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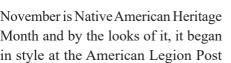


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Dee Gannon MT43 News Correspondent



42, Townsend. Over 50 people were spectators at this event, and two dozen (or more) performers and cooks took the stage to bring us the way of The First People.

The Magpie Singers entertained us with drumming songs and jingle dancers. These people, of the Anishinaabe tribe, also known as Chippewa, have their local roots as Little Shell tribe. The local tribe itself is based in Helena; with members all over western Montana.

Drumming, singing and dancing are the way they most honor The Creator, Giche Manido (Creator of all life and its mysteries). There are 365 jingles on



The Magpie Singers invited guests to the Circle to drum and/or sing- an honor and blessing. Photo Credits: Sarah Tallwhiteman



Friendship Dance--Takota Oldham joining the dancers. Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

each dress; bells fashioned out of tobacco can lids, representing a year of prayers. Each step they take is a prayer; so, the way these dancers celebrate the Creator and prayers that go up for the dead and life alike is palpable. The drummers drum to the heartbeat of the animal that gave its skin to that drum. Elder Dan Pocha remarked that "we have had this drum for 25 years! So 25 years ago we were enjoying tenderloin," (laughs). "But, most importantly, the animal continues to serve us, even in death. We respect that (and all) animals who give their lives for our sustenance; whether it be meat for the table, skin for our lodge, or sinew for sewing."

Another Elder who spoke was Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer, who spoke of Life's Essence; and all that it includes. She shared an old story of life, death and forgiveness. It seems that these two brothers did what boys do, rough house almost under their mother's feet. She exasperatingly told them to "take that nonsense someplace else. Go into the woods and do that!" So the boys went into the woods and found the perfect place at the base of a tree. They wrestled day after day in that place, until one day the older brother shoved the younger one. He hit his head on a rock and died. The

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BIG SKY AUTISM PROJECT AWARDED \$15,000 GRANT

Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation

Krystal Nelson, Chief Correspondence Office

Press Release - November 5, 2023 -Townsend, MT



Big Sky Autism Project (BSAP) is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$15,000.00 grant endowed by the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation. The grant will be used toward the Adaptive Fitness Coach Training &

Certification Program that BSAP has spearheaded in the nonprofit's pursuit to make individualized adaptive fitness programs more accessible to the special needs community throughout Montana.

BSAP was founded out of Townsend, Montana in 2019 by Monique Prevel, the current Executive Director and Lead Coach of the organization, after her son was officially diagnosed as nonverbal autistic at just 2 years old

Seeing the need for a healthy outlet for the excessive energy that many on the spectrum have, Monique researched the availability of movement-based adaptive fitness programs in Montana and found no options. Continuing her research efforts, she discovered Autism Fitness out of New York - a movement-based adaptive fitness program that trained and certified parents/ aregivers and professionals in the art of one-on-one and group adaptive fitness programs for individuals on the autism spectrum.

After flying to New York in 2018 for the certification seminar, Monique became the first Level 1 Autism Fitness Professional in Montana. Since then, she has gone on to receive her Level 2 Certification and will soon begin the Master Level Certification program - a vital step for BSAP to be able to certify Level 1 Autism Fitness Professionals here in Montana.

BSAP's main mission is to provide access to adaptive fitness programs to individuals with autism, and other special needs and their families. This grant will help fulfill that mission and provide a much-needed service to the special needs community of Montana while raising awareness and promoting education and inclusion within the state.

When asked what this grant meant to the organization, Monique stated "This grant means the world to BSAP and to me personally. By awarding BSAP this grant, The Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation is saying we see you, we see what you are trying to do and we want to support and help you achieve this goal. 'That is very validating and uplifting for our organization. We are all volunteers, none of us are paid for the work we do through BSAP. It has been a long, hard five years to build this organization up from a mere ambition to one that is finally being recognized for the great work that we are doing. Thank you is all we can really say to the [Dennis & Phyllis Washington] Foundation but those words fall short of the gratitude and appreciation we have for them. Thank you will never be enough."

The Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation is a philanthropic organization based out of Missoula, Montana. Founded in 1988, the Foundation awards grants in the areas of education, health & human services, arts & culture, and community service.

To learn more, please visit www.dpwfoundation. org. For more information on Big Sky Autism Project please visit www.Big SkyAutismProiect.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram with handle @ BigSkyAutismProject.



VICKIE RAUSER WINS TOWNSEND CITY **MAYOR SEAT**

Nancy Marks Reporter

Official from Elections Administrator Angie Paulsen at 8:45pm Nov. 7: for Mayor:





Vickie Rauser Mayor Elect



Nate Brown, Ward 3 City Councilman

Vickie Rauser is the newly elected Townsend City Major. Rauser ran against opponent J.B. Howick who received 211 votes. Winning total for the winner

Other offices open were Ward III Vivian Boaz who ran against incumbent council member Nate Brown. Those totals were: 39 for Boaz and 90 for Brown.

The polls, which closed at 8 p.m. Tuesday night tallied all mail-in ballots at a total of 482.

Townsend businessman JB Howick ran on a plat-

form of protecting Townsend's quality of life, working with Montana Department of Highways on adding change lanes to Highway 287 and working with the Sheriff's department to increase security in the city. He included his desire to addressing the lack of affordable housing in Townsend.

Incumbent Vicky Rauser currently is serving her second term on the council. She ran on her background and experience in handling important city challenges such as dealing with rapid population growth, implementing a new water system and setting up a better

Vickie **Rauser**, 3

2 Friday, November 10, 2023

Townsend School Calendar

Nov 10

NO SCHOOL

Nov 11

2:00 PM Elkhorn BB Game at stage gym MSGBB @ Shields Valley Tourney S&D @ Bozeman



Nov 13

6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym 4:15PM MSGBB vs Ennis 6:00PM Winter Sports Parent Meeting

Nov 14

4:30PM K-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00 PM School Board Meeting at Community Room 6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym District FCCLA @ Belgrade

Nov 15

6:00 PM Elkhorn BB at BHS Stage Gym 6:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Ed - Writing Professionally for Money at Library Classroom

6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym 7:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym 7:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym

Nov 16 - Nov 18

John Deere Ag Expo @ MSU Bozeman at Bozeman

Nov 16

6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym 1st Day of Winter Sports Practice

Nov 17

NO SCHOOL - Teacher PLC Day 2 PM MSGBB vs Manhattan

Nov 18

MSGBB @ Twin Bridges Tourney S&D @ Ennis

BROADWATER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LIBRARY PUBLIC HOURS

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

PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

Lacie Reed

Lacie J. Reed Photography

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

Volleyball-

Wolfgram Helped her team take 2nd place at divisionals and

Athlete of the week: Reese

launch their ticket to state. At the divisional tournament: 44 kills, averaging a .201 hitting percentage, 6 blocks, 22 digs and 4 aces. She also had the game-end-



Photo Credits: Lacie J. Reed Photography

ing kill against Baker that punched our ticket to state.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM STAYS IN THE RUNNING

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The high school Lady Bulldog volleyball team kept its place in the running for the state championship at the divisional tournament in Manhattan Thursday, November 2, according to an email from their coach Megan Bleile. The team opened the tournament with Columbus to

win 3-0. Friday saw the team play Baker High School with a 0-2 loss; however, the team came back to win the next three games. The final game was 17-15. Among all five sets, the team outscored Baker by 7 points. "It was a very intense game and with that win, we punched our ticket to state," Coach Bleile pointed out.

The stress continued for the Lady Bulldogs that night as they played Huntley Project only to lose 0-3. Saturday, they played Columbus again beating that team 3-2. The Bulldogs' winning streak ran out as they played Huntley for the championship with a 0-3 score. "We played with much more confidence and competed a lot better. We will play Fairview at the state tournament at Montana State University (MSU) Bozeman at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9," she related.

FAA UPDATE OCTOBER 6TH-NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023

Kaitlyn Noyes FAA Correspondent



Harvest of the Month (Brassicas):

This month's Harvest of the Month was Brassicas. During the week, presentations were given to elementary students on what they are, and a hands-on cooking recipe used to make them.

Brassica is a genus of plants in the mustard family, or Brassicaceae in Latin, whose members are informally referred to as cruciferous vegetables. The Brassica family contains many species and subspecies, several of which are responsible for growing some of the world's most important crops. Brassicas love the temperate weather, making them a spring and summer crop here in the northeast. Our moderate summers mean that we can grow brassicas throughout almost the entire growing season.

Examples of Brassicas are kohlrabi, brussels sprouts, cabbages (all of them), broccoli, cauliflower, romanesco, turnips, horseradish, wasabi, bok choy, kale, collards, mustard greens, radishes, watercress, rutabaga, arugula, and all the diverse and specialty versions of those things you see on roadside stands throughout the state.

Agriculture Month:



Microgreens Growing Set Photo Credits: Kaitlyn Noyes

During October, Broadwater FFA supported our Elementary Lunchroom by growing microgreens. The microgreen growing set was donated by Rick Naber, and the microgreens grown from them have been offered in the lunchroom twice already this month.

NILE:

On October 16th, 2023, Broadwater FFA took teams to the NILE Contest for Vet Science, Livestock Judging, and Sales.

Our Vet Science team consisted of Kayla Kraft and Grace Kroeger, with both of them placing in/near the top half individually.



Photo Credits: Jemma Loughry

Our Livestock Judging team consisted of Spencer Braaten, Aiden Kitto, Ashley Sanderson, and Amanda Pesiscka, with them placed in the top half as a team.

Finally, our Sales team consisted of Ross MacDonald, Aubrey Wells, Kayla Kraft, and Gavin Schnittgen, with them all placing in the top half individually.

National FFA Convention (American Degree - Colton Noyes):

On November 4th, 2023, Colton Noyes attended the National FFA Convention to receive his American Degree, an honor given to less than one percent of FFA members. Each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and certificate after being recognized at the National Convention. The American FFA Degree is awarded



Photo Credits: Jason Noyes

to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs). Approximately 3,500 American FFA Degrees are handed out each year at the National FFA Convention.

To receive this degree, you must have completed the following:

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- Have received the State FFA Degree, have been an active member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state level.
- Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program or have completed at least the equivalent of 360 hours of systematic secondary school instruction in agricultural education and one full year of enrollment in a postsecondary agricultural program or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the secondary school last attended.
- Have graduated from high school at least 12 months before the national convention at which the degree is to be granted.
- Have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program, through which the member has exhibited comprehensive planning and managerial and financial expertise.

A student after entering agricultural education must have:

- Earned at least \$10,000 and productively invested \$7,500 or
- Earned and productively invested \$2,000 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours, times a factor of 3.56, plus actual dollars earned and productively invested must be equal to or greater than the number 10,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.
- Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement and have achieved a high school scholastic record of "C" or better as certified by the principal or superintendent.
- Have participated in at least 50 hours of community service within at least three different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid supervised agricultural experience.



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LIONS GIVE BOOKS TO THIRD-GRADE **STUDENTS**

Bob Brastrup Townsend Lions Club

"A for Attitude" by Australian author Julie Davey is a book of inspiration and encouragement for people of all ages. The book has been translated into many languages and has been endorsed by many organizations.



Third graders receive "A for Attitude' Photo Credits: Bob Brastrup

Broadwater County Lions Bob and Sheri Brastrup were introduced to the book while on a visit to a Lions club in Mildura, Victoria, Australia. The Mildura club bought the book and gave it to third-grade students in the local school.

The Townsend third-grade teachers and administration thought the book would be a good addition to the local educational program and, for the last four years, the Broadwater County Lions Club has purchased and given the books to the third-grade students. It was the first time the book had been brought to a U.S. school. The book is filled with statements like "Do the best

you can with your natural gifts – that is all you have to do. You don't have to be the best, but it is important to be your best."

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Purchase your tickets to The Nutcracker Ballet! (SEE LAST WEEK'S AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS!)

November 10

10:00AM 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

November 11

10:00am Honoring Our POW-MIA Men and Women -- The Bridge (IMAGE ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS!) 11:00am American Legion Post #42 - Veteran's Day Celebra-

tion at American Legion Club (READ MORE ON PAGE 8! AD ON THIS PAGE!) 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut,

406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

November 12

Shrimp Sundays at The Betsy (PAGE 11 FOR DETAILED AD)

November 13

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

November 14

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

November 15

1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr.

Center, 516 2nd St

November 16

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

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November 18

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6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

November 19

Shrimp Sundays at The Betsy (PAGE 11 FOR DETAILED AD)

December

Advertisement on page 11 for Events Next Month such as a Free Family Night for the Community!

COUNTY AND GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

November 14

1:00pm Planning Board at Flynn Building 6:00pm County Land Use Planning Meeting at Flynn Building

November 15

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

November 16

9:30am Working Meeting - Mental Health LAC at Flynn Building

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

Please email us, mt43news@mt43news.com, or call our office, 406-266-0086,

so we can add you to our Community Calendar!

ing Attention to Your Event by Advertising with Us! It's simple, and we will add you to the calendar! heck out our Ad Submission Form and deadlines at news.com and email or call us! We would love to help!

You can also stop in at our office: 401 Broadway.

THREE FORKS OMMUNITY (ALENDAR

November 10

8:00AM CLOSED in Observance of Veteran's Day at City Hall Three Forks Library CLOSED for Veterans Day

November 14

1:00PM Three Forks Library - Mahjongg

November 15

5:15PM Three Forks Community Library Board of Trustees at Library

November 17

November 21

1:00PM - 3:00PM Three Forks Library - Lego Club

4:00PM - 5:00PM Three Forks Library - Middle School Book Club

November 23

Three Forks Library CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 24 Three Forks Library CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY LIBRARY **PUBLIC HOURS**

Fall Hours:

Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm Tuesday - 9:00am - 7:00pm

1st Saturday of the month: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit their website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

NEXT ROUND OF COUNTY LAND USE PLANNING MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE IN **NOVEMBER**

Melinda Banks

Administrative Assistant



The third set of public planning meetings with the County and Department of Commerce (CTAP) will be held on November 14 at 6 p.m. at the Flynn Building at 414 Broadway St.

The sub-area dividing line is the 101 Road.

A grant administered by CTAP is facilitating the discussions about land use and planning through public engagement and feedback.

Public involvement is essential to the success of the program, which aims to develop possible addendums to the county's growth policy while addressing the varied needs and visions in each area of the county. All Broadwater County residents are encouraged to participate.

Additional information can also be found on the following county website pages: https://www.broadwatercountymt.com/home/news/ctap-exploratory-map

https://www.broadwatercountymt.com/home/news/ community-technical-assistance-program-interactivemap-and-survey

For more information, please contact the Broadwater County Commissioners at commissioners@ co.broadwater.mt.us.

See Page 11 For More Information!

free build a burger lunch follows

legionfamilypost42.org

Election Results, 2023

Vickie Rauser, 1

audit system for the city. Rauser is a CPA and worked for the Legislative audit Division for 30 years. She is a Toston-Townsend native.

Ward III contestant Vivian Boaz, relatively new to Townsend, ran on her willingness to serve the people of Townsend. She felt her past education in behavioral science and mathematics and her business experience in the food industry would be useful in the city council. She would direct her ideas for city business to keeping utility rates low for fixed-income people and ways to fund more affordable housing.

Business owner Nate Brown is running for his second term as council member. He indicated the most important job of the Council is to build a workable budget every year. He felt communicating and coordinating with the county Sheriff's office, public works and fire departments was most important as well.



CONGRATULATIONS TO VICKIE RAUSER!

I would like to extend my congratulations to Vickie Rauser for her election as our city Mayor! I look forward to working with her and the City Council as they guide our city. I certainly wish I could say that my loss didn't hurt. Many things will change over the next four years, and I had hoped



to lead the city through those changes. But I still hope that everyone will join me every first and third Tuesday to meet with the City Council and participate in this process. May God bless our local government and our City Residents with prosperity and peace!

JB Howick

Townsend, MT Mayoral Candidate, 2023

STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT REQUIRED

Dear Readers,

Here is a letter affirming the good work of so many.

"As a retired Hospital CEO and consultant with a national firm working with financially struggling hospitals all across the country, you are to be highly commended for your efforts in keeping the hospital and long-term care facility open and operating. Small community hospitals will find it increasingly difficult to remain viable and those that do remain viable will be those that have strong community support. Keep it up--the hospital can remain viable as long as you provide the basics of care and not try and do all things--leave that to the bigger hospitals. Good luck and keep up your efforts." Jim Braley

This note to Circle 100 comes from Jim Braley whose family ran the Townsend Rexall Drug store here for years during my childhood in the 50's. If you haven't sent a tax-deductible check to Circle 100, Broadwater Health Foundation, Box 1215, Townsend MT 59644, now would be a good time to show your care. And thank you to all who have contributed so generously.

Sharon Potenza

Judy Gillespie

Sherry Scoffield

Helen Turcotte

VETERAN'S DAY EVENT

HONORING POW/MIA MEN AND WOMEN



NOVEMBER 11, 2023 10:00 A.M. AT THE BRIDGE (BUILDING **ACROSS FROM THE** POST OFFICE)

VETERANS AND PUBLIC WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL **ROLAND AT (406)521-0321**

VETERANS DAY **American Legion Post 42** Nov 11, 2023 11:00 am Ceremony

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older did not know what to do; he was terrified of what had happened. He dug a grave and buried his brother at the base of that tree. When he went home, his mother asked where his brother was. The older lied, saying that the younger had taken off into the woods and had not returned. For many moons, the whole village had looked for the boy to no avail. The older brother had (unbeknownst to anyone else) visited the grave. One day, he saw an unfamiliar plant springing up from the grave. He asked an Elder what it was; and, after looking at and feeling the leaves, told the brother to keep an eye on the plant to see what happened. Suddenly, he noticed some white flowers which, in time, turned into wild strawberries! The boy took this to mean that his brother had forgiven him. He immediately went to his mother with what had happened; including that he had lied to her. He was forgiven by his family because it was an accident. The patch of wild strawberries continued to spread and grow throughout time.

Louise went on to say that whenever someone asks, "Where do you come from?" The tribe members are taught from a very young age, to reply, "We've always



Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer, Little Shell Elder Photo Credits: Dee Gannon



Daniel Pocha, Elder of Little Shell tribe, Chippewa Nation. Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

There are 500 recognized tribes in the U.S.; and 12 in Montana. The Little Shell was the last (so far) to be recognized, on December 20, 2019.

Frybread and Indian Tacos were available at a cost of \$2 and \$10, respectively, compliments of the Last

Chance Community Pow Wow Committee. September 27-29, 2024 will be the 25th anniversary of the Helena Pow Wow at the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds. All are welcome to participate and watch.

There were a few vendors at this celebration at the Legion. Rachel from Reading Leaves was on hand with many Native American books. From Helena Indian Alliance was Katelyn Griepp, who had information on the inclusive Leo Pocha Memorial Clinic, and their resources, even a sliding pay scale. In their clinic, they offer Primary Health Care, Out-patient Medical Care (non-hospital, non-emergency), Diabetes Care, MAT Program, and Immunizations. There is an extensive Behavioral Health network including, Substance Use, Chemical Dependency, Peer Support, Anger Management,



Jingle Dancers, Jerrica, Lyla and Joscelin performed with the Magpie Singers Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

A.C.T (Assessment Course Treatment), and Prime for Life. They have Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors, Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioners, Licensed Clinical Social Workers and Licensed Associate Counselors. The very best news is that you need NOT be Native American to benefit from their services. They have extended their reach to school-based counseling, affecting Helena High School and C.R. Anderson. In addition, there is an Indigenous Food Pantry where those who qualify can receive a monthly food box. If you would like more information call (406) 442-9244 or go to info @hia-mt.org.



Tia Tallwhiteman holding "7 Grandfather Teachings" handout from Elder, Daniel Pocha Photot Credits: Sarah Tallwhiteman



Kianna Tallwhiteman holding "Anishinaabe, Medicine Wheel" handout from Elder, Daniel Pocha Photot Credits: Sarah Tallwhiteman

Many thanks and appreciation go to Sarah Tallwhiteman and her mother, Laura Stevenson, for organizing this event. We all look forward to the 3rd Annual Native American Heritage celebration.

THANK YOU!

A SHOUT OUT TO TOWNSEND

The 2nd Annual Native American Heritage Event was celebrated as a community Saturday, November 4th at the American Legion Post 42 in Townsend.

We wanted to acknowledge all of those that made this event a success including the community of Townsend and all of those who attended.

The Helena Indian Alliance and The Last Chance Community Pow Wow from Helena volunteered their time to join us.

Helena Indian Alliance had a booth that provided information regarding Health and Educational resources for the Native American population.

The Last Chance Community Pow Wow featured the Indian Tacos/Frybread. They brought with them the Magpie Singers, dancers and drummers. The drummers and dancers were inclusive, inviting those who were in attendance to join them. This was a wonderful opportunity for anyone to drum, sing and/or dance.

Elders Daniel Pocha and Louise Fischer presented stories that were rich in culture, insightful and enlightening to listeners.

Reading Leaves bookstore had a booth that presented a variety of books related to Native American history, stories and more. The book "Killers of the Flower Moon", by David Grann has become a major motion picture. This is one of many Native American-themed and/or authored books available at Reading Leaves.

Local Artist, Teddy Lewis of the Townsend Pottery Guild, displayed a beautiful painting depicting the traditional story of "Good Wolf and Bad Wolf" which Elder, Daniel Pocha told to an eager audience.

Many local businesses allowed us to put up a flier to announce the free event.

Professional advertising venues included Broadwater County News and MT 43 News newspapers as well as Missouri Valley Marketing and the Townsend Classifieds. All were instrumental in getting the message out about the event.

Rick Dancer's podcast; Get Real With Rick Dancer: "Tribes in Montana" recorded an amazing interview with Elder Daniel Pocha, who spoke at the event. If you missed the event or haven't had the chance to listen, I encourage you to do so.

We appreciate the amazing space at the American Legion which accommodated our 2nd annual event. The Legion has great people to work with.

Special thanks to those who volunteered time to assist in set up, event support and clean up, including American Legion, Celebrate Recovery, family and

Please accept our gratitude. This event was successful because of each of YOU! It truly takes a village!

We hope to have even more local involvement in next year's event! If you couldn't make it this year, please plan for next year. You won't be disappointed!

Michael and Laura Stevenson

Townsend, MT

STICK WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

Cullen Gilbreath Reach Higher Montana



Participating students can win one of six \$500 scholarships!

Monday, November 6, 2023 - Helena - November is National Scholarship Month, and nonprofit Reach Higher Montana (RHM) is celebrating all month long with its annual Stick with Scholarships Campaign.

The campaign encourages all Montana high school students to place a student-designed Reach Higher Montana sticker on an appropriate surface, such as a water bottle or book cover, snap a photo, and upload it to woorise. com/reachhighermontana/stick-with-scholarships.

All participating students will be entered into a random drawing for one of six \$500 scholarships. "This is purposefully an easy scholarship application and it is really fun to see the creative photos that students make to enter," says Kelly Cresswell, RHM's Executive Director.

The stickers for this year's campaign are the winning designs from last spring's Design-A-Sticker, Win-A-Scholarship campaign coordinated by Reach Higher Montana. Students from Billings, Bozeman, Hays-Lodgepole, Kalispell, Laurel, Red Lodge, Reed Point, Terry, and Westby designed this year's stickers, each receiving a scholarship award for their efforts. The winning sticker designs were selected from more than 400 designs submitted by Montana students.

All Montana high school counselors have received a supply of stickers to share with students, and anyone who did not receive a sticker can contact Reach Higher Montana to request more (info@reachhighermontana.

The Stick with Scholarships campaign is part of Reach Higher Montana's efforts to help students access resources to continue their education. The Reach Higher Montana website provides access to a list of hundreds of scholarships for Montana students, and the organization posts new scholarship opportunities on its Facebook and Instagram pages every Thursday. For more information, please visit Reach Higher Montana's website, www.ReachHigherMontana. org, or follow us on your social media outlet of

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Friday, November 10, 2023

JEGAL NOTICES

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

By: Desiree' Taves, Deputy Clerk of Courthouse

Valerie J Hornsveld, Clerk of District Courthouse

Run: October 20, 27, November 3 an 10, 2023

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROAD-**WATER COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GORDON EDGAR SANDERSON, Deceased. Probate No. BDP-23-12

Notice to Creditors

Shirley J. Sanderson has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via her Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated October 27, 2023. /s/ Peter T. Simon

Gallatin Elder Law & Estate Planning PLLC

Attorney for Personal Representative

Printed October 27, November 3 & 10, 2023

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NOVEMBER 3

Dee Gannon MT43 News Correspondent

The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menahan's courtroom on Friday, November 3 is as follows:



Hector Martinez had a warrant for failure to appear for his Pre-Trial Conference. However, he turned himself in. His new Pre-Trial Conference is set for February 16, 2024. Jury Trial in this case is scheduled for March 11. His bond is \$25,000.

Samuel Collins had an Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to Robbery, two counts of assault with a weapon, and two counts of theft of property. Omnibus is due December 15; Pre-Trial is set for February 16, 2024; with the Jury Trial scheduled for March 11.

Donald Dewitt had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to DUI 4th or subsequent. In his elocution, he stated that he operated a vehicle in Broadwater County, on a public road, with a blood alcohol content of at least .08. He has been accepted at Veteran's Treatment Court in Yellowstone County. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. His Sentencing will be on January 5, 2024.

Shane Tamcke had an Arraignment; where it was proven that he had paid restitution in full for a bad check.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT -**NOVEMBER 10, 2023**

Kelsi Anderson Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Lauren Wagner, Three Forks: restricted speed \$55.00 Jordan Thompson, Columbia Falls: day speed \$70.00 Levi Thompson, Libby: day speed \$20.00 Braden Schellenberg, Toston: day speed \$70.00 Steven Smith 3rd, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00 Timothy Mcneely, Belgrade: day speed \$70.00 Michael Myers, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Hanna Knickrehm, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00

Jonathan Knokey, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00

Marissa Kuka, Sain: day speed \$20.00 Jacob Jarvis, Houston, TX: day speed \$20.00 John Hermsen, Solana Beach, CA: day speed \$20.00 Taylor Granato, Helena: day speed \$20.00 Andrew Gage, Belgrade: day speed \$70.00 Seth Green, Bozeman: restricted speed \$55.00, Expired

registration \$85.00 Jacob Chapin, Framingham, MA: day speed \$70.00 Felicia Brazier, East Helena: day speed \$70.00 Ronald Berryessa, Arrington, TN: day speed \$70.00 Bridgette Berry, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00 Kerri Anderson, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00 Robert Camburn, Townsend: day speed \$70.00 Steven Gabel, Belgrade: restricted speed \$55.00 Brian Moloney, Helena: day speed \$20.00

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

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Sassion Beckman – Helena – Reckless driving-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months on conditions, \$535.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete a chemical dependency assessment followed by monitoring for on year.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Justin Roper 2nd, Sparks, NV: hunting or fishing during closed season \$135.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Lorin Byrd – Townsend – Vicious Animal, pleaded guilty, \$150.00 fines and joint and several restitution in the amount of \$135.01.

Trenton Byrd - Townsend- Vicious Animal, pleaded guilty, \$10.00 fines and joint and several restitution in the amount of \$135.01.

Danielle Conquergood – Belgrade – Operate noncommercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Shayne Trujillo, Helena: day speed \$20.00 Justin Smith, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00 Leigh Fisher, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00 Colman Breckbill, Austin, TX: day speed \$70.00 James Young, Billings: day speed \$120.00

COUNTY CRIMINAL

Zana Wrzesinski-White-Helena – Violation of protection Order-1st offense, found guilty Jury Trial, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended, \$585.00 fines and fees and \$956.40 court costs.

COUNTY HONORS VETERANS THROUGH **OPERATION GREEN** LIGHT

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

You may have noticed green lights shining at the County Court House this week. At the November 1 meeting, Commissioner Chairwoman Debi Randolph declared the county would follow a national campaign to honor our 19 million United States war veterans to raise awareness and support for this underserved group in our country. According to Commissioner Darrel Folkvord,

Broadwater County ranks tenth out of 56 counties with the largest number of men and women who join the armed services. Per capita Montana ranks highest of all the states for the number of armed services members from Montana, he said. The commissioners passed a resolution to honor veterans beginning November 6 through November 11 by asking everyone to display green lights at their places of business and at their homes. Commissioners approved a request from Nancy and

Cory Davis to relocate their property boundary at the corner of Carson and Shelley Lanes, off Highway 287. An annual work plan for the county Wheatland Tax

Increment Financing District (TIF) was discussed and approved by the commissioners. Please see separate

A committee to review requests for proposals from newspapers which publish in Broadwater County was

appointed by the commissioners. The proposals will bid to print Broadwater County's legal advertising for a two-year term, through June of 2025. Review committee members are County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki, Public Works Administrative Assistant Misty Masolo, Ann Rauser, Leslie Hiesey, Chris Wright and alternate Claire Harris.

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Upon reviewing and scoring the bids, the committee will meet to give its recommendation to the commissioners. The bids will be opened to the public at the November 8 commissioners' meeting. The commissioners will announce the winner of the bid at a future meeting.

NEW HIGHWAY REST AREA IRKS WHEATLAND FOLKS

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Resentment over the development of a highway rest area in southern Broadwater County boiled over at the November 1 County commission meeting when a local resident unloaded his frustration on the commissioners.

"It seems like a lot of backroom deals were made," is how Duane "Butch" Barton characterized the commission's 2019 creation of the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) just north of the Interstate 90-U.S. Highway 287 interchange near Three Forks. There were "a lot of conversations on the side, handshake agreements, it's not real clear." Barton charged.

Barton complained that the commission had not responded to an email that he and his wife Elizabeth had sent to the commission a year ago in which they contended that the Headwaters Rest Area was wrongfully included in the TEDD. The Bartons live in the nearby Wheatland Meadows subdivision. He told the commission that folks in south Broadwater want some answers.

Barton also contended that tax advantages for businesses in the TEDD deprived the Three Forks school district of badly needed funds and burdened Three Forks fire and emergency services. Three Forks is in Gallatin County.

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord, in turn, expressed frustration with residents of the area for not taking part in public meetings and hearings held by the commission for several years leading up to the creation of the TEDD. He said he would gladly meet with local people to review the entire matter and that it could not be done at this regular commission meeting. He said the commission had carefully weighed potential impacts on schools and emergency services before creating the TEDD and authorizing tax increment financing (TIF) to pay for infrastructure improvements in the district.

Elizabeth Barton spoke briefly, asking only that the commission answer that year-old email.

The Headwaters Rest Area has yet to open, reportedly while waiting for sewer and water connections to the privately owned Headwaters Utility Association.

TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg Tree Board Chair

This is the thirteenth 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.

58) Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red', Canada Red Chokecherry; planted in Veteran's Park.

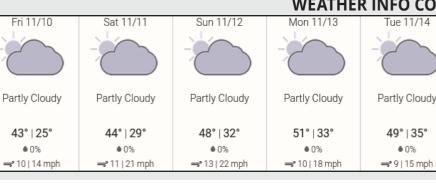
This tree was planted on May 29, 2008, to recognize William Henry West IV, born June 18, 1980. MT Army National Guard Staff Sergeant 1st Battalion 163rd Infantry in Honor of Service to Our Country. Planted by the Family and Tree Board. Donated by Matt and Jeanne West. The tree is the third tree from the south end of the park on the west side. The tree is in good condition.

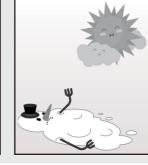
59) Crataegus crus-galli var. inermis Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn; planted at the Broadwater County Courthouse.

This tree was planted in May 2007 to honor the "Tree Hugger" Judy Gillespie, for 15 years of service to Broadwater County as Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer, Election Administrator, Clerk to the Commissioners, Clerk of Court, etc. Planted by the family and the Tree

Townsend Trees, 7

WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS





Precipitation:

June: 3.669" July: 1.181"

August: 1.34"

September: 4.39" October: 0.760" November 0.398"

2022: 15.272"

2023: 13.598"

CryptoQuip

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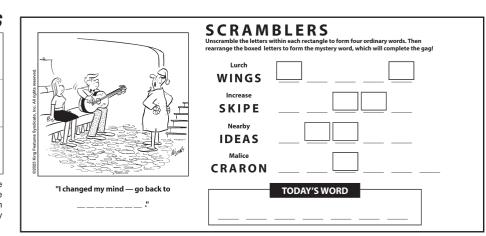
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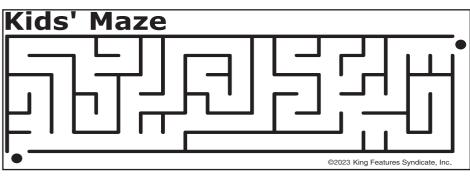
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Board. The tree was donated by Broadwater County. The tree is located west of the southwest entrance to

Townsend Trees, 5

house property.

the Courthouse. The tree is in good condition. 60) Quercus macrocarpa Bur Oak; planted on Court-

This tree was planted in May 2006 in memory of Leo Kleffner, Tree Board member. Planted by the Broadwater County High School Students and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by the Tree Board. The tree is located on the southwest end of the Courthouse property and is the furthest east and third tree in a row of oaks. The tree has bullet-galls caused by the rough bullet-gall wasp. The tree is in good condition.

61) Juniperus scopulorum 'Sky Rocket', Sky Rocket Juniper; planted in 2023 in memory of Eleanor H. Marks.

A Juniperus scopulorum 'Wichita Blue', Wichita Blue Juniper was planted in the spring of 1994 in memory of Eleanor H. Marks, Charter member of the Broadwater Historical Society. She was instrumental in building the Broadwater County Museum and writing the Broadwater Bygones. The tree was donated by Nancy Marks. The tree was planted south of the museum doors and began to conflict with the sidewalk and was removed and a new one was replanted in 2009 by the Tree Board. In 2022, the tree conflicted with the sidewalk again and was removed. A Sky Rocket Juniper was planted on the southeast corner of the museum property in the summer of 2023 in an area where three other junipers died in the winter of 2022-2023. This Sky Rocket Juniper was planted to replace the original tree planted for Eleanor Marks that was removed. The Sky Rocket Juniper was paid for by the Tree Board. The tree is in good condition.

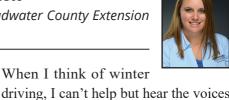
62) Malus species 'Spring Snow', Spring Snow Crabapple; planted at the Broadwater Courthouse.

This tree was planted in May 2005 honoring Bob Bagley. The tree was planted by Bob and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by Bob Bagley. The tree is planted west of the main entrance sidewalk. The tree is in good condition and is sprayed for fireblight annually by the Tree Board.

WINTER DRIVING IN **MONTANA**

Allison Kosto MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

MONTANA



of my parents echo in my head. My dad

always took close account of my footwear

as I left the house and insisted I bring my snow boots if my footwear choice was not appropriate. My mom made sure my car always had a blanket or sleeping bag... just in case. Also, double checking I had the appropriate clothes... hat, gloves and winter coat. I replied with an exasperated sigh and response with the full annoyance that any teenager would. However, now as an adult, those words still have an impact and I don't leave my house in the winter without snow boots in

Our county has experienced tremendous growth in the last few years. While I had the advantage of growing up in this beautiful place and having parents who coached me on how to be prepared and drive in winter conditions, I realize that's not the case for everyone. I'm happy to share tips and tricks that I've learned throughout the years as well as those provided through the Cooperative Extension Service.

my car, now for myself AND my children, with all the

other gear necessary for the whole family.

Before you travel during the winter, do your research. Also, ask yourself if the trip is really necessary. Review weather forecasts. I highly recommend the state's 511 information system. It can be accessed on the phone, web browser or the MDT 511 app. This resource gives you a general idea of the current road conditions. My favorite feature is cameras on Montana roadways where you can actually see the conditions in real time. There are a couple located in our county including on the Toston bridge, at the top of Deep Creek Canyon

and at the flashing light at the north end of the county. If you decide to travel, make sure your family or friends know your destination and intended route. This is not the day to leave your cell phone at home. Make sure it's with you and fully charged. Fill your fuel tank. This is another place where my mom's voice still echoes in my head as she always told me to fuel up when my tank dropped below half. Not only does this make for fewer stops on your trip, but also ensures you have extra fuel should you need to keep the vehicle running for heat. Always check your wipers, tires and

other basic systems before leaving home. Another recommendation is to have an emergency kit in your car. This should include a cellphone charger, first aid kit, tire chains (if you don't have snow tires), whistle, shovel, jumper cables, tow rope, blanket, boots, gloves, extra clothes, flashlight, water and snacks. A bag of sand or cat litter is also a good idea. This can be used for traction if you get stuck and add extra weight in the back of your vehicle which can be valuable, especially with 2-wheel drive vehicles.

As you know, winter driving takes a little practice. Even for veterans, icy or snow-packed roads can be daunting and downright scary at times. Be cautious of drivers around you. Each person has a different level of experience and may react differently. Some drivers may be nervous and drive cautiously while others may have too much confidence and drive irrationally for the conditions. Always watch and be aware of other drivers in your vicinity.

Do not use cruise control in snow and ice. You are unable to control your speed as quickly or as effectively when you use cruise control. You may lose critical seconds when road conditions are changing rapidly. Accelerate and decelerate slowly to avoid skidding and losing control. Most newer vehicles have anti-lock brakes which automatically pump the brakes for you. If you are driving an older vehicle, make sure to pump your brakes instead of slamming on them. Increase your distance behind other vehicles. Nothing makes me more nervous than when someone is on my tail (especially a semi-truck) on icy roads!

vehicle, a snowdrift or ditch is a smarter (and safer) location to slide than into traffic. If you slide off or are in an accident, stay with your vehicle as it can provide temporary shelter. Make sure your vehicle is visible. At night, this might mean keeping lights on. Make sure your exhaust pipe isn't clogged or covered in snow. Stay safe driving this winter. Remember we are in

If you find yourself suddenly unable to control your

this together, and even one person's erratic driving can have an impact on others and cause a chain reaction that affects multiple lives. Take it easy so we all get home safely to our families.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS **AGENDA**

Melinda Banks Administrative Assistant

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 515 Broadway, Townsend

Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St. Current and previously recorded meetings, official

agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at https://www.broadwatercountymt.com. Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202,

agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting. Public comments 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, November 14, 2023

6:00 PM Northern Broadwater County: CTAP* Meeting at the Flynn Building

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:00 AM Public Comment on any subject not on the

agenda, and that the Commission has jurisdiction over

10:00 AM Discussion, Brittney Willis, Disaster and Emergency Services, Department Update

County Treasurer, Tax update

10:05 AM Discussion, Melissa Franks, Broadwater

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Recommendation from Newspaper Committee to Commission to select Newspaper of Record

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Wheatland Tax Increment Financing District, Montana Crossroads Request for TIFF funding

10:50 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Solid

Waste Director, Resolution to change Solid Waste Fees

11:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Judith Reynolds COS (Township 9 North, Range 1 East, Sections 30 and 31) for Boundary Relocation, Family Transfer, define an existing easement and create an additional easement

Thursday, November 16, 2023

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

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

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

Debi Randolph, Chairman (406) 266-9270 or (406) 980-2050

(406) 266-9272 or (406) 980-1213

Darrel Folkvord, Vice Chairman

Lindsey Richtmyer (406) 266-9271 or (406) 521-0834

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)

Trust Board Meeting on November 14th at 11:30 AM

- BC Planning Board Meeting on November 14th
- 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
- COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING ON NOVEMBER 23rd
- Broadband Advisory on November 30th at 4 PM

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



FAIRIES, PRINCESSES, GOBLINS AND GHOSTS **ENJOY ANNUAL GHOST STROLL**

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The ghosts and goblins scared away bad weather for Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Ghost Stroll Tuesday night. The weather was perfect. Crowds of children dragging parents paced Broadway and claimed untold amounts of candy. It was the end of a perfect day for school-age and little kids as they had worn their costumes to school for the noon stroll through the hospital long-term care unit and then pranced up Broadway. Beginning at 4 p.m. local businesses and nonprofit

organizations stepped forward in costumes to entice kids to participate in various games of chance. JB Howick "the mad scientist" offered a clock of doom. Kids could turn the wheel, and wherever the needle landed, certain rewards slid down the chute into waiting candy baskets. The other owner of Townsend Hardware, Monica Howick, posed as "the mummy" with a game that looked like pins in the bottle. Many children found it to be a real challenge. Each received candy anyway.

Kellen and Michelle Hildreth at Deep Creek Pizza served up a "wheel of fortune" where kids could turn the wheel to win a free pizza or a piece of candy. The game was popular enough for kids to line up taking turns at the wheel. Daryl Blumhagen, Townsend Food Bank president, came up with probably the most innovative game of all: Kids had to reach in a plain, blue box to search for a piece of candy. Suddenly a hand would grab the kid's hand. That turned out to be mostly fun-

scary. Many screams and laughter followed. Daryl who sat directly behind the box, pretended to not know where the hand originated. Other organizations that participated were Billings Clinic Broadwater and Broadwater County Search and Rescue. Danielle Harrell, who was handing out candy,

said they gave out two full-sized totes of candy this Ghost Stroll with Photos, 10



A THANKSGIVING JOURNEY

Ellie West

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



Thanksgiving holds a special place in my heart. It's my favorite Holiday. When asked why, my response is simple: "There is no pressure. It's the one day of the year when families come together, uniting around a table overflowing with an abundance of delicious food." The magic of this day lies in its ability to foster connection and deepen quality time with our precious family and treasured friends.

One tradition I've cultivated, perhaps without even realizing when or why it began, is the practice of asking meaningful questions or asking everyone what they are grateful for, as that encourages family members to share. We go around the table, each person expressing their gratitude and answering the question. It's a heartfelt conversation that brings joy and warmth to the gathering.

One of the most delightful aspects I enjoy most is challenging everyone to find fun or humor, often inspired by our granddaughters. Their innocence and funny expressions of thankfulness always bring laughter to the table. In doing so, I hope to spread positivity within my family, inspiring them to embrace gratitude with a thankful heart. I often tell my granddaughters, "Have an attitude of gratitude." There's a gratitude jar on our counter to cultivate this spirit of gratitude, and when our granddaughters visit, I ask them to write what they're thankful for and place it in the jar. It's gratitude in its purest form.

But the benefits of thankfulness extend beyond the warm feelings it generates. According to Dr. P. Doraiswamy, the head of biological psychology at Duke University Medical Center, gratitude profoundly impacts our health. He notes, "If [thankfulness] were a drug, it would be the world's best-selling product with a health maintenance indication for every major organ system."

Scientific studies on gratitude reveal its remarkable effects on various aspects of our well-being. Gratitude can influence neurotransmitters like serotonin and norepinephrine, release social bonding hormones like oxytocin, and stimulate cognitive and pleasure-related neurotransmitters like dopamine. Moreover, it can positively impact inflammatory and immune systems, stress hormones such as cortisol, cardiac and EEG rhythms, blood pressure, and blood sugar. Medical research has also indicated that a thankful attitude can reduce stress and enhance our immune system. Wow, isn't it amazing that something as simple as gratitude can have that kind of effect on our well-being?

When I moved to Minneapolis in 1978, far from my family, I learned the importance of celebrating Thanksgiving. In the second year, I welcomed people with nowhere to go, sparking a tradition that has grown over the years. Even during the difficult times of my life, like the year of my divorce, I extended an open invitation to those who were also alone. Loneliness may try to encroach upon us, but I've realized we are responsible for our happiness and joy.

Celebrating Thanksgiving with others filled my heart with joy...so when you are feeling alone, always know that you are never alone, as many in your current situation may even be living next door to you.

There have been seasons in my life when the loneliness set in, and I was not grateful for much...And therefore, instead of giving thanks and being grateful, my joy was stolen from me. That is when I realized I am only responsible for my happiness and joy.

Loneliness can be a profound teacher, guiding us to find peace in our faith and the blessings surrounding us. It's a chance to say, "Thank you, God, for never leaving me, for your unconditional love and provisions, my unique talents and gifts, and my family and friends."

When you make space at your Thanksgiving table for others, you make space for your heart to expand. It stretches you, teaches empathy, and deepens your gratitude. Together, we can heal our loneliness and embrace kindness, laughter, and the genuine joy that this beautiful season of Thanksgiving brings.

As you focus on gratitude and the blessings given to you, your mindset and attitude will change, even during the most challenging times. Over the next couple of weeks, reach out to those less fortunate. Send a heartfelt message, make that call, or send a traditional Thanksgiving card through the mail. Let your loved ones know that you care and are grateful for their presence in your life.

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." ~ Melody Beattie

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Elkhorn Community Fellowship

126 N Cedar St. Townsend Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183

Sunday: 11:00am- Services

Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

Faith Baptist Church

5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend

Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219

Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning

Service | 6:00pm Evening Service

Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church

101 S Walnut St. Townsend Parish Contact (406) 266-4811 email: office@holycrossmt.org

Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation 4:30pm-Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades

Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org

Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration

Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend

Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895

MountainValleyChurch.org

Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry

Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406 Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church

7 Main St. Radersburg Pastor Richard Summerlin (406) 410-0458

Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship

318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163 Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181

Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery

Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA

Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

301 N Cherry St. Townsend

Council President Ross Johnson (406) 465-3791

Sunday: 9:30am Services

Second Tuesday of the month: 6:00pm Women of the ELCA meet. Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

916 Broadway St. Townsend

Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255

Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament

Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School

Tuesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open For Family History Center appointment call Director,

Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270 Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390

TownsendUMC.org

Sunday: 9:00am Services

Trailhead Christian Fellowship 20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)

Pastor Mark Roelofs (406) 266-4406

Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education

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Townsend MT Monday, November 13

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Potato Triangles **Carrot Coins** Crisp Coleslaw

Tuesday, November 14

Juicy Pears

Birthday Dinner Sweet-N-Sour Pork Fried Brown Rice Oriental Vegetables Four Bean Salad Baked Apples Birthday Cake

Wednesday, November 15

Chicken ALA King **Steamed Potatoes** Purple Beets Carrot Raisin Salad Whole Grain Bread **Sweet Peaches**

Ham and Beans Corn Bread German Vegetables

Tossed Salad Apricots

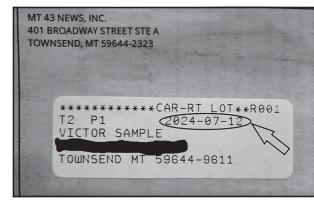
Thursday, November 16

Hamburger on a Bun Friday, November 17

Tater Tot Casserole Garden Peas **Tossed Salad** Whole Grain Bread Pineapple

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.

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AMERICAN LEGION: **VETERANS DAY** CEREMONY

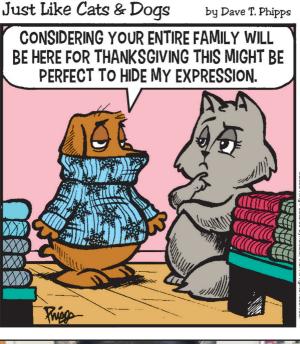
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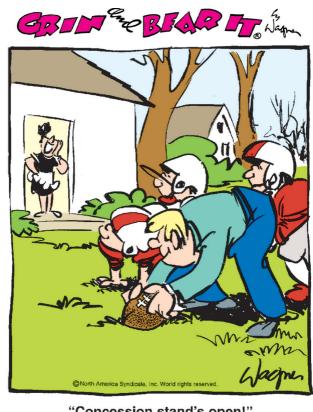


On Saturday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m., The American Legion will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony at the American Legion Hall to honor all veterans. If you are a veteran,

if you are a veteran's family member or friend, please come and help us honor them. It's free and there will be speakers, and awards, and will be followed by a free build-a-burger lunch after the ceremony.







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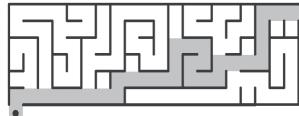








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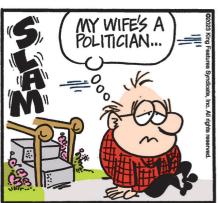
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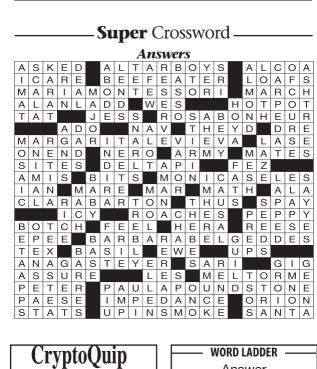


Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas





answer

High-ranking military officer taking part in a multi-game sports contest A tourney general.

SCRAMBLERS solution 1. Swing 2. Spike;

KISSING

3. Aside; 4. Rancor Today's Word

KNIGHT MOVES Answer CHILDREN

Answer

FLAME, FLAKE, SLAKE, SLATE, SLATS, SLITS



TOWNSEND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GHOST STROLL 2023



year and last year. Angie Brakefield, director of the Community Integrated Health Program, promoted the Ambulance complete with a "body." It turned out to be the emergency medical technicians' practice mannequin.

Vic and Pam Sample of Missouri Valley Marketing and Badger Materials' Nate and Nichole Brown gave out candy at the gazebo. There was fishing for candy



Vic and Pam Sample at the Gazebo hand out candy for Missouri Valley Marketing. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



Nate and Nichole Brown hand out candy each year for their business Badger Materials. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

outside the Mint and a carload of balloons decorated in black and white spots as a Holstein cow with the signage "Happy Halloween". Asked what they were



Fishing for treats in front of the Mint.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



The ladies gave no reason for their SUV full of balloons and dairy cow motif. We're just friends who are crazy about Halloween.

Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

promoting the two ladies said they were "just friends" having a good time dressing up. Rachael Brug and Hanna Burdick dressed as Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, along with Brenda Phillips, gave out candy at Reading Leaves bookstore.



Brenda Phillips of MT 43 News and Hanna Burdick and Rachael Brug of Reading Leaves Bookstore hand out candy. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Really scary was a big, tall ghoul from "The Night of the Living Dead" who lumbered down the street and dared little ones to come near him, for a piece of candy.



Downtown Townsend was BUSY! Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Very small children mostly hid behind their mother's skirts, too afraid to reach out. Others overcame their fright, snatched the candy and ran!

The stroll has been a regular event in Townsend for around ten years, according to long-time Chamber member Doug Breker. This year's event was organized by Doug Sitton with help from the city public works department, Broadwater Search and Rescue and Townsend Rotary members.

To view all of the full-size Ghost Stroll Pictures in high definition, visit our website at https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsFPArticlesViewForm/77





The ghoul who walked Broadway with knife (plastic) in hand scared little and big people at the Ghost Stroll. The person underneath that awful mask turned out to be John Webster.

Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



Townsend Hardware's mummy checks kids' dexterity, for a candy. How many clothes pins can you hold in one hand? Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



Melissa Smith and her son Lincoln as Sam from the horror film Trick ' r Treat. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



Townsend Food Bank President Daryl Blumhagen laughs as "some person's" hand grabs the candy seeker's hand in the magic box.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks



Deep Creek Pizza owner Kellen Hildreth shows "Wheel of Fortune" contestant Lincoln Smith, how the game works to win a free pizza.

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Ghost Stroll, 7 & 10





Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

at THE BETSY

Sunday Special:

Shrimp Sunday!

Tempura Shrimp with Your

Choice of Appetizer for \$11.00

New Sunday hours: 12pm - 7pm



"Mad Scientist" at Townsend Hardware sets the timer on the wheel of doom. Kids received candy down the chute depending on where the wheel landed. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Lions Give Books. 2

After reading, "There is no one in the world who is always right."

The classes are divided into groups and they play gossip. A teacher whispers a statement into the ear of the first student in the group and the students pass the statement down the line. The last student then reports what they heard. One of my favorite results was the teacher whispering "Third graders are awesome" to the first student. The last student in line heard "Mrs. Lawson is awesome!"



Photo Credits: Bob Brastrup

The gossip game allows the Elementary Principal to discuss issues the students bring to her by asking if the student heard the person say that or was the student repeating what someone else had heard? Is it possible that the story changed as it went from one person to another as it did during the gossip game?

Four years ago, the International Lions vice-president, Dr. Choi and his wife visited the class and were able to participate in a Skype presentation between the students and the author.

Forty-two students were presented with the book this year. As they discover the lessons in the book, one expression is especially fitting - "You can choose to think and behave in certain ways that help you to be a happier and more successful person."

6)BITUARIES

ZELDA "JOANN" CLARK

Zelda "JoAnn" Clark Family

JoAnn passed away on September 27, 2023, of Alzheimer's disease after enjoying her 85 years of life to the fullest.

She grew up on a ranch south of Winnett, MT and married Jack Clark, her Winnett high school sweetheart, 64 years ago. Together they worked hard, played hard, traveled, explored, raised a loving family and loved life. She and



Zelda "JoAnn" Clark Photo Credits: Zelda "JoAnn" Clark Family

Jack were business owners in Winnett and Forsyth, MT and Riverton, WY and finally retired to Townsend, MT 19 years ago to be closer to family.

JoAnn is preceded in death by her parents Robert Raundal and Orene Archibald Barbee. She is survived by her husband Jack, daughter Lorrie (John) Moos, sons Jay R (Brenda) Clark, and Christopher (Alejandra) Clark, grandchildren Debra (Ryan) Klingaman, Drew (Tiffany) Moos, Roger Clark, Zachary Clark, Mick (Kelsey) Moos, and Kara Clark, as well as many great-grandchildren, cousins, sister and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her 2 sisters and best friends Willa Solf of Winnett and Mary Rude of Billings.

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of JoAnn.





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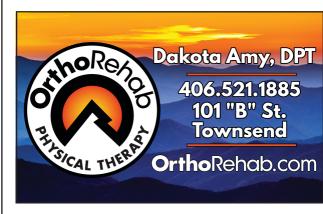
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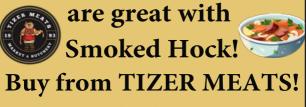




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1939

Local Briefs

Joe Gaab came down from Bozeman for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Gaab over the weekend and on Saturday he answered the call of the alarm clock and with his father went into the hills and came back early in the afternoon with a fine four-point buck to his

Dan McCarthy, who is a student at Carroll College spent the weekend at home. He is also studying aviation under "Red" Morrison.

credit. Mr Gaab shot a two-point buck.

Lawrence Gabisch left at noon today for Portland where he will enter the Binky Walker accounting college to study business administration.

The Methodist Church is beginning to take on its new dress of white paint and, although one of the oldest buildings in the town, it looks "right smart" in its present state of improvement. The boys of the F.F.A. are doing the work.

1950

Crow Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fell and daughter Donna, spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Fell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilstrap at Twin Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hensley and family spent Saturday in Bozeman attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conrad and Mr. And Mrs. Evan Kimpton were business callers in Butte on Friday.

On Saturday afternoon Roene Taylor was honored at her first birthday party. Games were played and refreshments were served to the following guests: Patricia, Mary Ann and Robbie Hensley, Donna Fell and Michael Scoffield.

Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Parker entertained at a Canasta dinner on Saturday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Massa, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Antonetti of Townsend, Miss Juanita Schoess and Miss Rita Rees of Helena and Mr. and Mrs. Evan Kimpton of Crow Creek.

1961

Football Squad Honored at Dinner

The BCHS football squad was honored last Friday

evening when a number of mothers were hostesses at a banquet. The dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. White with Mesdames Jas. W. Kearns, George lots, Earl Webb and Mike Massa assisting Mrs. White.

Guests included 22 players their coaches, Don Keltz and Pat Gravage, and Mrs. Larry Mullany.

After dinner entertainment centered around a highly enjoyed contest patterned after the TV show "Password". Jim Braley won a scrambled football word contest.

Football players at the dinner were: Duane Arnett, Ray Thompson, John Ulmer, Clark Whitehead, Jim Webb, Lanny White, Jim Braley, Dick Black, Dan Wooley, Richard Lavell, Charles Graveley, Mike Scoffield, Larry Massa, Dave Etzwiler, Jim Lots, David Kearns, Charles Lavell, Bob Lundborg, Bob Graveley and Bob Miller.

Five members of the football squad were unable to attend the dinner – Jim and Richard Thompson, Dave Campbell, Sam Harris and Denny Roberts.

1967

New Flooring for the Toston Bridge

Broadwater County Commissioners are having new flooring put on the old Missouri River bridge at Toston. The bridge was closed to traffic for a short time a few years ago after the new bridge and railroad overpass was completed. Later local residents got together and made some repairs so it could be used, and since that time, it has served the community so well that the Commissioners are putting it in shape for continued use.

The county road and bridge crew is laying the decking this week and, in several places, are replacing stringers. Some of the flooring on the west end is well enough preserved that it is being left in. Approximately 340 feet of flooring is required for the repairs, which requires 16,320 board feet of lumber. Members of the county crew are Edwin Campbell, Oral Clark, Wes Horne and Orville Zindell.

Twenty-Six Report for Basketball

Basketball practice got under way Tuesday at Broadwater County High School, with 26 hopefuls reporting for training. Coach Jack Gillespie and assistant Ted Anderson are pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the boys this early and hope to mold a real good team from the squad.

Only five of the boys are back from last year's varsity squad, but they have 12 players who saw action on the B squad last year. The five returning lettermen are Fred Moudree, Tim Evans, Joe Jepson, Dave Kimpton and Dale Antonich.

Those coming up from the B squad include Harold Toombs, John Boster, Lary and Gary Richtmyer, Carl Sherwood, Craig Biggs, Victor Sample, Tim Ragen, John Flynn, Keith Kirscher, Scott Davis and Gary Adams.

In addition to the above boys, they have Lance Davis, Dave Cameron, Mike Broderick, Mike McElravy, Mike Longacre, George Conrad, Dan Herbst, Ted Baker and Rob Ulmer out to compete for a place on the squad.

Coach Gillespie says they have a full 20 game schedule for the 1967-1968 season. The first game will be the Thanksgiving tournament to be held at the BCHS gym, with the same teams as last year entered, Whitehall, White Sulphur Springs and Boulder, with the Bulldogs as hosts.

1978

Many Awards Given at 4-H Achievement Night

The annual Broadwater County 4-H Achievement Night program was held last Sunday evening at the multi-purpose room of the school. Emcees for the program, which was planned and conducted by the Crow Creek Clover 4-H Club were Jan Nelson, Jorja Hensley and Diane Harris.

Connie Rauser and Denise Marks headed the awards list by winning the "I Dare You" award which is presented annually to two top 4-H members.

Carla Toeckes won the Citizenship Trophy which is sponsored by the Broadwater County Farm Bureau.

Deena Horne received a cookbook for completing the best foods project. Donna Marks had the best first yearbook and Marguerite Helfrich had the best short-term book.

Jorja Hensley was presented the Best Secretary's award by the Extension Office Secretary, Doris Hossfeld.

The best window display trophy, sponsored by Vigilante Electric, was won by the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club.

The State Bank of Townsend presented cash awards to the best record books in the Senior and Junior division. Senior Division winners were 1st, Teresa Flynn; 2nd Denise Marks; 3rd, Jorja Hensley and 4th, Trish Berberet. Junior Division winners were 1st, Nancy Hensley; 2nd, Jerry Marks; 3rd, Cindy Cartwright and 4th, Robbie Rauser.



TOWN PUMP WILL MATCH FOOD BANK DONATIONS DURING NOVEMBER

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Food bank donors who give to the Broadwater Food Pantry during the month of November will have their donations matched by Town Pump of Butte. The match ends November 30, according to Food Pantry officer Steve Visocan



Volunteer Roland Heaton holds up the welcome sign at the Food Pantry on Broadway Saturday. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Donations are especially welcome since Food Pantry use has doubled in the past 6 months. The pantry has gone from serving 14 families per visit to 28 families per visit, according to manager Karoline Nelson. October 21 saw the pantry's volunteers serve 31 families totaling 71 persons. The service is open for food distribution every 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays at 315 Broadway from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Visocan praised Town Pump for its generous matching program. "The committee cannot say enough about how Town Pump's support has helped us buy new equipment and maintain our building," he said.

The group has also had a large anonymous donation from a person in Missoula for baby food and personal sanitary supplies. Families with children especially need these items.

As the holidays approach, Food Bank members gear up to give away free turkeys and hams with all the trimmings for families who sign up. "Anyone can sign up for free dinners. We do not require financial information or limit how many folks can use the food

bank and no personal information leaves the pantry," he pointed out. Townsend Food Bank is not connected to the federal Food Bank Network so it operates independently. It is run completely by volunteers including board members Daryl Blumhagen, president; Steve Visocan, treasurer

Thursday of every month at the Food Pantry office.

Broadwater County church members volunteer to help hand out food items. Mountain Valley Church is staffing the Saturday openings for the month of

November. The nonprofit organization welcomes fresh produce donations. Professionally processed wild meat and ranch meat donations are especially needed.

Food donors are encouraged to bring donations between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday.

To donate perishable items please call Karoline at (406) 438-3981. Send financial donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P.O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644.



The Last Rose Of Summer