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## DRY WELLS CRITICAL WORRY IN SOUTH BROADWATER COUNTY

**Nancy Marks**  
Reporter



People in southern Broadwater County showed up at a meeting that was supposed to start a planning process for sound land use in the face of rapid population growth, but they mostly wanted to talk about their wells drying up. Their remarks spotlighted a critical problem for the hundreds of homes in the sprawling subdivisions in the county's Wheatland area near Three Forks.

The Aug. 24 evening program was held in an upstairs room of the Bridger Brewery building under the authority of the Broadwater County Board of Commissioners. It was billed as "Planning for Growth" and was presented by James Caniglia of WGM Group, a consulting company.

Caniglia spoke about identifying important agricultural land and wildlife habitat and how living in new subdivisions could work best for people. But those who responded wanted to talk about water, what to do about wells drying up, or their feelings that county commissioners have not protected their property rights by allowing developers to create more subdivisions. One man said the presentation meant nothing to him and was just a bunch of BS. He and the woman with him soon departed.

Other people kept steering the talk toward dry wells and whether ever more future subdivisions would ruin the area for homeowners already there. Barbara Mutter,

**Dry Wells, 4**



Radersburg resident Leslie Heisey and Townsend businessman JB Howick study Broadwater County maps before they suggest county planning ideas. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

### LIONS PURCHASE VISION SCREENING MACHINE

**Bob Brastrup**  
Townsend Lions Club

Earlier this year the Broadwater County Lions and White Sulphur Springs Lions partnered to purchase an Optix vision screening machine. An anonymous donation received by the Broadwater County Lions funded a portion of the purchase with the two clubs splitting the remaining cost. A shortage of computer chips delayed delivery of the machine until late August.

The machine measures various elements in the subject's eyes. If potential abnormalities are detected, it is recommended the subject see an eye specialist for diagnostic testing. It can detect potential eye problems in individuals as young as six months old.

Lion members from Townsend, White Sulphur Springs and Helena recently went through an afternoon of training to learn how to use the machine.



Broadwater County Lion member Gary Olsen practicing with the Optix vision machine. Photo Credits: Bob Brastrup

The Broadwater County Lions give a huge thank you to the anonymous person for the grant. The grant also provided funding for a new hearing screening machine so the 40-plus-year-old machine could be retired.

Both machines will be in use at an October screening clinic at the Townsend school.

### DEEP CREEK PIZZA OPENS IN TOWNSEND

**Dee Gannon**  
MT43 News Correspondent



There is a new eatery in Townsend! Wait, you haven't heard? It's called Deep Creek Pizza Co; and it's in the old Professional Building, 415 Broadway. If you happened to see the line forming outside, slightly before 11 a.m. it may have made you hungry. At promptly 11, diners of all ages rushed in. Seats and tables filled up fast; with a line forming to await a seat.

People got to know one another better when shared tables became 'a thing.' Cashiers and servers were very friendly, even when it got VERY busy and the wait for pizza was an hour. Almost everyone said it was worth the wait, especially when they were able to re-fill their 'gratis' Pepsi products in color-changing cups. After all, they got to visit with their neighbors; sometimes the only time you get to see friends is when you meet at an event; or, in this case, the opening of a new restaurant.

Everyone is so busy these days, but everyone needs to eat.

### BEAUTIFUL BROADWATER COUNTY



Sunset after a rain in Broadwater County Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



Dawn Thompson and her daughter Carlee Spritzer order a pizza to take out from waitress Callie Gentry. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Of course, every opening day of a restaurant has its issues; the air conditioner failed to work, orders

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# ELLA BEGGAR, WORLD RODEO CHAMPION

Mikayla Kraft  
MT43 News Correspondent



I have had the privilege of knowing the famous senior, Ella Beggar for almost four years now and she is an inspiration to so many people around her. People across Broadwater County, and now across the world, know Ella Beggar. Ella has now been pronounced the 2023 World Champion Pole Bender. She is the third Montanan to ever win the World Championship since 1960 and the first since 2004. Though she has had many accomplishments, she did not win this title by default. She put a large amount of hard work into this accomplishment and she cannot give all of the credit to herself.

Ella grew up in North Dakota and Montana, moving to Townsend, MT when she was a freshman in high school. Her rodeo career did not start in Montana, however, it has been growing since she started rodeo when she was only 7 years old with the purchase of her quarter pony mare, Pepper. Pepper was only six years old when Ella got her, but has since then become a strong and talented partner and friend of Ella's. She competes in 5 events, "barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway, and team roping," however her favorites are, "pole bending, breakaway, and goat tying. (Beggar)"

Her family has been a huge support through the years and has continually given her the encouragement to achieve her most difficult goals, "...they're the ones driving [my sibling and I] and spending the time and money for me and my sibling to have opportunities." However, her family is not the only support she receives, "Montana High School Rodeo Association... is one of the best ones out there... The amount of support from all of the parents and even competitors, friends, and rodeo moms". She strongly believes that competing is about wanting success for everyone rather than turning against each other for the sake of winning.

As a senior in high school, it can be difficult for her to balance rodeo and education as both are highly important to her. She simply tries to put all of her attention towards school during school hours and get her assignments done in that time because she knows the rest of the afternoon and evening will mostly consist of training. It can be difficult and stressful, but she is not going to give up her passion for rodeo. She "definitely would love for another world championship in the pole bending, but would also like to have the chance for a title in my other events, that's the whole reason why we do this, to work toward opportunities like being a world champion in all the events we compete in." She continued, stating that it is going to take a lot of practice physically and mentally, success doesn't come free.

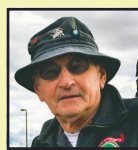


Ella Beggar and her horse, Pepper after winning the World Championship in Gillette, Wyoming.  
Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

Overall, rodeo has been "a huge blessing to be able to do... and do it with people I enjoy it with," Ella stated. She has also extended her thanks to the community for their continuous support through the years. Go, Ella!

# TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg  
Tree Board Chair



This is the fifth 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.

21) Acer tataricum 'Patdell', Pattern Perfect Tatarian Maple; planted in Blue Star Memorial Garden in Veteran's Memorial Park

This Blue Star Memorial Garden veteran's tree was planted in the spring of 2006 in the northwest corner of Veteran's Memorial Park to honor all deceased veterans. It was planted by the Tree Board and the Townsend Garden Club. The tree was donated by Sharley Ragen. The tree is in good condition.

22) Sorbus decora, Showy Mountain Ash; planted in Veteran's Memorial Park



Blue Star Memorial Tree  
Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

This tree was planted on Join Hands Day May 6, 2007, in memory of Grant Grover, WWII Army Veteran, and Mildred Grover WWII parachute seamstress and airplane repairwoman. They were both avid tree planters. The tree is planted west of the sidewalk on the way to the Veteran's Memorial. The tree was planted by the family, Rotary, American Legion, Boy Scout troops 231 and 235, and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by the Tree Board with a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

23) Crataegus crus-galli var. inermis, Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn; planted west of the swimming pool.

A Burning Bush Tree, Euonymus alatus, was planted in memory of Catherine E. Millay (Mike Millay's Mother) in the summer of 2010 by the family and Tree Board members. The tree was donated by Townsend City Council. The tree died in 2021 from winter injury and a Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn was planted on September 17, 2021. It is the fourth tree north of the Welcome to Townsend Rock west of the swimming pool. The tree is in good condition.

24) Juniperus scopulorum 'Sky Rocket', Sky Rocket Juniper; planted at Broadwater County Museum.

A Juniperus scopulorum 'Wichita Blue', Wichita Blue Juniper was planted in the spring of 1994 in memory of Harold W. Marks, rancher, and supporter of the Broadwater County Museum. The tree was donated by Nancy Marks. The tree was planted north of the museum doors and began to conflict with the sidewalk and was removed and a new one was replanted in 2009 by the Tree Board. In 2022, the tree conflicted with the sidewalk again and was removed. A Sky Rocket Juniper was planted on the southeast corner of the museum property in the summer of 2023 in an area where three other junipers died in the winter of 2022-2023. This Sky Rocket Juniper was planted to replace the original trees planted for Harold Marks that were removed. The Sky Rocket Juniper was paid for by the Tree Board.

25) Pyrus ussuriensis 'Bailfrost', Mountain Frost Pear; planted at the Townsend Elementary School, 201 N Spruce Street.

A Pyrus ussuriensis 'MorDak', Prairie Gem Flowering Pear tree was planted by the Broadwater County High School Student Council and the Tree Board in the spring of 2010. The tree was donated by the Student Council. The tree was in a sidewalk cutout east of the southeast entrance to the high school. The tree was destroyed by a vehicle on October 25, 2020. It was removed by the Tree Board and the new tree was planted in spring 2021. The tree is being treated for fireblight and is in good condition.

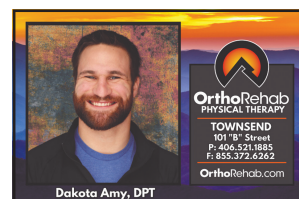


America's Team Baked Ruffed Grouse  
Photo Credits: Eileen Clarke



# DAKOTA AMY AND ORTHOREHAB PHYSICAL THERAPY: A PERFECT FIT FOR TOWNSEND

Julie Stevens  
Marketing Manager



Dakota Amy  
Photo Credits: OrthoRehab

Exciting news, Townsend Dakota Amy, DPT, has opened OrthoRehab Physical Therapy clinic, bringing his top-notch physical therapy expertise to our community. As the Clinic Director of both the East Helena and Townsend OrthoRehab clinics, Dakota is known for his outstanding care and dedication to his patients.

Dakota is a respected football alumnus and scholar from Carroll College and received his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Montana where he attended post-graduate studies. He knows firsthand the importance of effective rehabilitation. He has used this knowledge to help Montanans from all over the state, overcome pain, injuries, and aid in recovery after surgery. His reputation for compassionate and skilled care is well-established, and we're lucky to have him in our community.

OrthoRehab Physical Therapy, a Montana-born family of clinics, complements Dakota's mission. Voted "#1 Physical Therapy" in Best of Montana by Distinctly Magazine for the last two consecutive years, OrthoRehab has 12 clinics statewide. Founded in 1986, they've spent decades building a strong reputation for patient-centered care and quality treatment. Their family of clinics, owned by four Montana Physical Therapists, showcases their commitment to Montana communities.

As a Clinic Director, Dakota shares OrthoRehab's commitment to quality care, combining expertise and dedication to make this new clinic an exciting addition to Townsend. Dakota and OrthoRehab offer a welcome alternative that prioritizes patient needs.

Let's extend a warm welcome to Dakota and OrthoRehab! They're already welcoming patients at the new Townsend clinic. If you're seeking physical therapy, you're in good hands.

Thank you, Dakota and OrthoRehab, for bringing a new option for exceptional care to our community!

# ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA - VIRGINIA & NEVADA CITY

Brenda Phillips



Virginia City is a nice day trip from Townsend. The 90-mile drive (1 1/2 hours) takes you through some very picturesque valleys and farmland. As I travel through Montana, I find my mind wandering to what the landscape looked like when the frontiersmen and pioneers traveled across this land. We are so blessed to have the modern conveniences of automobiles and paved roads.

As you drop down into the Virginia City valley, you see a mix of old rustic cabins and houses along with

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## Townsend School Calendar

Sep 1	CC @ Belgrade 7:00PM HSFb @ Florence NO SCHOOL	
Sep 4	NO SCHOOL-Labor Day	
Sep 5	7:00 PM Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge 4:00PM MSVB @ Clancy	
Sep 6	5:00 PM U of M Research Focus Group at Library Classroom 6:00 PM FWP meeting at Community Room	
Sep 7	4:00PM HSVB @ Boulder 4:00PM MSVB vs Jefferson SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!	
Sep 9	CC @ Bozeman 1:00PM HSVB vs Lone Peak MSVB @ Harrison Tourney	

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# TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

**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  
 5:30 - 8:00pm Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction for Navy 83 at the American Legion, 211 Broadway

**September 2**  
 NAVY '83 Ride Across America  
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

**September 5**  
 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

**September 6**  
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
 Ladies Night at The Betsy (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

**September 7**  
 3:00 pm Farmer's Market  
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
 Thirsty Thursdays at The Betsy (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

**September 8**  
 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 9**  
 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

**September 6**  
 10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building  
 10:00am Working Meeting- Broadband Advisory Board at Flynn Building

### Do You Have, or Know of a Free Open Community Event?

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so we can add you to our Community Calendar!

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Check out our Ad Submission Form and deadlines at [mt43news.com](http://mt43news.com) and email or call us! We would love to help!

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**We'd love to see you!**



# THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**September 4**  
 8:00AM CITY HALL CLOSED in observance of Labor Day

**September 7**  
 5:00PM Youth Soccer Practice RESERVED (Grass @ Stevenson Park) at Stevenson Park

## ENHANCING MATERNAL CARE EXPERTISE: SIM-MT'S TOWNSEND EVENT

Jamie Herzog  
*Simulation in Motion*

Townsend, MT, August 23, 2023 - Simulation in Motion Montana (SIM-MT), a pioneer in healthcare simulation and experiential training, is delighted to announce the successful execution of a Montana Obstetrics and Maternal Support (MOMS) OB trauma event in Townsend, Montana. The event, led by simulation specialists Maile Allzer and Jake Hastings, marked a significant stride in fostering hands-on learning and collaboration within the maternal care domain.



Billings Clinic Simulation 1  
 Photo Credits: Sim-MT



Billings Clinic Simulation 2  
 Photo Credits: Sim-MT

On Friday the 18th, Townsend, Montana, became the center of a dynamic and transformative training session, as healthcare professionals participated in the MOMS event organized by SIM-MT. The expertise and guidance of simulation specialists Maile Allzer CHSE and Jake enriched the event, creating an environment ripe for exploration, discovery, and interactive learning.



Billings Clinic Simulation 3  
 Photo Credits: Sim-MT

"At SIM-MT, we are committed to empowering healthcare professionals and communities with the skills they need to excel," said Maile Allzer CHSE, Simulation Specialist at SIM-MT. "The MOMS event in Townsend was a testament to our dedication to providing experiential training that translates into real-world expertise."

The day-long event fostered a spirit of collaboration and knowledge sharing among participants, emphasizing the importance of hands-on experience in mastering maternal care challenges. SIM-MT's commitment to excellence in healthcare training was evident in the immersive simulations that participants engaged in, promising to have a positive and lasting impact on their practice.

## SEALED BID AUCTION! Benefits Three Forks Area Ambulance



"The Ogre" Acrylic on gallery wrapped canvas, 24" x 24". Painted by local EMT, Michelle Whitney Bodenheimer.

The original may be viewed at First Security Bank, Three Forks. Bids will be accepted through September 30, 2023.



For more information, or to make a tax deductible donation to the Three Forks Area Ambulance Email: [3fkamb@gmail.com](mailto:3fkamb@gmail.com)

- Deposit your completed bid sheet in the bid box located at First Security Bank, or email [3fkamb@gmail.com](mailto:3fkamb@gmail.com) with AUCTION in the subject line.
- The minimum bid is \$250.00 (valued at \$1,025.00)
- Bids will close on September 30, 2023.
- 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.

All proceeds will be used for buying hand held radios for the Three Forks Area Ambulance.

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got misheard, and the hour wait... which is completely understandable, as 450 items went through the oven just on Saturday.

The Hildreth's are thrilled! "We never expected to be greeted like this", Kellen exclaimed, "I'm flabbergasted."

Kellen and Michelle Hildreth have known each other for a long time. Kellen grew up in Dillon, Michelle went there to visit her grandparent's family farm when she was younger. They became friends through Michelle's cousin but didn't begin dating until college. Asking what took so long, Kellen replied, "She finally wore me down; but, four kids later... something must have worked out!"

They began traveling, and the core (at least in this reporter's eyes) of going to different places was finding the best food to enjoy. Michelle, one who loves to cook and eat, kept her eyes and nose at attention when traveling. What would her own restaurant look like and where would they settle? Helena was close, but not quite what they were looking for. When they seriously began looking, they found that the Professional Building was available.



People were lined up at 11 a.m. when Deep Creek Pizza Co. opened the doors on Saturday. The crowd continued all day. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

A lot of work was needed, but the best things happen when you work for them. After securing the property, they got going on the renovation; which was a bit difficult since they were living in Utah at the time. Kellen commented that they have only been living in Townsend for three weeks! So happy to welcome them to town.

So, now, this is the newest, best place to eat in Townsend. Deep Creek Pizza Co. is open six days a week, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (resting on Sunday). They serve huge salads, and a plethora of pizzas (using Kamut brand flour from Fort Benton, purported to have a higher nutritional content, for their crust). A gluten-free option is available on the small-size pizza. They have both bread sticks and cheese sticks. They even have dessert! Italian Ice is a cool, refreshing ending to a scrumptious meal.

You can even call in your order at 406-266-0002.

## Correction: Grandview Boundary Relocation Raises Hackles

In the August 25 edition story "Grandview Boundary Relocation Raises Hackles," the owner of Grandview Manor Subdivision I and II should have been Terry Frost, not John and Donna Vandenacre. Frost bought the subdivision land from Vandenacres.

# SILVER SPRINGS

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**Dry Wells, 1**

the organizer of the Three Forks area ambulance service, visibly frustrated, commented that the community needed facts about water, not long-term visions.

About 50 people came to the meeting but many did not stay for the entire presentation. All three county commissioners attended. Members of the public who spoke were not required to give their names.

The next session was scheduled for Aug. 31 in the county's Flynn Bldg., 416 Broadway St., Townsend, to talk about land planning for growth in northern Broadwater County. The two meetings were the first of three rounds of separate public meetings for the "North Sub-Area" north of Townsend and "South Sub-Area" south of Townsend. The presentations are all made by WGM Group. The company bills itself as a "comprehensive engineering, planning and design firm, creating sustainable communities since 1966."

The study and meetings are funded by the state Department of Commerce's Community Technical Assistance Program.

WGM Group is the firm that designed developer Steve Cavanaugh's controversial Rolling Glen Ranch master plan subdivision in the Wheatland area.



Broadwater County Commissioner Darrel Folkvord fields questions from participants during the survey section of South Broadwater County planning meeting. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

In response to concerns about groundwater shortage, Caniglia said the state Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) has an extensive study of deep-water tables that would help people plan how to develop the area. "Of the 150 wells DNRC has tested, only two currently contain nitrates, but with further degradation through additional housing that will undoubtedly become a problem," he said. He added that community wells drilled deep into the underground aquifer and shared sewer systems used in higher-density subdivisions could solve problems with lack of water.

One person in the audience spoke about rural cooperative wells used in northeast Montana. He said entire ranching communities come together to dig deep wells to pipe water to each of their properties. Caniglia said another approach to the lack of water would be for homeowners to install cisterns and haul water, a strategy used in several parts of the state where groundwater is limited.

Montana Department of Commerce representative Gus Byrom addressed the need for professional engineering to zero in on a strategy for funding area water projects. Public sources of funds for developing water include government grants and low-interest loans. His team works to gather those grants to help small communities. "If you form an area district, you are entitled to apply for these monies. They are not available to private landowners," he said.

Caniglia emphasized the urgency to establish a vision since the unplanned placement of subdivisions has already begun to use up valuable agricultural land. "This is the reason your county commissioners have come to us, to help build a growth plan for your county," he said.

Caniglia noted that in the southern part of the county, there are federal Bureau of Land Management properties, state school trust lands and a few private conservation easements. Tying those areas together with additional conservation easements would be one way to conserve agricultural land, its way of life, and wildlife habitat. "This would preserve the birds, the unique plants and the scenery that you enjoy today in this area," he said.

Caitlin Frisbie, the WGM project assistant, moved the presentation into an audience survey session. She asked everyone to study the various topographical maps stationed around the room, and then make notes as to

where they would like to see agricultural and wildlife land continue, where low-density and high-density subdivisions should be located and what existing roads could be extended. Frisbie asked everyone to go to the WGM website when they went home to take the online survey as well.

In an interview, Caniglia said he thought the meeting took a step in the right direction, but he was not prepared for the group's sharp concern about water. "I would have changed my presentation by concentrating on their issue had I realized how focused they were on it," he said.

Caniglia reported that 40 people, including 33 from south Broadwater County, had responded to the survey, which is on the Broadwater County commissioners' website. The survey addresses concerns about community planning in Broadwater County. "I really hope people in the community will take the survey, so we have an idea what growth people want in their county," he said.

Caniglia previously worked for 15 years as an urban planner with the cities of Laurel and Red Lodge.

## 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](mailto:envhealth@co.broadwater.mt.us) to submit a letter of interest if you are interested in serving on a Board.

## PLANNING AND MANAGING FOR THE FUTURE IN BROADWATER COUNTY

### Broadwater County



Community Technical Assistance Program Interactive Map and Survey Planning and Managing for the future in Broadwater County.

*Interactive Map*

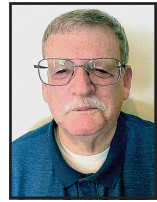
The interactive map is a resource for residents to tell us where they want to see what type of development. <https://wgmgrouppmissoula.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingReporter/index.html?appid=e2e6e720237e4ae89fb419415c1b0b99>

*Survey*

The survey should take about 10 minutes and gives plenty of opportunity for residents to share their vision. <https://forms.office.com/r/vWsuW7ZS2n>

## CONNECTMT LAUNCHES SPEEDSURVEY

Victor Sample



*ConnectMT encourages Montanans to participate in statewide broadband mapping effort.*

Editor Note: The BEAD (Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment) program is providing \$627 million to Montana for implementing high-speed, broadband internet. However, to ensure that internet providers in Broadwater County, get a fair share of that money to improve our internet speed/access, it is important that we participate in the Montana speed survey.

*Please consider taking the time to participate in the Speed Survey.*

The ConnectMT Broadband Office today launched SpeedSurvey, an online speed test to assess the download and upload speeds, latency, and jitter of internet users in Montana.

SpeedSurvey is only available until September 22nd at <https://mtspeedsurvey.com>



*Note from the Broadwater County Commissioners:*

The state is conducting an internet speed test/survey to help identify areas of the state that need access to faster internet. By the BEAD (Broadband, Equity & Access Deployment) standards, if the test says you are receiving less than 25Mbps download, you are considered UNSERVED. If it is less than 100Mbps, you are considered UNDERSERVED. These results will be a major consideration in the funding process.

This is specifically for the state to gather data for its own broadband service map. Making sure the map fabric is accurate and is in the best interest of all residents of the county and assists us in the bid for fiber to the home. We would greatly appreciate everyone performing this test at your home location, regardless of where you live, to give an accurate picture of the internet service in Broadwater. It can also be performed at your place of work if it is in the county. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete. Please share with others who live in Broadwater County. The more tests completed, the better.

*Please visit <https://mtspeedsurvey.com> to take the test and complete the survey.*

## REGULAR WORK DAY FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### MT 43 News Staff

The County Commissioners spent Wednesday, August 23, approving contracts for courthouse equipment along with sheriff's and airport contracts.

Disaster and Emergency Services Supervisor Brittney Willis presented information for purchasing an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for the courthouse. The commissioners approved the purchase from AED Authority company for \$2,966 with a five-year service contract listed at \$215 quarterly. The life-saving equipment will be placed near the Treasurer's windows Willis said. She indicated she would ask if there would be a local service person. Trained personnel to operate the defibrillator in case of emergency would come from the sheriff's office, according to Sheriff Nick Rauser who was present. Payment for the purchase would come from Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds.

Clerk of Court Valerie Hornsveld presented three bids for the purchase of a new copier for her office. **Regular Work Day, 5**

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and the offices of the Victim’s Advocate, the County Attorney and the Municipal Court office. They share the costs of paper. Maintenance and toner for the copier is included in the monthly charge. Hornsveld recommended the bid from Fisher Copiers for \$5,446.67 plus \$30 per month. The commissioners voted to approve her recommendation. The commissioners will assign PILT funds to cover the copier.

Sheriff Rauser presented an updated contract with the City of Townsend to provide law enforcement services to the city. Townsend City Council members approved the contract at their August 15 meeting. The annual contract is for \$355,514. Of the sheriff’s office calls, 26 percent are from in-town calls. He updates the council quarterly on changes or service events covered by his officers. The commissioners approved the 2023-2024 contract.

Rauser indicated his office was still giving tours of the detention center and offices. Commissioner Randolph asked if he had approached the high school about taking high school students through the tour.

In other business, the commission approved the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the City-County Airport. According to Commissioner Darrel Folkvord, Airport Board liaison, the reconstruction plan remains the board’s number one priority. The airport will be closed sometime in 2024, but he said the board would know more when the bid for the project is let. Next would be a wildlife security fence project and new snow removal equipment. The board will begin a runway resealing project in 2029.

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer asked Folkvord if the airport would have enough water for future use. He indicated they may consider another well if payment for drilling can come from a grant.

Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley’s presentation for solid waste changes was postponed.

# BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR 2023/07/12

**Angie Paulsen**  
*Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA  
LOCATION: 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644  
DATE: July 12, 2023

Commissioner Debi Randolph called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord was also present. Public comment: Commissioner Randolph announced that the Department of Revenue will be in The Flynn Building July 19, 2023, 12 PM-3 PM and 4:30 PM-7 PM.

*Public Meeting Notice:*

Broadwater County Public Works Will Be in The Flynn Building on August 7, 2023, 6 PM-8 PM for Public Comment on Proposed Solid Waste Changes. Public Hearing Notice: Rolling Glen Ranch PUD as it relates to the proposed Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision on August 1, 2023, 6 PM-8 PM in the Flynn Building.

10:03 AM Commissioner Folkvord discussed Stahly Engineering, Old Town Bridge Contract. Gallatin and Broadwater received MCEP grants to help with those bridges first bridge to the east and Broadwater will help with the Bridge on the west. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve signing the Stahly Engineering & Associates contract in the amount of \$224,500.00. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:12 AM Broadwater Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield and Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen presented the new proposed Road Abandonment Process. The County will have the ability to charge a fee for the Road Abandonment process and pass a Resolution under section § 7-4-2821, MCA. Hatfield commented that other Counties are charging \$300-\$500 for Road Abandonment Process, if not more. Paulsen commented regarding a new County Surveyor email address surveyor@co.broadwater.mt.us that will be added to the Road Abandonment documents. Commissioner Randolph commented. Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley commented. Commissioner Folkvord recommended waiting on a new statute to solidify the process.

10:34 AM Broadwater County Clerk & Recorder Angie Paulsen presented. Per § 7-4-2112, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners can adopt a seal, which is to be filed by the County Clerk at the offices of the County Clerk and the Secretary of State. Paulsen and Commissioner Folkvord had previous discussions regarding the need for a new County Seal, as there is currently no county seal. The County only has the letterhead and website branding which is the same as the City of Townsend logo, but the county needs an adopted seal to emboss official documents. Roger Flynn is the graphic artist on the project. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve seal number four as Broadwater County’s new seal. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:38 AM Broadwater County Sheriff Captain Mark Wood presented. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve Mobile Mapping Upgrade\_3FOs C7 in the amount of \$45,320.46. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:47 AM Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the Montana Stockgrowers Association MOU in the amount of \$8,014. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the Montana Wool Growers Association MOU in the amount of \$1,256. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:50 AM Commissioner Folkvord moved to sign the 2023 Airport Annual review and adjustment consumer price index to 11.5 cents per square foot/lease rate increase of 4.9%. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:55 AM Broadwater County Weed & Mosquito Coordinator Jessica Bushnell presented the Three Forks Mosquito Board recommendation for Larry Phillis to join the board. The term will end on December 31, 2025. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$271,711.81. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$19,217.51. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve July 5, 2021, Minutes. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve June 28, 2021, Minutes. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve June 21, 2021, Minutes. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve June 14, 2021, Minutes. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Present at the meeting were Nancy Marks with MT43 News, Jenny Schaubert, Bernadette Swanson with Schaubert Surveying, Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley, Broadwater County Weed & Mosquito Coordinator Jessica Bushnell, Steve Kurk and Broadwater County Undersheriff Brandon Harris.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM. The next regular Commission Meeting will be held on July 19, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

Communications Received: Stahly Engineering, Old Town Bridge Contract, Procedure for the Establishment, Alteration, or Abandonment of county Road Right-of-Way, Road aq Abandonment Check List for Staff Review, Petition to Abandon County Road form, Broadwater County Seals 1-4 and Black and White Version, Mobile Mapping Upgrade\_3FOs C7, Montana Stockgrowers Association MOU- \$8,014 Montana Wool Growers Association MOU-\$1256, Larry Phyllis’s letter of interest to continue on the Mosquito Board. DEBRA RANDO, Commissioner Chairwoman

Attest:  
ANGIE PAULSEN, Clerk and Recorder



## AUGUST 25, 2023

**Dee Gannon**  
*MT43 News Correspondent*



The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott’s courtroom on Friday, August 25 is as follows:

Vivian Cooper had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to an amended charge of criminal endangerment. In her elocution, she stated that while in Broadwater County, she was in a heated argument and brandished a knife; which caused a threat of bodily injury to another. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. All conditions still apply. Sentencing is to be on January 26, 2024.

Rodney Wilson had a Status Hearing. Extradition to California is on hold; pending Missoula and Broadwater County’s resolutions to drug charges.

Jeremiah Howe had a Scheduling Hearing. His Jury Trial will commence on February 12, 2024.

Ronald Kruesmark had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to the amended charge of negligent endangerment. Other charges he is pleading guilty to are theft of a vehicle, attempting to evade police, and attempted assault. In his elocution, Kruesmark stated that while in Broadwater County, he shot a 40-caliber pistol out of a vehicle; ignoring the risk to citizens. He then crashed the stolen vehicle. When police located him, he attempted to flee. He also tried to assault officers at the scene. He will be sentenced on October 27. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered.

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023

**Kelsi Anderson**  
*Justice Court Clerk*

#### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Joseph Manhart, Missoula: driving w/o valid dl \$235.00  
Donata Bercier, Belgrade: day speed \$70.00  
Shayna Dellwo, Augusta: day speed \$20.00

Taylor Salonen, Helena: night speed \$70.00  
Morgan Quinn Haddon, Township, NJ: interstate day speed \$70.00

Craig Johnson, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00  
Lisa Hales, Polson: interstate day speed \$40.00  
Mark Earnhardt, Clancy: day speed \$70.00  
Jason Buehring, Billings: day speed \$20.00  
Easton Albert, Missoula: interstate day speed \$70.00  
Grace Ariegwe, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00

#### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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#### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Rhyanne Reid – Butte – Driving without a valid driver’s license, pleaded guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees; fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; night speed, pleaded guilty, \$70.00 fine.

Michael Charlton – WSS – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs - 3rd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but thirty days suspended on conditions, \$2585.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program and monthly monitoring for one year, may only drive a vehicle with functioning interlock.

#### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Donald Eckhardt Jr., Helena: operating a vessel in a restricted area/manner \$85.00

#### BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Ashli Mckinstry – Townsend – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs - 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

Geanine Pratt – Townsend – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

#### BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Jeremy Youngblood, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00  
Gail Wattum, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00  
Leighton Kier, Grand Island, NE: day speed \$20.00  
Victoria Taylor, Greenwell Springs, LA: day speed \$70.00  
Kaylee Stremcha, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00

#### MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Jacob Prevel, Clancy: interstate MC operating without pmt of fees \$85.00

## MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (MDA) ANNOUNCES ANNUAL PESTICIDE WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

**Logan Cruse, Carli Davis**  
*Montana Dept. Of Agriculture*

The Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) is facilitating pesticide disposal events in its Western District (Kalispell, Hamilton, Helena, Three Forks) during the week of September 18th, 2023. Annual pesticide waste collection events have collected close to 780,000 pounds of pesticide waste from over 1,800 participants since the program’s inception in 1994.

“Montana has very limited options to get rid of pesticide products,” said Carli Davis of the MDA’s Pesticide Disposal and Container Recycling Programs. “This program is one way of assuring the waste product is properly disposed of in a manner that is also environmentally friendly.”

The MDA program was designed to assist individuals with disposing of any pesticides that are unusable as originally intended or cannot be used for any other purpose, in an environmentally responsible way. In effect, the Pesticide and Waste Disposal Program protects Montana’s ecosystems and groundwater, as well as families, pets, livestock and drinking water from potentially hazardous materials.

#### 2023 Pesticide Waste Collection Dates and Locations:

- Tuesday, September 19th - Kalispell, MT
- Wednesday, September 20th - Hamilton, MT

**MDA Announces, 5**

- Thursday, September 21st - Helena, MT
- Friday, September 22nd - Three Forks, MT

The pre-registration deadline is September 14th, 2023. Registrations for pesticide waste collection events are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no charge for the first 200 pounds of material; amounts over 200 pounds are assessed at \$1.00 per pound, and products are weighed on-site. Additional fees may apply to pesticides with dioxins or dioxin precursors.

Please visit the Montana Waste Pesticide Disposal Program page or visit <https://agr.mt.gov/Pesticide-Waste-Disposal-Program> to register.

For more information, please visit [agr.mt.gov/Pesticide-Waste-Disposal-Program](http://agr.mt.gov/Pesticide-Waste-Disposal-Program) or contact Carli Davis at (406) 465-0531.

The Montana Department of Agriculture is serving Montana Agriculture and growing prosperity under the Big Sky. For more information on department programs and services, visit [agr.mt.gov](http://agr.mt.gov).

## FWP TO HOLD WOMEN'S WARDEN WORKSHOP

**Fish, Wildlife and Parks**



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Law Enforcement Division will hold its first-ever Women's Warden Workshop on Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Montana WILD in Helena. The workshop is open to anyone 16 years or older who is interested in becoming a warden. Registration is not required.

*The workshop will cover topics including:*

- A day in the life of a warden
- How to become a warden
- Opportunities to meet FWP's female wardens case presentations
- Mock investigations
- Ride-along opportunities

Anyone who is interested in the warden profession but cannot attend the workshop can contact Warden Brooke Shelley at [brjohnson@mt.gov](mailto:brjohnson@mt.gov).

FWP's Law Enforcement Division provides conservation law enforcement services to the people of Montana to help steward and protect Montana's fish, wildlife, parks and outdoor recreation resources. For more information about the division, go to [fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/enforcement](http://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/enforcement).

## SLUG IT OUT WITH SLUGS

**Allison Kosto**  
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Recently, I headed to the garden to harvest potatoes for dinner. I peeled back the black fabric mulch and was greeted by a magnitude of slimy little creatures... Ugh. Slugs. While they didn't appear to be causing any damage to my potatoes, I've spotted them throughout the garden and their presence is alarming. What can be done about these pesky creatures?

Slugs are land-dwelling mollusks. They are more similar to snails, clams and mussels than other garden pests like insects. They are soft-bodied and slimy without any legs. They have two pairs of feelers on their head. They can be difficult to spot in the garden because they primarily feed during the night. However, you may be able to see their signature slimy trail. During the day, they seek shelter in soil cracks and underneath plants and debris. In my case, they were enjoying the shade and extra moisture provided by the mulch.

Slugs overwinter in the soil, burrowing up to six feet deep. They lay their eggs in soil cracks or under debris. Eggs hatch in the spring or early summer. They feed on both living plants and decomposing plant material. They have rasping file-like mouth parts that leave irregular holes in plants. They can also feed directly on fruits and vegetables. In addition to feeding damage, the wounds create the opportunity for fungi and bacteria to enter.

One of the best ways to deter slugs is to create an environment that doesn't appeal to them. They need moisture to survive, so practices that decrease moisture will reduce slug problems. The use of drip irrigation and soaker hoses helps reduce moisture. If you water overhead, do it earlier in the morning to allow time for the garden to dry. Remove any potential shelter for slugs such as surface debris and mulch. Increasing air movement around plants is also helpful. Methods to do this include the use of trellises and increased spacing between plants and rows. You can also select plants that are resistant to slugs.

Baits have been shown to be an effective means to destroy slugs. Slugs are attracted to fermenting materials.

Traps can be created using beer, yeast water or sugar-water to trap and drown slugs. Traps should be at or below the soil surface to be most effective. Traps only have a range of a few feet and should be replaced frequently. Traps can also be created from boards or moistened newspapers. Check daily and kill any slugs.

The use of repellents and barriers is another common method. Because of their soft bodies, slugs avoid traveling over acid, alkali or abrasive materials. Diatomaceous earth can be an effective deterrent. Certain metals including copper are toxic to slugs, so using copper foil can deter slugs around raised beds or greenhouses. Copper products such as copper sulfate can also be used as a pesticide.

For chemical control, slugs are not susceptible to insecticides so molluscicides should be used. The most common product is metaldehyde. It is sold as a granular bait (i.e. Bug-Geta) or a paste or gel (i.e. Deadline). Metaldehyde works by dehydrating slugs. However, slugs can recover if moisture levels are high. It is safe to use around flowers and ornamental plants but is not labeled to use near fruits and vegetables. Additionally, dogs are attracted to metaldehyde which can be toxic to them.

Another chemical option is iron phosphate. Trade names include Sluggo and Slug Magic. Research has shown it has similar effectiveness to metaldehyde and is not toxic to dogs. They can also be used around edible crops. Ammonia sprays can also be used but must be applied directly to slugs. While salt is toxic to slugs, it should not be used around plants as a method of control. Excess salt can be damaging to plants.

For assistance identifying garden pests or control recommendations, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or [allison.kosto@montana.edu](mailto:allison.kosto@montana.edu). As for the slugs in my garden, I haven't started slugging yet. My use of mulch for weed control will make this difficult and, for now, their damage is minimal. I may just cringe when I see them and attempt to live in harmony.

## AMERICA'S TEAM BAKED RUFFED GROUSE

**Eileen Clarke**  
*Rifles and Recipes*

All over our country, this is the recipe that repeats itself more often than any other. Each region puts its mark on the recipe, but the reason it's popular doesn't change. It's easy, basic, quick and delicious. Plus, it's a beautifully festive dish you could easily serve at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Dawn Scofield says she makes it with Dorothy Lynch's home-style dressing, from Bob's Thriftway.

I enjoyed this variation in the upper peninsula in Michigan where my husband and I hunted grouse and woodcock while I collected birds for my upland bird cookbook, Upland Game Bird Cookery. We put 12,000 miles on our truck hunting prairie chickens in Nebraska, quail in Arizona, chukar and more quail in Idaho, woodcock and ruffed grouse in the UP, and turkeys in New York and Alabama. Not to mention a third turkey plus a bunch of pheasant, Hungarian partridge, doves, and sharptailed and sage grouse all over Montana.

In UP Michigan the recipe was twice as big, calling for 8 or 9 birds, but we hunted with 5 other folks there, and that was a good ruffed year in UP. In Montana, you could easily cook ruffed with Franklins (fools grouse) or switch to the bigger blues, just don't mix the smaller birds with the bigger ones or you may end up with some undercooked and some overcooked birds.

BTW: Has anyone, ever, seen someone use Lipton onion soup mix for soup?

*Ingredients- Serves 3-5*

- 1 can whole berry cranberry sauce (16 ounces)
- 1 bottle Catalina dressing (8 ounces)
- 1 pouch Lipton's Onion Soup mix
- 4-5 whole ruffed grouse, plucked or skinned
- 1 ounce unsalted pecans, chopped

*Cooking*

1. Preheat the oven to 350F. In a covered roasting pan just large enough for all the birds to fit cheek to cheek, mix together the cranberry sauce, dressing and soup mix. (Heat the cranberry sauce in the microwave a bit to liquefy it, if you want.) Save the pecans for later.

2. Place the grouse breast up in the roasting pan, and ladle the sauce over them. Cover and place in the center of the preheated oven. Roast for about 40 minutes, basting with the sauce three or four times during the cooking.

3. Lift the grouse from the roaster and arrange on a heated serving dish. Pour the sauce of the grouse, sprinkle with the chopped pecans and serve immediately over rice.

*Find Eileen Clarke's Upland Game Bird Cookery book at [www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273](http://www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273). Hardcover, 97 recipes from doves to turkeys, quick-fried to slow-cooked to grilled to sausage.*

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## BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA SEPT 6

**Melinda Banks**  
*Administrative Assistant*

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED IN RECOGNITION OF LABOR DAY

*Wednesday, September 6, 2023*

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

**10:05 AM** Discussion/Decision, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer, Amendment to Budget Resolution

**10:10 AM** Discussion/Decision, Melissa Franks, County Treasurer and County Superintendent of Schools, and Susie Hedalen, Townsend Public School Superintendent, FY 2023-2024 Annual School Budget Report and 2022-2023 Trustee Report

**10:20 AM** Discussion/Decision, Ascent Auction Services Contract

**10:25 AM** Discussion/Decision, Resolution Establishing a Process for Acquisition, Sale, Transfer, Lease and Management of County Real Property

**10:30 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Rolling Glen Ranch Master Plan and Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor regarding whether the Minor is a phase of the Master Plan.

**10:40 AM** Discussion/Decision, Community Development & Planning Director, Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision (Township-2N, Range-1East, Section 6) request for Preliminary Plat Approval.

*Thursday, September 7, 2023*

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

**11:00 AM** Working Meeting, Stahley Engineering for design updates and status of Old Town Bridges

*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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Darrel Folkvord, Vice Chairman  
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Lindsey Richtmyer  
(406) 266-9271 or (406) 521-0834

E-mail: [commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us)  
Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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

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

- Trust Board on Sept. 12, 2023 at 11:30AM
- BC Planning Board on Sept. 12, 2023 at 1:00PM
- LAC Board on Sept. 13, 2023 at 2PM
- Board of Health on Sept. 18, 2023 at 2PM
- Parks & Rec on Sept. 18, 2023 at 6PM
- Three Forks Mosquito on Sept. 19, 2023 at 3:30PM
- Townsend Mosquito on Sept. 19, 2023@ 4PM
- BC Noxious Weed on Sept. 19, 2023 at 7PM
- BC Airport on Sept. 20, 2023 at 6PM
- BC LEPC on Sept. 21, 2023 at 1PM
- Broadband on Sept. 28, 2023 at 4PM

# OBITUARY

## JANICE LEE GIFFIN

### Janice Lee Giffin Family

On the evening of August 22, 2023, Janice Lee Giffin passed away at home surrounded by her immediate family. Janice was 88 years old.

Janice was born on January 5, 1935, in Boise, Idaho to Myron Murphy Ray and Alice Margurite Potter.

She grew up in logging camps, moving frequently, yet always had fond memories of playing in the woods.

Janice left home early and married young, a marriage which gave her three children: Gary, Donald and baby David. The marriage was abandoned, and she was left alone with the boys.

She then met Donald Eugene Giffin and they married in 1958 and had a son Ronald Giffin.

Janice, Donald and the boys lived in Oregon, Idaho and Washington, moving frequently for Donald's work.

Janice enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing and spending time in the great outdoors with Don and her boys. They enjoyed spending time with Don's Sister Patsy and her 7 children, who were all loved greatly by their Aunt Janice.

Janice's husband and three sons Gary, Donald and David all predeceased her. After Donald's passing, she moved in with her son Ronald Giffin and his wife Shauna. She spent several years in Washington and Montana with them. Her son, Ronald, and his wife, Shauna, survived her, along with her recently reunited brother, David Ray, and his wife, Linda. She is also survived by her grandchildren Chayse Roberts, Levi Giffin, Monica Sykora and Vicki Lamb and several great-grandbabies.

Janice enjoyed gardening, and sewing beautiful quilts and loved her dogs as she called them her "babies." She enjoyed feeding and watching the birds whenever she could. Janice attended the United Methodist Church in Clancy Montana as long as she could and cherished her faith and friendships there. She was an avid card player and loved her weekly card games with her close family friends Valerie and KP Palmer and Rick and Jannice Odermann.

Janice was a frequent donor to the local humane society, and food share programs and had compassion for any person in need.

We would like to extend a special Thank you to Compassus Hospice Group for helping Janice to complete her journey to pass at home. Thank you for your loving support and care for our family.

Please visit [www.stevensonwilke.com](http://www.stevensonwilke.com) to offer condolence to the family or to share a favorite memory of Janice.



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### BOOK REVIEW: I, MONA LISA

Rachael Elliott-Brug

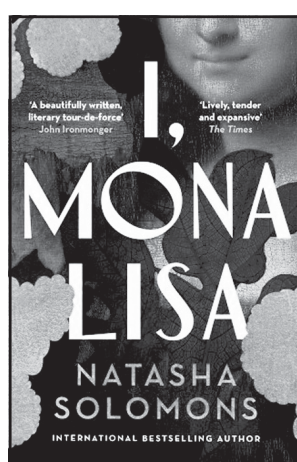


I, Mona Lisa

by Natasha Solomons

Imagine seeing history through the eyes and perspective of a 500-year-old painting. In her new novel, Natasha Solomons gives the Mona Lisa the power of sentience, casting her as the fanciful narrator of her own story. Solomons' prose is lyrical and her detail immense. History is painstakingly researched and retold from the perspective of an eternal watcher with little to no influence over the events that occur. This novel may truly change the way you look at the Mona Lisa and other historic masterpieces. They may whisper as you walk the halls.

"Listen to my history. My adventures are worth hearing. I have lived many lifetimes and been loved by emperors, kings and thieves. I have survived kidnap and assault. Revolution and two world wars. But this is also a love story. And the story of what we will do for those we love."



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I, Mona Lisa is a wonderfully written story of art, but also of obsession, friendship and love. Mona Lisa's story begins before Leonardo even finishes painting her. She recounts days in the studio with Leonardo and his apprentices, her distaste for the woman from whom her likeness was copied, and much more. Weaving through the years, she takes us from the dazzling world of Florentine studios to the French courts at Fontainebleau and Versailles, and into the Twentieth Century. The audiobook narrator, Amelia Donkor, was perfectly cast, like listening to a close friend tell you her story. Extraordinarily inventive, beautifully written, a delicious historical and artistic feast of a novel.

## TECH TALK

### TECH TALK: SCARY, SCARIER AND JUST PLAIN FRIGHTENING

Vic Sample



I have seen several articles lately that are just worrisome.

Zoom recently announced a new Terms Of Service with a clause that seems to grant them the right to your data (voice, video and messaging) to train their Artificial Intelligence model. After a firestorm of bad press, Zoom has released a revised version of the Terms of Service stating that the company does "not use customer audio, video or chat content without customer consent". It's hard to tell if the original version was just poorly written and gave the wrong impression or if Zoom changed its Terms Of Service due to the public backlash it received.

There are reports that Microsoft is planning to release a version of their Edge (the Microsoft web browser) that will take a screenshot of EVERY page you visit using Edge. The stated reason is so that you can revisit those sites even when you are offline. Microsoft did say they would not upload those screenshots to their databases. HMMM? Maybe – Maybe not.

And finally, researchers have found a way to train software to recognize what you are typing on your keyboard by the sounds the keys make. This spyware can exist on any device that has a microphone (your pc, notebook or phone) and listen to what you are typing.

While it is a frightening thought that any device in your house with a microphone could be listening and stealing your information, it's unlikely to be a concern right now. The researchers used Zoom to record typing and trained it to recognize the individual keys on the pc keyboard being used. Not only would threat actors have to install the spyware on your device, they would have to train the spyware to recognize your keyboard keys.

It is one thing to do that training in a research lab; but a whole different thing to do it in the real world.

BUT, I remember when voice recognition was in its infancy. I visited a company that was working on developing voice recognition. The amount of "training" on a listening device to recognize one individual's voice was daunting.

Now, voice recognition works straight out of the box without any training. Pam likes to use voice-to-text when texting from her phone. If I happen to be speaking it picks up both voices and merges everything together – generally into an unintelligible message – but it does do a good job of interpreting both voices at the same time.

Someday, someone may find a way to easily tell what you are typing without having to train the software. It's not unimaginable!

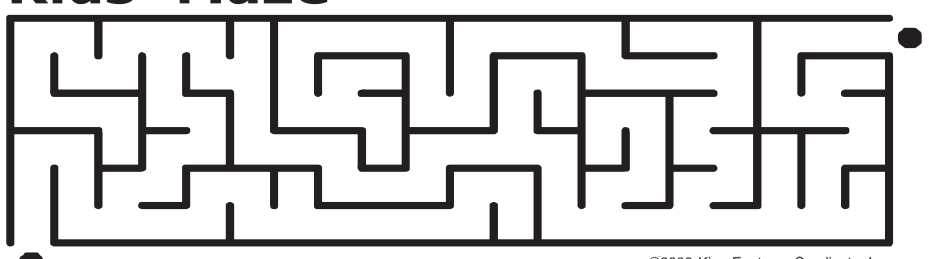
Always, Always, Always beware out there!

## Super Crossword

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## MILK-AND-HONEY POOCHES

## Kids' Maze



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by Linda Thistle

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## EMBRACING INTEGRITY

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



In a world filled with challenges and temptations, one virtue is a light of courage, strength, and moral fortitude – integrity. Integrity isn't just a word; it's a way of life, a lantern guiding us toward genuine success and fulfillment. In a society where shortcuts and compromises may seem enticing, embracing integrity can lead us down a path that paves the way for a life of authenticity.

Integrity is often used as a business name and blueprint for many corporations. However, those who cultivate integrity understand that true success isn't measured solely by external achievements but by the internal satisfaction of staying true to oneself.

Integrity is not a quality that can be switched on or off; it's a consistent behavior pattern reflecting an individual's core beliefs. When you possess integrity, your words and actions are congruent, and others can trust that what you say is what you'll do. This trust becomes a valuable asset in personal and professional relationships, fostering deeper connections built on mutual respect and reliability.

Last week, as I was checking in for my commuting flight, I was notified that one of the flight attendants who was scheduled to work the flight had a medical issue and was removed from the trip. What that meant for the many passengers waiting to board was either a very lengthy delay or a cancelation. When I heard of the situation, I told the gate agent I was able and willing to work. I looked at the passengers as they were patiently waiting to hear if their flight would be leaving, and at that moment, I knew I had to do the right thing and offer to help.

It took almost forty minutes to get approved to work the flight, but the gratitude that the passengers and agents experienced outweighed any inconvenience. When we value others, we understand that it is not about oneself.

Sometimes, embracing integrity means taking the longer route, but it's a path that ultimately leads to sustainable success. Consider the tale of two individuals: one who chooses to compromise their values for immediate rewards and another who upholds their principles despite facing challenges. While the former might achieve rapid progress, it's the latter who, over time, will build a reputation for honesty, reliability, and moral strength – qualities that lay the foundation for lasting success.

Integrity isn't just about personal gain; it's also about contributing positively to society. When individuals act with integrity, they become role models, inspiring others to follow suit. Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and countless other luminaries didn't just change the world through their actions; they transformed it through their unwavering commitment to their values. By living with integrity, we become lanterns of light, guiding those around us toward a higher standard of behavior and accountability.

Integrity is intertwined with resilience. When faced with adversity, people of integrity stand firm, using their morals and values as a shield against the storms of life. They understand that setbacks are temporary, but the strength gained from navigating challenges with integrity is enduring. This resilience is a testament to staying true to oneself, regardless of external circumstances.

It's worth noting that the journey toward integrity can be challenging. Temptations, peer pressure, and the allure of instant rewards can test even the strongest resolve. However, during these testing moments, our integrity commitment shines brightest. These moments define us, shaping our character and building the foundation for our legacy.

A flight attendant friend shared that she had received an award for speaking up about safety. She knew the aircraft could be compromised during a flight due to a winter storm and heavy snow accumulation. In her heart and years of training, she knew speaking up was the right thing to do. Her internal compass of integrity did not allow her to shrink back - she stayed true to herself.

Can you imagine a society where honesty and accountability are the norm, where people are valued not only for their accomplishments but also for the strength of their character?

Embracing integrity empowers us to face challenges with steadfast resilience, and in doing so, we become rays of light in a world that can sometimes feel morally dim. I challenge you to embark on this journey of integrity, for in doing so, we discover our true potential and inspire others to walk the path of honor and authenticity.

"Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching," ~C.S. Lewis

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**Elkhorn Community Fellowship**, 126 N Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Eric Crusch, (406) 949-0183.

**Faith Baptist Church**, 5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend. Services: Sunday, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Service, 11:00 a.m. Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Mike Wenzel, (406) 266-4219.

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**, 101 S. Walnut St. Townsend. Sunday Mass at 4:30pm Weekdays. Monday Mass at 9am and Adoration at 9:30am, Tuesday Mass at 9am. Reconciliation Sunday 3:30-4:15 p.m. or by appt. Rel. Ed. classes (during school year): All grades on Sunday after Mass with dinner at 5:30 and programming beginning at 6 pm. For Adult Education programs, see the website: [holycrossmt.org](http://holycrossmt.org). Parish contact info: phone: (406) 266-4811 or email: [office@holycrossmt.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

## TOWNSEND GETS NEW U-HAUL DEALER AT TOP GUN AUTOBODY

**Eliza McLaughlin**  
 MT43 News Correspondent



**U-HAUL** U-Haul Co. of Montana is pleased to announce that Top Gun Autobody signed on as a U-Haul® neighborhood dealer to serve the Townsend community.

Top Gun Autobody at 7675 U.S. 287 will offer essential services like U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, support rental items, pre-tow inspection and in-store pickup for boxes.

Normal business hours are 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Reserve U-Haul products at this dealer location by calling (406) 266-3110 or visiting <https://www.uhaul.com/Locations/Truck-Rentals-near-Townsend-MT-59644/037048/> today.



<b>SR. CENTER MEALS:</b>	Cheese and Sour Cream
<b>SEPT 4 - SEPT 8</b>	Lettuce and Tomato Mexican Corn and Beans
<b>516 2nd Street, Townsend MT</b>	Baked Apples
<b>Monday, September 4</b>	
<b>Closed For Labor Day</b>	<b>Friday, September 8</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 5</b>	Deli Sandwich
Polish Sausage	Potato Salad
Sauerkraut	Pickled Beets
Steamed Potatoes	Fruit Cocktail
California Vegetables	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.
Whole Grain Roll	
Zesty Pineapple	
<b>Wednesday, September 6</b>	
Carol's Meat Loaf	
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	
Garden Salad	
Whole Grain Bread	
Plump Peaches	
<b>Thursday, September 7</b>	
Beef Tacos	

Top Gun Autobody owner Ted Culbertson is proud to team with the industry leader in do-it-yourself moving and self-storage to better meet the demands of Broadwater County.

U-Haul has teamed with independent dealers to offer rental equipment to do-it-yourself movers since 1945. During these challenging times for small businesses, more than 21,000 dealers across the U.S. and Canada are generating supplemental income through their U-Haul affiliation. When customers rent from a U-Haul dealer, they are directly supporting an independent small business in their community.

The local affiliates are not U-Haul franchises as there are no financial investments required to be a neighborhood dealer. These small businesses have committed a portion of their lot space for U-Haul equipment, and a portion of their time to help meet the mobility needs of their neighbors. Learn more about the dealer program and how to join by visiting [uhaul.com/dealer](http://uhaul.com/dealer).

U-Haul Truck Share 24/7® allows customers to create an online account and pick up their truck at any hour using only their smartphone with a photo feature and GPS. Trained Live Verify agents support customers online, enabling them to skip the lines and go straight to their trucks.

### About U-HAUL

Founded in 1945, U-Haul is the No. 1 choice of do-it-yourself movers with more than 23,000 rental locations across all 50 states and 10 Canadian provinces. The enhanced U-Haul app makes it easier for customers to use U-Haul Truck Share 24/7 to access trucks anytime through the self-dispatch and self-return options on their smartphones with our patented Live Verify technology. Our customers' patronage has enabled the U-Haul fleet to grow to 192,200 trucks, 138,500 trailers and 44,500 towing devices. U-Haul is the third largest self-storage operator in North America with 949,000 rentable units and 81.2 million square feet of self-storage space at owned and managed facilities. U-Haul is the top retailer of propane in the U.S. and the largest installer of permanent trailer hitches in the automotive aftermarket industry. We were recently named one of America's Best Large Employers (Forbes, 2023); a Best for Vets Employer (Military Times, 2022); and one of the Healthiest Workplaces in America (Healthiest Employers, 2022). Find careers at [uhauljobs.com](http://uhauljobs.com). Get the U-Haul app from the App Store or Google Play.

**The Garden Bug**

**Roses**

These plants are said to be around 35 million years old. They have a very long history as both a symbol for love and beauty and for politics and war. Cultivation of roses began some 5,000 years ago, probably in China. During the Roman period, they were used as confetti at celebrations, for medicinal purposes, and as a source of perfume. The nobility established large public rose gardens in Rome. - Brenda Weaver

Source: [urbanext.illinois.edu/roses/history](http://urbanext.illinois.edu/roses/history)

Detail of woodblock print by Kono Bairei, 1913

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**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

*So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.*

LUKE 15:20

Detail of "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Rembrandt (1620-1669)

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"Always stick to what you believe they want you to say!"

## A+ Storage

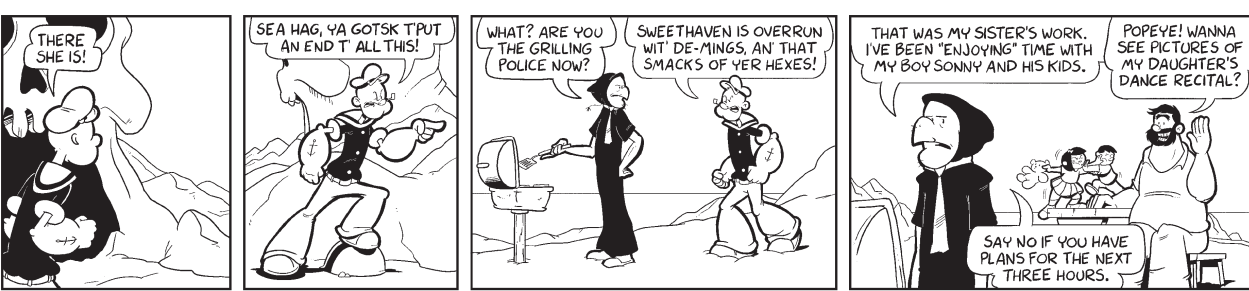
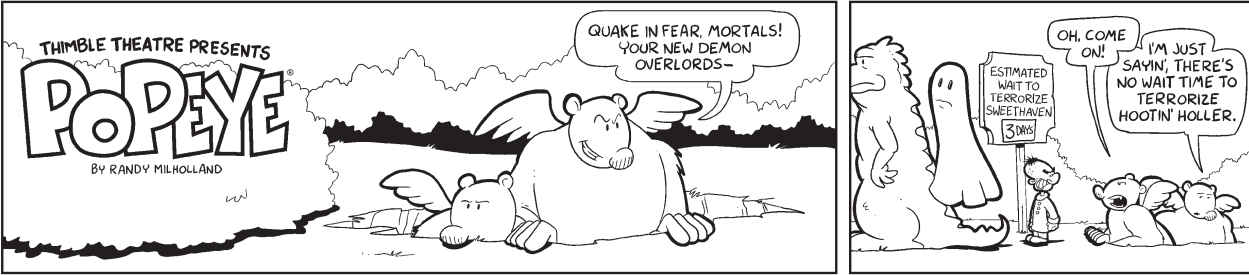
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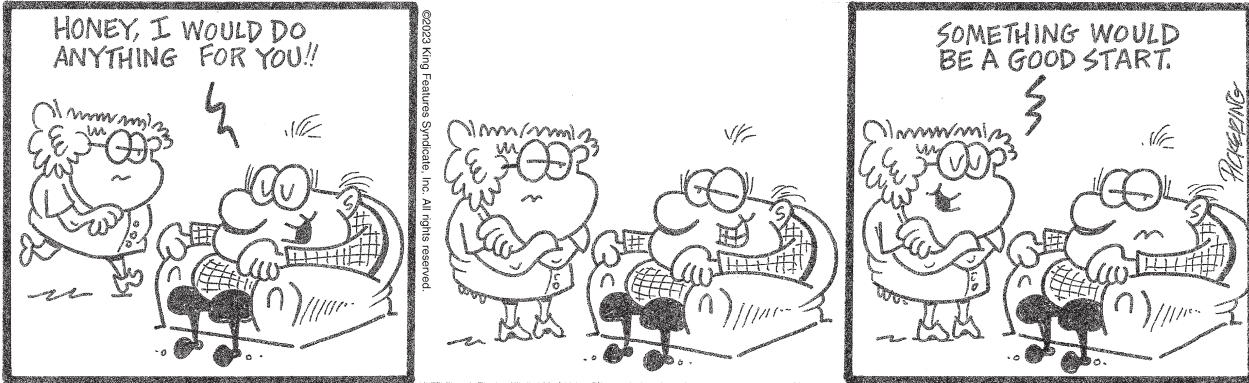
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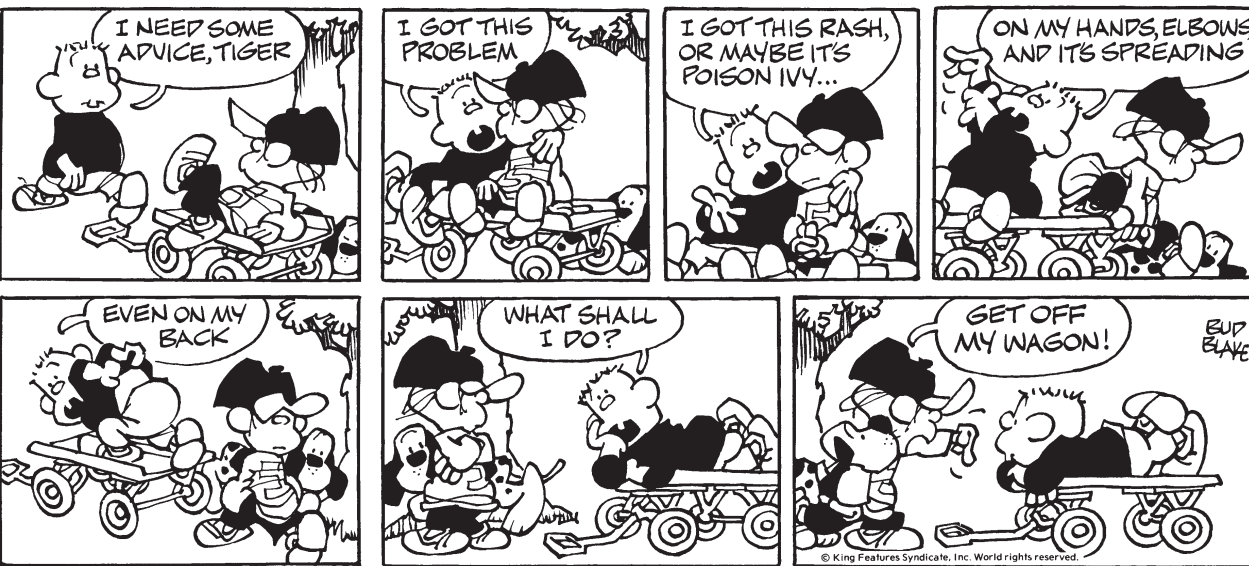
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# TAKE YOUR FIRST PARACHUTE JUMP AT TOWNSEND AIRPORT

Matt Nelson

When you have seen people parachuting have you ever wanted to jump with them? It looks exhilarating and scary at the same time. What an adrenaline rush that must be! Coming here at the Townsend Airport you can have your chance beginning Thursday, September 7th until Sunday, September 10th for beginners who would be flying in tandem with an instructor, and again on the following week from September 14th until Sunday, September 17th. Experienced jumpers are also invited to participate on the second weekend as well.

Although DZONE@Skydiving is listed as being in Bozeman, their actual operations are at the Three Forks Airport. The company also has another base in Boise, Idaho. They will be coming to Townsend on the dates listed above since the runways at that airport will be getting repaved. Their operations will be out of the hangar owned by Wade Litton, located at the South end of the airport, facing the runway.



1st time jumper Megan Boston  
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1st time jumper is this elderly lady.  
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with minimal expectations from the student.

You are physically attached to your instructor and your parachute at 4 points by a harness and connectors built to FAA TSO specifications. Because of the tandem harness setup, you will need only a brief amount of training before making your first skydive.

Just like learning to drive a car, or fly an airplane, dual instruction (tandem) is the best way to experience your first skydive, being able to communicate with your instructor during your experience."

Owner Abbie Mashaal and his 8 other well-qualified staff members are very excited about their jumping operations. Look at the bios of these guys: Ty Matthews is part of the ground crew and is also a video editor. Sam Schultz, Ellis Ulery, and Connor McQuillan are pilots of the company's two Cessna 182 airplanes, Eric Skroch and Michael Missroon are instructors, and Mathew Bartlett is a former Special Forces soldier and jumper. Kyle Jones is a professional parachute packer. The rest of the crew are also very experienced parachute packers as well.

This past Sunday I talked to three people right after they landed after making their first jumps, and their wide grins said it all. Fantastic, Wonderful, and Very Exciting were some of the words they said. Although I didn't have a chance to talk to one lady who is probably in her 50s or 60s, she had the same wide grin.

Give DZONE® Bozeman a call at (406) 586-JUMP [5867] to arrange your first parachute jump here in Townsend.

# ROTARY FALL FEST SEPTEMBER 29- OCTOBER 1

Pat Plantenberg  
Townsend Rotarian



The Rotary Club of Townsend's Fall Fest is one of the last free music festivals in Montana. Generous sponsors pay for all Fall Fest entertainment and keep the cost of Rotary food reasonable!

Why does Rotary organize Fall Fest? Rotary organizes Fall Fest, the group's only fundraiser, to raise money for its community projects! Check out the list of Rotary Projects in this edition of the MT 43 News showing how the Rotary Club spends the money made at Fall Fest.

Rotary thanks you for your support of Fall Fest and other projects. The Rotary Club needs a lot of help to pull Fall Fest off every year. Help Rotary's Fall Fest 2023 by volunteering - contact Jeff Langlais at jlangl@ yahoo.com. Interested in being a sponsor or donating to Rotary's Projects? Go to www.townsendfallfest.com and click on "Donate" or "Sponsor Sign-Up" or call/ email Patrick Plantenberg at (431-4615 / m2andp2@ mt.net).

**The Rotary Fun Club of Townsend**  
*Doing Good in the Community and the World*

### About Rotary

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

Quoting from their website (<https://dzoneskydiving.com/montana-bozeman/>),

"First-time jumpers are especially welcome since we offer tandem skydiving that you can enjoy with minimal preparation and training. Here's what you should know about outdoor skydiving:

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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

XG QAM XFJRZBRS H NXPP

SRDXLBXFJ HNR PXFLAPF, OCHB

OAMPS BCHB DIAUXSR QAM OXBC?

SXRBHIQ GXURI.

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## KNIGHT MOVES

T	C	Y
R		N
E	L	E

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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"We'll try \_\_\_\_\_ treatment — bring in his bill!"

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

Tight  
**SCOLE**

Creep  
**ASKEN**

Ballast  
**RANCHO**

Fasten  
**RECUSE**

**TODAY'S WORD**

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**Other Rotary Projects**

**Youth Projects**

Broadwater County High School (BCHS) Scholarships 2021-2023  
 Annual BCHS Speech and Drama Showcase 2021-2023  
 Swimming Pool Lifeguard Training 2021-2023  
 Bike Safety Rodeo 2021-2023  
 Help Landscape Skatepark 2023  
 Circus at Fairgrounds 2021  
 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Campers 2021-2023  
 BCHS Awards for Graduation 2021-2023  
 Girls/Boys State Student Scholarships 2021-2023  
 Dictionaries for 3rd Graders 2021-2023  
 Graduation Cleanup Day at Townsend Schools 2021-2023  
 Barb Kirscher Memorial Education Scholarship 2021-2023  
 BCHS Freshman Class Team Building & Leadership Training 2021-2023  
 Fund Interact Club Budget 2021-2023  
 Fund Interact Club Projects 2021-2023  
 Provide Grant to Imagination Library 2022-2023  
 Provide Grant to Broadwater Community Theater 2023  
 Provide Grant to BCHS Drama Club 2022-2023  
 Provide Grant to STOKE (Science, Technology, Outdoor Knowledge, and Entrepreneurship) 2023

Fall Fest 2021-2023  
 Food Pantry Remodel (with Amish Community) and New Cooler 2021  
 Food Pantry \$1,000 Matching Grant 2021-2023  
 Provide Grant to Broadwater Rodeo Club 2021-2023  
 Broadwater Community Connections Co-coordinator 2021  
 Organize Slice of Summer Celebrations 2021-2023  
 Help Townsend Recreation Activity Center Cleanup, Paint, and Fundraiser 2021  
 Sponsor Holiday Lighting Contest 2021-2023  
 Adopt-a-Family(s) Holiday Grants 2021-2023  
 Christmas Forest Display on Wheat Montana Lot 2021-2023  
 Help Tree Board put up Holiday Lights in Business District Trees 2021-2023  
 Help at Christmas Connection 2021-2023  
 Ag Appreciation Dinner Sponsor 2021-2023  
 Annual MVM County Yard Sale Sponsor 2021  
 Pass-the-Hat Fundraisers for Needy Causes 2021-2023  
 Highway Cleanup with Interact 2021-2023  
 Social Services Committee Cowpie Bingo Sponsor 2021-2023  
 Rodeo Ticket Sales 2021-2023  
 Remembrances for Deceased Members 2021  
 Electrical System Upgrades in Heritage Fun Park 2021  
 Loan Sandwich Boards for Community Event Advertising 2021-2023  
 Loan Tables, Chairs, Other Supplies for Community Events 2021-2023  
 Advertise Community Events on Website and Facebook 2021-2023  
 Montana Rotary District 5390 Member Training 2021-2023  
 Rotary International Zone Member Training 2022-2023  
 Member is Asst. District Governor of Montana Rotary District 5390 2022-2023  
 Leadership Training at President Elect Training Seminars (PETS) 2021-2023  
 Member Contributions to Rotary Foundation 2021-2023  
 Member Contributions to Polio Eradication 2021-2023  
 Two Members on Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Committee 2023  
 Training at International Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Assembly 2022-2023  
 Support La Vega, Guatemala Water Project 2021

**Senior Projects**

Monthly Bingo at Nursing Home and Silver Springs Assisted Living 2023  
 Co-Sponsor Senior Holiday Dinner and Light Tour with Lions 2021-2023  
 Visit Residents at Nursing Home for Halloween 2021-2023  
 Supplies for Senior Citizen Art Classes 2021

**Interact Club Projects**

Conduct BCHS Freshman Team Building & Leadership Training 2021-2023  
 Help with Slice of Summer 2021-2023  
 Help at Fall Fest to Raise Funds for Interact Budget 2021-2023  
 International Project: Student Service Trip to Costa Rica (upcoming in 2024)  
 Help with Freshman Orientation at BCHS 2021-23  
 Help Paint Room at Proposed Townsend Recreation Activity Center 2021  
 Help at Townsend Recreation Activity Center Fundraiser 2021  
 Funded Hygiene Improvement Project (HIP) Tippy-Tap Project in Guatemala 2021



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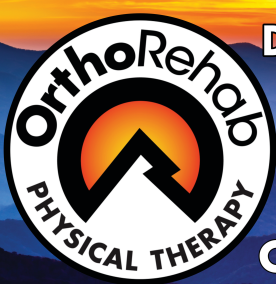
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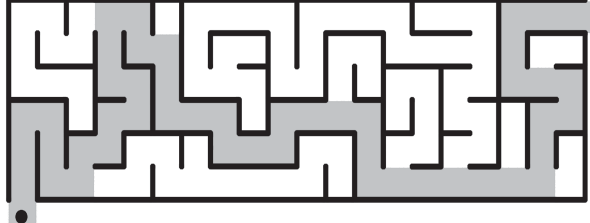
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**Kids' Maze Solution**



**CryptoQuip**  
 answer

When you drive on a certain Caribbean island and your car conks out, would you have a Nevis breakdown?

**SCRAMBLERS**  
 solution  
 1. Close 2. Sneak;  
 3. Anchor; 4. Secure  
 Today's Word  
**SHOCK**

**KNIGHT MOVES**  
 Answer

I	C	R
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DIRECTOR

**Word Spiral**  
 Answer  
**RANSACKED**

**Super Crossword**  
 Answers

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
 Answer

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

# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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## AUGUST 31

1939

### Local Briefs

Miss Wilma Houston, who has been working on the R.R. Kimpton Ranch is home to get ready for the opening of school.

Joseph J. Davey arrived here the latter part of the week from Spokane and is enjoying a vacation with his wife and family before they all return to Spokane and their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hooks presided over a cabin party at their summer home on Deep Creek Sunday evening, thirty-five guests enjoyed a buffet supper under the trees in the garden across the creek from the cabin. For entertainment a horse-shoe tournament out of doors and bridge and other card games indoors were provided. Mr. and Mrs. Hooks will close their cabin for the summer this week.

Pat Hooks spent the weekend in Willow Creek visiting his grandmamma, Mrs. Wm. Carpenter, and his aunt, Rena Thompson.

Mrs. Al Dance and daughter, Katherine, and Ms. Elmer Boeh returned home the latter part of the week after having enjoyed a vacation trip to the San Francisco fair.

1950

### Townsend News

John Schwisow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schwisow, was five years old Saturday and to celebrate the occasion was host to a group of his young friends at an afternoon party from 2 to 5 o'clock. A peanut hunt and various other games were enjoyed after which refreshments were served. A circus motif was used, the table centered with a large clown, from which paper streamers were run to each place setting, at the end of which were balloons and paper hats individually monogrammed with the guests' names. The cake with five lighted candles, was decorated as a "big top" with animal candle holders. Guests were Joanne Duffy, Davey Kearns, Carol Engler, Gloria Fryhling, Kenny Sears, Bert Tarrant, Paul, Richard and Linda Schwisow.

On August 22 Phyllis Neild was seven years old and to celebrate the occasion her mother, Mrs. Ed Neild served cake and ice cream with decorations in pink and white to the following school mates: Laura Jean Maynard, Beth Thompson, Sally McClure, Donna Merritt, Martha Marks and Wendy Williams together with Phyllis' sisters as guests. On Monday, the 28th, Edwina Neild was four years

old. Her guests were Carol Antonetti, Laura Plymale, Michael Plymale, Beverly Merritt, Dennis Merritt, John Marks and Edwina's sisters, Barbara, Marcia and Phyllis. The same refreshments were served and the same favors were used for Edwina's party as was used for Phyllis'. The setting for each occasion was the spacious lawn.

1961

### County Delegates Show up Well at 4-H Congress

Four members of the Broadwater County 4-H Clubs represented the county at the 4-H Club Congress in Bozeman last week. Members were Elaine Sandon, Kathleen Iverson, Jim Webb and John Marks.

Each member participated in various activities at Congress, as well as competing in the judging and demonstration contests. In the competition the following ribbons were won: Kathy Iverson, blue demonstrations; Elaine Sandon, blue in demonstrations, white in livestock judging; Jim Webb, blue in demonstrations, red in livestock judging; John Marks, red in demonstrations and red in livestock judging.

Kathy Iverson also won this county's delegate in junior leadership, taking part in the activities designed to help them to be better leaders in their clubs and communities.

Jim Webb acted as master of ceremonies at the main banquet. He did a splendid job. He stated after the banquet, that this was one of the outstanding events in his life up to this point. By having this honor, Jim met many important people that most of us only hear and read about in the paper.

Each of the members have expressed gratitude to their sponsors, the Broadwater County Farm Bureau, State Bank of Townsend and Teslow, Inc.

Mrs. Earl Webb was chaperone for the girls and Wayne Gibson for the boys. Mrs. Webb served on the evaluation committee which is sometimes called "the eyes and ears of 4-H Congress". This committee has the responsibility of seeing that future Congresses are improved by correcting the mistakes and weaknesses which occur at the Congress.

We are proud of our delegates and would like to invite any group, whether it is 4-H or not, to have these members speak at one of their meetings.

1967

### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tidyman and three children of Sacramento, Calif., were overnight guests last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson. Mr. Tidyman is a nephew of Mr. Carson. Mrs. Tidyman is a niece of Mrs. Paul Green, whom they also visited.

Mrs. J. Clifford Wallace of Stevensville and her daughter and grandson, Mrs. Kenny Roberts and son, David, of Missoula were weekend visitors with Mrs. Mary Thompson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Watterson and children were weekend visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson in Bozeman.

Miss Candy Davis of Coeur d'Alene is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hank Walker and family.

Mrs. Virgil Karhoff, son, Russell and Don Cazier flew to Denver last week. Russell, student pilot, flew the plane with his instructor, Mr. Cazier. They visited Mrs. Gary Gibson and family in Granby Colo. Mrs. Gibson is the former Mona Karhoff.

1978

### Boulder Bar Cemetery Receives Lift

Work and pleasure were combined on August 28 when five members of the historical Society Board and their wives or husbands met to work at the Boulder Bar Cemetery. Sounds of chain saws and hammers broke the quiet of the timbered bar as the fence around the cemetery was repaired, a gate constructed and a large wind fallen tree was removed. A sign routed out by Jess Campbell was mounted at the entry to recognize the final resting place as Boulder Bar Cemetery".

At work were Laird and Eva Plymale, Jess and Rose Campbell, Earl and Pauline Webb, DeVon and Barbara Domer, and Frank and Rose Flynn. They had been joined for potluck at Flynn's place on Clear Creek by Grace Hollaway and Hale Snyder.

The Boulder Bar or Graveyard Bar Cemetery, now on private property, served Diamond City and Confederate Gulch in the heyday of gold mining. It was used first in 1866 and as recently as 1905. A scholarly miner, Chauncey Wood, often "read words" from the Bible over the deceased. Chauncey and, before him, Gov. W.H. Vance, kept a record of the people buried on the Bar.

Recorded were sixty-five or seventy burials. However, names were often omitted. Those known to have been buried there were M. A. Spiegel 1868, Fanny's Babe 1866, Thomas Cooper 1886, John Vogel 1895, B.J. Snelling, Stephen Watson 1879, John Buckingham 1899, Grace Buckingham 1903, Emily Nissis Buckingham, Davey Baby, Minnie Christie 1899, John Christie, Pat Gillian 1892, Gov. W.H. Vance 1899, Baby Boy Piper 1903, James Kinney 1905 and Margret Smith 1880.

Al Yerdun, cabinet and miner, made the ornate Spiegel marker and built a fence around the cemetery, tending it until his death in the 1920s.

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### Road Trip, 2

new modern homes that reflect the characteristics of this historic valley. The main street has some pretty amazingly preserved buildings, both Brick and wood.

My thought is that they need a bypass to take the majority of the highway traffic off the main street. (That's probably easier said than done.) Cars are parked on Main Street, which really detracts from the authenticity of this historical site and taking pictures of the beautiful buildings.



Early phone switch board in Virginia City  
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We were lucky enough to be there when the Stagecoach was running. You can take a ride on the Stagecoach, a trolley tour bus, or a train if you would like (for a fee). All of the storefronts have antiques displayed. Most all the buildings have been listed on the National Historic Registry and contain items that would have been present in these buildings when they were alive and thriving. I was amazed to learn the story of Charles & Sue Bovey.

"Charles was a Montana legislator, Great Falls rancher, and collector of historic artifacts, records, and buildings. His interest

in historic preservation eventually led to his ownership and restoration of most of Virginia City, Montana, and the reconstruction of Nevada City" - from the Montana Dept. of Commerce website.



Stagecoach rides  
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bought the old jail in the 50s and moved it to a location in Great Falls to display. Charles later moved the jail to Nevada City for display with other historic buildings in his collection.

Last summer we were in Virginia City and attended a theatrical play by the Virginia City Players. It was very entertaining and we decided then that we would have to come back to Virginia City again. This past weekend we took the drive to Virginia City. We bought tickets for the play online for the 2:00 show. We were greeted at the door by the actors in costume and escorted to our reserved seats. The show started with very energetic

music played by Errol Koch, a very talented musician who played piano and all the other music and sound effects needed for the entire show.

This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Virginia City Players Theater. This play "Miriam's Crime" was one of the 1st plays performed in this theater 75 years ago. After a short intermission, the entertainers performed several vaudeville-style numbers. We think it is well worth the trip and the price of the tickets. There is another theatrical group, The Brewery Follies that performs at another venue that we'll have to go see another time.



Stagecoach rides  
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There are several restaurants, a couple of pubs, several shops for gifts and souvenirs, a big candy store and a couple of photo studios for memory photos of this historic adventure.

I will tell you there are plenty of things to see in the Virginia City and Nevada City area - way more to see than you can see in one day.

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