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LADY BULLDOGS VOLLEYBALL PLACES 2ND AT STATE TOURNAMENT

Kelly Morris



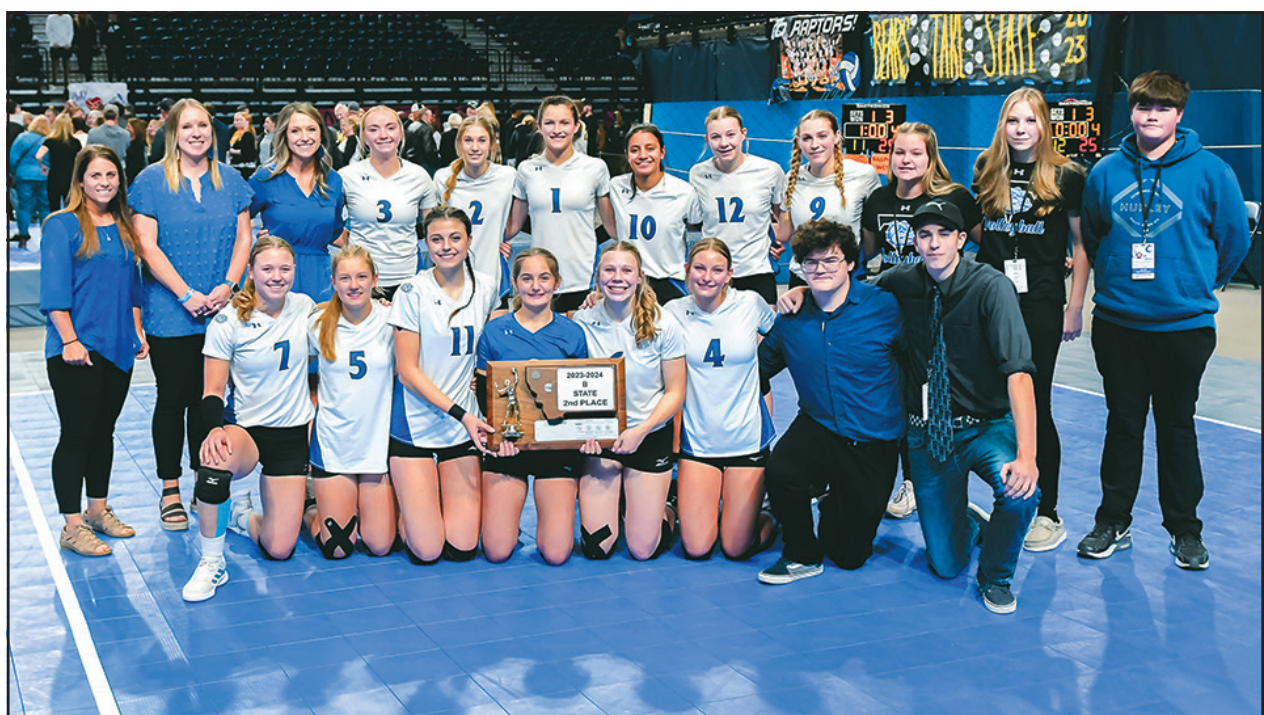
The Lady Bulldogs capped off an outstanding season by taking home the 2nd place trophy at the 2023 State Volleyball Tournament held in Bozeman last weekend.

The Bulldogs have made it to the State Tournament 3 years in a row now, or 4 years in a row if you don't count that weird COVID year!

The Lady Bulldogs finished the regular season undefeated at 14-0 and had an overall record of 24-5. Four of those five losses came at the hands of the eventual state champion Huntley Project Red Devils.



Volleyball team players scream their appreciation for winning second at the State Tournament. From left: Seniors Cheyenne Cavin, Havyn Vandenacre, Luci Horne and Reese Wolfgram. Seniors Emily Bird and Liz Collins, in back, accepted the plaque also. Photo Credits: Kelly Morris



Broadwater High School Girls' Volleyball team takes second last week at State Tournament in Butte. Photo Credits: Kelly Morris

Our girls played probably their best match of the season against Huntley Project in the championship match on Saturday. Huntley won the match 3-1, but the Bulldogs gave them all they could handle, winning the third set, and very nearly the second set, which Huntley won by just two points.

Throughout this season, and especially during tournament play, the Lady Bulldogs have shown what

a tough, determined team they are. When asked what attribute of this team best defined them, that is what Coach Megan Bleile immediately pointed to, saying "This team was the most mentally tough team I'd ever coached. To come back from being down 0-2 and winning the next 3 sets on more than one occasion takes grit and determination. They just never gave up. Our

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STATE WANTS TO REMOVE TOSTON OLD STEEL BRIDGE AT STATE EXPENSE

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The century-old steel bridge across the Missouri River at Toston is in danger of falling apart and needs to be torn down, and the state is willing to pay for its removal, state highway authorities told Broadwater County commissioners. They warned that debris from collapse of the bridge could damage the newly built U.S. Highway 287 bridge and railroad overpass immediately downstream.



Toston rancher Hal Plummer stands beside road closure sign near Toston Bridge. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Speaking at the commission's Nov. 8 meeting, they invited the county's cooperation. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord responded that the county would need to hold public discussions on the matter.

The single-lane old bridge was closed in June 2022 when construction of the new bridge was completed. Last December Toston area people presented a petition with 300 signatures asking commissioners to reopen it.

A stumbling block was the question of who owned the old bridge, the county or the state? The issue was never resolved. Now, the state wants to set ownership aside and demolish it at state expense.

Representing the state at the commission meeting were Geno Liva and Dave Gates, both with the Butte Division of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT), and Ryan Dahlke, a statewide preconstruction engineer. Several Toston residents spoke about the importance of the old bridge to their community, primarily for safety. They included Barb DeMartin and former county commissioner Franklin Slifka.

In response to a question, Dahlke speculated it would cost upwards of \$10 million to replace the old bridge and one-tenth that amount to remove it. He said repair is not an option because everything about the bridge and its supports is in such poor condition.

Dahlke explained that the immediate threat to the old bridge is the scouring of material from under the bridge's support piers, as found by inspections over the years. He described it as "scour critical".

According to records, the old bridge was built in 1920, and financed by a county bond issue. It served as the Missouri crossing for Highway 287 until 1955 when the state built a new bridge and railroad overpass. The old bridge remained open, designated as a bypass.



Bridge at Toston, Montana. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

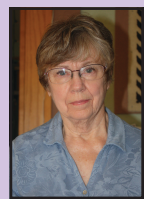
That 1955 bridge was to prove dangerous with many accidents recorded there. It had a relatively narrow two-lane roadway with a high sharp turn at one end. The newest version, completed in 2022, features

a wide roadway with a gentle low curve sweeping through farmland.

Local people complain that access from Toston to the newly built highway is hazardous due to what they say is a poorly designed entryway with no speed-change lanes and poor visibility that makes it difficult to see traffic oncoming from both directions at speeds of 70-80 miles an hour or more.

MDOT TARGETS HWY 287 FOR SAFETY REDEVELOPMENT

Nancy Marks
Reporter



State highway engineers are in the early stages of a five-year plan to redevelop U.S. Highway 287 from Silos Road south to Springfield Lane. The project comes in the face of ever-growing traffic volumes and accidents, including fatal crashes. Also in the works is planning for the construction of left-turn lanes at Winston.

Geno Liva, administrator of the Butte Division of the Montana Department of Highways (MDOT), and Dave Gates, Butte Division preconstruction engineer, reported on highway matters at the Broadwater County Commission meeting on Nov. 8.

They also said:

- MDOT is not considering rerouting Highway 287 to the east to bypass Townsend.
- The new Headwaters highway rest area is about ready to open.

Gates emphasized that highway planning and construction take both a lot of time and money. He said if all goes well, the "Silos South" construction contract will be awarded in 2027 and the work done in 2028. Nothing has been done toward redeveloping the section from Springfield Lane to the Missouri River bridge, Gates said.

At the start of the meeting Commissioners Darrel Folkvord and Lindsey Richtmyer read aloud two public

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Townsend School Calendar

Nov 17	NO SCHOOL - Teacher PLC Day 2:00PM MSGBB vs Manhattan
Nov 18	MSGBB @ Twin Bridges Tourney S&D @ Ennis
Nov 20	4PM MSGBB @ Belgrade 6:15 PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym
Nov 21	6:15 PM Elkhorn B Bat Elementary Gym
Nov 22	6:00 PM Elkhorn BB at BHS Stage Gym 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 23 - Nov 24	NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving
Nov 26	8:00 AM Kitto at Stage Gym



BROADWATER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LIBRARY PUBLIC HOURS

Monday through Thursday 4:00- 7:00PM
 CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd for THANKSGIVING
 Friday through Saturday 9:00AM- 4:00PM
 Sunday 12:00- 5:00PM
 Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

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motto this year was "We Before Me" and they lived by it day after day, game after game."

When asked what the most satisfying thing was for her this season Coach Bleile said "... watching them play as a team and coming back in the District Tournament to beat Jefferson twice, and beating Baker at Divisionals to qualify for State, after being down 0-2."

The team was led this year by a very impressive group of seniors. Emily Bird led the team in assists with 1,385, and earned All-State and First Team All-Conference honors. Luci Horne led the team in Digs with 708, earning All-State and First Team All-Conference honors. Reese Wolfgram led the team in Kills with 360 and earned First Team All-Conference honors. Fellow Seniors Havyn Vandenaere and Liz Collins were absolutely critical to the Lady Bulldog's strong backcourt, and Cheyenne Cavin was an awesome addition to our already strong front as well!

A few school records were broken this season, as well. Emily Bird set the record for Assists In A Single Game with 66 and also Assists In A Season with 1385, and Assists In A Career with 4,755. And Luci Horne set the new school record for Digs In A Single Game with 44.

Coach Bleile also noted, "Even though we are losing 6 seniors, we have a very talented group of young ladies that played key roles this season and they will come back next year ready to get to work."

Sophomores Kaitlyn Noyes and Aspen Slyker both led the team in Blocks with 61.5. Kaitlyn Noyes and Junior Cassidy Flynn both received 2nd Team All-Conference honors. Sophomores Emmalin Fischer and Holly Newman rounded out the Bulldog's strong backcourt.

Thank you to Coach Megan Bleile, and to Assistant Coaches Aliece Estrada and Jennilee Bird for all of your hard work in helping to develop these fine young ladies into more than just good volleyball players!!

PEYTON TONEY SIGNS WITH MSU BILLINGS

Dee Gannon
 MT43 News Correspondent



On Wednesday, November 8 in High School principal Sheri Heavrin's office, Payton Toney signed with the MSU Billings Yellowjackets to play golf.



Coaches Wendy Graveley and Dan Hazlett, their pride apparent, stood with him for this important event.

Ben and Jody Toney, Payton's parents, were very excited, saying, "We are so proud of our boy; we can't

wait to see him in action with the Yellowjackets!"

Payton was joined in this celebration by his sister Ella and his grandfather, Jerry Rodacker. Needless to say, Townsend will keep track of this native of our town in his journey.



Ben Toney (dad) Jerry Rodacker (granddad) Ella (sister) and mom, Jody Toney. In front is Payton Toney; heading to Billings!
 Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATED AT TOWNSEND SCHOOLS

Mikayla Kraft
 School Correspondent



Last week, Townsend Public Schools informed their students about a federal holiday that is highly regarded by people around the country and in Broadwater County.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day is marked on November 11th. This marked the ending of World War 1 at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month when the Armistice was signed to end the war. In 1919, it was formally declared as Armistice Day.

Nearly thirty-four years later, when Dwight D. Eisenhower served as president of the United States, the name of the holiday was changed to Veterans Day. Eisenhower wanted to ensure that all of those who are currently serving or have served in the military are honored. This includes members of the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Coast Guard, Air Force, and most recently, the Space Force.

Wednesday, November 8th, the American Legion and Townsend Public Schools came together to inform students of the importance of this federal holiday. Students in K-12 learned the history of Veterans Day, the arranging and addition to the flags, and heard from a sergeant about what is currently going on in Montana and taught them some marching drills.

The American Legion informed students about the addition to the flag arrangements. This flag honors all of those who have been declared missing in action and for those who were prisoners of war. This flag holds a significant amount of meaning to the American people and we will regard it as such.



Sergeant Micheal A. Fisette teaching elementary students how to perform a marching drill
 Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

Sergeant Michael A. Fisette currently works at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Helena. He has served in the army for twelve years and is still working hard to serve our country. He works to maintain all of the helicopters in the state. The main helicopters they work with are the UH-60 Blackhawk and the CH-47 Chinook. Personally, Sergeant Fisette "crewed and flew on the LUH-72 before he became a desk jockey" he stated. On this helicopter, there is a camera at the front that can read a license plate from over 2 miles away, at around 7-8,000 feet in the sky. It can also fly up to 167 miles per hour. These were only a few facts that were shared with the school.

We have many people in Broadwater County who faithfully served our country and a few who are currently on active duty. TJ Lynde, Eric Kruger, and Larry Westfall are a few familiar faces who have served in the armed forces and deserve our undying thankfulness. John Bleile and siblings Scout and Will Lynde are a few local community members who are currently serving on active duty.

These people and their families have laid down the comfort of their own homes and families to protect our country from any potential threat to the sovereignty of our great nation. Whenever you see a veteran, greet them with a firm and meaningful handshake and thank them for their service. They gave away their comfort so you could have yours.

4-H MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Allison Kosto
 MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



On Sunday, November 12, 2023, the 4-H Building was packed as Broadwater County 4-H celebrated its annual 4-H Achievement Night which recognizes 4-H members, volunteers and community members for their achievements and contributions from the past 4-H year.

One of the highlights of the event is recognizing senior-level 4-H members who have gone above and beyond to learn and excel in 4-H. The Achievement Award is given to a 4-H member who has become a skilled, productive and self-directed leader by attaining a broad knowledge of 4-H projects and activities. This year's recipient was Kaitlyn Noyes.

The recipients of the Leadership Award were Grace Kroeger and Kaitlyn Noyes. This award is given to members who have learned to identify and understand roles, attitudes and tasks necessary for effective lifelong leadership.



Jim and Amber Burgess were recognized with the Friend of 4-H Award
 Photo Credits: Karen Noyes

The Citizenship Award is given to members who have practiced leadership skills and roles to participate in community affairs and show social responsibility by respecting and responding to the needs of others. The award went to Anna Beatty.

Jeffrey Klompfen was the recipient of the Agriculture Award, which is given to members who have demonstrated leadership qualities in agricultural project areas and challenged themselves to continue learning about their project while participating in other facets of the program.

The I Challenge You Award is given to emerging leaders who have the qualities and abilities to lead and to challenge them to achieve their highest potential to influence others through lives of leadership and service. This award went to Lexi Davies, Aiden Kitto, Mishayla Lambott, Olivia Roberts, Karolyn Schmaus and MaKenzie Truesdell.

The Friend of 4-H Award goes to a community member, organization or business who has provided a unique contribution to the 4-H program. This year the award went to Jim and Amber Burgess for their commitment and support of the 4-H program over the years and their recent contribution to the 4-H Pavilion project at the Fairgrounds. The 4-H Spirit Award was given to Daniel and Brandi Truesdell. They are long-time 4-H leaders who continue to give back to the program in many ways.

Sawyer Harrigfeld and MaKenzie Truesdell received the Ike Delger Memorial Award for excellence in the woodworking project. Autumn Henke and Lexi Davies received the Club Secretary Award, and Bryleigh Erickson, Grace McLaughlin and Lexi Davies, the Club Historian Award. The following members were recognized for outstanding 4-H stories: Grace McLaughlin, Kathryn Six, Lexi Davies and Kaitlyn Noyes.

The following members were recognized for year completion, project work, contests, livestock carcass quality, or Cloverbuds:

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDARS

November 17
 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
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

November 18
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

November 19
 10:00am Thanksgiving Service and Potluck at Mountain Valley Church, 110 E St (PAGE 11 FOR DETAILED AD)
 Shrimp Sundays at The Betsy (PAGE 11 FOR DETAILED AD)

November 20
 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery- SPECIAL SENIOR OUTREACH NIGHT, 406-980-1805

November 21
 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 22
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 6:30pm 2023 Trailhead Thanksgiving Services at Trailhead Church (SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILED AD)

November 23
 Thanksgiving Day
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

November 24
 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
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

November 25
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

November 26
 Shrimp Sundays at The Betsy (PAGE 11 FOR DETAILED AD)

December 1
 5:30 - 8:30PM Empty Nesters' Night Out at Trailhead Church (PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS)

December 3
 5:45 - 7:00PM FREE Family Fun Night at Holy Cross Parish Center (PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS)

COUNTY AND GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

November 20
 11:00 am: Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building
 6:00 pm: City / County Parks & Recreation at Flynn Building

November 21
 11:00 am: Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building

November 22
 10:00 am: Commission Meeting at Flynn Building

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 17
 1:00PM Three Forks Library - LEGO Club

November 21
 1:00PM Three Forks Library - Mahjongg
 4:00PM 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
 City Hall CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving Weekend

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

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comment letters submitted to the commission about redeveloping Highway 287. One was from the trails committee of the Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) and written by Al Christophersen. The other was from Al and Cindy Christophersen representing themselves. Both letters contained detailed recommendations for redeveloping the highway. (Turn to page 4 to read the letters.)

Among the proposals is the construction of a frontage road along the west side of the highway. Another one calls for attaching a cantilevered pedestrian walkway to the Missouri Bridge.

Liva reported that construction of the Headwaters rest area has been completed but is awaiting final inspection and finishing up of administrative details before opening. "We're on hold right now," he said. The new rest area is just north of the Wheatland interchange of Interstate 90 and Highway 287 near Three Forks. It will replace an outdated rest area at an I-90 interchange at Bozeman.

John Hahn, president of BCDC, asked about rumors that MDOT plans to reroute Highway 287 to the east, bypassing Townsend. Gates responded that there are no such plans. "We are not proposing anything of that magnitude," he said.

4-H Members, 2

Crow Creek Clovers 4-H Club: Anna Dabling, Levi Dabling, Zoe Dabling, Nathan Ferguson, Wyatt Ferguson, Bridger Greene, Canon Greene, Gunner Greene, Jeremiah Hudspeth, Micaiah Hudspeth, Rachel Hudspeth, Sarah Hudspeth, Ari Judd, Benson Judd, Devynn Judd, Emry Judd, Colton Merritt, Kortney Merritt, Parker Merritt, Ryker Merritt, Willow Rauser, Kohen Richards, Blake Roberts, Chayce Roberts, Olivia Roberts, Cole Shumway and Conner Shumway.

Elkhorn Clovers 4-H Club: Emma Delgado, Magdalena Delgado, Rigoberto Delgado, Patrick Des Chene, Bridger Kool, Ryal Lancello and Jack Williams.

Old Baldy 4-H Club: Kayley Conner, Hannah Funkhouser, Haylie Funkhouser, Grace Kroeger, Abigail McCauley, Calvin McCauley, Evan McCauley, Arabella McDaniel, Scarlett McDaniel, Kyla Meissner, Addyson Mosher, Savannah Paulsen-McLaughlin, Haedyn Poe, James Poe, Jazel Ragen, Kaelyn Sangray, Kensley Sangray, Quincy Santi, Tana Santi, Karolyn Schmaus, Karter Schmaus, Caleb Swanson, Claire Swanson, Madelyne Truesdell, MaKenzie Truesdell and Parker Truesdell.

Radersburg Rattlers 4-H Club: Cheyenne Douglas, Gage Douglas, Autumn Henke and Codie Skillman.

Rocky Mountain Rough Hands 4-H Club: Bryleigh Erickson, Grady Erickson, Cassidy Flynn, Colby Flynn, Myla Graveley, Brooklyn Harrigfeld, Hallee Harrigfeld, Sawyer Harrigfeld, Bentley Hoppe, Greyson Hoppe, Jeffry Klompfen, Kayla McDonald, Evie Moos, Thea Moos, Cinch Reynolds, Rosyn Reynolds and Stetson Reynolds.

Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club: Andrew Beatty, Anna Beatty, Emily Bird, Tanner Bird, Tyler Bird, Spencer Braaten, Caleb Crusch, Katey Crusch, Kay Crusch, Jayden Flynn, Kaylee Flynn, Aiden Kitto, Alex Kitto, Kenzie Knaub, Mishayla Lambott, Kaitlyn Noyes, Kathryn Six, Zola Six, Emily Taves, Teigen Volkman and Tucker Volkman.

Winston Eager Beavers 4-H Club: Landen Davies, Lexi Davies, Lucas Davies, Barrett MacDonald, Elaine MacDonald, Ross MacDonald, Grace McLaughlin and Christina Pavao.

For information about 4-H, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406.266.9242 or broadwater@montana.edu. 4-H is a youth development program of Montana State University Extension.

KDGZ 98.3 SCHOOL RADIO'S FUTURE EXPLORED

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend school board members and stakeholders bounced around ideas about whether to save the school's low-power radio station at a meeting on Monday, Nov. 6 in the Community Room at the school. The station is currently used only for broadcasting some sports activities and is no longer used for county emergency service announcements and very little for classroom work.

According to Luke Carr, technical coordinator for Townend Schools, the radio station is programmed by Lee Goode of Telesystem Services in Whitehall. In a handout from Superintendent Susie Hedalen, costs for upgrading the station are estimated at around \$6,000. Last year the school's general funds covered \$9,525 for the costs of licensing, internet connection and music

programming. A portion of that was reimbursed through donations from local businesses that advertised during ballgame broadcasts. "That's a lot of money being spent out of our budget for a program that is being utilized very little and could be replaced through the internet and our website," Hedalen said. She pointed out that Middle School Principal Brad Racht uses the station to broadcast his class's Holocaust Study.

Carr explained one problem with the station now is that incidental information cannot be inserted into everyday programming. Any programming or advertising must be loaded into a wave file and then sent to Whitehall. The staff there loads the wave file when and where they decide. "We have no control over the content or when it will be aired," he said. Carr said he is working to line up software to gain better control of advertising and programming.

The gathering of about 30 people included two county commissioners and city council members. Duane Halvorsen, who lives 15 miles from town, said he considers the station a community asset and the school should get businesses involved as well as using school money. "We spend a lot more money in this community on things not nearly as important as this radio station," he said.

Townsend businessman JB Howick suggested the school should drop the radio station to go to cell phone communication in the community and use the \$9,000 to teach journalism.

Many questions remain, such as who owns the station's license and how could the station be staffed? Hedalen explained that in the past programming was covered by a part-time person who had other duties in the school. That position no longer exists.

Another question explored by the group is: Who currently listens to the station? Hedalen took note of various suggestions for reaching out to the listening public through programming during the games broadcasting and asking parents who use the Townsend Schools website to comment. Kevin Flynn, one of the sports broadcasters, pointed out there are times when the internet is not working, but the radio station does. He suggested that closing the station would disappoint folks who depend on the radio station for music and listening to the games. Racht echoed that sentiment, saying the station streams online and that military members and people overseas do listen to the games.

Long-term strategies for running the station included setting up a cooperative with the county's many non-profit organizations to be paid for and used by them. Howick also suggested Hedalen research whether there is a high school association of broadcasting that might have avenues for funding.

Hedalen said she would put together some facts for a survey of listeners and what it would cost to operate the station.

COUNTY BOARDS NEED BOARD VOLUNTEERS

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant



With the new year approaching, what better time to start being more involved in your community? Broadwater County has many vacancies on their county boards starting in January. The following list are boards that need volunteers.

- Airport Board
- Broadwater County Trust Board
- Compensation Board, Tax Appeal Board,
- Townsend Mosquito Board,
- Three Forks Mosquito Board,
- Museum Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning Board
- Weed Board
- Board of Health
- Broadband Advisory Board
- Mental Health Local Advisory Board

These boards will require different commitments of time.

The County Board vacancies will have a 3-year term, which will end in December of 2027. If you are interested in being on a board, please email Melinda Banks at mbanks@co.broadwater.mt.us with a letter of interest.

There is the possibility for everyone in the community to be involved.

For more information, please contact Melinda Banks at 406.266.9209 or email at mbanks@co.broadwater.mt.us



WALKING AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS

Public Comment Letter from Broadwater County Development Corp. – Trails Committee
 Broadwater County Commissioners meeting 11-7-2023
 Agenda topic: MDOT highways and bridges

Dear Commissioners and MDOT representatives:
 The Broadwater County Development Corp. has identified walking and bicycle pathways as a current need as well as meeting future needs of Broadwater County residents. A committee has been established to look at the health, safety, community use and recreational use of trails to develop a master plan to propose locations, issues, design standards and financing opportunities to develop these trails. The committee has established a preliminary set of priority trails to begin a more in-depth effort at getting them established. We anticipate that after some public open houses and meetings and further refinement having a draft plan completed by early 2024.

The committee’s work so far has surfaced several trail-related items that we would like to bring to your attention dealing with highways and bridges. Specifically, the Missouri River bridge on the north edge of Townsend requires a walkway. Additionally, there are three main highway segments the committee has prioritized that include highway Right-of-Way (ROW) use, trail design and funding of Highway 287/12 from Townsend to the Silos Road, Highway 12 from Townsend to the Broadwater County Fairgrounds and Highway 287 from Townsend to Toston. There are other long-term roadside ROW to be considered but these are the ones the committee has proposed to focus on for now.

*Missouri River Bridge at Townsend,
 approximately 500 feet*

This bridge is considered by our committee as the single barricade to the development of safe and usable trails accessing all trail opportunities north of the bridge in Broadwater County. The community views the bridge as unsafe for pedestrians and most bikers do not want or like to use it because of narrow shoulders and the 55 mph speeds. Pedestrians do not cross it because of safety fears. Children are not allowed in most cases to cross that bridge. The bridge has a paved trail from downtown Townsend to the Indian Creek campground and a gravel-surfaced trail on the north side that ties into various trails segments and types that lead all the way to the Silos and even further to Winston and several access points developing neighborhoods and to the Elkhorns and Canyon Ferry Lake. Without the development of a pedestrian walkway with this bridge, all trail development north of it cannot tie to Townsend nor Townsend residents to anything north of the bridge. This is a critical piece of hike/bike transit through Broadwater County.

Highway 287/12 Townsend north to Silos and Antelope Road junction, approximately 6.2 miles

This section of highway has been identified as a priority by the committee for several reasons. It would allow residents from all the subdivisions on both sides of the highway a way to access the lake and Townsend and vice versa. We need a safe trail system, properly designed and constructed that would allow and, in fact, encourage residents to use it safely. This could involve a dual trail system on both sides of the highway with underpasses at both ends that allow users to cross under the to be built 4-5 lane highway and not have to try to cross it. The number of deaths on this section of highway already highlights the need to keep people off of it and away from the shoulders.

Highway 12 Townsend to the Fairgrounds

This trail would stretch from Harrison Street on the eastern edge of Townsend along the north side of the highway to the main entrance to the fairgrounds, approximately 1.5 miles. This trail would allow town residents to access the fairgrounds without trying to walk

in the undeveloped roadsides or walk/ride their bikes on a very narrow highway shoulder. This trail would facilitate access to the fairgrounds by people desiring to walk/ride and get exercise or people staying at the fairgrounds and wanting a no-vehicular avenue to access Townsend. Mr. Gates has seen this proposed segment on the ground. We believe this trail will provide a great community use trail to enhance attendance at fairground activities as well as family exercise and wellness use.

*Highway 287 Townsend to Toston,
 approximately 9.9 miles*

This is a route sought by many people as it accesses two communities and makes a longer segment than other trail segments. It would or could utilize existing highway ROW. If the segments that are not yet 4-5 lanes get developed, we feel inclusion of a safe trail system is warranted. The highway portion would also tie to many other identified routes of existing county roads that make this a very appealing route and will again keep walkers/bikers off the high-speed road. This road is a very high-speed segment and it keeps people from using the area.

Other long-term highway ROW use segments

The committee’s vision of the county trail network would include the use of Highways 287 and Highway 12 clear across the county lines, use of Highway 285 from Toston to Radersburg, Highway 437 from Highways 285 to 12, Highway 284 from Highway 12 north to Broadwater County line.

We believe that as highways are upgraded to handle heavier and faster traffic flows that a commensurate hike/bike adjacent trail system must be part of the upgrade design and cost as a safety and life-saving component. A design that merely includes an 8-foot shoulder on a new 4-5 lane highway does not create a safe travel route for hike/bikers, especially since a 4-5 lane roadway is identical to the nearby interstate highway that has an 80-mph speed limit. Drivers turning onto the state 4-5 lane highway drive it the same, so the increased speeds negate usability of the shoulder usage by hike/bikers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into MDOT and Broadwater County alternative transportation systems associated with the existing highway system and potential upgrades to it.

Sincerely, BCDC Trails Committee

Al Christophersen, Representative

MDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY CONCERNS

Public comment letter
 Broadwater County Commissioners meeting 11-7-2023
 Agenda topic: MDOT highways and bridges

Dear Commissioners and MDOT representatives:
 We cannot attend the meeting in person so we are submitting our personal comments via this letter.

We live in the Silos neighborhood, residing there since 2006. We have witnessed the significant increase in vehicle traffic and associated safety concerns issues for neighbors, community, businesses, tourism and recreational use on the section of Highway 287/12 from Townsend over the Missouri River Bridge and past the Silos Road junction. Several lives have been lost on this section of highway during this time.

We understand there are plans/discussions of plans for further upgrades to 4-5 lanes with middle turn lanes from the bridge to the end of the current 4 lane. We ask that you consider the following improvements, changes and some creative design thinking for this segment of highway. These include and not in any priority way the following:

- Design of an 8-foot shoulder on the side of the highway where traffic travels at 80 mph does not constitute safe transit for walkers or bicyclists
- The high amount of ingress and egress access points along this 8-mile stretch of highway is an incredible safety hazard,
- Consider designing a frontage road, especially along

- the west side of the highway to a single or couple of highway access points,
- Consider, as a safety lifesaving feature, designing in safety corridor pedestrian and bicycle trails from Townsend to the Silos Road that keep people off the freeway type highway,
- Consider, as a safety lifesaving feature, development of speed up and slow down lanes at all major junctions to allow for the merging of large commercial and recreational vehicle we see on this section of high-speed road, i.e., Silos Road, Antelope, Whitehorse, Trailhead, Grandview Loop, Indian Creek Rd.
- Consider designing a route that all the 4-wheeler, ATV, UTV vehicles can travel safely from the Silos Road into Townsend as they are not high-speed vehicles and become a real safety element on the high-speed highway, 4-5 lanes will not solve that problem,
- Consider designing and constructing of two underpasses that will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to cross to either side of the highway at the Silos junction and somewhere near the Mansion that will allow users to safely stay with trails and not have to physically try to cross 4-5 lanes of high-speed traffic and get from the developing neighborhoods and Silos Recreation Area to Townsend,
- Provide an acceptable to MDOT a design plan for a cantilevered pedestrian walkway/trail attached to the Missouri River highway bridge,
- Consider speed reductions from Hahn Road to Townsend that significantly and successfully slows traffic down,
- Provide a department liaison to work closely with Townsend and the Broadwater County Commissioners on partnership development, funding programs and safety trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Al and Cindy Christophersen

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Read more about MDOT and Highway 287 starting on page 1, continued on page 3.

**WATER ISSUES
 ADDRESSED AT
 SOUTH BROADWATER
 COMMUNITY
 PLANNING MEETING**

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

South Broadwater residents learned at a county planning meeting drilling for water in their area is a complicated issue. The second County Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) meeting for South Broadwater met at Bridger Brewing near Three Forks on November 8.

Senior Hydrogeologist Kurt Zeiler drew a bleak picture of water availability in South Broadwater County. Zeiler who works for the Bureau of Mines and Geology pointed out the various kinds of rock that lie below South Broadwater including gravel, clay, shale, granite and limestone. His bureau does work locating where groundwater lies in these various geological areas.

Zeiler explained Broadwater County sits above four main types of hydrogeologic units all of which can contain water. Recent sedimentary deposits can yield up to 900 gallons per minute (gpm). Older sedimentary rock deposits only yield up to 50 gpm while granite and volcanic deposits will yield very little water. The fourth unit is the Madison Group Limestone rock formation which, if the well can be drilled deep enough, can yield up to 250 gpm. The Madison Group Limestone rock formation has folded and faulted over millions of years resulting in less chance of finding water in it.

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**MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
BROADWATER COUNTY**

In the Matter of the Estate of
KATHLEEN CAROL JEPSON a/k/a
KATHLEEN C. JEPSON,
Deceased.
NO. DP 2023-13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joe Z. Jepson has been appointed Personal Representative of the Will and Estate of Kathleen Carol Jepson a/k/a Kathleen C. Jepson, deceased. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed return receipt requested to Joe Z. Jepson, c/o Amos Rogers Little, III, P.O. Box 1166, Helena, Montana 59624-1166, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

Joe Z. Jepson declares under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 31st day of October 2023.

/s/ Joe Z. Jepson, Personal Representative

/s/ Amos Rogers Little, III, Attorney for Personal Representative

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“I would give little hope of finding adequate water for large populations in this area because of the formation,” he said.

Zeiler’s statistic graphs showed how population growth in the area has changed the number of existing domestic wells in the area. In 1950, his records show 250 wells in South Broadwater County. In 2020 the wells on file were 3,700. All well drillers’ logs are maintained by the Bureau and are on its database.

Zeiler said few water studies have been done in Broadwater County. Montana Bureau of Mines does have two wells in Broadwater County located off Price Road. The 930-foot wells have been monitored since 1994. Zeiler showed short-term data on the wells and how they are affected by annual precipitation. Zeiler said they have no data on long-term trends in groundwater levels. “We need more time to get better data,” he concluded.

Water Rights Specialist Kyle Mace met South Broadwater residents’ water concerns head-on with his discussion of how water in Montana is allocated. Mace who works for the Department of Natural Resources (DNRC), explained water rights by using the term “first in time, first in right.”

All water rights filed for before July 1973 are recognized through the 1972 Constitution as owned solely by the people who filed them. “Water rights are like property rights,” he said,” they go with the land. They are tied to the land and can only be severed legally.”

Mace stated water rights are allocated in 85 basins, or major water drainages in the state. Broadwater County lies in the middle of four different basins.

The rights have been closed in a final decree by the water court in Bozeman. The big picture, he said, is that these legal water rights protect our use before the water leaves the state.

New homeowners’ only option for a new water right is to file for a certificate from DNRC for an exempt well for home use. Exempt wells are limited to 10- acre-foot per year. “This is up to the homeowner. He must file for the certificate after he drills the well,” he said.

As subdivisions become more populated with more wells drilled, area water becomes depleted as the draw-down is more than is replaced in the aquifer.

Developers then have the option of drilling a central well, with a planned large-use system. This plan involves buying no longer-used rights from someone who owns upstream rights. The process of transferring those rights is a long and legally technical road, he explained. A second choice for a developer or a water district would be to file for a water contract to buy water from the Bureau of Reclamation which holds 300,000- acre-feet in Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

Mace gave as an example the Eastgate Water and Sewer District which serves the East Helena area. The members formed a water district to purchase existing water rights as well as completing a contract with DNRC for the additional water they needed.

Jamie Erbacher, senior Land planner for WGM Engineering firm, gave a brief overview of her organization’s role in helping Broadwater County update its 2017 Growth Plan. She pointed out that the growth policy is regulatory, not law. She explained the importance of a land use plan which helps guide development with protected public and agricultural land along with places for affordable residential housing and economic development. Her example was a 187-acre subdivision in Missoula which included 40 acres of farmland along with mixed development of cluster housing and small-scale commercial areas.

Others who attended the meeting were Montana Department of Commerce community and land planners Dani Arps and Gus Byrom. All three of Broadwater County commissioners were in attendance as was County Planner Nichole Brown.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT –
NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

- MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES**
Peyton Witham, Townsend: day speed \$70.00
Jyler Thompson, Townsend: day speed \$70.00
Cyndi Skidmore, Three Forks: day speed \$20.00
Jessica Rodriguez, Wolf Creek: day speed \$70.00
John Palomo, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
Charles Ostergren, Saint Paul, MN: day speed \$70.00
John Nelson, Townsend: expired registration \$85.00 day speed \$20.00
Jonathan Mills, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Clark Manning, Torrance, CA: day speed \$70.00
Saleana Lopez, Westminster, CO: day speed \$20.00
Nicole Giacomini, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Beth Giannini, Sand Coulee: day speed \$20.00
Eleanor Davis, Emigrant: day speed \$70.00
Maria Christopoulos, Great Falls: day speed \$120.00
Claire Benedetti, Helena: day speed \$20.00
William Brunelle, Longview, WA: interstate day speed \$40.00
Britni Bowles, New Waverly, TX: day speed \$70.00
Sydney Armstrong, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Angelo Annarumma, Auburn, CA: day speed \$20.00
Patrick Burke, Missoula: day speed \$70.00
Penny Reynolds, Helena: night speed \$70.00
Dawn Barley, Jacksonville, NC: day speed \$70.00
Josep Almaraz Jr, Townsend: day speed \$70.00
Kinsey Harris, Conrad: day speed \$20.00
Edgburt Hammer, Greenback, TN: day speed \$70.00
James Hadlock, Orlando, FL: day speed \$20.00
Mary Garcia, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
Joshua Catt, Billings: day speed \$70.00
Craig Stewart, Simi Valley, CA: day speed \$20.00
Taylor Schumacher, Burien, WA: day speed \$70.00
Charles Saatjian, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Sandra Garriott, Townsend: day speed \$70.00

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

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

- Krystal Younger – Great Falls – reckless driving-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all suspended for a period of six months, \$385.00 fines and fees.
Maxwell Sellay – Townsend – night speed, found guilty by Bench Trial, \$200.00 fine.
Brandon Curry – Helena – fail to carry proof or exhibit/ insurance in vehicle – owner or operator – 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees; driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-2nd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$1285.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program followed by monthly monitoring for one year.
Mary Jones- Fairfield, WA – reckless driving -1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 90 days in jail with all suspended for a period of six months, \$535.00 fines and fees.
Brittney Brown – Billings – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$120.00 fine; driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months, \$185.00 fines and fees,
Jasmine Rose – Helena- fail to carry proof or exhibit insurance in vehicle -owner or operator – 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; day speed, pleaded guilty, \$120.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

- James Dunkel – Wilsal – operate non-commercial 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.
David Penrod – Helena – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-2nd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$2085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program followed by monthly monitoring for one year.
Michael Vergeront – Polson – operate non-commercial 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

- Orville Skogen, Helena: careless driving \$85.00
Nicole Musgierd, East Helena: night speed \$70.00
Guy Hayter, Helena: improper pass \$85.00
Justin Staley, Bentonville, AR: restricted speed \$55.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Patrick Rambo – Cascade Co. District Court, \$25,000.00 bond

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA - NOV. 22

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).

Monday, November 20, 2023

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

11:00 AM Weekly Working Meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, in the Commission Office regarding projects and deadlines

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

1:00 PM Newspaper Selection Committee will meet in the Flynn Building to make recommendations to the Commission for Newspaper of Record

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

**THERE WILL NOT BE
COMMISSION MEETING**

*****COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER
23, 2023 FOR THANKSGIVING*****

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

- LEPC Meeting on November 16th at 1 PM
- Park & Rec Meeting on November 20th at 6 PM
- Broadband Advisory on November 30th at 4 PM
- Planning Board Public Hearing on December 5th at 6 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on December 12th at 11:30 AM
- BC Planning Board Meeting on December 12th at 1 PM
- Mental Health LAC Meeting on December 13th at 2 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on December 14th at 7 PM
- Parks & Rec Meeting on December 18th at 6 PM
- Weed Board Meeting on December 19th at 6 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on December 20th at 6 PM
- COUNTY OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH FOR CHRISTMAS
- Broadband Advisory Meeting on December 28th at 4 PM
- COUNTY OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST FOR NEW YEAR’S DAY

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

OBITUARIES

FAY FULLER

Family of Fay Fuller

Fay B. Fuller passed away on November 6, 2013.

Fay was born on Oct 1st, 1930, in Modesto, CA to Ben Walter and K. Dorothy (McKibben) Walter. She joined an older sister, Ruth, and 2 older brothers, Frank and George. Her younger sister Daisy joined the family a couple of years later.

She attended grade school near her parents' home in Waterford, CA, and graduated from Oakdale High School in 1948. During high school, Fay played violin in the orchestra for 4 years and was a member of a sewing club. After Graduation, during the summer of 1948, Fay and her family went to visit her grandparents in White Sulphur Springs, MT. During this visit, Fay met the love of her life, James "Jim" Fuller at his place of work, a local gas station in White Sulphur Springs.

They dated and kept a correspondence going when Fay returned home to California, and at the end of November 1948 Jim moved to California and they were engaged soon after. They married on April 10, 1949, in Modesto, CA. Shortly after their marriage, they returned to make their home in White Sulphur Springs In 1950.

When her husband was called into the army in January 1952, Fay worked doing odd jobs, and as a waitress in White Sulphur Springs, but soon followed Jim to where he was stationed in New Jersey. She worked as a waitress there and was pleasantly surprised to find that tipping was common there, something she had never experienced in Montana. Her first day's tips were \$10.00, which was a big boost considering her daily pay was \$3.00.

After New Jersey, Jim was stationed first at Huntsville, AL, and then at White Sands, New Mexico, with Fay moving along with him. While at White Sands, they lived in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and then in El Paso, TX. They returned to White Sulphur Springs in April of 1954 and started a family. Their daughter Bonita Fay Fuller was born in 1955, and their son Ronald Fuller was born in 1957.

In April of 1957, Jim went to work for IBM, so the family moved first to Helena, and then to San Jose, CA, before returning to Helena. While working for IBM the family also lived in Cody Wyoming, and finally Billings, MT.

In 1965 Fay and Jim purchased the Montana Motel in Whitehall, MT, which included an attached service station. Jim ran the station and Fay ran the Motel. While in Whitehall Fay established and ran the local Girl Scout troop.

In June 1975 they returned to White Sulphur Springs, where they built a home and shop on ranch property that Jim's family owned.

Fay volunteered at the Meagher County Historical Museum for nearly 20 years and was active in supporting the local library through the Friends of the Library program for a number of years. She also started making quilts in her spare time and would give them to family and friends as well as donating many to charitable organizations such as the Friends of the Library, Meagher County Senior Center, and the Hospital Guild.

Fay loved family history, and spearheaded family reunions for nearly 30 years, starting with the first one in 1981. In 2016, after nearly 60 years of marriage, Jim passed away. After this, Fay moved into White Sulphur Springs and spent the last few years as a resident of the Mountainview Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, and her sister Ruth. She is survived by her sister Daisy, children Bonita (Jim) Opie, Ronald (Vicki Jo) Fuller, and her grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, November 11 at 1:00 PM in the chapel at Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 103 Garfield St., White Sulphur Springs with a Public Visitation the hour prior. Burial at the Mayn Cemetery will take place after the service. You may also join the family for a Coffee hour at the Meagher County Citizens Center following the burial.

Please visit www.stevensonwilke.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a favorite memory of Fay.



THEODORE M. LAWRENCE

Family of Ted Lawrence

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Theodore M. Lawrence of Townsend, Montana, who passed away on November 9, 2023, at the age of 77, leaving to mourn family and friends. Family and friends can send flowers and condolences in memory of the loved one. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Theodore M. Lawrence to pay them a last tribute.

He is survived by: his brother Joe Smith (Hazel); his children, Cindy Lawrence (Rod Foster) and Theodore Lawrence Junior (Theresa Lawrence); his grandchildren, Colter Lawrence, Cole Prater and Taylor Lawrence; his great-grandchildren, Easton, Elsie, Madison and Hazel; and his siblings-in-law, Butch (Luci Christensen) and Kaye (Dean Rothschilder). He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Viewing was held on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home (212 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644). A memorial service was held on Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Trailhead Christen Fellowship. The military honors were held on Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery (3550 Heroes Rd, Helena West Side, MT 59636).

ROBERT GLEN LUND JR.

Lund Family

Robert Glen Lund Jr. surrendered to his battle against Progressive Supranuclear Palsy on November 13, 2023, at the age of 74.

Glen was the first of 12 kids born to father, Robert Glen Lund Sr., and mother, Mary Elisabeth Duchanie, on December 28, 1948. He was affectionately known as 'Buttercup' across his wife's social media accounts, while those closest to him knew him as "Glen".

He graduated from Benson High School in Portland Oregon and was drafted shortly thereafter and began enlistment in the USMC. After boot camp, he was immediately deployed as a Field Wireman & Radio Operator in Vietnam and actively served in Dongha, Cameron Bay and Quantree until he was wounded and received his Purple Heart. He then returned to Portland, Oregon and worked as a surveyor in Port Orford, Cottage Grove, and McDonald Pass in Helena, Montana. It was around this time he would soon meet his lifelong wife, Judy. Before he proposed to her, he was adamant about finding permanent, stable employment. To his surprise, that happened much more quickly than he expected and they were able to get married in August instead of October of 1971.

From 1971 until 1976 Glen and Judy lived in Portland, Oregon and had three children, one daughter and twin sons. During their time in Oregon, Glen worked as a Cartographic Technician for the Soil Conservation Service (later renamed NRCS) and retired in 2007. After two brief years of retirement, he returned to his job with NRCS on a part time basis. He permanently retired in 2009.

Glen enlisted with the Air National Guard and served three years in Portland before his job transferred him to Bozeman, Montana in April of 1976 when Glen enlisted in the Montana Army National Guard. Glen served over 30 years in the military, retiring in 2006. After retirement, he became a member and president of Big Sky Toastmasters (Bozeman) and served as Board President of Rae Water & Sewer subdivision for 9 years (Bozeman). He also served as a member and historian of American Legion Post 42 (Townsend).

Glen loved fishing! After 42 years of working and raising their kids in Bozeman, Judy and Glen moved to Townsend, Montana (2018), shortening the long drive time it took Glen to fish at Canyon Ferry. Glen enjoyed gardening and playing pinochle at the senior center every week. He loved puzzles (9,000 pieces were even too easy for him). Judy started buying him brain teaser puzzles but there just wasn't a puzzle he could not figure out regardless of how complex they were.

In addition to being a hard-working husband and father, Glen was very happy to give his blood and



plasma donations to the Red Cross and was on his 43rd gallon in 2021.

Buttercup was a fantastic man: quiet, never complaining, just wanted to live a simple life without a lot of hassles. He was true to his Norwegian heritage and was always the essence of calm. Sadly, Judy was Italian and to her, every day was a crisis! Glen remained calm and Judy ran around like a crazed baboon! Somehow through all their years together they worked it all out because...as they said, "We came from a generation that when something was broken you found a way to fix it—not just throw it away. We were a team through thick and thin regardless. Marriage is a commitment which we believed in and took seriously. That was our foundation and through all the craziness of our life together nothing was ever bad enough to put a crack in it. We started out together and we will end it together. "Till death do us part!" Amen. Amen. and Amen!"

Glen and Judy celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in 2023 with their 50th wedding anniversary being the most special. It was unbelievable! He asked Judy if she wanted to go another 50 with him and—of course—she said "yes". It was the best day of Judy's life.

Glen was preceded in death by his brother Francis, also a Marine, in 1972 and his parents Robert and Mary Lund Sr. He is survived by his wife Judy of 52 years; their 3 children, Jenny (Michael) and twins Patrick (Kate) and Travis (Karen); 3 Grandchildren, Katelyn (Aukeyla), Kyle and Emma; 3 step-grandchildren Ethan, Emma and Colin; their niece Jodina Ardito and nephew, Michael Ardito Jr., as well as several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Glen's ashes will be buried at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon at a later time with a Military Funeral. Most of Glen and Judy's families proudly served their country. Glen's parents and brother, along with Judy's Father, John Ardito, and many other family members served their country. And, as Glen always liked to tack onto every sentence, "...and stuff like that!"

There will be an open house at Glen and Judy's home on Thursday, November 16, 2023, from 2-4 pm, at 609 Broadway Street in Townsend. Food and beverages will be provided. Please stop by and share memories and condolences with the Lund family.

Simple Cremation Montana has assisted the family. Remembrances and condolences may be sent to the family at simplecremationmt.com.

LEROY MILLER

Family of Leroy Miller

Leroy Miller left for heaven in search of his favorite fishing hole on Friday, October 27, 2023. He was one month shy of his 85th birthday.

Leroy was born November 27, 1938, in Flasher North Dakota to Max and Anna Miller. He enjoyed growing up on the family farm with his siblings. Leroy honorably served 6 years with the U.S. Navy. His work with the telephone company eventually brought him to Montana, making it his permanent home.

Leroy loved his fishing adventures and hunting geese. He made plenty of memorable trips to Canada for his beloved fishing. He loved watching baseball, NASCAR, and every Western television show he could find. Even though Leroy was an excellent cook, he loved to eat out with his friends. There was always a Crown Royal or Genuine Miller draft beer waiting for his visitors.

At Leroy's request, there were no services. Cremation has taken place. The burial was near Canyon Ferry Lake.

JOANNE SHINDOLL

Family of Joanne Shindoll

Joann Arlene Shindoll, of Townsend, Montana died in her home, surrounded by her family on November 7, 2023. She was 64 years old.

Joann was born January 9, 1959, in Helena, MT to Albert and Connie Shindoll. She grew up on the family farm east of Townsend with her two brothers, Ed and Tom.

Joann attended Cecilia Hazelton Elementary School and Broadwater County High School in Townsend.

Joanne Shindoll, 7



Joanne Shindoll, 6

She graduated high school in 1977. After graduation, Joann worked on the farm and started working in Townsend at 3D Video, the movie rental store. This is where she met Larry Gibson, her common law husband, for 27 years.

Joann worked at the Creamery as a waitress when the video store closed and then moved to the Mint Café when the Creamery closed. She became a well-liked person for all that she helped and visited with during her tenure of working in Townsend.

Larry and Joann worked together and travelled quite a bit through the years. Joann was usually the instigator of all that they did together.

Joann probably got started in the waitress career when our family was running the concession stand at the rodeo. We started with the 4-H clubs running the stand and then it was transferred to our family working the stand for years.

Joann enjoyed baking and decorating cakes for all occasions and for anyone who wanted a beautiful cake. Joann was always decorating the businesses where she worked for the Holidays. She has a store-room full of decorations and Teddy Bears. Joann also refinished old dining sets including tables and chairs.

Every year when her big brother, Ed, climbed the Townsend water tower to work on the Christmas lights, she was on the ground crew changing the light bulbs in the light strings when they were let down to the ground. Joann found the material to change and update the cords for these lights and to upgrade the light bulbs to LED.

Joann and Larry did not have any kids, but Joann was always doing things for her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Joann was able to go to the volleyball games that her great niece was playing.

Joann passed away peacefully in her home after a long battle with diabetes and a stroke that made her retire from the work that she loved doing.

Joann is survived by Larry Gibson, her mother Connie Shindoll, brothers Ed (Kathy)Shindoll and Tom Shindoll, and nephew Jim (Katria) Shindoll, Jane and Elinor, and niece Jennilee (Cory) Bird, Emily, Tanner and Tyler.

Joann was preceded in death by her father Albert Shindoll.

Cremation has taken place. A service is scheduled for 5:00p.m. Friday November 17th at Trailhead Church, with a reception following at the church. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Joann's life.

Stevenson Wilke
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CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES GRANT FOR GROWTH POLICY UPDATE

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Mayor Mike Evans announced at a regular council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7 that the city had received a grant from the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) for beginning the process of updating Townsend's growth policy. The \$15,000 grant, matched by \$5,000 from the city's budget, will be used to open bids for consulting firms to do the update by December 2024.

Council members met with Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder and Elections Administrator Angie Paulsen at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 at City Hall to officially canvas the November 7 city residents' votes for Mayor and Ward III seats.

Mayor Evans read his letter of support for the re-certification of the Montana Business Area Connection (MBAC). The council approved the letter of support. Councilwoman Vicky Rauser abstained from voting since she is an MBAC board member.

Council members accepted the final draft of a job description for the public works director position. The first job offering for the position was opened to current employees.

Mayor Evans discussed Townsend's water rights which are involved in the preliminary decree before the State of Montana Water Court. Since many water rights' owners have objected to the decree, Evans

said, the timeline for settling the decree will be three or four years.

WWC Engineering senior planner Jeremy Fadness sent the Council an approval letter for the White Annexation project with conditions. The Council took no action.

Townsend City Fire Supervisor Shawn Simon reported the department has answered 36 calls this year, up from 8 or 10 in most years. The calls were mostly emergency calls. His volunteer force has dwindled so he will be advertising for new members. A fire department training class will begin in February of 2024.

Sheriff Nick Rauser reported on the recent attempted robbery at Town Pump. He noted his crew is making added traffic stops currently. Rauser said the department has purchased a canine trained to ferret out drugs. The two-year-old German Shepherd, Akai, is well trained he said. Chase Rasmussen is tasked with maintaining the animal. Funds used to pay for the animal came from their law enforcement training account.

Broadway Street homeowner Todd Rolfs thanked the city for help in slowing down traffic at the east entrance to Townsend. Between the fire department's barriers and the new "slow down" sign, traffic had slowed considerably during the city Halloween Stroll.

Townsend Tree Board's report showed the crew had watered 72 trees within the city limits at a cost of \$2,160 for the season. In a report to the council Tree Board Chair Patrick Plantenberg said the Tree Board spends between \$8,000 and \$10,000 on tree watering, most of which is funded by the city, the county or from Tree Board's budget revenues which includes selling and planting trees in the community.

VETERANS DAY 2023 IN TOWNSEND

Matthew A. Nelson



On Veterans Day, several people met at the Bridge building across the street from the Mountain Valley Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance to talk, pray, and connect with military combat veterans. U.S. Army veteran Roland Heaton organized and led the event. The other attendees were JB Howick, his wife Monica, Mike Buchanan, Lowen Nunn and his wife Louann Rogers, Laverne Haverland, Michael Stevenson, John Larsen, Mike Long Acre, and myself.

Roland started the event with a prayer and then discussed some of his time spent in Vietnam. Laverne spoke next about his surgeries and problems being a cancer survivor, and that the chemicals he handled while in the Air Force were probable cause. Lowen Nunn's father was at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked by the Japanese on December 7, 1941, and afterward he helped retrieve and bury the dead and attend to the wounded. Lowen himself was a crew chief on a helicopter in Vietnam and spoke of happy times going into villages and giving candy to the kids who swarmed the helicopter, going fishing with them, and then a while later flying to the same village and seeing all the hootches were burned and everybody was massacred. Pretty sobering. John Larsen spoke of his near-death experience when he was 21 and he cursed the Lord and the Holy Spirit and found himself knocked out and going down into the black dark earth. After about 20 minutes he reentered his body, and then spent several weeks in a hospital with head injuries, and suffered the loss of hearing in his right ear, and damaged eyesight. He had served two years with the 82nd Airborne unit in North Carolina. We agreed afterward to start having more of these prayer sessions.

Following this meeting, most of us went to the American Legion Post 42 here in Townsend for a Veteran's Day ceremony. Larry Westfall is the Post Commander. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. The ceremony had already started when we arrived. At the time, Senator Steve Daines was in a video giving high praise to the Montana veterans.

Montana State Representative Dr. Jane Gillette spoke after the video of Senator Daines was over. She is also a dentist but wears several hats. She served in the Air Force from 1999 until 2013 and was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls.

She wrote in her biography, found at <https://drjanegillette.com/about>, "I attended Pacific Lutheran University for my undergraduate degree and the University of Washington for my doctorate. Though I'm a dentist, I primarily work in science and healthcare consulting. Since I'm passionate about learning, achievement, and leadership, I've also attended professional courses at Harvard School of Business, where I studied value-based healthcare within the Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness, as well as Kellogg School of Management and Wharton School of Business. In 2019, I finished my third degree, a Master's in Public Health, at the University of Montana. Montana's public education system is superb!"

"After finishing my doctorate, I started my career as a dentist in the Air Force at Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls. During my time in the Air Force, I was awarded the US Air Force Achievement Medal twice and was also deployed -- but it was to Jamaica so I'm not sure that really counts. :) I'm passionate about service to our great country and still travel regularly to Fort Harrison to provide care to our Montana Army National Guard, ensuring that they're ready for deployment.

"What mattered to my dad is that when he introduced me he would say, 'This is my daughter Jane, Captain in the U.S. Air Force.' He said the most important thing in his mind, the highest level of pride that he could have was for someone to serve their country, whether you are in the military or not. He would not say, 'This is my daughter Jane, Doctor', but he would say, 'This is my daughter Jane, Captain in the U.S. Air Force.'

"Value service before yourself, use your own unique skills to serve our country and wear your pride for our country on your sleeve like a proud father. And I know that things feel a bit scattered, things are in chaos, it feels a little disconcerting sometimes in our nation right now, but I would say that I feel a lot of optimism for our great state and our country, and I still believe that we live in the greatest state in the greatest nation in the world. "

The next speaker was JB Howick. He started off giving an apology for being a little late because he had been invited by Roland to go over to the Bridge. The meeting with the vets there affected him emotionally.

He did not come from a military family and has no military background. "It is a joy when I have chances to sit down and listen to the men and women who have risked their lives for our country. It was difficult to bring that meeting to a close. It was curious to see how closely that meeting mirrored my own thoughts. I came to appreciate and be grateful for the veterans of our country."

"It didn't start that way. When I was 16 my English teacher made an offer to the class saying that he would give an "A" to anyone who joined the Marines early entry program. I grew up in a family that prized education. I was young, I was stupid. I thought that anyone who would take that deal over an education was an idiot. Two years later I met a friend who was with me in that class. He was sharp, he was in ROTC. He was respectable, he was respectful, he was precise and clean, and he was great."

JB spoke of some other veterans he respected:

Dale, a sergeant in the Air Force was working with a crew unloading a nuclear bomb off of a plane in Guam, and the bomb dropped to the ground. That was a scary situation, but fortunately, it didn't go off.

Ralph was a WWII vet who flew reconnaissance missions out of England but never fired a shot. He joined the military to protect his country and his family. He loved to talk about the people he served with, and he was heartbroken about all the men and women who died during the war.

Dan, a Vietnam vet, would tell you about the equipment he worked on, and some of the action he saw. Once JB asked him what it was like, and he responded, "You wouldn't understand." JB said, "Here is where that prayer meeting this morning touches home -- he is right - I wouldn't understand."

"After all of these years, I think I finally get it. My gratitude is to our country's veterans, those who served in peace and in war, whether they were in harm's way or on the sidelines. Greater love, as the scriptures teach us, has no other no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. I understand that there should be parades, and I understand that need for celebrations, but celebrations are not enough. I even understand the need for honor. I have finally learned to return the love that so many of you, that so many of the people you know, have for me. If I could return that wealth, then I will have done my job. As I have grown older, I have found myself surrounded by an increasing number of veterans. You are appreciated acquaintances, you are dependable employees, and you are spiritual brothers. I am grateful for that friendship. I am indeed grateful for your service. Thank you for giving me the chance to speak with you today."

Commander Westfall asked people in the audience to speak if they were a family member of a veteran. Unfortunately, there is not enough space to write about all who spoke, but here is what Ava Boaz, the teenage daughter of Mark Boaz said: "My father served with the army for 20 years as an infantry major and a tank commander, and I don't think I have really gotten the chance to thank him properly. I am so proud to say this today. How cool is it that he is the best and right of the finest sort of man? I wanted to say thank you."

Commander Westfall: "Thank you very much. Don't cry about it. (crowd laughter). You should be happy about it." Then he announced, "The 3rd officer, Dave Corner (5 years), will give out the Legion service pins, for longevity time in the Legion." Charles Barrager -- 5 years, David Boever -- 15 years, Douglas Breker -- 40 years, Kimberly Hay - 5 years, Richard Pettit - 15 years, Robert Hollister -- 10 years,

Veterans' Day 2023, 11



DECLUTTERING BEYOND THE CLOSETS

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



While decluttering is commonly associated with organizing physical spaces, closets, drawers, and storage areas, its significance extends far beyond the tangible aspects of our lives. It becomes a journey into the depths of our hearts and minds, aligning with biblical principles, releasing possessions, shedding emotional burdens, and fostering a compassionate connection with ourselves.

In a recent transformative week with a client, we dug deep into both inner and outer decluttering, focusing on cleansing. She also experienced a rejuvenating time at the hot springs and a facial that helped her cleansing journey, leaving a lasting impact even after returning home.

I checked in with her a few days later and asked, "How are you doing?" I was a bit surprised to hear her response. She said something remarkable, "I tackled the clutter in my closet and drawers." The ongoing decluttering and cleansing manifested even after our intensive week. I was so proud of her and her progress, inspiring me to do the same.

Decluttering highlights the interconnectedness of our physical and emotional spaces and the transformative power of decluttering on multiple levels. However, I don't believe the decluttering journey ends there; it extends to every area of our lives, the desire to declutter and enjoy the freedom, peace, and joy bestowed upon us by God.

The simplicity of having less stuff creates space for what truly matters and can provide opportunities for what matters most.

Internally decluttering is undoubtedly challenging, and attempting it alone can be even more daunting. In biblical teachings, the emphasis on community and seeking guidance is clear. In Proverbs 15:22, it is written, "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers, they succeed." It is okay to ask for help to reach out to another person.

Life can leave your heart full of clutter; clutter is just delayed decisions, often reflecting on other areas of your life. So it is essential that you need to clean it out periodically. The best place to start decluttering is to be honest about where you are. If you have clutter in the physical, you have it in the spiritual. Ask yourself, "What's going on in your heart?" Does it match your physical surroundings? Seek help, as doing it alone is more challenging than it should be.

There is no shame in getting help from a professional heart-declutterer, counselor, coach, therapist, or pastor. A supportive community is vital to your success when doing deep and challenging internal work. You need people around you to support, encourage, motivate, inspire, pray, and check in to see if you are progressing. When working through significant traumas and complex situations, you may require extra help, and you know what? You are worth it!

As you engage in the internal work of decluttering, consider the biblical wisdom of having a trustworthy ally. Find someone rooted in faith, someone with your best interests at heart who can speak love and biblical truth into your life. The journey may be arduous, but the rewards of healing, improved thoughts, and uplifting words are well worth the effort of renewal and restoration.

Sometimes, we find it challenging to extend grace to ourselves if we have cluttered hearts. We are much better at offering it to everyone else but not extending it to ourselves. The exciting thing that happens when your heart begins to clear from all the clutter is that you begin to heal in other areas of your lives. When your heart starts working better, so do your thoughts and words.

Embrace this transformative process; your heart will open, and you will receive gifts of healing that internal and external decluttering can give you... a renewed heart and mind.

As the year draws to a close, let's take a compassionate pause to reflect on the clutter that might be holding you back, approaching each step with gentleness. Recognize that this clutter has built up over the years, and letting go will be a gradual process. Be patient and give yourself some grace as you release what no longer serves you, understanding that it's a spiritual journey and a journey of self-care and personal growth.

The renowned decluttering expert Marie Kondo said, "Tidying is the act of confronting yourself; cleaning is the act of confronting nature." Embrace this journey, and may your decluttering bring you both inner peace and spiritual growth".

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

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod
 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

Townsend United Methodist Church
 200 N Cedar St. Townsend
 Pastor Mele Moe (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 | 10:00am Services
Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th-12th Grades



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Thursday, November 23
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Friday, November 24
CLOSED - DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING GIVE THANKS

Monday, November 20
 Swedish Meatballs
 Steamed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Tossed Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Apricot Halves

Tuesday, November 21
 Thanksgiving Dinner
 Baked Turkey
 Bread Stuffing
 Mashed Potatoes
 California Vegetables
 Pumpkin Pie

Wednesday, November 22
 Polish Sausage
 Sauerkraut
 Steamed Potatoes

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.

PUBLIC IS INVITED
Empty Nesters' Night Out
December 1 - 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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Come with a white elephant gift.
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SECOND COMMITTEE REVIEWS NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING PROPOSALS

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Commissioners appointed a new committee of volunteers to review two newspaper requests for proposals to carry county legal advertising.

The special public meeting was held Monday, November 13 at the Flynn building.

Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield explained the first committee met last week to review the two proposals from MT 43 News and Broadwater County News. The two proposals had not been fully redacted so committee members were able to identify proposal applicants.

Members of the second committee are Nichole Brown, Community Planning Director, Peter Rice, Claire Harris, Jake Cartwright and Eric Crushe.

Commissioner Chairperson Debi Randolph and Darrel Folkvord passed the motion to accept the committee nominations. Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer was not present.

TO NIGHTLIGHT OR NOT TO NIGHTLIGHT? THAT IS THE QUESTION

Dear Two Cents,
 My husband keeps the range hood light on all night. He insists it's a great nightlight, but I'm not so sure. We end up arguing about this every morning. What's your take on leaving the range hood on overnight? Is it really okay?

Sincerely, In the Dark.

Dear In the Dark,
 If this is the primary household argument, count yourself blessed - don't even get us started on thermostat settings!

There isn't any evidence we could find to suggest leaving it on is unsafe. You could always compromise and use a small night light in the kitchen.

Ultimately, do you want to win or do you want to be happy? We say pick your battles - not every hill is worth dying on.

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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: L equals Y

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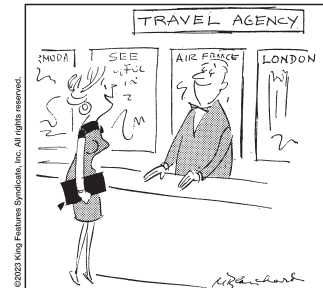
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Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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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!



"I want some place where I can just sit around, relax and get _____."

- Achieve: AREIGN
- Flood: GUELED
- Class: ASECT
- Bistro: RIDEN

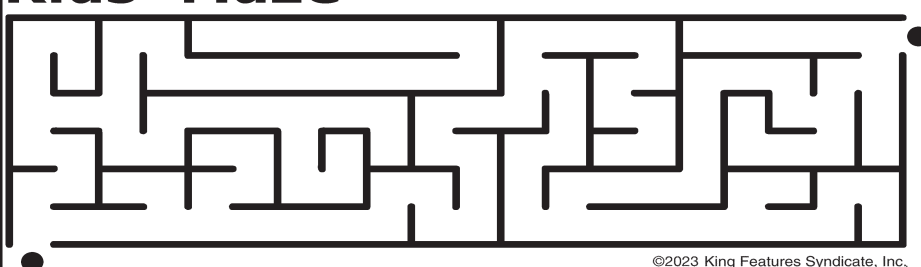
TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS |
| 1 Golf tourney | 78 Nevada city |
| 7 "Nonsense!" | 80 Suffix with Caesar |
| 12 Wordplay bits | 81 Nutrition amt. |
| 16 Jump | 82 Texas city |
| 19 Tiny country in Europe | 83 1990s "caught on tape" series |
| 20 Similar | 84 Belgrade site |
| 21 Woodwind instrument | 87 Dress in a pillared structure |
| 22 Spring mo. | 91 Educ. org. |
| 23 Prima ballerina who received the Kennedy Center Honors in 1989 | 93 Onetime rival of Atari |
| 26 Winning sign | 95 Diagrams for brainstorming |
| 27 Sinuous | 98 Infatuated |
| 28 2003 Tony winner for "Movin' Out" choreography | 99 Deep longing |
| 30 Vamp player in "Singin' in the Rain" | 101 — Kan (classic dog food brand) |
| 36 Choose | 104 Typewriter formatting aid |
| 37 Writer Jaffe | 105 Apple tablet |
| 38 Vast period | 108 Kind of navel |
| 39 Doggy doc | 109 T-bone, e.g. |
| 40 Part of TNT | 110 Brooks of film |
| 42 "The Wedding Singer" director Frank | 112 A lack of musical skill |
| 44 Magical land of C.S. Lewis | 113 Actress Vivian |
| 46 Noted performer in a Greek tunic and bare feet | 114 Jump |
| 50 "Honest" prez | 115 French river |
| 51 Southwestern grassy plain | 116 Electric jolts |
| 54 Feature of "Christmas" | 120 "OB-viously!" |
| 55 Raises | 121 NYSE event |
| 56 San — Zoo | 122 — laude |
| 58 Soda holders | 123 Enabler of web access |
| 60 Inflict on | 124 Once named |
| 61 "Su-u-ure" | 125 Mutt's noise |
| 62 1947 Tony winner for "Brigadoon" choreography | |
| 66 Suture | |
| 67 Throng | |
| 68 Zodiac cat | |
| 69 "Water" star Michael | |
| 71 Greek vowel | |
| 73 Imitated | |
| 76 Camera type, in brief | |
| 79 "Top Hat" co-star | |
| 85 Fishing aids | |
| 86 Take to heart | |
| 88 "Horror!" | |
| 89 Rival of U.S. Grant | |
| 90 Rink surface | |
| 91 Laundromat dryers, e.g. | |
| 94 Radio booth notification | |
| 96 Golf standard | |
| 97 Royal Ballet legend awarded the 1977 Shakespeare Prize | |
| 100 City due west of Chicago | |
| 102 Historical records | |
| 103 Birthday topic | |
| 104 Ascot, e.g. | |
| 106 — Spumante | |
| 107 Sauce brand | |
| 108 Doctrine | |
| 111 Prima ballerina famous for her "Dying Swan" | |
| 114 Courtesan whom King Ludwig I made Countess of Landsfeld | |
| 117 Bush replacer | |
| 118 Yale alum | |
| 119 "The Twelve Days of Christmas" gift (and what this puzzle features) | |
| 126 Mtn. statistic | |
| 127 Yemen locale | |
| 128 Cocooned stages | |
| 129 Many a web surfer | |
| 130 Mind-related, in combinations | |
| 131 Smell bad | |
| 132 Deficient | |
| 133 "— Fi" (Marines' motto) | |
| 1 Thurman of Hollywood | |
| 2 Fa follower | |
| 3 Undivided | |
| 4 — Romana (peace) | |
| 5 Digital money | |
| 6 Unrelated to maritime armed forces | |
| 7 Sit down, slangily | |
| 8 Makes laugh loudly | |
| 9 Shrouded lead-in | |
| 10 Nickname | |
| 12 Coral colony member | |
| 13 Curved fastening bar | |
| 14 — Scotia | |
| 15 Marine fish of the Atlantic | |
| 16 "West Indies" largest city | |
| 17 Outerwear for some high-culture shows | |
| 18 Get ready | |
| 24 Have the gall | |
| 25 — Jima | |
| 29 Tooting thing | |
| 30 Trudeau's country | |
| 31 "About this large," informally | |
| 32 Original Mouseketeer — Tracey | |
| 33 Channel for Wolf Blitzler | |
| 34 Parts of city grids; Abbr. | |
| 35 Noted times | |
| 41 Tyrant Amin | |
| 42 Structure for storing music | |
| 43 Some ctrs. of learning | |
| 45 "You win" particles | |
| 46 From long ago | |
| 47 From long ago | |
| 48 Autos from long ago | |
| 49 Kitty chip | |
| 52 Maven | |
| 53 "Rambo" war zone, in brief | |
| 57 Neuters, as a stallion | |
| 59 Smelting junk | |
| 61 GIF or JPEG | |
| 63 Throw a few back in a bar | |
| 64 52, to Livia | |
| 65 Kin of -ess | |
| 70 Goad | |
| 72 Baseball executive Joe | |
| 73 Jungian inner personality | |
| 74 Sticky, nutty treats | |
| 75 Endlessness | |
| 77 Onetime teen idol | |
| 78 Garrett | |

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Kids' Maze



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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WORD LADDERS
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 Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

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SNOWY

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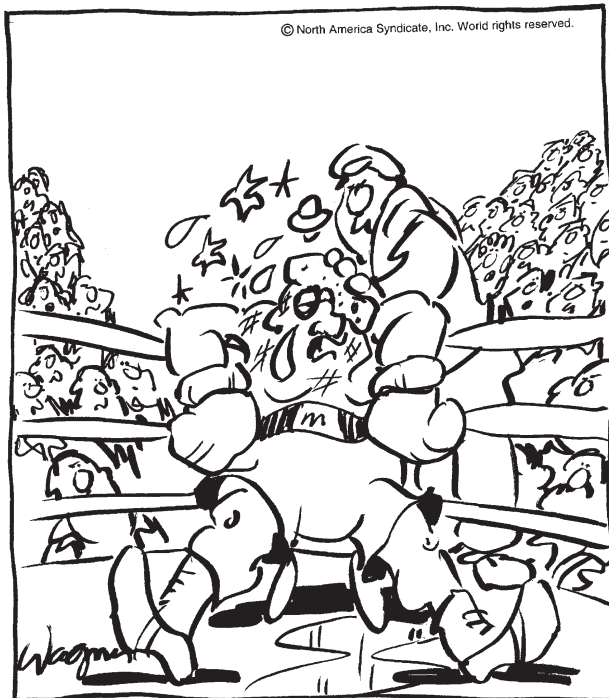
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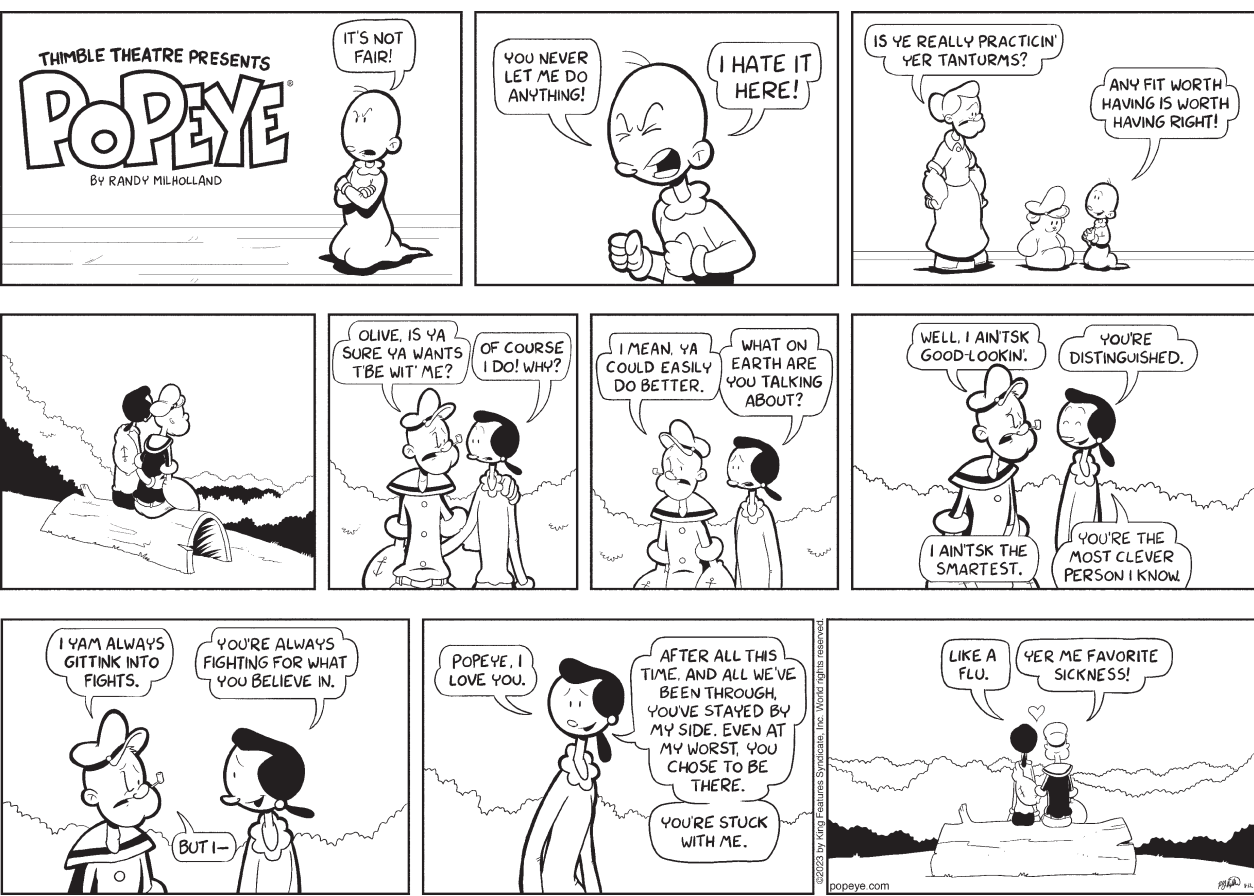
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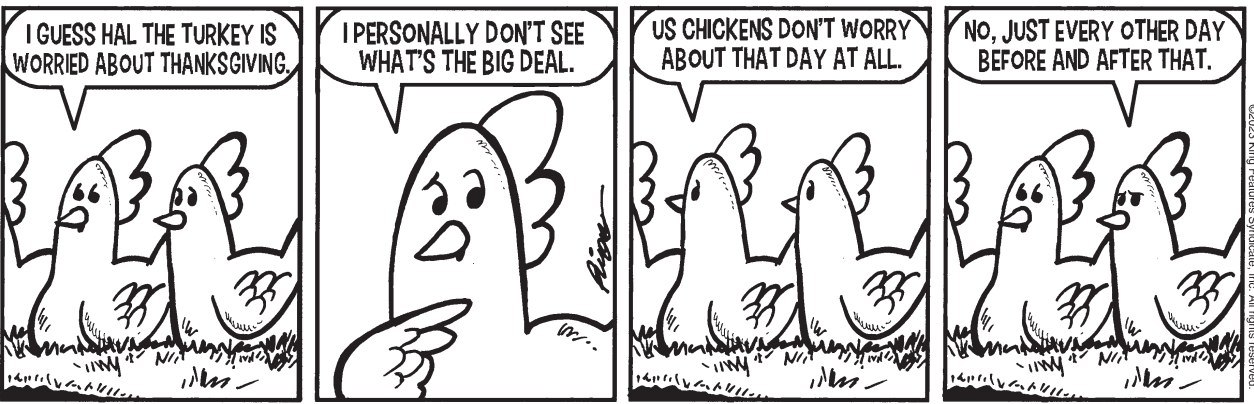
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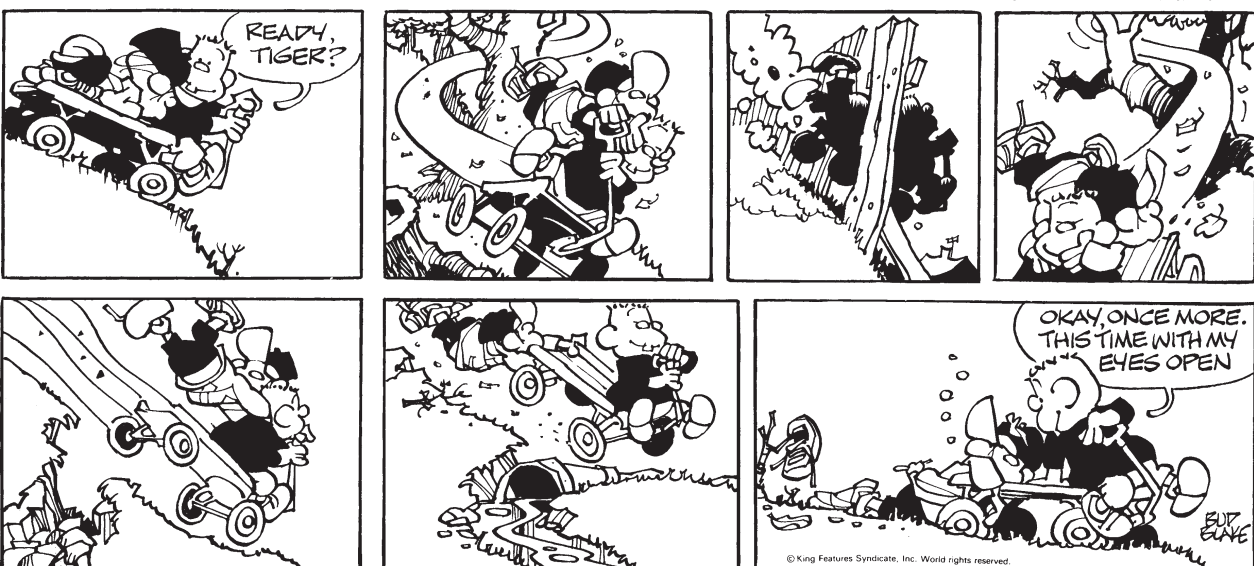
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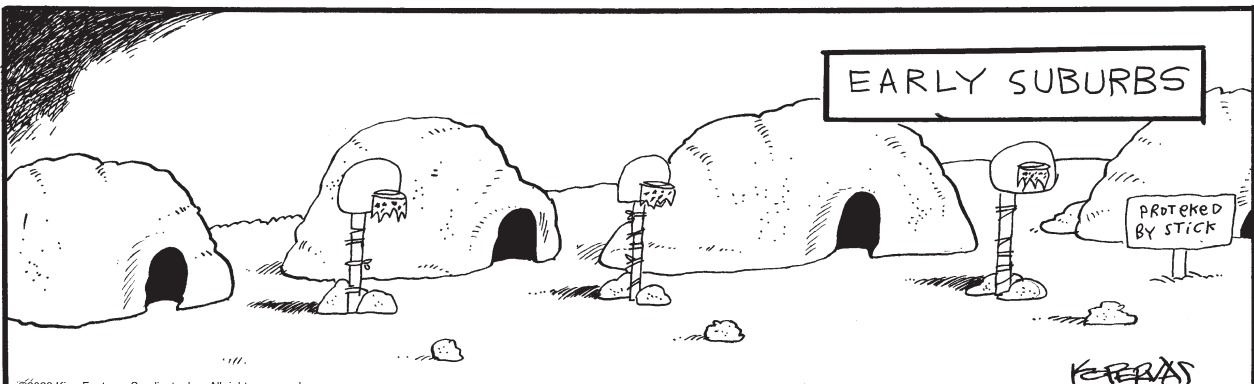
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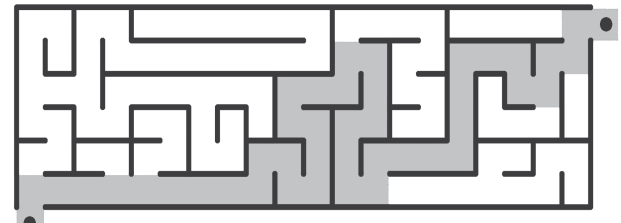
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Kids' Maze Solution



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

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CryptoQuip
answer

A bleary-eyed rancher walked up to his still-awake cow and proclaimed "It's pasture bedtime."

WORD LADDER
Answer

SEATS, SLATS, SLOTS, SLOWS, SNOWS, SNOWY

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Regain 2. Deluge; 3. Caste; 4. Diner

Today's Word
ENGAGED

KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

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Mountain Valley Church

Sunday, November 19th at 10:00am

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After service we will enjoy a Thanksgiving inspired potluck and fellowship.

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Veterans' Day 2023, 7

John Larsen -5 years, Dennis Logan - 20 years, Gary Peters - 30 years, Dennis Raymond - 15 years, Bob Saxby- 20 years, Lamonte Schnur - 30 years, Janet Wagner - 5 years, Thomas Williams - 50 years! "You don't look 50 years old!"

Lots of shouts and hand clapping.

These people also have longevity awards, even though they were not present and their names were not read out:

Charles Carver - 10 years, Gary Ferguson - 10 years, Kimberly Hay -5 years, Richard Heida - 15? Maybe 6 or 7, Robert Hollister - 10 years, Dennis Hovden - 20 years, Ron Johnson - 45 years, Ross Johnson - 5 years, Michael Lohman -5 years, Robert Lund - 5 years, Patricia Moritz - 5 years, Paul Schwisow - 15 years, James Swan - 10 years, William Bucy - 15 years, Michael Wattier - 5 years, Chase White - 5 years.

Chaplin Holly Hendrickson led the benediction, which was followed by the singing of our National Anthem. After that, there was an open hamburger and hot dog lunch set up, with very good food. God Bless all of you veterans and your families and many thanks.



Photo of the Veterans Prayer Meeting at the Bridge L-R: JB Howick, his wife Monica, Mike Buchannan, Roland Heaton, Louann Rogers, Lowen Nunn, Laverne Haverland, Michael Stevenson, John Larsen, and Mike Long Acre
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TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



This is the fourteenth 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.

63) Quercus macrocarpa, Bur Oak; planted in 2011 in Veteran's Park.

This tree was originally planted in 2010 to honor Damon C. Lavender May 16, 1931 - March 29, 2010. United States Army 119th Transport Company 1951-1953, Army Reserve 1953-1957. Beloved Husband and Father. "We will Love You Forever". Planted by the family and the Tree Board. The tree was donated by the family. The original tree died. Another bur oak was planted in 2011. The tree is the furthest south tree on the west side of Veteran's Park. The tree has bullet galls but is in good condition.

64) Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Patmore', Patmore Green Ash; planted in 2008 in memory of Pete Cartwright at 131 N. Maple.

This tree was planted in 2008 in memory of Pete Cartwright by the Townsend Tree Board. The tree was donated by Laurie and Carol Somers. The tree is located between two white ash trees on the front lawn next to North Maple Street. The tree is in good condition.

65) Celtis occidentalis, Common Hackberry; planted in 2021 to honor the Kearns Family at 114 N. Cedar Street.

This tree was planted in spring 2010 to honor the Kearns Family at 114 North Cedar Street on the east side of the State Bank and Fire Hall parking lot. The tree was planted by the Tree Board. The tree was donated by the State Bank of Townsend. The parking lot vegetation was killed with Pramitol which killed the tree. Three other trees have been planted since 2010. The last tree was planted in 2021 and has survived to date. The tree is in good condition.

66) Ulmus americana 'Lewis and Clark' Prairie Expedition Elm; planted in 2022 in Heritage Park to replace a weeping birch planted on Earth Day 2004.

A Dalecarlica Weeping Birch (Betula pendula 'Dalecarlica') tree was planted on Earth Day 2004 by the Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School 4th Grade Class, Sally Bostrom, and Jennifer Lane. A windstorm blew the tree over in July 2022. The Prairie Expedition Elm was planted to replace the birch in August 2022 by the Tree Board. The elm is in the same landscape bed as the Heritage Park sign. The tree is in good condition.

67) Pyrus ussuriensis 'Mordak', Prairie Gem Flowering Pear; planted in 2004 at Townsend School District #1 to honor the 2004 Arbor Day Poster Contest winners. The tree was planted on Arbor Day 2004 to honor the 2004 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest winner, Rachel Cordova. Rachel also won second place in the State Arbor Day Poster Contest. The tree was planted by the 5th-grade students and teachers and the Tree Board. The tree was a gift from the DNRC Urban and Community Forestry Program. The tree is suffering from fireblight and is being treated with Reliant and Penta Bark twice a year by the Tree Board.

MY FAVORITE MEAL IN HUNTING CAMP: SECOND BREAKFAST

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

My husband and I disagree on what animals are more fun to hunt, and the most rewarding way to hunt—he being a mule deer fanatic who needs to be moving constantly; I prefer sitting silently in whitetail cover. But there are two things we absolutely agree on: making sausage with the game we hunt and Second Breakfast, that classic hunting camp feast that absolutely deserves to be capitalized and deserves a zesty sausage like this one. What else? A big skillet of scrambled eggs and waffles dripping with butter and syrup.

Fusion Knockwurst
Makes 1 1/2 pound of sausage (multiply at will)



Second Breakfast
Photo Credits: Eileen Clarke

Mace is available at most supermarkets, though usually in a smaller container than nutmeg. The fusion? It's the Chipotle Tabasco, though if you look up 'fusion' in the dictionary it just says, "They were both on the spice shelf and tasted good together." The combination makes this sausage zing.

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground venison
- 8 ounces ground pork fat
- 1/2 cup grated yellow onion
- 2 teaspoons cream
- 3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3/4 teaspoon ground mace
- 2 teaspoons Chipotle Tabasco Sauce (not the original red Tabasco please)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons non-iodized salt
- 1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup beef broth

Favorite Meal, 1

Thanksgiving Service



& Pie Social

November 22 6:30p

HIGHWAY LITTER COLLECTING PART OF SERVICE DAY

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater Democrats spend Saturday morning November 11 picking up litter from the city limits to Indian Creek Campground.

The State Democratic Party sponsored the state-wide event in which county precinct groups spent the day doing service activities for their communities.

Broadwater precinct committee chairperson Gayle Clifford led the event which was attended by both young and old volunteers. She thanked the Montana Department of Highways local shop for providing dayglo green vests and garbage sacks for the activity.



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December 3rd:
What is the Purpose of Life?

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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NOVEMBER 16

1939

Crow Creek News

Mrs. Jim Kitto and her brother, Enos Oyler and Mrs. Oyler of Manhattan motored to Salmon, Idaho last Friday and remained until Monday visiting friends.

Mrs. Connors and daughter, Helena, of Townsend called last Thursday at the W.K. Parker and Tim Leary homes.

Cleveland Wallace was successful in getting two wild geese on Plunkett's lake last week.

Geo. Webb and Earl Webb motored to Big Fork Friday for a few day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kingsley. They enjoyed some fishing on Flathead Lake while there.

1950

Townsend News

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. J. Davey and son, Robert, spent the Armistice holidays in Lodge Grass visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fryhling and family went to Culbertson to spend the Armistice holidays visiting relatives. They returned Tuesday evening and said they enjoyed regular summer weather until they hit Lewistown and encountered a blizzard from White Sulphur Springs on in.

James E. Ward is in Salt Lake City this week attending a Ford Dealer meeting and getting his glimpse at the new 1951 Ford.

Mrs. Chas. Mahony returned to Townsend Friday from Billings where she underwent optical surgery successfully for the restoration of her sight which she reports is very much better. She says she has a 75 percent vision in the one eye and is assured she will be able to sew and read again after several years of trouble from cataracts. Her nephew, Ernest Juhl and wife, accompanied her to Townsend.

Joanne Duffy Has 4th Birthday

Miss Joanne Duffy charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Duffy celebrated her fourth anniversary

on Wednesday of this week by inviting a few friends in to share a large birthday cake with her. Individual birthday cakes and animal figurines were at the place as favors for each guest. The invited guests were Bruce and Kay Patterson, Dana and Mary J. Stiner, John and Paul Schwisow, Bradley and Bert Tarrant, Diana Wallace, Sharon Adams, Penny Bert, David Rice, Tommy Davidson, Donna Doig, Jackie and Sandra Reynolds, Denny Kelly and Pat Duffy.

1961

Crow Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ferrat and Mike were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lemon in Manhattan. Their son, Randy, who had spent the week with his grandparents, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kitto and children visited Mrs. Kitto's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart in Twin Bridges Sunday.

Mrs. Keren Smith of Lewistown was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kimpton and family.

Mrs. Albert Kimpton, Mrs. Maurice Ferrat and Mrs. Earl Webb bowled in a tournament at Manhattan during the weekend.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. W.K. Parker were Mr. and Mrs. James Kearns and Bill Kearns of Townsend.

School News

Students at Crow Creek School who have perfect attendance for the first quarter were: Dixie Hunsaker, Linda Cazier, Robert Kimpton, Donald Cazier, Lois Feistner, Pamela Kitto, Dixie Turman and George Conrad of the primary grades. Leon Feistner, Jeanne Hunsaker, George Lampman, June Cazier, David Kimpton, Arlis Feistner, Joann Hunsaker, Linda Hunsaker, Roene Taylor, Robert Hensley, Jex Hunsaker and Karche Lampman of the upper grades.

1967

Winston-Claysoil News

Mary Ellen McNulty of Townsend, a student at Carrol College in Helena, was a Friday night dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baum and family.

Wayne Hoffman of Toston was a Friday visitor of

Darrell Baum and the two boys enjoyed a day of hunting.

Robert Barthule of Chicago, Ill., is visiting his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Barthule and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies were visiting Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halm attended the V.F.W. dinner at Townsend Saturday evening and then attended the 4-H annual awards night after the banquet.

Those from the Winston area who attended the 4-H Banquet and Awards Night Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. James Cox and Chris; Judy Halm, Rick and Bobbi Barthule and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baum and family. There was a very good attendance at the dinner and the crowd gets bigger every year. The ladies of the L.D.S. Church prepared and served a delicious dinner.

1978

Radersburg News

Sorry, the news is going to be short this week as I've hunted all day – even done some walking – not just road hunting, so am a little tired tonight.

Ida Smith visited Thursday with Mrs. Bill Harris and Tamika of the Valley one day last week.

Jane Bottler and Lola Ricketts were business callers in Townsend Monday. Also had dinner at the Senior Citizen Center and took in the Blood Pressure clinic, but didn't stay for pot luck that evening because of the weather and fog.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fischer and Mary of Townsend visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hough.

Berty Fischer of Townsend visited Wednesday with her mother, Hazel Hough.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralls were business callers in Helena Saturday. While there, they also visited with Tops Ralls and Mrs. Terry Eaton and girls. The Ralls were business callers in Townsend a couple of days last week.

A few of the ladies got together and gave Sally Roberts a surprise birthday party Sunday evening with relatives from Townsend too.

Happy Birthday Sally.

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Favorite Meal, 11

Prep & Cooking

1. Mix together the venison and pig fat in a large bowl. Combine just 1 teaspoon of the salt with the rest of the ingredients (except the broth). Add to the ground meats. Mix thoroughly by hand, place in a resealable plastic bag. Seal and refrigerate. Let the flavors develop for an hour or two.

2. Now, taste-test it. Roll a teaspoon of sausage into a ball, set it in a microwaveable coffee cup and nuke it 15-20 seconds (no pink inside). Do you need more salt? Go ahead and add ¼ teaspoon. Taste it, again. More? Don't forget the broth will have salt too, and you can always add salt at the table. Much harder to subtract it. (Have enough time to finish? Go on to step 3. If not, stick it back in the fridge until you do have more time.)

3. Flatten the sausage mix in the bag and place it in the freezer until it reaches 28°F, about 3-4 hours. Check with a meat thermometer; it will be fairly stiff, and have frost inside the bag.

4. Break the mixture up, drop it into your stand mixer bowl (with the paddle attached, not the hook). Add the broth and mix on low for 6 minutes.

Many people have given up on sausage because the texture was never right. Hand mixing is not enough. (Unless you're Superman.) Salt needs time, but also continuous hard-core kneading to break down the collagen and bond meat molecules to fat. When you can lift the beaters and the meat does not budge from the

paddle, that's the bond. That's sausage. (The tapered bottom on a Classic KitchenAid mixer helps facilitate positive contact when making these smaller batches.)

Cooking

Shape into patties and cook on medium high until the pink is gone from the middle, about 170°F.

Eileen was game care and cooking columnist for Field & Stream and Successful Hunter. Her book, Sausage Season, has a lot more detail and photos about the science of sausage texture, % of fat to use, as well as 75 sausage recipes, how to case, and recipes for uncased sausage like breakfast burritos, breakfast-in-a-cup, tasty soups and a New Year's Day Hoppin John. It's on sale right now at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273. Need a video? <https://www.youtube.com/@eileenclarke5936>

LOTTERY CHANCES AVAILABLE FOR TROPHY BISON HUNT ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



HELENA—Those interested in entering a lottery for a guided trophy bison hunt on the Blackfeet Reservation will have five opportunities to enter the drawing.

- Chances sold from Oct. 28 to Nov. 16, drawing Nov. 17
- Chances sold from Nov. 18 to Dec. 14, drawing Dec. 15
- Chances sold from Dec. 16 to Jan. 4, drawing Jan. 5
- Chances sold from Jan. 6 to Feb. 1, drawing Feb. 2
- Chances sold Feb. 3 to Feb. 28, drawing Feb. 29

Chances are \$10 each, and hunters can purchase up to 20 chances. The lottery is open to all hunters – tribal members, nonmembers, Montana residents and nonresidents. Winners must pay the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department \$2,500 within one week of a successful draw to secure the hunt. If more than 250 chances are sold through the lottery, the license will be free to the winning hunter. Successful hunters can keep the bison's head, hide and meat.

To enter the drawing, go to: fwp.mt.gov/buyandapply. For more information, contact the Blackfeet Fish and Game Department at 406-338-7207 or visit blackfeetfishandwildlife.net/.

