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## TOP GUN AUTO CELEBRATES “HEROES OF TOWNSEND”

Dee Gannon  
MT43 News Correspondent



Ted Culbertson, born and raised in East Helena and owner of Top Gun Automotive, is philanthropic. For the last 6 years, he and his crew (measuring 33 total) have shown their love and support to others by sponsoring a ‘Heroes of Helena’, a gift from them to an agreed upon non-profit organization.



Carol Anderson of Top Gun receives the "Hero of Townsend" award for the Townsend Senior Center.  
Photo Credits: Pam Sample

Because Top Gun Automotive has recently opened a new location at the old Broadwater Ford site; the crew decided to bless Townsend as well. For their Grand Opening (although they have been doing a successful business now for a few months) Ted and crew decided to put on a show. One attraction (and it did get everyone’s



Rotary President Jeanine Stone, Pat Plantenberg and Jeff Langlinais receive the "Hero of Townsend" award for the Townsend Rotary Club.  
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Free Style Moto Demonstration  
Photo Credits: Pam Sample

attention) was freestyle moto jumpers. Flying through the air from a hard-cased ramp onto an air-filled landing spot, couldn’t have been easy; but the riders made it look that way, doing flips, jumps, and crazy stuff. There was even a 12-year-old, who kept up with his



Superintendent Susie Hedalen, Principals Sherri Heaverin and Brad Racht, Coach Joe Horne and several athletes receive the "Hero of Townsend" award for the Townsend Schools.  
Photo Credits: Pam Sample

older compadres.

Freestyle moto is where Culbertson began until multiple leg breaks led him to his real dream, Auto Body Repair. He credits customer service as his most important tool. “We have technicians who believe this in the deepest sense”, remarks Culbertson. “I personally train every technician who comes to work for TGA. I’m fortunate to hire right out of technical school. Those ‘kids’ are so hungry for a place where they feel appreciated when they work hard. That’s my goal, to show appreciation and gratitude for a job well done. Happy customers are those who tell others.”

Not only did the crazy riders attract attention, but the food did as well. They had BBQed burgers until they ran out... then, it was every (hot) dog for himself! Included were chips and a drink.

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### Chili & Baked Potato Bar

Wednesday, September 27th  
The Mint Bar  
Starting @ 6:30pm  
\$12/Person  
Includes: Bowl of Chili & a Loaded Baked Potato with Toppings of Your Choice!  
a Big Sky Autism Project Fundraiser!

## COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS OF GIRL, RALLIES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES

Nancy Marks  
Reporter



Our community grieves the loss of Townsend Elementary School student Karli Sandidge. The 12-year-old lost her life when she was thrown from a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) that collided with a pickup truck on Highway 287 north of Townsend Wednesday evening, Sept. 13. Her companion, a 13-year-old girl, was also thrown from the vehicle. She was flown to a Billings hospital and was to be released early this week following multiple surgeries.

Broadwater County Sheriff dispatchers received a call at 8:20 p.m. about an accident at Trailhead View Drive and Highway 287. According to the Montana Highway Patrol, the side-by-side UTV was attempting to cross the highway when it was struck by a southbound pickup driven by a 62-year-old Townsend man. He was taken with minor injuries to Billings Clinic Broadwater in Townsend.

Many families whose children are friends and classmates of both students moved quickly to set up Mealtrain and GoFundMe accounts to help defray expenses for the families.

Angie Paulsen, whose daughter is in the same class as Karli, gathered some of the girls and took them to the movies and shopping. Other families did the same. “We tried to distract them over the weekend, knowing

how tough it would be Monday morning with Karli not in school,” she said.

Karli was the daughter of Rick and Nicole Sandidge. Paulsen, the County Clerk and Recorder, and her office coordinated with the Treasurer’s office workers to do a fundraiser for the families by selling bracelets with Karli’s volleyball shirt number and the words “Fly High” on them. The other victim’s name and number with the words “Stay Strong,” will be sold to raise money for the two families. Businesswoman Jeannie Steele and The Mint Cafe stepped in to pay for the 1,500 bracelets. They will be sold on Facebook and at high school ball games.

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### How fast is your home internet?

Help Broadwater County improve access to high speed internet for our community by participating in the **Montana SpeedSurvey**

GO TO [mtspeedsurvey.com](https://mtspeedsurvey.com)

In June, Governor Greg Gianforte announced the State of Montana will receive more than \$628 million in federal funding to expand access to reliable broadband in unserved and underserved Montana communities. To assist the State of Montana in identifying unserved and underserved locations, Montanans are encouraged to take the SpeedSurvey.

SUPPORTED BY: BROADWATER COUNTY, MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TOWNSEND MONTANA, Townsend Public Schools, Broadwater County Development Corporation

QUESTIONS?  
Do you have questions about how Broadwater County is working to improve internet for our community?  
Contact the Broadwater County Commissioners at [commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us)

Please run your speed test by **September 22, 2023**. The State of Montana will no longer accept submissions after that date.  
You may take the SpeedSurvey as many times and in as many locations as you'd like.  
Your information will not be sold to a third party and will solely be used for the State's decision making.

Speedtest Flyer  
Photo Credits: Roger Flynn

# Townsend School Calendar

<b>Sep 22</b>	2:00 PM Staff Flu Shot Clinic at Community Room 4:00PM Little Dog Cheer Camp 4:15PM MSVB vs Manhattan 7:00PM HSFB vs. Manhattan NO SCHOOL- Teacher PLC Day
<b>Sep 23</b>	CC @ Missoula 1:00PM HSVB @ Ennis MSVB @ Manhattan Christian Tourney
<b>Sep 25</b>	4:30 PM/6:30 PM JV/MS FB @ Manhattan 4:00PM MSVB @ Three Forks
<b>Sep 26</b>	4:00PMMSVB @ Belgrade 7:00PM NHS Induction Ceremony in the community room
<b>Sep 27</b>	7:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym
<b>Sep 29 - Oct 1</b>	Fall Fest
<b>Sep 29</b>	CC @ Three Forks 7:00PM HSFB @ Three Forks HSVB @ Choteau NO SCHOOL
<b>Sep 30</b>	1:00PM HSVB @ Lone Peak 10:00AM MSVB vs Belgrade



## CROSS COUNTRY MEET IN BUTTE

### Cross Country Correspondent

It was a beautiful sunshiny, what you would call, a Chamber of Commerce Day in Butte last Friday for the large group of spectators enjoying the Butte High XC Invitational. For the competitors, however, combining the words “warm and sunny” with an afternoon start makes for an uncomfortable run. However, the Broadwater Bulldogs were up to the task with 3 of them clocking their season-best times and another 6 recording their personal best times at 5K!

The Junior Varsity Girls were the first to the course at high noon; a two-loop path meandering around Highland View Golf Course on a fairly flat surface where the runners stay within view for the entire 3.1-mile race. Scarlett McDaniel (25:03) crossed under the arches first for the Bulldogs in 68th, while Melania Lambott placed 157th, Grace Kroeger (29:52) finished 171st, and Fiona Nelson (38:55) came in 202nd. Melania took off one minute and twenty-eight seconds for her personal best time of 28:36.

Next up were the Junior Varsity Boys with the largest field of the day of 277 runners. Ryland Hoveland clocked his personal best time of 21:11 to come in 143rd, while Ross McDonald recorded his season’s best time of 22:16 to place 176th. These two gentlemen have shortened their times each week of the four weeks of the season so far, remarkable considering the varying courses and conditions. Rounding out the JV boys were: Kaden Bruins (23:07) in 212th, Luke Tullos (24:58) in 242th, Wyatt Coker (25:41) in 251st, and Keaton Cavasos (26:25) in 257th. Both Luke and Keaton also recorded their personal best times at 5K by 1:15 and 0:25, respectively.

The Varsity Girls’ gun blew at 1:10 with Freshman Kyla Meissner crossing the finish line 20 minutes and 46 seconds later coming in 20th. Junior Kaelyn Sangray was not far behind in 37th place in 21:29, which is her personal best time in her career. The Bulldogs did not run the Butte Invitational last year, so the last direct comparison would be 2021’s race. Kaelyn improved on that time by over two minutes; she has shown similar improvement each week this season regardless of the course! Abby Wickens rounded out the Varsity team coming in 73rd with her season’s best time of 23:04.

Completing the day for the Bulldogs were the Varsity Boys with Junior Nolan Flynn leading the way in 100th with a time of 19:17. Right behind were Seniors Connor Lamb and Aiden Easter in 106th and 112th, respectively. Connor’s time of 19:35 was his personal best, while Aiden’s 19:54 was his season’s best.

Coming up Saturday, September 23rd will be the Mountain West Classic in Missoula featuring over 80 schools from all of Montana’s classes as well as schools from Idaho and Washington. It is a difficult course with a decent amount of incline and easily the largest high school cross-country meet of the year aside from the state competition.

The following week will be the Headwaters Invitational in Three Forks on Friday morning, September 29th at the Headwaters Golf Course. This will be the first real chance for our Bulldogs to show how competitive they are against runners from their own division.

## BULLDOGS ARE BACK IN TOWN - WHITEHALL TROJANS

Levi Van Zee  
Bulldog Football Correspondent

Bulldog football action was back in town Friday night as the Bulldogs hosted the Whitehall Trojans. The Trojans came to town with a split record of 1-2 as the Dogs were looking for their first win. The Dogs struck paydirt first with a defensive score as Colt Barnard recovered a fumble caused by Cael Sell and ran it into the endzone. After another defensive stop, the Bulldogs marched down the field setting up Deegan Mattson to punch the ball in for a score on a 4th down and goal. The Trojans responded with about one minute to go in the first half with a touchdown pass from Joe Denny to Andrew Bacon to make the halftime score 14-7.

Second-half action was a back-and-forth battle until Mattson again found the end zone with 18 seconds left in the third quarter. Whitehall would respond with a touchdown of their own again from Bacon, but it would be no match for the Bulldogs. Colt Barnard caught a pass across the middle from Mattson and was able to juke and jive his way up the sideline for another Townsend TD. The Dogs' defense came on especially strong in the 4th quarter with a couple more defensive

scores. Sawyer Horne was able to sack the quarterback in the end zone for a safety. Shortly after, the defensive line crashed in on the quarterback causing yet another fumble returned by Barnard for another touchdown by the defense.



Bulldog Quarterback Deegan Mattson reaches for the endzone. Photo Credits: Kelly Morris

The Bulldogs defense had a standout evening with 5 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries, and 3 defensive scores with two touchdowns and a safety. Deegan Mattson led the offense with 283 passing yards. Logan Johnson added to the score as he was 4 for 5 successful extra points.

The Bulldogs were victorious, overcoming the Trojans by a score of 36-14. Come out and support the Bulldogs as they take on the Manhattan Tigers at home this coming Friday, September 22.

## 60TH CLASS REUNION OF THE BCHS CLASS OF 1963

Sydney Sherwood Webb

BCHS classmates gathered Friday afternoon at the memorial service for Mike Scoffield.



Back Row l-r: Wayne Herrington, Larry Hagbom, Jeannie Mitchell Case, Vicky Dolven, Bob Lundborg, John Schwisow, Dana Stiner, Larry Massa, Dick Black, Bob Berry, Mike Plymale, John Ulmer, Bob Miller  
Front Row l-r: Connie Meuchel, Deena Pech, Roxie Anderson, Gloria Baker, Suzanne Johnson, Terry Love  
Class picture submitted by Sydney Sherwood Webb

Later the class gathered at Heritage Park for visiting and catching up. Several friends and classmates of BCHS showed up to get re-acquainted.

Saturday, Reunion Chair, Terry Love arranged tours of various county rural schools, classmate homes, landmarks and murals. The two tour groups were guided by Roxie Anderson, Jeannie Case, Larry Hagbom and Wayne Herrington. Gay Ann Masolo gave a presentation on the Placer School. Vic and Pam Sample opened the Radersburg School to give a tour. Linda Huth welcomed the class to the museum to see the display of their parents and their friends. Bob Lundborg shared, “I grew up in Broadwater County and learned more yesterday than I ever knew!” All classmates on the tour expressed their gratitude for learning about the county.



Class of 1963 visits the historic Radersburg School  
Class picture submitted by Sydney Sherwood Webb

Dinner Saturday was hosted at the American Legion Club. Nineteen classmates, along with spouses and friends attended. Thirteen of the classmates reside in Montana.

Sunday Memorial Breakfast was again hosted at the American Legion Club. Missy and John Rauser served up brunch. Later, each of the 17 deceased classmates were remembered in a very moving tribute by other classmates.

The Class of 1963 would like to thank Terry Love for chairing and coordinating the event, Larry Massa for being the instigator, Deena Pech for the decorations and Vicky Dolven for doing all the technology!



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## ATHLETES AND PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

Lacie Reed  
Lacie J. Reed Photography

We would like to thank Graymont for being a 2023-2024 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs!

### Here are our athletes of the week.

#### Football:

Our athlete of the week is Cael Sell. Cael had a huge night on defense earning 6 total tackles, 3 sacks, 2 QB hurries, and causing 2 fumbles both resulting in defensive touchdowns.



Cael Sell  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed Photography

#### Volleyball:

Holly Newman  
Against Three Forks: 5 kills, 3 digs and 1 block. Helping her team take 2nd place at the Huntley tournament with 12 kills, 20 digs, 1 block and 6 assists.



Holly Newman  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed Photography

Editor's Note: This week's volleyball article did not arrive in time. It will be published next week. However, you can view the article on our website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/VolleyBall20230922>

#### Cross Country:

Abby Wickens & Aiden Easter



Abby Wickens  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed Photography



Aiden Easter  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed Photography

#### Cheer:

Karsyn Sangray is one of the most spirited cheerleaders there! She is always ready to be loud and proud about her bulldog pride. The student crowd can also thank her for all of their themed signs.



Karsyn Sangray  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed Photography

**LADY BULLDOGS VOLLEYBALL UPDATE**

Victor Sample

Due to technical issues, this week's volleyball article did not arrive in time to be published in this issue.

It will be published next week. However, you can view the article on our website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/VolleyBall20230922>.



**September 22**  
 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

**September 23**  
 11:00am- 5:00pm Edgewater Farms Vender Market at 8410 US Hwy 287 N  
 5:00PM Community Dinner at American Legion (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)  
 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
 6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

**September 25**  
 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805  
 6:00PM Democratic Central Committee Meeting (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

**September 26**  
 5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
 6:00 pm: Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway

**September 27**  
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
 6:30 pm: Big Sky Autism Project - Chili and Potato Bar (SEE AD ON PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS)

**September 28**  
 3:00 pm: Farmer's Market  
 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
 September 29- October 1  
 Townsend Fall Fest- Volunteers Needed (SEE AD ON THIS PAGE, TOP CENTER, FOR DETAILS)

**September 29**  
 Broadwater Conservation District Applications Due (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)  
 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
 5:00 pm: 2023 Townsend Fall Fest at Heritage Park,

**September 30**  
 7:00- 11:00AM Firehouse Annual Pancake Breakfast (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)  
 10:00 am: 2023 Townsend Fall Fest at Heritage Park,  
 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
 6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

**October 1**  
 7:00- 11:00AM Firehouse Annual Pancake Breakfast (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)  
 9:00 am: 2023 Townsend Fall Fest: Show and Shine Car Show at Broadway  
 10:00 am: 2023 Townsend Fall Fest at Heritage Park  
 5:45- 7:00PM Townsend Community Family Night at Holy Cross Parish Center (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

**County and Government Calendar**

**September 25**  
 6:00 pm: City / County Parks & Recreation at Flynn Building

**Do You Have, or Know of a Free Open Community Event?**  
 Please email us, [mt43news@mt43news.com](mailto: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](http://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!**



**September 22**  
 11:30 AM: Waste Pesticide Disposal Event at Pogreba Airport

**September 26**  
 6:00 PM: City Council Meeting at City Hall

**September 28**  
 10:00AM Storytime at Three Forks Community Library, 607 S Main St  
 5:00 PM: Youth Soccer Practice RESERVED (Grass @ Stevenson Park) at Stevenson Park

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Help make this year's Fall Fest a Success ... Volunteer!  
 To see the opportunities and sign up, go to [www.TownsendFallFest.com](http://www.TownsendFallFest.com) and click on "VOLUNTEER SIGNUP" in the gold banner.

**TOWNSEND ROTARY FALL FEST CAR SHOW: WHAT OUR CARS SAY ABOUT US**

Gerry Rodacker  
 Rotarian

People usually give some thought to what brand of car they want to own, be seen in, and how they are perceived. As a young lad, I remember seeing the new 55 Chevys on display at the local Chevrolet dealer. They were fast and beautiful in every detail. I dreamed about that 55 Chevy; a car that would send a message to the fair sex that I was single and had enough money to own such an expensive machine. Instead, I made do with an old Mercury that needed a valve job, paint job, tires, and everything else that had fallen off. It wasn't much, but it got me there and back.

Today, in my reclining years, I would rather be perceived as a guy who doesn't care about appearance, knows he's aging, and is proud of it. However, my red Buick could give a different impression and may also emphasize my redneck heritage. Of course, just as today, many of us express ourselves with our automotive purchases without even thinking about it. To each his own comes to mind. Our car is who we are, as it was back then too.



Gerry's Dream Car: 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air  
 Photo Credits: Gerry Rodacker

The Townsend Rotary Fall Fest will again sponsor its annual Car Show on Sunday, October 1 on Broadway. The Car Show theme this year is "Catch Me if You Can!" which will feature those fast bombs that only give you a glimpse of their taillights as they fly by you! Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. on the corner of Broadway and North Pine Street. Music is provided all day with judging starting at noon. Awards are presented at 4:00 p.m. Come one and all and enjoy. As a reminder, dogs are not welcome!

**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](mailto:broadwatercd@gmail.com) or visit [broadwatercd.org](http://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.

**WHEATLAND MEADOWS RESIDENT PUSHES FOR NOISE ORDINANCE**

MT 43 News Staff

During public comment on Wednesday, September 13, Wheatland Meadows resident Elizabeth Barton appeared once again before the County Commissioners to encourage them to come listen to Bridger Brewery's loud music which encroaches on the peace and quiet of the subdivision. Barton said she had contacted District 70 legislator Julie Dooling who suggested she hire a lawyer to get help creating a noise ordinance, and then bring it back to the commissioners for approval. She invited the commissioners to come to her residence to listen to the Sunday night disturbance.

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord cleared up a question raised by Townsend business owner JB Howick. Howick raised the question at the Sept. 6 meeting. Folkvord explained the nonprofit Headwaters Utility Association is led by David Sigler, one of the owners of Bridger Brewing near Three Forks. The utility association operates a sewer system that processes sewage through a membrane bioreactor (MBR) for recycling gray sewer water. The system has been in operation for several months and must now meet a 90-day probation period to be approved by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Public Works Director TJ Graveley asked the commissioners to act on Winston's Solid Waste Site problem as soon as possible. He said people continue weekly to dump furniture and junk outside the canisters which causes major work for his drivers.

A Bureau of Land Management (BLM) road reconstruction project on Copper City Road has not yet started, Graveley reported. As of Monday, the job has not begun for the 56-day closure of the road. When culverts have been installed and magnesium chloride applied to several of the subdivision roads in South Broadwater," Roads will be in good shape for the extended future," he said.

Public Works Assistant Supervisor Misty Masolo presented a plan to cut the rate of interest on the department's two loans by paying off one high-interest loan and extending the life of the second loan. Commissioners approved the loan extension update. All payments come from the Solid Waste budget.

Commissioners approved the Rauser exemption gift to an immediate family member presented by Community Development and Planning Director Nichole Brown. Dana and Tammy Rauser will be deeding a portion of their land on Litening Barn Road, southeast of Townsend, to their son Blake Rauser. According to the minor subdivision covenants, there is no restriction for further subdivision of the property.

Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield reminded the Rausers that emergency services limit a driveway to two addresses. If they want another address, they will need to name their driveway, so it would be listed as a road, not a driveway.

**SCHOOL BOARD CONTEMPLATES FATE OF SCHOOL RADIO STATION**

MT 43 News Staff

School board members tabled the idea of suspending the use of KDGZ 98.3 FM, the school's low-power radio station long used to broadcast emergencies in the county and Broadwater High School football and basketball games. The station was unable to broadcast the last two games because of a broken cord. Although that was later repaired, Superintendent Susie Hedalen and technical director Joe Gill focused on the high cost of running and maintaining the antiquated technology used to run the station and the lack of people to run the programming.

Hedalen explained that even after obtaining sponsorships from local businesses, keeping the station working costs the school district over \$9,000 to maintain. An alternative to the radio station would be to create an "app" for the public to tune in to hear the games via their smartphones. "We could also build a link on the website for people to use," Gill explained, "at a cost of about \$1,000 annually."

Hedalen explained Broadwater County's Disaster and Emergency Services no longer uses the station to alert the public to disasters, so the county no longer pays School Radio Station, 4

**Top Gun, 1**

The highlight of the afternoon was ‘Heros of Townsend’ decided by the crew. The Senior Center was recognized as a non-profit that benefitted the community. Carol Anderson, who has been with the Senior Center for almost 34 years, received a check in the amount of \$500.

The Rotary Club of Townsend also received a check of \$500 for all the community projects the Rotarians perform

Finally, the Townsend Athletic Department received a big check (6 feet by 2 feet) for \$5,000!

Throughout the day, there were buckets of raffle tickets; with the proceeds going to the families of the tragic accident that happened on September 13.

If you have a bump or bruise on your car or truck; know that Top Gun can help you. They do diagnostics, frames, suspension and calibration. They are also certified to work on Ford, GM, Subaru, Chrysler, Honda and Nissan. The Helena site has the only Tesla-certified technicians in Montana. They also have U Haul rental in Townsend, renting trucks and trailers of all sizes.

Thanks, TGA for your generosity to our community. Visit our website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/topgun2023> to see even more pictures of the event!

**Community Mourns, 1**

School Superintendent Susie Hedalen organized an emergency response team Wednesday night which included mental health professionals from Prickly Pear Co-op and local agencies who worked with students and staff through the week and weekend. Monday saw the emergency response team working in the schools along with therapy dogs to comfort the girls’ classmates and school staff members.

Sheriff Nick Rauser said in an interview that he had visited with Karli’s father. Rauser said the family wanted to thank the community because so many people supported them.

Going forward, Rauser said he hoped the Montana Department of Transportation would soon make changes to the highway north of Townsend. “In those several miles of straight road where there is such an increase in traffic between Helena and Bozeman now and all the activity from the new subdivisions with no turn-out lanes, the area is so dangerous to entering and exiting vehicles,” he said. “In contrast, we have seen a decrease in accidents south of Townsend since the new four-lane highway is in, even though cars travel faster.”

Asked if he thought a lowering of the speed limit between Winston Hill and the Missouri River bridge would be helpful, Rauser said the MDOT would have to do traffic studies to determine a speed limit change. He said speed was not necessarily a factor in this accident.

For people who would like to contribute, Opportunity Bank has set up an account in the Sandidge family’s name.

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for the use of the station. “The only thing the station is used for now is for a few public service announcements and the games,” she said.

Board Chairman Jason Noyes strongly pointed out “We’re not here to axe the radio station. We need to have a community conversation before we make any decision.”

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer commented in an interview the county is looking into the original radio station contract with the school. More information will be forthcoming. She is working with Hedalen and teacher Gary Bauman.

Board member Chase Ragen asked about the level of listenership. He felt the station had a loyal following and would be missed by people who do not have access to cellphones and the internet, such as those in the nursing homes or working in the fields on their farm equipment.

Middle School Principal Brad Racht weighed in saying he felt the station was underused as a teaching tool for communication, and for an additional method of reaching out to the public with school announcements

and communiques.

The station was established in 2005 by then Superintendent Brian Patrick and was administered by Mia Whitfield who gathered sponsorships to pay fees and line up people who announced the games. “Brian started the process with the help of Lee Goode, of Whitehall. Brian saw the radio station would provide a public service by being an outlet for emergency services, school announcements and an opportunity for students to learn to run the station,” she said.

Kelly Flynn announced the basketball games beginning in 2005 until he won his legislative post in 2009. His brother Kevin began announcing games in 2010.

Emily Christiansen and Michele Hildreth, whose children attend Townsend Elementary School, approached the board to receive their approval to rejuvenate a Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) in Broadwater County. Since COVID, classroom parents have not returned. Christiansen said in an interview, that she would like to help organize parent volunteers to cover lunchroom and playground duty during the week. Reinstating room parents is a goal of the group as is helping run the annual book fair and the basket auction fundraiser for the teachers. While the group has a Facebook page it needs to raise funds. A monthly newsletter is on the horizon for the organizers as well. For more information go to Bulldog PTA on Facebook. The initial organizational meeting is at Reading Leaves Bookstore on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 pm. Christiansen encouraged parents to attend.

Hedalen explained under Policy 4210, the group would need to organize and appoint a treasurer. The board approved organizing the association.

Townsend Schools had an active PTA in 1970’s during Elementary Principal Herb Sprout’s tenure, according to retired teacher Helen Turcotte. “We were strongly encouraged to attend the meetings, but it got to the point parents did not come so the organization was abandoned somewhere around 1980,” she said.



**COMMUNITY CLEAN UP NEEDED**

**Fall Fest is September 29-October 1.**

The Rotary Club of Townsend, the Townsend Tree Board, and others are planning various cleanup projects around town during the week of September 23-29 before Fall Fest.

There are lots of weeds around town distracting from the looks of our community. Many thanks to Tony Mistek and Tim Pool for mowing along Highway 287 north from Leonard Lambott’s grain elevators to Allied Machine. Bob’s Supermarket has recently mowed weeds on their property north of the store.

Please help if you can make our community look good as thousands of people show up for Fall Fest. Every little bit helps. Thank you.

**Patrick Plantenberg**  
*Rotarian*

**CONCERNING THE RECENT TRAGEDY**

Most of the community has heard about the very tragic death of a 12-year-old girl due to a vehicle accident on the evening of March 13th, while she and another girl were leaving the Trailhead Christian Church after a youth meeting, attended by many kids. The other girl was life-flighted out because of very serious injuries. Pray for her recovery. Our hearts and deepest prayers go out to both families and the person who hit the side-by-side the girls were riding in.

Following the accident, traffic was backed up on Highway 12/287 in both directions for at least three hours. There was intense and very good work performed by members of Broadwater County Deputies, Dispatchers, Broadwater County Fire, EMS, Montana Highway

Patrol, the wrecker crew, plus the kids that assisted. All deserve sincere thanks for their dedicated efforts.

It was dark out when the accident occurred. A suggestion to help keep this from happening again is to have traffic police direct traffic in both directions for about 10 minutes or so at the highway entrance to the Church from the highway on Wednesday nights when the kids are leaving the Church. However, besides the death of one of the girls and serious injury to the other one, what is also very disturbing is that I heard the state and/or federal highway departments have a policy that this section of highway won’t be widened and have turnouts for perhaps 20 years, and also that they want to see how bad the death count gets. The death of this girl was certainly one too many. But if this is really the policy shame on you people who make such decisions. How would you feel if your own child was killed or seriously injured in the same area because you didn’t think it was important enough or used the excuse of not having enough money to put safety into one of the busiest highways in the state?

This brings to mind words of the old Bob Dylan song Blowin’ in the Wind:

“And how many ears must one man have  
Before he can hear people cry?  
Yes, and how many deaths will it take ‘til he knows  
That too many people have died?  
The answer, my friend, is blowin’ in the wind  
The answer is blowin’ in the wind”  
Is your answer blowin’ in the wind?

**Matthew Nelson**

**DEALING WITH GRIEF**

Jennifer Beatty



Years ago, I had previously provided “Mental Health Minute”, a bi-weekly column with the focus on providing information regarding mental health, stress management, and healthy relationships.

With the recent tragic accident that has impacted so many in our community, it seems pertinent and important to re-share this article.

Grief is the cluster of feelings a person experiences when he/she faces loss. Keep in mind that loss isn’t limited only to death. We can grieve other kinds of losses too (i.e., divorce, relocation, pregnancy loss, loss of independence, loss of security).

Everyone experiences grief differently and for different lengths of time. It’s critical that we are sensitive to each individual’s own grief experience, which may be different from our experience or our expression. Despite grief being unique from individual to individual, people may share in similar expressions of their grief. The ones seen most often are identified below. Remember... these experiences are normal!

Feelings: denial, sadness, anger, guilt, loneliness, helplessness, shock, numbness, fear, anxiety, irritability, confusion.

Physical Sensations: hollowness in the stomach, sleep disturbance, nausea, headache, tightness in the chest and throat, feeling out of breath, muscle weakness, feeling disconnected from others, their own body, and/or reality.

Thoughts: disbelief, confusion, uncertainty, poor attention and concentration, preoccupation, hallucinations.

Behaviors: trouble eating and/or sleeping, forgetfulness or absent-mindedness, social withdrawal, dreams of the deceased, restlessness, crying, change in appetite.

Spiritual: anger at God, loss of belief in a just world, loss of a sense of purpose, withdrawal from faith community, feeling abandoned by God.

*WebMD (2015) identifies these excellent considerations when facing grief:*

- Know the triggers. The first year will have many emotional triggers: first birthday without the loved one, the first Thanksgiving, the anniversary of the

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**SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

**Dee Gannon**  
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday, September 15 is as follows:

Ashley Lage had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) felony theft, 2) criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth), 3) criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, 4) careless driving, and 5) driving without a license. Omnibus is due November 9; Pre-Trial is set for January 12; with the Jury Trial scheduled for February 5, 2024. She is released on her own recognizance.

Savannah Goodman had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) felony theft, 2) criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth) and 3) criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. Omnibus is due November 9; Pre-Trial is set for January 12; with the Jury Trial scheduled for February 5, 2024. She is released on her own recognizance; in order to be bonded in Missoula County.

John Loving had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) felony theft and 2) disorderly conduct. Omnibus is due November 9; Pre-Trial is set for January 12; with the Jury Trial scheduled for February 5, 2024.

Rebecca Standley had her Initial Appearance continued until September 22.

operating without liability insurance in effect – 4th or subsequent offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$525.00 fines and fees.

Parker Moody – Manhattan – assault, purposely or knowingly causing bodily injury to another, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$585.00 fines and fees.

Sean Buchanan- Helena – driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked – 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees; expired registration, pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees.

**BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES**

Kade Ryan, Billings: day speed \$70.00  
Randall Debuff, Three Forks: restricted speed \$55.00

**INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION**

Ashley Lage – MT 14th Judicial District, No Bond  
Sean Buchanan – MT 1st Judicial District, \$30,000.00 bond

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD JAMES DIX, Deceased.  
Probate No. ADP-23-10

**NOTICE OF FORMAL TESTACY HEARING**  
Notice is given to all unknown persons, and to all known persons whose addresses are unknown, who may have an interest in this matter: a formal testacy hearing is set for October 6, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., at the Broadwater County Courthouse, 515 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644.

DATED September 22, 2023.  
/s/ Peter T. Simon  
GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC  
Attorney for Petitioner  
*Printed September 22 & 29, October 6, 2023*  
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**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**

**MOD WEST LAND COMPANY**

MT 43 News Staff

Mod West Land Company realtor JR Tonjum has opened her new office on Broadway Street in Townsend. The light, bright space shows original paintings and artwork. Tonjum, who has worked with Mod West Land Company of Park City, Montana since May, has been selling real estate in Montana for ten years. "I am optimistic about opening in Townsend. The town's businesses are so active, and everyone is so friendly," she noted.



Mod West Land Company realtor JR Tonjum in her office and art gallery. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Tonjum also has an office in Three Forks. She has been heavily involved in the sale of homes in South Broadwater in the Elk Ridge Village and Wheatland Meadows subdivisions. Before she worked as a realtor, Tonjum lived in Athens, Georgia where she worked as a quality systems consultant on small medical devices

with Johnson & Johnson pharmaceutical company and Marial Animal Health Care.

Tonjum, who is married to native Montanan Dennis Tonjum, is a big supporter of local artists. She intends to have her wall space available for sale of original art. She is showcasing the barn quilt art of Clarkston resident Susan Church. Church builds and paints art for outdoor buildings such as barns and sheds. Her works follow the art paths taken by immigrants from Europe. "People new to this country designated their trade on the doors of their homes, so I patterned my barn quilt ideas from them," she explained.



Barn Quilt artist Susan Church and her latest artwork. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Mod West Land Company is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**NEW ASSISTANT AT TOWNSEND FARM BUREAU INSURANCE AGENCY**

MT 43 News Staff

Farm Bureau Insurance Agent Dustin Gillaspie is pleased to announce he has hired his new assistant, Jana Morris, to run the Townsend office five days a week beginning Sept. 18. The office is located at 410 Broadway.

Morris will be taking calls, changing policies and writing new insurance policies for farms and ranches in the area. She has passed her course to become a certified insurance producer. Morris was raised in Whitehall and now lives in Winston with her husband Logan. Their twin daughters graduated from Broadwater High School. Morris spent 22 years in the military and retired in 2013. She worked at Pure View Health during COVID. She and her family have horses and an outdoor arena where they practice roping. They participate in rodeo roping contests and otherwise help their friends move cattle.

Morris may be reached at Farm Bureau Insurance Monday through Friday at (406) 442-0456.



Jana Morris will be the new addition at the Farm Bureau Insurance Agency in Townsend. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

**Karoline Nelson**  
Operations Manager

The United Methodist Church will be staffing the food pantry during the month of September.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 26 families consisting of 48 family members on August 18th. This included seven from the Home Maker Program.

A big Thank You to Rick Krillenberger for his recent meat donation. A reminder to those hunters out there. We do accept game meat as long as it is professionally processed. We are part of the Hunters Against Hunger program so the processing will be paid for through the program.

A huge "high-five" to the Town Pump Organization! They have been a huge supporter of the food pantry. From now until the end of November, they will be matching donations dollar for dollar. They were extremely generous throughout the acute Covid period, giving extra checks to assist our needs. Some may not know that they have local donation boxes in the stores that also add to the donations. So come by our booth at the Fall Fest and make your every \$1.00 a \$2.00 donation.

We will be signing up for Thanksgiving dinners for the next 3 Saturdays that the food pantry is open. September 30th, Oct 7th, and Oct 21st. The dinners will be distributed on November 18 between 1 and 3 p.m.

Food Pantry,

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**

**Kelsi Anderson**  
Justice Court Clerk

**MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES**

- Bryce Zimmer, Boise, ID: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00
- Colin Young, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Melanie West, Toston: day speed \$20.00
- Mckinder Wilsey, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Cory Whitmore, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Robert Verloilis, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Richard Vandyken, Toston: ROW violation \$85.00
- Esra Unsal, Missouri City, TX: day speed \$70.00
- Stacy Townsend, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Shirley Sidle, Townend: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00
- Yutika Shirsat, Cambridge, MA: day speed \$70.00
- Rodney Roberts, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Lev Ratnovskiy, Washington DC: day speed \$70.00
- Kristine Payne, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Jennie Mcglothlen, Lake Stevens, WA: violation in construction zone \$95.00
- Janet Hillmer, Burnsbille, MN: day speed \$70.00
- Olivia Fisher, Camby, IN: day speed \$20.00
- Larry Fisher, Cameron Park, CA: day speed \$20.00
- Markus Emberstone, Kalispell: day speed \$20.00
- Tina Ball, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Andrea Ambrose, Helena: expired registration \$85.00
- Katerina Armstrong, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- John Fagan, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Tyler Longwell, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00

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

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**MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES**

Joshua Hairston- Wyoming- Driving without a valid drivers license, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

**BROADWATER COUNTY FINES**

Zachary Stimac – Bozeman – restricted speeding, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$85.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Alive @ 25

Stephen McFadden – Belgrade – operate a vehicle which has not been properly registered, pleaded guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees; driving without a valid drivers license, pleaded guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees.

Dillon Downard – Missoula – operating with expired registration, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees;

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You may sign up for either a turkey or ham.

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

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

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

## MONTANA CENTENARIANS TO BE HONORED IN OCTOBER

### Department of Public Health and Human Services



The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will honor Montana centenarians during the 54th annual Governor's Conference on Aging on October 3, 2023.

The annual conference will take place at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Great Falls. Centenarians will be honored during a noon luncheon.

DPHHS is asking Montanans who will turn age 100 as of December 31, 2023, or those who are already over the age of 100 to submit their name and a brief profile.

"This is an excellent opportunity to honor Montana centenarians and to celebrate their lives," said DPHHS Director Charlie Brereton. "I encourage Montanans to submit the requested information so they can be recognized."

All centenarians who submit information will receive a recognition certificate from Governor Greg Gianforte.

To learn more about this program and how to participate in the program visit the MT43 News website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/Centenarians2023>

If you have a family member or a friend that is a Centenarian be sure to register for this program!

## SAR PARTICIPATES IN WATER RESCUE TRAINING

Matt Nelson



Members of the Montana Army National Guard, game wardens from the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, plus the Broadwater County Search and Rescue (BCSAR) and two Lewis and Clark Search and Rescue (LCSAR) teams met at Canyon Ferry Lake on Thursday, September 14th to practice the extraction/rescue of swimmers. Each of the four groups had their own boats in the water.

LT. Scott Sponholz is a Montana Army National Guard Chinook pilot. When asked if he was one of the pilots flying the Chinook helicopter over the lake, he responded, "It wasn't me but it was some of our instructor pilots. They were having Special Forces guys jump out the back into the lake while going really slow. We've never done that before for those guys so it was a learning experience for everyone."

The entire event was coordinated by Bill Waldron. "Chapter XXVIII Special Forces Association 'Devils Brigade Chapter' In Honor Of The First Special Service Force Bill Waldron Ambassador" are the words on Bill's business card.

All of the swimmers jumped from the back of the Chinook helicopter from an estimated height of about 30 feet above the water. Roughly two dozen swimmers participated; they loaded up near the Silos campground, and then the Chinook pilot would make a circle around the lake, while the jumpers separately splashed into the water at a distance from each other approximately 100 feet apart. They were then loaded into small boats which took the jumpers back to the campground.

Once seven people had jumped the pilot would circle again and the next group of jumpers would exit from the back. After all the jumpers were thoroughly

wet and back at campground the pilot would fly back there to pick them up and start the jumps all over again.

Buoys were used to mark the area where each of the four SAR and Fish/ Wildlife boats were to be positioned. Broadwater County Fire Chief Ed Shindoll drove the BCSAR boat and I was with him. The main responsibility we had was to keep other boaters away from the jump area. However, we only intercepted one boat and the driver of the boat said that he was authorized to be there by Bill Waldron.

The weather was perfect, with a clear blue sky, temps in the 70s, and very smooth water on the lake. It is good to know that swimmers and boaters on Canyon Ferry Lake have such good rescue crews.



Montana Army National Guard Special Forces soldier jumps from Chinook into Canyon Ferry Lake.  
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

A general meeting for all the members of the BCSAR team is held on the last Monday of each month, and training in such items as first aid, water rescue, and search techniques is given on the first Thursday of each month. Both meetings start at 6:30 p.m. The SAR building is located at the corner of Pine Street and 6th Street.

Volunteers are always welcome with the BCSAR Team. The people currently serving have a wide background of abilities and talents and are in all adult age groups. The main purpose is to help other people in traumatic situations.

If you have any questions about Search and Rescue or would like to volunteer please call the sheriff's office at 406 266-3441 or the SAR president Eric Crusch at 406 521-0275.

## ACIDITY COMPLICATIONS FOR CANNING TOMATOES

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



It's a wonderful feeling when the garden is overflowing with produce. Then the challenge becomes preserving the bounty for enjoyment throughout the winter. If you have been reading my column for a while, then you might recall my journey into food preservation. While it's not my area of expertise, I am grateful that MSU Extension has a wealth of resources on the subject and colleagues that I can call for assistance. My latest adventure in food preservation has been tomatoes. Last year, I successfully made and canned salsa which was a huge hit with my family. This year, I'd like to make tomato or spaghetti sauce. However, I'm discovering there are some intricacies that make canning tomatoes unique. Here are a few important details and tips that I've learned along the way.

Safety is the top priority in food preservation. It is critical to follow safety guidelines to prevent foodborne illness by bacteria, mold and yeast. The worst case scenario is a toxin called botulism. This may seem farfetched but there was a situation, just a few years ago, in Ohio where home-canned potatoes in a potato salad contained the botulism bacteria at a potluck. This caused a large botulism outbreak. MSU Extension uses USDA home food preservation guidelines to help prevent these types of outbreaks.

There are two primary types of canning, pressure canning and water bath. To determine which method you need to do depends on the type of produce. Low-acid foods including vegetables, meats, poultry and fish require a pressure canner. Acidity is essential to prevent botulism. These foods have little natural acid, so they must be processed at higher temperatures and pressures that can only be achieved by pressure canners. High acid foods which include fruits, properly acidified tomatoes and properly acidified pickled products can be processed with either a water bath or pressure canner. Open kettle canning and the use of conventional ovens, steam canners, microwaves and dishwashers for canning are not recommended, because they do not prevent the botulism toxin.

For many years, the standard for canning tomatoes was that it was safe to use the water bath method. However, recent research has shown that that isn't necessarily the case. This is because tomato varieties have changed over the years. In general, tomatoes grown

today have less acidity than ancestral tomatoes. Even heirloom varieties have been shown to have low acid. Additionally, the acidity level changes as the plant grows. It's highest in green tomatoes and decreases as they mature. Do not use tomatoes from dead or frost-killed vines which are even lower in acidity and can contain harmful pathogens.

Tomatoes need to be acidified before canning by adding 2 tablespoons of bottled lemon juice or ½ teaspoon of citric acid per quart. If you are canning products such as salsa, catsup or barbecue sauce make sure to follow a USDA or university recipe that is researched to ensure it has enough acidity. Some recipes, for example, spaghetti sauce, require a pressure canner because they do not add enough acid.

The length of canning time has also changed over the years and is often longer than historically done. There are also adjustments that need to be made for elevation. While it's tempting to follow a recipe that has been handed down for generations or found through a Google search, find one that has been tested. Reliable sources recommended by MSU Extension include the National Center for Home Food Preservation with the University of Georgia and the Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving. When in doubt, pressure can tomato products to be safe.

If canning tomatoes isn't up your alley, another great option is freezing. Tomatoes can be frozen raw either whole or in pieces. Frozen tomatoes work great in sauces. They can also be juiced, pureed or stewed to be frozen.

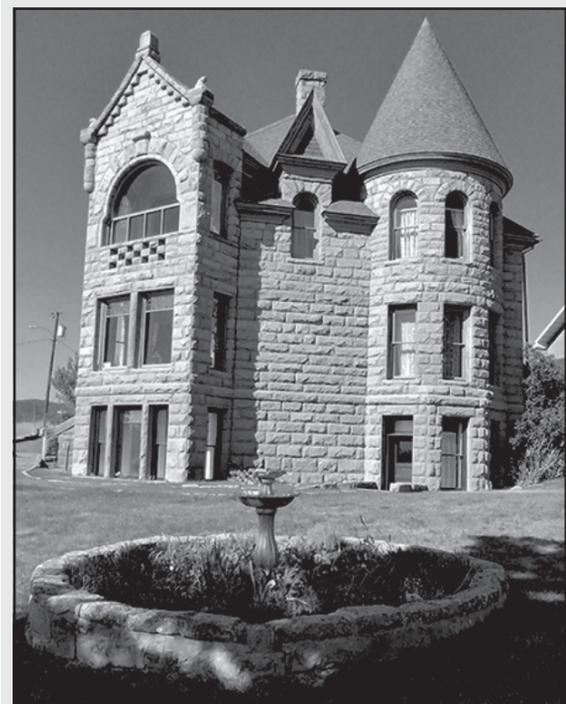
The verdict is still out on whether I'll try to make tomato sauce this year. However, several batches of salsa are in the works! For more resources about food preservation, you can find MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 416 Broadway in Townsend. Check out my blog at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/broadwater> for the salsa recipe and links to more resources.

## ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA – CASTLE MUSEUM, WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Brenda Phillips



I told you I would continue the story of our trip to the Bair Museum and the Castle Museum in White Sulphur Springs. You could see both of these museums in a day. The Castle Museum is open May 15 to September 15 hours: 10:00 – 5:00. (Last tour 4:30) So you still have a couple weeks to take the drive to White Sulphur Springs (@45 minutes from Townsend) before the Museum closes for the winter or you can put in on your bucket list from next summer.



Castle Mansion  
Photo Credits: Brenda Phillips

The Castle mansion was built in 1892 by Bryon Roger Sherman, and is now the Meagher County Historical Society Museum. The tour guides will take you through the mansion and tell the history of this unique building that was built using granite cut from the nearby Castle Mountains. Mr. Sherman was instrumental in bringing windmill-generated electricity to this small town in the 1890s. The mansion is decorated with period furniture, photos, mineral samples, clothing and artifacts from the Meagher County area. It was added to the National Historical Registry in 1977. In 1990 the Carriage house was built on the property to house a large collection of buggies, sleighs and carriages, a stagecoach from the Canyon Ferry line, two horse-drawn fire engines, as well as the old bank, a schoolroom, and saddles, chaps

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and other items from local historians and collectors.

How many times have you driven through White Sulphur Springs and the Castle has caught your eye? Well, make it a point to take the time to stop and take the tour. The stories and scenery will take you back – if just for a moment – to a beautiful part of Montana's history.



Sitting area in Castle Mansion  
Photo Credits: Brenda Phillips

White Sulphur Springs also has several restaurants with hometown service and pretty awesome food. Stop and visit the stores and shops for unique and interesting gifts and souvenirs. If you plan ahead and pack a swimsuit, you can make time for a dip in the hot springs pools for a little relaxation after your day's historic adventure. The best parts of these road trip adventures are making memories with family and friends.

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

**TEACHER HIGHLIGHT: MR. JASON THOMAS**

Mikayla Kraft  
School Correspondent



This school year marks a start for new opportunities for a multitude of students in Townsend Public Schools. In the high school, we have gained a few new teachers. One is Mr. Robischon's replacement, Mr. Thomas, who is originally from Chicago, Illinois. Students were skeptical at the start of the school year knowing that nobody could ever be as impactful as Mr. Robischon. However, students were surprised to recognize that Mr. Thomas may have nearly the same impact as Mr. Robischon has had during all his years of teaching.

Though Mr. Thomas is currently a biology teacher, it hasn't always been this way. For nine years, he worked as a field biologist. During his time as a biologist, he mainly studied birds, and plants, and occasionally studied marine wildlife. Through this career, Mr. Thomas surveyed and monitored many of the species and eventually had the opportunity to become a bird bander and work with several endangered species. Recently, he has "been fortunate to explore cellular and molecular

biology. [He has] been able to spend time in a genetics lab and cancer research lab over a few summers at the University of Arizona and [he is] very excited to bring some of that experience into [the] classes." Since Mr. Thomas transitioned to educating 8 years ago, he has found so much excitement in the classroom.

As of the moment, Mr. Thomas hasn't made many significant changes to the biology department and has even worked with Mr. Robischon in setting a secure curriculum for all of the biology students. In future years, he is excited to push for opportunities for his upper-class students to study more about genetics and biotechnology. Mr. Thomas takes pride in applying classroom learning to the field and is looking forward to possibly starting a few long-term studies in these areas.

Mr. Thomas has loved spending his time in Montana and in the Townsend community. When asked what he is inspired by and his thoughts on this community he answered that "folks here are so friendly and seem to generally care..." He additionally encourages students and parents to get involved in biological sciences, "[they] are really about exploring the world that surrounds us and the world that exists inside us. From the micro to the macroscopic, there is endless complexity to explore and be astounded by. The scope of our classes is so broad that you are bound to find something of interest. We are trying to cultivate a sense of wonder and discovery as we study the structures and processes that shape the world around us."



Jason Thomas out in the field at Glacier National Park  
Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

Through the short amount of time that I have had the opportunity to learn from Mr. Thomas through Anatomy and Physiology, I have personally seen his love for biological sciences. Mr. Thomas strives to make the classroom a hands-on and exciting learning experience and each day is filled with laughs, smiles, new discoveries, and even life lessons. I assure you, your children are in good hands learning from a new and exciting perspective such as Mr. Thomas's.

**"No one has to understand the true complexity of what you are doing or why you're doing it. That's between you and Hashem."**

~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

**MONTANA COUNTIES SEEK TRANSPARENCY IN PROPERTY TAX CALCULATIONS**

Shantil Siaperas  
MACo Communications Director



Montana's counties are taking a proactive stance on property tax concerns by formally requesting clarity and accountability from the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR). In letters addressed to the Department, Beaverhead, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Lincoln, Missoula, Park, and Ravalli counties have asked that DOR provide the calculation limiting the State's 95 statewide mills, as well as identification of who is responsible for authorizing property tax increases beyond the statutory limitations.

The recent communication with DOR comes on the heels of an unanswered request from Beaverhead County to Montana's Attorney General, Austin Knudsen, seeking an opinion on the interpretation of laws related to the calculation of the statewide mills, which significantly impact property tax bills for constituents throughout Montana. According to the request, the State of Montana has consistently levied 95 mills annually, despite a provision in Montana law (Montana Code Annotated 15-10-420) that requires a reduction in levying authority when taxable values increase.

This move by the counties underscores their commitment to transparency and responsible fiscal management, emphasizing the importance of local government control in property tax levies. Montana's counties seek to ensure that property tax increases are justified, understood, and in line with the needs and expectations of Montana's residents.

To help show that counties are holding property taxes in line while the State increases them, the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) calculated property tax changes for Governor Gianforte's private mansion in Helena.

"Surprisingly, his taxes will DECREASE year over year because his appraised value only increased 7.59%," stated Mineral County Commissioner Roman Zylawy. "The limitations on local government result in a decreased tax burden for his home, with the exception of the State levies which haven't followed the statutory limitations that cities and counties must follow."

According to MACo's calculations, the total property tax for the Governor's Helena home in 2022 was \$7,837.15; whereas in 2023, it is projected to be

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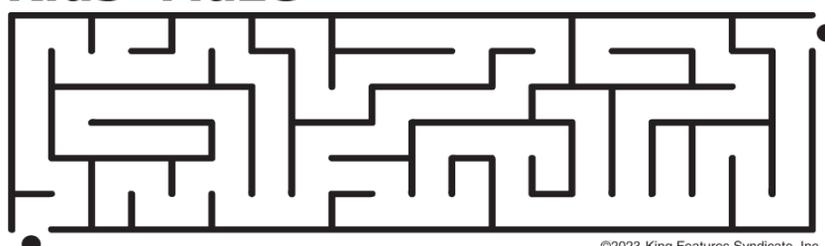
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- 2 Reversed sort
- 3 Unassisted
- 4 Torque transmitter in a motor
- 5 "Star Wars" won seven of them
- 6 Weeps noisily
- 7 Musician Brian
- 8 S.Sgt. or M.Sgt.
- 9 Tyranny
- 10 Pay-to-stay places
- 11 Sheep-related
- 12 High-IQ club
- 13 Minuscule bit of work
- 14 Jet engine part that includes the igniter
- 15 Muscat-ear?
- 16 Most trifling
- 17 Guys wearing wedding rings
- 18 "My lips — sealed"
- 19 In a blue state
- 24 Barely get, with "out"
- 28 "Don't — surprised!"
- 30 Londoner, e.g.
- 31 Author Joyce Carol —
- 32 Unskilled PC gamer, say
- 33 Marlins' and Mets' div.
- 34 Decides (to)
- 35 Pick up on
- 36 Blow up
- 37 Big name in photocopiers
- 38 Happy hour locale
- 42 Great devastation
- 43 "— of angels coming after me" ("Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" line)
- 44 Chocolate substitute
- 45 Santa —, California
- 48 Comics' Kett
- 49 Like Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 54 Actress Issa
- 57 Alias letters
- 58 Actor Patel
- 60 Corn holder
- 61 Garden tool
- 63 Jelly holder
- 64 Like some waves
- 65 Full of energy
- 66 Tijuana treats
- 67 Wild about
- 68 Fluffy clouds
- 69 Comparable (with)
- 70 Team of dogs on the force
- 73 Less genial
- 74 "Inferno" poet
- 75 Dickinson of "Rio Bravo"
- 77 Sporty English autos
- 78 Supreme Court's Sonia
- 80 "Let's move!"
- 81 Natives of Bangkok
- 83 Many a video chat
- 86 Hannah of "Roxanne"
- 87 Design detail
- 88 Raison d'—
- 89 — Paese (cheese type)
- 95 Thumbs-up
- 97 Witticism
- 98 Part of ASAP
- 100 Mozart's "Cosi fan —"
- 101 Love, to Gigi
- 102 Regional flora and fauna
- 103 — -Ops (CIA tactics)
- 106 Yemeni city
- 107 Dot in the sea, to Juanita
- 108 Tolling away
- 109 Strong alkalis
- 110 Collar
- 111 Singer Turner
- 112 Grocery holder
- 113 "Ilmatic" rapper
- 114 '60s Pontiac

**Kids' Maze**



**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!



# YOU ARE WORTHY EVEN WHEN FEELING OVERLOOKED

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



Have you ever felt like your hard work went unnoticed, or maybe you feel as though you aren't making a difference? You're not alone. In times of feeling overlooked, it's important to remember that even the most extraordinary individuals face moments of rejection. Let's draw inspiration from the story of King David, a man who defied the odds and embraced his purpose with a pure heart.

King David, a shepherd boy, felt overlooked in the eyes of his family and the world. When the prophet Samuel was tasked with choosing the next King of Israel, he met with Jesse and his sons. Each son possessed the physical qualities of a good King, but God chose none. Our true worth is not physical but resides in the purity of our hearts.

In rejecting David's older brothers, God saw what truly mattered: a pure heart aligned with His will (Acts 13:22). David's unwavering commitment to God's plan made him a man after God's heart. Through David, God fulfilled His promises and showed us that our hearts matter most.

Feeling overlooked and experiencing rejection is universal. It often brings emotions like anger, bitterness, pride, and fear. These negative emotions can sabotage our lives if we allow them to take root. However, we must remember that what we do when no one is watching shapes us into the person God intended us to be. It prepares us for the remarkable plans He has in store.

Acceptance is natural, but seeking approval from others, external achievements, or material possessions can lead to disappointment. People will fail, and accomplishments are fleeting. Our Creator can only truly satisfy the hunger and thirst in our spirits.

In today's world, many people isolate themselves or avoid connections out of fear of rejection or being overlooked. This fear can lead to chronic feelings of loneliness and depression, which have become increasingly prevalent. However, there are tools and strategies to overcome rejection and emerge stronger.

Building self-confidence is crucial. If you've faced a lack of recognition or belonging in your past, it's essential to rewire your self-perception. Start by journaling one to two things you've done well each day. Read these over before bed to let positive messages permeate your subconscious.

Negative self-talk only compounds feelings of rejection. Remember that rejection is a common experience shared by even the most successful and confident individuals. In discerning between external events and your internal worth, choose to uplift yourself rather than tear yourself down with self-criticism.

Don't allow one disappointing experience to overshadow your lifetime of accomplishments. Remind yourself of your positive skills, gifts, and talents, as isolated instances do not define your true worth.

Learning to reframe your thoughts is a powerful skill. When faced with adversity, take a step back and breathe. Sometimes, how we perceive a situation worsens how we feel about ourselves. Instead of internalizing rejection, reframe it as a learning opportunity. Recognize that challenges are a part of growth, and your energy should be invested in personal development.

In your journey to rise above rejection, remember that even King David, a man chosen by God himself, faced moments of insignificance in the eyes of others.

Embrace your worth and potential, for you, too, are on a path destined for greatness. Rejection is not a reflection of your internal value but rather an opportunity to grow, learn, and become the best version of yourself.

Your heart, aligned with purpose, can lead you to fulfill your unique destiny, just as David did for Israel. In times of feeling overlooked, always remember that your Creator sees your heart. It's your heart that truly matters.

If you haven't had a chance yet, dive into my story, "Soar: How to Rise Above the Turbulence and Watch Your Dreams Take Flight." It's my story of resilience in the face of relentless rejection.

There were countless moments when I felt like giving up - but you know what? There was something deep inside me that urged me to persevere.

I held tight to my dreams and refused to back down, no matter how many rejection letters I received.

Yes, I still face rejection today, just like many of us do. But here's the beautiful twist - rejection, as strange as it may sound, is our teacher in the school of life, showing us how to authentically love ourselves and giving us the strength to continue running the race.

"Sometimes, the brightest stars shine in the shadows of insignificance."

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

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

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

**Mountain Valley Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA)**, 110 E Street Townsend. Services: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Kids and Youth Ministry during Sunday services. Life groups meet during the week. Pastor Eric Krueger, (406) 465-5895. [MountainValleyChurch.org](http://MountainValleyChurch.org). We stream our services on Facebook: [Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406](https://www.facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406). (Was Alliance Bible Church.)

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

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**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. (406) 266-4406 Pastor Mark Roelofs

## BIG SKY PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT

Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority



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BSPRA Vision - To lead the expansion and enhancement of passenger rail service throughout Montana and the greater northwest region for the development of economic, environmental, social, and comprehensive benefits, now and into the future!

To read the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority Annual Report visit our website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/BSPRA20230914>



**SR. CENTER MEALS SEPT 25 - SEPT 29** *Thursday, September 28*  
 Roast Beef  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Scandanavian Vegetables

*Monday, September 25*  
 516 2nd Street, Townsend MT  
 Montana Pasties  
 Garden Peas  
 Tossed Salad  
 Apricots  
 Desserts

*Tuesday, September 26*  
 Turkey ALA King  
 Steamed Potatoes  
 Key Largo Vegetables  
 Tossed Salad with Beans  
 Golden Pears

*Wednesday, September 27*  
 BBQ Pork Ribs  
 Macaroni Salad  
 Sweet Corn  
 Pickled Beets  
 Baked Apples

*Friday, September 29*  
 Chicken Fried Steak  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Grean Beans  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Sweet Peaches

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.

## TRAILHEAD CHURCH RAISES THE ROOF ON THE NEW EXPANSION

MT 43 News Staff

The skyline at Trailhead Church has changed as the trusses went up Saturday and Tuesday on the church's expansion. Co-general contractor Chuck Blair congratulated the 14 volunteers who showed up to help put the trusses in place. Blair works with Glen VanZee as a general contractor for the \$ 1 million plus job.

Bill and Will Cox of Solomon Builders did the high-wire work on Saturday. "Bill and Will have done 95 percent of the construction." He said, "So many people have offered to help. We had to turn some away on Saturday."

Blair and VanZee along with Cox had planned to have the job "dried in" by October 1. They are hoping the weather will hold so they can meet that goal by November 1. Some of the roof work won't be finished until the peak trusses are in place. Blair explained the building will be dried in when the crew applies the membrane of the roof and sidewalls along with installing the windows and doors, so work inside can progress this winter and water won't deteriorate the wood.



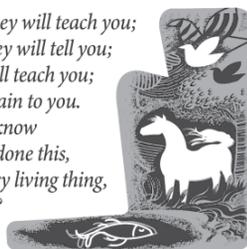
Trusses for Trailhead Church Expansion begin to show on the skyline. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



With all the volunteer work and the price of lumber down from 2021 prices, the first phase of the job has stayed well within the planned budget, according to Trailhead Financial Officer Clay Muinzer. Fundraising will continue to raise money to finish the inside of the 7,200 square foot half gym, fellowship hall, classrooms and kitchen.



"But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know That the hand of the Lord has done this, In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?"



JOB 12: 7-10

**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps



**GRIN and BEAR IT** by Wagner



"Someday this will all be yours, son. ... Get a good lawyer!"

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LARGE

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BILGE

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THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS  
**POPEYE**  
 By RANDY MILHOLLAND

BUT WHY DO I GOTTA HELP YA SWEET-TALK POPEYE?  
 HE'S BEEN REPEATEDLY EXPOSED TO MY CUTENESS.

WE NEED A NEW STRAIN OF ADORABLE HE AIN'T BUILT UP AN IMMUNITY TO.  
 ... AN' SALTY AN' THE SPONG.

HELLO, UNCLE POPEYE!  
 HI, POPEYE!  
 NO NEW PETS!  
 HOW'D HE KNOW?!

SWEET'PEA, WE'S BEEN OVERS THIS.  
 WE ALREADY GOTSK BIRDSEED AN' CHESTER...

WE ALREADY GOTSK BIRDSEED AN' CHESTER...  
 ... AN' SALTY AN' THE SPONG.

WE CAN'TSK TAKE IN E'ERY STRAY YAS BRINGS HOME.

WE CAN'TSK TAKE IN E'ERY STRAY YAS BRINGS HOME.

BUT WE PROMISED HER A HOME AND DADDY SAYS HE'S ALLERGIC TO TAKIN CARE OF HER!  
 FINE! BUT YOU LOOK HER IN THE EYE AN' TELL HER SHE'S GOTTA GO!

MEW?  
 HOW IS IT SPINACH MAKES ALL ME MUSKLES SO STRONGSK YET ME HEART'S STILL SO SOFT?

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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps

OOH, THE FARMER HAS A PLASTIC BAG. I BET HE HAS MORE FOOD.

IT LOOKS PRETTY FULL. I WONDER WHAT YUMMY TREATS HE HAS FOR US?

YOU'RE JUST GOING TO THROW IT IN THE GARBAGE? I WOULD HAVE EATEN THAT.

WOW, MAYBE THIS IS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "HITTING ROCK BOTTOM"?

**The Spats**

by Jeff Pickering

MARRIAGE IS A ROLLER COASTER

MARRIAGE IS A ROLLER COASTER

...BUT WITH HER IT'S MORE LIKE BUMPER CARS.

**TIGER**

by BUD BLAKE

LET 'ER GO!

I'M NOT QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE STEERING

**Out on a Limb**

by Gary Kopervas

DID YOU HEAR THAT?  
 YEAH. ON THE COUNT OF THREE, WE RUN STRAIGHT INTO THAT HOLE IN THE CORNER, NO, ON THE SIDE

**Dealing With Grief, 4**

- death. When these "firsts" occur, the waves of grief can come crashing back.
- Know your priorities. It's important to maintain friendships, routines, activities, and other things that nourish you physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
  - Plan for the unexpected. One way to do this is to think about and rehearse your responses to the questions others might ask. Doing so can keep you from being blindsided.
  - Don't bottle things up. Talking about things helps you acknowledge your feelings and enables you to say goodbye and find emotional closure
  - Don't try to do it alone. Utilize your social support system made up of the people you can count on to be there, lean on for support, and depend on for help with chores and other things that need to be done.
  - Don't make big changes. During the first year avoid doing things that will mean a major change in your life.
  - Take care of your health. Focus on a healthy diet, adequate sleep, and exercise as well as avoid caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol.
  - Don't isolate yourself. Loneliness breeds loneliness. Don't turn down invitations, even though going out may be the last thing you want to do.
  - Deal with anger. Anger can snowball. Grief counseling can help you understand and deal with the anger you feel.
  - Keep the faith. Participating in your faith community and having a spiritual value system won't take away the grief you experience or change the loss, but it can help to normalize your experience, provide hope and offer you a community for support.
  - Take up new activities. New activities help you form new patterns of doing things and new interests that are not associated with the person who has died.
  - Make humor part of your coping routine. Humor can help provide perspective on the way your life is changing.
  - Celebrate and memorialize your loved one's life. Remember your loved one through photos, music, special belongings, favorite meals and locations. Journal about the person or write a letter to him/her. Do something in his/her honor (plant a tree, perform a random act of kindness, volunteer or donate in his/her memory).

*Here is how you can support others who are grieving:*

- Be available to them and offer your support, even if it is your silent presence.
- Avoid trite comments. Although they may be accurate,

they will come off as insensitive and increase pain for that individual (i.e., "He's in a better place.... At least she didn't suffer....It was God's will....I know what you're going through.").

- Remember that everyone grieves differently, so avoid putting your expectations and time limits on their grief experience or theirs.
- Accept their emotional expression; don't judge. Crying is NOT a sign of weakness. It is a healthy, normal, release of energy.
- Watch for signs of trouble and seek help if an individual expresses suicidal thoughts or if their emotions are so strong that they prevent the individual from sleeping, working or going to school, eating, or taking care of themselves.

Jennifer Beatty is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor providing mental health services in Townsend. If you have questions or concerns about the information in this column, or to schedule an appointment with Jennifer, please contact her office, Infinite Hope Counseling LLC, at 406.980.0672.

**Property Tax, 7**

\$7,407.55, which is a decrease of \$429.60. Overall, Governor Gianforte's taxes went down, but his state property taxes increased by 8%. The City of Helena taxes went down 4%; Lewis & Clark County went down 11%; local school levies down 4%; and county voted levies down 13%.

"We think this is a perfect example highlighting the need for consistency, transparency, and fairness in property tax calculations," said Beaverhead County Commissioner Mike McGinley. "It clearly shows that the reduction is due to local governments adhering to our statutory mill levy limitations, and the sole increase in his property taxes exists in only those mills collected by the State, which are within the control of the Governor's Office."

"Montana counties are committed to addressing property tax concerns promptly, reiterating their dedication to responsible spending, essential services provision, and keeping property taxes as low as possible for their residents," stated Fergus County Commissioner Ross Butcher. "They are calling on the state to follow their lead in maintaining transparency and fiscal responsibility in property tax calculations."

Underscoring the fiscal responsibility of counties, Custer County Commissioner Jason Strouf said, "Over the years, Custer County has provided cost-of-living wage increases for our valued employees. We have built infrastructure utilizing existing revenue. We have only one voter-approved general obligation bond which was to build a new detention center that holds both the State and the County inmates. This year, again, our mills are

decreasing, and we have balanced our budget while following the requirements of MCA 15-10-420."

Liberty County Commissioner Joette Woods agrees, stating, "Liberty County believes in transparency at all levels of government. Our county has seen minimal taxable increases and high inflation rates. Yet, we rise to the challenge and continue to be fiscally responsible with no new money."

"At the end of the day, we, as counties, are committed to following the law," said McGinley. "We are simply asking the State and the Governor's Office to do the same and to do what is right for the people of Montana."

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 — John Wooden

**CryptoQuip**

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

Clue: M equals T

MQYM EKGTYRJ AHVV BSVHXSL  
 AKKB KL DMKRS OLYNGSRMD  
 XSLJ OYDM. MQSJ SXSR BK  
 KXSLRHNQM EQHTTHRN.

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**KNIGHT MOVES**

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S		C
T	R	I

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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"I used to laugh at all that until the first time I saw her without it."

**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!

Aim: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]  
 PRAISE: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]  
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**TODAY'S WORD**

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**WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS**

Fri 9/22	Sat 9/23	Sun 9/24	Mon 9/25	Tue 9/26
Thunderstorms	Light Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Clear
55°   46°	58°   43°	67°   46°	70°   48°	72°   44°
● 92%	● 81%	● 0%	● 0%	● 0%
⇨ 10   16 mph	⇨ 9   14 mph	⇨ 7   16 mph	⇨ 7   15 mph	⇨ 8   19 mph

**Precipitation:**

April: 0.630"	May: 1.181"
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August: 1.34	September 2.421"
2022: 15.272"	2023: 10.421"

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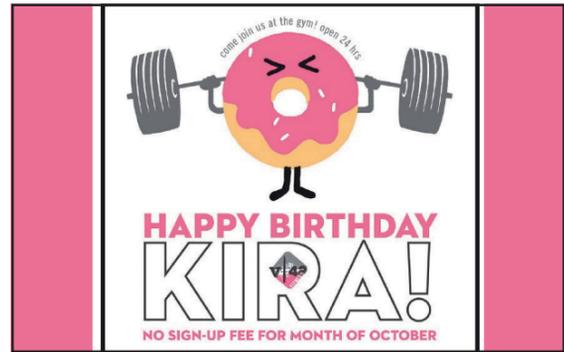


The family of Gordon Sanderson would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and support we have received from everyone during this sad time for us. Your kind words, thoughtful gestures, and prayers have been a great comfort, to all of us since Dad passed. Thank you for the visits, flowers, cards, donations in Dad's name, and the delicious food. It means the world to all of us.

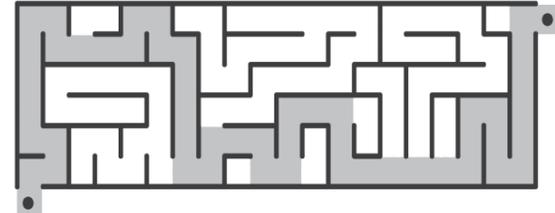
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**Answer**

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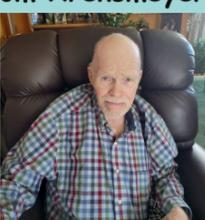
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**WORD LADDER**  
Answer  
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BUDGE, BULGE, BILGE

**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution

1. Aspire 2. Amuse;  
3. Slake; 4. Argue

Today's Word  
**MAKE-UP**

**KNIGHT MOVES**  
Answer

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**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

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**Graymont announces launch of community-focused Carbon Reduction Fund and invites applications for 2023 initiatives**

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- Protecting the environment by the responsible use of resources
- Reducing our carbon footprint through increased energy efficiency
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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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## 1939

### Radersburg News

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barraugh and daughter, Barbara, made a business trip to Townsend Monday.

Art Sitton was injured at the Ohio Keating mine when his foot was caught under a shovel resulting in a fractured bone in his foot and an injury to his ankle.

### Canton Valley News

Threshing is again well underway since it was checked for several days due to weather conditions. John Plymale hopes to complete his threshing on his several places in about two days and Will Daniels is finished as are also the W.D. Rankin place and Chas. Barker will be thru in a few more days. Others are waiting their turn for the machines to pull in.

Mrs. Dan Sullivan and three children accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jenkins to Missoula on Saturday where they visited their sister, Mrs. Thomas L. Hehr and family until Tuesday.

## 1950

### Crow Creek News

The Crow Creek School opened on September 5 with an attendance of thirteen. Kenneth Williams of Cascade is again the teacher and bus driver. His son, Kenny, is with him and attends the eighth grade in Townsend. His mother, Mrs. E.M. Williams, is also with him for the winter.

Enrollment includes four beginners, Richard Slifka, Bobby Moliter, Patricia Hensley and Diana Hunsaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb were business callers in Helena on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Kimpton transacted business in Helena on Saturday and remained for the evening show "Islandia" at the Civic Center.

### Winston News

Hugh Whitehead trucked a load of cattle to Butte Sunday. Bill Diehl took cattle to Butte Monday.

James Riis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riis, left for the army last week.

Mrs. Annabelle Diehl, Mrs. Hazel Pigman, Mrs. Marge Hamlin and Mrs. Hugh Whitehead attended club Thursday at the home of Mrs. Myrtle DeLaney. Mrs. Hugh Whitehead won first prize for the quiz,

Mrs. Richard Hohn second. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hugh Whitehead October 10.

## 1961

### Rainbow Girls Install Officers

A full slate of officers were installed for the local Assembly of Rainbow for Girls Tuesday night at the Masonic Temple. Installation of Worthy Advisor Merilee Miller started the ceremony, followed by installation of the other officers. Next was presentation of parents and brief remarks by the Past Advisor.

Officers installed were: Merrilee Miller, Worthy Advisor; Judy Huntsberger, Worthy Associate Advisor; Sherry Hunter, Charity; Gloria Fryhling, Hope; Beverly Thompson, Faith; Alberta Thurston, Chaplain; Betty Davis, Drill Leader; Members of the Bow: Bonnie Wallace, Love; Mary Lee Etwiler, Religion; Bonnie Plymale, Nature; Judy Duede, Immortality; Sharon Rains, Fidelity; Kathy Iverson, Patriotism, Susan McElravy, Service; Sherry Kincheloe, Confidential Observer; Marcia Lots, Outer Observer; Nancy Marks, Musician; Jean Greaves, Choir Director.

Installing officers were: Donna Fogland, Worthy Advisor; Beth Thompson, chaplain; Ann Kirksey; musician; Paula Plymale, marshal; Charleen Adams, recorder and Connie Valentine treasurer.

Members of the choir were: Roxy Kolberg, Laura Plymale, Patty Fischer, Betty Ann DuFresne, Mary Lou Thompson, Vicki Huth, Carlon Kolberg, Linda Wallace, Susan Rains, Cindy Holland, Sharon Adams, Judy Spatzierath, Barbara Lambert, Stephanie Rains, Candy Davis, Donna Doig, Marie Kirscher, Lois Campbell, Diana Biggs, Joan Thomas and Rita Castleberry.

## 1967

### College Students Leave for School

Colleges are starting this week and Townsend is well represented at the many halls of learning. We realize this list is not complete and would appreciate any additions to it. Among students leaving and their various schools are:

Montana State University- Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Quintero, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ahl, Joel & Gary Flynn, Dan Shearer, Peggy Christie, Chuck Hahn, Marie Kirscher, Cliff Cox, Sheila Hohn, Jim Nave, Felicity Dagnall, Jane Berberet, Cinda Holland, Karche Lampman, Bert Tarrant.

Western Montana College – Jim & Chuck Smith, Harry Buckingham, Marcia & Jim Lots, Linda Walker, Candy Davis, Dan & Jim Wooley, Dale Sprout, Bob & Gene Thompson, Glenda Campbell, Jean Berberet, Dave Scott.

Carroll College – Mrs. Pete Surdock, Mary Ouren, Larry Mullany, Mary Ellen McNulty, Mary Anne Hensley, Chuck Sullivan.

Rocky Mountain College – Brad Tarrant, Larry Lundborg, Rodney Davis.

University of Montana – Bruce & Clark Whitehead, Bob Lundborg, Sharon Rains, Ted Ulmer, David Kearns, Mike Scoffield, Lanny White, Nancy Marks, Mike Perry, Pat Ragen, Skip Sherwood, Ted Flynn, Keith Williams.

Eastern Montana College – Mike Ragen, Trudi Bucy, Steve Wogamon.

Northern Montana College -Jex Hunsaker, Tony Kaul, Tom Williams, Steve Kirksey.

University of Minnesota – Kay Delger; Ricks College – Mike Harrigfeld; University of Utah – Marty Madill; University of Utah Medical School – Max Iverson; Cochise Junior College – Jim Horne; Harvard University – Jim Ragen; University of Washington – Jim Etwiler & Dana Stiner; Western Washington College – Nancy Fryhling.

## 1978

### Winston – Clasoil News

Bertha and Linda Cobban drove to Bozeman on Wednesday to spend the day.

Charles, Barbara and Ken Baum visited with Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Schmidt on Sunday evening.

Minnis and Velma Wells, who are visiting here on their annual vacation trip from their home in California, visited with Bob and Linda Cobban and family on Sunday evening.

Beth Hohn and children drove to Jefferson City on Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Madison.

The Masolo family held their annual Jackpot Rodeo on Sunday with entries coming in from all parts of the state and though I don't have the results, I understand there was a very big turnout both participating and just enjoying watching the affair. The Masolo family is to be commended for putting on a good family clean-cut entertainment for everyone to enjoy and we'll all be looking forward to next year's affair. There was an excellent potluck supper served at the end of the day with such a variety of foods one could choose from. No one needed to go away with empty stomachs.



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## TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg  
Tree Board



This is the seventh 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.

31) Acer ginnala, Amur or Ginnala Maple; planted at Broadwater County Courthouse.

- This tree was planted in summer 2010 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts. The tree was planted by Cub Scout Tristen Rauser. The tree is located east of the sidewalk to the courthouse's southwest entrance. Ginnala maples do not like our alkaline soils. The tree is being treated with a chelated iron compound and elemental sulfur yearly to keep it healthy. The tree is in fair condition.

32) Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Patmore', Patmore Green Ash; planted at Broadwater County High School.

- This tree was planted in 2007 as a memorial tree for Robert, Kenny and Richard Schizzow. The tree was donated by the Schizzow family. The tree died and was replanted in 2009. A third of the canopy died because of a cold spell in late October/early November 2019. The tree is in fair condition, needs some more pruning this winter, and is being monitored.

33) Acer tataricum 'Hot Wings', Hot Wings Tartarian Maple; planted at 319 Broadway.

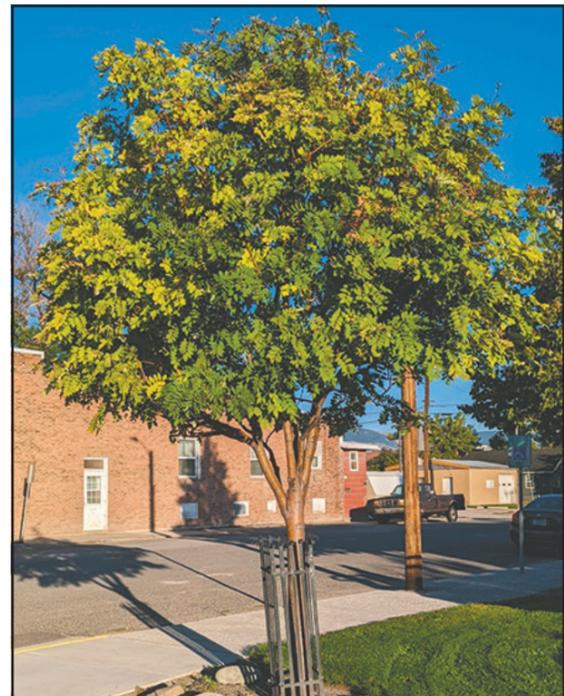
- A Ginnala Maple (Acer ginnala) tree was planted in front of Farm and Ranch Credit Services in 2006. It was one of the two oldest trees planted on Broadway. The tree was transplanted to private property when the new sidewalk was built in 2010. A Hot Wings Tartarian Maple was planted in 2010. These maples need to be treated with iron and elemental sulfur annually. The tree is in good condition.

34) Tilia x flavescens 'Dropmore', Dropmore Linden; planted in Veteran Memorial Park.

- This tree was planted on Join Hands Day May 6, 2007, in memory of Tony Schnablegger, Air Force Veteran and tree trimmer. The tree is planted east of the sidewalk on the way to the Veteran's Memorial and south of the Broadway sidewalk. The tree was planted by the family, Rotary, American Legion, Boy Scout troops 231 and 235, and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by Eleanor Holling and a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The tree is in good condition.

35) Sorbus decora, Showy Mountain Ash; planted in the southwest corner of Gazebo Park.

- This tree was planted on May 25, 2008, in memory of Earl Webb. The tree was planted by family members and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by Pauline Webb. The tree is in good condition and is being treated for fireblight.



Webb Memorial Tree  
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