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TOWNSEND ROTARY COMMENDS BILL KEARNS WITH HIS 60 YEAR PIN

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Townsend resident Bill Kearns received his 60-year membership pin as a Rotarian on Tuesday, August 29 at a large gathering of fellow Rotarians, family and friends. He is the longest-serving member of the club which was chartered in 1939. Bill's father, J.W. Kearns, was a charter member.

Current President Jeanine Stone pinned Bill. Pat Plantenberg presented Bill with a special commendation plaque noting Bill's generosity and support of Rotary's many projects, and his generosity to the entire Broadwater community. During a special dinner hosted by Bill's family at The Springs in Bozeman, individuals in the group of nearly fifty gave glowing accounts of Bill's service. Some roasted him with a few of their stories. Those who spoke included Del Schubring, Steve and Jeanne Sautter, Doug Sitton and Mary Ann Salladay.

In addition to his service to Rotary, Bill was a charter member of the Townsend Jaycees in the early 1960s. He served 16 years on the Montana State Teachers' Retirement Board. As co-owner



Townsend Rotary President Jeanine Stone congratulated Bill Kearns on receiving his 60-year member pin.
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of the State Bank of Townsend, before it was sold to Opportunity Bank of Montana, he served on the Montana Bankers Association board and Broadwater

Community Foundation. He is active at Holy Cross Church and currently is a member of the University of Montana Grizzly Alumni Association.

DUCK CREEK ROAD WORK BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6

MT 43 News Staff



Townsend Ranger District began work last Wednesday and will continue until September 15 to stabilize the roadbed and replace culverts along Duck Creek Road in the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest.

The Duck Creek Road turnoff from Highway 284 is approximately 15 miles from Townsend on the east side of Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

A contractor began culvert replacement between milepost 9.7 and milepost 11. Work was originally planned for late August. It was pushed forward due to the inability to obtain the necessary supplies for the job.

During the Woods Creek fire, many of the culverts that supported water flow under the roadbed were damaged. District Ranger Aaron Webber said, "This project will help restore their function and stabilize the road."

The closure order and map will be posted at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf> under "alerts and notices."

GROWTH PLANNING MEETING DRAWS LIVELY DISCUSSION

MT 43 News Staff

People who came to the August 31 growth planning meeting for North Broadwater County talked about everything from residential zoning to the preservation of agriculture and crossing the Missouri River bridge safely on a bicycle.

Several younger people, in their 20s or 30s, commented about saving agriculture from the growth of subdivisions and questioned whether taxes would eventually overwhelm farmers, ranchers and working people.

The County Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) discussion was guided by Jamie Erbacher, senior land planner of the engineering firm WGM Group and held in the county's Flynn Bldg. in Townsend. She explained the growth plan as a future vision for the next 20 years in the county. She asked for comments and suggestions from an audience of around 15 people.

Louis Ingalls, a recent Montana State University graduate, made a statement about preserving Broadwater County's agriculture and its way of life. "Agriculture is first in our economy. I feel growth should fill in around agricultural lifestyle, not the other way around," he said.

Erbacher explained that the growth studies are funded statewide through the legislature. Cody Ferguson, community planning program manager for the Montana Department of Commerce, said his group had worked with Broadwater County officials and WGM for a full year. "The state growth policy is updated every five years. The last time was 2020 but with so much growth suddenly in the county, we decided to move ahead with a study this year," he said.

WGM of Helena, founded in 1966, is an engineering and survey firm that works with land planning, transportation and water rights.

Erbacher said growth is inevitable, but with a growth plan, county officials have a better idea of where that growth should be and what areas need to be off limits for growth. The plan will establish ways for more predictable and orderly growth as well as protecting

agricultural and wildlife habitats.

Silos resident Al Christopherson commented on the importance of keeping open space that supports wildlife and boosts the economy through hunting and fishing. He cited the Elkhorn Mountains as an example of a habitat for world-renowned elk herds.

Erbacher said a land growth policy will open the door for financial grants and government funds. The final product of this study will be a future land use map. However, the plan will be a guiding document, not a regulatory one. "The only tools driving growth right now are sanitation restrictions and legal water rights," Erbacher said.

Townsend business owner JB Howick asked how this extensive growth plan can be effective if it is only a planning document, not a law. Howick addressed the issue of changing laws regarding growth. "Can effective change come only by grassroots action or can the Commissioners or the Department of Commerce help with that?" he asked.



Commissioners, Bozeman television staff and residents prepare for the North Broadwater growth planning meeting Thursday.
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Ferguson explained the Montana Department of Commerce and Montana Association of Counties (MACO) both lobby on behalf of the counties at the legislature.

Jack McCulloch, who works on the east side of Canyon Ferry Lake, questioned whether the county could set up residential zoned areas or if the entire county must be zoned. He posed the question: "What will happen when services are stretched too far, and taxes go so high no one can afford to live here?"

Erbacher suggested the next step might be some form of zoning to effectively enforce the plan. She explained how zoning can be limited to one area or

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Townsend School Calendar

September 9	CC @ Bozeman 1:00PM HSVB vs Lone Peak MSVB @ Harrison Tourney	
September 11	4:00- 6:00PM JV/MS FB vs Jefferson 4:00PM MSVB vs Clancy	
September 12	6:00PM School Board Meeting at Community Room	
September 14	4:00PM HSVB vs Three Forks 4:00PM MSVB @ Anaconda	
September 15	CC @ Butte 7:00PM HSFB vs Whitehall NO SCHOOL	
September 16	HSV B @ Huntley Tourney 10:00AM JVFB vs Glasgow	

CROSS COUNTRY ACTION - WEEK 1 AND WEEK 2

Staff Sports Writer

The Broadwater Cross Country team began their 2023 season on Saturday, August 26th as a homecoming for Coach Brooke Dolan at the Jefferson Opener in Boulder.

The Bulldogs have kicked off their last few seasons at Coach Dolan's alma mater, whereby the athletes join in the "Hooper's Call" before the races begin.

As always, the athletes start with a walk-through of the entire 5-kilometer course (that is 3.1 miles for the nonmetric users), which in Boulder is a one-loop trek starting through town, uphill along the highway skirting to the frontage road before taking a dirt two-track around the cemetery, reentering town and finally finishing at Veteran's Park. It is a tough route with plenty of hills and various running surfaces; certainly, a challenge for the first meet of the season!

The Junior Varsity men and women took to the course first along with six other schools: Helena Capital, Ennis, Three Forks, Whitehall, Harrison, and the host Jefferson Panthers. Senior Melania Lambott, returning to Cross Country for the first time since middle school finished in 30:13 and placed 21st among the ladies. Freshman Fiona Nelson clocked in at 35:52, placing 26th. The Junior Varsity Men placed 3rd as a team with a score of 63 led by Junior Kaden Bruins placing 9th with a time of 22:48 and Sophomore Gavin Green not far behind him in 11th place at 23:03. Freshman Luke Tullios timed in at 27:59 in 18th with Sophomores Wyatt Coker in 20th (28:49) and Keaton Cavasos in 22nd (29:43) rounding out the five-man team.

Next up on the course were the Varsity Ladies. Freshman Kyla Meissner crossed the line first in her first-ever 5K race with a time of 21:17. Junior Kaelyn Sangray placed 6th at 23:08, faster than last year's Jefferson Opener by 1 minute and 9 seconds. Also improving from the 2022 Opener was Junior Scarlett McDaniel in 15th place at 27:35, which is 1:10 quicker.

The fastest race of the day was the Men's Varsity. Junior Nolan Flynn placed 6th in a blistering time of 19:02, which is over two minutes faster than he ran this race as a freshman! Seniors Aidan Easter (20:29) and Connor Lamb (21:08) came in at 16th and 21st respectively; Aidan also improved by over a minute from last year's race. Junior Ross MacDonald rounded out the Bulldog men in 26th with a time of 23:19.

The Belgrade XC Invitational on Friday, September 1st was the Bulldog's second stop of the season. The 5K course is a true scenic course with two and a half loops around the trails of Gallatin County Regional Park including a steep hill the runners must traverse twice.

The Junior Varsity and Varsity runners were on the course simultaneously with no cap on the number of runners. For those not familiar with Cross Country, each Varsity team can have up to 7 runners, with the top 5 athletes combining for the team scores. Their score corresponds to their finishing place, with the team receiving the lowest score winning. The sixth and seventh runners on a team, although they do not receive a score, can also be important, in that they can "displace" scoring runners from the other teams.

The ladies were up first on a hot day with a late morning starting time, persevering with a team score placing them 7th out of 17 teams (6AA, 3A, 4B & 4C). Kyla Meissner came in 5th place with a time of 21:29, followed by Kaelyn Sangray (23:13) in 26th, improving her time at the same course last year by 1 minute and 47 seconds. Juniors Abby Wickens (24:47) and Grace Kroeger (32:22) ran their first race of the season placing 46th and 96th respectively. Rounding out the

female runners were Scarlett McDaniel (26:46) in 62nd, improving her course record by almost a minute, and Melania Lambott (31:12) in 93rd.

The men were up next with Nolan Flynn leading the way in 34th place with a time of 19:22, an improvement of 22 seconds from last year's time. Connor Lamb (21:23) in 72nd, Aidan Easter (22:17, which is a course improvement of 1:40) in 88th, Kaden Bruins (22:25) in 92nd, and Ross MacDonald (22:43) in 100th compiled the Varsity score landing them as a team in 10th place with a team split of 3:21. Freshman Ryan Hoveland ran his first race of high school in 23:08 placing 109th. Rounding out the men's runners were Wyatt Coker (28:04), Luke Tullios (28:17), and Keaton Cavasos (30:26, improving by 3:33 from 2022).

The middle school team had their first meet of the season at the Belgrade XC Invitational but their times and places were not yet available.

The Bulldogs will run next on Saturday, September 9th at the Bozeman XC Invite located at Bridger Creek Golf Course. Always a gorgeous venue with stiff competition from all over the region including 40 teams from all classes and Wyoming.

FALL SPORTS ARE IN THE AIR!

Eliza McLaughlin
MT43 News Correspondent



Fall is in the air, school is back in session, and you know what that means Bulldog fans: high school sports are back!

The football season kicked off — literally — on Aug. 25 in Cut Bank, followed by yet another away game on Sept. 1 against Florence-Carlton. Both face-offs resulted in a loss: 0-29 against Cut Bank and 0-47 against Florence.

The Bulldogs have this week off, offering them the chance to prepare for an upcoming face-off with their local rivals, the Whitehall Trojans.

The Trojans have so far split their wins and losses, with a 7-46 loss in Red Lodge followed by a narrow win of 37-25 on their home field against Fairfield.

The Bulldogs, Trojan showdown will take place in the Bulldog's Dog Park — Townsend's home field — on Friday, Sept. 15 with kick-off at 7 p.m.

The Lady Bulldog volleyball players have only faced competition once this season so far, taking on the Whitehall Trojans.

The first set was neck-and-neck with the Lady Bulldogs coming out with a narrow win of 25-20.

The second was even closer with the Lady Bulldogs scraping through to the third set 25-23.

In the third, the Lady Bulldogs showed they still had some bite left in them, sweeping the Trojans 25-8.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Noyes led the Bulldogs with seven kills, assisted by senior Reese Wolfram, sophomore Aspen Slyker, junior Cassidy Flynn and senior Emily Bird each with four of their own.

Bird also held up the team's defense with 10 digs and 19 assists, tailed by senior Luci Horne with nine digs and one assist.

Horne also earned two aces during the match, tying herself for the most serving success with senior Liz Collins.

The Lady Bulldogs were scheduled to once again hit the road on Thursday, Sept. 7, again headed for Jefferson County. Only this time, the target was the Jefferson Lady Panthers. C-team will start the night's competitions at 4 p.m.

Following the showdown with the Panthers, the Lady Bulldogs will bring the Lone Peak Rams into the Dog House on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. for the first home match of the year.

Bulldog cross-country runners have also made their season debuts, taking off first in Boulder on Aug. 26 at the Jefferson Season Opener.

The Lady Bulldogs were the first to hit the trail, but freshman Kyla Meissner looked less like a bulldog, and more like a greyhound. Meissner finished the course in first in 21:17, followed by junior Kaelyn Sangray in sixth place in 23:08. Fellow junior Scarlett McDaniel finished the course in 27:35 taking 15th overall.

Next came the boys.

Junior Nolan Flynn was the first of the Bulldogs to cross the finish line in sixth place with a time of 19:02. Next came seniors Aidan Easter and Connor Lamb in 16th with a time of 20:29 and 21st with a time of 21:08, respectively. Junior Ross MacDonald claimed 26th overall in 23:19.

The Bulldogs then ran at the BXC Invitational in Gallatin County on Friday, Sept. 1, hosted by Belgrade.

The Lady Bulldogs earned 167 points and finished in seventh place. Meissner placed fifth in the varsity run with a time of 21:29. Sangray took 26th in 23:13, followed by junior Abigail Wickens in 46th with a time of 24:47. McDaniel finished in 62nd in 26:46, improving from her previous run's time.

Senior Melania Lambott was next, finishing in 95th in 31:23, followed by junior Grace Kroeger in 96th in 32:22.

For the boys, Flynn finished 34th in 19:22, Lamb in 72nd in 21:23 and Easter in 88th in 22:17. Junior Kaden Bruins trailed in 92nd in 22:25, followed by MacDonald in 100th in 22:43. Freshman Rylan Hoveland also finished the course in 109th in 23:08, sophomore Wyatt Coker in 132nd 28:04, freshman Luke Tullios in 133rd in 28:17 and sophomore Keaton Cavasos in 134th in 30:26.

The Bulldogs will run their next race on Saturday, Sept. 9 in Bozeman.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

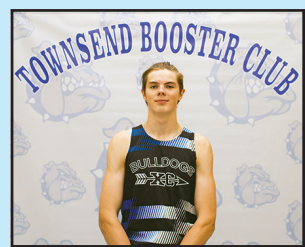
Lacie Reed
Lacie J. Reed Photography

We would like to thank Townsend Drug and Spirits for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs! Here are our athletes of the week.

Cross Country: Kaelynn Sangray took almost 2 minutes off of her time from last year at the Belgrade meet. On the boys' side, we have Connor Lamb.

Football: Our Athlete of the Week award goes to freshman, Tavyn Anderson #3. Defensively, Tavyn recorded 7 total tackles, a fumble recovery, and a TD-saving pass break up against the 2-time defending state champion Falcons. Tavyn disregarded any "Freshman" label, fearlessly stepping up to make big plays when needed and proved himself as a teammate and 43 TOUGH.

Volleyball: Emily Bird Helped her team beat Whitehall 3-0 in their first conference game of the season. She had 1 ace, 3 kills, 19 assists and 10 digs.



Connor Lamb - Male Cross Country Athlete of the week
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Tavyn Anderson - Football Athlete of the week
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Emily Bird - Volleyball Athlete of the week
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4-H RECEIVES GRANT FROM NRA FOUNDATION

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Earlier this year, Broadwater County 4-H received a grant consisting of safety equipment and supplies from the NRA Foundation to support the county 4-H shooting sports program, specifically the shotgun and small bore .22 rifle programs. The grant award was valued at \$2,300.

The mission of Montana 4-H is to prepare youth for living in a global, ever-changing world, as competent contributing adults. Through the 4-H shooting sports program, youth learn life skills, the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment and develop an



Youth participating in the Broadwater County 4-H Shooting Sports Program
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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

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
September 10	1:00PM 3rd Annual PATRIOT DAY PARADE
September 11	5:00 pm Flynn's Bible Camp: Couple's Seafood Bible Camp at Flynn's Cabin - Dry Creek 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
September 12	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 13	1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St 4:25- 5:50PM Awana at Trailhead Church (SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS) 6:15- 8:00PM Youth Group at Trailhead Church (SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)
September 14	7:00pm AI-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
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County and Government Calendar

September 12	11:19am Trust Board at Flynn Building 1:00pm Planning Board at Flynn Building
September 13	10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building 7:00pm Noxious Weed Board Meeting at Flynn Building

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

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

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 8	8:00 AM Regional Housing Coalition Meeting at Ambulance Barn NO SCHOOL- PIR
September 9	Montana High School Rodeo at Three Forks Rodeo Grounds Cross Country at Bozeman Middle School Football at Manhattan
September 10	Montana High School Rodeo at Three Forks Rodeo Grounds
September 11	1:00PM Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Meeting at Three Forks Community Library 4:00PM JV Football at Whitehall 4:00PM Middle School Volleyball vs Belgrade 6:00PM Middle School Football at Whitehall
September 12	6:00PM City Council Meeting at City Hall 6:30PM Three Forks Mosquito Control District at Methodist Church Basement
September 13	5:15PM Three Forks Community Library Board Meeting at TF Community Library
September 14	4:00PM Volleyball at Townsend 5:00PM Youth Soccer Practice RESERVED (Grass @ Stevenson Park)
September 17	6:00PM Chris Janson with special guest Frankie Ballard

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appreciation for lifelong outdoor recreational activities. Youth participating in the Broadwater County 4-H Shooting Sports Program can choose between four disciples: archery, shotgun, .22 rifle, and hunting. The program is led by state-certified 4-H leaders who instruct members in safety and marksmanship. The program strives to help youth become competent contributing adults of society who promote high standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior in all shooting disciplines and exhibit lifelong leadership skills. It aims to complement existing hunter-education programs. During the past year, 43 youth participated in the county 4-H shooting sports program. The primary focus of the grant was to enhance the shotgun discipline. In 2021, new 4-H leaders took over the shotgun program and have improved the quality of the program while recruiting new members. In a single year, the shotgun program more than doubled, growing from just 4 members to 10 members. The NRA grant allowed the program to purchase necessary safety equipment, shooting vests, shell pouches and slings. As this program has evolved over the last several years, so has the success of the members. For the first time, several more experienced members were ready to move up. The grant also allowed for the purchase of a 12-gauge shotgun for more advanced members to use if they are unable to purchase their own.

The secondary focus of the grant is to support the small-bore .22 rifle discipline. This program has also grown in leaps and bounds. It more than doubled this 4-H year from 7 members to 17 members. Through the grant, the program was able to purchase safety equipment and ammunition. The high cost of ammunition can be a barrier for some youth to participate. The grant helps lower the program cost and make it accessible to more youth.

The new 4-H year starts on October 1st and enrollment opens again. 4-H shooting sports is open to youth who are 9-18 years old and actively involved in an organized 4-H Club. There are seven 4-H Clubs in Broadwater County. The 4-H archery program typically begins in November or December and runs weekly through March. Current certified archery instructors are Jason Noyes, Andrew Christensen, Eric Crusch, Barry McDonald and Travis Volkman. The small bore .22 rifle program runs most of the year with certified instructors, John Pavao and Todd Kitto. The shotgun program begins in May and continues over the summer with certified instructors, Todd Beatty and Daniel Truesdell. Hunting is the newest discipline and is led by Brandon Henke.

A big thank you also goes to the Broadwater Rod & Gun Club. They waive the range fee to allow 4-H youth to use their facility for 4-H shooting practice. They also contribute a few shells and storage space for 4-H equipment.

Thank you again to the NRA Foundation and the Rod & Gun Club! Together we can provide a high-quality experience for youth to learn the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment. The 4-H program is also in need of more adults who are willing to volunteer their time as instructors. To inquire about the 4-H program as a youth member or a volunteer, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu.

NOW HIRING



Broadwater Conservation District is seeking applicants to fill the District Administrator position. This is a 30 hour per week position, with a strong in-office presence, and potential to garner additional hours through project work.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to general administrative duties, education and outreach, grant management, finances, public customer service, stream permitting, NRCS office assistance, and prospective field work.

Starting wages will be \$20-25/hour DOE, and include a public employee retirement system (PERS) and health stipend.

For a detailed job description and application please email broadwatercd@gmail.com or visit broadwatercd.org or call 406.422.6451.

Submit completed application and resume to stated email or deliver to Broadwater CD located at 415 S. Front Street, Townsend, Montana.

Application packets must be submitted by September 29, 2023.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT - BENEFITS CHECKUP

Michelle Mathot
Rocky's Agency On Aging



Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15th- December 7th.

Contact your Rocky's Agency on Aging for a Benefits Checkup. Call 1-800-551-3191.



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE FOR THE COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CTAP) MEETINGS

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant



Southern Broadwater County: (CTAP) Meeting on October 11th at 6 PM at Bridger Brewing; Northern Broadwater County: (CTAP) Meeting on October 12th at 6 PM at the Flynn Building

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Growth Planning 1

include a large area in a county.

Erbacher explained the growth plan proposal split the county into two sections: south Broadwater County which ends at State Road 101 north of Three Forks, and north Broadwater from north to Spokane Creek and east to Grassy Mountain on state Highway 12. While water is a huge issue in South Broadwater, access is a major issue in North Broadwater. She asked the attendants to study the extensive topographical, economic, highway and public land maps on display.

Three Forks Ambulance director Barb Mutter asked what had other counties done with growth planning, “so we can make good decisions”. City Council member Vicky Rauser thought control of outdoor light would be good.

Other questions came up about safe access on roads and walkways. Christopherson gave the Silos entrance to Highway 287 as an example. “We need safer approaches out that way. It’s worth your life to get on the highway,” he said.

Another “major pinch point” Christopherson said was the lack of free-flowing pedestrian trails from town to the Silos. “We need a safe way to cross the Missouri bridge, either on foot or by bicycle,” he said.

Participants discussed the idea of town centers at the Silos and at the Wheatland Meadows area. Town centers would consolidate growth to controlled areas for housing, water, and emergency services and would create less congestion on country roads.

Affordable housing came up as well. Doug Sitton of Townsend asked if there was a plan to develop the Silos area. “We need to address the problem of local housing being used as vacation rentals, rather than long-term rentals,” he suggested.

Since Broadwater County contains large tracts of public lands, Ferguson explored the idea of connecting those public lands with conservation easements to maintain wildlife movement and protect outdoor recreation. Another consideration was limiting growth in the county’s floodplain areas.

The growth plan is accessible on the WGM website. The maps are interactive. Erbacher encouraged the public to go to the website and fill out the survey, which will also be on the Broadwater County Commissioners’ website.

The third public meeting will be on October 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Bridger Brewing for South Broadwater. North Broadwater public meeting will be on October 12 at the Flynn Building at 6:00 p.m.

FALL FEST OFFERS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND FUN!

Laura Obert
Fall Fest Vendor Chair

September 29, 30 & October 1, 2023 – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Heritage Park & along South Pine Street

In a month, Heritage Park, South Pine Street and Broadway will transform into Townsend Rotary Fall Fest. And you’re all invited! Live bands will fill the air, antique and classic cars will line Broadway, and over 100 vendors will transform our park and neighborhood streets into a line of shops selling unique art, crafts, food, and providing information.

Fall Fest vendors offer shoppers unique hand-crafted items for all occasions—Christmas, birthdays, or just because you care. One-third of those artisans are creative locals while others come from all over Montana and surrounding states. Many have been with us for years, and it’s your support that keeps them coming back.

But, what’s in it for Townsend after Fall Fest? This festival started over twenty years ago at the request of local businesses. Shoulder seasons, which are early fall

and spring months, are economically challenging for businesses as sales slow down after a busy summer and before hunting season and the holidays. In response, Rotary started Fall Fest during a shoulder month, October, and we hosted a flea market in Heritage Park with antique cars on Pine Street.



View from Pine Street
Photo Credits: Townsend Fall Fest

It’s grown since then.

And with growth come additional challenges and opportunities. Fall Fest subcommittees work with area partners, the city, businesses, and citizens to mitigate these challenges. This is Rotary’s one fundraiser for the year. And it’s the money we raise from Fall Fest that allows us to give multiple scholarships, send students to leadership camp, and provide the many local services we do throughout the year.

But did you know that vendors:

- Pay to display and sell their work,
- Eat multiple meals at downtown restaurants and bars,
- Purchase rooms at the Mustang Motel, cabins at the KOA, and other private options,
- Spend money with local hardware stores, and Shop local retail stores.

Out-of-town vendors come to Townsend Rotary Fall Fest, sell their unique work then spend some of what they make while they’re here. That money circulates throughout our economy after the festival weekend.

Come and join us for FREE FAMILY FUN at Townsend Rotary Fall Fest on September 29, 30, & October 1, 2023!

VETERAN BICYCLISTS VISIT TOWNSEND

MT 43 News Staff

This past Friday, September 1st, the American Legion hosted a dinner for the Class of ‘83 Naval Academy. These veteran cyclists are riding from Washington state to Washington DC to raise awareness for veteran causes, especially the 22 veterans who commit suicide each day in America. The dinner was free to all, both the cyclists and the citizens of Townsend and guests. We did ask that the attendees donate to the cause that these veterans were riding for.

The keynote speaker was our U.S. House representative Matt Rosendale. Our state representatives Julie Dooling and Jane Gillette also attended. Julie spoke, as well as the group leader of the cyclists. All of the speakers praised the response of our town to this very important cause.



American Legion Post 42 and Auxiliary hosted dinner for the Veterans of 1983 Cyclists.
Photo Credits: Dave Corner

Between donations and a silent auction, of gifts provided by local businesses, over a thousand dollars was raised.

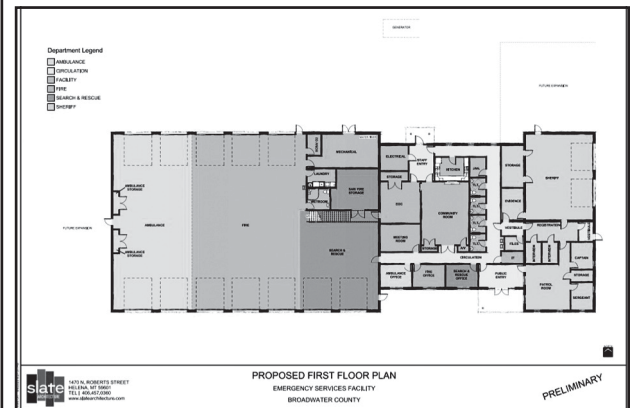
We should all be thankful for these dedicated veterans who are willing to work so hard for this cause, our federal and state representatives who were willing to share their time to help make this a success, the citizens of Townsend for their participation and willingness to give and last, but not least, I’d like to especially thank the American Legion Auxiliary for their hard work in the kitchen that night and for the great meal they provided!

SOUTH BROADWATER RESIDENTS STUDY PROPOSED EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING

MT 43 News Staff

People got a second look at the Preliminary Architectural Review (PAR) of a proposed emergency services building for South Broadwater County on Thursday, August 31 at Bridger Brewing near Three Forks. The first public meeting was held on May 31, also at Bridger Brewing.

The plans presented by Scott Cromwell of Slate Architecture of Helena showed a footprint of 16,320 square feet with generous room for a sheriff’s office,



Slate Architecture Proposed Emergency Services Building.
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ambulance equipment, and county search and rescue equipment area. It includes shower rooms for hazmat incidents, a full kitchen, a two-bedroom apartment on the second story, a community room and several separate offices for the sheriff’s use. Broadwater County roads department would also have room for a snowplow. As an essential services building, an electrical generator would be included. Plans are also drawn for a helicopter pad.

The facility would be built on two acres donated to the county by developer Craig Richter of Bozeman. The two parcels are across Highway 287 from Wheatland Road. The parcels are in a ravine so will be difficult to bring to grade. Cromwell suggested the dirt work alone would cost around \$380,000.

People agreed an emergency services building is needed to serve South Broadwater County which is seeing huge growth in population and new homes.

Cromwell fielded several pertinent questions including the nuisance factor for people living near the services building, how to pay for the building and who would staff it once it was built.

People questioned how water and sewage services could be connected to the building. Although utilities are not part of the PAR, Cromwell suggested water and sewer might come from the Headwaters Utility Services within the Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD).

Cromwell presented cost estimates for building the facility at between \$4.4 million and \$5.5 million based on costs for recently constructed buildings in the Helena area. Outfitting the building with equipment would add to those costs, pushing the total to \$ 8 million. He emphasized that waiting to build would only increase the costs.

Winston resident Audrey Martin suggested Cromwell’s numbers were way off. She said, “Based on my experience working in emergency services in other

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal Menahan's courtroom on Friday, September 1 is as follows:

Adam Lee's Sentencing is continued until December 1.
Raymond Harbeck appeared in court for Sentencing; after pleading guilty to two charges of incest. One case in Broadwater County, and one in Gallatin County. He has had two mental health evaluations; ending in a diagnosis of dissociative identity disorder (DID); (what the layman would refer to as split personality) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder L(PTSD). In his elocution, he stated that he was driving to Montana from Arizona, when he turned himself in, knowing he had DID and PTSD. Finding him brutally honest, the court sentenced him to 40 years in Montana State Prison, with 20 years suspended. He must abide by all conditions; pay fees and surcharges totaling \$80 and submit to DNA testing.

Randall Buffington had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to assault with a weapon. Omnibus is due October 13; Pre-Trial is set for January 12, 2024; with the Jury Trial scheduled for February 5.

Joseph Johnson had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth). In his elocution, he stated simply that while he was in Broadwater County, he possessed what he knew to be methamphetamine. He must abide by standard conditions. He received a deferred sentence of four years.

Christopher Jones had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to the amended charge of criminal trespass to property, criminal mischief and partner/family member assault. In his elocution, he stated that while in Broadwater County, he kicked in the door, entered the residence and caused a reasonable apprehension of bodily harm. Sentence: his 20-day credit for time served shall go to restitution of the door. He receives 6 months for the trespass charge; and one year for the assault; he must pay \$250 to the Office of Public Defender; he must attend anger management for 40 hours, and he must pay mandatory fines and surcharges of \$75.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR 2023/08/02

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: August 2, 2023

Commissioner Debi Randolph called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners Darrel Folkvord and Lindsey Richtmyer were also present.

Public comment: None.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve July 26, 2023, Minutes. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved approve claims in the amount of \$11,616.83. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$5,817.47. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve payroll claims in the amount \$255,968.64. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$1,378.67. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

Consent agenda item: Letter to Broadwater County Commissioners from Warren Smeltzer regarding resignation from the Broadband Board read into the record. There is now an opening on the Broadband Board. Commissioner Folkvord moved to accept Warren Smeltzer's resignation from the Broadband Board. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:09 AM Broadwater County Public Health Director Ruby Taylor presented. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Task Order #24-07-6-11-005-0; To the Master Contract Between the State of Montana, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS), and Broadwater County; Public

Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) in the amount of \$30,381.00 Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:15 AM Broadwater Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield presented. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve negotiations with the State of Montana and Broadwater County for an annual lease contract of \$3,000.00 payable in equal monthly installments of \$250.00 to be revisited annually. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:22 AM Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve Resolution Declaring Tangible Personal Property Owned by Broadwater County to be Surplus Property and Authorizing the Disposal of that Property. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:29 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the Revised Board of Health By- Laws. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:32 AM Commissioner Randolph announced the Solid Waste Public meeting August 7, 2023, at the Flynn Building.

Communications Received: Letter to Broadwater County Commissioners from Warren Smeltzer regarding resignation from the Broadband Board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held August 9, 2023, at 10:00 AM. DEBRA RANDOLPH, Commissioner Chairwoman

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ANGIE PAULSEN, Clerk and Recorder

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Joseph Welsh, San Francisco, CA: day speed \$70.00
- Nicholas Truax, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Melissa Rambo, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Elyssa Ruff, Green Mtn Falls, CO: night speed \$70.00
- Zinaida Rapaport, Jenkintown, PA: day speed \$120.00
- Zane Bridgman, Great Falls: day speed \$70.00
- Anita Sherley, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Albert Nazarov, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Johnnie Mcgaha, Helena: fail to carry proof or exhibit ins. -1st offense \$285.00
- Shannon Hurley, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Brian Gramer, Three Forks: expired registration \$85.00
- Kayla Bullock, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Corey Olofson, Kalispell: day speed \$70.00
- Brian Novak, Bartlett, TN: day speed \$70.00
- Andrew Mendoza, Doylestown, OH: day speed \$70.00
- Robin Layton, Helena: day speed \$120.00
- Sean Lawlor, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- John Kittredge, Richland, MI: day speed \$70.00
- Tara Kinsey, Roundup: day speed \$70.00
- Esaie Kinsey, Belgrade: No insurance- 1st offense \$285.00, day speed \$70.00
- Jose Zunga, Billings: driving without a valid drivers license \$135.00, day speed \$70.00
- Nicholas Frederic, Belgrade: MT: resident operate w/foreign dl over 60 days \$85.00, day speed \$70.00
- Gino Dalbec, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Amanda Caillouet, Seattle, WA: day speed \$20.00
- Julie Abrahamsen, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Drew Moos, Townsend: day speed \$20.00
- Nelson Townsley, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

- Brandon Harper – Three Forks- driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revokes- 2nd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$135.00 fines and fees.
- Austin Smith – Townsend – operating without liability insurance in effect- 4th or subsequent offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail with all but two days suspended for a period of six months, on conditions, \$535.00 fines and fees, defendants drivers license is suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.

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- Vicki Lindeman – Roundup – driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revokes- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.
- Joshua Poynter – Helena - driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revokes- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$135.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Jonathan Figler, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Eva Sandoval, Silt, CO: restricted speed \$95.00
- Eric Steinbuechler, Seminole, FL: day speed \$20.00
- Diane Streiff, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Jackson Moyd, Austrin, TX: night speed \$20.00
- Joseph Duncan, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Joseph Sicotte, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Jeremiah Tappan, Helena: night speed \$70.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

- John Loving – Livingston City Court, \$780.00 bond

- John Loving- Livingston City Court, \$590.00 bond
- John Loving – Madison Co. Justice Court, \$1500.00 bond
- John Loving – Bozeman Municipal Court, \$1000.00 bond
- John Loving – Bozeman Municipal Court, \$500.00
- Jimmy Mccracken – Probation and Parole, \$20,000.00 bond
- Savannah Goodman – Probation and Parole, \$25,000.00 bond
- Ashley Lage – MT 4th Judicial District Court, \$10,000.00 bond
- Gordon Breeden – MT 11th Judicial District Court, \$30,000.00 bond

BILL JAROCKI APPOINTED BROADWATER COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MT 43 News Staff

Bill Jarocki, public management consultant for the Montana State Department of Revenue, has been hired as Chief Administrative Officer with the Broadwater County Commissioners on a part-time basis. He was one of three interviewed for the job. Nine people applied for the newly formed position. He was introduced at the August 30 regular County Commissioner meeting. His introduction was not listed on the regular agenda.



Bill Jarocki
Photo Credits: Bill Jarocki

His introduction was not listed on the regular agenda.

Jarocki, a Helena resident, will work 12 hours per week through November with all Broadwater County departments to analyze their budgets policies and procedures. The commissioners worked with Jarocki to firm up the 2023-2024 budget. He set up a working budget form so each department could be aware of their expenditures and revenue to learn where they could save money. He will be paid from the general fund at approximately \$32 per hour. Following his retirement from the Dept. of Revenue in November, he will work up to 30 hours per week for the county.

According to his resume, Jarocki created Voltaic Solutions in 2010 to work in public management and finance to develop cost-effective solutions for communities. A Chicago native, Jarocki first began his career in government finance in Idaho. He presently works as manager of the business services unit of the Department of Revenue.

In other business, Community Development and Planning Director Nichole Brown presented an exemption review for a boundary relocation in the Olsen Minor Subdivision, located on Cemetery and Carson Lane south of Townsend. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord asked about the drain field. It will continue to lay within Tract 4, the original homestead area. Gary Olsen's home will now be located in Tract 3. The boundary relocation will allow for two separate tracts rather than the original tract within a tract, according to owner Gary Olsen. The commissioners approved the exemption.

Commissioner Chair Debi Randolph announced that the Department of Environmental Quality(DEQ) had confirmed clearance of toxic substances from the Grover lot on the corner of Broadway and Oak Street. The lot was formerly the ambulance building. Prior to that, it served as a gas station owned by Don and Charleen Grover. The gasoline tank had spread toxic substances into the ground. The contaminated soil was removed in the summer of 2021.

Randolph said the hospital district-owned lot can now be listed for sale. Billings Clinic Broadwater has the first option to purchase the lot according to Hospital District Chair Victor Sample.

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places, I would say it will cost between \$12 million and \$16 million to equip such a facility."

Other questions raised by the group included whether an analysis of internet service to the proposed facility has been done.

Cromwell explained it would take at least two years to find public money and grant funding once the county government starts the process. "It would be after that when construction could begin," he said.

A short-term strategy discussed was to build a substation for now to house a deputy sheriff and maybe a snowplow and ambulance. Cromwell suggested the county could use Phase I of the PAR which would cover a small footprint and then plan to build on later.

Cromwell ended the session by asking people to send letters to the county commissioners in support of going ahead with the plans presented. Letters may be addressed to the commissioners at the county courthouse, 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, 59644, or email commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us.

HONORING OUR VETERANS – CHUCK CARVER

Matt Nelson

Chuck was born and raised in Fort Benton out on the Highwood Bench on a dry land farm. He had five brothers and one sister. His dad worked as a carpenter because he didn't make enough on that farm to feed everybody. As a teenager, Chuck worked as an apprentice carpenter under his dad. After high school



Private 1st Class Chuck Carver about 1958 or 1959. Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

he had a football scholarship to Western Montana in Dillon, but realized after one year he wasn't ready for college, so he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1958 and was in until 1961. He went to Basic Training at Ft. Carson, Colorado, and after that was assigned to Ft. Rucker, Alabama for helicopter school, where he became a crew chief and worked on helicopters. Chuck had his private pilot license at 19, prior to entering the service.

He was trained on the Bell H-19s, Helis H-21s, and DeHavilland U-34s helicopters. After a year of being Stateside he was assigned to a unit outside of Munich, Germany on one of Hitler's favorite airfields. He worked mostly on the H-34s. As a crew chief, he had to fly, and he picked up 83 hours flying on helicopters. At that time Viet Nam was starting, and the Viet Cong were shooting rifles at the people in the cockpits of the helicopters. Two people had to be in the helicopters that flew. Chuck said he flew a lot of helicopters.

In Germany, the main thing he got into was running the blockade in Berlin, which was before the Berlin Wall was built. When President Eisenhower was in office and went to peace talks in France, the helicopter he used was supplied by Chuck's military unit. "We worked months on that helicopter to get it shining-shape for him. He was initially picked up in Frankfurt, went down to France and walked out of those talks and came back to Frankfurt. But I did not get to see him."

Another time they flew through Austria, which was a neutral country, and they had to land because the oil pressure went down. When they actually landed they were met by a bunch of soldiers pointing machine guns at them. But the tensions eased quickly, and after the Austrian soldiers helped them fix the problem they flew on to Italy.



Chuck Carver with moose antler and the eagle head he carved on it. Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Once they were in a narrow draw about eight feet off of the ground, and the pilot unintentionally spun the Bell H-19 a little too much and hit the tail rotor on the wall of the draw. They had to have another new tail rotor flown in to fix it.

When Chuck had seven months left to serve, he hit a hedgehog while riding a motorcycle and traveling 40 miles per hour. It was like hitting a big chunk of ice. Chuck had to have shoulder surgery because he broke it. He was taken off of flight status but managed to get on the 7th Army Rifle Team and traveled all over Germany. Chuck grinned, "I loved it over there!"

After coming home, Chuck attended a construction engineering school in Missoula. That eventually led to Chuck working on several construction projects for thirty years. He also had a ranch in Dillon—"That was the biggest mistake I ever made!" A horse broke his back so he didn't have to ranch anymore after that.

He has played a lot of music and sang which helped him get through school. Often he sang and played his guitar at the Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church, and he has also played at the Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Western Music Rendezvous in Lewistown.

He was married to his first wife for 35 years, from 1962 until 1997. After she passed away from cancer, he reconnected with Ginger at a class reunion, and on September 30th they will be married 21 years. Chuck has one son and two grandsons, and a daughter who lives in California. His son is a forest service ranger at Seeley Lake. Ginger has three kids from a previous

marriage, and Chuck and Ginger have five grandchildren, all born after Chuck and Ginger got married. In the Winter they go to Peoria, AZ.

The reason he is in Townsend is that often he and his son used to drive through it and Chuck decided this is where he wanted to live.

His 1st engineering job was with Kicking Horse Job Corps Camp at Kalispell; he worked on bridges at Ft. Benton, and 5 bridges at Missoula; worked on the high school in Dillon and the field house, a dorm, and the library at Western Montana College, also in Dillon. Chuck also worked on some Safeway stores and a few commercial buildings. He went to ranching after that. After leaving ranching, he once again did construction work for the Bechtel Corporation at the Anaconda power plant, building an electronic smelter for the Anaconda Company in 1979, which cost 61 million dollars. The copper came out at 995 pure, but for some reason, the government shut it down. Chuck didn't elaborate. He had helped his dad build a bowling alley while in high school, so he used that experience to build another one in Anaconda.

Chuck loves to fish and hunt, and flew as a private pilot for many years. Altogether he has accumulated about 1450 hours of flying time. In 2010 I bought my 1958 Cessna 172 from Chuck, which I really enjoyed flying.

ANGLER KILLS GRIZZLY BEAR IN SELF-DEFENSE ENCOUNTER

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



An angler killed a grizzly bear in self-defense this week in the Tom Miner Basin.

The encounter happened on Aug. 30 on private land along Tom Miner Creek. Two anglers were walking through dense vegetation when they were charged by a grizzly bear. One of the anglers shot and killed the bear. No people were injured.

The bear's behavior was likely defensive in the surprise, close encounter. The bear was an adult male grizzly. This incident is still under investigation.

Be bear aware.

Montana is bear country. Grizzly bear populations continue to become denser and more widespread in Montana, increasing the likelihood that residents and recreationists will encounter them in more places each year.

This time of year is when bears are active for longer periods as they consume more food in preparation for hibernation. This period overlaps with hunting season and other fall recreation activities.

Avoiding conflicts with bears is easier than dealing with conflicts. Here are some precautions to help residents, recreationists and people who work outdoors avoid negative bear encounters:

- Carry bear spray and be prepared to use it immediately.
- Make noise to alert bears to your presence and travel in groups.
- Stay away from animal carcasses, which often attract bears.
- Follow food storage orders from the applicable land management agency.
- If you encounter a bear, never approach it. Leave the area when it is safe to do so.
- Keep garbage, bird feeders, pet food and other attractants put away in a secure building. Keep garbage in a secure building until the day it is collected. Certified bear-resistant garbage containers are available in many areas.
- Never feed wildlife. Bears that become food-conditioned lose their natural foraging behavior and pose threats to human safety. It is illegal to feed bears in Montana.

People who hunt in places that have or may have grizzly bears—which includes areas of Montana west of Billings—should take special precautions:

- Carry bear spray and be prepared to use it immediately.
- Look for bear signs and be cautious around creeks and areas with limited visibility.
- Hunt with a group of people. Making localized noise can alert bears to your presence.
- Be aware that elk calls and cover scents can attract bears.
- Bring the equipment and people needed to help field dress game and remove the meat from the kill site as soon as possible.
- If you need to leave part of the meat in the field

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BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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THERE WILL BE NO COMMISSION MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 DUE TO THE COMMISSIONERS ALL ATTENDING THE MACo (Montana Association of Counties) CONFERENCE IN BUTTE, MONTANA from September 24th-27th

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning, Rauser COS Exemption Gift to Immediate Family Member (Township 6 North, Range 2 East, Sections 9) Request

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning, Reynold COS Exemption Gift to Immediate Family Member (Township 9 North, Range 1 East, Sections 30 and 31) Request

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Misty Masolo, Assistant Public Works Supervisor, Loan Extension/Update

Thursday, September 14, 2023

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

Future Public Meeting Notices

6:00 PM Oct. 11th Southern Broadwater County: (CTAP*) Meeting at Bridger Brewing

6:00 PM Oct. 12th Northern Broadwater County: (CTAP*) Meeting at the Flynn Building Discussion Regarding Future Growth in Broadwater County

Community Technical Assistance Program

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

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

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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

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

GORDON EDGAR SANDERSON

Gordon Sanderson Family

Gordon Edgar Sanderson passed away peacefully on September 1, 2023, in Helena, Montana. He was 89 years old. Gordon was born on August 10, 1934, in Red Lodge, Montana, to Gustaf Sanderson and Margaret Nelson. He was the fourth of six children. When Gordon was five the family moved from Washoe to Toston, where the family lived for many years. Gordon attended elementary school in Toston and high school in Townsend at Broadwater County High School, where he graduated as the valedictorian of his class in 1952.



Gordon loved ranching and spent his life devoted to his calling and sharing his knowledge with those around him. He went to work for Sadie McMullin in the fall of 1953 on a ranch in the Crow Creek Valley near Toston. It was here that Gordon met the love of his life and best friend, Shirley Lewis, whom he married on August 24, 1957. The couple had four children, Laurel, Roger, Jeff, and Julie. Gordon and Shirley became ranch owners when the McMullins gave them the family homestead, Section 32, and 25 Hereford heifers. Later on, they acquired half of the Lewis Ranch. They expanded the ranch throughout his life. While running the ranch, Gordon was a long-time member of the Soil Conservation Board and the Crow Creek Stock Association, serving as their secretary. He was a prominent rancher in the Crow Creek Valley and was a well-respected member of the community, truly one of the last great cowboys of our time.

Gordon took great care of his cattle, he could frequently be found in the fields keeping an eye on the herd and ensuring that operations were running smoothly. A natural with animals, Gordon loved horses, dogs, and cattle, all of which adored him in return. He had a gift for training his dogs, whether it be with them working as cow dogs or teaching them tricks at home. His favorite dogs were Curley and Homer, both of whom he spoke of with great affection.

Gordon was friendly and kind, he was always willing to help a neighbor or stop to chat on the way to feeding cows or baling hay. He had a phenomenal sense of humor and was always ready to tell a joke and light up the room with a huge laugh and a smile. He took care of his family, teaching them the value of love, hard work, and dedication to a craft. He spent his life

working beside his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren on the ranch that he built and loved. He worked on the ranch until he was unable to do so.

Gordon is preceded in death by his parents, Gustaf and Margaret, his brothers Norman, Ronald, and Gerald and his sisters Eileen and Enid, and a daughter, Laurel. He is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Shirley, and three children, Roger Sanderson (Cindy), Jeff Sanderson (Ellen), and Julie Zipperian (Mark), all of Toston, MT, five grandchildren Casceila Miller (Albert) of Yakima, WA, JJ Smith of New Orleans, LA, Andrew Sanderson (Julianne), Sarah Sanderson (Dillon), and Ashley Sanderson of Toston, MT, and two step-grandchildren, Kellie Hamlet (Tanner) of Deerfield, CO, and Shawn Zipperian of Clancy, MT, four great-grandchildren, Rhiannon Miller, Oliver Miller, Tuff Sanderson, and Sawyer Sanderson, three step-great-grandchildren, Warren, Faith, and Nova, and sisters-in-law Susan Sanderson, Sharon Lewis, Myrna Sanderson, and their families. He will be missed by his family and community.

A Viewing will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home in Townsend. A Funeral Service is set for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 7, 2023, at the Watson Event Center in Townsend with burial to follow the service at Radersburg Cemetery in Radersburg. A reception will be held at the Bunkhouse Bar in Toston following the burial.

MARY KATHERINE C. KIMPTON FEB. 16, 1959 - AUG. 18, 2023

Mary Kimpton Family

Mary "Kathy" C. Kimpton' Katherine Cross Kimpton 64, of Toston, died peacefully Friday, August 18, 2023, at her home from natural causes.

Kathy was born February 16, 1959, to Oscar "Arky" Cross and Pauline "Polly" Cross (McQueen) in Santa Anna, TX. She worked in the Broadwater County rest home as a nurse's aide for several years. Later she followed her passion as a plantsman and worked in several plant nurseries eventually leading her in a career in working for several of the local potato farmers. Without doubt, when it was time to harvest, she was on the line until the job was done.

In the mid-1970s Kathy met the love of her life, Steve Kimpton. They were married and together they built and cultivated a beautiful home in the Crow Creek Valley where they raised their three children.

If you knew Kathy you knew she loved to enjoy life. Some of her favorite times of the year were summertime, the fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and rodeo



season. Kathy enjoyed camping and traveling. Her spirit was full of adventure, wild and free. If you didn't know how to let go and enjoy life, spend a day with Kathy and she'd gladly show you the way. Her encouraging words and stand-your-ground personality led the way for many to follow. We will miss her tremendously, remember her daily, and love her eternally.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Steve Kimpton of Toston; her children: Jennifer Bryant of Townsend, Travis Kimpton of Helena, and Rachel Ott of Alaska. Her nephew, Jeremy Cross of Townsend; and her niece Daphne Boston of Oregon; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar (Arky) Cross; mother, Pauline (Polly) Cross; and brother, Johnny (Buckshot) Cross.

Celebration of Life Memorial Services will be held Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Radersburg Baptist Church officiated by LeRoy Collins. Located at 7 Main Street in Radersburg, MT.

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KELLIE NELSON - CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Family of Kellie Nelson

Please join us for a Celebration of Life in honor of Kellie Nelson (4/27/65 - 8/13/23):

September 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Townsend Fairgrounds 4-H Building.

Lunch will be provided. No host bar.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to a Leukemia Charity/Foundation.



- If frost is forecast, cover tender plants, such as tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. It doesn't take much to damage or kill them.
- Finish harvesting, and dry, freeze and/or can your fruits and vegetables.
- Start saving your seeds of vegetables, flowers, and herbs.
- Divide perennials, replant and/or share with friends.
- Bring houseplants in from outdoors; check for bugs and diseases, and apply controls.
- Stop fertilizing roses, and remove dead blooms and foliage. - Brenda Weaver

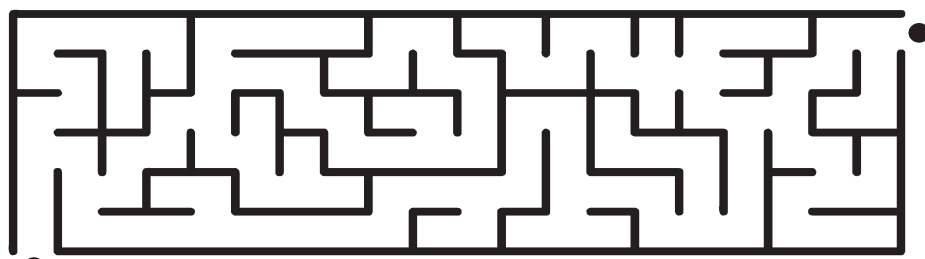
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Super Crossword

SCALE MODELS

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|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| ACROSS | 53 Zlich | 92 Certain stream of particles | 4 George who played Sulu | 46 Passports, e.g. | 83 Clippers' org. |
| 1 Bucolic | 54 Ugly plants | 55 Stuff oozing down a trunk | 5 Singer Rita | 47 Rent | 85 Provocation |
| 9 Break away formally | 56 She sang "I'll Be Missing You" with Puff Daddy | 95 N, S, E or W | 6 Get decayed | 48 The, in Paris | 86 Ruler's seat |
| 15 Lazes about | 60 Skewed view | 96 — de mer | 7 Touches down | 49 Area south of the Black Sea | 87 WWII battle city in France |
| 20 Out of prison conditionally | 61 Unicycle part | 97 Utility bill info | 8 Leave alone | 50 Karl with a manifesto | 90 Pindar poem |
| 21 Brand of infant formula | 62 Trout feature | 98 Waifish supermodel | 9 Second half of a single | 51 Zenith | 91 Frog-to-be |
| 22 "— vincit amor" ("Love conquers all") | 63 — go bragh | 104 Creator and star of FX's "Atlanta" | 10 "— Beso" | 53 Manipulation of matter on a tiny scale | 92 Sullied reputation |
| 23 Try to get the job done | 64 Makes taboo | 110 Wall St. hedger | 11 City about 50 miles west of Athens | 57 Satan's home | 93 Yolk's place |
| 24 "The Grass Is Singing" novelist | 65 Sister chain of Marshalls | 111 Remove a collar from, e.g. | 12 Arab leader | 58 God of love | 94 Business card no. |
| 26 Falco of "Oz" | 67 Art collector who founded a Manhattan museum | 113 Musk of SpaceX | 13 Casino chips, e.g. | 59 Liveliness | 98 Slanted |
| 27 Bonding stuff | 72 Daisy parts | 114 Co. transfer | 14 J.R. Ewing's mother | 60 Satchel, e.g. | 99 Iota-lambda link |
| 29 Peevish | 74 Nets or Nats | 115 Luminaries like the eight featured in this puzzle? (hint: look at their first few letters) | 15 California city near San Jose | 61 "Eww, no more!" in texts | 100 "That's — shame" |
| 30 O or Elle, e.g. | 75 Daily opinion page | 122 Dubbed | 16 Meditation syllables | 64 Lazy type | 101 Fastening rod with a crosspiece |
| 31 Original host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" | 76 The Monkees' "— Believer" | 123 Greatness | 17 Japanese cartoon art | 65 Ellington's "Take — Train" | 102 Lazy type |
| 35 In a calm way | 79 Since | 124 Some female singers | 18 Ultimate | 66 Yoda is one | 103 Bulgarian capital |
| 37 Bellhop's employer | 80 Like lingerie | 125 Refuges | 19 Drooping | 68 Klutzy type | 105 Essentials |
| 38 Ultimate | 81 She played Kerry Weaver on "ER" | 126 Goes along with humbly | 25 Invested (with) | 69 Medication for acid reflux | 106 Arrangement |
| 40 Actress Hagen | 84 Hertz offering | DOWN | 28 Funny Tracey | 70 Part of LGBT | 107 Leaf features |
| 41 They suffer for what they believe in | 85 Actress Keanan of "Step by Step" | 1 Strength | 32 Timid | 71 "Fresh Air" aier | 108 Vole in event |
| 45 First lady who wrote "American Grown" | 87 Transmitted | 2 Battery pole | 33 "— favor" | 72 Postwar deal | 109 Roping event |
| 52 Self-confident declaration | 88 This plus that | 3 Small shoot | 34 Old Andean | 73 Morales of the screen | 112 Being seen via the small screen |
| | 89 George C. Scott's "Taps" co-star | | 36 Eatery bill | 77 Prefix with analysis | 116 Kung — shrimp |
| | | | 39 Chopping with an ax | 78 Pallid | 117 Wallet bill |
| | | | 41 Peeve | 80 Put in words | 119 Discharge from service, informally |
| | | | 42 Brazilian berry | 82 Occurring every year | 120 Wallet bill |

Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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DISAPPOINTMENTS ARE GUIDING LIGHTS TO OUR PURPOSE.

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



Life is a journey of ups and downs, celebrations and setbacks, joys and disappointments. While rejoicing in the highs and achievements is natural, it's equally important to recognize the value that disappointments bring to our lives. Though often seen as painful detours, disappointments are not roadblocks but guiding lights pointing us toward a more meaningful and purposeful path.

When faced with disappointments, it's easy to become disheartened and question our worth and abilities. However, it's important to remember that disappointments are not meant to hurt but to guide us. Just as a ship's captain adjusts their course based on changing winds and currents, so must we adapt our paths based on the changing circumstances of life.

My husband and I love baseball, so we made a quick trip to Minneapolis to watch a Twins game. The game is tied 2 to 2 in the top of the ninth. The Twins brought in a relief pitcher, which is relatively common during the last inning. The pitcher throws the first pitch, and the batter hits a single. The second batter comes up, and he hits a single, and now we have players on first and second. The third batter comes to the plate, and the pitcher hits the batter, causing the batter to walk. Bases are now loaded. The fourth batter comes to bat, and the pitcher walks him, giving the Rangers a run.

The coach brings in a new pitcher, and the next batter approaches the plate. The pitcher walks the batter and gives the Rangers another run. The bases are again loaded. I have never witnessed what happens next...the pitcher hits the batter, and he walks, giving the Rangers another run and bringing the score 5 to 2. Bases are loaded, and the next batter gets a pop-up, but the player on third makes it to home base, and they score their 4th run.

After the game, my husband and I discussed how disappointing it must have been for the Twins, especially the two relief pitchers. There was tremendous pressure during that inning with the loaded bases. It makes me wonder what the pitchers were thinking; where was their focus and mindset?

But then I think about disappointments and what they teach us. Whenever I have been disappointed in life, I have to stop and reflect that those disappointments are gentle nudges guiding me toward a path of resilience better suited for my growth. When faced with setbacks, we must keep pushing forward, maintaining unwavering dedication to our dreams and ambitions.

I have learned to persevere as life is unpredictable and that setbacks are part of the journey. It's in these moments of disappointment that our true strength shines through. Each disappointment is an opportunity to prove our determination and to rise above adversity. We develop the skills to weather future storms when we navigate these rough waters.

I faced a disappointment recently, which allowed me to grow and look deeper into who I am...who I was created to be. It forced me to reevaluate my priorities. When things don't go as planned, we have a chance to introspect: Are we on the right path? Is this truly what we want? These moments of pause allow us to make adjustments and realign ourselves with our true passions and aspirations.

Just as a sculptor chips away at a block of stone to reveal a masterpiece, disappointments shape us into better versions of ourselves. They chisel away at our egos, overconfidence, and complacency, leaving us with the refined qualities of humility, wisdom, and perseverance. Each disappointment adds depth to our character, making us more empathetic and understanding.

It's important to remember that disappointments are not indicative of our worth. They don't define us; they refine us. In these moments of disappointment, we can lean on our faith, as disappointments can be seen as part of a divine plan.

As a gardener prunes a plant to encourage healthier growth, disappointments prune our lives to allow us to flourish in ways we might not have considered.

So, the next time life hands you a disappointment, take a moment to pause, reflect, and embrace it. Instead of dwelling on the setback, choose to see it as an opportunity for a comeback.

Embrace the lessons that disappointments offer; they are the stepping stones to incredible opportunities toward a journey that's uniquely yours.

"Disappointments are just God's way of saying, 'I've got something better.'" ~Unknown

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

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

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

Mountain Valley Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA), 110 E Street Townsend. Services: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Kids and Youth Ministry during Sunday services. Life groups meet during the week. Pastor Eric Krueger, (406) 465-5895. MountainValleyChurch.org. We stream our services on Facebook: [Facebook.com/mountainvalleychurch406](https://www.facebook.com/mountainvalleychurch406). (Was Alliance Bible Church.)

Radersburg Baptist Church, 7 Main St. Radersburg. Services: Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Richard Summerlin, (406) 410-0458.

Set Free Christian Fellowship, meets at 318 Broadway St (PO Box 1163), Townsend. Services: Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Set free recovery Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Bible study, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Carol Bergstad, (406) 461-2181.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study, 10:30 a.m. Pastor Ney Khut - (406) 269-362-5768

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod, 301 N. Cherry St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Women of the ELCA meet second Tuesday every month at 6:00 PM. Bible Studies meet weekly. Call Ross Johnson, Council President, for more information, at (406) 465-3791.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 916 Broadway St. Townsend. Choir Practice, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Christian education, Sunday, 10:40 a.m. Youth activities Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Family History Center, Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m. or by appt. (Director Rebecca Mitchell, 406-980-0270). Bishop Matt Graham, (406) 266-4255.

Townsend United Methodist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Mele Moa, (406) 266-3390 TownsendUMC.org.

Trailhead Christian Fellowship, 20 Trailhead View Dr. Townsend (5 mi. north of Townsend). Sunday School and Christian Education, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Services Sunday, 10:00 a.m. 7th-12th grade youth group, Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. meeting at 407 S. Cherry St., Townsend. Pastor Mark Roelofs

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE SUPPORTS HEALTH CARE FOR RURAL AMERICANS

Donavon Hawke



Healthcare policy is a perennially hot topic, and with good reason—it's about the welfare of the people and how the nation takes care of its most vulnerable. When it comes to health care, few programs have been as transformative as Medicare Advantage, a public-private initiative that provides high-quality, low-cost health care for seniors and people with disabilities.

In health care, consumer choice is paramount. While original Medicare offers a one-size-fits-all model that might not be optimal for every senior, Medicare Advantage plans provide a range of options tailored

Medicare Advantage, 10



SR. CENTER MEALS: SEPT 11 - SEPT 15 *Thursday, September 14*
 Sweet-N-Sour Pork
 Fried Brown Rice
 Carrot Coins
 Four Bean Salad
 Pineapple

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Monday, September 11

Baked Ham
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Garden Peas
 Carrot Raisin Salad
 Spiced Apples

Friday, September 15
 Salisbury Steak
 Steamed Potatoes
 California Blend
 Tossed Salad
 Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, September 12

Sloppy Joes On A Bun
 Baked Beans
 Creamy Coleslaw
 Juicy Pears
 Dessert

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.

Wednesday, September 13

Roasted Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Whole Grain Bread
 Plump Peaches

WILL LYNDE TO SERVE IN NAVY HONOR GUARD IN WASHINGTON D.C.

MT 43 News Staff

Broadwater High School 2023 graduate Will Lynde will begin a two-year stint in October as a Navy Ceremonial Guardsman in Washington D.C. He learned of his assignment when he was halfway through his recruit training.

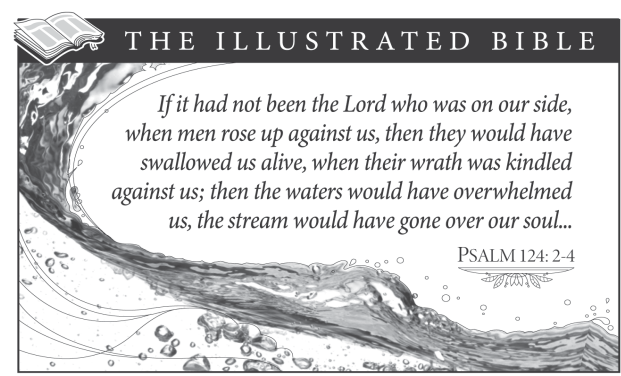
He graduated from recruit training on August 25th in Waukegan, Illinois, according to his father T.J. Lynde of Townsend who attended the ceremony with his wife Samara and his daughter Scout, who also serves in the Navy.



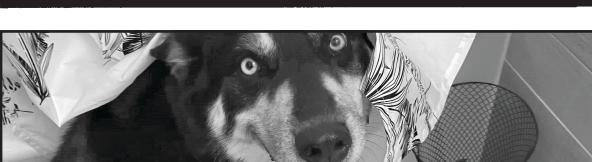
Seaman Apprentice (E-2) Will Lynde at his recruiting training graduation August 25 in Waukegan, Illinois. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Lynde had signed up for a five-year contract in aviation mechanics; however, he was rerouted to serve in the prestigious position of honor guardsman. He will serve in the Navy's highest service for Arlington Cemetery burials and presidential inaugurations. Only three hundred guardsmen are in the intensive training at one time.

Lynde could be the only Montanan to serve during his assignment. He will return to aviation mechanics when he is finished in Washington D.C.



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



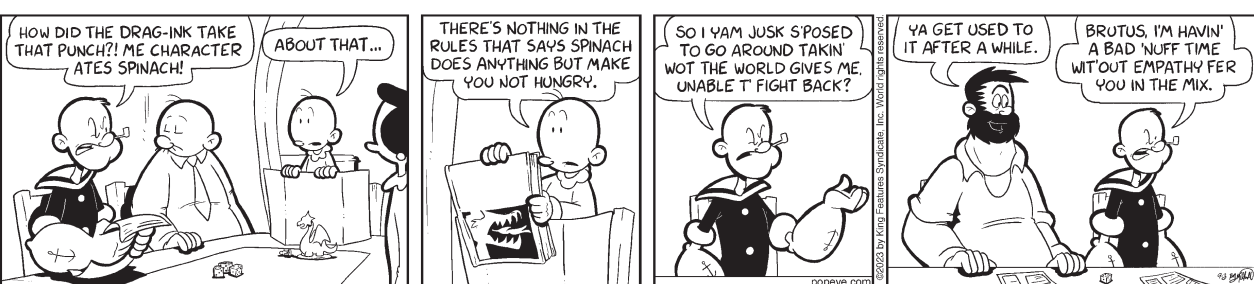
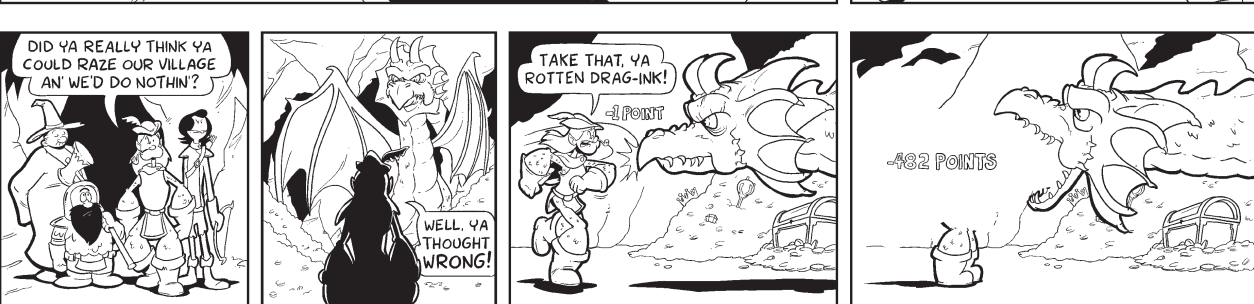
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"I got so sentimental when I found one of your old ransom notes!"

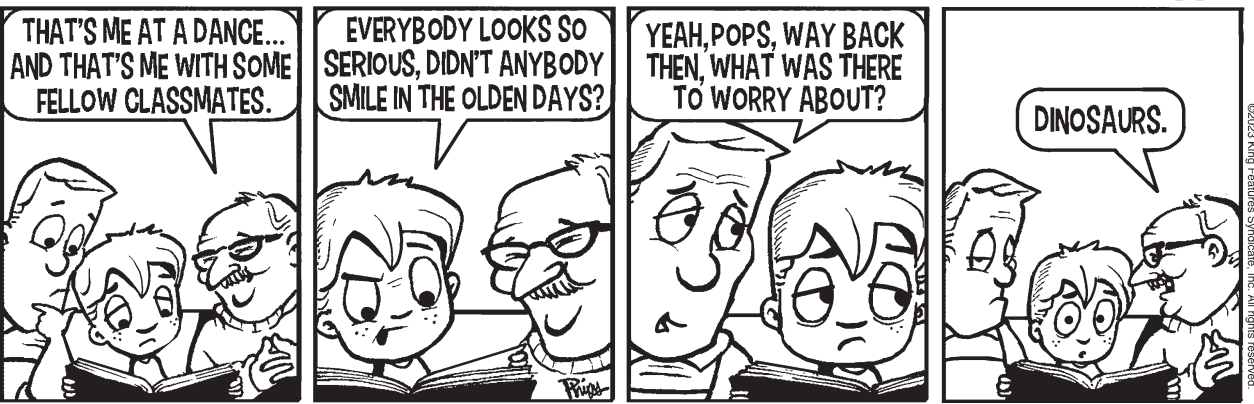
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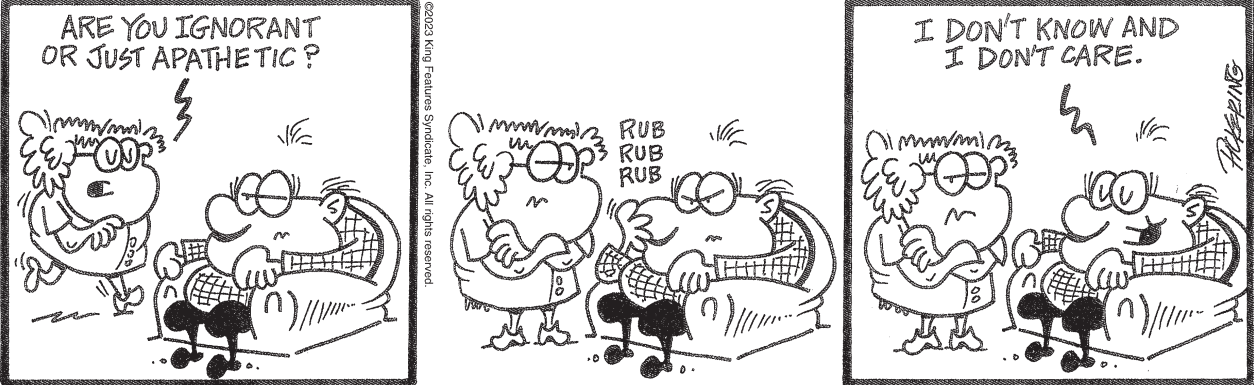
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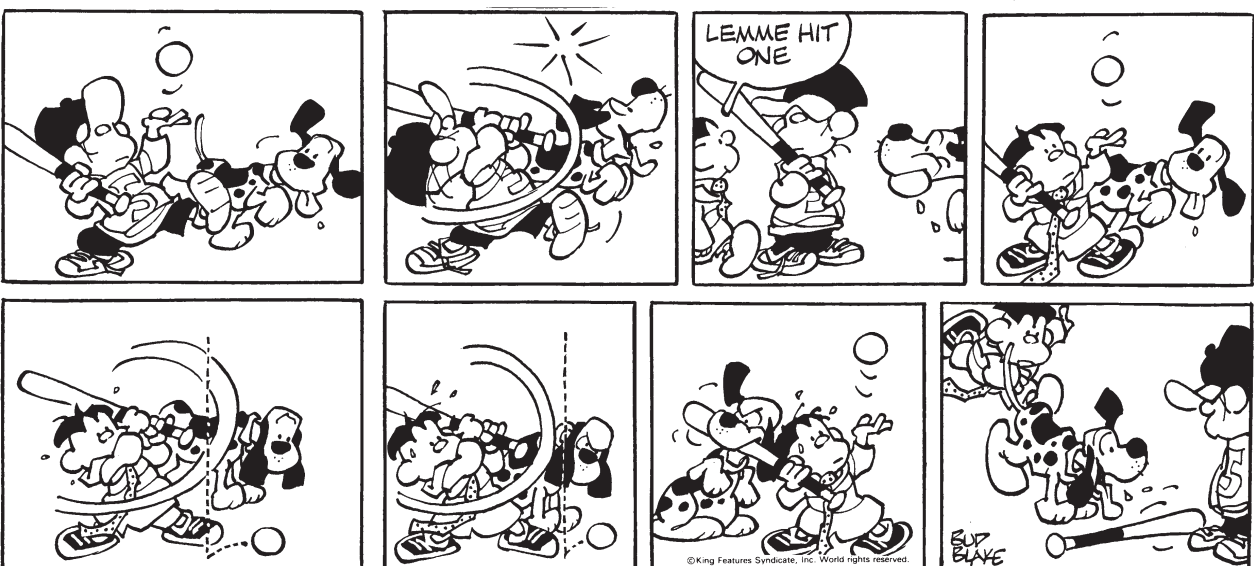
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WORD LADDERS

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THREE

HYPED

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Medicare Advantage, 8

to each individual's health needs.

Many Medicare Advantage plans go beyond the basic coverage of traditional Medicare. They include comprehensive benefits such as prescription delivery and vision, dental, and hearing coverage. Some even cover wellness programs and virtual fitness classes. These benefits not only improve the quality of life for seniors but also lead to better, long-term health outcomes and cost savings.

Medicare Advantage plans also deliver value. These plans often come with a cap on out-of-pocket expenses, providing predictability for seniors on fixed incomes. For those who budget meticulously, knowing there's a limit to medical expenses for the year can be reassuring.

It is worth noting that Medicare Advantage emphasizes coordinated care as well. This means healthcare providers work together to manage a patient's care, ensuring that there's a continuous focus on managing chronic conditions. This holistic approach can lead to a seamless healthcare experience for enrollees.

Medicare Advantage plans also invest in cutting-edge technologies and innovative care delivery models. A perfect example of this is telehealth, which allows patients to meet with providers from the comfort of their homes—a benefit that is especially important for rural seniors in a rural state like Montana.

Satisfaction rates among Medicare Advantage beneficiaries are notably high, with 94% of senior voters satisfied with their Medicare Advantage plans, this high approval indicates that the program meets, and often exceeds, the expectations and needs of its enrollees.

What's more, is that it also receives bipartisan support. Earlier this year, Senator Jon Tester joined 60 of his fellow lawmakers in the Senate and signed a letter to protect Medicare Advantage. Senator Tester's support means that more than 31 million seniors and people with disabilities in Montana and across our country can enjoy high-quality, affordable coverage.

Senator Tester has proven himself to be a steadfast defender of rural Americans and their health. His work to uplift the needs of seniors has not gone unnoticed, and I am hopeful that other elected officials take notice and offer their continued support for Medicare Advantage. Montanans appreciate it.

Representative Donavon Hawk is from Butte, Montana and represents House District 76 in the Montana State Legislature. Rep. Hawk served on the House Human Services Committee during the 2023 Legislative Session.



ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA – CHARLES M BAIR MUSEUM

Brenda Phillips



A little over an hour's drive from Townsend, near Martinsdale, MT, is the Charles Bair Museum. We made this drive out into the middle of Montana not knowing what a treasure we would find. (69 Miles 1 hour 10 minutes.)



Charles M Bair Family Museum
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This ranch has been preserved by the Charles Bair Family Trust in an effort to share local history and the art collections of the Bair family, which was prominent in Montana's history. The home has been preserved with all the contents that were collected by the Bair family on their many trips to the East Coast and Europe.



Fireplace in living area of Bair home.
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Replicas of the original artwork are in the home to hold the place of the original pieces that have been moved to the climate-controlled galleries that are on the property.

There are 5 climate-controlled art Galleries that display & preserve the many original pieces of art from Charles M. Russell and many other artists, along with



Dinning table with silver & china collections.
Photo Credits: Brenda Phillips

Indian Artifacts that were collected by the Bair family. Besides the works of art, you will see their collections of silver settings, china dishes, some firearms, ornate chandeliers, furniture, vintage clothing, and the ornate workmanship in their home.

Very knowledgeable tour guides take you on a tour of the grounds and tell you the history and stories of this family. The history of this sheep ranch family is very interesting. The house was modernized to include a bathroom that is gold-plated. Many lavish parties were hosted by the Bair family - unlike any seen on the early Montana frontier. There were so many things to see and it is hard to even try to describe the scope of this extensive collection. There is something of interest to everyone who visits. Well worth the drive.

The hours for the Museum are: Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day: 7 days a week 11-5

Fall hours: Labor Day through October: Wed-Sun 11-5

The Month of September is Upstairs/Downstairs month. It is a special treat to see the upper floor which is only open during guided tours in September. A little extra bonus history is at the top of those stairs!

We had a great lunch at the Mint Bar in Martinsdale and continued our trip around through White Sulphur Springs to see the Castle Museum.

That is a story for another day – stay tuned!

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



Gold wallpaper, mirror & fixtures in bathroom.
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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: O equals P

BD XSW EOOJX E FCERBMT OEQ
RS EM ENFC DSG E ZGBCD
OCGBSQ, BR NSWJQ ZC E RHS-
ABMWRC HEGABMT.

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KNIGHT MOVES

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Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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"Fifth floor, _____ Department
— watch your step ... SIR"

SCRAMBLERS

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

Balance
TRIPAY

Plan
JETCORP

Stare
GROWEL

Avoid
REGION

TODAY'S WORD

WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS

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Angler Kills Grizzly, 6

during processing, hang it at least 10 feet off the ground and at least 150 yards from the gut pile. Leave it where it can be observed from a distance of at least 200 yards.

Upon your return, observe the meat with binoculars. If it has been disturbed or if a bear is in the area, leave and call FWP.

Grizzly bears in the lower 48 states are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Management authority for grizzlies rests with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, working closely in Montana with FWP, the Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Geological Survey, Wildlife Services, and Native American tribes. This collaboration happens through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

For more information and resources on bear safety, visit fwp.mt.gov/bear-aware.



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RAINSTORM TURNS INTO A GULLY WASHER

MT 43 News Staff

People were running for their cars and into the grocery store in Townsend midday Sunday afternoon when a huge rainstorm hit. The result was water running in the streets and down the hill on Old Woman's Grave Road near the Missouri River bridge.



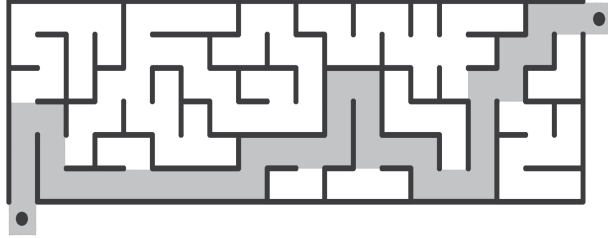
Water running down the hill on Old Woman's Grave Road near the Missouri River bridge. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

By noon on Monday, unofficial rain gauges showed over 1 and 1/2 inches had fallen.

According to unofficial precipitation keeper Jeff Ross, the rain began at 3:32 p.m. on the east side of Canyon Ferry Lake with a maximum rain rate of 2.01 inches per hour within ten minutes. The first wave was over in thirteen minutes with a total rate of 0.47 inches. Ross lives on Upper Ray Creek Road.

According to Public Works Director TJ Graveley on Tuesday, no county roads were badly damaged by the downpour.

Kids' Maze Solution



Patriot Day Parade
 Sunday, Sept 10 @ 1PM!!

CryptoQuip
 answer

If you apply a heating pad to an ache for a brief period, it could be a two-minute warming.

KNIGHT MOVES
 Answer

S	E	R
A		Y
G	T	T

STRATEGY

SCRAMBLERS
 solution

1. Parity 2. Project; 3. Glower; 4. Ignore

Today's Word
JEWELRY

WORD LADDER
 Answer

THREE, THRED, TARED
 TAPED, TYPED, HYPED

Americanisms

"Your 'good old days' are still ahead of you, may you have many of them."
 — Sam Levenson

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Super Crossword

Answers

P	A	S	T	O	R	A	L	S	E	C	E	D	E	L	O	A	F	S			
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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SEPTEMBER 7

1939

Rotary Club Here Elects Brown As First President

That Townsend is to have a Rotary club was made evident on Friday, Sept. 1 when the board of directors that was appointed at the initial meeting on August 30 met at a dinner at Kap's and elected the following officers: Earl W. Brown, president; Douglas Hawn, vice-president; W.L. Emmert, secretary; James W. Kearns, treasurer and John E. Connors, sergeant-at-arms.

Rotary is an international organization having clubs in 63 countries. There are 5000 active clubs and 500,000 members in all. The principal committees are club service, vocational service, community service, and international service. Minor committees to be appointed when the need arises.

The club held a meeting on Tuesday at Kap's at which E.V. Edworthy of Helena addressed the members on community service. They plan to meet every Tuesday from 12 noon until 1:15 p.m. At present there are 18 members.

Mr. Brown was a charter member of the Helena Rotary and comes to Townsend to be a charter member here. The intentions of the club are service to the community in which they are working, international service and understanding by working with the many clubs throughout the world.

1950

Toston News

Roxy Kolberg was guest of honor at a party celebrating her sixth birthday Saturday afternoon. The guests were Eddie Spatzierath, Dickie Berberet, Bobby Flynn, Jeannie Greaves, Judy and Joyce Johnson, Aleah and Alan Wilcox, Sandra Cook, Arnie and Carla Kolberg. After an afternoon of games, refreshments were served by Roxy's mother Mrs. Carl Kolberg and Roxy was presented with birthday gifts.

The 4-H Kitchen Klub girls entertained their mothers at a luncheon at the home of Carol Byers on Thursday afternoon. Five mothers, Mrs. Bill Flynn, Mrs. Frank Byers, Mrs. George Flynn, Mrs. Howard Wallace and Mrs. Elmer Johnson and one Grandmother, Mrs. C.V. Flynn attended.

Radersburg News

Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Castleberry and children, Joyce and

David, from St. Louis, Mo. Came out last Monday to spend the week visiting sisters, Mrs. Jack Ralls and family and Minnie Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Crum and daughter Mahala of Missoula and Carolann, Evelyn and Linda Crum, Rita Richtmyer and Robert Williams all of Townsend were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Seaman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sitton and family, Sandra Dennis and Sue, of Bozeman were Sunday visitors in Radersburg.

1961

Toston Briefs

Sunday dinner guests at the Byron Johnsons were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson of Boulder and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Noyd and children, Linda, Freddie and Jeffery, of Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet are spending the week in Glendive. They will attend the wedding of Delores Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ross and will also visit the following families in Glendive: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eklund, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Slagavolt, Mr. and Mrs. George Granmore and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schneider and their families. The ladies are all sisters of Mrs. Berberet.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson visited in Big-hole with Mr. and Mrs. George Rauser, Eddie's father, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Flynn and Louise went to Livingston Sunday to attend a reunion of the Sharp family.

Local News

Mrs. Bendicka Fuhs has moved from her home on Front Street to an apartment in the Foss triplex on North Maple. Continental Oil Co. has an option on her place as a possible site for a service station.

Logan Davis and sons, Lance and Scott, were inspecting elk hunting territory in the Grassy-Dry Creek area Labor Day and saw lots of game - 4 elk, 12 deer, sage hen, grouse, one mink. No bear was sighted this trip, but a week ago they saw a large bear in the Dry Creek Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alley and baby daughter, Rachel, of Missoula spent the Labor Day weekend in Townsend with Bruce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Alley and family.

Cactus Sherwood took his two sons, Skipper and Carl, Steve Valentine and Dave Totah into the Boulder Lakes Labor Day and reports a good catch of fish.

Miss Becky Loney of Great Falls was a guest last week of Larry in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Heberle.

1967

Toston briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kolberg Sunday.

Ed Townsley of Spokane stopped Tuesday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hargrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack, Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stubblefield in Clancy Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet, Jean and Jane attended the wedding of Mrs. Berberet's niece Miss Bonnie Eklund in Glendive Saturday, Sept. 2. On their return trip they attended the Sunday and Monday sessions of the Knothead Jamboree at Old faithful in Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer enjoyed dinner at the Golden Cache in Helena Thursday.

1978

Radersburg School Reunion was Popular

Smiles, tears, stories, memories were all characteristic Sunday at the first Radersburg School Days get together. One hundred seventy five persons registered for the event. "And even though a number of us only live a few miles apart, we had not seen each other in years," said Hazel Holling.

According to Mrs. Holling, "A highlight of the day was to have Mr. Russell Matsler present. He taught in 1914 and again in 1916." He, accompanied by his wife, came up from Oakland, California to attend. His pleasure in seeing so many of his old students was evident. Another teacher, Beulah (Hufford) Sitton from Billing was also present.

A number of school pictures were on display, the oldest of which was taken in 1896 in which Royal Smith and Mary Grandchamp are the subjects.

Charles Holling, acted as Master of ceremonies and introduced the special guests and teachers. Mary Grandcamp and Royal Smith were the two oldest students in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Matsler came the farthest. Adding merriment to the day was the 6-piece orchestra of Mockels from Helena. They played later in the afternoon and throughout the evening. They were accompanied on the violin by Scotty Bomar from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho who came especially for the event.

With the tables cleared from the floor of the IOOF Hall, dancing began and was enjoyed throughout the evening.

All present had a wonderful time and expressed how happy they were to have come.

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TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



This is the sixth 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.

26) Malus species 'Spring Snow', Spring Snow Crabapple; planted in Veteran's Memorial Park.

This tree was planted on Join Hands Day May 6, 2007 in memory of Franklin O. 'Pete' Peters, Army Veteran 1939-1945, US Horse Cavalry and Engineers, railroad worker, and Townsend business owner (butcher and grocer); and Velma Ruth Peters, member of American Legion Auxiliary, Townsend Garden Club, Orpha #36 Rebekah Lodge, Senior

Center, Hospital Nurses Aid, and Townsend business owner (grocer). The tree was planted by family, Rotary, American Legion, Boy Scout troops 231 and 235, and Tree Board members. The tree is located west of the sidewalk on the way to the Veteran's Memorial. The tree was paid for by the Peter's family.

27) Malus species 'Spring Snow', Spring Snow Crabapple; planted at 314 Broadway.

This tree was planted in May 2006 in memory of A. M. D'Arcy & Company, the first business located at this address in Townsend and Mary K. D'Arcy and Alice M. D'Arcy. The tree was planted by the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by Eileen Perry. The business was the Townsend Star when planted and then Missouri River Traders, Missouri River Trading Post, and now Broadwater Blooms. The tree died in 2017 and another Spring Snow Crabapple was planted. The tree is in good condition.

28) Prunus nigra Princess Kay', Princess Kay Plum; planted near the old entrance to the Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School at 201 N. Spruce.

This tree was planted on Arbor Day, April 30, 2010, by Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School 5th grade students to honor the 2010 Arbor Day Poster Contest winners: 1st-place: Jessie Hamlin, one of Mrs. Gilligan's students; 2nd-place Britney Rainey; and 3rd-place Brett Williams. The tree was located south of the Community Library near the old entrance to the Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School. The tree

was paid for by an MT DNRC Arbor Day Grant. The tree did not survive the construction of the new elementary school in 2022 and needs to be replanted.

29) Tilia x flavescens 'Dropmore', Dropmore Linden; planted at 313 N. Cedar.

This tree was planted in memory of Ray Forrey, a gentleman personified, on May 29, 2009. Ray was a log loader for Townsend Lumber Company. The tree was planted and paid for by Alan Schendel, Marion Forrey, and the Tree Board.



John A. Graveley Tree
Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

30) Populus tremuloides 'Driefest', Forest Silver Quaking Aspen; planted in the southeast corner of Holloway Park.

This tree was planted in memory of John A. Graveley on June 4, 2008. The tree was planted by family, friends, and Tree Board members. The tree was donated by his wife, Coralie Graveley. The tree is planted in the southeast corner of Holloway Park and is the first tree west of the storage shed. The tree is in good condition.