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CORN MAZE AND MORE

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



If you haven't been to the Edgewater Farm Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch; you better hurry, because there are only two more weekends to visit for the season. There are over 30 acres of 'playland', including the maze. But that's not all!

There are many wooden games; including, but not limited to: bowling, calf roping, rock checkers, labyrinth, Skee-Ball, and balance (where the players add wooden blocks to a wooden base supported by a center wire) until one player upsets the balance, and



One of many wooden games to play
Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

they all slide off. Co-owner Nancy Davis comments, "We must have over 20 wooden games to play. We add



Domed trampoline for kids to enjoy.
Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

more each season." The season is relatively short; This year, it was September 22 to October 28.

So, that means, hordes of people come to Edgewater Farms in that short time. On October 14 there were well over 2,000 paid visitors (they do not charge for children under 5). The week before that, there were 3,000+. Besides the wooden games, there is a tall slide that carries people to the bottom, where the maze is. Of course, you can walk down; but, where's the fun in that? There is a bounce-a-roo, a domed trampoline, that, by the looks (and shrieks) of it, was a blast. There is so much fun to be had, there, that this reporter was impressed and amazed. Instead of a 'sandbox,' there

was a 'cornbox' with kids playing, shoveling, and even getting buried in dried corn.

October 14 was 'Heros' Day. So, all EMTs, Ambulance workers, Police, Fire Departments, and ALL



Local EMTs, Sheriff's Office and Fire Truck adds to the fun
Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Corn Maze, 4

TOWN PUMP HIT BY ARMED ROBBERY

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Samuel James Collins, 33, of East Helena, was arrested early Monday morning, Oct. 16, after he allegedly staged an armed robbery of the Town Pump store in Townsend, Sheriff Nick Rauser reported in a news release. Rauser said Collins fired a shot into the ceiling of the store and then fled in a car. He was apprehended by Meagher County sheriff's officers on U.S. Highway 12.



Townsend Town Pump
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

A source told MT43 News that about 3 a.m. a man entered the store wearing no pants, fired a shot into the ceiling and demanded money. An employee gave him money and the man left. No one was injured.

Meagher County Sheriff's deputies detained Collins as he drove toward White Sulphur Springs. Collins was arrested without incident. He was later charged with assault with a weapon, aggravated burglary, motor vehicle theft, among other charges. He was held in the Broadwater County jail. His bond was set at \$120,000.

Rauser said both the car and the firearm were stolen. He said Collins was on probation from a deferred sentence for a 2021 conviction of driving under the influence (DUI) for a fourth time and possession of dangerous drugs.

Collins is the owner of Suay-Thai Catering of Helena and former owner of the shuttered Toi's Thai restaurant in downtown Helena, the Helena Independent Record reported.



Samuel James Collins' arrest photo
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

ARMED ROBBERY AT TOWNSEND TOWN PUMP

County Sheriff, Nick Rauser
Broadwater County Sheriff's Office

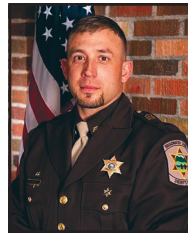
PRESS RELEASE:

On October 16th, 2023 the Broadwater County Dispatch received a call at 02:56 am, about an armed robbery and shots were fired, that had just taken place at the Town Pump in Townsend.

Deputies responded, and gathered information and put out an attempt to locate. The suspect vehicle appeared to be going East on HWY 12 through video surveillance. The Meagher County Sheriff's Office was able to stop the suspect. The suspect was later identified as Samuel Collins of East Helena. Collins was arrested without further incident. Collins discharged a firearm into the ceiling of the building, and no one was injured.

There is currently no danger to the public.

This incident is currently under investigation, by the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office. We would like to thank the Meagher County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in apprehending the suspect.



BROADWATER TO LEVY FULL 95-MILL

MT43 News Staff Reporter

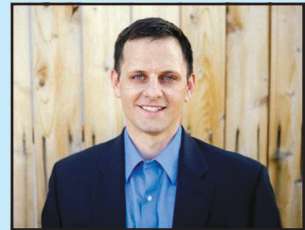
Broadwater County commissioners voted unanimously to levy the full state school equalization property tax of 95 mills but hold back from the state over \$460,000 until legal wrangling plays out in court. The commission took the action at its regular weekly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 11 on the recommendation of County Attorney Cory Swanson.

The tax has become a huge issue over the past several weeks with reportedly more than half of Montana's counties resolved to levy only 77.89 mills. Also on Oct. 11, the Montana Supreme Court became involved, ordering all 56 of Montana's counties to respond within 30 days to a lawsuit aimed at requiring all counties to levy the full 95 mills. Gov. Greg Gianforte's administration claims the 95 mills is legally correct and has sued Missoula County for enforcement.

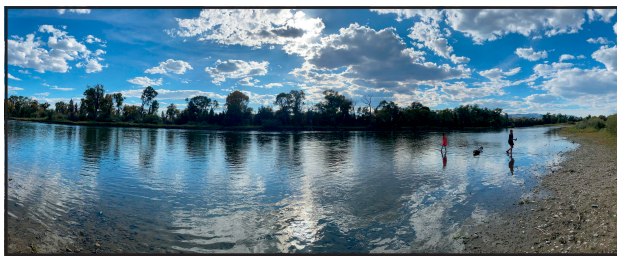
Swanson recommended to the commissioners that they levy the full 95 mills, which would bring in a calculated \$2,591,505, but as taxes are paid the county would send to the state the proportional equivalent of only 77.89 mills, which calculates to \$2,124,761. This could leave the county withholding from the state \$466,744. Then, should the courts ultimately rule in the state's favor, the county would have the money to simply pay it off. But if the courts rule the other way, the county will owe the sum to its property taxpayers.

The equalization tax is collected by counties on behalf of the state and is used by the state to provide a level of public support for students in tax-poor school districts from kindergarten through grade 12. It has been on the books at 95 mills for decades.

The lawsuit in the Supreme Court case was filed by the Montana Quality Education Coalition as a petition for a writ of mandate. It asks the high court to require all counties to levy 95 mills in the current fiscal year which started July 1. The organization contends that if counties levy fewer than the 95 mills directed by the



Cory Swanson
Photo Credits: Unknown



Townsend School Calendar

Oct 20	7:00PM HSFB vs Jefferson-Senior Night
Oct 21	State CC @ Kalispell
Oct 23 - Oct 24	7:00PM BHS Fall Play
Oct 23 - Oct 27	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 23	12:30PM Flu Shot Clinic at Community Room 6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym
Oct 24	6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym 8:30AM MS/HS Because I said I Would Assembly
Oct 25	6:00PM Elkhorn BB at BHS Stage Gym 6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym School Picture Retake Day
Oct 26 - Oct 27	District VB @ Manhattan
Oct 26	6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym End of Q1
Oct 27	NO SCHOOL
Oct 28	FB Post Season



attended the football game against the Herders, the volleyball games with Whitehall and Choteau, and the Cross Country Meet over at Edgewater Farms. Hallway entryways were filled with creative ideas such as the opening to a mine shaft made with old wood and fake mine carts with coal. The dress-up days were exciting, wearing purple on Monday to commemorate the loss of Karli Sandidge. Tuesday was Soccer Moms vs. Barbeque Dads bringing impressive spatulas and exciting snacks to contribute to the theme. Wednesday was Dynamic Duos/Groups, a few being Cosmo, Wanda, and Timmy from Fairly Odd Parents, and the minions from Despicable Me. Thursday was blue and white day and students decked out in their most creative blue and white attire.

Clubs and sports consisting of a mix of classes also created floats to put on the homecoming parade. The cheerleaders, football players, and volleyball players were the stars of the show, but those representing our ranching community and rodeo, and our Skills USA and FFA clubs excited the kids greatly.

Overall, homecoming was different, but the Townsend Bulldogs made homecoming great again this year! Homecoming has come to a close, but our spirit hasn't. Keep on supporting your proud Townsend Bulldogs!

PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

Lacie Reed
Lacie J. Reed Photography

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

Football:

Athlete of the Week for Bulldog Football is Junior captain, QB/DB Deegan Mattson. Deegan ignited the Bulldog offense on homecoming night completing 14 of 29 passes for 221 yards, 2 TDs, and a 2 Pt conversion. Deegan also added 1 catch for 8 yards and 21 ground yards on 8 carries, scoring the 'Dawg's final TD of the evening. Defensively Mattson recorded 4 tackles and his first interception of the season. Have a day #10



Deegan Mattson
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

Volleyball:

Cassidy Flynn Against Whitehall: 5 kills and 2 digs Against Choteau: 11 kills, 2 blocks and 5 digs.



Cassidy Flynn
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

Cheer:

This week I'd like to recognize Jazlyn Martin - Jaz always tries my crazy ideas and does what is asked of her. We will make a back spot out of her yet!



Jazlyn Martin
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

Cross Country:

Nolan Flynn and Abby Wickens. Both running PRs at our home meet.



Nolan Flynn
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed



Abby Wickens
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed

CROSS COUNTRY WEEK 8 UPDATE

Cross Country Correspondent

Townsend's Edgewater Farms was the host to the most scenic cross-country meet of the 2023 season: the Rusty Raisland Memorial.

The course meandered along the Missouri River, edged beautifully in fall colors, before looping back through and around hay stacks following a two-track that passed the pumpkin patch and corn maze on the way back to the finish. High School hoofers looped this true cross-country

route twice for their 5K, while the middle schoolers did it once for a race of 2500 meters.

The morning began with a combined men/women Junior Varsity race. The women's race was won by Ennis's freshman, Amber Rolfe, with her twin sister Ella 1/100th of a second behind. In their fourth year of XC, they alternate finishing in front of one another whenever they can. The men's race was won by Junior Gavyn Ortman of Manhattan followed by teammate Greason Mattick.

Your Broadwater Bulldogs all raced at the Varsity level for their hometown meet, which is traditionally their final cross-country race of the season, before heading to the state competition. Junior Abby Wickens had the personal best of her career with a time of 21:46 placing 9th, improving by more than half a minute, which is quite an accomplishment in her third high school season. She was followed by fellow Juniors, Kaelyn Sangray (22:38) and Grace Kroeger (26:22), finishing 14th and 38th respectively. Senior Melania Lambott (29:02) was next for the Bulldogs in 41st. Freshman Fiona Nelson (31:20 PR) anchored the Lady Bulldogs in 44th shortening her personal best time by a remarkable 4:32! Way to finish the season ladies!

The flat course on a crisp, windless day made for a very fast pace by the fourteen teams represented in the Men's Varsity race; most of your Bulldogs established their personal best times (PR) as a result. Leading the way was Junior Nolan Flynn (17:31 PR) in 7th who has shown steady improvement this season and looks to challenge at the state meet in Kalispell next week. Connor Lamb (18:53 PR) made the most of his senior meet by having his first sub-19 minute time and finishing 24th in a very strong field. A trio of Bulldogs established their fastest times ever by crossing the line consecutively with Freshman Rylan Hoveland (19:42 PR) in 31st, Junior Kaden Bruins (19:46 PR) in 32nd and Sophomore Gavin Green (19:49 PR) in 33rd. Another trio of Bulldogs finished back-to-back-to-back with Freshman Luke Tullos (22:50) in 52nd, Senior Aiden Easter (22:56) in 53rd, and Sophomore Keaton Cavasos (22:57 PR) in 54th. With an assist from Aiden, Keaton shortened his best by an amazing 2 minutes and 7 seconds! Rounding out the men's team was Sophomore Wyatt Coker (24:19) in 61st place. Strong showing Bulldogs and super teamwork!

Late-season injuries prevented Juniors Scarlett McDaniel and Ross MacDonald, as well as, Freshman Kyla Meissner, from competing at the Raisland Invitational. Another runner of note to Broadwater residents was Junior Luke Halverson (16:42 PR) from Manhattan finishing in 3rd. He is the son of Seth Halverson, a physical therapist at Billings Clinic Broadwater.

One hundred sixty middle schoolers completed the day with the boys and girls competing simultaneously. Trey Coker (10:37) and Sawyer Pitman (10:39) crossed the timing belt first for the Bulldogs in 25th and 28th, respectively. Dylan Pitman (12:01) was 53rd, while Everett Kirksey (13:14) was 62nd and Jayden Flynn (18:23) was 70th. The girls' team was led by Kathryn Six (11:40) in 26th, followed by Kensley Sangray (11:47) in 29th and Tana Santi (11:49) in 30th. Up next was Addy Mosher (12:19) in 45th, Lydia Brakefield (13:06) in 56th, Courtney Webber (13:34) in 63rd, Madison Vogl (14:26) in 74th, Kaedyn Budde (17:36) in 85th, Ella Tullos (18:43) in 88th and Aspen Bantz (19:45) in 89th.

These Bulldog runners all seem to be peaking at the right time to perform well at the MHSA 60th Cross Country Championships this Saturday, October 21st in Kalispell at Rebecca Farms. Many of them have the potential to earn all-state honors.

It would be wonderful to send these amazing athletes off to Kalispell with a big boost of community support!

BULLDOGS SHINE FOR HOMECOMING

Levi Van Zee
Bulldog Football Correspondent

The Sweet Grass Herders came to town Friday night for the Homecoming showdown. The first half of the contest was a tug-of-war match as the teams battled to see who would be the first to strike paydirt. With time waning in the first half, Deegan Mattson heaved a long bomb from mid-field to connect with Sawyer Horne for a touchdown. Along with Pierce Howard's successful PAT, the Dogs would enter halftime with a lead of 7-0.

Halftime entertainment included the announcement of Broadwater's Homecoming Royalty. The nominees consisted of Reese Wolfgram and Cooper Hines, Havyn Vandenaere and Riley Rauser, Luci Horne and Jacob

Bulldogs Shine, 3

BULLDOG HOMECOMING

Mikayla Kraft
School Correspondent



Homecoming is an exciting week for high school and college students throughout the nation. However, this year it looked a little different from most. With the four-day school week, it is already difficult to get all of the content for the semester finished in the time frame given. In light of this situation, a few things were changed. For example, hallways were not decorated, class floats weren't done, and posters were not completed by everyone.



FFA students preparing to show Bulldog Pride at the parade
Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

The Homecoming theme was the Hunger Games, and don't worry, high school students did not even think about participating in teen battles to the death. Districts were chosen per grade. Freshmen were in the mining district, sophomores were in the [] district, juniors were in the luxury district, and seniors were in the fishing district. These "districts" had the tasks of competing in small games at lunch, attending fall sports homecoming games, decorating hallway entryways, and participating in homecoming dress-up days. All of this would add up as points which would determine which class would win homecoming. The winning class gets a pizza party.

Small games at lunch were simple and usually only took fifteen minutes. A large number of students



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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

- October**
 FUND RAISER for Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Broadwater Blooms, 314 Broadway
- October 20**
 10:00 AM: 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
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- October 21**
 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
- October 22**
 4:30 pm: Canton Church 2023 Annual Dinner and Meeting at The Lodge of Townsend (AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)
- October 23**
 12:00 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive: United Methodist Church at United Methodist Church
 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
 6:00PM Broadwater Democrats Meeting at The Mint (AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)
- October 24**
 5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
 6:00 pm: Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway
- October 25**
 12:00 pm: Mod West Grand Opening (PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS)
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 7:00- 8:00PM Trunk or Treat (AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)
- October 26**
 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- October 27**
 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
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- October 28**
 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
- November**
 ADS ON PAGE 11 FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER!

COUNTY AND GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

- October 25**
 10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- October 26**
 10:00AM Children's Storytime at Three Forks Community Library, 607 S Main St
 5:00PM Youth Soccer Practice RESERVED (Grass @ Stevenson Park)
- October 28**
 1:00- 4:00PM Halloween event at Missouri Headwaters State Park (SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS)

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE EVENT

Join us for the Second Annual Native American Heritage Event on November 4th at the American Legion Hall!

The Second Annual Native American Heritage Event!!
Saturday, November 4th
10:00AM - 4:00PM
Drums, Songs and Dancers
11:00AM Indian Tacos/Frybread Available
1:00PM Stories with the Elders
Vendors and Helena Indian Alliance Booth
Free Entry, Donations Appreciated
This year will be held at the American Legion building, 211 Broadway, Townsend.

Special THANK YOU to Helena Indian Alliance and Last Chance Community Pow Wow for your support!

THREE FORKS AMBULANCE UPDATE

Barbara Mutter
Three Forks Ambulance Service

August:

TFAA had a busy August with 28 emergency calls. TFAA EMTs and Crew Members transported 6 of these calls to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital (BDH). On 1 of these calls, we needed a paramedic to intercept and help with patient management.

TFAA EMTs staged for Law Enforcement on several occasions and received several refusals after folks were checked out but did not need to be transported.

TFAA did respond to 6 calls that were canceled prior to arrival on the scene.

AMR did respond and was transported several times to BDH. We were not able to take these calls due to working members of our crew.

We thank AMR for supporting our Ambulance Service and Community when our VOLUNTEERS are not available to make the calls.

In August we served a walking taco dinner at the Farmers Market. Thank You to ALL who came out to support us. The funds we received will go to purchasing new handheld radios for better communications.

Our EMTs trained on medications and advanced airways and CPR training in August.

September:

Emergency Responses increased in September to 37.

TFAA EMTs and Crew Members transported 9 of these calls to BDH. On 1 of these calls, we needed a paramedic to intercept and help with patient management.

TFAA EMTs assisted Life Flight and AMR on several critical calls.

Stand by for athletic events at the TF High School began. Football and Volleyball are in full swing. We try our best to cover as much as we have people available while covering the community at the same time.

TFAA did stand by for the Bridger Mountain High School Rodeo for 2 days in September.

A Life flight Instructor came in this month to train our folks on Traumatic Brain Injuries.

White Line began a new in-person EMT Course for several folks in the extended area on September 5th and will be finished with the course around the end of October.

Our own EMT Michelle Bodenheimer donated a wonderful painting of a beautiful trout, and the painting was on display at First Security Bank through September 30th. We will announce the lucky bidder next month. The funds raised will go to the purchase of the needed new handheld radios.

Last but not least we are still in need of volunteers! All of us at Three Forks Area Ambulance want to thank the Community for their continued support.

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

PLANK

PRIMS

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Bulldogs Shine, 2

Pesicka, and Alice Brummer and Griffin Hunt. The 2023 Homecoming royalty were Luci Horne and Cooper Hines.

The Dogs were quick to strike in the second half. They continued their air raid offense by connecting with receivers on their first two plays. Mattson aired it out from mid-field to Sawyer Horne for yet another score making it 13-0.

Fourth-quarter action would provide yet another score from the Dogs as Mattson would pound in a touchdown with a quarterback keeper. A two-point conversion pass to Horne would make the score 21-0. The Herders would not give up and punched in a score of their own with a 60-yard dash from Caleb Stosich to bring the final score 21-6.

Mattson threw for 221 yards with Horne being the recipient of 123 of those yards and Tavyn Anderson accounted for another 65, followed by Tannen Tuffelmire with 33. Braden Martin led the ground attack with 41 yards rushing. The defense stepped up with interceptions from Mattson, Tuffelmire, and Anderson, along with fumble recoveries by Merick Easter and Trace Giomi. Tackles were led by Horne with 11 and Tanner Bird with 7. The Bulldogs sacked the quarterback 5 times and had another 5 tackles for loss. "It was just great for these kids to get through a homecoming week and come out with a win. These young men just keep getting better and better. I'm so proud of them!" - Coach Joe

Horne

The Dogs will be at home next Friday night to take on the Jefferson Panthers.

CROSS COUNTRY WEEK 7

Cross Country Correspondent

Bill Roberts Golf Course in Helena was the site of last Thursday's Capital City 7 of 7 Invitational Cross-Country Meet. Fifty-seven schools from all classes brought more than 1400 runners for the nine distinct races.

The day-long event starts with the Junior Varsity Women's and Men's Races, much like a traditional meet. The Varsity teams are then separated into seven separate races #1-#7. As determined by their coaches, the seven Varsity runners are each placed in one of the races, with the #1 competitor as the team's fastest runner. The girls and boys with the same running position on teams run in the same race.

This format allows for seven individual girls winners and seven individual boys winners; runners who may not be accustomed to winning a race have that opportunity at the 7 of 7. The entire course consists of rolling hills and is certainly challenging, while the weather was cool with a drizzle that came and went all afternoon ending with a rainbow over the course.

Sophomores Wyatt Coker and Keaton Cavazos started the day for the Bulldogs in the Junior Varsity Men's race. Wyatt (24:10) placed 286th while Keaton (26:46) followed in 309th. The Lady Bulldogs did not have any competitors in the Junior Varsity Race.

Senior Melania Lambot (30:22) finished in 39th for the Ladies while Freshman Luke Tullos (22:47) placed 42nd for the Men in the No. 7 race. Junior Kaden Bruins (20:20) ran his season's best time in the No. 6 race ending in 32nd, while Freshman Rylan Hoveland (20:23) finished 32nd and Sophomore Gavin Green (21:21) placed 38th in the No. 5 & No. 4 races, respectively.

Up next in the No. 3 race for the Bulldogs were Senior Connor Lamb (19:48) who finished 34th and Junior Abby Wickens (22:48) placed 28th. Senior Aidan Easter (19:56) was 35th in the No. 2 race. The last race of the day saw Junior Nolan Flynn (18:10) place 32nd and Freshman Kyla Meissner (20:56) close in 21st.

The Townsend middle school runners were in action the same afternoon for the ever-challenging, super-rugged Boulder middle school race. Their times are not known by the author, but what is known is that 8th grader, Elaine MacDonald won her second consecutive race of the season! Additionally, Sawyer Pittman placed 7th for the 8th-grade boys, while teammate Trey Coker finished 7th for the 7th-grade boys. The future of XC in Townsend looks bright!

What you can't see on this tally is the wear and tear that a long season running hundreds of miles starts to take. The Bulldogs have unfortunately passed around a bit of a bug taking Melania and fellow Juniors Grace Kroeger and Kaelyn Sangray out of commission for a week or two. Additionally, Juniors Ross MacDonald and Scarlett McDaniel, as well as Freshman Fiona Nelson have suffered some injuries that may have prematurely ended their seasons.

They are however looking to regroup in time for their only home meet of the season, this Saturday morning at Edgewater Farms. Please come out this homecoming weekend to cheer these Bulldogs, applaud their accomplishments, and celebrate our graduating seniors.

The Rusty Raisland Invitational is also a chance to honor the legacy of Rusty as a volunteer coach for the Broadwater Cross Country teams for 17 years alongside his wife, Teresa.

SPECIAL TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Susie Hedalen
Townsend Schools Superintendent



Special Townsend School District Board Meeting Agenda
 Broadwater County Radio Station and Townsend K12 School District #1

Monday, November 6, 2023

6:00 PM – Community Room
 210 North Pine Street, Townsend, MT 59644

- Call to order and roll call.
- Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items: Members of the community are given an opportunity to make brief comments to the Board on matters not included on the agenda. Comments should be on issues not on the agenda, the comments should not infringe on an individual's constitutional right to privacy and should stay within a three to five-minute timeframe. Public comments on non-agenda items will not be voted on by the board during this meeting. Please state your name and the issue you wish to address.
- Discussion
 - Radio Costs and Maintenance
 - Radio Use
- Action Items
 - Agreement of Partnerships
- Adjourn

More about the Radio Station, Page 6.

OBITUARY

ALBERT J. BOURGEOIS III AGE 83 OF TOWNSEND

Anderson, Stevenson, Wilke

November 7, 1940 – September 29, 2023
BOURGEOIS, Albert J., age 83 of Townsend passed away September 29, 2023.
Services are pending at this time.

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Corn Maze, 1

military (active and retired), got a chance to get in without charge. Down in the lower portion, the local Sheriff's office, Ambulance, and Fire Department were on hand to give tours to the many kids who stood in line to ring a bell or siren and talk on the P.A. This is a great chance to talk to those who do their very best to protect and serve us.

Davis says that she hires about 20 people every season, selling admissions, manning the different activities, and working at the Sweet Shop and Souvenir Store.

There will be a 'Candy Harvest' on the last day, October 28; where a helicopter (or plane) will drop candy for all the kiddos. I imagine some adults may get some, too. It is a day-long event; with (obviously) more to do than raise your blood sugar levels.

Bring your families to Edgewater Farm. Davis commented, "Five years of doing this has only connected us more with people. I want all of our attendees to have a great family time; to be cherished with memories for years to come. We are, at the least, 'family-friendly' and fun. Come see us and participate in all you can!"

Broadwater to Levy, 1

state Department of Revenue, school districts will lose millions of dollars. On the other hand, the Montana Association of Counties (MACO) argues that state law limiting the growth of property taxes puts a cap

of 77.89 mills on the equalization levy.

Opponents of the 95-mill amount claim that reducing it to 77.89 mills will have no impact on public school funding because the money generated by the tax goes into the state general fund and is subject to appropriation by the legislature. "The schools will still receive the same amount of money they have been appropriated in the past," MACO's board wrote in an Oct. 4 letter to Gianforte. "We urge you to take your projected 20 percent increase in revenue year-over-year and make do with what you have."

In his presentation to the commissioners, Swanson said the law is unclear and he speculated that the courts could rule either way. County Treasurer Melissa Franks emphasized the need for her to mail property tax bills before the end of October to give payers at least 30 days to make payments. First-half payments are due by Nov. 30 and the second half by May 31. If it turns out that the 77.89 amount prevails, Franks suggested the county could refund the excess collected from the 95 mills billed by reducing the second-half payments. She said this would require sending both a letter and a new bill to property taxpayers.



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: C equals K

LNNC WLNYQ W VFJYIAWO
DWUAJWI CAZUEND AZ SPAJP
QPF WQDNBVPFOF PWB LFFZ
EFVIFQFE:
"WAOIFBB AZ SNZEFOIWZE."

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KNIGHT MOVES

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

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"I wouldn't _____ her even if we did find him."

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!

Story

Blame

Coil

Bless

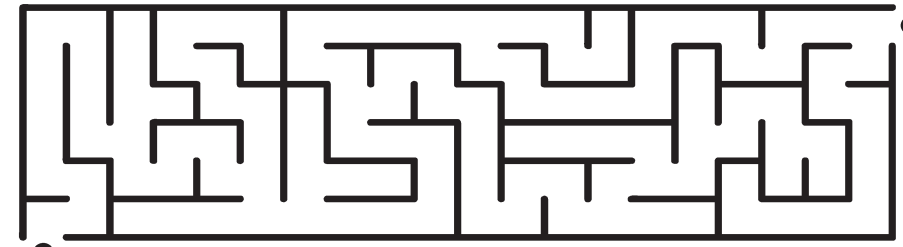
TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

SIX BELOW

- ACROSS**
- 1 Airplane walkway
 - 6 Gentle pat
 - 9 River delta deposit
 - 13 Pixie or elf
 - 19 Unhesitating and fast
 - 21 Low-quality
 - 22 Binds with string
 - 23 Grew older with contentment and dignity
 - 25 Very ardent
 - 26 Fluffy scarf
 - 27 Wiggly fishes
 - 28 Perennially popular hymn
 - 30 Makes a leg warmer, e.g.
 - 32 Plow beasts
 - 33 "—Pan" (James Clavell novel)
 - 34 Shouts of discovery
 - 35 Is wearing
 - 37 Kept posted
 - 38 Hair salon job
 - 41 Growth theory subj.
 - 42 Accumulate
 - 44 Hdors, where officers work
 - 46 Red-carpet-walking type
 - 50 Liquid filling la mer
 - 51 Fend off
 - 52 Title detective of 1970s TV
 - 55 Give the boot
 - 56 Prepared to do some grilling
 - 58 Tier
 - 59 "I'm not that impressed"
 - 60 Egg-shaped
 - 61 Musical ornaments
 - 64 Place to play pool or table tennis
 - 66 Do the task flawlessly
 - 69 Alternative to a 401(k)
 - 71 Hogs' home
 - 72 Eye-irritating cleanser
 - 74 1963 Johnny Cash smash
 - 76 Gush forth
 - 77 Be in arrears
 - 79 U.S. med. research agcy.
 - 80 Final toast of a meal
 - 84 In the style of
 - 85 Law-of-motion subject
 - 87 Glistened
 - 88 Historic span
 - 89 Slowly, to a maestro
 - 91 Island setting
 - 92 "I love you," in Spanish
 - 93 Course of action
 - 94 Hip about
 - 96 Enter quickly
 - 99 Film spools insect
 - 100 Pupil's place
 - 103 Very big bird
 - 105 Domino spots
 - 106 Unsullied places
 - 108 Complete disaster, in slang
 - 111 Spinner in a compass
 - 112 Spinner in a kid's room
 - 115 Surround with a nimbus
 - 116 1990s sitcom ... and what literally appears six times in this puzzle
 - 119 Add to the mix, maybe
 - 120 British noble
 - 121 Prayed before partaking
 - 122 Pole carvings
 - 123 Eye irritation
 - 124 Ovine female subject
 - 125 Sun-related
 - 1 Part of UAE
 - 2 "Othello" foe
 - 3 Makes one's views known
 - 4 Jar cover
 - 5 Enter by sidling
 - 6 Watch faces
 - 7 Missile paths
 - 8 97-Down insect
 - 9 Foamed up
 - 10 Honolulu palace name
 - 11 Amusement, to texters
 - 12 "Give this a whirl"
 - 13 Low-end cigar
 - 14 Radar sound
 - 15 Put a new border around
 - 16 Basketball great — Thomas
 - 17 Mozart's "Rondo Alla —"
 - 18 Fencing blades
 - 20 Get in a stew
 - 24 Sends via phone line
 - 29 Streaming music service
 - 31 Prefix with disclosure
 - 32 Give the boot
 - 35 Boot part
 - 36 Brazilian palm berry
 - 37 Line of work
 - 38 "Morning Edition" ainer
 - 40 HDTV maker
 - 42 Pilot's skill
 - 43 Old Cougar carmaker, in brief
 - 45 FDR and HST's party
 - 47 Volcanic outflows
 - 48 Praise heavily
 - 49 Stomach
 - 51 Decongestant brand
 - 52 Gulf of — (arm of the Baltic)
 - 53 Just free of the bottom, as an anchor
 - 54 Film for which Holly Hunter won an Oscar
 - 57 Luminous
 - 58 Spiral-shaped pasta
 - 60 "Well, golly!"
 - 62 Hide-hair link
 - 63 "No seats left" abbr.
 - 65 "Odyssey" temptress
 - 66 Like twangy voices
 - 67 Adequate
 - 68 "That is..."
 - 70 Warm blanket
 - 73 Jaw-dropping
 - 75 As of
 - 78 Prior to, in verse
 - 81 Heavenly
 - 82 River of Russia
 - 83 Cooking vessels
 - 85 Tiny particle
 - 86 Road gunk
 - 87 Six, in Seville
 - 90 As surplus
 - 92 Plains tent
 - 93 Hogs' home
 - 95 Wyoming mountains
 - 97 Collection of hives
 - 98 Round shape
 - 99 Corp.
 - 100 "That is..." to Caesar
 - 101 Head for hurriedly
 - 102 Cry to a battlefield medic
 - 104 Impulses
 - 106 Grammy winner
 - 107 Scott in an 1857 court case
 - 109 Slender
 - 110 Brothers' group, in brief
 - 111 Chew like a beaver
 - 113 Kind of whale
 - 114 British noble
 - 117 Operate
 - 118 Bushy hairdo, for short

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

Printed October 6, 13, & 20, 2023

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Montana Judicial District Court Broadwater County

Case No. B DV -2023 -48

Dept. No. _____

In the Matter of the Name Change for Danielle Watkinson
Danielle Watkinson, Petitioner

Notice of Hearing on Name Change

This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Danielle Watkinson to Danielle Watkinson-Breuer.

The hearing will be on 11/17/23 at 10:30 am.

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Broadwater County.

Date: October 10, 2023

Valerie J Hornsveld, Clerk of District Courthouse

By: Desiree' Taves, Deputy Clerk of Courthouse

Run: October 20, 27 and November 3, 2023

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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.

PROPOSED FEE INCREASES AT EXISTING DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES

Bureau Of Land Management/Western Montana District

Please help us share our draft business plan for developed recreation sites within the Butte Field Office:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2026698/510>

We are proposing to increase fees at existing developed recreation fee sites, as well as establishing six new fee sites at East Bank Campground (Butte-Silverbow County), Dickey Bridge Campground (Beaverhead County), Galena Gulch Campground (Jefferson County), Crow Creek Campground and Upper/Lower Toston campgrounds (Broadwater County), and Carbella campground (Park County).

We presented this plan to the Western Montana District Resource Advisory Council yesterday, and public comment closes on October 21. We'd be happy to visit with you to discuss our proposal in more detail, answer questions, or listen to your feedback. In the meantime, we're posting electronically on social media, hard copy signing at sites, and also reaching out to individual user groups.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT OCTOBER 20, 2023

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Katherine Warner, Bozeman: MT resident operating w/ foreign DL \$85.00, Day speed \$20.00
Shelley Shupp, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Laura Olson, Toston: day speed \$20.00
Nichole Newell, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Rebecca Meyer, Belgrade: day speed \$70.00
Landon Lovec, Great Falls: day speed \$70.00
Aubrey Laird, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
James Kinsella, Winter Park, FL: day speed \$70.00
Kurt Hildebrandt, Pleasant Valley, MO: day speed \$20.00
Sharon Heng, Clancy: day speed \$70.00
Deihlya Hotchkiss: Townsend: day speed \$20.00
Samuel Gardner, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Joshua Grove, Highlands Ranch, CO: day speed \$20.00
Jesse Eide, Three Forks: day speed \$70.00
Jill Benton, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Coen Guisti – Clancy- Reckless driving- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.
Clare Converse – Kalispell – night speed, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$70.00 fine, enroll and complete Alive @ 25.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Cole Melton, Bozeman: violation of comm. Or dept orders or rules \$135.00
Riley Wilson – Townsend - waste of game animal, game fish, or game bird - person responsible for death, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$135.00 fines and fees, surrender all hunting, fishing and trapping licenses issued by the state of MT within Seven (7) days, defendants privilege to hunt, fish, and trap in the state of MT is forfeited for a period of Twenty-four (24) months.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Lauren Eyler – Belgrade – improper turn, pleaded guilty, \$35.00 fines and fees; driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked – 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.
Destiny Collins- Townsend – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs -1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program, and surrender DL to the Court.
Josslynn Hoover – Libby – careless driving, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Alive @ 25.
Dmitry Drapach – Palm Beach, Fl – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine.
David Lobaugh – Bozeman – reckless driving – 1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but twenty days suspended on conditions, \$1035.00 fines and fees; day speed, pleaded guilty, \$200.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Allan Lyth, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
Taylor Gordon, WSS: day speed \$120.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Aleksandar Hadzi Misev – Illinois- found guilty of unlawful use of mobile phone, \$60.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Melinda 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, in the window of the Flynn Building

at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, and in the Helena Independent Record (IR).

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

10:00 AM Working Meeting regarding possible updates on the County Website. The meeting will be held at the Flynn Building

Wednesday, October 25, 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, Cory Swanson, Broadwater County Attorney, Updated Resolution re; 95 mills

10:05 AM Discussion, TJ Graveley, Public Works Supervisor, Solid Waste Update

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nick Rauser, Broadwater County Sheriff, purchase of a new side-by-side for Search and Rescue; \$45,000 donated by Graymont

10:15 AM Discussion, Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, Update from the Clerk and Recorder's Office

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Correctional Risk Services; Inmate Excess Medical Insurance and/or Claims Administration Management.

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Stacy Sommer, BC Parks & Recreation Board – request approval for County road approach onto county-owned Centerville property

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Three Rivers Major Subdivision (Township 2North, Range 1 East, Section 9) Preliminary Plat Approval Request

Thursday, October 26, 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
Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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

- Broadband Advisory on October 26 at 4 PM
- School Discussion about the Townsend Radio Station on November 6 at 6 PM in the Library Community Room
- Mental Health LAC Board on November 8 at 2 PM
- COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY ON NOVEMBER 10TH
- Trust Board Meeting on November 14th at 11:30 AM
- BC Planning Board Meeting on November 14th at 1 PM
- BC Airport Board on November 15th at 6 PM
- BC Fair Board on November 16th at 7 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on November 20th at 2 PM
- BC Parks & Rec Meeting on November 20th at 6 PM
- Weed Board on November 21st at 6 PM
- Broadband Advisory on November 30th at 4 PM

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

READ ABOUT QUEEN CITY BALLET COMPANY'S 22ND NUTCRACKER BALLET ON PAGE 7



Nutcracker Prince and Rat King
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SCHOOL BOARD CONTINUES CONVERSATION ABOUT SCHOOL RADIO STATION

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The cost of upgrading KDGZ 98.3, the school's low-power radio station may be a stumbling block for keeping the service in use, according to Luke Carr, technical coordinator for Townsend Schools. The school board has been reviewing whether to continue operating due to the \$9,000 annual cost of maintaining the station.

Carr reported to the school board on Tuesday, October 11 the cost of replacing the radio receiver would be about \$3,500. The receiver distributes national emergency messages. Local and state emergency messages must be phoned in and relayed to operations. The Uninterruptible Power Resource (UPS) will cost \$2,500 to replace. He had checked with Lee Goode of Telesystem Services in Whitehall, Montana about replacing the outdated equipment. The radio equipment is housed in an unheated room beneath the water tower in Memorial Park on Broadway. Carr said it would be possible to move the radio monitor, which is most affected by changing temperatures, to the school where cold weather would not be an issue. "Nothing immediate needs to happen. Everything is working for now," he said.

Technology Assistant Joe Gill explained the radio no longer operates its own software, so all files such as advertising or individual programming must be sent to Telesystem Services.

Board member Chase Ragen suggested if the radio continues to operate for both the school and community, other stakeholders should help pay for the radio station's upkeep. Teacher Gary Bauman has shouldered the responsibility of collecting sponsorships for sports games broadcast throughout the year. The \$150 donation per game is used to offset the cost of running the radio station plus paying the announcers and travel expenses. He has been contacting local businesses and individuals for their sponsorships.

Contractor Paul Kroeger expressed his support for keeping the station running. "Having it is a plus in this community. I'd think twice before giving it up. I listen to it all the time and I love it," he said.

Chairman Jason Noyes concluded the discussion by asking Superintendent Susie Hedalen to form a committee to gather more information from the county and then set up a public meeting. He wondered how would be best to survey the public about how much listenership the radio gamers. Gill suggested they put a public service announcement on to run for several weeks asking listeners to report how much they listen to the programs during the day.

Sheriff Rauser Suggests Reinstating a School Resource Officer

Sheriff Nick Rauser presented a plan to reinstate a school resource officer (SRO) in the schools. He reported his officers are receiving more calls from the school about disruptions and unruly students. He feels a deputy resource officer in the school all the time could establish relationships with students. "The officer could talk to them to make sure they are doing all right," he said.

Previously Townsend Schools had a deputy in the schools when the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program was active beginning in the 1980s until the 2014-2015 school year. Michelle Meehan served as SRO beginning in 2003; Nick Korthals moved into that position from 2005 until 2010 but the position was discontinued due to lack of funding, according to former Sheriff Wynn Meehan.

Rauser emphasized he has the startup costs for establishing the position in his budget. "I would need your approval to start the ball rolling. Then down the road in the coming budget year if we partner on this, we would need to pool our funds to keep the position in place," he said.

The SRO position would entail a salary of around \$55,000 per year, plus training and equipment. Superintendent Hedalen mentioned there were grants available for such positions, but grant monies are time-limited so might not be a long-term solution for paying for the position.

Chairman Noyes emphasized the importance of the Sheriff's Department's involvement in the schools, but that the big question is financing the program. High School Principal Sheri Hevrin pointed out the importance of the Sheriff's office building relationships in the high school by doing programs on alcohol and drug education as well as on teen suicide and the effects of social media on students.

Board Vice Chairman Chase Ragen suggested the board put Sheriff Rauser's proposal on next month's agenda for further discussion.

Playground Fence and Landscaping Discussion Continues

Ragen presented the safety committee's report on the Spruce Street playground fence. Fence Crafters of Helena was awarded a \$10,200 contract to build a six-foot barrier fence with gates. The contractor had originally built a four-foot fence. The board decided to install a higher

fence to assure more student safety. In an early meeting, Sheriff Rauser encouraged the board to erect a solid brick or concrete wall to assure student safety from someone running a car into the fence.



School Board decides on six-foot fence to protect students but undecided about extra safety landscaping.
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In an interview over the weekend, Ragen explained the board could not come to a consensus about what kind of barrier besides the six-foot fence would add to student safety. After discussion, the board returned the question of landscaping in front of the fence to board safety committee members. The committee will work with the school safety team to determine what changes must be made to landscaping currently in place. "I feel the parents and citizens should have a chance to weigh in on this issue," he said.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION: BROADWATER COUNTY KDGZ 98.3 RADIO

Susie Hedalen
Townsend Schools Superintendent

KDGZ 98.3 Broadwater County Radio Station and Townsend K12 School District #1 request community discussion surrounding the preservation of service.

KDGZ 98.3 Radio operates at a loss resulting in a negative impact to the Townsend School District General Fund. Renewed participation is required in order to make KDGZ 98.3 a sustainable service for the community. We also want to further discuss how we can make the most of the radio station for the community.

There are other technologies that have emerged to replace the current Townsend Schools sporting event broadcasts with minimal expense; however, we want to ensure we continue the radio station as a partnership with others if it is of value to the community.

KDGZ 98.3 is a community partnership, we want to hear from you. Join us on November 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Broadwater Community Room to collaborate with school staff, community members, and interested partners to create a viable plan moving forward.

Broadwater County KDGZ 98.3 Radio
Susie Hedalen, Superintendent, Townsend K12 School District #1
sheadalen@townsend.k12.mt.us, 406-441-3454

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OKAY ADVERTISING HIGHER WAGE

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

County Commissioners Okay Advertising Higher Wage for 2nd Deputy County Attorney

Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson explained he has been unable to attract another deputy county attorney to his office because of the county's salary level. He asked the commission to raise the salary level from \$87,500 to \$95,000. The higher salary will allow him to advertise for a second deputy county attorney at a more competitive wage.

Swanson's office agreed to take over covering the city's criminal litigation for which the city will pay \$18,300 annually. This addition to the county attorney budget will help offset the added costs of higher salaries. The commissioners approved the wage adjustment.

Swanson presented an extensive discussion about the school equalization tax controversy. Please see the separate story.

In his quarterly report, Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser said for the year the department has made 15,842 calls for service including 482 actual charges. Those include 42 Driving While Intoxicated (DUI) charges and 23 Deaths. His department has two open positions.

School Resource Officer Position Discussed
Rauser also presented his idea to reinstate a school resource

officer at Townsend Schools. He had approached the school board for a formal commitment. His department would pay the upfront costs for funding the position for one year. The full-time resource officer would work at the school during the school year. During the summer the officer would cover South Broadwater full-time.

School Board Chairman Jason Noyes explained to the commissioners that school board members and staff are very much in favor of reinstating the position, they did not make a formal motion to absorb ongoing costs for the position. "Funding becomes the real question. We don't want to start something we can't maintain," he said.

Montana Linemen Rodeo

Montana Lineman Rodeo representative Tim Newman approached the commissioners about holding the Lineman's Rodeo at the Fairgrounds. The rodeo, organized by Northwestern Energy in 1992, would need a 4 or 5-acre location at the Fairgrounds to place permanent unenergized posts for the contest.

The rodeo would be on the 3rd Saturday in July annually. Currently, 265 lineman apprentices, including local man Dillon Doane, would be encouraged to participate.

Townsend Rodeo Chairman Wynn Meehan said his organization is in favor of the lineman rodeo. It would be possible to move the fence in the pasture north of the fairgrounds to make room for the permanent structure, he pointed out.

Parks and Recreation board member Adam Six said his board favors a second rodeo activity in the county. "We really need more electrical resources at the fairgrounds. We would collaborate with Northwestern Energy as a partner to bring in better electricity," he said.

Northwestern Energy representative Howard Skjervem encouraged the commission to accept the rodeo. "I'm not here to make any commitments, only to listen. I will say this is a quality program that showcases what you people (linemen) can do and is good for the community as well," he said.

Newman will meet with the Fair Board on Nov. 16 to present the lineman rodeo program.

Transfer Solid Waste Scale Open for Business

Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley reported the solid waste scale is installed at the Indian Creek Road Site. "We'll be ready to accept loads larger than 3 cubic feet beginning next week," he said.

All large pickup and truckloads will be referred to the transfer station by the canister site attendants. At the transfer site, the automatic scale will weigh and charge the driver. The waste scale only takes credit cards as payment.

Graveley reported gates at the Winston canister site have been moved closer to the highway to discourage illegal dumping at the site. Additional site hours will be Tuesday and Thursday 2-6 p.m. with regular hours on Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



New Hours posted at Winston canister site
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WHICH VOTING WARD DO YOU LIVE IN?

City of Townsend

CITY: OF TOWNSEND, ORDINANCES, REVISED: 03/18/08

TITLE 1, Chapter 2, BOUNDARIES OF WARDS

Sections:

- 1-2-101 Ward No.1
- 1-2-102 Ward No. 2
- 1-2-103 Ward No. 3

1-2-101. Ward No. 1: The boundaries of Ward No. 1 are hereby described as follows: Ward 1 will include all of the territory of the City of Townsend lying north of Broadway and east of Cedar Street with the exception that the boundary line shall not include that portion of the courthouse set forth below in Ward 2

1-2-102. Ward No. 2: Ward No. 2 will be everything south of Broadway and east of Cedar Street with the exception that the boundary line of Ward No. 2 shall be along the east side of Oak Street from the south side of Broadway to a point on Oak Street marking the south line of the alley in the rear of the county courthouse; thence easterly along said alley line to a point at the rear of the county courthouse immediately northerly of the county courthouse; thence southerly in a straight line if drawn that would pass through the courthouse and divide the front door of the courthouse in the center from north or south, this line to continue to the south line of Broadway immediately opposite the front door of the county courthouse.

1-2-103. Ward No. 3: Ward No. 3 will consist of all the townsite of Townsend lying west of Cedar Street
Boundaries of Wards Map on Page 11

QUEEN CITY BALLET COMPANY ANNOUNCES THE 22ND NUTCRACKER BALLET

Queen City Ballet

Queen City Ballet Company Announces the 22nd Annual Production of "The Nutcracker" - November 18th and 19th at the Helena Civic Center

The enchantment of the holiday season comes alive as Queen City Ballet Company proudly presents its 22nd annual production of "The Nutcracker." This timeless classic, beloved by audiences of all ages, will grace the stage at the Helena Civic Center on November 18th and 19th, 2023. "The Nutcracker" is a cherished tradition for families and ballet enthusiasts set to the timeless music of Tchaikovsky. QCBC's production is known for its magnificent dancing, award-winning storytelling and lavish professional sets and costumes and has become a staple for the local cultural scene.



*Land of snow
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"We are thrilled to bring our production back to the community after a one-year hiatus," says Campbell Midgley, Artistic Director. "This year, the performance is sure to enchant and delight both new and returning audiences. New choreography in Spanish and Arabian. Dancing snowflakes. A growing Christmas tree... there's nothing more magical than our classical production of The Nutcracker! It is an especially wonderful way to introduce young audiences to the world of ballet and foster an appreciation for the performing arts."

The production features a talented cast of Queen City Ballet Company dancers, students, former alumni, and professional guest artists who bring to life the beloved characters of Clara, Herr Drosselmeyer, the Nutcracker Prince, the Sugar Plum Fairy, and the Mouse King. "We are pleased to welcome esteemed guest artist Eric Jeffers in the role of Herr Drosselmeyer," says Midgley. Jeffers danced in the production as Cavalier in 2004 and designed and painted the backdrops for the production to include Helena landmarks. Originally from South Carolina, Eric danced with Houston Ballet and in over 2,500 productions with Cirque du Soleil.



*Battle Scene
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Guest Artist Micheal Bushman of Diablo Ballet will dance the demanding role of the Cavalier with Katya Volodina dancing the role of Sugarplum Fairy. Katya is a Capital High senior and ADCIBC Youth International Ballet competition, silver medalist. "Katya has performed almost every role in QCBC's Nutcracker over the past 11 years and it's a joy for me to watch her blossom into the role of the Sugarplum Fairy at a professional level," says Midgley. Queen City Ballet Alum Kaden Pfister, who recently competed at the International Ballet Competition in Jackson, will return to portray the Nutcracker Prince and dance with Capital High sophomore Victoria Volodina in the role of Clara. "Victoria has a natural sweetness that epitomizes the role of Clara and complements Kaden's charismatic and tender portrayal of the Prince," says Midgley. Capital High sophomore Jaidyn McClain was a tiny archangel in the 2011 production, and this year portrays the elegant Snow Queen and Lead Mirliton. Queen City Ballet Alumni Kaitlyn Ruch, Elinor Goehring and Lizzie Johnson will return to dance in a newly choreographed Arabian, as well as Snow and Waltz of the Flowers. "This truly is a fantastic cast, and it warms my heart to be blending so many generations of dancers that call Queen City Ballet their home," boasts Midgley.

Tickets can be purchased online at HelenaCivicCenter.com, by phone at 406-447-8481, or in person at the Helena Civic Center Box Office. Prices range from \$18-\$40 with special discounts available in the economy section for students and seniors. A limited number of VIP tables are available for groups.

Queen City Ballet Contact Campbell Midgley, Artistic Director at campbell@midgley.pro, cell: 406-465-2423

Queen City Ballet <http://www.queencityballet.com> 8 W Lawrence Helena, MT 59601 (406) 444-5004

CALLING ALL BROADWATER COUNTY BACKYARD GARDENERS, SMALL SCALE FARMERS, AND RANCHERS!

Eric Wyatt
USDA



The Townsend Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) just launched a brand new, never-before-seen financial assistance program for any type of small-scale producer. This program is offered to anyone living within the city limits, or outside of town in Broadwater County.

If you grow vegetables in your backyard garden and are in need of a new irrigation system or high-tunnel; if you have a few livestock and need more adequate stock water; or if you have been inundated with weeds and would like some help to rid them, the NRCS is offering financial assistance to anyone who is qualified.

Financial assistance is available for backyard projects such as:

- Garden irrigation systems
- High or Low tunnels
- Stock Water for Horses, Chickens, Goats, Sheep, Alpacas, or Cows
- Weed Spraying
- Garden Cover Cropping
- Planting Trees or Shrubs
- Fencing for 1 Acre or Less
- Small Scale Land Leveling
- Rain Gardens
- Composting
- Raised Beds
- And More!

Anyone who lives in Broadwater County and is currently gardening or operating any sort of a small acreage farm or ranch can apply. If you have a project that you have been waiting to start because of financial strain or technical needs, please contact the NRCS to see if we are able to provide assistance.

We look forward to hearing from you!

NRCS Townsend Field Office Contact Information:
Address: 415 S Front Street (Located in the USDA Service Center across from the Post Office)
Phone: 406-521-3050
Email: Eric.Wyatt@usda.gov

QUEST & EDITORIALS

CHANGES IN THE ROLE OF NEWSPAPERS

Mary Sheehy Moe

Messing around in the garage last week, I accidentally knocked a photo off my husband's "memory wall." It's not a photo, exactly. It's a framed newspaper story on a softball tourney his team won four decades ago. Scanning idly, I got pulled in. Soon visions of hits and double plays and old friends from all across Montana leapt from the page.

You forget how newspapers were back then ... the detailed coverage of local sports, from high school football to over 30 softball tournaments ... the weekly reports on the doings of flower clubs and Rotary ... that columnist whose local stories could bring you to laughter or tears or both.

What we didn't know then is that a community newspaper is more than the stories in it. It's part of the fiber that binds a community. You'd read about someone's kid winning the spelling bee and you'd be sure to mention it to her mom in the checkout line. You'd follow the career of a fantastic Simms basketball player and have plenty to talk about when you met him years later in college. Yes, you'd still read news about government, politics and crime. But mostly you learned about the people who lived where you lived – and you liked the lesson.

Some twenty years ago, when the Pulitzer Prize-winning Great Falls Tribune had reporters elbow-to-elbow in the newsroom, a woman I know read a Trib story that disturbed her. It recapped a game the Bison had lost the night before. One line in the story – and a particularly ill-chosen headline – conveyed the impression that the quarterback had been solely responsible for the drubbing. She'd seen that quarterback play many times. He was fantastic – smart, quick, with a rifle for an arm. Knowing



*Mary Sheehy Moe
Photo Credits: Mary Sheehy Moe*

how good he was and suspecting how this story would affect him, she wrote him a letter assuring him that one bad night does not define a life.

She never met the quarterback. She may have met his folks in passing. But when that quarterback's father died a few years ago, her letter was in his wallet. He carried it with him always, a mutual friend told her.

Like her and probably you, I'm having trouble accepting the most recent changes in the Lee newspapers. The latest change I took particularly hard – for selfish reasons. I've written columns for half a century. I know what format works for me. Now I have to cut back. Explaining that "corporate says so" never appeases me.

But something else is more important than my little space on this page. The Lee newspapers in Montana, including "corporate," are struggling to keep their local newspapers local. They're wrestling with an economic model and media changes that have reduced what was once Goliath into a David wannabe.

I've seen what happens to communities that no longer have local journalism. Without the local voices, without the local coverage, without the depth of local knowledge that local journalists accrue, the fiber weakens, the community ties fray, and the compliments shared in grocery aisles, the clips framed on memory walls, and the occasional letter to a heartbroken kid disappear.

I can't let that happen without a fight. Yes, I'd like to return to the good old days. But one thing you understand by the time you're 72 is that you didn't earn those days. They were handed to you. It's my turn now – and yours – to do all we can to preserve a Montana treasure as precious as our landscapes: our sense of community.

I'm rooting for David.

Mary Sheehy Moe is a retired educator and former state senator, school board trustee and city commissioner from Great Falls. She now lives in Missoula and writes a weekly column for Lee Newspapers.

JOB OPENING

FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS IS HIRING CONTRACT EDUCATORS

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



HELENA – If you're a fan of fishing, archery, or wildlife stewardship, and want to share your knowledge with others, please join us.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is hiring contract educators across Montana to teach standardized lessons on fish identification and habitat, fish art, water distribution, bear awareness, living with wildlife, and much more.

Check out more information and how to apply here – or reach out to Rhonda Peters with the Montana Department of Administration at Rhonda.Peters@mt.gov or 406-444-3320.

The application period ends Oct. 18. Applying is a multi-step process, so we encourage interested parties to get started soon. Even if your schedule is full through 2023, successful applicants are eligible to teach over the next seven years.

Apply today with FWP to share your knowledge and give back to your community.

TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



This is the tenth of a series of articles about trees planted in Townsend and Broadwater County to honor people, special events, or for other purposes.

The Tree Board hopes people will come forward with more information on other trees planted on public as well as private property so the tree and its purpose can be documented.

46) Malus species 'Spring Snow', Spring Snow Crabapple; planted at 204 Broadway.

- This tree was planted in 2006 by the Tree Board at the Townsend Hardware Hank Store (next South Fork Hardware, now Townsend Hardware). It is a building history memorial tree: "This lot was vacant until 1916 when Ed Gruber and Adnah Kimpton built Townsend Trees, 1906"



LIFE...HAPPENS

Ellie West

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



Life...it happens. Situations arise, and it's a series of ups and downs, and sometimes, those downs hit really close to home. You may find yourself wrestling with sadness or disappointment stemming from your family or friends, as we all encounter moments that test our resilience.

In my own journey, there has been a sadness that has lingered for months. I have a dear friend who is dealing with a divorce, another is mourning a loss, yet another is navigating financial setbacks, one is diagnosed with an illness, and a friend is experiencing heartbreak in Israel—all these narratives began to intertwine.

What drives our responses when life throws these challenging events our way? What makes us react the way we do? How are we called to be there for the people facing these situations?

In my heart, I believe we are called to pray and be pillars of support and sources of encouragement for those whose life has thrown them a curveball.

Through those unforeseen challenges, we learn valuable lessons. Sometimes, those lessons are hard to understand and may take years, but recognizing that we are not alone provides comfort. I have witnessed individuals who go above and beyond for others, which restores our faith in humanity.

Let me share a recent experience from one of my flights that struck a chord with me. We had a full flight; our flight plan was about ten hours from Amsterdam to Salt Lake City, and I was working in the back of the plane. About four hours into the flight, I noticed an elderly gentleman coming out of the restroom, and it was clear something embarrassing had happened. His pants were all wet, and the discomfort was visible. I approached the younger passenger seated next to him and offered to help him switch seats. He agreed with a nod and a smile and moved to an open seat for a few hours.

What really touched me, though, was what happened during the final service...it was nothing short of inspirational. The younger passenger returned to his original seat next to the elderly gentleman and engaged in a heartfelt conversation. His compassion and empathy added tremendous value to that passenger and certainly didn't go unnoticed.

It was a powerful reminder that, deep down, we're all human. We'll all encounter challenging situations, some of which might be embarrassing, just like the one on that flight. But it's not the events themselves that define us; it's how we respond to them.

Expectations are essential in our daily lives as they will help us process the events of our lives. They influence our attitudes and emotions. Expectations are conscious or subconscious. They can be reasonable or unreasonable based on life experiences, past events, or even those hard conversations.

Writing these articles weekly has challenged me to dig deeper daily into who I am and how I respond to emotions that surface. A situation arose recently within my family, and after conversing with a trusted friend, I have determined that my initial reaction was out of hurt and disappointment. I had to backpedal and recenter my thoughts and emotions and be okay with setting boundaries.

We will encounter situations in our lifetime that we will need to navigate to find the gifts and opportunities they bring, as life has a way of readjusting our focus. But it is through these trials that we grow, learn, and find our true character.

When we come out of a difficult situation with valuable lessons and personal growth, we're uniquely positioned to help others who might be going through a similar struggle.

Life can be messy, unpredictable, and sometimes downright uncomfortable. But it's also where we find our strength, courage, kindness, and ability to turn challenges into stepping stones for growth. Together, we can navigate the chaos and find meaning in the messiness of life.

It is so easy to remain complacent and keep our routines the same. But growth does not come from those things...growth comes out of adversity.

Life happens—the unpredictable nature of the journey allows us to grow, be resilient, and discover the infinite possibilities within us - our authentic selves. Embracing these opportunities, we find that life's challenges are often the keys to unlocking our greatest potential.

"In the theater of life, adversity takes center stage, yet it is through the powerful performances of our challenges that we discover the strength within." ~ Maya Angelou

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 916 Broadway St. Townsend. Choir Practice, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. 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.

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

SOUTH AMERICAN HOAGIE

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

South American Hoagie, Serves 4

Here's a dish no one will be able to pass up. Marinate the pheasant, then sauté it lightly, with a pile of onions and peppers. This is a sandwich that does justice to our favorite American import: pheasant.

Ingredients

for the marinade
1/3 cup olive oil
1/3 cup rice wine vinegar
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
1/3 cup diced onion
1 clove minced garlic
1/4 teaspoon saffron threads
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
1/4 teaspoon salt
breasts of 2 pheasants



SR. CENTER MEALS: *Thursday, October 26*
OCT 23 - OCT 27 Chicken and Rice
Casserole

**516 2nd Street,
Townsend MT**
Green Peas
Purple Beets
Whole Grain Bread
Mandarin Oranges

Monday, October 23
Beef Stroganoff
Egg Noodles
German Vegetables
Carrot Raisin Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Friday, October 27
Chicken Fried Steak
Steamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Fruit Crisp

Tuesday, October 24
Ham and Beans
Corn Bread
Carrot Coins
Tossed Salad
Applesauce

Wednesday, October 25
Carol's Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
with Gravy
Golden Corn
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Plump Peaches

The Townsend Pinochle Club meets every Wednesday and Friday at the Broadwater County Senior Center for an afternoon of pinochle and camaraderie. The Club plays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All ages and experience levels are welcome! If you have never played Pinochle and would like to learn come and join us.

for cooking the hoagie
1 medium Bermuda onion sliced
1 red bell pepper, sliced
2 tablespoons oil
loaf of Italian bread

Preparation

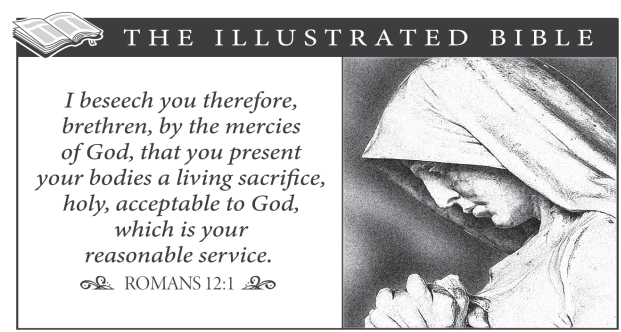
- In a resealable plastic bag, combine the oil, vinegar, lemon juice, onion, garlic, saffron, thyme, and salt. Shake well. Add the pheasant breasts, and let marinate in the refrigerator for 48 hours.
- Pour off the marinade, and discard it. Slice the pheasant meat across the grain, in 1/4-inch thick strips.

Cooking

- Preheat the broiler, and set a cooking rack about 3" below the element (or flames). In a large saucepan, sauté the onion and pepper over medium-high heat until they start to turn tender. Add the pheasant strips to the pan. Continue cooking, stirring often until the meat turns opaque (from red or pink, to almost white in color, and not shiny) about 3-4 minutes.
- Slit the Italian bread in half lengthwise, then those halves in four equal lengths. Place them on a cookie sheet, about 3" under the broiler in your oven until browned, about 3 minutes. Remove the bread from the oven, divide the pheasant and pepper mixture and serve.

From Eileen Clarke's *Upland Game Bird Cookery*, first published by Ducks Unlimited but now available on Eileen's website: www.riflesandrecipes.com / 406-521-0273 \$20.

Please see page 11 for an enticing picture of the dish!



The HomeStore



at Mod West Land Company

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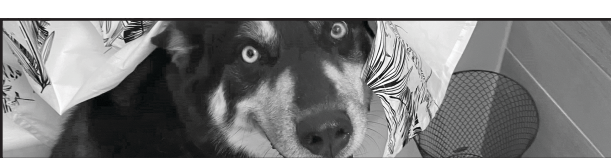
Wednesday, October 25th
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

223 Broadway Street Townsend, MT 59644

SNACKS & DRINKS
SEE YOU THERE!

Mod West Grand Opening
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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"I brought them a list of your favorite meals."

MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK TO HOST HALLOWEEN EVENT OCT. 28

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Bring the family for an afternoon of fun activities!

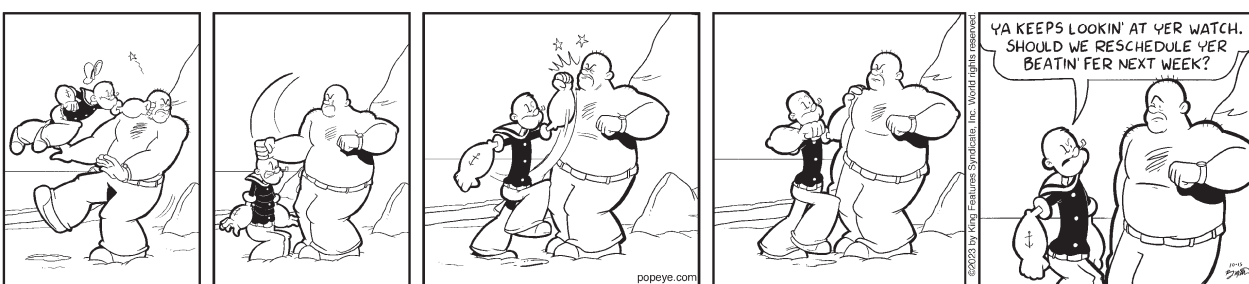
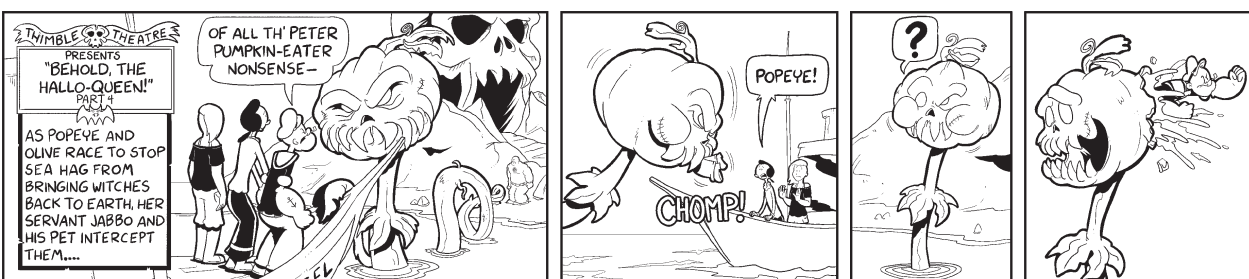
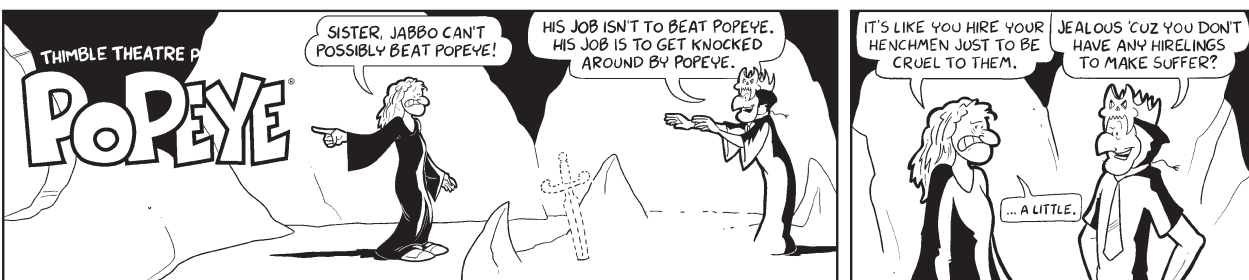
THREE FORKS—Missouri Headwaters State Park will host a Halloween event on Saturday, Oct. 28, for families and participants of all ages.

Activities will begin at 1 p.m. in the picnic area and last until 4 p.m.

The event will include a costume contest for kids and pets, face painting, a "photo BOOTH," a trick-or-treat table, and fun yard games—including a broomstick race. There will be local vendors, kettle corn, hot cocoa and, weather permitting, s'mores at a campfire.

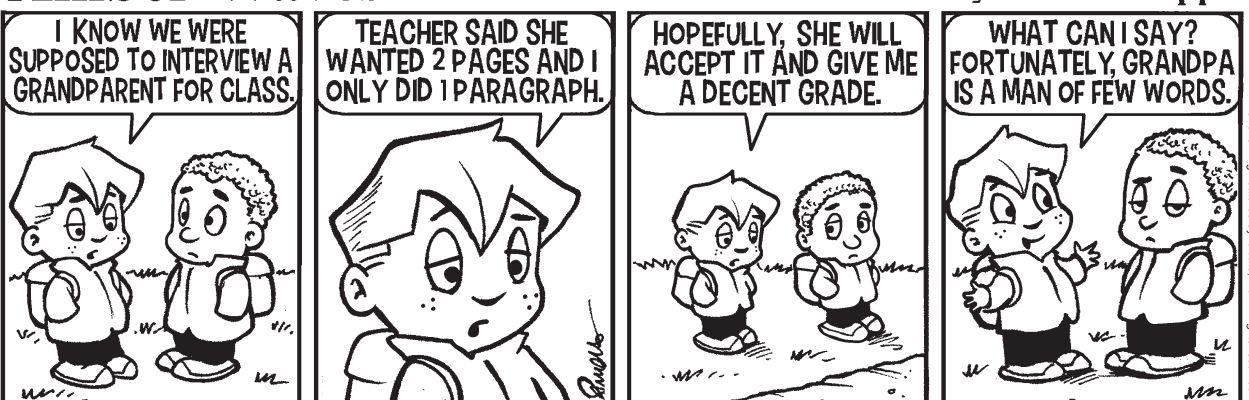
Park staff will also host a booth with arts and crafts in celebration of National Bat Week.

Missouri Headwaters State Park is about 5 miles northeast of Three Forks on Trident Road. For more information about the park, please visit fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/missouri-headwaters or call 406-285-3610.



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



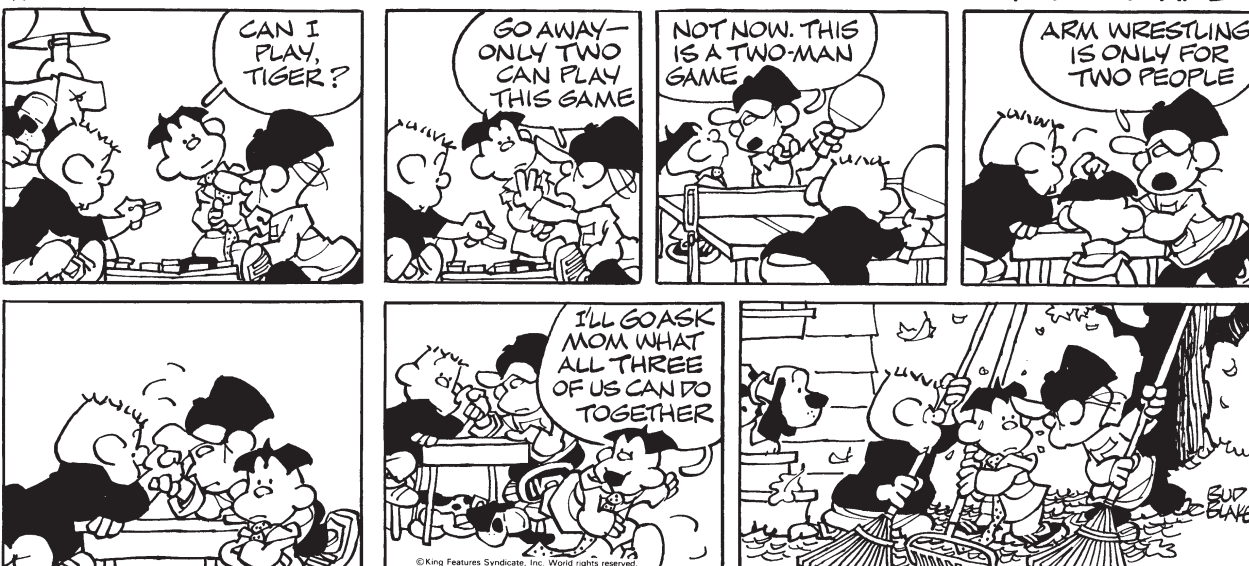
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

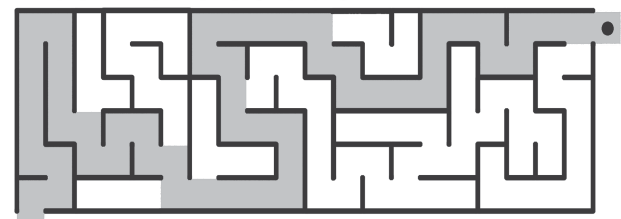


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Kids' Maze Solution



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Book about a peculiar magical kingdom in which the atmosphere has been depleted:
"Airless in Wonderland."

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Answer
WARTS, WARMS, WORMS, WORDS, LORDS, LOADS

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Do You Have, or Know of a Free Open Community Event?
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GOOD SAMARITAN FIREARM LIABILITY PROTECTION

Jess Hegstrom
Suicide Prevention Coordinator

“Good Samaritan Firearm Liability Protection” bill passes into Montana state law.

Worried about a friend? Thanks to a non-partisan effort in the last legislative session, Montanans are now protected from liability if they temporarily take care of a buddy’s firearms during a crisis.

Sponsored by Sen. Ken Bogner – R and Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell – D, Senate Bill 423 entered into law on Oct. 1. Both senators, who worked with firearm community members, Veterans organizations, mental health and suicide prevention advocates to craft the bill, hope the Good Samaritan Firearm Liability Protection Law will save Montana lives from suicide.

“As a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, I had fellow Marines I served with continue to turn to suicide,” Bogner said. “Once I learned that two-thirds of suicides involve a firearm I wanted to work on a bill that would help prevent firearm suicides while still protecting 2nd amendment rights. SB 423 does exactly that.”

This Good Samaritan law limits liability for a person or private entity that returns a firearm to its owner at the end of a written or oral agreement. Immunity does not apply if the agreement is connected to a crime.

During its journey through the 2023 legislature, the bill passed almost unanimously.

“Bills that address firearms rarely get such bipartisan support . . . , so it felt great that many different perspectives felt this is a great policy to address suicide prevention,” Bogner noted.

Based on 2021 statistics, Montana is ranked second in the U.S. for the highest national rate of suicide. The majority of Montana’s suicide attempts involve medication, and 63% of completed suicide deaths in the state involve firearms.

“If Good Samaritans can feel more comfortable about holding onto someone’s firearms if asked and if we can stop just one suicide from happening, this bill is a big success,” Dunwell added.

The effort is tied to collaborative work through the Safer Communities Montana (SCM) lethal means campaign led by the Lewis and Clark Suicide Prevention Coalition in Lewis and Clark, Broadwater and Jefferson counties. SCM brings together pharmacists, members of the firearm community, suicide prevention and mental health advocates, Veterans and the National Guard to promote safe storage of medication and firearms to prevent suicide together. This includes empowering community members to look out for each other and tips for retailers on how to slow down sales if a customer is exhibiting warning signs of suicidal thoughts.

During his testimony before a legislative committee, Jason Swant, a representative of Helena’s Prickly Pear Sportsman’s Association, shared that firearm safety is a priority for the association. He asserted that improving the ability of people to temporarily hold onto others’ firearms is “potentially lifesaving”.

He told legislators, “There should be no liability risk to someone who tries to help a person in crisis [and this] is a commonsense approach to empower individuals, groups, and organizations or maybe even businesses, to offer to safely store/hold firearms for someone in crisis.”

Since the legislative session ended, Bogner, Dunwell, SCM, firearm retailers, Everytown for Gun Safety, and other stakeholders formed a workgroup to improve Montana’s capacity to give community members options to safely store firearms outside of their homes. This could be helpful whether someone is in crisis or they want to protect their firearms while on vacation.

Additionally, SCM is creating a toolkit that leverages the protections provided by the new law. It will feature templates of firearm hold agreements and other adaptable materials that can be adopted by fellow Montana communities.

Sample hold agreements will be available on the SCM website, www.safercommunitiesMT.org in months to come, but even without it, you can still temporarily store firearms for a friend or loved one.

“It’s Montanans helping Montanans, and at the end of the day, that’s who we are,” Dunwell said.

If you or a loved one are struggling, please call 9-8-8, Montana’s Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

For more information about Safer Communities Montana, visit www.safercommunitiesMT.org contact Jess Hegstrom, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Lewis and Clark Public Health, 406-457-8970 or Ali Mullen, Opioid Misuse and Safer Communities Montana Coordinator, Lewis and Clark Public Health, 406-457-8875

Steps for a Safer Community:

The most effective way to protect yourself and your loved ones is by adopting safe storage practices in your home today. This can look like:

Medication

- Locking up medication aside from a one-week supply
- Disposing of leftover Rx at a prescription disposal site or by requesting free Deterra drug deactivation systems at www.safercommunitiesmt.org
- Ask your doctor to limit prescriptions to no more than a one-month supply.
- Ask your doctor and pharmacist to use blister packs rather than a bottle to dispense opioids and other medications, especially those with suicidal ideation as a side effect.

Firearms

- Unloading and securing all firearms with a gun lock, safe, or another locking device. Store the ammunition separately.
- Have a conversation with your spouse or partner regarding what to do with medication and firearms if either of you ever experiences a mental health challenge.
- Temporarily entrusting firearms to friends or family outside of the home until the crisis has passed.



Townsend Trees, 7

the Townsend Garage and Implement Company. This was one of the first car sales and repair shops in Townsend. Within a year, the mechanic, James E. Ward took over the business, dropped the Implement business, and changed the name to Ward Motors. In 1958, Jim sold the business to Neifert-White and Company. The building held two firms when the Broadwater Bygones was published: Foster Company and Coast to Coast Hardware”.

The building history is from the Broadwater Bygones. The tree was funded by Jim, Peggy, Jeff, and Quinn Chamberlain, owners of the Townsend Hardware Hank Store at the time. The tree is being sprayed for fireblight annually. The tree is in good condition.

47) Acer ginnala, Ginnala Maple; planted in Heritage Park playground.

This tree was planted in May 2007 in memory of Jack Nelson. Jack was a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Townsend. It was planted by Rotary and the Tree Board.

The tree was paid for by the Rotary Club of Townsend. The tree is in the playground north of the rest rocks on the southwest corner of the playground. The tree is in fair condition and must be treated with elemental sulfur and chelated iron each year because of our alkaline soils.

48) Malus species ‘Spring Snow’, Spring Snow Crabapple; planted at 133 N. Oak (now Hospital Parking Lot).

This tree was planted in 2010, at Lyle Bird’s house at the time, as a memorial tree for his wife. The tree was planted by the Townsend Tree Board. The tree is the second tree east of the alley on the north side of the parking lot. The tree is in good condition and is treated for fireblight each year.

49) Syringa reticulata ‘Ivory Pillar’, Ivory Pillar Japanese Tree Lilac; planted in front of City Hall at 110 Broadway.

This original tree, an Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac was planted in May 2007 as a tree to honor Mayor Mary Alice Upton for all her contributions to Townsend. The tree was planted by the Townsend City Council, the City Maintenance Crew, and the Tree Board. The original tree died; and the Tree Board replanted an Ivory pillar Japanese Tree Lilac in 2017. The tree is in good condition.

50) Betula papyrifera ‘Varen’, Prairie Dream Paper Birch; planted in Heritage Park

The original Young’s Weeping Birch, Betula pendula ‘Youngii’, was planted in July 2008 as a memorial tree for Ron Thompson (5/14/1958 to 4/9/2008). “Always Loving. Always Loved”. The tree was planted by the family, friends, and the Tree Board. The original tree died. Another Youngs Weeping Birch was planted in 2009 and it eventually died. The Tree Board replanted a Betula pendula ‘Trost Dwarf Weeping Birch’ in 2016 and it died. Finally, the Prairie Dream Paper Birch was planted in 2017. The tree is southeast of the Bob Curtis bench on the southeast corner of Heritage Park. The tree is in good condition.

Americanisms

“What is straight? A line can be straight, or a street, but the human heart, oh, no, it’s curved like a road through mountains.”

— Tennessee Williams

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Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Very Light Rain Showers	Light Rain Showers
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7.12 mph	6.12 mph	7.15 mph	10.17 mph	8.17 mph

Precipitation:

May: 1.181"	June: 3.669"
July: 1.181"	August: 1.34"
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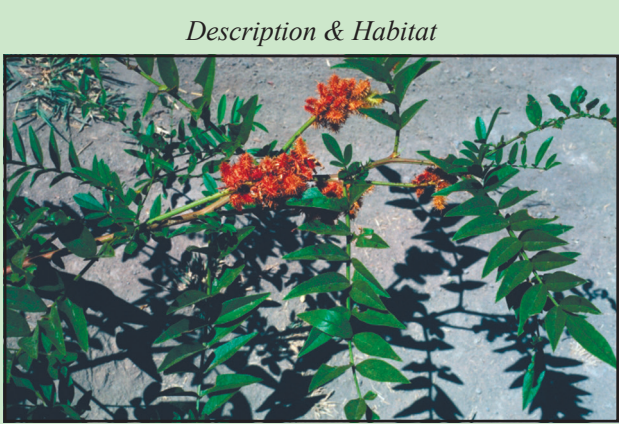
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WEED OF THE MONTH: WILD LICORICE



Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

This is a plant with a fascinating history. Wild Licorice, also called American Licorice, is a native plant that was widely used by the Native Americans. It was used as a medicinal plant with a wide range of uses including to aid in curing diarrhea, upset stomach, flu, earaches, toothaches, coughs, chest pain and sore throats. It was also used as a food both raw in the early spring and also by cooking the roots which taste similar to sweet potatoes. Wild licorice, which is a legume, also was researched as a forage crop in the 1950s and was found to be a highly nutritious forage for livestock. However, even with all the good, this plant can be problematic. It has invasive characteristics and a large bur-like seed pod.



Description & Habitat

Wild Licorice
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Wild licorice can be found in a variety of habitats including forested areas, pastures, disturbed areas and along streams and ditches. It prefers moist soils. It is native to North America and is most common in the central and western United States. It is less common in the East.

Wild licorice is a perennial (life cycle of more than one year). It can grow 3 to 5 feet tall. Leaves are smooth with many leaflets similar to vetch plants. Yellowish-white flowers are on short stalks in a cluster that resembles a spike. The flowers develop into seed pods by late summer. Seed pods are brown and covered in hooked spines that create a bur which is half to one inch long. Wild licorice can spread by seed or through its underground rhizomatous root system which makes it difficult to control.

The bur seed pod is one of the biggest issues with this plant. It can become entangled in livestock hair and sheep wool. This can decrease the value of wool when sold. Due to its extensive root system, wild licorice also has the ability to colonize disturbed or overgrazed sites, decreasing the presence of desired species.

Management

Since wild licorice is a native species, not a lot of research has been done on its control. Mowing and hand pulling are likely not very effective due to its rhizomatous root system. However, there may be options for small infestations. Grazing may be an option to help reduce the prevalence of the plant but will not fully control it. Additionally, livestock can aid in spreading seeds due to the burs.

Herbicides are also an option. The most commonly used chemicals include Banvel, Capstone, Chaparral, Grazon (restricted use), Milestone and Tordon (restricted use). Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicides. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and management, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

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November 5th from 10-1 :30
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South American Hoagie
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BOUNDARIES OF WARDS MAP




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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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OCTOBER 19

1939

Hot Lunches for School Children

Dwight Lohn, junior administrative assistant of the Federal Commodities Corporation called at the grade school on Tuesday. He was interested in the hot lunch program that this school plans to sponsor. Under the plan proposed pupils who bring their lunches to school would have one hot dish each day at noon, according to T.M. Cheney, superintendent.

Commodities will be furnished free of charge, but the school must furnish seasoning, dishes, room space, heating and lighting. The cooking will be done by someone selected from the WPA lists.

Mr. Lohn suggested that those who were able to might make a small contribution to pay for spices and seasonings as well as a few needed utensils. It may not be necessary to make any changes if pupils furnish dishes and seasonings are furnished by the cook or the school, Mr. Cheney said.

1950

Townsend Briefs

Mary Gail Davis and daughter, Peggy, of Bozeman spent the week end in Townsend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Zimmerman.

Mrs. Anna Moudree, who has been visiting relatives in Minnesota for a few weeks returned to her home here Sunday.

Mike Gurnett visited relatives and friends here from Helena last Friday.

Senator and Mrs. H.J. Doggett and daughter, Judy, visited their twin sons, Jeff and Bill, at the University of Montana in Missoula last Saturday and took in the Montana-Washington football game. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hooks.

Crow Creek News

Miss Lucille Heeb of Bozeman visited from Wednesday until Friday at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kitto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conrad, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mitchell of Toston, visited Sunday with friends in Wilsall.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos Oyler and family of Manhattan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kitto.

Mrs. Charles Lampman and children, George and Karche, of Lewistown are guests this week at the parental W.E. Spangler home.

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hunsaker were business callers in Bozeman on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kitto and son, Jerry, were Sunday dinner guests in Winston at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies.

1961

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grimm spent Sunday in Harrison, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Olsen.

Mrs. Bud Davis visited in Denton with her mother, Mrs. Frank Knox, Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Florence Davis accompanied her as far as Lewistown where she visited a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Anderson and family.

Misses Binky and Diana Wallace of Stevensville visited relatives and friends in and near Townsend over the weekend.

Louis Green, proprietor of Green's Super Market, went to Salt Lake City Tuesday to get a load of fresh vegetables.

John G. Plymale returned home Friday after spending three weeks at Spokane visiting his daughters, Mrs. George Shaw and Mrs. G.L. Madren and families.

Blue Ribbon 4-H Club

The Blue Ribbon -H club held their meeting October 11 at the home of the Berberets. We received our enrollment cards and then new officers were elected: Joel Flynn, president; George Harrigfeld, vice president; Jane Berberet, secretary; Susan Webb, reporter; Mike Harrigfeld, recreation leader; Judy Hunsaker, song leader. Our leaders lead led us in our new experiment material from the extension office in Bozeman. The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostess. Susan Web, reporter

Winston Beavers 4-H Club

The first meeting of the Winston Beavers 4-H club was called to order by Dennis Halm, president on October 6, at Halm's at 8 p.m. There were 9 members and 7 visitors present. There were two new members.

New business consisted of the election of officers. They were as follows: Wayne Herrington, president; Ray Baum, vice president; Chris Cox, secretary; Mitzie Jones, recreation leader; Dennis Halm, song leader; Carol Wambolt, pledge leader; Darrell Baum, parliamentarian and historian; Cliff Cox, reporter

A committee of Wayne, Ray and Chris was appointed, with the leaders, to plan the schedule for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned and the enrollment cards handed out,. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Halm. Cliff Cox, reporter

1967

Rotarians Honor Mrs. Ruth Rice

Townsend Rotary Club observed ladies' night Monday with a dinner at the mint Café at 7:30, in lieu of their regular Tuesday night meeting. The dinner was to honor Mrs. Ruth Rice, proprietor of the Mint. Rotary has met there since 1946 and they are most appreciative of the courtesies extended during this time by Mrs. Rice and her late husband, Sam Rice.

D. D. Cooper and wife, of Helena, were also guests, and Mr. Cooper spoke on the subject, "A Look at Tomorrow's Schools". Cooper is executive secretary of the Montana Education Association and several years ago was superintendent of Broadwater County High School.

1978

Plans Continue for Holy Cross Fall Festival

Chairmen for the Holy Cross Fall festival have been announced this week by Linda Poe and Tammy Richtmyer, general chairladies.

The festival will be held Saturday, November 4 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Catholic Youth Center with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner chairmen are Kathy Armstrong and Midge Bucy assisted by Suellen Stagman and Sharon Ragen in the dining room and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Fowler for kitchen cleanup. Booth builders this year are Larry Sullivan, Loyd Poe and Gary Richtmyer. Don Lewis is in charge of general hall cleanup assisted by the altar boys.

Other committees include Mary Lou Meyer, M.C., for the evening; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Woodring and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duede, cashier; Charlotte Lewis and Betty Devaney, big raffle; Linda Johnson and Sharon Leineman, boy and girl raffle; Joye Meyer, silent auction; Lisa Jepson and Anita Kearns, publicity; children's games, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Damuth and Chuck Harvey.

Afternoon booths include a plant table, Lynn Schaff and Pat Jersey; fancy work, Fern Kirley and Erma Horne; novelties, Loretta Ryan and Esther Dwyer; bake sale, Mary Nichols and Ruth Carlson; candy sale, Evelyn Richardson and Mary Pat Martin; farm produce, Grace Berberet; used books, Helen Obert; nearly new booth Anita Kearns; bean guess, Ann Kieckbusch.

Many others have been contacted by these various committees to help in making the Fall Festival an enjoyable day for all.

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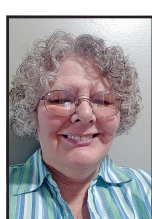
But we get that it seems to get earlier every year, so let's put some stuff on sale! All holiday items (including lights!) are discounted 20%! Birdseed (yeah, *birdseed!*) 10% off! Lowest prices for propane tanks in Montana! Come check it out!



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MONSTER MASH CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



A circus, consisting of performers from Mexico and Argentina, came to the 4H Ag Building at the fairgrounds on Friday, October 13, at 4:30.

Seats were filled to almost capacity to watch these talented folks; juggling, balancing, and tightrope walking, with even a little magic to behold.

Denise, the aerialist, explained that this small traveling circus has its home base in Oklahoma and that this is just part of a larger troupe of performers. The home group consists of more performers and bigger animals. The only animals they travel with are six ponies for the pony rides that they provide (for a ticket, of course).

Each performance lasts a day, and if they aren't performing, they are driving to the next venue.



The wire walker, blindfolded, traverses to her finale.
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Different seasons have different themes. Being so close to Halloween, of course, this is themed Monster Mash. Earlier in the year, they did an Alice in Wonderland theme. Only the costumes, décor and stage set change. The acts remain essentially the same.



Rola Bola, an amazing act of balance
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Surrounding the center ring was a projection of scary images, an inflatable arbor that each would come through to perform, and a smoke machine, giving off an even more eerie effect. First off, the whole troupe of 14 came out to dance to "Monster Mash," so we got to get familiar with the artists.

The first performer was a Rola Bola artist. The balance of this act is amazing. Stacking cylinders and resting a board across them, eventually having more cylinders and boards had everyone mesmerized. This lady was also the tightrope walker; using her feet, riding a unicycle, and walking with soft buckets on

her feet, blindfolded.

Of course, there was the clown, Marshmallow, who entertained the crowd. He played a trumpet to a Mariachi recording. As loud as he was, it was hard to tell if he was actually playing, or if it was part of the recording. People chose to believe it was really him playing. The music was fun.

The magic occurred (or a great contortionist) with swords impaling a box. However, that worked, it worked.

There was a juggler, doing double duty with rings and pins (five at a time!). Another juggler worked with bouncing balls, again, working up to five at a time.

The aerialist, Denise, took her weighted rope and swung, twisted and hung upside down in a crowd-pleasing act.

Even a Transformer attended, offering pictures (for a price) of kids standing with him. There were plenty of opportunities to spend money.

Concessions, bounce house, inflatable slide, face painting, souvenirs, and the afore-mentioned pony rides. So many youngsters had lit swords, spinners and the like.

What a grand time was had by all who attended this performance!



Marshmallow the clown playing (or not) his trumpet.
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