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## STORIES OF HONOR: JENNIFER DALRYMPLE

**Curt Synness for Lee Montana**  
September 23, 2023

Townsend’s Col. Jennifer Dalrymple (retired) served 30 years in the Air Force— eight years active, 22 years in the Reserves – including three stints in the Middle East.



Jen Dalrymple  
Photo Credits: Jen Dalrymple

“My career was under/ on the ground as a missile launch officer for the Inter-continental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM) and civil engineer building/caretaking of our bases,” Dalrymple explained via text from her home in Broadwater County.

The daughter of Garry and Joan Dalrymple, Jeffifer graduated from Tucson’s Salpointe Catholic High in 1982, where she competed in track and field for the Lady Lancers.

A versatile trackster with heptathlon-like skills, she ran the 100-meter-high hurdles, long jumped and threw the discus and shot put, “or filled in wherever the team needed me,” she related. “I held the school record until my senior year, when my younger, freshman sister successfully exceeded my time.”

At the University of Arizona, Dalrymple continued the family’s military tradition and enlisted in the Air Force, with the AFROTC program.

“Three of my four uncles served in the Army – one in WWII in Europe, one as a paratrooper just before Korea and the youngest served two tours as Infantryman



Jen Loves Army Toys  
Photo Credits: Jen Dalrymple

in Vietnam,” Dalrymple said. “Both parents served in Air Force, my father from 1952 to 1976 and my mother from 1958 to 1961. And from 1979 to 1985, my older brother served in the Navy as a nuclear specialist on the USS Bainbridge.”

Her officer basic training took place in July and August of 1984 at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

“The most fun during that 6 weeks was flying/piloting a T-37 trainer jet over south Texas and doing desert

Jennifer Dalrymple, 4

### MONTANA GOVERNOR GREG GIANFORTE VISITS FOTH FARMS

Matt Nelson



On Tuesday, October 3rd, Montana Governor Gianforte visited the Foth Farms just South of Toston to see about their potato operations. Mathew, his wife Sarah, and his brother Mitch are the owners, taking over the farm about five years ago from Joe and Bill Skinner, who had had it for 50 years. Mathew started working for the Skinner brothers when he was 14.



Some of the Foth Farms machinery used to process the potatoes  
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

On the West side of Highway 287, just South of Toston are seven large Quonset-type of storage buildings where the potatoes are taken after being harvested. There is a lot of activity going on and several huge conveyor belts and large equipment are utilized. Potatoes are first removed from the trucks that bring them in from the field, then they are run through another piece of machinery that extracts most of the dirt off of them and then are transported to the seven storage buildings via another conveyor belt. Inside each of the storage buildings, there is a mountain of a jillion potatoes.

Governor Gianforte was given a tour of the operations by Mathew and Mitch, and then the three of them and the two Skinner brothers walked to the Storage building on the South end, where there was a big sign welcoming him. After photographs were taken, he spoke to this reporter:

“I think it is important for me to get out and ags are our number one industry so I love visiting farm and ranch operations around the state. We are here at the Foth Farms and they are in the middle of the harvest to bring seed potatoes into the field. It was neat to hear their story. We work hard for our farmers and ranchers. It’s really the backbone of the state.

It’s good to get out. I think I can learn a lot more when I am out visiting than I can by sitting behind a desk up in Helena. I am in the middle of my 56-county tour. I think this is county 52 or 53 out of the 56. I do this every year. I meet with county sheriffs, county commissioners, and farm and ranch operations, entrepreneurs. We were down in Dillion yesterday cutting a ribbon on a new program. It’s all good, and then when I go back to Helena it helps me understand so I can do a better job for the people of Montana.”



L-R Joe Skinner, Governor Greg Gianforte, Mathew Foth, Mitch Foth, and Bill Skinner  
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Thank you Governor Gianforte, your staff, including Ruth and Brook, who were very helpful, and also the Foth families and the Skinner brothers. What a great operation!

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEAR UPDATE ON STATE PROPERTY TAX LITIGATION

Nancy Marks  
Reporter

During public comment at the October 4 meeting, Broadwater County Commissioners listened to an update from County Attorney Cory Swanson regarding a pending lawsuit about county property taxes. Please see the separate story.

#### Public Works Update

Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley reported he is partnering with the Sheriff’s Department to purchase a traffic trailer to park on South Broadwater County roads. The solar-powered trailer will be used to collect vehicle speed data and will work as a possible deterrent for speeding vehicles. Both departments will share the \$9,300 cost. “The Sheriff’s office and my department get reports of people doing 60,70 miles an hour on those roads. We’re trying to prevent accidents. If residents want to use it on their section of road, please contact us,” he said.


Commission members voted to approve purchasing the traffic trailer.

The walk-in gate at the Winston Container site is closed. Beginning October 10 the area will be open two more days weekly -Tuesday and Thursday from 2 pm to 6 pm. The weekend days remain the same- 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

He reported his department had finished the season’s work. Mowing, blading and installing culverts in South Broadwater is finished. All asphalt patching is completed. The road renovation on Quarter Circle Road should be finished at the end of October.

Copper City Road in South Broadwater is now closed while the contractor does 56 days of rebuilding the road. He has received no update from the US Bureau of Property Tax, 1

# Townsend School Calendar

<b>Oct 13</b>	NO SCHOOL-Teacher PLC Day 2:00PM MSVB @ Manhattan 5:00PM Senior Steak Fry 7:00PM HSFB vs Sweet Grass	
<b>Oct 14</b>	10:00AM- Senior Day CC @ Home- Rusty Raisland 1:00PM HSVB vs Choteau	
<b>Oct 15 - Oct 16</b>	FFA NILE at Billings	
<b>Oct 15 - Oct 17</b>	State Student Council @ Helena	
<b>Oct 16</b>	MSGBB- 1st Day of Practice 6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym	
<b>Oct 17</b>	4:15PM HSVB vs Ennis 6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym	
<b>Oct 18</b>	6:00 PM Elkhorn BB at BHS Stage Gym 6:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Ed - Writing Professionally-for Money at Library Classroom 6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym 7:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym 7:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym	
<b>Oct 19 - Oct 20</b>	K-6 Little Dawg BB Camp at Stage & 63 gyms	
<b>Oct 19 - Oct 20</b>	PIR-MEA/MFT Days- No School	
<b>Oct 19</b>	4:15PM HSVB vs Manhattan-Senior/Dig Pink Night 6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym	
<b>Oct 20</b>	7:00PM HSFB vs Jefferson-Senior Night	
<b>Oct 21</b>	State CC @ Kalispell	

## BROADWATER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LIBRARY PUBLIC HOURS

Monday through Thursday 4:00- 7:00PM  
Friday through Saturday 9:00AM- 4:00PM  
Sunday 12:00- 5:00PM  
Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

# PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

Lacie Reed  
Lacie J. Reed Photography

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

### Football:

Bulldog football athlete of the week is Marek Easter. Marek plays relentlessly hard at his LB and RB positions. He is constantly tasked with being the moveable piece of the puzzle to match up against an opponent's strengths. Marek recorded 5 total tackles against the Cougars including one PBU which he tipped to himself for a drive stopping interception in the red zone. His efforts blocking for his team helped the 'Dawgs earn their first rushing touchdown and an incredible 1st half performance against the second ranked team in class B. Great job #35



Marek Easter - Football player of the week  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

### Volleyball:

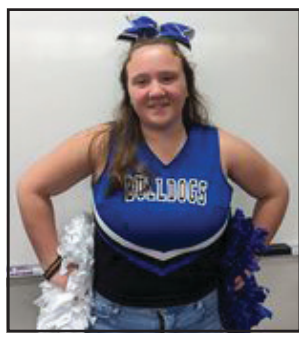
Athlete of the week: Cheyenne Cavin  
Against Jefferson: 9 kills, 2 digs, .5 block  
Against Three Forks: 8 kills, 2 digs  
At Jefferson Tourney: 27 kills, 3 blocks, 4 digs.



Cheyenne Cavin - Volleyball player of the week  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

### Cheer:

This week we have two players of the week! Ana Marie Reinke and Kiera Wheeler worked their tails off over the weekend to get our homecoming routine down. Their work outside of practice really shows their commitment to the team. (Kiera not pictured)



Ana Marie Reinke - Co-cheer of the week  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

# PERFORMERS OF WEEK: 9/24 - 10/1/23

Lacie Reed  
Lacie J. Reed Photography

We would like to thank Capital Transfer & Storage for being a 2023-2024 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs!

### Football:

Bulldog Football athlete of the week is LB/RB Sawyer Horne. Defensively Sawyer recorded 9 tackles including 1 TFL. He also had a pass breakup, 1 QB hurry, and a blocked extra-point kick. On offense, Sawyer had 2 receptions for 46 yds and 5 kick returns for 101 yds. Sawyer played multiple positions Friday night as punter, receiver, and running back, and threw 1 pass for 1 completion at QB. Sawyer continues to make plays through effort and tenacity every play. Good hustle #8.



Sawyer Horne  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

### Volleyball:

Athlete of the week: Kaitlyn Noyes  
Against Choteau: 9 kills, 2 blocks and 2 digs.  
Against Lone Peak: 10 kills, 1.5 blocks and 1 dig.



Kaitlyn Noyes  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

### Cross Country:

Kyla Meissner ran a 19:57 to win the Three Forks Invitational and Aiden Easter set a personal best with the time of 18:53.



Kyla Meissner  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed



Aiden Easter  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

### Cheer:

Haylie Reinke  
Haylie is always the hardest working one at practice. She's also our most experienced base in stunting and this week worked her tail off every day at practice - usually with no breaks because there was no one to take her place. Most of our stunts wouldn't be possible without Haylie!



Haylie Reinke  
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

# BULLDOG FOOTBALL TRAVELS TO COLUMBUS

Levi Van Zee

The Bulldog football team made the long trek to Columbus to take on the Cougars last Friday night.

Columbus was the first to strike on their opening drive from the 30-yard line with a pass across the middle for a touchdown. Columbus would find the end zone again in the first quarter when Columbus quarterback Mason Meier ran up the middle for a 40-yard score.

The Dogs would not be denied their trip to the end zone as Sawyer Horne took the direct snap to punch it in from the 10-yard line. The Cougars would account for one more touchdown before the half with an Austin Rager run at the goal line. The Bulldogs made a strong push at the end of the first half as Deegan Mattson completed a 50-yard pass to Hunter McCartney. McCartney was tackled at the 7-yard line, but the Bulldogs fell short in their try of making the contest a 4-point game. The Bulldogs also shined in the first half with two key interceptions in the red zone by Braden Martin and Merrick Easter.

The halftime score was 18-7. Head Coach Joe Horne said, "This was one of the best halves of football we have played so far this season. The guys are really improving and playing together well as a team."

The third-quarter scoring would belong to the Cougars with a touchdown from quarterback Mason Meier and a dive from Grayson Williams. Early in the fourth quarter, the Cougars were able to connect on a pass to Degan Nelson for a touchdown. Fourth Quarter scoring would culminate with a Cougar touchdown run from Cain Hanson. The final score would be 46-7 in favor of the Cougars.

Come out and support the Homecoming festivities as the Bulldogs will host Sweet Grass County Sheepherders this coming Friday at 7 pm

# RUBY VALLEY INVITATIONAL (RVI)

Kaitlyn Noyes  
FFA Correspondent

On September 26th, 2023, we took a team consisting of Spencer Braaten, Aiden Kitto, Amanda Pesicka and Ashley Sanderson to the Ruby Valley Invitational for our Livestock Evaluation competition. This included classes of Feeder Hogs, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Targhee Ewes, Angus Bulls (EPDs), Angus Heifers, Feeder Steers, and Breeding Does. Reason presentations were given for the Angus Bulls and Market Hog classes. Additionally, this contest included a knowledge test and equipment identification.

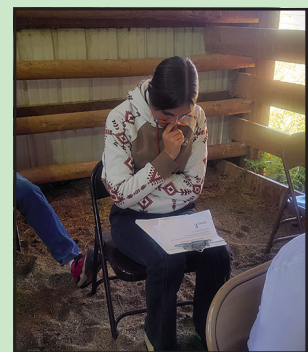


Left to Right: Kaitlyn Noyes, Ashley Sanderson, Amanda Pesicka, Aiden Kitto, Spencer Brattren  
Photo Credits: Jemma Loughery

For our team to qualify for the State Livestock Evaluation, we had to receive 8th place or better in our district. Overall, our team ended up with 5th in the competition and 3rd in our district. Individually out of 184 participants Amanda Pesicka received 3rd, Kaitlyn Noyes received 12th, Spencer Braaten received 45th, Aiden Kitto received 46th, and Ashley Sanderson received 77th. A very positive outcome for our team, with the additional excitement of qualifying for the upcoming State FFA Convention in April 2024!



Kaitlyn Noyes  
Photo Credits: Jemma Loughery



Amanda Pesicka  
Photo Credits: Jemma Loughery

### Fall Fest Funnel Cakes:

From September 29th - October 1st, Townsend Rotary's Fall Fest took place at Heritage Park. Live music blared and a multitude of vendors lined every nook and corner of the street and park. One of these vendors was the Funnel Cake booth, run by Broadwater FFA! Our menu included delicious funnel cakes and hot drinks like coffee, hot chocolate, and apple cider.



Aiden Kitto  
Photo Credits: Jemma Loughery



Grace Kroeger  
Photo Credits: Jemma Loughery

The funds raised from our booth added up to a total of just under \$6000 for the weekend. We are thankful to work with the Townsend Rotary who purchases the supplies and stores all the equipment for the booth. After expenses, Broadwater FFA will bring in 2/3rds of the profits, which will go toward events such as NILE in October, Ag Day sponsored by John Deere in November, District Events in December, January, and February, and the State FFA Convention in April.

Special thanks to Hugh Braaten, Aaron Loughery, Kelly Morrow, Rick Naber, Karen Noyes, Lena Parr, and Stacy Sommer for the adult help in the booth. We could not have pulled off the best funnel cake booth to date without your help.

Thank you to all of our community and others who stopped by our booth to support us and students who helped keep it running smoothly!

# TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

## October

FUND RAISER for Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Broadwater Blooms, 314 Broadway (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

## October 13

12:00pm: 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  
 4:30pm Circus Monster Mash at Fairgrounds 4H Building  
 7:00pm Circus Monster Mash at Fairgrounds 4H Building  
 10:00AM Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library

## October 14

6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
 6:00pm Author Event- Christina Hill at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)  
 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

## October 15

NFL Sundays at The Betsy, 217 Broadway (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

## October 16

Last Day to RSVP for Canton Church Restoration Annual Meeting and Dinner (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

## October 17

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

## October 18

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

## October 19

7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

## October 20

10:00AM 10:00 AM Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library  
 12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

## October 21

5:00PM Community Dinner at American Legion, 211 Broadway (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)  
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

## October 22

NFL Sundays at The Betsy, 217 Broadway (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)  
 4:30pm Canton Church 2023 Annual Dinner and Meeting at The Lodge of Townsend, 131 S Spruce (SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

## November

SEE ADS ON PAGE 11 FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER!

### COUNTY AND GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

## October 16

10:00 am: Commission Meeting at Flynn Building  
 6:00 pm: City / County Parks & Recreation at Flynn Building  
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## October 17

7:00 pm: Noxious Weed Board Meeting at Flynn Building

## October 18

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

## October 19

11:30 am: Trust Board at Flynn Building

# THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## October 14

8:00 AM: TF Community Library Book Sale at Library

## October 15

7:00 PM: Fall Cleanup Dumpsters at City Hall

## October 19

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



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## CUTTING STATE SCHOOL TAX WOULD RISK \$460,000

MT 43 News Staff

County Attorney Cory Swanson warned county commissioners that they risked blowing a hole of over \$460,000 in county finances if they go along with a handful of other counties in reducing the annual property tax of 95 mills imposed by the state for equalizing state support of public schools.



Cory Swanson  
 Photo Credits: Unknown

At least four counties have signified that they will cut the tax to 77.89 mills in line with restrictions imposed by state law on the growth of property taxes. The state asserts that the growth restrictions do not apply to the equalization tax. In a letter sent to counties in early September, the Department of Revenue said the maximum remains at 95 mills and that local governments “may” levy that amount.

Speaking at the commission’s regular Wednesday meeting Oct. 4, Swanson noted that the state has filed a lawsuit to block Missoula County from reducing the tax. He speculated that the Missoula County case will not be decided in court until late this year at the earliest.

Broadwater County commissioners were to decide at their Oct. 11 meeting whether to impose the levy at 95 mills or a lesser amount. Due to sharp increases in appraised real estate values across the state and likely jumps in property taxes, commissioners in perhaps all counties are under pressure to reduce mill levies.

Swanson cautioned that if the courts ultimately decide against Missoula County, any counties that did not impose the full 95 mills equalization tax could be compelled to make up the difference in payment to the state.

Bill Jarocki, county administrative officer, recommended the commission impose the 95 mills as “the least-risk approach” because “if you have to make up the \$460,000 difference, you don’t have it.” Swanson said he agreed with Jarocki.

County Treasurer Melissa Franks told the commissioners that 2023 tax bills should go to printing the week of Oct. 16 and be mailed out by Oct. 31 at the latest to give taxpayers 30 days to make their first-half payment, due Nov. 30. Second-half payments are due May 31, 2024.

The state school equalization levy is designed to balance state funding between tax-rich and tax-poor school districts.

In addition to Missoula County, other counties known to be planning to reduce their equalization levy to 77.89 mills were Beaverhead, Richland and Fergus, according to Montana Free Press.



### MISINFORMATION REGARDING THE 95 MILLS AND SCHOOL FUNDING



Montana School Board’s Association Executive Director has issued a memo to his membership on the 95-mill issue. It appears he is looking to garner support for the administration to litigate this issue (asking for the Department of Revenue or the Governor to seek injunctive relief), and he makes a few statements that need corrections.

First, counties have been given the calculated levy authority BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE indicating the current levy authority is 77.89 mills. That is indisputable. The law requires the Department of Revenue to perform that calculation each year because the mills “are subject to 15.10.420” and the result of that calculation, this year, is a levy authority of 77.89. The levy authority is not 95 mills this year, and Mr. Melton cannot continue to say otherwise.

Secondly, he impugns the integrity of his membership and the role of the Board of County Commissioners when he states, “If the counties can simply disregard

a calculation of another governmental entity that is referenced in law and decide on their own how many mills they will impose, what's to stop them at the 95 mills?” The Department of Revenue has performed the calculation and provided the calculation to Montana counties. That total is 77.89 mills. Montana counties have asked, in writing, under whose authority is the State requesting that each county levy above the stated levy authority for this year, and no county has received a response. None. The levy authority this year for the state equalization mills is 77.89 mills.

He is correct that the reduction in mills, if the county levies only what the current mill levy authority calculated by the Department of Revenue is, will result in a decrease of approximately \$80 million dollars to the State General Fund. Please be aware that the adopted budget offered by the Legislature and signed by the Governor estimated a State of Montana General Fund ending fund balance of \$638.3 million in fiscal year 2024 and \$525 million in fiscal year 2025. The updated revenue projections show that they are on pace to exceed those estimates. When Mr. Melton insinuates that the reduction in property tax revenue will impact school funding, he is wrong. School funding and the formula to determine school funding are already set. The State of Montana is on pace to generate over \$600 million in excess cash reserves this fiscal year. The reduction in property tax revenue resulting from counties levying the current mill levy authority established by the Department of Revenue will simply require an adjustment to the revenue projections and may result in a decrease in the estimated General Fund ending balance. No school will be impacted. No property taxpayer will make up the difference. When Mr. Melton states otherwise, he is wrong. [See the attached document from the Montana Taxpayers Association, which specifically proves the 95 mills don't go to the schools, and the State has a large projected ending fund balance—page 3, but we encourage reading the newsletter in its entirety.]

The Department of Revenue has submitted a formal letter telling counties they may levy 95 mills for school equalization. The Department of Revenue provided documentation on their calculation of the current mill levy authority, established at 77.89 mills. No one has provided any justification, authority, or explanation for how a Board of County Commissioners can levy 95 mills. Absent the state proving it has authority—and further, who has that authority—to levy an amount different than the calculation, the responsibility to follow the law now falls on the counties and again, saying any of this impacts school funding is wrong.

Respectfully,

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 Montana Association of Counties  
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### WASTE FEES ARE TOO CONFUSING

Early this summer, I discovered, like many did, that there were charges at the Canister Sites for Construction and Demolition Waste. Resolutions are the usual way to implement fees; after inquiring and not finding any fee items, I emailed the Commissioners to get my two cents in.

4 months later, trash fees are more confusing. Non-household trash is the term now used for chargeable rubbish. Attendants at the canister sites have the authority to decide charges based on their interpretation of non-household trash. That can change daily depending on the attendant and other circumstances. This situation is what Montana Codes were designed to prevent. Code 7-13-4108 guarantees that Solid Waste Districts do not have the ability, as a private business would, to charge fees without a resolution or ordinance. The codes guarantee that the fees are equitable across the board, not decided subjectively by an attendant.

County Boards are useful for communication during changing times and yet, every announcement for open positions on boards have not included the Solid Waste Board. With only one currently active board member, the commissioners are the SW board until replacements are found.

I am hoping the Commissioners will review the definition of Household Waste from Montana Code (75-10-203) which states: “Household waste” means any solid waste derived from households, including single and multiple residences, hotels, and motels, crew quarters, and campgrounds and other public recreation and public land management facilities” and provide the public a precise fee schedule by creating an ordinance or a rate resolution. If the goal is bagged trash, create an ordinance that says that. Finally, I am hoping the Commissioners can revive the Solid Waste Board as a liaison between the citizens and leaders.

Change can be challenging; clear guidelines can help everyone.

**Dawn Reynolds**  
 Winston

### WORD LADDERS

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

PLANK

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PRIMS

**Jennifer Dalrymple, 1**

survival training for three days at Camp Bullis during one of the hottest summers in Texas,” she texted.

After obtaining a BS in civil engineering and being commissioned second lieutenant, from November 1987 to March 1988 she attended ICBM officer crew training at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

For the next six years, Jennifer served at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, as an ICBM launch officer for four years, and then transferred to civil engineers for two years. From December 1992 to June 1993, she deployed to the Middle East at the drawdown of Desert Storm.



Jen with Iraqi Women  
Photo Credits Jen Dalrymple

Dalrymple closed out her final year of active duty service at Peterson Air Force Base (Colorado Springs), as a civil engineer, and an environmental officer. She then joined the Air Force Reserves in 1995 and moved to Tampa, Florida.

She spent the next 23 years – the first two in Florida before returning to the Treasure State – as a “fairly active”

member of the Air Force Reserves, working for whatever unit or headquarters needed help. Most notably, Col. Dalrymple served six months (April-October 2010) in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom as a deputy group commander of operations, “for my 1,100 Airmen who were embedded with the Army.”

In her departure letter from their base in Balad (north of Baghdad) to friends and family, she described being “present at a Dignified transfer whereupon the battalion of soldiers, not more than twenty-somethings” shared tears of grief and cries of anguish when... five caskets were loaded, bound for eternal rest stateside.

“These were all Americans,” Dalrymple wrote, “not just soldiers but two civilians who left the safety and comfort of their homes in the US, embedded as Iraqi interpreters yet accepted as ‘brothers’ in this unit.”

“She also had the opportunity to do six months as the Air Force senior engineer for the entire Middle East area of operations. She was stationed at Shaw AFB, South Carolina, with trips to Qatar and back to Iraq, from January to July of 2014.

Col. Dalrymple retired from the armed forces in September 2017, and married her partner that same year, as well. Over the course of her service during four decades, she garnered the following medals/ribbons: Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaves, Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaves, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf, Combat Readiness medal with bronze star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star, Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star, and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. She also earned the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service

Medal with four oak leaves, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with a gold border, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two “Mobilization” devices and a silver hourglass.



A million dollars ain't that heavy  
Photo Credits: Jen Dalrymple

She also furthered her post-University of Arizona education with an MS in aero operations at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical; MAs in military operations and international studies and military strategic planning at Air University; and at Carroll College with a BA in health and physical education.

“Pretty much 6-months a year I was away from my Florida/Montana home until my retirement after 30 years of service,” texted Dalrymple, who currently serves on the governor’s Montana Board of Veterans Affairs and also volunteers with the L&C Honor Guard for veterans’ funerals.

“What a ride,” she said.

Stories of Honor is a series produced by Lee Enterprises of Montana in partnership with AARP Montana and Town Pump

**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: V equals F

FLBP ZLXSGH WI PLI VBKXYDPI  
VYS DPE WIKIYBJI XV OLSYOL  
TITWIYZ FLX BYIR'P XYHBDRIH?  
GBETBR-BHI.

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**KNIGHT MOVES**

S	N	R
E		P
O	E	S

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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**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!

Release: VIEWAR  
Usual: MARLON  
Elder: NOSIER  
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**TODAY'S WORD**

"If you want to run things in this country, why don't you start with the \_\_\_\_\_?"

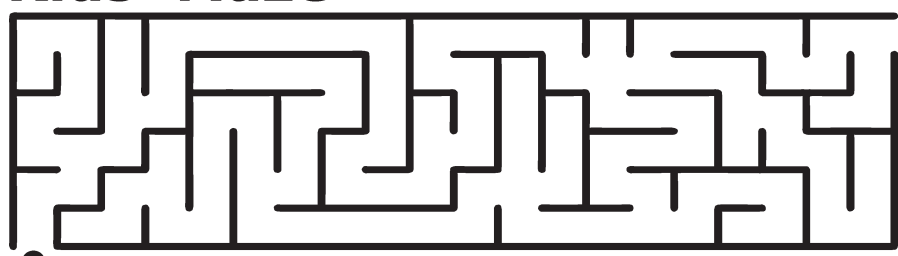
**Super Crossword**

**POTENT POULTRY**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Durable, lustrous fabric for table linen
  - 7 Babysits, e.g.
  - 12 Heavy burden
  - 16 Machines connected to mice
  - 19 Person expressing viewpoints
  - 20 Do some igniting
  - 22 Syrup source
  - 23 Beginning of a riddle
  - 25 Even a hint of
  - 26 Not so bright
  - 27 Old sporty Pontiac
  - 28 The Palm Tree was one, in brief
  - 29 Arctic home
  - 31 Riddle, part 2
  - 39 “— que?” (“Why?” to Juanita)
  - 40 Tofu base
  - 41 Contest involving balancing on a floating log
  - 42 Lead-in to bad news
  - 45 “— girl!”
  - 47 Fortunetellers
  - 49 U.S. pres. during the Gulf War
  - 53 Riddle, part 3
  - 57 Austrian “a”
  - 58 Hidden valley
  - 59 “— From Muskogee”
  - 60 “Incredible” superhero
  - 61 Bert’s Muppet pal
  - 63 “— darn tootin’!”
  - 64 Broad smile
  - 65 Foal’s father
  - 66 Mini-carpet
  - 68 Riddle, part 4
  - 72 Woman with will power?
  - 74 Deteriorates
  - 75 Dahs’ Morse counterparts
  - 76 Pet treat
  - 79 “Tomorrow” musical
  - 80 — d’oeuvres
  - 81 Peru’s capital
  - 82 “Gotta go!”
  - 83 Muscle jerk
  - 84 Riddle, part 5
  - 89 Tree of Life’s garden
  - 91 Boffo reviews
  - 92 Funnywomen
  - 93 Schumer and Poebler
  - 93 Has a go at
  - 94 Have a loan from
  - 96 Lead-in to puncture or pressure
  - 97 Class for U.S. immigrants
  - 98 End of the riddle
  - 107 Put back to 0, perhaps
  - 108 NASA “yes”
  - 109 Tolkien meanie
  - 110 Rom— (film genre)
  - 112 Aussie avian
  - 113 Riddle’s answer
  - 121 Diana Ross musical, with “The”
  - 122 Relaxes, informally
  - 123 Shoelace hole
  - 124 Disco — (guy on “The Simpsons”)
  - 125 “Yes, yes!” in musical
  - 126 Discontinues
  - 127 Cookout condiment
  - 1 Op-ed columnist
  - 2 Green garden pest
  - 3 Marlins’ city
  - 4 House pest
  - 5 Stitch up
  - 6 Food chain
  - 7 Letter-shaped opening in a machine shop
  - 8 LAX abbr.
  - 9 Certain caucus reply
  - 10 Visit briefly
  - 11 Reading room
  - 12 Two — kind
  - 13 Not a one
  - 14 Website ID
  - 15 Frozen floating brine
  - 16 Church song
  - 17 Tippy craft
  - 18 Observe slyly
  - 21 Put — on (limit)
  - 24 Broadway’s Hagen
  - 30 Mapmaker’s sci.
  - 32 Home to Barcelona
  - 33 Driver’s alert
  - 34 Lauder of perfume
  - 35 Chomsky of linguistics
  - 36 Vacuum cleaner company
  - 37 Actress Petty
  - 38 Rick’s love in “Casablanca”
  - 42 Azalea of rap
  - 43 Manicurist’s tool
  - 44 From the time that
  - 45 Guitarist Chet
  - 46 Entity
  - 47 Rejects with disdain
  - 48 Trapped morays
  - 50 Much-married English king
  - 51 Nintendo console that debuted in 2012
  - 52 Rare blood type, in brief
  - 54 Pierces Japanese massage technique
  - 56 Oglng looks
  - 62 Old washcloth
  - 64 Say “hi” to
  - 65 Cutoffs, e.g.
  - 66 Hostility
  - 67 Affix a new label to
  - 69 Hexa- halved
  - 70 Recurrent theme
  - 71 Benefit spiritually
  - 72 Dislike a lot
  - 73 “National Velvet” novelist
  - 77 Roof’s edge
  - 78 Feet have five
  - 80 Widespread destruction
  - 81 Primate of Madagascar
  - 82 Keyboard command for “paste”
  - 85 Rich rocks
  - 86 Vatican’s denom.
  - 87 Go quickly
  - 88 Stilted-sounding reply to “Who’s there?”
  - 90 G flat, for one
  - 95 — hat (Broom-Hilda costume part)
  - 96 Beginning of a classic JFK quote
  - 97 Artist working on glass
  - 98 Pub offerings
  - 99 Send in, as payment
  - 100 Japanese truck maker
  - 101 “Mighty” trees
  - 102 Yule songs
  - 103 9-Down and 119-Down are opposite ones
  - 104 Bit of a circle
  - 105 GI tract bacterium
  - 106 Tender spots
  - 111 Fictitious tale
  - 114 “Bali —”
  - 115 Officeholders
  - 116 Hi-tech film effects
  - 117 Dove’s noise
  - 118 Cobra type
  - 119 Certain caucus reply
  - 120 — Aviv-Yafo

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**Kids' Maze**



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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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# 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 November 3, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., at the Broadwater County Courthouse, 515 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644. Dated October 6, 2023.

/s/ Peter T. Simon  
Gallatin Elder Law & Estate Planning PLLC  
Attorney for Petitioner

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Townsend Storage sale or donation for nonpayment of storage rent and charges pursuant to the sale of contents contained under Montana Storage Law 70-6-607; the following property will be sold to the public, donated, or disposed of on October 19, 2023, at 10:00 AM on the premises of; 601 N Front St. Townsend, MT 59644.

Townsend Storage reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time for any reason. Storage units up for silent-bid auction contains household items, tools and furniture.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH

PROPERTY OF:

NAME UNIT #  
MATT SPENCER 12  
MATT SPENCER 19

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### NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in Broadwater County on November 7, 2023, the Municipal General Election will be held in order to elect municipal officials. The following municipalities will be conducting elections for these respective offices:

Townsend Municipal Office | On Ballot,  
X = YES | Candidate Name

MAYOR | X | Vickie Rauser  
MAYOR | X | E. Keith "JB" Howick, Jr.  
CITY COUNCIL WARD 3 | X | Vivian C. Boaz  
CITY COUNCIL WARD 3 | X | Nate Brown  
CITY COUNCIL WARD 1 | NO | Valerie Baraza, ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION  
CITY COUNCIL WARD 2 | NO | NO CANDIDATE APPLIED

The election will be conducted by mail ballot. Active registered voters who reside within the jurisdictions conducting elections will receive ballots, which will be mailed on October 23rd. All active and inactive electors of the jurisdictions conducting elections are entitled to vote at said election. If you are a registered voter and do not receive a ballot, contact the Broadwater County Elections Department to update your information as necessary and receive a ballot.

Those who wish to vote in person may do so at the Broadwater County Elections Department at 515 Broadway, Townsend, beginning on October 10. Voted ballots may be returned either by mail or in person at the places of deposit listed below.

#### Broadwater County Elections Department

Monday – Friday, through November 6 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 On Election Day, November 7, 2023 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

All voted ballots must be returned to the locations listed above by 8:00 PM on Election Day. Regardless of postmark date, ballots returned by mail must be received in the elections office by 8:00 PM on Election Day in order to be counted.

If your ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received, you may request a replacement ballot no later than 8:00 PM on Election Day.

Dated this 4nd day of October, 2023

Angie Paulsen, Election Administrator, Broadwater County, Townsend, Montana

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## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT – OCTOBER 13, 2023

Kelsi Anderson, Justice Court Clerk

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

April Zimmerman, Billings: day speed \$20.00  
Rachel Yanchura Tacoma, WA: day speed \$70.00  
Mark Wozniak, Helena: day speed \$20.00  
Cole Wilson, Sioux City, IA: day speed \$20.00  
Ariel Toledo, Big Sky: day speed \$120.00  
Evan Troyer, Simms: day speed \$120.00  
Cole Schneider, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00  
Kyle Steen, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00  
Jairo Pacheco, East Helena: No insurance-1st offense \$285.00

Eric Mccausland, Helena: night speed \$20.00  
Caleb Johnston, Stevensville: interstate day speed \$70.00  
John Hassler, East Helena: careless driving \$85.00  
Beau Huseby, Taber, AB: night speed \$70.00  
Benjamin Grotbo, Bozeman: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00  
Expired registration \$85.00  
Patrick Friede, Butte: day speed \$70.00  
Alexis Devries, Manhattan: night speed \$70.00  
Michael Cary, Billings: day speed \$70.00  
Yoidys Anaya, Tampa, FL: driving without a valid driver's license \$135.00

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

James Bist – Townsend – fail to carry proof or exhibit/ insurance in vehicle -owner or operator-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; seatbelt violation, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine.  
Kenneth Smucker – Townsend – operate a non-commercial vehicle with an alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees and enroll and complete ACT program.  
Derek Oberholtzer – Bozeman – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$120.00 fine.  
Christian Lugo- Martinez – Bozeman – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$120.00 fine.

### BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Bryce Zimmer – Boise, Id – possessing intoxicating substances while under the age of 21 (over age 18) -1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete MIP class and 20 hours of community service.  
Aiden Ogle – East Helena – operate vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.02% BAC Under 21 years of age 1st offense (over 18), pleaded guilty, \$525.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program and surrender DL to the Court.

### BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Oguzhan Topak, Seeley Lake: night speed \$120.00  
Laura Kneedler, Helena: night speed \$20.00

### MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Dana Rauser – Townsend- driving without a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

### INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Jacob Siewert- Probation and Parole Hold, \$100,000.00 bond



## OCTOBER 13, 2023

Dee Gannon  
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menahan's courtroom on Friday, October 6, 2023, is as follows:

Priscilla Evans was arrested on a warrant after absconding. Her new Pre-Trial is December 1; with the new Jury Trial scheduled for January 3, 2024. She is released on her own recognizance. She must abide by all previous conditions.

Kaleen Dozer had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to two counts of assault with a weapon, partner/family member assault, and criminal mischief. Omnibus is due December 15; Pre-Trial is set for March 22; with the Jury Trial scheduled for April 29.

Troy Sharrett had an Initial Appearance on a Petition to Revoke. He faces new charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs with intent to deliver, criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, and assault. His Admit/Deny Hearing will be on October 20. He must abide by all previously set conditions.

Patrick Rambo had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to assault, tampering with a witness, kidnapping, partner/family member assault and criminal mischief. Omnibus is due December 15; Pre-Trial is set for February 16, 2024; with the Jury Trial scheduled for March 11. He will have a bond hearing on October 20.

Rebekah Green had an Admit/Deny Hearing on a Petition to Revoke probation of a partner/family member assault. She admits to a new criminal offense; driving while intoxicated and failure to remain law abiding. She is Sentenced to seven days in jail; to be served at least three days at a time (for ease of detention staff).

Douglas Shane Tamke had an Initial Appearance on a charge of issuance of a bad check above the amount of \$5,000. Arraignment will be on November 3.

Amber Hart had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to theft and embezzlement. Omnibus is due December 7; Pre-Trial is set for May 10; with the Jury Trial scheduled for June 10.

Rebecca Standley had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs. Omnibus is due November 17; Pre-Trial is set for February 17, 2024; Jury Trial is scheduled for March 17.

# BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Melenda Banks  
Administrative Assistant

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Dykema Land Co. Boundary Relocation Exemption Request

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Yutzy Boundary Relocation Exemption Request

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Three Rivers Major Subdivision (Township 2North, Range 1 East, Section 9) Preliminary Plat Approval Request

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Purchase of Walk-in Floor Trailer

Thursday, October 19, 2023

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

#### Public Meeting Notices

6:00 PM Nov. 8 Southern Broadwater County (CTAP\*) Meeting at Bridger Brewing  
6:00 PM Nov. 14 Northern Broadwater County (CTAP\*) Meeting at the Flynn Building

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

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

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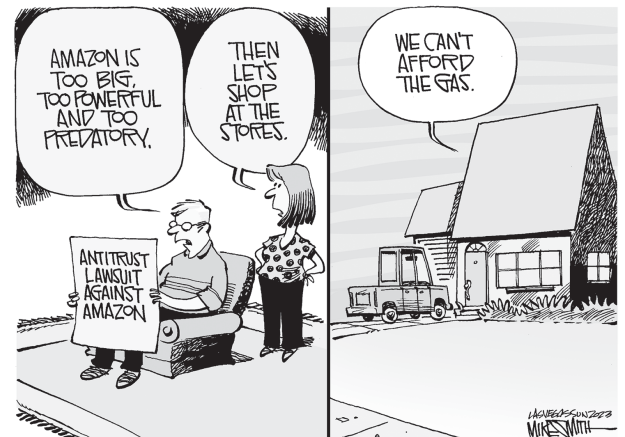
E-mail: [commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us)

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

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

- Trust Board on October 19 at 11:30 AM
- BC Airport Board on October 18 at 6 PM
- Broadband Advisory on October 26 at 4 PM

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



# Candidates 2023

MT 43 News is proud to present the candidates for those public offices influencing the citizens of Broadwater County. Candidates are grouped by the office they seek, but are otherwise listed alphabetically by last name. While individual employees and members of the Board of Directors of MT 43 News, Inc. may personally prefer one candidate over another, MT 43 News neither endorses nor censures any candidate. Our thanks go out to the candidates and their staff for accommodating our invitation to participate in this edition.



## J.B. HOWICK FOR MAYOR

Let me tell you a little of what I've learned about Townsend. It's an amazing place with a colorful history and it's filled with amazing people. To poke a bit of fun, I've never before experienced a city where it can hail on one city block, but not another. More seriously, I'm proud that our veterans will hold an impromptu parade to honor our freedom and those who have died protecting it. And I am deeply moved by the willingness of our residents to band together to support one another through tragedy. Townsend is a gem, a place to be proud of and full of people to love.



JB Howick  
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But change is coming to our town. Pressure from the state will change our utilities, our roads, and our taxes. Pressure from new housing will increase traffic, draw upon our services, impact water availability, and fill our schools. Pressure from aging infrastructure will compel us to make difficult decisions about what kind of city we want our children to inherit. And pressure from the nation is raising the cost of living and threatening the American Dream — a dream that is as fragile as it is valuable.

Yet change can be managed. Many of you have never known my full legal name, so please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Edward Keith "JB" Howick, Jr. My family and I own Townsend Hardware on Broadway. With the help of many, I've restored the aging hardware store, located on Broadway since 1953 and yet on the verge of closure, to a thriving asset of our community. I've done that by embracing my customers — yes, you! — as family. I listened to your advice and met your needs. I did this by planning for change and seeking continual improvement without compromising the rich past the store enjoys. I've done it by managing change... and I believe I can bring that same success to the city.

I would like to be your mayor, a person you can talk freely to about both the good and the bad you experience. A person who, I hope, you will trust to compassionately hear your thoughts and then work, if necessary, toward a reasonable compromise when we can't all agree. Years of experience in business, engineering, and community involvement have taught me problem-solving skills, resource management, compassion, budgeting, coordination, planning, negotiation, and above all, communication skills. And I believe these skills would make me a good mayor!

If given the privilege of serving you, the first of my five priorities entering the office is to protect our quality of life by working with our citizens, local non-profits, and all levels of government, to plan for changes such as the widening of Highway 287 and the increasing need for security as the region's population grows. Above all, to protect our lifestyle in the face of change.

Second, to address the rapidly changing housing needs in our community.

We need to provide for our children, for our workforce, and protect our elderly, all in a market that's becoming too expensive, too quickly.

No one wants the growth problems that have plagued Bozeman and Helena to happen here, but they will without prudent planning.

My third priority will be transportation. Our aging roads are handling greater traffic and medical services are dependent on the quality of our airport. Parking has been a problem for decades and an ongoing effort to restore the southern route for passenger rail service needs careful consideration.

Next is my desire to embrace and enjoy our city's culture. From our early railroad beginnings through agriculture, ranching, and mining, our town has developed a character that reflects both peaceful days of fishing

and the rough-and-tumble days of spurs and hoglegs! The untamed independence of the West still beats in our hearts. It's who we are — and what's worth protecting.

Finally, and by no means least, is a focus on our local economy. Where "quality of life" focuses on our lifestyle, "economy" focuses on our livelihoods. No matter how needful, every tax dollar is a precious gift from you and must be used wisely to the best effect for our city. It's more than just managing a budget. It means listening to you, keeping you informed, and being accountable to you.

You can learn more about me and what I stand for on my website:

JB4Mayor.com. You can call or text me at (801) 690-5462, I would love to hear from you! Above all, I hope to have your vote on Tuesday, November 7th. It would be an honor to be your mayor!

## JB Howick

Mayoral Candidate



## VICKI RAUSER FOR MAYOR

Vickie Rauser has announced her candidacy for the position of Mayor of the city of Townsend and would be honored to serve the residents of Townsend in that capacity.

She is running because she believes her background and experience lend themselves well to meeting challenges facing our community over the next several years; rapid population growth and economic development in the county, along with the increases in traffic as people commute both north and south, are creating pressures in the community. "As we welcome new friends and neighbors, we want to retain and maintain the friendly, small-town personality that draws people to us. The demand for services is immediate, while the ability to fund and provide those services can take time due to state statutes governing local governments, which can be frustrating. We also don't want to be any more of a bottleneck for the through-commuters than we have to."

Vickie is currently serving her second term on the City Council and has been the Council President since joining the Council. In that time, she's also been the City's representative to the Montana Business Assistance Connection, this year serving as President of its Board of Directors. Vickie has participated in four interviewing committees for staff vacancies and suggested the use of a structured interview process to provide a better basis for hiring recommendations and decisions.

She also suggested the City go to bid for audit services after learning the same sole proprietor had been the City's auditor for a significant number of years. Her committee assignments include Law enforcement, among others.

Vickie worked for the Legislative Audit Division for over 30 years, progressing from Staff Auditor to Audit Manager within the financial-compliance audit staff. She has been a licensed CPA since 1982, having passed the CPA exam on her first attempt. "Yes, I'm still proud of that."

During her tenure with the Division, she audited most, if not all, the state agencies and the public colleges and universities. These audits involved financial records and reports along with a determination of the agency's compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. "No one likes to have their work criticized and auditing former colleagues could be most challenging. Communication is at the heart of keeping an audit progressing. While the auditor and auditee might ultimately agree to disagree, the disagreement shouldn't be because of poor communication."

In addition to her audit assignments, Vickie represented the Division at national conferences and trainings, also serving several years on a professional committee tasked with evaluating CPA exam questions. She developed in-house training for staff; participated in writing audit policies and procedures; assisted with staff recruiting, retention, and professional development decisions; responded to legislators' questions; and led several inter-state External Quality Control Review teams. "The external quality control review, simply put, is where auditors audit the work of auditors to determine whether those auditor's audits comply with auditing standards."



Vicki Rauser  
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Vickie is one of the Home Team members for the Broadwater County Community Review that began during the Summer of 2022; it is sponsored by Broadwater County Development Corporation, KLJ Engineering, Montana Business Assistance Connection, Montana Economic Developers Association, and the University of Idaho (through the USDA's Agriculture & Food Research Initiative Foundational program). One of the teams resulting from Phase II of the review (which took place March 8-9, 2023) is Housing and Planning; both JB Howick and Vickie are part of this team. The team is looking at options for creating sustainable, affordable housing in Broadwater County.

Vickie was born in Townsend and educated in the Toston and Townsend school districts. She has a B.S. in Business (Accounting emphasis) from MSU-Bozeman. While in college, she was a member of Circle K, a Kiwanis-supported service club. Vickie is a 44-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a fraternal service organization, to which both men and women belong, that has adopted Service Dogs as its primary philanthropy; and she is a 22-year member of the Daughters of the Nile, which has as its sole philanthropy supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Vickie also serves as an adult leader for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Montana.

In the Fall of 2016, Vickie found the timing right to make Townsend her home and settled in over the next year. "I'm happy to be back home, making myself useful by putting my governmental experience and knowledge to work for Townsend now and into the future. We have large projects ahead of us — we're moving forward with a new water system; we have a large subdivision in development; I expect some action soon on the White's annexation; several agreements and contracts need review and update; there's an on-going need for ordinance review and update; and, of course, there are the day-to-day city operations.

As I look to the future, I see a need for succession planning; few people work forever and having a plan makes staffing changes easier. I intend to review the Council's committees; we may not need all of them in their current form.

It's an exciting time to be involved in City government. I'm up to the task and would be honored to serve as the Mayor of Townsend.

Please reach out to me with questions, either by email at [VRauser4Mayor@gmail.com](mailto:VRauser4Mayor@gmail.com) or by phone at 406.266.3936."

## Vicki Rauser

City Council



## VIVIAN BOAZ FOR CITY COUNCIL WARD III

Hello Townsend, My name is Vivian Boaz and I am running for a City Council seat in Ward 3. My family and I are relatively new to Townsend and moved here about 6 years ago.

We discovered Townsend on a visit with some family friends and instantly fell in love with the community and its people. Our home is on South Cedar and was built sometime around 1893 by Senator Charles Amos Whipple. It is also about a block from the Volunteer Fire Dept., which I joined two months after moving into our home.

My husband is a retired ARMY Officer and stays busy parenting our daughter or volunteering with the American Legion.

Apart from volunteer work, I have a full-time job caring for the elderly in our community at Silver Springs Assisted Living Facility.

Honestly, I never thought I would run for a position to be a city councilman. After attending several Council meetings, I recognized a shortfall of people willing to help manage our city and after a discussion with my family decided to run. I feel much of my past education and job experience will be an asset to serving the people of this community.

I dropped out of high school and put myself through college. I majored in nursing and graduated from Cuesta College with a degree in Behavioral Sciences and Mathematics. I spent some of my early employment



Vivian Boaz  
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**Vivian Boaz, 6**  
 years working for the Monterey County Parks Dept. and The Dept. of Defense as a Lifeguard and Aid. I funded my education by working in restaurant and catering businesses organizing and planning local events such as festivals, winery dinners, and weddings.

Before moving to Townsend my husband and I owned and operated our own drop-off catering service. Many of our clients were national and international companies in the pharmaceutical and construction management industry. Currently, I am in charge of the kitchen and dietary needs of the residents at Silver Springs. Some of my job duties include staff scheduling, facility maintenance, food preparation, medication management, resident care, and supply ordering.

Since I moved to Townsend, I have seen a lot of change and growth happening in our community. I am concerned about the impacts the growth will have on our infrastructure and hope to meet those needs. As a former business owner, I understand the importance of small businesses in town and the seasonal economic impacts they experience. I would like to help revitalize and support our existing businesses and attract more into our area.

I have walked the streets and asked people around Townsend about their concerns and priorities regarding the city. Many have expressed the need for better communication about ordinance notification for renters and new homeowners. Some are concerned about the utility fee increases because they are on fixed incomes. Others struggle with the lack of affordable housing and storefront rental availability.

I do have ideas on how to tackle some of these issues moving forward and would love to hear more community feedback.

Please feel free to email me at MomtanaBoaz@gmail.com or give me a ring at (406) 266-1261. I already enjoy serving the city of Townsend through my volunteer work and I hope to earn your vote and serve you well as a City Councilman.  
 Thank You.

**Vivian Boaz**  
 City Council Candidate



**NATE BROWN FOR CITY COUNCIL  
 WARD III**

I am a third generation Broadwater County and Townsend resident. My Grandfather and Grandmother Ray and Kitty Wertz moved to Townsend to open the gravel pit in the late 1970's.

I was born in Marquette, Michigan. In August of 1989, I moved here with my mother and father, Randy and Kathy Brown. I graduated from Mt. Helena Christian School. I have lived here ever since.

My Dad and I started the Big B Badger Materials and Concrete business located on Highway 12 just outside of Townsend in the early 1990s. We deliver all grades of gravel and operate a pumper truck delivering cement for concrete slabs.

I ran for a seat on Townsend City Council in 2020. This is the first time I have had to run as I was appointed to Dave Sitton's seat when he resigned.

I would say the most important job of being a City Council member is building a budget every year because the budget affects everyone. Another part is coordinating with the county. We work together with the airport board, county commissioners and sheriff's office, public works and fire departments.

There are a lot of moving parts to working with those offices. In addition to attending two council meetings each month, each member attends meetings for the various committees. I sit on the parks and pool



Nate Brown  
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committee, streets, garbage and weed committees.

I live at 319 So. Spruce in Ward III with my wife Nichole and daughters Isabella and Brynlee. I would appreciate your vote in the general election on November 7.

**Nate Brown**  
 City Council

**TOWNSEND  
 RESIDENTS WILL  
 VOTE ON TWO  
 SEATS IN THE CITY  
 COUNCIL ELECTION**

**Nancy Marks**  
 Reporter



Townsend businessman JB Howick and Council President Vickie Rauser are vying for the City Mayor position in the upcoming municipal election on Tuesday, November 7. Current Mayor Mike Evans will retire from the position on January 1, 2024.

Vivian Boaz and Nate Brown oppose each other for Ward III. Brown is the incumbent in that race. Ward II will be an open seat since current member Ken Ulrich resigned and no one filed to run for the seat.

Valerie Baraza was appointed to fill Christina Hartmann's seat in Ward I. Since Baraza was appointed, and no one filed against her, she won the position by acclamation, according to Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen. Baraza's name will not be on the ballot.

Any registered Townsend resident can vote in the election on November 7 at the Elections office in the Court House. Any unregistered voter who wishes to vote, may come to the Clerk and Recorder's office to be registered and vote before noon on Nov. 6 and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 7, Paulsen said.

**NEW PERSON  
 APPLIES FOR CITY  
 COUNCIL SEAT**

MT 43 News Staff

Heather Hailey has submitted a letter of interest to fill Council Member Ken Ulrich's Ward II position. Councilwoman Vickie Rauser introduced Hailey at the regular meeting on Oct. 6. Hailey works as a construction superintendent for a Bozeman construction company. She has lived in Townsend for 18 months at 804 Broadway. She moved here from Belgrade. "We really like Townsend. Serving on the City Council is a good way to serve the community," she said.

She brought up the problem of fast-moving trucks coming into Townsend's east Highway 12 entrance and asked if during Halloween, when the children are out trick-or-treating, the city could put up a speed sign. Public Works Supervisor Tim Rauser explained Broadway is a state highway, so signs would come from the Montana State Highway Department (MDOT) in Bozeman. "You or we must have a permit to put up signs. The state would have to supply the signs too," he said.

Rauser suggested she contact the Chief highway manager in Bozeman.

The council discussed whether to offer the public works position, to be vacated by Tim Rauser, to current employees, or to advertise the position to the public. Councilman Ulrich said in the past available positions have been posted both to city employees and to the public. Then if a current employee is qualified, the council may offer the position to that person.

Valerie Baraza was officially appointed to represent Ward I. The council passed a resolution to award her the position by acclamation. Her name will not be on the Nov. 7 election ballot since no one has applied to run against her for the position.

Broadwater High School Homecoming parade organizers received the green light to close Broadway Street on October 12.

Council members Angie Wintrow and Valerie Baraza will meet to form a city broadband committee along with city attorney Peter Simon.

Councilman Matt West announced he would be resigning from the council at the Oct. 17 meeting. He will be moving out of Ward III.

**4-H: MORE THAN  
 COWS AND COOKING**

**Allison Kosto**  
 MSU Broadwater County Extension  
 Agent



In honor of National 4-H Week and the start of the 4-H year, it is only fitting to dedicate this article to 4-H. In 2012, Montana 4-H celebrated its centennial, and the program has come a long way in 109 years. The state of Ohio holds the claim as the birthplace of 4-H, beginning in 1902 with two clubs, "The Tomato Club" and the "Corn Growing Club". These clubs began as a result of college professors attempting to bring new agricultural information to farmers and their wives. This was often not successful, but the professors realized that youth were more willing to learn new information. As a result, they began to work with schools to form clubs to promote and test new agricultural research.

A big change in the structure of 4-H happened in 1914 with the passage of the Smith-Lever Act which created the Cooperative Extension System (CES) at USDA. This effectively nationalized the 4-H program. CES is a partnership between USDA, land-grant universities and county government to bring research-based information from the university system to local citizens. During the early years, 4-H was focused on agriculture and home economics. Boys exhibited corn and garden projects and had livestock judging contests. Girl's clubs taught sewing, canning and gardening. With the creation of CES, the organization of 4-H Clubs moved from schools to county Extension Agents and local leaders.

In Montana, 4-H formally began in 1912 but really gained speed when Montana's CES hired Augusta Evans to organize the state 4-H clubs in 1914. Initially in Montana, almost all 4-H members were boys and they focused on corn, peas, potatoes, beef and sheep. Early girl's clubs focused on corset making. By 1930, girls enrollment exceeded boys and the program reached over 20,000 youth across the state.

The first recorded club in Broadwater County was in 1935 and was a boys club called the 4-H Hustlers. Some of the early members were Douglas Christie, Charles Mitchell and Donald Shearer. Soon after, members who lived in the Crow Creek Valley organized their own club, because it was difficult for them to attend meetings in Townsend. They were called the Crow Creek Boosters. Original members completed beef projects and planted

crested wheatgrass.

During these early years of the 4-H program, a majority of Americans lived in rural areas and there was a need to educate youth and adults in agriculture and home economics. These were considered life skills for the times. Today, 4-H still has a mission to help youth learn life skills. However, the view of life skills has changed. Life skills mean leadership, communication, problem-solving, responsibility, decision-making, teamwork and much more. These are skills youth will use in life, no matter their career path.

Additionally, 4-H has recognized changes in society and has moved beyond a focus on agriculture. The National 4-H Council has three missions which are science, healthy living and citizenship. Whereas agricultural projects such as animals and cooking still remain popular, a variety of other educational projects are also offered including robotics, aerospace, photography and interior design.

Broadwater County has a rich history of helping youth gain life skills and become leaders in their community, state and nation. I am one of those former Broadwater County 4-H members. I can honestly say that if it had not been for 4-H, I would not be where I am today. 4-H helped me gain confidence, learn valuable leadership skills and improve my communication skills. It was my 4-H experience that propelled me down my path to an enriching career with MSU Extension where I have had the opportunity to shape the 4-H experience for today's youth.



Veterinary Science Workshop  
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If you are interested in getting involved with 4-H as a member or an adult volunteer, please contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or visit our office located in the Flynn Building at 416 Broadway in Townsend. 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension.



# A JOURNEY TO INNER PEACE

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



In 1888, Alfred Nobel picked up his morning newspaper on a cold January in Switzerland. At the time, Alfred was known globally as the inventor of dynamite and one of the world's leading weaponry manufacturers.

He read the headline: "Today, Alfred Nobel has passed away." Completely confused, he called the newspaper to report the error. It turned out that a rushed, overly keen reporter had failed to check the names and wrote the mistaken headline.

It was an unusual chance to see his life as others saw it, and Alfred was stunned to find out he was known as "The Merchant of Death" due to his war business.

He was changed profoundly by his experience, and he resolved to change his legacy. In the following weeks, he sold his business and arranged that his fortune would fund an award to those who did the most for the cause of peace in the world.

And so, today, we remember Alfred Nobel not as an arms merchant but as the founder of the Nobel Prize for Peace.

During a recent layover in Amsterdam, a Flight Attendant friend and I engaged in great conversations while roaming the city. In one of our conversations, I told her I wanted to write an article about inner peace. When I said it, she naturally asked, "How do you obtain inner peace?"

The first thought that came to mind was gratitude, as gratitude and inner peace are intertwined. Gratitude often anchors us in the present moment, urging us to acknowledge and appreciate all the blessings and miracles, whether big or small.

There is so much positivity that comes from expressing gratitude. I have learned that I must be intentional daily to write three things I am grateful for in my journal. Research suggests that expressing gratitude can reduce stress and anxiety, fostering a sense of connection with others. It guides us toward fulfillment with what we have rather than focusing on what we lack. Expressing gratitude increases feelings of joy, contentment, and happiness.

Gratitude, I've found, is the powerful gateway to inner peace.

Inner peace is also rooted in being present. When we are fully aware of the present and accept it without judgment, we have a sense of calmness and tranquility. Rather than dwelling on the uncertainties, cultivating a mindset of gratitude allows us to find peace and acknowledge what is going well in our lives. By reducing stress by expressing gratitude, we create space for inner peace to flourish by appreciating the beauty of each moment.

Life gets busy, especially now with the approaching Holiday season. During the hustle and bustle, fostering inner peace becomes imperative. It's not about the external circumstances but an internal connection with our creator. In John 14:27 (TPT), Jesus gave His disciples this profound revelation: "I leave the gift of peace with you—my peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but my perfect peace. Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts, instead, be courageous!" Trusting in God's plan, surrendering worries through prayer, and expressing gratitude transform anxiety into peacefulness.

My non-negotiable morning routine is my anchor. It's a time in the morning when it is quiet and peaceful—no distractions. The stillness of the morning becomes a conductor for that internal connection to God as I write in my journal and spend time in prayer and meditation. It sets the tone for a less chaotic and stressful day with fewer distractions. It's a time when I open my heart to approach the day with clarity.

Two significant shifts in my life were letting go of control and setting healthy boundaries. Embracing the reality that not everything is within my control brought me a sense of freedom. Inner peace often comes when we release the need to control every aspect of our lives.

Setting healthy boundaries is an act of self-care I'm learning to embrace. Sharing scenarios with my friend highlighted disconnect and inner turmoil patterns in certain situations. Learning to say no when necessary and prioritizing self-care has become my compass towards inner peace.

Cultivating inner peace is not an escape from life's challenges but a navigation of them with tranquility. Embracing the present, practicing gratitude, cultivating mindfulness, letting go of control, and establishing healthy boundaries pave the way for a more peaceful existence.

"Your life is a masterpiece when you learn to master peace." ~Albert K. Strong

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Trailhead Christian Fellowship**, 20 Trailhead View Dr. Townsend (5 mi. north of Townsend). Sunday School and Christian Education, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Services Sunday, 10:00 a.m. 7th-12th grade youth group, Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. meeting at 407 S. Cherry St., Townsend. (406) 266-4406 Pastor Mark Roelofs

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**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

So the Lord gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers... The Lord gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers... the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

JOSHUA 21:43-45



<b>SR. CENTER MEALS:</b>	<b>Thursday, October 19</b>
<b>OCT 16 - OCT 20</b>	Roast Pork
	Mashed Potatoes
<b>Senior Center: 516 2nd Street, Townsend MT</b>	Key Largo Vegetables
	Dinner Salad with Beans
<b>Monday, October 16</b>	Whole Grain Bread
Swedish Meatballs	Baked Apples
Steamed Potatoes	
Green Beans	<b>Friday, October 20</b>
Tossed Salad	Fish Patty on a Bun
Whole Grain Bread	Macaroni & Cheese
Apricot Halves	Carrot Coins
	Crisp Coleslaw
<b>Tuesday, October 17</b>	Plump Peaches
Birthday Dinner	
Baked Chicken	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.
Rice Pilaf	
California Vegetables	
Carrot Raisin Salad	
Whole Grain Bread	
Blushing Pears	
Birthday Cake	
<b>Wednesday, October 18</b>	
Beef and Veggie Stew	
Fresh Baked Biscuit	
Tossed Salad	
Zesty Pineapple	

## LEGAL NOTICES

### RFP BID ANNOUNCEMENT

Melinda Banks  
 Administrative Assistant

Broadwater County is soliciting RFPs (Request for Proposals) for our county's Newspaper of Record. The sealed bids will be accepted by the Broadwater County Commissioners at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644.

Bidding will be open from 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023, and close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Details can be found at <https://www.broadwater-countymt.com> under Public Notices.

## BROADWATER COUNTY SCHEDULE FOR NEWSPAPER RFP

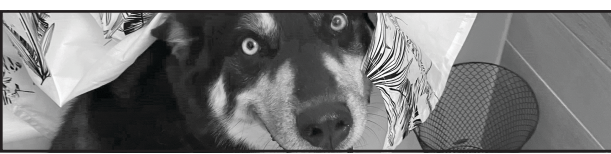
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 Administrative Assistant

Broadwater County Schedule for Newspaper RFP (Request for Proposal)

- October 4th: Commission Meeting, Review and decide if you will approve RFP to be sent out.
- October 4th: Send notice to Helena IR (and any other paper you would like to post in) to post advertisement for RFP.
- October 7: RFP advertisement will run for the first time in the Helena IR.
- October 11th: Send notice to Helena IR (and any other paper you would like to post in) to post second advertisement for RFP.
- October 14: RFP advertisement will run for the second time in the Helena IR.
- October 19: Bidding opens
- November 1: Notice sent to the Helena IR that puts this on the agenda for November 8th to open the bids. (This will mean that it runs on November 4th.)
- November 2: Possible question/answer meeting for bidders (See the attached RFP for discussion on this) This meeting will be at 2 PM in the Commissioner's Office
- November 7 @ 5:00 pm: Bidding closes
- November 8: Commission meeting to open bids and name committee to review bids.
- November 8: Notice sent to the Helena IR that puts this on the agenda for the November 15th Commission meeting. (This will mean that it runs on November 11)
- November 8-14: Committee meets to review bids.
- November 15: Commission meets to have a discussion/decision based on the Committee's recommendation



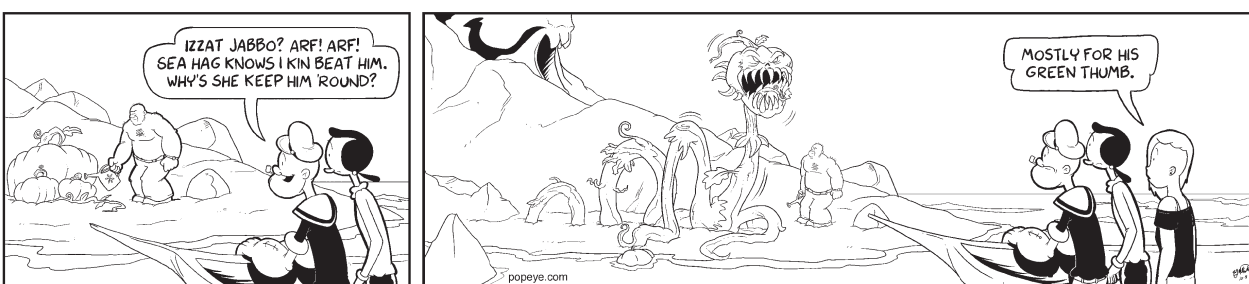
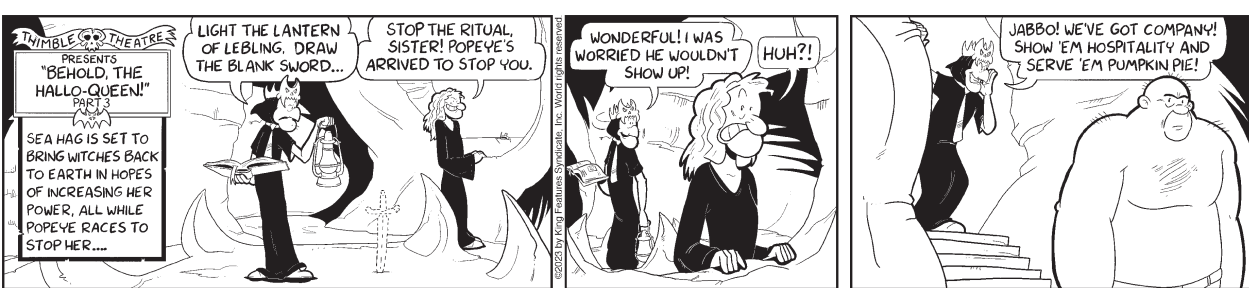
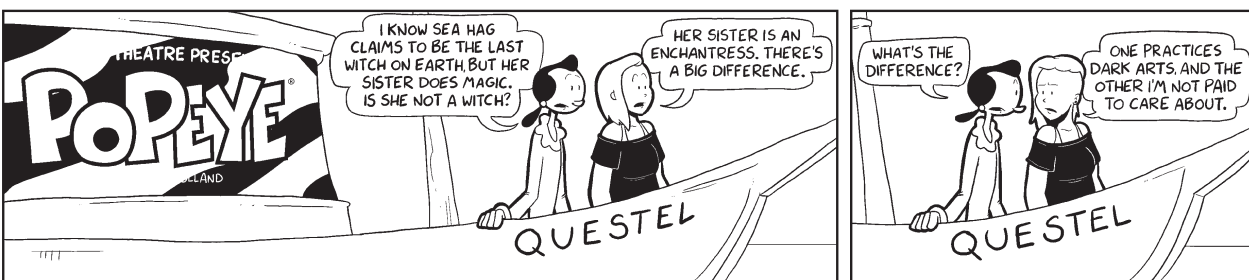
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"We can lend you your money at a very reasonable rate of interest."



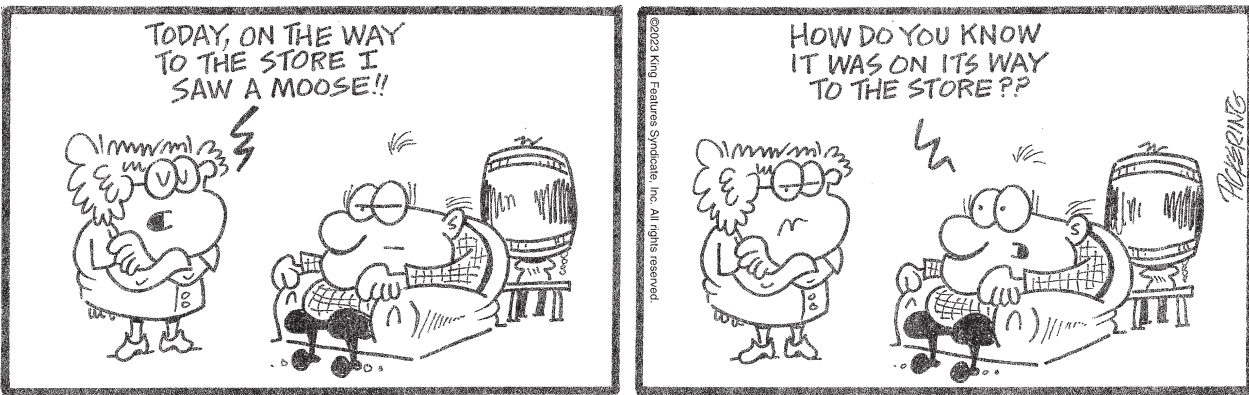
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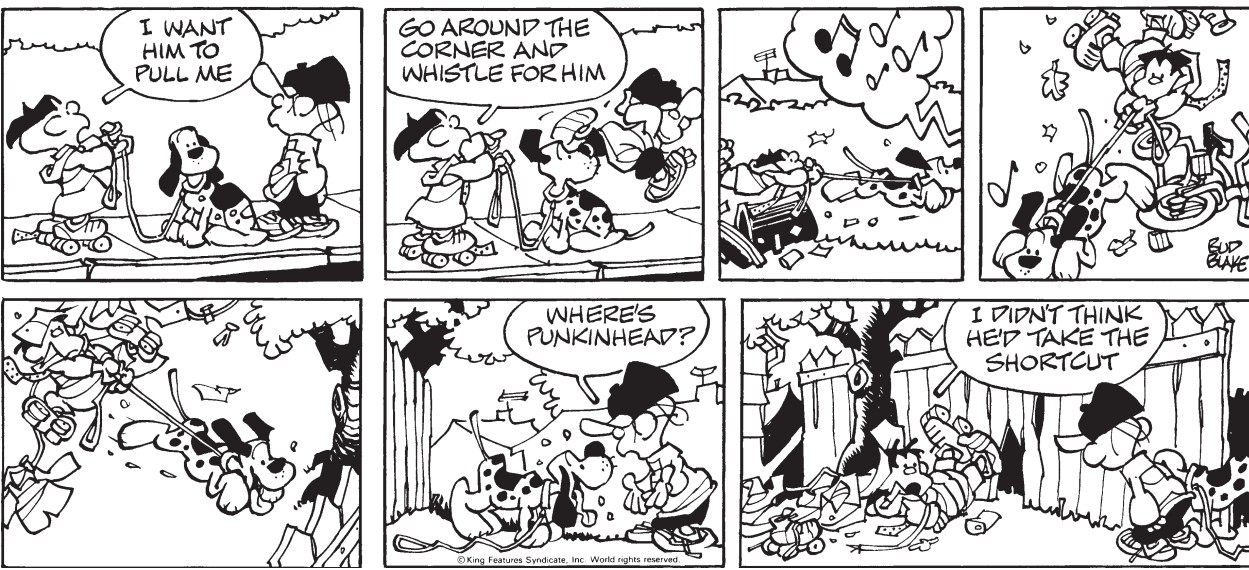
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by Jeff Pickering



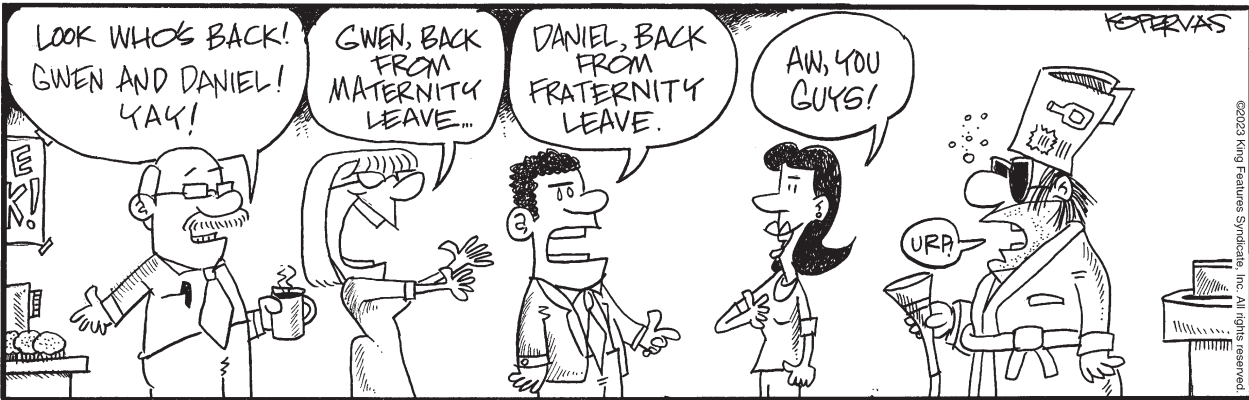
**TIGER**

by BUD BLAKE



**Out on a Limb**

by Gary Kopervas



**TRUNK OR TREAT SO OTHERS MAY EAT**

Kelley Gobbs  
Trailhead Church

"Trunk or Treat So Others May Eat Annual Food Drive - October 25

Townsend Area Youth Groups are doing a food drive on October 25. Instead of going door to door like in the past, groups will be positioned around town from 7-7:45 that night. They will have signs and be highly visible.

Please bring non-perishable food donations to them! Specific locations will be announced next week.

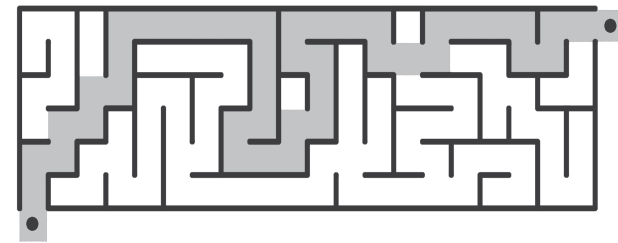


Left to right: Josie Brummer, Jennifer Beatty, Chloe Flynn and Kaylee Conner.  
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This annual food drive keeps our local food pantry stocked for the entire year. Let's help feed our neighbors and support local youth groups!

If you have questions, please call Kelley at 406-461-4510.

**Kids' Maze Solution**



**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
What should be the favorite fruity beverage of church members who aren't ordained?  
Layman-ade.

**WORD LADDER**  
Answer  
PLANK, CRANK, CRINK, CRIMP, PRIMP, PRIMS

**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution  
1. Waiver 2. Normal; 3. Senior; 4. Target  
Today's Word  
**MOWER**

**KNIGHT MOVES**  
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RESPONSE

**Weekly SUDOKU**

**Answer**

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**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

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**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!

# OBITUARY

## PHILLIP MCMURDIE

### Phillip McMurdie Family

Phillip McMurdie passed away on September 26, 2023, at Mountain View Medical Center in White Sulphur Springs.

Phil was born on September 19, 1942, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Lewis and June McMurdie. Phil and Lewis worked for J.C. Bangerter & Sons, Inc. in Layton, Utah and Reo McMurdie Company in Salt Lake City.

Phil lived in the Salt Lake City area until 1972 when he and his family moved to Townsend. Phil worked for several Broadwater County area farmers and ranchers and was a member of the Broadwater County Fire Department for many years before retiring to White Sulphur Springs.

Phil is survived by his daughters, Heidi Larson (Scot Vine) and Heather McMurdie of Townsend and grandchildren, Bradley Larson of Burlingame, California and Shelby (Jason) Collins of White Sulphur Springs. Phil is also survived by two great-grandsons, Kinder and Tegan Collins.

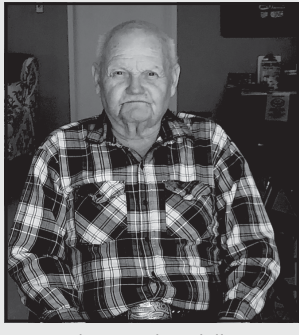


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## MICHAEL D. FERGUSON

### Mike Ferguson Family

Townsend resident Michael D. Ferguson died peacefully at his home on October 3, 2023. He was 91 and left behind his loving wife Jeanie Ferguson.

Mike has 6 children; Michael R Ferguson, RaeAnn Ferguson, Kevin Ferguson, and Karla Ferguson live in

Billings. Daughters Kellie Bush lives in Idaho and Keri Clearwater lives in Germany. There are 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren in this family.

Mike was born in Malta on March 26, 1932, to Michael A. and Marguerite (Sloan) Ferguson. There were four children in this family, two boys and two girls. Mike's brother Gary "Ferg" is still alive, and lives near Townsend.

Mike and Jeannette Bystrom (Jeanie) were married for 17 years and moved to Townsend in 2001 when he retired from Montana Aeronautics. They built their dream hangar home at the Townsend Airport., where he continued his lifelong passion for aviation. He had flown over 13,000 hours in general aviation (GA) aircraft.

Mike was in the Air Force from 1951 to 1955 and worked as a jet engine mechanic. After he got out of the Air Force he went to school to get his Aircraft and Power Plant (A&P) license at the Northrop Institute



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of Technology, in Inglewood, California. This license is required for mechanics to work on civilian aircraft. Mike owned a mechanics shop in Billings, MT for 14 years and from there went to Helena to become Director of Montana Aeronautics. He was there for 27 years and retired in 2001.

There is an annual fly-in at Oshkosh, Wisconsin for pilots who are members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). Mike started flying there in 1987 and flew every year up until 2022. Mike was also the Northwestern Regional Manager for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots' Association (AOPA) serving Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Often at various aviation events pilots will give kids called Young Eagles who want a plane ride free flight around the local area. While at Montana Aeronautics, Mike was a strong advocate of aviation education, and as a result, flew over 1100 Young Eagles.

In 1985 Mike flew his Bonanza to Hawaii. Mike's goal was to fly by himself non-stop from Hickman Field in Honolulu, Hawaii to Oshkosh. Mike said, "I flew to Oshkosh from Hickman Field. It took 14 hours, and 15 minutes going over to Hawaii from Oakland, California. I had to make position reports going over and coming back. I was in Hawaii for 4 or 5 days. I left Hawaii on July 26th and arrived at Oshkosh on July 27th, after flying 4497 miles. I had to land at Salt Lake City coming back, because I had a strong headwind, so I had to stop for fuel. I had to tell the people in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower that I was on a world record flight so they could record the official time of landing and takeoff.

The French FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE awards the "Diplôme de l'Record" for those people who break aviation records. Mike was awarded one for his world-record flight from Hawaii to Oshkosh. Mike also received a similar reward from the National Aeronautic Association.

After the fall of Russia in the 1990s Mike flew his Bonanza from Nome, Alaska to Provideniya, Russia and back again. He was there about three days.

Mike was instrumental in establishing an annual Winter Survival Course for pilots in his position as Aeronautics Director.

He also knew Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman and space shuttle astronaut Jim Adamson. Frank lives in Montana, and Jim used to live in our state. The Apollo 8 crew flew around the moon during the Christmas season of 1968, and it was during this mission that the famous "Earth Rise" photo was taken. Jim gave Mike a signed picture taken from space when he flew over this area.

Mike and Jeanie may not have flown completely around the world, but they have made trips to Mexico, Puerto Rico, Panama, Guatemala, Ecuador, Brazil, the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, Canada, most of the 50 States, including fly-ins at Sun 'N Fun in Florida, and the Reno Air Races. Once, Mike flew to Germany via Greenland and Iceland with a friend who owned an F33 Bonanza. Mike came back on a commercial flight. Another favorite flight Mike made was from Kalispell to Helena in the co-pilot's seat of a B-17 called Sentimental Journey.

There is an organization for pilots called Quiet Birdmen (QBs) – except that when the beer is free the men are not very quiet! The head person for each location is called the Governor, and each location is called a Hangar. Mike was the Governor of the Helena Hangar and went to national conventions in San Francisco and Fort Walton, Beach, Florida.

Mike received two FAA awards for Fifty Years of Dedicated Service, one for Master Pilot and one for Master Mechanic, with no violations. He was also a strong Christian. Now Mike is flying through the Heavens. Psalms 18:10 "And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did upon the wings of the wind."

Visitation and viewing will begin at 11:00 am Friday, October 13, 2023 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Townsend, with a Funeral Mass at noon at the church. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Townsend. Memorials in Michael's name are suggested to any charity or organization of the donor's choice. Please visit [www.stevensonwilke.com](http://www.stevensonwilke.com) to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Michael.

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## TOWNSEND RESIDENT PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

MT 43 News Staff

Travis Salvesson, 48, passed away suddenly on Monday, Oct. 9 on his way to work at the Mint Restaurant in Townsend.

According to Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser, the cause of death has not yet been determined.

Rauser's office is working with the Montana Medical Examiner to determine cause of death. The family has been notified.

**Property Tax, 1**  
of Reclamation regarding work on Goose Bay Road. The commissioners approved an amended contract for newspaper legal advertising. Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield presented contract information for newspaper legal advertising charges for the county. Any newspaper published in Broadwater County may bid for the advertising beginning October 19. Bids must be submitted to the Clerk and Recorder's office no later than Nov. 7.

**Weed and Mosquito Coordinator Report**  
County Weed Coordinator Jessica Bushnell presented an update on her department's end-of-season weed spraying with 4,300 acres sprayed in the Elk Horn mountains and all the county roads sprayed. She is working on a Noxious Weed Trust fund grant application. It would be intended for the Big Belt mountains.

West Nile virus has sprung up in the county Bushnell said. One horse has been diagnosed, but no other reported. Her department has a Polaris 4-wheeler and a 1998 Chevy pickup for sale.

### WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS

Fri 10/13	Sat 10/14	Sun 10/15	Mon 10/16	Tue 10/17
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Light Rain
52°   34°	57°   39°	59°   40°	62°   44°	59°   41°
0%	0%	0%	0%	36%
14   12 mph	8   16 mph	7   13 mph	7   16 mph	10   21 mph

**Precipitation:**

May: 1.181"	June: 3.669"
July: 1.181"	August: 1.34"
September: 4.39"	October: 0.461"
2022: 15.272"	2023: 12.902"

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**Mayor Mike Evans cordially invites you to the 6th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**  
 Watson Event Center  
 7:00—8:30 am (doors open at 6:30)

Derek J. Oestreicher, Chief Legal Counsel and Director of Government Affairs for Montana Family Foundation will be our guest speaker.

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Jim Foster and family will be providing musical entertainment during our annual meeting Sunday, October 22.

The Lodge of Townsend  
 The public is invited and encouraged to join us for our no-host dinner.

Annual Meeting 4:00-4:30  
 Happy Hour 4:30 to 5:30 (no-host)  
 Buffet Dinner 5:30 with:  
 Appetizers  
 Roasted Pork Loin and Chicken Piccata with  
 Pasta, vegetable and salad  
 Dessert

Entertainment 6:00 – 7:00

Price per person is \$30  
 Reservations needed by October 16- RSVP to Robin Kirscher at 406-459-2548

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November 5th:  
**Who am I?**

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS RAISE MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER**

Megan Bleile

Broadwater High School girls' volleyball team will host Manhattan Thursday, October 19 at Broadwater High School and will sponsor a fundraiser, The Side-Out Foundation Dig Pink event.

Dig Pink event t-shirts will be sold for \$15.00 each at the event before, during and after the volleyball match. The group intends to hold future basket raffles and bake sales to raise more funds.

The Side-Out Foundation is a Fairfax, Virginia nonprofit organization which dedicates most of its donations to their metastatic breast cancer research in addition to supporting support services for cancer patients and their families.



High School senior and Girls Volleyball Captain Luci Horne and Taylor Bleile will be promoting "Dig Pink" at Thursday night's game. Photo Credits: Megan Bleile

A portion of the proceeds raised in Townsend will be given to a community member currently fighting cancer of any kind.

For more information, please contact Megan Bleile at mbleile@townsend.k.12.mt.us.

Join us in welcoming **Christina Hill** October 14th. 6 Pm!

We will relax with mocktails and popcorn while hearing about the hijinks at **Thirst Trapp Farms!**

READING LEAVES

**SAVE THE DATE For The Second Annual Native American Heritage Event!!**  
 Saturday, November 4th at 10:00AM

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No Entry Fee, Donations Appreciated

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~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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## OCTOBER 12

### 1939

#### *The Lost is Found After Many Years*

Seven years ago, a car speeding through the Helena Valley passed by a ranch, and while thus going a suitcase tied onto the back of the car fell off. The bag sprung open and the contents, which were hundreds of dance orchestrations spilled out and blew around.

A small girl named Genevieve Kinney seeing all of the music lying around went out along the road and irrigation ditches and picked this material up, dried the wet ones and waited for the owner of the music to come back. Her parents advertised in several of the newspapers that the music had been found, but received no answer.

Four years later, the family moved into the Townsend district, Genevieve and her sister, Lenore, started to high school here in their sophomore year, and later that spring they gave Harold Slater and another sophomore as many of the orchestrations as they wanted. They took their pick and as there never arose an occasion to use the music it was put away.

Sunday while looking over the music with his sister, the boy to whom the orchestrations were given, found several arrangements for "My Gal Sal" by H.J. Sweeney.

Monday Mr. Sweeney stated that he and his dance band who traveled under the name of "Doc Sweeney and His Knights of the Road" had lost their music and that their attempts to find it were of no avail. The first clue as to whom the music belonged was found Sunday.

Now all persons concerned are attending Broadwater County High School and "Doc Sweeney" is the professor of music here. – Old Baldy (Note: Dear Readers, in case you did not realize it, the little girl, Genevieve Kinney was Gen Walter, wife of John J. Walter, who many of us remember and her sister Lenore was Lenore Toney, wife of Gary Toney.)

### 1950

#### *Radersburg News*

Billy Harris celebrated his 5th year Saturday with a party at which twenty-nine young guests were present. Games were played for which prizes were given. His mother Mrs. George Harris and aunt, Mrs. Bud Harris, served the young people a delicious lunch and each child received a special favor.

Steve Ralls, Joyce Ann and Rita Castleberry celebrated their tenth, fourth and third birthdays, respectively Sunday. Sixteen guests attended the triple party. Prizes were given for games and favors to each. Mrs. Jack Ralls and sister, Mrs. C. Castleberry, served lunch to the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greaves of Helena were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Greaves.

Alfred Doughty, Mary Grandchamp and Minnie Johnson were business callers in Helena Tuesday.

Mrs. Minnie Holdaway and son, Bill, spent one day last week visiting relatives in Helena.

Mrs. Myrtle Rockwell of Townsend visited her daughter, Mrs. Clark Edenfield, a few days of last week.

### 1961

#### *Local News*

A group of little friends were invited to help Rhonda Lee Marks celebrate her 3rd birthday Saturday, Sept. 28 at her home. Those present were Trina and Jeff Hinch, Gary Wogamon, Marta and Brad Scoffield, Vicki and Larry Molitor of Helena, Jimmy and Johnny Marks, Tammy Campbell, Cathy Olsen, Shane Welch, Pixie Iverson and Curtis Campbell. Games were played and later they gathered around the table to watch Rhonda Lee blow out the candles on her cake and to present her with a little gift from each one. Cake and punch were served the group.

### 1967

#### *Youth Pass Hunter Safety Course*

Twenty-nine Broadwater County boys and girls successfully passed the hunter safety course given recently at the court house. The course consisted of five sessions of two hours each. Instructors for the classes included Maurice Boster, Tony Francisco, Chuck Holling and Joe Dwyer, assisted by the local game warden, Jack Foster and Sheriff Malcolm Henry.

Sheriff Henry has the patches issued by the Fish and Game Department at his office and the youngsters can get them Friday night at 9:00 o'clock.

Those passing the course were: Michael Descham, Eugene Kennedy, James Wm. Toma, Mark E. Kieckbusch, Henry W. Foss, Mike L. Delger, Lester R. White, Randy Herbst, James A. Horne, Tommy Ragen, David Thompson, James F. Real, Jr., Donald D. Damuth, John N. Johnson, Douglas Miller, Allen Doyle Miller, Spencer C. Holling, Ronald Graham, James M. Armstrong, Bob Gearheart, Gary M. Campbell, Mike Foster, Matthew L. Meyer, John Potter, James Foster, Judiann McNulty, Clifford D. Wogamon, Susan Sautter and Brent Helmick.

### 1978

#### *East of Townsend News*

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marks and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flynn visited the Toston and Centerville cemeteries checking to see what improvements could be made.

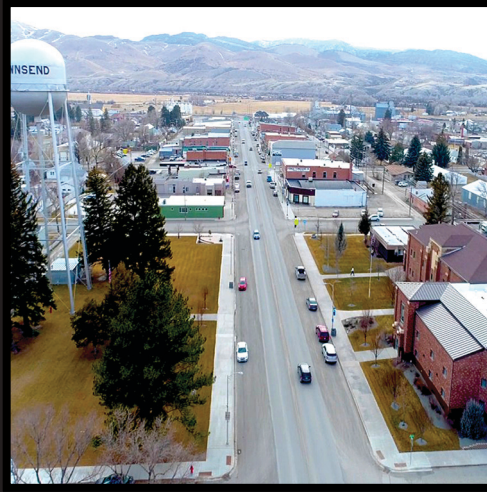
Mr. and Mrs. Barry white and family were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis and family.

Maybelle Kling of Clancy is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Marks.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Whaley visited in Malta last week at the Kelly Whaley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Teague at White Sulphur Sunday afternoon.

JoAnn and Joe Marks and Carla Toeckes attended the CYC in Boulder Sunday.



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Eileen Clarke  
*Rifles and Recipes*

Traditional Marinated Fajitas  
Serves 4-6

Traditionally, fajitas are a flank steak dish, but unless you have a moose or elk, there isn't a lot of flank meat. The good news is almost any steak marinated for 48 hours will work just as well. Also, traditionally, fajitas are topped with sautéed sweet peppers, onion and garlic. But I like simple and love the taste of those tiny sweet red peppers, uncooked, and sliced thin on top. So, I leave the peppers raw, paired with fresh salsa from Bob's, saving a step and a pan. One other note: last time I made these fajitas, Bob's was out of chipotle adobe sauce. So, I substituted 2 teaspoons of tomato paste (in the tube) and another tablespoon of honey for the adobe sauce, and never noticed the difference.



Traditional Marinated Fajitas  
Photo Credits: Eileen Clarke

#### *The Marinade Ingredients*

- 48 hours ahead
- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds venison steak
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 teaspoons chipotle adobe sauce
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- Juice of one lime, about 1/4 cup
- 1 tablespoon honey

- 1/2 cup sweet onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 tablespoon smoked Chipotle Tabasco sauce (not the original red, please.)

Purée all the above ingredients except the steaks together in a blender. Pour into a re-sealable plastic bag, add the meat, and seal the bag. Refrigerate for 48 hours.

#### *The Rest of the Ingredients*

- 4-6 flour tortillas (8-inch),
- Fresh salsa
- A few sprigs of cilantro
- Sour cream
- Several mini sweet red and yellow bell peppers, sliced thin

#### *Cooking*

1. Preheat a propane grill to medium-hot, 350 to 400°F. Alternately, start your coals. When they are covered with white ash--the vast majority of them, not just a few--spread them out for cooking. When the cooking surface is hot, give it a good scraping with your grill brush, then wipe it with oil.
2. Remove the steaks from the marinade and put them on the grill. Cook about 10-12 minutes total, turning once after about 6 or 7 minutes. Don't turn the steaks until the first side is cooked and they will not stick. If they're sticking, you're turning them too soon, or your grill needs more oil.
3. Take the steaks off the grill when a meat thermometer reads 125° for rare, 130° for medium and 135° for medium rare. They'll rise another couple of degrees after you remove them from the heat.
4. Slice thin, across the grain, and stack the meat on

a warm tortilla. (About 45 seconds in the microwave on a clean, damp towel.) Top with fresh salsa, cilantro, sour cream, a few slices of mini sweet red and yellow peppers, and enjoy!

This recipe is from Tenderize the Wild, with 100 marinades brines and rubs for all the animals we hunt from moose to goose. Tenderize and Eileen's other wild game cookbooks are available at [www.riflesandrecipes.com](http://www.riflesandrecipes.com)/406-521-0273 as well as the Common Sense bookstore and Goose Bay Handblown Glass shop.



Nice fall weather encouraged this single aster plant to grow 30 inches high and 11 feet, 5 inches around.  
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Honey bee on fall blooming Aster in Broadwater County  
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