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PARACHUTISTS COME TO TOWNSEND AIRPORT

Matt Nelson



On Thursday, September 7th to Sunday, September 10th The DZONE SKYDIVING Company (<https://dzoneskydiving.com>) from the Three Forks Airport came to the Townsend Airport to provide opportunities for beginning parachutists the chance to jump out of an airplane, most for the first time. The runways at Three Forks are being repaved, so the company took their operations here. They fly two Cessna 182s. They will also be here this coming Thursday through Sunday. Townsend pilot Wade Litton offered DZONE the use of his hangar. All of the people jumping this past weekend jumped in tandem, meaning



Newlyweds Celine Versluis and Mike Modert.
Photo Credit: Mike and Celine



Townsend Resident Erick Sorenson (in front) is with his jumpmaster Eric Skroch.
Photo Credit Erik Sorenson

Erick Sorenson:

"I can't remember what we have already talked about regarding the jump. The chance to skydive over our own valley from our little airport just seemed too good to pass up. I wasn't sure I could actually jump out of the plane but it turned out not to be a problem

at all. Eric Skroch was very matter-of-fact and direct in his instructions and description of the technique he would use so there was never a question of what to expect. At 14,000 feet we were much higher than I had imagined (half that of a commercial flight) but that

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COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION BOARD FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS AT THE BUNKHOUSE BAR

Nancy Marks
Reporter



It was tri-tip, barbequed ribs with all the trimmings and good Country Western music that drew folks to the annual Community Health Foundation fundraiser on Saturday, September 9 at the Bunkhouse Bar near Toston. Good sunshiny weather did not hurt either, according to Chairwoman Kwinci Tatarka.

The group's fundraiser usually involves tickets for a \$1,000 donated by a bank in Helena, but the group decided this would be a good change. Total funds raised were \$6,289. Over 90 people enjoyed the meal, according to Treasurer Judy Gillespie.



Front row left to right: Ernie Nunn, Deena Gobbs, Dolly McMaster; Back row left to right: Lonnie Gobbs, Trish Dana, Cassie Cooper, Lori Graham, Kwinci Tatarka
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

The Community Health Foundation, organized in 1989, supports community health projects such as donations to the Broadwater Health Department for shingles immunizations not covered by Medicare or insurance. The group also purchased hand sanitizing stations for Townsend Schools during COVID. One of its main goals is to support Billings Clinic Broadwater for its special projects and needs according to the group's handout information.

Circle 100, a "once a year" meeting group is affiliated with the Foundation. These contributors have donated around \$100,000 since 2012, the funds of which are used to remodel the long-term care hospital rooms. The funds also purchased a bladder scanner, towel warmers, automatic handicap doors and a washing machine, among other needed equipment for the long-term care unit.

A second affiliate of the Health Foundation is the Barbara Kirscher Education Fund, the money of which goes to underwrite scholarships for graduating seniors who pursue careers in health. The funds are also used to assist Billing Clinic Broadwater hospital staff to further their education in the health field.



Townsend Cloud Glow

BROADWATER COUNTY LIONS CLUB CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION

Bob Brastrup
Townsend Lions Club

The Broadwater County Lions Club Charter Night meeting was a celebration for the induction of three new members and the presentation of two prestigious awards.

Sandra Booher, Don and Patti Hanson were inducted as new members by International Lion Director Ben Apeland.

Christina Hartmann was presented the Montana Sight and Hearing Fellowship award for her efforts to help the club purchase the correct equipment for the hearing and vision screening clinics. She is also a member of the club Sight and Hearing Committee, is the club president, and chair of the board of directors.

The Melvin Jones Award, the highest honor a club



Kevin Reed, left, was presented the Melvin Jones Award by last year's recipient, Joe Kondelik, right, at the Lions Charter Night.
Photo Credits: Bob Brastrup

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Townsend School Calendar

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| September 15 | CC @ Butte 7:00PM HSFB vs Whitehall NO SCHOOL |
| September 16 | HSVB @ Huntley Tourney |
| September 18 | 4:00- 6:00PM JV/MS FB @ Whitehall |
| September 19 | 4:00PM Little Dog Cheer Camp |
| September 20 | 6:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Ed - Writing Professionally-for Money at Library Classroom |
| September 21 | 4:00 PM HSVB @ Manhattan 4:00PM Little Dog Cheer Camp 4:00PM MSFB @ Anaconda Q1 Midterm |
| September 22 | 7:00PM HSFB vs Manhattan 4:00PM Little Dog Cheer Camp 4:15PM MSVB vs Manhattan NO SCHOOL - Teacher PLC Day |
| September 23 | CC @ Missoula 1:00PM HSVB @ Ennis MSVB @ Manhattan Christian Tourney |



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Lacie Reed
Lacie J. Reed Photography

Cheer:

Kaycee White is the cheer captain this season and always takes her responsibilities seriously. She's the first to memorize all of the cheers and dances and works hard to help her teammates get them down, too. Kaycee is a huge asset to the squad - we couldn't do it without her!



Kaycee White
Photo Credits: Lacie J. Reed

Volleyball:

Athlete of the week Reese Wolfram Against Jefferson: 14 kills, 8 digs and .5 blocks. Against Lone Peak: 8 kills, 2 digs and 1 block.



Reese Wolfram
Photo Credits: Lacie J. Reed

TOWNSEND CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

Melissa Meissner

Saturday, September 9th was a beautiful day, especially if you were in Bozeman on the Bridger Creek Golf Course for the Bozeman XC Invitational.

It was an exciting day of racing with the Neil siblings from Bozeman winning both Varsity races in spectacular fashion. Freshman Kylee won the ladies' race in a photo finish, while her older brother Nathan set the course record in the men's race.

Individual success in cross country is measured so much by your times: improvement on a particular course, recording your best time over a season, or running your fastest time over your career. These milestones are more rewarding than where you place in the pack and can have various factors: course topography, course conditions, weather conditions, size of pack, speed of the pack, etc.

Bozeman's race was the Bulldog's third of the season and a fast one with lots of runners from 41 schools (16AA, 7A, 8B, 6C, and 3 Wyoming) but the Townsend Bulldogs were up for the task. Thirteen of our 16 runners had their season-best time (SR), while 6 of those were overall personal best times (PR) at this distance of 5 kilometers. The Junior Varsity Girls were up first with 247 ladies

taking to the undulating course, a one-loop that starts by edging holes 11-13 before crossing over McIlhattan Road and finishing by traversing the length of holes 14 and 18 each twice. Scarlett McDaniel (26:46) led the way for the Bulldogs placing 123rd, while Grace Kroeger (29:35 SR) was 183rd, Melania Lambott (30:04 SR) was 193rd and Fiona Nelson (38:22) was 245th.

Next up was the largest field of the day with 314 Junior Varsity Men. Aidan Easter (20:42; improving from last year by 21 seconds) came across the line first for the Bulldogs in 104th, followed by Kaden Bruins (21:13 SR; an amazing improvement of 2:42 over his 2021 Bozeman time) in 135th, Rylan Hoveland (21:16 PR) in 139th, Ross McDonald (22:35 SR) in 195th, Wyatt Cooker (26:13 SR) in 290th, Luke Tullos (26:13 PR) in 291st, and Keaton Cavasos (26:49 SR; a remarkable improvement of 5:18 over last year's Bozeman time) in 296th. As a team, the JV men placed 20th.

The Varsity Ladies took the course next with a field of 208 contenders. Recovering from a fall at approximately 1 mile into the 3.1-mile race, Kyla Meissner ran her personal best time of 20:41 to place 35th. Kaelyn Sangray improved her Bozeman time from 2022 by almost two minutes to clock her personal 5K record of 21:54 finishing in 92nd. Abby Wicken's time of 24:11 gave her a 170th finish.

The 251 Men's Varsity runners were after that. Nolan Flynn shortened his Bozeman course time from 2022 by over a minute for his overall best 5K time of 17:50 placing 90th. Connor Lamb also ran in a personal best time of 19:58 to come in 183rd place. Super fast Bulldogs!

Townsend also has a robust middle school running program including grades 6-8, which took to the course for their second meet. Middle school hoofers run different distances each week depending on how the home course can alter the route while keeping the starting and finishing lines in a relatively same position. In Bozeman, that meant a race of 2300 meters.

The Lady Bulldogs finished as follows: Tana Santi (9:44) in 31st, Kensley Sangray (9:59) in 39th, Kathryn Six (10:26) in 56th, Addi Mosher (10:45) in 61st, Courtney Webber (11:02) in 66th, Lydia Brakefield (11:10) in 71st, Madison Vogl (12:46) in 86th, Anna Busscher (13:04) in 89th, Ella Tullos (14:44) in 94th, Kaedyn Budde (15:57) in 97th, and Aspen Bantz (16:00) in 98th. They finished in a fifth-place tie as a team with 127 points. The boys finished in 7th as a team with their times as follows: Trey Coker (9:00) in 46th, Sawyer Pitman (9:41) in 63rd, Dylan Pitman (10:52) in 73rd, Everett Kirksey (11:26) in 78th, Jayden Flynn (13:27) in 88th.

These Broadwater Bulldogs are getting faster with each meet this season and are certainly exciting to watch. The next two meets will be Friday, September 15th in Butte at the Highland View Gold Course and the biggest meet of the season, the Mountain West Classic in Missoula featuring 80+ schools from the three-state region. Hope to see you there!

BULLDOG FOOTBALL SEASON UNDERWAY!

Levi Van Zee

The '23 season of Bulldog football kicked off on Aug. 25 and with two games under their belt. The young Bulldogs are working hard to prepare for a very competitive conference.

The first gridiron match for the Bulldogs was held on September 25 against the Cut Bank Wolves. The Dogs were led defensively by Sawyer Horne with his 14 tackles, followed by Merek Easter with 9 and Deegan Mattson 6 tackles.

Offensively, Braden Martin carried the ball 6 times for 40 yards. The offense made their way into the red zone multiple times, but the Wolves were able to force turnovers. After a hard-fought battle, the Bulldogs lost their season opener 29-0.

Last weekend the Bulldogs made the long trek to face the top-ranked Florence-Carlton Falcons. Again, the defense was led by Horne with 12 tackles, and right behind him was Mattson with 10.

The offensive production was led by Deegan Mattson completing 12 of 13 passes. The Bulldogs fell to the defending state champs by a score of 47-0.

"We're a young team learning more than just X's and O's. Our guys are focused on getting better every day at total football. The commitment from our team and staff has been incredible as we continue to find success beyond the scoreboard." - Coach Joe Horne.

After a bye this past week, the Bulldogs will take on the Whitehall Trojans at home on September 15 with a 7:00 kickoff. Come out and support your local Bulldog football team!

FFA UPDATE - WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Kaitlyn Noyes
FAA Correspondent



July 22nd - September 5th, 2023

Washington Leadership Conference (WLC):

This year, Kayla Kraft and Mrs. Loughery (FFA advisor) took a trip to the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) in Washington D.C. from 07/18/23 - 07/22/23. Kayla commented, "The main things that were covered were our country's foundation, how we can make a difference in our community, and what we stand for and believe in. It wasn't some mediocre lesson, they forced you to look deep down into yourself and your community. WLC changes the way you look at yourself and the world".

When asked what was one of the experiences Kayla had during her time at WLC that impacted her, she stated, "We focused on how we can make a change in our community. We have the tools with our general knowledge, so why not use them? We were given more resources and I came up with a living-to-serve plan. As soon as I came up with it I knew that I was going to be on fire for this plan. In that week, I learned that I can make a difference. All I need to do is put in the effort and take steps to accomplish that goal."

Once asked if she would recommend this conference to other FFA members, she said, "Absolutely, it was 100% the most impactful experience and the highlight of my FFA career. If I had never gone I would have never realized that I can take steps to make my community a better place. I came back a different person and I had a positive outlook on our community and our world no matter how broken it is. My leadership skills have grown and now I know how I can create a Living to Serve Program." Additionally, Kayla was able to meet with our senators.



Officers Retreat
Photo Credit: Jemma Loughery and Kaitlyn Noyes

Officer Retreat:

For August 7th-9th, this year's Broadwater FFA Officer Team took our Officer Retreat to Kalispell, where we went camping.

Our time consisted of planning out our year with our POA (Program of Activities), team building, and having fun in the lake. We successfully planned out events, community service, fundraisers, etc. for the coming year, which will be announced and voted on at our next member meeting in September.

For our team building activities, officers combined into groups of two, and planned a team building activity together with their partner to complete during the retreat. An example of one of these was the human knot, where you go in a circle and grab 2 different hands across



FFA AG Olympics
Photo Credit: Kaitlyn Noyes

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Thank you
FRONTLINE AG SOLUTIONS
for buying my
2023 4H Swine!
~Aiden Kitto

Thank you
ITC SERVICES
for buying my
2023 4H Swine!
~Alex Kitto

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

September 15

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 16

11:00am- 3:00pm Open House at Top Gun Autobody (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

September 18

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

September 19

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 20

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

September 21

3:00pm Farmer's Market
 6:00- 7:30pm Open House at American Legion, 211 Broadway (SEE AD ON BOTTOM OF PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

September 22

12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 5:00- 8:00pm STROKE Farm to Family Fundraiser at 408 Broadway (SEE AD ON BOTTOM OF PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

September 23

11:00am- 5:00pm Edgewater Farms Vender Market at 8410 US Hwy 287 N
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

County and Government Calendar

September 18

6:00pm City / County Parks & Recreation at Flynn Building

September 19

3:00pm September TF Mosquito Board Meeting at Flynn Building
 4:00pm September Townsend Mosquito Board at Flynn Building
 6:00pm September Noxious Weed Board Meeting at Flynn Building

September 20

10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building
 6:00pm Airport Board Meeting at Flynn Building

OPEN HOUSE

September 21st, Broadwater American Legion Post 42 will host an Open House to give out information on American Legion Education programs. These programs are for students from 7th grade though 12th grade and include public and home school students.

Parents, teachers and students are encouraged to attend.

The Open House will be at the American Legion Post 42, 211 Broadway St from 6:00 to 7:30pm in the event hall in the back half of the building.

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We'd love to see you!



THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 17

Music by Chris Janson with Special Guest Frankie Ballard at Bridger Brewing

September 21

10:00AM Storytime at Three Forks Community Library, 607 S Main St
 5:00PM Youth Soccer Practice RESERVED (Grass @ Stevenson Park)

September 22

11:30AM Waste Pesticide Disposal Event at Pogreba Airport

EDGEWATER FARMS CELEBRATES 5TH YEAR

Traci Maughan

Edgewater Farms will open its doors for the fifth year on September 22, 2023. Many residents of Broadwater County and the surrounding areas have made this a fall



Pumpkin patch at Edgewater
 Photo Credits: Traci Maughan

tradition and co-owner Nancy Davis says that is what they hoped to create. "We want a place that children can spend 3-4 hours and not want to leave," Davis says, "A place that families can spend time together and never run out of things to keep their interest."



Corn Maze Layout for 2023
 Photo Credits: Traci Maughan

This year, opening weekend will include a Pumpkin Princess Tea Party on Friday the 22nd at 5 p.m. and a FREE Vendor Market on Saturday from 11 a.m. -5 p.m. The bakery will be open making the famous chocolate chip cookies for the Sweet Shop and TB's Flying Flamingo food truck will be serving lunch and dinner.

This year, the corn maze design is dinosaur-themed in honor of Jurassic Park's 30th Anniversary and features a T-Rex, triceratops and more! The jumping pillow, giant slide, games and corn pit will make an appearance once again as well as NEW Paint Ball guns in the Destruction Zone.

The maze is open Fridays from 4-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. throughout their season and Davis says they are always looking for interested employees who want to have a great time while working. Special events are planned each weekend as well as apple shooting, hayrides and simply spending time in a beautiful location. Admission prices have remained the same this year at \$10 a person (age 4 and older) and the admission is good for the day!

You can join the fun starting Friday, September 22, 2023, at 4 p.m. The season runs until October 28, 2023. The location is 6 miles south of Townsend at 8410 Hwy 287.

BREAST EXAM EVER!

October 6th, 2023
FREE mammogram

All women 40 years of age and older, with or without insurance, are welcome!

To register for this opportunity:

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Helena, Montana

2023 TOWNSEND FALL FEST MUSIC LINEUP

Robin Kirscher
 Fall Fest Marketing Manager

Townsend Fall Fest is thrilled to announce the music lineup this year! We have some of the best headliners playing Friday night to Sunday afternoon to make this event even more exciting. Please be sure to come out and support these musicians and enjoy this free Rotary-sponsored event!

Brady Wilcox: Brady's got a rough edgy vibe about him and tends to get on the wild side, yet he is also a gentle, loving, family man. Being From Southern Oklahoma, Brady is always doing something outdoors. Watching his daily adventures is quite a riot. His songs are rich with rock and country vibes with an alternative feel. He's constantly keeping his fans on their toes as he pops out new tunes. You never know if he's going to pop out a mainstream-sounding country song, a rockin' out banger, or do a rap collaboration. His social media is always filled with crazy photos and videos of who knows what, whether he's holding an alligator or with a boat full of people and a kangaroo, it's always sure

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actually made it easier for me because it didn't seem like the ground was a worry, we actually dove into the sky, who hasn't dreamt of doing that?" Also, "By the way, the instructor claimed this was the first tandem jump done out of the Townsend airport. Is there any way to know if that is accurate?" As far as I know, this is an accurate statement.

Mike Richter:

"The skydiving jump was an awesome experience that I had been wanting to do for a while and it was great that DZONE came to Townsend to do it. As you know it worked out that Erick Sorenson and I got to go up in the same plane and jump and we were the first ones to go. It was the first time I'd been in a small plane cruising over Broadwater County "What a great view!"



Mike Richter (front) is jumping with instructor Mike Missroon. Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Celine Versluis and Mike Modert are newlyweds from Michigan. They wanted to come to Montana on their honeymoon, and do a jump while they were here:

Celine Versluis:

"Friday morning, I stared up into the sky in great anticipation and excitement as I watched skydivers float down from the sky near the DZONE Skydiving Center. Watching both new and experienced skydivers land with huge smiles and enthusiasm made me beyond ready to get up in that plane and jump. Even though I had been skydiving once before, I completely forgot how addictive the rush of adrenaline and bird's eye view can be, completely breathtaking. As soon as the parachute opened, I could not help but whoop and holler loudly, which felt like an understatement for the overwhelming amount of exhilaration I experienced. Whenever I hit the ground, I just want to find a way to get back up and do it again!

Mike Modert:

"With this being my first jump, I had very high expectations for how thrilling skydiving would be. As we were making our way up in the aircraft, all those expectations became real as I felt my heart beating faster and faster. When the door of the aircraft opened, the reality of being 10,000 feet in the air suddenly surpassed any thrilling expectations I had. I put my feet out of the aircraft with my instructor and we pushed off the aircraft, free-falling immediately. I felt raw adrenaline as we fell; I was trying to take in that feeling as well as enjoy the view of Townsend as we came down. When the chute opened, we calmly slowed up. My instructor let me take the reins of the chute, which may have been the highlight of the jump, as I steered us through the air for a bit. He took over again and landed us softly on the grass. All I could think about when we landed was "When can I get back up to do it all over again? What an incredible experience! The instructors were great as they walked us through the jump, I felt so secure jumping with them."

Jamie Keller

"After having a hard couple of years, I decided it was time to do things for myself. So this year, my main focus is doing things that make me happy! I decided last minute to make one of my wildest dreams come true and that was to go Skydiving on my birthday! So although I didn't get to go on my 40th, I got to go on my 41st birthday! It was the most amazing thing I've ever done! It was the most liberating feeling of freedom &



Jamie Keller Photo Credit: Jamie Keller

independence I've ever experienced! The initial feeling of sitting at the open door of the airplane and that first front flip out into the open sky, and then free falling cannot be explained! I wanted to go again the second we touched the ground. I will say it was a life-changing experience. I will absolutely be going again next year and many more times after that as well."

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can bestow on a member, was awarded to Kevin Reed. Kevin has been actively assisting with various club projects, is the club vice president, and serves on the board of directors.



Christina Hartmann, left, was presented the Montana Sight and Hearing Award by last year's recipient Joe Kondelik, right, at the Lions Charter Night. Photo Credits: Bob Brastrup

Past District Governor Dan Sturdevant installed the new club officers. They are: President – Christina Hartmann, 1st Vice President – Kevin Reed, 2nd Vice President – Richard Heida, Secretary – Bob Brastrup, Treasurer – Teena Larson, Tail Twister/Lion Tamer – Gary Olsen, Board of Directors – Kevin Reed, Lacie Reed, Richard Heida.



Left to right new member Patti Hanson, sponsor Kim Kondellik, new member Sandra Booher, sponsor Joe Kondelik, new member Don Hanson. Photo Credits: Bob Brastrup

District Governor Scott Gertiser congratulated the club members for the many projects and activities in which the club had been involved during the past year. He stated the monetary gift presented to him by the club would be donated to the Leader Dog program.

A lively session of bidding during the desert auction rounded out the evening's activities.

The club sends a big thank you to the Legion and Legion Auxiliary for the excellent meal they served.

VOLLEYBALL: BULLDOGS SET SEASON PACES

Eliza McLaughlin
MT43 News Correspondent



The Lady Bulldog volleyball team traveled to Boulder on Sept. 7 to take on the Jefferson Panthers for the first time this season. Both teams were eager to show their prowess and set a tone for the rest of the season and this match was one for the history books.

Both teams had stands packed with their supporters and dueling student sections helping build the excitement.

The Lady Bulldogs claimed the first set 25-19, but Jefferson responded with a 25-19 win of their own in the second. The Panthers followed their second set win up with another, 25-16.

The rivalry showed its true colors in the fourth, with neither team letting the other get much ahead of the other. In the end, Townsend took the set 26-24 to tie the match. The fifth wouldn't be any further apart with the Lady Bulldogs taking the win 15-13.

Reese Wolfram led in kills with 14, followed by Aspen Slyker with 12.

Emily Bird earned 50 assists and 23 digs. She was only out-defended by teammates Holly Newman with 24 digs and Luci Horne with 29. Horne also led the team in aces with three throughout the match.

Bird, Newman and Kaitlyn Noyes tied for defense at the net with two kill blocks each.

The Lady Bulldogs carried their momentum into their match on Sept. 9 against the Lone Peak Big Horns. The match ended in three sets, all in the Lady Bulldog's favor: 25-13, 25-16 and 25-9.

Wolfram again led in kills this time tied with Slyker, each having eight throughout the match. Horne upped her serving attacks to earn five aces. Bird totaled 28 assists and led the team with two blocks. Haven Vandenaere held up the defensive end with 13 digs.

Sept. 14, the Lady Bulldogs will welcome the Three Forks Wolves into the Dog House for another district face-off. The game starts at 7:15 p.m., according to the Bulldogs' schedule.

Cross Country

Running in Bozeman, the Bulldog cross-country teams set new records for each of the runners.

Junior Nolan Flynn finished in 90th amongst runners from all classes, with a time of 17:49.67. Flynn shaved nearly two minutes off his previous season times and beat last season's record by four seconds.

Senior Connor Lamb was next in 183rd in 19:37.69. Lamb's new record is 30 seconds faster than last season's.

For the Lady Bulldogs, freshman Kyla Meissner finished in 20:40.97 and earned herself a 35th-place finish in 20:41.0. Meissner's new record is approximately 30 seconds faster than her previous season record set at the Jefferson Season Opener.

Junior Kaelyn Sangray finished in 92nd with a time of 21:53.41, setting herself a new season record more than a minute faster than her previous times.

Junior Abigail Wickens ran the course in 24:11.03 to finish in 170th, also setting a season record. Wickens hit her current personal record as a sophomore at the Mountain West Classic, finishing just under two minutes faster than her current time.

With new records in the books, and still plenty of potential for growth, Bulldog Cross Country looks set for a successful season for each runner.

The teams were scheduled to participate in the Butte High Invitational on Sept. 15, after MT43News press deadline. Check back next week for the results.



"If you devote your life to something, the results will come; but how it comes and where it comes from is none of your business - leave that up to Hashem. So keep striving and always remember: if you go all in and keep Hashem at the center of your life, great things will happen!"



~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

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- Letters may discuss any subject, but are expected to deal with only one subject per-letter and be 300 words or less. We reserve the right to edit letters for content and length. We further reserve the right to require documentation or evidence when discussing the behavior, motivation, or lives of other people.
- Letters to the Editor may not be used as a thank-you, sales pitch, or any type of solicitation. These must apply to paid space.
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Political Letters and Editorials
Political candidates are allowed to submit one biographical article during an election year. Additional articles must be paid for or they will be considered only as space allows.

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



SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal McMahon's courtroom on Friday, September 8 is as follows:

Margaret Austin had an Initial Appearance; on charges of DUI (4+) and following too closely. Her Arraignment will be October 27. She is to enroll in alcohol monitoring by September 22.

Jesse Standifer had a Change of Plea; pleading No Contest to charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs, displaying fictitious plates and driving while their license is suspended. He is Sentenced to three years D.O.C., all suspended for count 1, and 6 months on count 2 all suspended. He gets credit time served from May 10 until September 8. The judge told Sandifer that he MUST get his SUD (substance use disorder) addressed.

Joel Speiser had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to charges of 1) criminal endangerment, 2) criminal possession of dangerous drugs, 3) felony theft, 4) fleeing or eluding, and 5) criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. Count 3 was amended to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, per the Plea Agreement. In his elocution, Speiser said that while in Broadwater County, he created a hazard while he operated a vehicle that was not his, without permission. A Pre-Sentence Investigation was ordered. Sentencing will be on December 7.

Ian Blaylock had an Initial Appearance on a Petition to Revoke a Suspended Sentence. In May, the Court imposed a three-year Suspended Sentence on charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth). He allegedly changed his employment status and residence, without reporting either to Adult Probation and Parole. His Admit/Deny Hearing will be on September 22.

Micheal Coyle will have a Pre-Trial Conference on two cases on January 26; with the Jury Trial commencing on February 5, 2024.

Fransis Pierce had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to felony theft (under the accountability theory). Omnibus is due November 9; Pre-Trial is set for January 12; with the Jury Trial scheduled for February 5, 2024.

Brandon Montrelli-Siaz had a Status Hearing. He missed a payment in June of \$500. The Court reminded him that there is a specific payment schedule to which he must adhere. The defendant agreed to pay \$500 today; so that December will be his next payment.

Paul Creason had his Pre-Trial Conference continued until October 10.

Savannah Goodman – MT 4th Judicial District Court, \$10,000.00 bond

John Loving – Fort Benton City Court, \$185.00 bond

John Kirklin – Probation and Parole hold, no Bond

John Loving – MT 11th Judicial District Court, \$25,000.00 bond

George Marcuzzi – Probation and Parole Hold, \$100,000.00 bond

TOWNSEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPT 5, 2023

MT 43 News Staff



Townsend City Council meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at City Hall. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

City Council Member Kenny Urich asked if city noise ordinances could apply to logging trucks coming through town in the early morning hours. During the regular Tuesday night meeting at City Hall, Urich explained "Truck traffic through town is getting worse. We hear them coming through town at about 55 or 60 miles an hour, using their jake breaks at 4:30 a.m. Is there anything we can do to enforce noise ordinances?"

Mayor Mike Evans did not think the current ordinances would apply to logging trucks, but he would speak with Sheriff Nick Rauser to see if he could help. Evans indicated the council could make the ordinances stronger if needed.

In other business, Ward 1 resident Valerie Baraza was sworn in by Mayor Evans as the newest member of the council. She replaces Christina Hartmann who had moved out of the area so could no longer represent the northside ward. Baraza, who lives at 407 No. Maple, put in her letter of interest and was approved for the seat. A twelve-year Townsend resident, she is a former downtown business owner. She now works for a mental health nurse practitioner in Helena but also runs a medical billing business for a Butte therapy group. Baraza will fill the position until the November election when she will run for the seat.

Fall Fest Committee member Laura Obert requested the city close sections of Pine Street and B Street "for the safety of Fall Fest participants, crowds, vendors, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking and check-in for the car show." She also requested the city establish a moratorium on solicitors' licenses through the Fall Fest period. After discussion the council agreed to allow closure of parts of Pine and B Streets, and to enforce a moratorium beginning September 28 through October 1, the actual dates of Fall Fest.

Council Member Matt West asked Obert what the Fall Fest Committee was doing about alleviating last year's parking problems downtown merchants experienced. Obert said they had a parking subcommittee working on the problem.

Council member Vicky Rauser and City Attorney Peter Simon reported on the proposed interlocal agreement with Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson, for Swanson's office to take over the city's criminal cases. Simon has agreed to continue handling the city's civil legal work.

Simon suggested the city split its attorney service budget line in half, paying the county for handling the services. "Cory (Swanson) was very open to taking on the extra work as he is interested in hiring another deputy county attorney. This would help him raise his wage offering," he said.

The interlocal agreement would obligate the county office to provide the service, according to Simon. He suggested the agreement be short-term, with a renewal at the end of the budget year. Rauser suggested the council have a quarterly report from the county attorney's office on services rendered. Urich suggested it might be better to put out a job offer for another attorney. The council approved a recommendation to offer the contract to the county attorney's office.

The question of out-of-town people filling the city's garbage cans came up. Mountie Moose owner and city council member Angie Wintrow said people filled her garbage cans behind the bakery every other day. Public Works Director Tim Rauser said, "We are seeing more and more dumping from out-of-town folks. We need to put some teeth in the garbage dumping ordinance."

LITTLE PROPERTY TAX HIKE PREDICTED FOR MOST PEOPLE

MT 43 News Staff

Most people in Broadwater County should see little increase in property taxes despite sharp gains in the appraised value of their property, finance officer Debbie Kelley told county commissioners at their regular Wednesday meeting on Sept. 6.

Commissioners approved a resolution adopting the county's final operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. Tax bills should show up in the mail beginning Oct. 31.

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord cited a state law that he said will limit the county's revenue from property taxes to a level that does not keep up with the rate of inflation, even while the county is expected to provide services to a growing population. "We will work with one hand tied behind our back," he said.

Kelley said county boards and departments based their 2023-2024 budgets on last year's revenue, so the county can keep its spending down. "If we get caught in a downturn, such as COVID was, we won't go red in our budget," she said.

Public Comment

JB Howick, owner of Townsend Hardware, stated that he was interested in opening a store in the Wheatland area in South Broadwater County, but wanted to know about the availability of sewer and water systems. Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer said she would look into it and get back to him.

Businesswoman Mickie Imberi, too, wanted to know about sewer and water service available to businesses in the Wheatland area and she questioned the commissioners about noise ordinances, nuisance activities and abandoned vehicles in South Broadwater. Imberi is the owner of a tow truck and wrecking yard service located near Bridger Brewing at the Highway 287-Interstate 90 Interchange area. She complained of late evening noise from concerts at the brewery. She also complained that men who attend brewery concerts often urinate in the open near her property. Imberi noted also that the state's newly constructed Missouri Headwaters highway rest area has not yet opened. She said this results in men truck drivers pulling over to urinate wherever including in her driveway. "I'm asking Broadwater County to give me some teeth with an ordinance to help me with these problems," she said.

School Budget Report

Townsend Public Schools Superintendent Susie Hedalen presented the 2023-2024 annual school budget report, which the commissioners approved.

Hedalen reported that high school enrollment declined during the years of the COVID epidemic, from 232 students in 2019 to 195 this year. The school board and staff have worked at countering that loss through school-to-work internships with businesses and offering students college credits for some classes. Conversely, elementary school attendance has continued to grow, from 473 students in 2019 to 539 this year.

She emphasized the Century 21 grant which the school was awarded now pays for the Friday fifth-day school activities. Townsend Schools adopted a four-day week class schedule beginning this month. Regular classes run only Monday through Thursday.

Hedalen's report included information that 35 homeless students attend Townsend Schools. The school assists them and their families with money from grants and by partnering with social service nonprofit organizations Family Promise and the Friendship Center. Those funds help pay for clothing, motel stays, musical instruments and gas cards. She also indicated the budget showed an increase in support for special education students and families.

Hedalen noted that the school's low-power radio station, KDGZ 98.3 FM, is no longer broadcasting due to "technical aging out". The station cost the school district \$10,000 to operate last year, she said, and is no longer used for disaster and emergency services broadcasts.

The biggest challenges for the coming school year are the lack of employee housing and difficulty hiring bus drivers. One teacher is still without long-term housing. Two of the school buses are in line to be replaced when the budget allows, and Hedalen would like to see the school buy a 14-passenger van to cut fuel costs for transporting small groups.

Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield presented a contract for the county to hire Ascent Auction Services to sell by public auction the now-vacant Family Medical Clinic building on the southwest corner of the county courthouse ground. The auction contract calls for a professionally prepared appraisal after which the building would be sold by auction for no less than 90 percent of the appraised value. The buyer will be responsible for moving.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Elaine Warring, St. Louis, MO: improper pass \$85.00
- Jacob Shie, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
- Reed Rodgers, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
- Stephen Juraschek, Auburndale, MA: day speed \$70.00
- Keith Gebo, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
- Jasmine Fisher, Spokane, WA: day speed \$20.00
- Victoria Easton, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
- Christian Camarena, WSS: day speed \$70.00, No insurance-1st offense \$285.00
- Stewart Brown, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
- Colton Andress, Newburgh, NY: day speed \$20.00
- Adela Alvarez, Huntington Peak, CA: day speed \$70.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Shaun Lecair – Helena – possessing intoxicating substances while under the age of 21 (under age 18)-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete MIP class and 20 hours community service.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Ana Menchaca, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00
- Bryan Ward, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
- Madison Mohler, Great Falls: day speed \$70.00
- Tyler Ladd, Helena: night speed \$120.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Arlin Hapa – MT 13th Judicial District Court, No bond

Americanisms

*"Love is never wrong."
– Melissa Etheridge*

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to be entertaining. Brady and his guys put on high-energy shows that keep fans on their feet.

Shodown: Montana favorite, Shodown has matured into one of the best bands in Montana. The band has a diverse playlist and style that blends bluegrass, western swing, traditional/modern country, blues, pop, and 70's/80's/90's rock-n-roll, which has made Shodown a widely popular Montana band for many years. In addition to very strong lead vocals, most arrangements feature rich harmonies, mixed with driving guitars, fiddle, and a solid, grooving rhythm section. Shodown always brings an entertaining and high-energy performance to their family-friendly shows. This band will make you want to get up and dance!

Voodoo Alley: Known as the Pacific Northwest renowned party band! In the words of nationally renowned touring musician John Farey (who played with Van Morrison, Sly and the Family Stone, and others) "I can say VooDoo Alley is a premier rock and power band. Their material is well selected, upbeat, mostly but not entirely familiar, perfectly suited for the band, full of surprises and with every song displaying high energy. For an all-around, solid, fun, and party-inducing club and concert experience, these are the guys to check out... Five-star entertainment!

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

Matt Strachan, a Montana based singer songwriter, shines on stage with his high-energy, crowd-pleasing band The Hoot Owls. The songs dig deep into life's struggles while delivering an uplifting spirit that gets folks up dancing. Compared to American Aquarium's BJ Barnum, Matt has a way of bringing listeners into honest stories that resonate and bring emotional responses.

The **Dusty Tones** perform popular rock favorites from past decades to present featuring music from artists like Eric Clapton, Fleetwood Mac, Jimi Hendrix, Creedence Clearwater, Chris Stapleton, and many more. Musicians include Ole Olson/Electric Guitar, Matt Cochenour/Electric Guitar, Paul Marshall/Drums, Emil Glatz/Bass & Angie Paulsen/Vocals.

The **Unpredictables** is the husband and wife musical duo of Jeremy and Adelle Terry. As the name suggests, you can never be sure what to expect from them since their repertoire spans multiple genres including folk, rock, blues, country, reggae, and Celtic while playing a variety of musical instruments.

The **Usual Suspects** perform familiar favorites from the 70s and 80s in a classy, jazzy style, featuring music from artists like Stevie Wonder, Steely Dan, The Police, Roberta Flack, and many more. They perform frequently at On Broadway. Musicians include Ken Nelson/Keys, Jeremy Slead/Drums, Luke Michelson/Bass & Pat Bowser/Vocals.

Levi Blom: Levi Blom is an emerging Country Music Singer/Songwriter who was born and raised in Butte, Montana. We are a fun, energetic original/country band with a Little Rock and Roll mixed in. Levi was raised playing sports and played semi-pro hockey. After his hockey career ended, he began his music journey in 2016 and quickly fell in love. Levi has found himself amongst an awesome group of musicians, and together they have opened for acts such as Joe Nichols, Stephanie Quayle, John King, Reckless Kelly, Blackhawk and many more. The Levi Blom train keeps picking up speed and isn't slowing down anytime soon, they are sure to get you on your feet and dancing.

Ten Years Gone started 12 years ago as a father-son quartet. Revised over the years they added a keyboard player and started to play pop and alternative dance tunes. They are a cover band that plays live shows about 2-3 times a month in Breweries, Bars, Music festivals and weddings. High energy and multilevel talent on their instruments. Playing mostly funk, classic rock, pop hits, 90s rock, and country. Songs for any age and any taste in music, always what the crowd enjoys. The Ten Years Gone name came from a Led Zepplin song. They pride themselves in 4 and 5-part harmony singing and take their instruments to the next level of precision. Must see to appreciate. Robert Doughty- Lead Guitar, Mark Walker- Keys and vocals, Jeremy Slead- Drums and Vocals, Dennis Ferriter- Bass

FALL HOME INVADERS

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



What is it about insects and spiders that can cause a sense of panic?! There is a certain quality to these creepy crawlies that can do that! During the fall, it is common to see an increase in insects and spiders in the home. Most of the time they are harmless but can be a nuisance. Here are a few common fall home invaders.

Boxelder Bug

Most people are familiar with the classic black and red boxelder bug. They overwinter in protected places such as homes. Although they do not cause any major damage, they can stain draperies or light-colored surfaces and produce an odor when crushed. They have been reported to bite humans on rare occasions. Removing female boxelder trees close to your home is the best solution. If there are other boxelder trees in your neighborhood or area, you may still see some bugs, but it can reduce the population at your house. Sealing cracks into the home is also important. Most insecticides for the exterior of homes are not very effective against the boxelder bug.

Cluster Flies

These are the most common flies found indoors during the cool season. They resemble a house fly, only slightly larger with gold hairs on their abdomen. During the summer, cluster flies feed on earthworms. They use buildings for winter shelter but don't reproduce there. You will often see them congregate or "cluster" on sun-warmed buildings from mid-August to October. In the fall, flies enter a dormant state and remain inactive until spring. However, if there is a warm spell during winter, you might see a fly temporarily come out of dormancy in the house. Check window and door seals, ventilation openings and siding to help prevent them from getting into your home. Insecticides can be sprayed in and around the cracks and crevices of your home. Custer flies are not attracted to most traditional fly traps.

Western Conifer Seed Bug

This insect is often mistaken for an assassin bug. They have a similar body shape to a boxelder bug, but with a brown body, a unique pattern and thick hind legs. They have a defensive odor when disturbed. Just like the other insects, they are seeking shelter for the winter. These bugs feed on trees and shrubs with a preference for pines. They do not bite people or harm homes or household items. They often die in a week or two if not allowed to drink water and can be vacuumed or swept up.

False Chinch Bugs

These insects are not as common. During the summer, false chinch bugs feed by sucking sap from plants. They favor plants in the mustard family such as radish, canola and mustard weeds. They are particularly fond of flixweed, a common mustard weed. Mass migrations happen in late summer during periods of hot, dry weather. They seek shelter and areas of higher humidity. They do not bite or damage anything indoors. They will eventually die if trapped inside. Irrigated yards may encourage false chinch bugs, so stop watering next to your home if you start to have a problem. Insecticides have little to no effect. Migrations usually only last a brief time.

Spiders

Just like insects, many spiders seek a protected place to spend winter. The only spider in Montana of medical concern is the black widow. The brown recluse is a concern in the southeastern United States but is not found in Montana where it cannot survive the winters. There is older literature that indicates the hobo spider is poisonous and can cause necrotic lesions, similar to the brown recluse. However, recent scientific evidence suggests this is not true. The hobo spider and other insects and spiders can bite, although rarely. Most do not inject venom. However, bites can cause irritation or soreness (like a mosquito) and are subject to infections. Even though spiders may be an unwanted guest in your home, they can reduce pests. If you are concerned about spiders, take caution working in crawl spaces, garages and undisturbed parts of your house. Keep habitats such as wood piles and debris away from the house. In your home, sweep or vacuum them up. You can also purchase spider traps.

Fall home invaders are certainly a nuisance but are typically a short-lived problem. Check your home and seal cracks to reduce their presence. If you need assistance with insect or spider identification or control, contact your local Extension Office at 406-266-9242. Photographs and physical samples are welcome!

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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

10:05 AM Public Hearing, Budget Amendment for FY 2022-2023

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer, Resolution for Budget Amendment FY 2022-2023

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Captain Mark Wood, Broadwater County Sheriff's Office, Purchase of 2 New Patrol Vehicles

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, updates on Covid/Flu cases

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Vic Sample, Broadband Advisory Board Chair, Update to the Commissioners

10:40 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadband Advisory Board Recommendation of Spencer Sellay to fill the open board position

10:45 AM Discussion/Decision, First Amendment to Lease # 5935, Contract between Department of Revenue and Broadwater County

Public Meeting Notices

6:00 PM Southern Broadwater County: (CTAP*) Meeting on October 11, 2023 at Bridger Brewing

6:00 PM Northern Broadwater County: (CTAP*) Meeting on October 12, 2023 at the Flynn Building

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

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

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

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

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

- Board of Health on Sept. 18, 2023, at 2 PM
- BC Noxious Weed on Sept. 19, 2023, at 7 PM
- BC Airport on Sept. 20, 2023, at 6 PM
- BC LEPC on Sept. 21, 2023, at 1 PM
- Parks & Rec on Sept. 25, 2023, at 6 PM
- Planning Board Public Hearing on Sept. 27, 2023 at 6 PM
- Planning Board Meeting on Sept. 27, 2023, at 6:30 PM
- Broadband on Sept. 28, 2023 at 4 PM

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from you, and then try to untangle without letting go of anyone's hand.

While we were only there a few short days, it was agreed that not only was it a fun experience as new officers, but we felt we planned a lot of exciting activities, which we can look forward to in the coming year.

Ag Olympics & Welcome Back BBQ:

On August 15th, 2023, Broadwater FFA held our annual Ag Olympics and Welcome Back BBQ! The event was open to parents, officers, members, and the community. We started off the night with our chapter meeting, which covered agenda items such as voting on a Chapter T-shirt Design for the coming year, upcoming events and reminders, a report on our Officer Retreat, etc. This was followed by a dinner supplied by our Officer team.



FFA AG Olympics
Photo Credit: Kaitlyn Noyes

Getting into the Ag Olympics, we had multiple fun, exciting, and competitive events planned, such as:

- Penny in a Haystack - 10 pennies to find, 30 seconds
- Javelin - Varying points to top 3 throws
- Roping - 5 throws per person
- Barrel Racing - Timed
- Balloon Herding - Timed
- Feed the Pig (Beanbags + Pig Board) - 4 throws per person

Everyone broke themselves into groups of twos and took the total score of the group. The night ended successfully with our second place, Ross MacDonald (Treasurer) & Kaitlyn Noyes (Reporter), closely behind the winners, Amanda Pesicka (VP) & Spencer Braaten (Sentinel).



Washington Leadership Conference
- Mikayla Kraft with Senator Daines
Photo Credit: Jemma Loughery



Washington Leadership Conference
- Mikayla Kraft with Senator Tester
Photo Credit: Jemma Loughery

FWP SEEKING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FOR FUTURE FISHERIES CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking a current high school student to fill a two-year term on the Future Fisheries citizen review panel.

FWP's Future Fisheries Improvement Program grants approximately \$1 million annually for projects to improve and restore Montana's wild fish habitats. The 14-member citizen review panel meets twice a year to review proposals and recommend projects to the Fish & Wildlife Commission for funding.

Review panel members are appointed by the governor, or his representative, and must represent a variety of interests including conservation districts, commercial agriculture, irrigated agriculture, silviculture, fisheries restoration, Montana anglers, members of the Montana House of Representatives and Senate, high school students, mining reclamation, fisheries, and one ex-officio member from the Montana Department of Transportation.

The commitment includes a biannual proposal review and meeting attendance in mid-June and mid-December. This is a volunteer position, but travel and per diem are provided.

For more information, contact Michelle McGree at 444-2432 or FWPFIP@mt.gov, or visit the website svc.mt.gov/gov/boards/ and use the dropdown for the Future Fisheries Review Panel. Applications are located at svc.mt.gov/gov/boards/apply.aspx and the position is

adopted a budget requiring \$8.25 million, meaning there is almost a million-dollar deficit from the start. That is not correct.

The intended reference in that article is comparing the Fiscal year 2023 (2022-2023 school year) budget to the Fiscal year 2024 (2023-2024 school year) budget. The numbers themselves are not quite accurate either.

The Fiscal year 2023 budget adopted was \$7.6 million. The current Fiscal year 2024 budget adopted in August is \$8.21 million.

The increase in the budget is most notably from the increased enrollment or ANB (average number of belonging) used to calculate school funding. The article mentions a decrease in our recent high school enrollment but the continued increase in grades K-8 has contributed to a significant overall increase in Townsend School District enrollment and therefore our ANB. Thanks,

Jason Noyes
Townsend Schools School Board Chairman

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

NEW STORAGE UNIT OPENS IN SILOS AREA

MT 43 News Staff



Storage Hero, Inc. of Helena, has opened its new storage unit location, Lakeview Storage, in the Silos area. Located at 47 Silos Road, it is very

near the Silos Recreation Area and Campground. With 63 indoor units and 42 outdoor units, the location has 24-hour/7 security with gated entry and surveillance cameras on site, according to co-owner Deidre Smith.

"What sets us apart from other storage facilities we focus on customer care. We make storing and accessing folks' valuables convenient and cost-effective. As part of our commitment to Broadwater County, we also offer discounts for members of the U.S. military, first responders and school district employees," Smith pointed out.

Storage Hero company has served both Broadwater County and Lewis and Clark County since 2020 with four locations including Riverview Storage and Broadwater Storage self-storage in Broadwater County. For more information, please visit the company at www.LakeviewStorage.co.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

EXPLAINING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

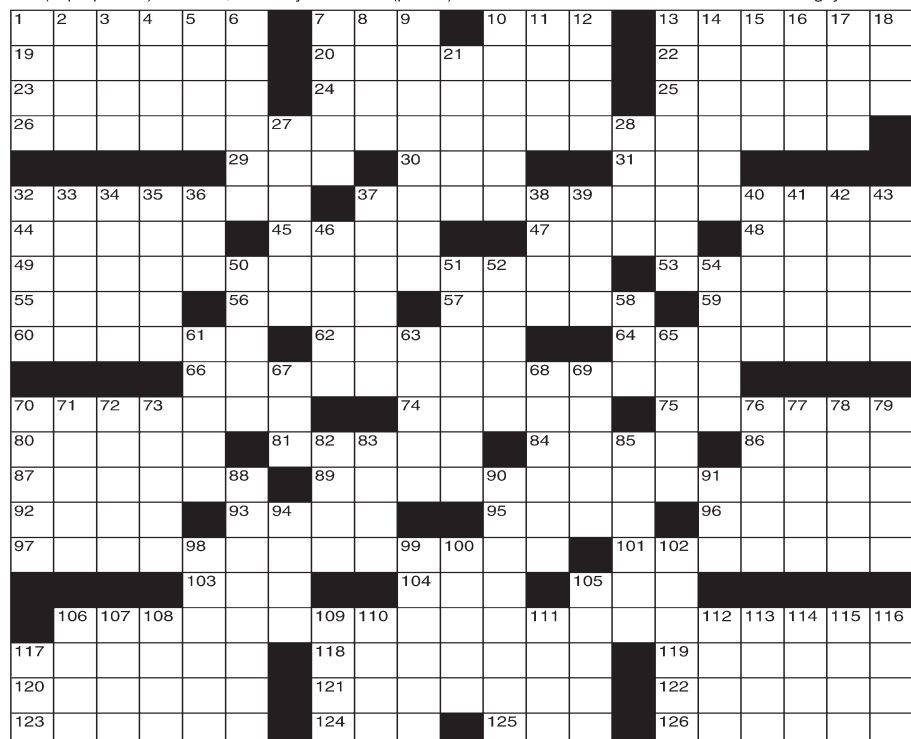
In the MT 43 News school budget article from August 25th, there is a statement being misunderstood by citizens. The sentence reads;

"Total funds for the year 2023 were \$7.3 million. The budget passed on August 8th by the school board stands at \$8.25 million."

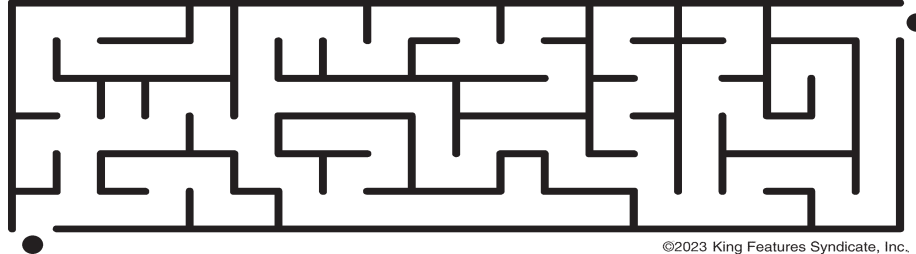
That is being interpreted that the school has \$7.3 million available to it and yet knowingly approved and

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- 1 Bumper-car
 - 7 TV little alien
 - 10 Garden pond fish
 - 13 Cause to blunder
 - 19 Cook too long
 - 20 Ned of NASCAR
 - 22 Ned of "The D.A."
 - 23 Appear gradually, as a scene
 - 24 "No, seriously!"
 - 25 Surrounded by
 - 26 Mountain laurel
 - 29 Clumsy type
 - 30 Stocking stuffer
 - 31 It's charged
 - 32 Alternative to ChapStick
 - 37 "Old Folks at Home"
 - 44 Vital artery
 - 45 Spellbound
 - 47 1989-2007 senator Trent
 - 48 Stein fillers
 - 49 Blue spruce
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 - 55 Author Ferber
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 - 75 Printing goofs
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 - 81 Reformer
 - 84 "OK" from Tom Sawyer to Aunt Polly
 - 86 Workplace welfare org.
 - 87 Fuddy-duddies
 - 89 Topaz
 - 92 Relative of a lutz
 - 93 Bullfight yells
 - 95 Israeli airline
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 - 103 To the — power
 - 104 Savings acct. accrual
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 - 106 Some legislators (or the theme of this puzzle?)
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 - 118 Opera legend Pavarotti
 - 119 Make a comment
 - 120 Response to "You'd never do that!"
 - 121 Ill-fated NASA mission of 1967
 - 122 And others, to Ovid
 - 123 Dwelt
 - 124 Found bread of India
 - 125 Subj. for some immigrants
 - 126 Passable
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 - 3 Whoop- (extravagant fanfare)
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 - 6 Marilyn of "Niagara"
 - 7 In — (pronto)
 - 8 Desktop illuminator
 - 9 No longer being detained
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 - 12 Really tiny
 - 13 "Saturday Night Fever" star
 - 14 Hard Italian cheese
 - 15 "Sure, put me down"
 - 16 Toenail treatment, informally
 - 17 Astral bear
 - 18 Coffee holder
 - 21 Rambled
 - 27 Mexican city due south of Dallas
 - 28 Elevate
 - 32 Waiting with — breath
 - 33 2013 Grammy winner for "Royals"
 - 34 Dunne of classic films
 - 35 Lieu
 - 36 Chinese ideal
 - 37 California county whose seat is Fairfield
 - 38 Sign word after "Ye"
 - 39 Stocking stuffer
 - 40 Worked on a leaf collection?
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 - 42 Tennis tie
 - 43 Up and about
 - 46 Gained access to
 - 50 Refrigeration fluid
 - 51 Workers with shingles, maybe
 - 52 Kofi, once of the U.N.
 - 54 Caveman's weapon
 - 58 Scrub nurses' sites, in brief
 - 61 Be hammy
 - 63 Tribal pole emblem
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 - 69 Stadium's kin
 - 70 Britcom of the '90s
 - 71 Pope before Paul V
 - 72 Coors offering
 - 73 Trade group
 - 76 GPS calculation
 - 77 1941 Oscar winner Mary
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 - 79 Emitted a contented sigh
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 - 111 Son of Seth
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Kids' Maze



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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HOPE IS NOT MERELY A TINY WORD

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



I have been inspired to write this week's article on hope. I have a treasured friend who mentioned hope on one of his reels, and it got me thinking about hope. He was looking for a definition of hope and what it means. It is one word that I believe is difficult to narrow down. From his journal, he read, "Hope and hopelessness are part of my disease. Hope tells me there is a better way." I couldn't agree more. There is a better way.

Hope is not merely a tiny word; it wears big shoes of unwavering determination. It is the tie that connects us to our desires and dreams, and its opposite, fear, is the shadow we cast when we fear those dreams won't come true.

Hope, in its essence, is a light guiding us toward a brighter tomorrow, a tomorrow where the weight of our struggles today will have faded into the past.

Sometimes, though, we stumble upon negativity, locking our hearts into what we hope will never occur. Yet, this is not the hope we find in the wisdom of the Bible. It teaches us that hope in God is absolute, grounded in the very nature of who He is. When we place our hope in God, we can stand confidently, knowing that whatever burdens we carry, we can entrust them to Him.

In Hebrew, the word for hope, "Tikvah," means more than mere wishful thinking; it means expectation. It also carries the connotation of a cord or a rope, symbolizing the binding and waiting inherent to hope.

Hope, you see, is not just a fleeting dream; it is a resilient expectation, a powerful expression of faith. It's a promise from a loving God that we will one day be fully and completely restored to His glorious presence.

In the original Greek, "Elpis," the word for hope implies certainty. It's the anticipation of something sure to happen, a subject filled with confident expectation.

Defining hope can be a challenge. Ask anyone, and you'll find that many pause to contemplate its depth and meaning.

I, too, am intrigued by this word. When I was in London for Queen Elizabeth II's funeral a year ago, I heard John Donne's poem, "Our Last Awakening." Donne beautifully portrays the idea of entering heaven.

Part of the poem says, "Where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears or hopes, but one equal possession."

This poem is a prayer or a meditation that expresses a desire to be welcomed into Heaven. It is a request to God for a peaceful and harmonious existence in the heavenly realm.

In breaking down the poem; "Where there is no darkness, only perfect clarity and knowledge. No noise or silence exists, only harmonious and eternal music, signifying unending joy and peace. In heaven, there are no fears or hopes, no anxieties or aspirations; everyone will possess the same sense of contentment and completeness. How wonderful is this existence?"

I have never thought of hope in such a context. Ultimately, there is certainty and fulfillment to hope. Hope, viewed in this light, took on a whole new meaning. It becomes a fulfillment of our deepest desires.

Hope in God is a powerful force, a compass guiding us through life's uncertainties, a sustaining power that renews our strength. As the scripture says, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31). Many of us use the word hope freely. I hope you have a great day; I hope to get on the flight, etc. However, hope is a term intended for expressing certainty or assurance.

In our daily lives filled with hopes and anxieties, we often use the word "hope" with a hint of doubt. But remember, hope in God is different. It is a rock-solid foundation on which we can build our lives, a steadfast assurance that our dreams will find fulfillment. So, let us hold onto hope with unwavering faith, for it is powerful enough to illuminate the darkest paths and bring us to a future filled with promise and purpose.

I want you to be inspired to reflect and embrace hope with unwavering faith and confidence in a brighter future. "Hope is the anchor of the soul." Hebrews 6:19

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COMING SOON: POP-UP PANTRY

John Hahn

Tina Homann is at it again! A few years ago, Tina successfully remodeled the seventy-year-old Masonic Temple into "The Lodge" which is now used for community projects, a daycare, an Airbnb, nonprofit meeting rooms, a community theater, and many STROKE programs. She has now purchased the old Main Street Barbershop at 408 Broadway, between the Flynn Building and Opportunity Bank.

After being unable to rent the space out, the decision was easy. Repurpose the building and help the community again. Tina is a very busy gal!

Amanda Domino and Tina have taught a basic cooking class for a few of the kids enrolled in STROKE. They quickly realized that the class became about much more than cooking. It became about building healthy relationships between kids and their families, mentoring and community. At times, the meals prepared were served to family members and friends, which was one of the favorite parts of the students.

Now, they want to take that a step further and truly



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| SR. CENTER MEALS: | Thursday, September 21 |
| SEPT 18 - SEPT 22 | Baked Cod Rice Pilaf Carrot Coins Bean Medley Sweet Peaches |
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| Monday, September 18 | Friday, September 22 |
| Swedish Meatballs Steamed Potatoes Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Apricot Halves Birthday Dinner | Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Pickled Beets Whole Grain Bread Cinnamon Applesauce |
| Tuesday, September 19 | 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 20 | |
| Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Green Beans Golden Corn Fruit Cocktail | |

open the meals up for the community to enjoy.

Heather Hatwan came to the Lodge a few months ago, curious about what is happening there. She is a chef and owner of Big Sky Culinary classes. After visiting with Tina and Amanda, she was quick to offer her help to take the cooking classes to a whole new level.

With the help of STROKE and Heather's expertise in reopening restaurants, Tina hopes to repurpose the shop and create a place where people in the community can gather. She wants to create a place to visit with friends, family, and colleagues. We envision the "Pop Up Pantry" to be a huge benefit to the people in our community Tina says.

The pantry will provide a comfortable place to visit. Food, drinks, and hopefully some entertainment will be provided on a day-to-day basis.

For starters, on Fridays, we will provide meals prepared by the kids participating in STROKE's culinary classes. The kids will have an opportunity to cook and learn more about the hospitality business too. The meals will be free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Any tips will be split amongst the students working that night.

Meals will be prepared in the commercial kitchen at the Lodge on Wednesdays and Thursdays under the close eye of chef Heather Hatwan. Heather will teach the ins and outs of a commercial kitchen (food safety, knife handling, etc.) Fridays will be the final prepping, cooking and serving meals at the Pop-Up Pantry. On other days, the pantry will be available for "closet cooks and bakers" to show off their goods.

We're also hoping to attract musicians to bring their instruments and have some jam sessions.

We are aiming to help minimize food insecurities in our community and hope that farmers and ranchers in our area will donate produce meat, and dry goods. Community members are encouraged to donate any extra things they have in their pantries.

We are also hoping that people with special culinary or hospitality skills will step up and offer classes such as canning and preserving, gardening, or bread baking.

If you'd like to learn more about what will be happening at the future Pop Up Pantry, join us at our Farm to Family Fundraiser on September 22nd, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. (Please see ad on the bottom of page 11 for more details about this event)

We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas as this is still an idea in progress.

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Do not let your adornment be merely outward - arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel - rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

1 PETER 3: 3-4
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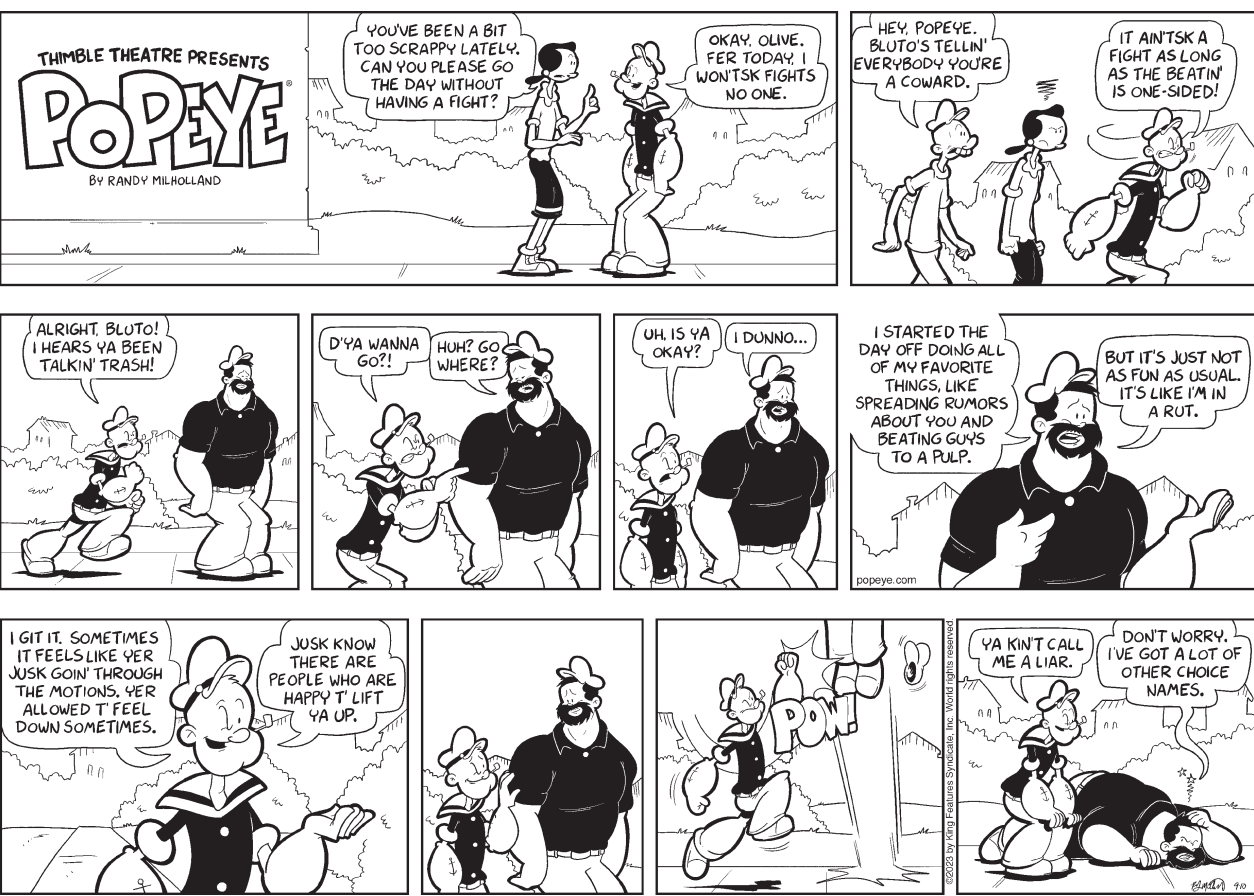
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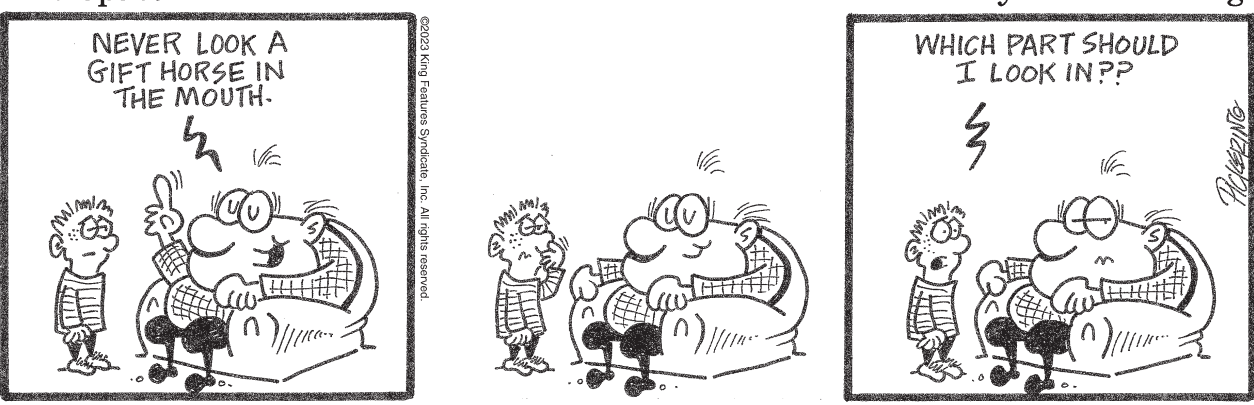
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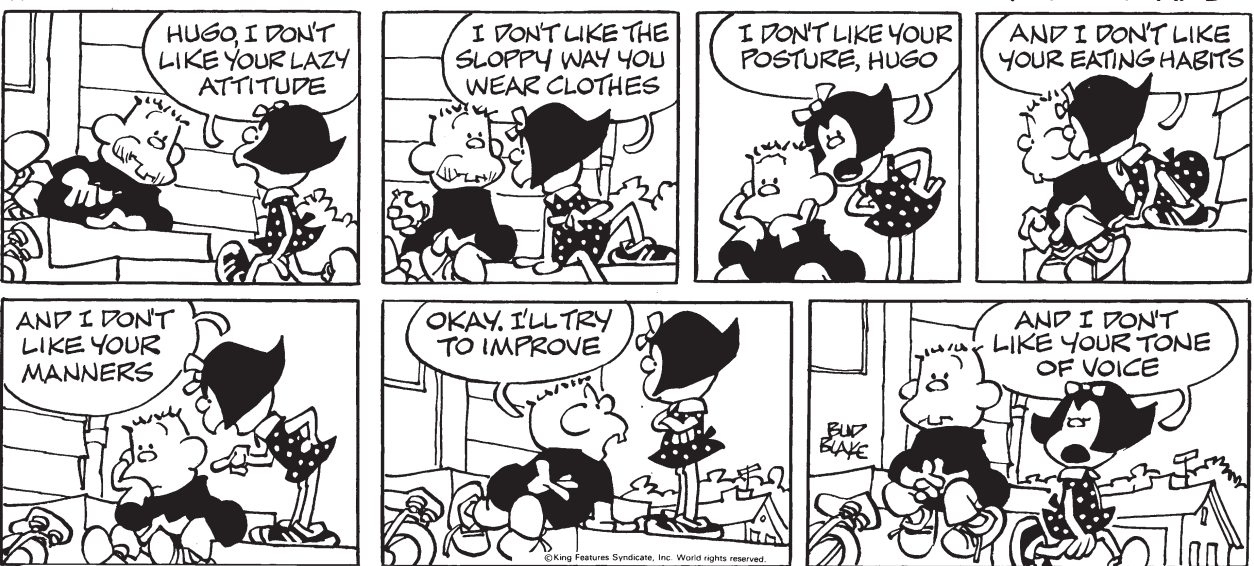
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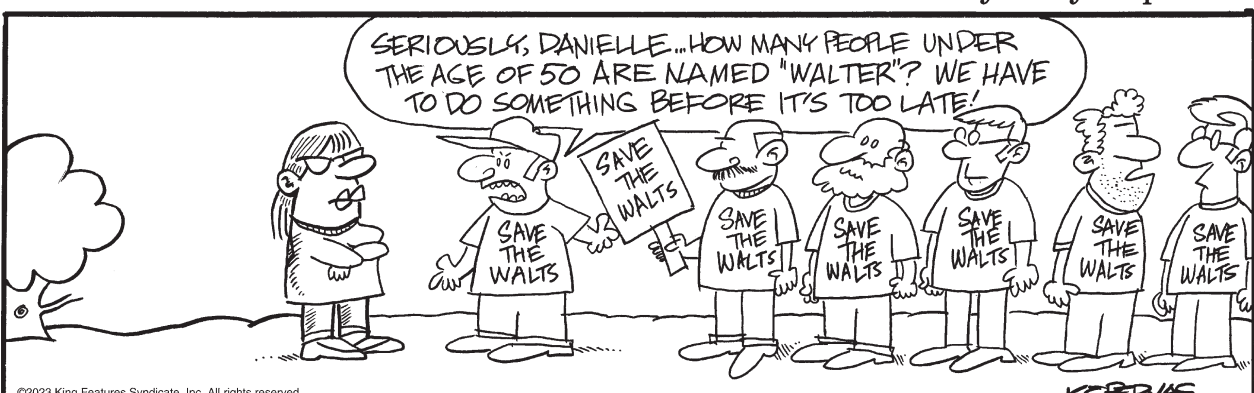
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Out on a Limb



WORD LADDERS

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

BLIND

FLOUR

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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.



were U.S. military members, and 40 individuals died outside Shanksville, including one United States Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement officer who died when United Airlines Flight 93 crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. One hundred and two countries worldwide lost citizens.

Since that date, over 1,400 rescue workers who responded to the scene in the days and months after the attacks have died, and over 1,140 people who worked, lived, or studied in Lower Manhattan at the time of the attacks suffered from "exposure to toxins at Ground Zero".

On September 8, 2023, by using cutting-edge DNA sequencing techniques, two more people, a man and a woman, were identified, almost 22 years after the day they died they were identified.

However, this year, we all woke, put our kids on the bus, took them to school, made lunches, prepared for work, and went about our day and maybe briefly thought about where we were that day 22 years ago. Where were we? Who were we? And did that event change us at all? Do we remember what we felt that day?

What would happen if Americans in 2023 lived like we did on September 12, 2001? We lived with patriotism, respect, dignity, volunteerism, and dedication to the sense of community.

I hear consistently from residents Broadwater County has all those things. But do we?

Let's take, for example, the dire need for first responders in our communities. We don't have enough people to staff our ambulance and fire departments. What happens if no one is there to answer the call? Someone will always be there, right? No matter what time, day, or night, some non-cape hero will attend to my law enforcement, medical, or fire needs. The reality is that those honorable, selfless men and women are dwindling in number daily.

This always brings up the conversation: Why don't people volunteer?

Some of the most popular excuses given by people for not volunteering, according to a national study, are:

- Being busy with work or school
- Family responsibilities
- Poor health
- Issues within the organizations to which they want to volunteer.
- Lack of time
- Lack of interest
- Not knowing where to start
- vNot knowing how to be of help

According to another source, the most typical excuse for not volunteering is a lack of time, followed by rigid volunteer commitments and schedules.

Making volunteering more automated and accessible, connecting volunteers' abilities and expertise with open positions, and emphasizing volunteers' impact were

some strategies to encourage more people to volunteer.

Everyone has something to offer regardless of time, physical capability, or knowledge level.

As someone who has spent most of my adult life in emergency services and grew up in a fire station, I can attest that volunteering is genuinely life-changing. The services provided by first responders can and do save lives.

Perhaps if Americans, specifically Broadwater County residents, look at their own lives and choose to live and volunteer as we did on September 12, 2001, they would see that many have the time, capability, and capacity to volunteer. On the other hand, those organizations need to solicit and ask for help before the tone drops and no one is there to take the call.

Editor's Note: The company I worked for on Sept 11, 2001, had an office in one of the World Trade Center Towers. I had several friends that were in the office that day. The office was on the lower floors and everyone in our office safely evacuated.

All of them survived - none of them were ever the same.

And we all owe a huge debt to first responders everywhere.

9/11 PARADE

Tony Wagner
American Legion Post 42

Sunday, (September 10, 2023) at 1 p.m., the American Legion conducted a 9/11 parade, which was organized by Commander Larry Westfield and SAL member Tim Poole. The parade was grand marshaled by Sheriff Rausser.

All of Townsend's first responders joined in with the American Legion and the children received lots of candy. All had a great time.



Birdi's Parade Float. Left to right: Roland Heaton, Birdi Kribs, Amie Taylor; in back Butch Merritt. Truck driver: Chris Asplund
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

The following day, The American Legion provided a 9/11 dinner to honor all first responders, but more about that in next week's article!

I'd like to thank all those who participated in the parade and certainly all of those who came out to see it. We couldn't have done it without you!

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THE CHALLENGE TO LIVE LIKE WE DID ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2001

Audrey Walleser-Martin



September 11, 2001, is a date that everyone can remember exactly where they were and what they were doing. Some were in school, some were not even born yet, farmers were in fields bringing in the harvest, and workers left that day for work, not knowing what awaited them when they turned on the radio or TV.

On the grounds of the World Trade Center in New York City, 2,753 people died, of which 343 were firefighters and 71 law enforcement officers. The death toll at the Pentagon near Washington, D.C., was 184, 55 of which

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals W

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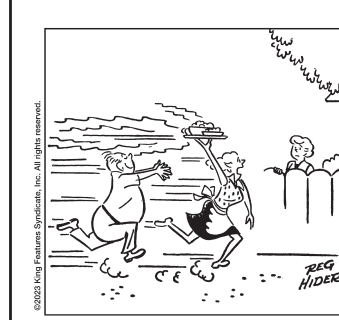
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KNIGHT MOVES

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"This is the only way I can get him to _____"

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!

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SCRAMBLERS
 solution

1. Exude 2. Degrade;
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Today's Word
EXERCISE

WORD LADDER
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 FLOOD, FLOOR, FLOUR

KNIGHT MOVES
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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SEPTEMBER 14

1939

C.B. Cartwright departed on Monday evening for Henry, Ill. Where he will visit his sister, and son Whit and family. He plans to be away about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cotter of Burbank Calif. were in Townsend Wednesday visiting former friends and relatives. They spent a few days with Mr. Cotter's brother Wm. and family in Canton. They also visited Mrs. Cotter's relatives in Helena before returning to their home by way of the San Francisco fair.

Miss Charlotte Doggett came home for the day Sunday from her duties taking nurse's training at St. James' Hospital in Butte.

Mrs. Madelene Antonetti, who is spending a few weeks on the Antonetti ranch in Crow Creek was a visitor in Townsend today to see her new granddaughter, Madelene Marie Massa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Massa, who arrived here last Wednesday. Mrs. Antonetti says she is the happiest grandmother alive because she waited many years to be called grandmother and because she has a granddaughter.

1950

Townsend Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Biggs and daughter have moved to Lombard to reside. Mrs. Biggs will teach there and Mr. Biggs will drive to and from his work at the Northern Pacific depot in Townsend for the time being.

Dick Bayles left by plane Sunday from Belgrade for Manitowac, Wis., where, in company with his aunt, Mrs. Helene Dedrick, he will go on to Florida where he will enter the University of Miami to take up the study of medicine. His school commences on the 18th.

Miss Margaret Smith, R.N. has gone to San Francisco where she will take a course in special work. She had been visiting her father, Royal Smith, and grandmother, Mrs. C.D.W. Smith, and aunt, Salome, for about three weeks.

1961

Conoco is Buying Fuhs Property

James E. Ward, local agent for Continental Oil Company, informs us today that the company is exercising their option on the property on Front Street belonging to Mrs. Merl K. Fuhs.

The company has had an option on the property for some time, and they notified Mrs. Fuhs that they are going to buy. Mr. Ward stated they plan to build a service station at that location, but doesn't know when they will start construction.

DeMolays Will Install Officers Saturday Night

The W.W. Harvey Chapter, DeMolay will hold their installation of officers on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. At the first meeting of the fall season held Sept. 12, the following officers were elected and appointed:

Master Councilor, Duane Arnett; Senior Councilor, Bob Davis; Junior Councilor, Ray Thompson; Senior Deacon, Mike Plymale; Junior Deacon, Larry Massa; Senior Steward, Dennis Kelly; Junior Steward, Jerry Fischer; Scribe, Jim Bralley; treasurer Mike Plymale; sentinel, Tom Campbell; Chaplain, Kent Kirksey; Marshal, Cecil Hunsaker; standard bearer, David Shearer; Preceptors, Tom Williams, Richard Thompson, Kent Kirksey, David Shearer, Larry Massa, Jim Braley and Cecil Hunsaker.

1967

Players to receive Special Honors for Offense & Defense

If you notice that some of the football players are

wearing stars on their helmets it will mean they have been given special recognition for their efforts in a game.

In explaining the new awards coach Jack Gillespie announced that the honors for the last week went to Lary Richtmyer, left end, for the best defensive game. The offensive award for the week went to Jack Jepson, playing halfback.

Richtmyer, a sophomore, played a very good defensive game, making seven tackles and three assists. Jepson, a Junior, carried the ball for 51 yards in gaining the offense award.

"Each Monday the football players and coaches vote for those they think are deserving of the two weekly awards, based on their play in the previous week's game," Gillespie said. This is the first season such awards have been given. They will be called the white and blue awards.

1978

South of Townsend, Toston and Crow Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohr and Virgil and Susan Spatzierath took Debra to the Bozeman Airport Labor Day. Debra flew to Miami, Florida where she is studying at the Animal Science Institute of Technology.

Jed and Peggy Stanfill took Penny and Allen down to BYU last week. Allen tried out for the "Young Ambassador Group" which is made up of singers and dancers and made it. He will be traveling with them this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Arden, Twila and Doug, attended the Baptist Church picnic at the home of Flo and Ernie Reed on Duck Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Flynn and Warren were in Great Falls this week where Ted had guard duty.

Lillian Arden, Ann Rauser and Doris Hossfeld attended the 4-H leaders meeting in Helena Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Turman were in Livingston and Bozeman on Thursday on business.

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UPLAND BIRD SEASON IS HERE

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

That rainstorm we had a couple of weeks ago seems to have encouraged most of the doves that had been hanging around to head south already, but there are still a few around, and this recipe also works for our other early birds, like ruffed grouse and Hungarian partridge. Ruffed and Huns are somewhat bigger, but this is one of those recipes that's accommodating: just increase the volume of the rest of the ingredients when all you have is a larger bird.

On the wing, a mourning dove weighs about 4-5 ounces; quail are only slightly bigger at 6-7 ounces (for those who've been in the southwest hunting birds) so those could easily be made with this recipe. Even using more than one species in a pot. Hungarian partridge are 2-3 times as big at 12-14 ounces, while chukar partridge (25 ounces) and ruffed grouse (24-27 ounces) are about 5 times the size of doves, though still pretty small. Since they'd sit higher in the skillet, doubling to tripling the other ingredients would be close, but just eyeball it (and compare the depth of the braise with the photo). And remember: when in doubt, too much sauce is always better than not enough.



10 Minute Doves Nestling into Pan
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you have on hand are blue grouse (3 pounds) or pheasant (4 ½-5 pounds on the wing).

10 Minute Doves – Quick and Easy Dove Recipe

Serves 4-6 people

Ingredients

12-15 doves, plucked, cleaned and dried
½ cup chicken broth
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon ground ginger
3 tablespoons orange juice
2 ½ tablespoons chopped salted peanuts
2 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup thinly sliced celery
2/3 cup thinly sliced carrots
½ cup diced onion
1 cup raw rice

To Cook

1. Start the rice, 20 minutes before the birds. (1 cup rice in 2 cups boiling water; bring back to a boil, reduce to simmer, cover for 20-25 minutes.) Rinse the doves and dry them well inside and out with paper towels. Wrap in dry paper towels snugly while you prepare the braising sauce.

2. In a small bowl, combine the broth, soy sauce, ginger, orange juice and peanuts. Stir and set aside. In a 10-inch skillet (a skillet large enough to not crowd the birds) melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the celery, onion, and carrot. Reduce the heat to medium. Gently sauté the veggies until tender, about 5 minutes.

3. Add the soy sauce mixture to the pan, bring to a gentle boil over medium-high heat, then reduce to a simmer. (The braising mixture should be about ¼ inch deep in the pan.) Dredge each dove in the sauce, getting

it all over the birds, then nestle them breast-up in the pan. Cover and cook for 10 minutes. Serve over rice.

Tips:

The only trick to braising is to dry the birds quite well with paper towels, inside and out, then snugly wrap with more paper toweling to keep them dry while you prepare the braising sauce.

Dry birds will absorb the concentrated flavor of the sauce, while excess liquid will dilute it (and give the sauce an unsavory grayish color.) When done, the birds should be 170°F on a meat thermometer. (Be careful the tip of the thermometer doesn't touch bone.)

This recipe first appeared many years ago in Field & Stream when I was game cooking columnist there. Need more upland bird recipes? Check out Upland Game Bird Cookery, at our website www.riflesandrecipes.com. Click on bookstore and you'll see them all.



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