekah Hall for a get-together. The fun day begins at 10:00 a.m. and will last throughout the day. A potluck lunch will be served at noon.

As far as can be determined, this will be the first reunion ever held for Radersburg students. Several persons who attended school in Radersburg still reside in this area, including Royal Smith and Hazel Holling.

According to the history writing in "Broadwater Bygones", the first school record was in 1896 with Mary Gilman as teacher. The building was of logs with a dirt roof. Children from four years on were taken as pupils and if the little ones dozed, they were placed on coats in a corner to nap. The desks were raised tables and benches served as seats. By 1872 there were 62 children enrolled and by 1908 there were six grades and 36 students. Pictures in "Bygones" show the Radersburg new school in 1913.

"Today, consolidation has centralized the schools in Townsend with buses for transportation."

It is hoped that many persons attend this get-together, bringing with them their memories of school days gone by, pictures or whatever stories that they can share with other reunion goers, throughout the day.

More information on the reunion can be gained by calling Hazel Holling, 266-3888.



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TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



This is the fourth 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.

16) Fraxinus americana 'Autumn Purple', Autumn Purple White Ash; planted at 131 North Maple Street.

The memorial tree was planted in memory of Helen Daniels. The tree was planted in 2008 by the Townsend Tree Board. The tree was donated by Laurie and Carol Somers. The tree is in good condition.

17) Fraxinus americana 'Autumn Purple', Autumn Purple White Ash; planted at 131 North Maple Street.

The memorial tree was planted in memory of Bernice Cartwright. The tree was planted in 2008 by the Townsend Tree Board. The tree was donated by Laurie and Carol Somers. The tree is in good condition.

18) Malus species 'Spring Snow', Spring Snow Crabapple; planted south of the hospital at 110 North Oak Street.

The tree was planted in memory of Ryland Foote in the summer of 1995. The tree was donated by the hospital. The tree is located southwest of the cafeteria. The tree is in good condition.



Ryland Foote Memorial tree
Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

19) Picea pungens, Colorado Blue Spruce; planted in Holloway Park.

This tree was planted to celebrate the Montana statehood centennial in 1989. The tree was planted by the Shriners (Masons) and women belonging to the Order of the Eastern Star. The tree is the 5th tree west of the Holloway Park sign on the north end of the park. The tree is in good condition.

20) Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk', Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac; planted at the Townsend Elementary School, 201 N Spruce Street.

This tree is one of two planted in May 1995 in memory of 5th Grade Student Ryland Foote by the Class of 2002, their teacher Greg Dailey, and the Townsend Garden Club. The tree was purchased through contributions earmarked for that purpose. The tree was planted as part of the Community Library landscaping project and is planted southeast of the library building. The tree survived the new school construction in 2022. The tree is in good condition but is planted about four inches too deep so is not thriving like its twin planted the same year 100 feet to the west.

BROADWATER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SQUAD HOLDS SCRIMMAGE

MT 43 News Staff

Friday night lights were shining on the Blue and White Scrimmage game for the 2023 Broadwater High School football team. According to Head Coach Joe Horne, the 28 members who make up the team play a scrimmage or simulated game which is a kind of scripted practice rather than playing a regular game. "We try different players in different positions to see which play is the most successful," he explained.

Coach Horne explained that this is the "first edition" of the 2023 BHS football team. They have new players, new coaches on staff and other coaches in new positions. The players focus one hundred percent on what they can accomplish both offensively and defensively. "We want to be good at our plays, not worry about the other team we play coming up," he said.

BHS will play an away game with Cutbank Friday, August 25 at 7:00 pm. Coaches besides Horne are Justin Sell, Dan Hazlett, Josh Leonard, Mike Van Diest, Mike Schnittgen and Jace Lewis. Team manager is Berlin Korr.



Broadwater High School football team plays a scrimmage game Friday at Abe Fandrich field.
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