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CHRISTMAS STROLL SHAPING UP AS A FAMILY AFFAIR

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Townsend's annual Christmas Stroll will offer hayrides, hot chocolate and a snow globe for photos.

According to coordinator Anna Glueckert of Precision Business Resources, the free event begins at 4:00 pm Saturday, December 2. She is working with other downtown business owners, Rotarians and Townsend Area Chamber members to make the Stroll a family-oriented activity where little ones can have their picture taken with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at the gazebo as well as in a newly offered photo shoot in a typical Christmas snow globe.

The Stroll parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. Glueckert is encouraging nonprofit organizations and downtown businesses to enter floats in the parade. The winner of the float contest receives a special gift basket. Glueckert is a veteran of Helena's Christmas stroll where she worked with employees and volunteers to enter floats in that parade.

Glueckert is coordinating with Missouri Valley Marketing Chairperson Rachael Brug to post the information on Facebook. "People can find all information on the page 'Townsend Christmas Stroll'," Glueckert explained. An event page has also been set up as "Townsend Montana Christmas Stroll 2023."



Mr. and Mrs. Clause from the 2022 Christmas Stroll. Photo credit: Eliza McLaughlin

Glueckert pointed out how beautiful Broadway Street is now with its quaint light fixtures, murals and so many businesses gearing up to decorate their windows. "That's why I decided to get involved with

the Christmas Stroll. Townsend has one of the prettiest main streets around," she said.

The group will offer unique limited-edition tree Christmas Stroll, 4

MURDOCH'S PLANNING WHEATLAND STORE

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply plans to open a store in South Broadwater County's Wheatland Targeted Development District (TEDD), land developer Craig Rickert told county commissioners at their Nov. 15 meeting.



Murdoch's Announces New Site Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Murdoch's website boasts 40 store locations, including 14 in Montana, spread across six states. The company has posted a large "Future Home" sign on the lot of its proposed Wheatland store. The six-acre lot is part of a 36-acre parcel that Rickert has contracted to buy, he said. He is asking the county for property tax increment

financing (TIF) to help pay for his purchase of the parcel and for developing roads and other infrastructure. The parcel is on the east side of Highway 287 near the highway's intersection with Wheatland Road.

"At the time I started here a few years ago, the 250 acres my parcel was part of paid less than \$500 in property taxes," Rickert said. "Already two years later, the property tax collected for these 250 acres has increased hundreds of times." He said the TEDD district has already been successful at "priming the pump" for economic development. "I am looking for the county to partner with me to grow it even more," he said.

Most of that original 250 acres is now owned by Bridger Brewing Co. which has built and operates a brewery and restaurant on the property. The company has also constructed a waste-water treatment system operating within the TEDD under the name of Headwaters Utility Association, a private non-profit corporation. In March 2020, the county pledged to allocate up to \$396,000 annually from tax-increment revenue for payment of TIF bonds to be issued to finance the design and construction of the system.

Rickert said that in addition to Murdoch's, he has talked to three grocery stores, and he believes one will someday be located in the area. "My intent is to continue to build out the TEDD District, and I hope Broadwater County will be my partner," he said. Rickert said he is developing a five-lot minor subdivision for the parcel.

Under contract with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT), Rickert developed the yet-to-open Headwaters highway rest area on 12 acres within the Wheatland TEDD. It is to replace MDOT's outdated rest area at the interchange of Interstate 90 and 19th Avenue in Bozeman.

Nathan Bilyeu, a Helena attorney representing Rickert, presented the commission with a proposed resolution whereby the county would pledge tax increment revenue to finance Rickert's development plans on the 36-acre parcel. The commission took no action on it.

In other business at the Nov. 15 meeting:

- The commission heard oral reports from Brittney Willis, county disaster and emergency services director, and from County Treasurer Melissa Franks.
- TJ Graveley, public works director, informed the commission of fee increases he is proposing for the disposal of automotive tires, refrigerators, trees and non-household trash. The commission will schedule a public hearing on his proposals.

PROPOSED SOLID WASTE PRICE CHANGES COME BEFORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Rising Costs for fuel and inflation for the county solid waste department are the reasons Director TJ Graveley gave for raising various fees residents now pay.

He presented proposed changes to Broadwater County Commissioners at their regular November 15 meeting at the Flynn Building.

Graveley has proposed fee increases for tire, refrigerator and air conditioner disposal. The largest change would be a new \$10 fee for 300 pounds of non-household trash hauled to either the transfer station or any of the five solid waste sites. Non-household trash includes construction materials, and agricultural waste, among other items. The full list is available on the Solid Waste website.



Transfer Station Fees May Be Rising Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

The non-household trash loads would be billed at the sites as county employees do not have access to credit card or currency collection.

He also proposed a \$10 fee for every pickup load of trees. Graveley explained his costs of burning trees at the landfill include paying employees to load the ash for transfer to one of the Helena recycling plants. Solid Waste, 4



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Rachael Elliott-Brug



Everyone has heard of Black Friday. The phrase itself dates all the way back to the late 1900s, the first reference to it being the crash of the US gold market in 1869. In relation to holiday shopping, the origins are a little more obscure. In the early 1960s police officers in Philadelphia, PA used it to describe the absolute chaos that took place when shoppers came to town to begin their holiday shopping. In the 80s the phrase had caught on around the country and retailers began to market the day after Thanksgiving as Black Friday the beginning of the holiday shopping season. Stores began building campaigns and aggressively targeting consumers with huge sales and deals good only for one day, making it THE day to shop for the holidays. In 2005 the National Retail Federation coined the term Cyber Monday to label the surge of online sales the Monday after Thanksgiving, which has also gained popularity and sales for the sizeable online stores. This is all good for the big box stores and giant chains, but what about small local independent businesses?

In 2009, Plaid Friday was born in Oakland, CA. The idea behind Plaid Friday is to celebrate the small independent stores. The idea quickly spread across the country in a grassroots movement but has yet to become as widely known as Black Friday. The plaid pattern represents weaving the individual threads of small businesses together to create a strong fabric that celebrates the diversity and creativity of independent local businesses. Plaid Friday is the relaxing and enjoy-



able alternative to the big box store Black Friday and is designed to promote both local and independently owned businesses during the holidays. Many small retailers across the country even advertise discounts for those consumers who wear plaid to shop.

In another push to shop small, Small Business Saturday was created in 2011 by American Express, and quickly backed by the Small Business Association. With these two major financial backers, Small Business Saturday has caught on more quickly than Plaid Friday, but carries nearly the same message; support small local businesses during the holiday season.

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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 27
 6:00pm Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

November 28
 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 29
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

November 30
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
 5:30pm Crafts and Conversation at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

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THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 Library CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving weekend

November 28
 1:00PM Three Forks Library Mahjongg
 6:00PM Three Forks Library Book Club

December 1
 1:00PM Three Forks Library Lego Club
 4:00PM David DeLaittre Memorial at Memorial Park

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY LIBRARY PUBLIC HOURS

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Source: www.azstingwell.com

Townsend School Calendar

Nov 24
 NO SCHOOL

Nov 26
 8:00AM Kitto at Stage Gym

Nov 27
 6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym
 4:00PM MSGBB @ Three Forks

Nov 28
 6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym

Nov 29
 6:00PM Elkhorn BB at BHS Stage Gym
 6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym
 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym
 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym

Nov 30
 6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym
 Q2 Midterm

Dec 1 - Dec 2
 HSWR @ Cascade

Dec 1
 NO SCHOOL- Teacher PLC Day

Dec 2
 10:00AM MSGBB vs Belgrade
 12:00PM Elkhorn BB Game at stage gym
 S&D @ East Helena

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SCHOOL BOARD WRESTLES WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND SAFETY

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

After a lengthy discussion, school board members voted 3 to 2 to move forward with implementing more safety plans for the Elementary School playground. The motion passed on the condition of a grant funding award. Grants come up for application in the spring.

The Nov. 13 meeting began with discussions about the approved plan to upgrade the existing 4-foot fence with a 6-foot fence. Many other safety issues surfaced as people voiced their concerns.



Townsend Schools Playground
 Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Board member Chase Ragen had proposed adding large brick barriers in front of the existing fence as an alternative to a solid brick wall which the board had discussed.

The flower containers would act as a second layer of protection from car accidents but still give an "open space" feel to the playground. A brick wall would close the space much like a compound area.

Board members heard about other safety issues: Parent Teachers' Association President Emily Christensen found that no key fobs on some entry doors to the school posed a problem. Students and staff cannot quickly and safely reenter the school because the doors

are locked. Doors without fobs are locked from the inside.

Another issue pointed out by a school playground volunteer is when little kids are released to people to go home, there is no list to say who is approved to pick up children.

Sheriff Nick Rauser weighed in on the need for a school resource officer to help with possible safety issues. He is working on getting a resource officer set up to be available the second semester of school.

Superintendent Susie Hedalen had researched additional safety precautions including bringing in school safety experts to evaluate the playground to get suggestions. "The problem was each expert, and parents who weighed in, had different ideas about how to solve the problem," she said.

Homeland Security Officer Randy Middlebrook pointed out that the most important school problem is office employees cannot see the high school entryway from the office, so even though a voice entry system is in place, the office staff cannot identify callers except by voice.

Board Chairman Jason Noyes emphasized it is "100 percent not true" he is against school safety. "After all our work planning the new elementary school building and grounds, safety plans are immensely better than what we had before."

He pointed out the playground is protected on three sides.

The old playground was not protected at all from a possible kidnapper or active shooter. "Whatever we do will never be perfect because there is always a risk of gun violence," he said.

Daniel Truesdell and Noyes voted against the motion. Ragen, Vanessa Flynn and Jason Kool voted in favor.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM REMAINS ON FUTURE SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The saga about whether Broadwater High School will have a baseball program continued Tuesday, November 14 at the regular School Board meeting held at the school community room. The question has been on the agenda several times.

Superintendent Susie Hedalen presented the upfront and ongoing costs of supporting a spring sport baseball team which include coaching and umpire stipends, transportation to games, equipment and field maintenance. Chairman Jason Noyes pointed out the ongoing lack of extra funds in the 2023-2024 budget. Another sport would also put more pressure on the part-time athletic director John Odell. "No matter how we look at it, a new program will take funds. We can't approve (supporting the sport) without allocated funds," he said.

Member Jason Kool suggested the district might consider changing out one spring sport every other year. Spring sports include track and field, golf and tennis. Kool pointed out the golf program serves 8 students. "Since we have 20 students interested in signing up for baseball, maybe we would serve more students in the baseball program with those dollars in a future budget," he said.

Hedalen mentioned that it might be possible to take advantage of cooperative opportunities with the East Helena High School baseball program. Future funds might possibly be available through the Canyon Ferry Trust board. That group supports county recreational activities.

Middle School teacher and youth baseball board member Gary Bauman said he has approached both the county and the city about the use of the baseball fields. Youth Baseball uses the fields during the week, so possibly they would be open on weekends for high school baseball. "The greatest sticking point is where would the team practice?"

Member of the public Bill Duede suggested that since a sanctioned sport must have a school administrator present, a qualified person might be able to act as a substitute. He pointed out that additional acreage on Canton Lane next to Conners Field might be available to build another place for the high school team to practice.

Supporter John Biele promised youth baseball would continue and encouraged the board to think about supporting players as they enter high school. "The program has grown 57 percent since it started. We have 163 children playing baseball and we have submitted a proposal to the county Parks and Recreation board for their support this year. So we're still going to move along," he said.

Christmas Stroll, 1

ornaments at \$10 each to raise money for the Chamber for future projects.

Reading Leaves owner Brug said the nonprofit organization, Christmas Connection will have a tree at her bookstore. The tree's gift tag ornaments ask for age-appropriate gifts for needy children in Broadwater County.

Stroll participants will be encouraged to do their Christmas shopping locally on Broadway and Front Streets as many Front Street businesses will be open to serve meals or show their wares. Broadway will be closed from Front Street to the county courthouse.

Glueckert thanks the Fire Department, City Council, Rotary, MVM and Chamber members for their help in putting this event together under a short time frame. "Currently the Chamber has no president, so several of us put our heads together to help make the Stroll happen," she said.

Solid Waste, 1

Graveley will hold public meetings to present the proposed changes.

County Administrator Bill Jarocki wondered when changes were last made to the fee schedule. Graveley speculated the last changes were made in 2019. Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield explained that under Montana law, the county is allowed to raise fees.

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord suggested that the commissioners' past decisions on raising fees were not helpful. "We should have set small fee increases every year instead of big changes all at once," he said.

A public meeting addressing solid waste fee increases will be announced.

HS Baseball Program, 3

Board member Kool, showing frustration, pointed out the board cannot keep dragging out a decision. Noyes countered by saying the board cannot rush into a decision, but that it appreciates all the interest in the program. No decision was made.

Twenty-eight members of the public attended the meeting. Online streaming included 269 viewers.

COUNTY PLANNING PARTICIPANTS SUGGEST MORATORIUM ON SUBDIVISIONS

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

After a short study of increased growth in Broadwater County, rancher Chuck Hahn suggested the county commissioners put a halt to more subdivisions until the county growth plan can be updated to meet the needs of public and agricultural lands, towns and subdivisions in the county. The meeting held Tuesday, November 14 at the Flynn Building was the third county growth plan meeting led by WGM civil engineer Jamie Erbacher of Missoula.

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord was quick to address the idea of a moratorium on more subdivisions. "We don't have a lot of power. We are caught between professional developers and state and legislative laws. If subdividers meet the regulatory requirements we have no choice but to approve their plans," he explained.

Winston resident Audrey Martin who has a background in public policy with both state and federal governments weighed in saying that the county's natural resources like forest land and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) acreage can only be changed through cooperation with local conservation districts as well as state and federal departments. "We need to know what other districts are doing with projects that affect growth policy," she said.

Folkvord indicated that to prevent or slow down more growth would involve strong support from the public with legal and regulatory reasons for not allowing developers to proceed. Currently, three new subdivisions in South Broadwater and one on the east side of Canyon Ferry Lake are proposed.

A check with US Census.Gov shows Broadwater County residents numbers at 5,612 in 2010. By 2020 the census showed 6,774. By July 2022 the Census Bureau estimated 7,793 residents lived in the county.

The last time Broadwater County's growth plan was updated was in 2017. With the predicted huge jump in people moving to the county, the commissioners contacted the Montana Department of Commerce(MDC) and hired WGM Group to assist in updating the plan.

During the first two public meetings, Erbacher presented avenues for funding and support from various state and federal agencies that are available to the county. She and others addressed water shortages, lack of infrastructure and emergency services. Meeting participants worked with Broadwater County maps indicating where they thought public and agricultural land should be protected, where the buildup of residential areas might thrive and how to tie them together around water availability and infrastructure needs.

Erbacher presented her group's findings to prepare a final plan as to suggested changes in the county's land use designation. The county has a large amount of open resource lands such as forest lands and floodplain areas. On the maps, she showed working land such as range land and tillable areas used by the county's farmers and ranchers. "We designated some areas rural residential indicating small agricultural lands. This area will grow gradually if we also have planned neighborhoods along with some commercial areas. Planned neighborhoods can use a public water system or be attached to city water.

Since water availability is a constraint in the county, the commissioners have moved on setting up a Preliminary Engineering Report paid for by a grant and set up through MDC.

The meeting broke into groups to indicate on the maps where industrial areas, public lands, agricultural and city and towns should be located.

Twenty-two people attended the strategic meeting including well drilling company officials, Townsend's Mayor-Elect Vickie Rauser, the commissioners, Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) members, ranchers and other members of the public. Also in attendance were Montana Department of Commerce community and land use planners Dani Arps and Gus Byrom.

THREE FORKS AREA AMBULANCE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Barbara Mutter
Three Forks Ambulance Service

Our call volume went down in October. 21 total emergency calls were sent out. TFAA transported 9 calls and 4 of them needed a paramedic intercept.

AMR transported 5 calls and AMR transported 2 more with our EMTs assisting the paramedics. 2 refusals, 1 cancellation prior to arrival, 1 vehicle fire, 1 hazmat spill.

TFAA stood by the Three Forks High School athletic event.

The EMT Crew trained on cardiac events this past month. TFAA hosted a joint training with the Willow Creek Fire Department and Three Forks Fire Department on responding to emergencies and the use of air ambulances. This presentation was given by our Medical Director Dr. Bret Birrer.

The Ambulance Station was given a new copy machine from Kelly Connect.

October was a fairly quiet month.

SOUTHERN BROADWATER COUNTY WATER RIGHTS VIDEO AVAILABLE

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant



Southern CTAP Meeting - Land Use and Planning Meeting

Video recorded by the Department of Commerce and WGM Group

This video discusses Water Rights and Geological Studies in Southern Broadwater County.

To view this video, please look under Board Videos and choose the date of November 9, 2023.

To view the video visit:

<https://broadwatercomt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1125/files>



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We're about to enter another presidential election year and I find myself wondering about my choices. I am not happy with President Biden's economic, national, and international policies. I believe he's been a weak and expensive president.

However, I believe Donald Trump is unelectable. Despite continuing support in the Republican base, he's too divisive, not supported by the independents (which are needed to win the election), and has too much baggage... unless you think a U.S. president would look good in prison orange. Honestly, I'm convinced that if Mr. Trump becomes the Republican nominee, the Democrats would have already won the election. It's that bad.

So, who's really electable? I've thought about Ron DeSantis, but he's too volatile for my tastes — politics really is about negotiating sensible compromises — and he seems too weak about the economy and international policy.

I'm leaning toward Nikki Haley. She's been a governor, an ambassador, and has a husband on active deployment in the reserves, so she has a good starting basis for understanding the needs of our military. She wants transparency with the social media sites, which have too much control over what we see and hear. I've been reading through her beliefs and so far I like what I see.

What I'd love to hear is the opinion of others. With the national primaries close at hand, who do you think should represent our values?

And if you insist on saying "Donald Trump," please explain how you think he'd get elected because I'm honestly worried that we'll see four more years of Joe Biden simply because we can't let go of a popular but unelectable candidate.

JB Howick
Townsend

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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~MT 43 News Editor

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LEGAL NOTICES

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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NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday, November 17 is as follows:

Rodney Wilson submitted an order to suppress evidence in his case. He was arrested in Oklahoma and has been extradited to California to address serious charges there. He will not be extradited to face charges here until his pending California dispositions have been resolved.

Samuel Collins, who was arrested for two counts of assault with a weapon, among other charges, asked for a reduction of his \$100,000 bond. Judge Seeley reduced his bond to \$35,000, but it will run consecutively to his bond in Lewis & Clark County of \$25,000.

Hector Martinez will have his Pre-Trial on February 16; with the Jury Trial scheduled for March 11.

Colleen Nickerson appeared for a Petition to Revoke a suspended sentence. The allegations include that she was terminated from sexual offender treatment. Her admit/Deny Hearing is set for December 29.

COUNTY BOARDS NEED BOARD MEMBERS

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.

JOB VACANCY

FWP RECRUITING APPLICANTS FOR AMERICORPS PROGRAM

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



HELENA—After Hunter Sickerson graduated from MSU-Billings with honors, he knew he wasn't ready to settle down in a typical 8-to-5 job. He worked in the field of archeology, conducting surveys on archeological

sites for a private firm until he heard about an opportunity for national service through Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks AmeriCorps.

“AmeriCorps is a unique opportunity that can open a person's view of the world in a new way,” Sickerson said.

As a heritage program specialist, Sickerson rerouted trails on Wildhorse Island at Flathead Lake State Park, renovated a native plant garden at Travelers' Rest State Park, accompanied a paleontology dig at Makoshika State Park and served meals to the community of Pryor at Chief Plenty Coups State Park.

“My favorite part of my service this past year was the friendships that grew out of a group of seeming strangers at first,” Sickerson said. “By the end, it felt like a small family.”

FWP is currently recruiting individuals to serve in 10-month AmeriCorps positions beginning in January. Applicants range in age from 18 to 80 and will serve and connect with the public at state parks, FWP regional offices and outdoor recreation sites across Montana.

Since the program's inception in 2012, FWP's AmeriCorps members have taught thousands of school children in outdoor classrooms, developed interpretive trail guides and signs and presented programs to diverse audiences from around the world.

FWP AmeriCorps members:

- Receive a living allowance of \$19,538 over a 44-week term of service and a \$300 housing stipend per month.
- Receive an AmeriCorps education award of \$7,395 upon successful completion of service. This award can be used to pay education costs at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training and resources or to repay qualified student loans. Members aged 55 and over may transfer the education award to a child, grandchild or foster child.
- Are eligible for deferment on qualified student loans.
- Receive guaranteed health benefits and childcare assistance if qualified.
- Gain experience and training working in the fields of outdoor recreation, park management, interpretive services, education, community outreach and volunteer management.

“The payoff of the AmeriCorps program is only as good as the effort and dedication you put forth,” Sickerson said. “I'm happy I took the risk and the opportunity to join the FWP AmeriCorps program.”

For more information on the FWP AmeriCorps program, visit fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/employment/ameri-corps or email FWP AmeriCorps development specialist Katie Schlafke at katie.schlafke@mt.gov.

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- Must be able to comfortably lift/carry 70 lbs
- Education: High school or equivalent (Required)
- Experience: 1 year of manufacturing (Preferred)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT – NOVEMBER 24, 2023

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Austin Schlegel, Helena: night speed \$20.00
- Joseph Osborne, Townsend: day speed \$20.00
- Heidi McCormick, Missoula: day speed \$20.00 expired registration \$85.00
- Melissa Miller-Robot, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Hayden Labosky, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Brian Bliss, Bozeman: interstate day speed \$40.00
- Donna Bury, Clancy: day speed \$20.00
- Cody Barnes, Great Falls: night speed \$70.00
- Joan Scharf, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Jeffrey Vermillion, Greycliff: day speed \$20.00
- Jeremy Scott, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
- Clancy Olson, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Drew Hillukka, Kalispell: day speed \$70.00
- Akiah Valler, Helena: day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Wyatt Thompson – Bozeman – day speed, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$120.00 fine, and enroll and complete Alive @ 25.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Wyatt Beckley–Kuna, Id–Criminal Trespass, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$185.00 fines, and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Jack Forrest, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
- Leah Cupino, Helena: night speed \$20.00
- Kory Broussard, Helena: night speed \$20.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Duane Conroy – Lewis and Clark Co. Justice Court, \$10,000.00 bond

COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF THE HELENA-LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST'S 2021 LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Chiara Cipriano
Public Affairs Officer



HELENA, Mont. – November 17, 2023 – Montana District Court Judge Donald W. Molloy ruled in favor of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest on a legal challenge brought forward by Helena Hunters and Angler's

L&C Land Management Plan, 2021

OBITUARIES

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 Shindoll.
Photo Credits: Shindoll Family

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. 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 storeroom 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.

DAN HUNSAKER

Family of Dan Hunsaker

Dan Jex Hunsaker passed away peacefully on November 15, 2023, in Townsend surrounded by family.

Dan was born in Honeyville, Utah on March 21, 1927, to LeGrande and Rachel A Harper Hunsaker. He was the 8th child of 11. Dad grew up in Honeyville, Utah.

Dad joined the Navy when he was 15. He was large for his age and joined without the consent of his parents. When the Navy realized his age, his dad had to sign papers so he could continue his service. He served in WWII on the USS Curtiss.



Dan Hunsaker in the Navy
Photo Credits: Dan Hunsaker Family



Dan Hunsaker
Photo Credits: Dan Hunsaker Family

He met his lifelong companion, Ruth Hansen, at the dentist's office where she was working as a dental assistant. They were married 68 years at the time of Mom's passing in 2016. They moved to the ranch in Crow Creek Valley in 1949. He ranched/farmed till age 90, then continued helping his grandson with the haying and cutting grain for several more years.

Dad's passion was farming and ranching and growing his "crop" of kids. He loved taking his family for rides to check the cattle. He loved taking us on picnics, sledding in the snow and ice skating in the field which he flooded to make a pond for us kids. He loved horses and his dogs. He enjoyed the simple things in life. Dad's idea of a night out was to go to dinner for a big steak.

Dan was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He and Mom were sealed for time and eternity on June 30, 2012, in the Billings temple.

Dad was an honest, trustworthy, hardworking man. He had a very loud voice which was intimidating, and a very tender heart. He saw so many changes during his lifetime, such as going from no phone to party lines, to landlines, to cell phones, from no protection from the elements when farming to enclosed cabs with air conditioning.

He and Mom raised 8 children. Jex, Linda, Jeanie, DeeDee (Arnold), Dixie (Vince), Holly (Troy), Delbert (Joan), and Tracy (Lori). He has 23 grandkids, 50 great-grandchildren, and 10 great, great grandchildren.

He is survived by 7 of his 8 children, daughter-in-law Joan Hunsaker, sister-in-laws Toni Pray and Cathy Hansen and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 68 years, Ruthie, his gentle giant son, Delbert, 8 brothers and 2 sisters.

Dad lived a long, full life. Dad had many more memorable adventures during his lifetime.

Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. with a funeral service to begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 25th at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 916 Broadway in Townsend.

Graveside services will follow at Deep Creek Cemetery.

A reception will follow the burial in the fellowship hall of the church.

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

TREE BOARD TREE WATERING PROGRAM

Patrick Plantenberg Tree Board Chair



The Townsend Tree Board was told when we started planting trees: "If you plant trees on city property, you are taking care of them". The Tree Board accepted that challenge and has cared for the community forest since 2004. That includes planting, pruning, removing dead trees, and especially watering. We have watered trees along Broadway and Front Street, other city streets, in city parks, at the school, hospital, and at the fairgrounds. In areas with sprinkler systems, we water in the spring before the system is turned on and in the fall after the system is shut off.

Most trees will not survive in Townsend without additional water. The Tree Board has been very fortunate to have had great people hired to water our trees. Starting with Daryl Blumhagen who helped build our

beautiful water wagon, then Henry Murray, LaVerne Heavirland, and now our water nymph, Teri Blahnik. These people have watered the 840 new trees we have planted since 2004! This has ensured their survival even in the driest years.

Historically, the Tree Board has not had a budget for watering trees from the city. The trees planted on Broadway in the business district and on Front Street along the highways are not city trees. The Tree Board planted them, pruned them, put Christmas lights on a lot of them, and of course watered them. To pay some of the total costs of watering trees, we charge the businesses \$30/tree to water each year. All businesses except two have paid those bills regularly.

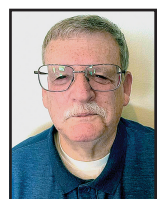
To pay the rest of the cost of watering trees, the Tree Board has had to sell excess trees to private landowners, and plant and prune trees for private citizens. The cost of watering trees is now about \$10,000/year. Fortunately, in the last three years, the City Council has given us a budget of \$9-10 thousand /year for watering trees. This has reduced the burden of raising money to pay for watering trees on the aging Tree Board volunteers. As a result of the city funding the watering program, we do not charge the city for watering its trees in the parks. We also do not charge the county for watering trees at the fairgrounds, courthouse, museum, and senior center as the County Commissioners have regularly given the Tree Board \$2,000/year.

Teri Blahnik has watered trees since early April and just finished last week. Remember, water your trees regularly. Any questions about the watering program please call Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615.



THAT CANT BE TRUE!

Victor Sample



As I have mentioned many times, every weekday morning I receive a tech newsletter. This morning I read a headline that I thought "That just can't be true".

It was true!

A while ago, the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) issued a new regulation: any company that has been hacked must make a public report about the security breach; what data was compromised, what effect it might have and what they have done about the breach.

A hacker group successfully gained access to an SEC-regulated company. They did NOT encrypt the company's files and hold them for ransom. Instead, they tried to extort the company by threatening to release confidential information from the files they hacked.

The hackers usually send an email to the company they hacked demanding an amount of ransom; they usually consider it the start of negotiations. The hackers then settle on an amount; the company pays and life goes on.

In this case, the company did not respond to the ransom demand; but, they also did not report that they had been hacked.

The hacker group filed a complaint with the SEC that the company had been hacked and did not comply with the new regulation!

The hackers actually have a website and posted a picture of the complaint they filed.

Apparently, the hacker group was not aware that the new regulation did not actually go into effect until December 15, 2023; so the company is not actually in violation of the SEC rules.

I can't believe that hackers are now resorting to filing complaints with a federal agency because someone did not respond to their extortion efforts.

But it is true!

By the way, for those of you wondering, filing a complaint with the SEC did not reveal any information useful in identifying who the hackers are or where to find them.

Americanisms



"Wisdom is never on the menu, you have to own the restaurant."
—Carrie Latet

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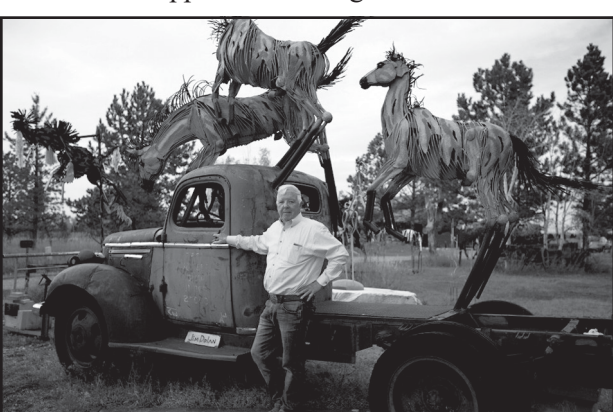
ONE PROJECT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MONTANA - THE "BLUE HORSES"

Anne Paige
Montana Free Press

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It's hard to miss the entrance to Jim Dolan's house. A larger-than-life steel monkey popping a wheelie on a motorcycle while holding up the peace sign welcomes you at the front.

"Clyde" has been greeting passersby on Airport Road outside of Belgrade for 40 years. Beyond the daredevil monkey is a playground of metallic creations created by Dolan. In the distance, you'll see a crescent moon being used as a perch by Jeannette Rankin, a Montanan and the first woman elected to Congress. Bison with street-sweepers for manes stampede beside Rankin, looking so animated that you may want to pet their shapely metallic bodies. Elk and deer made from expandable steel have rusted the color of fur, and various birds appear to take flight.



Artist Jim Dolan's yard and shop on Airport Road outside of Belgrade includes an eclectic array of animal sculptures.
Photo Credits: Anne Paige / MTFP

Dolan's creations are abundant in his yard and in public and private collections around the world, but his best-known work is on a hillside just outside of Three Forks.

"Bleu Horses," a herd of 39 life-sized metal sculptures, stands sentinel across a 160-acre parcel of sloping prairie adjacent to Highway 287, which runs between Three Forks and Helena. Dolan installed the sculptures in 2013, just north of mile marker 104.

Horses are Dolan's favorite animal to sculpt, and he's been doing it since the 1960s. He was not commissioned to create the herd of horses; he just wanted to. In September, "Bleu Horses" turned 10 years old, and Dolan considers them his gift to the people of Montana.

"You can really hit people's hearts with those horses," Dolan said. "Everybody has a story of the first time they've seen them — thinking that they're real horses. And it doesn't disappoint them when they find out they aren't real."

Many of the horses are rigged with gears and pulley systems so their necks or torsos move in the wind. Their manes and tails are made from thick black rope, unwound so they flick about as if swatting flies. Muzzles shaped with expandable steel seem to ask for a caress, while ears stand straight, appearing to take in all that moves around them.

Blink a few times and you might miss the pull-off and thin trail leading up the hill where the horses reside.

"We didn't want to put up a sign, partially because I want people to think they're real horses," Dolan said. "As soon as you mark them as art, then you lose something."

Dean Folkvord, who owns the land where "Bleu Horses" stands, describes Dolan as a remarkable guy. "We really appreciate what he's done," Folkvord said. "He's the kind of guy who is not necessarily interested in making the most money every day. He is more interested in doing something unusual or something special."

JIM DOLAN

Folkvord and Dolan made a handshake agreement a decade ago to place the horses on Folkvord's land. At the time, he and his wife Hope owned Wheat Montana. After selling the business and the surrounding land, they kept the 160-acre parcel so the horses would continue to have a place to reside.

"It's not farmable land, really. It's never grown a crop," Folkvord said. "There are no fences, so you can't run livestock, and there is no water. This is the highest and best use of the land you could come up with."

'I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AN ARTIST'

Dolan grew up in Livermore, Cali., where his parents owned a winery. He worked in the family business in high school, but he longed to move to Montana.

"I wanted to be a cowboy," Dolan said. "I wanted to get into ranching." His grandparents on his mother's side homesteaded along the Tongue River above Birney

but moved to the Bay Area during World War II. "But I always thought Montana was home," he said.

After the family sold property they owned in California, they were able to purchase a ranch and move to Montana in the late 60s. Dolan was 18 at the time, the oldest of three brothers with an older sister. Dolan was the only one in the family who pursued art as a career.

"I knew I was supposed to be an artist," he said. "There were some really tough times, you know, everybody goes through. I just said, 'I'm supposed to be doing this,' and I kept with it."

Dolan attended Montana State University and took welding in college. Though he got a "C" in the class because he didn't take the tests, he was riveted by sculpture.

"All my classmates thought I was totally weird because I was making all these little horses and using horseshoes for bases and things like this," Dolan said.

With a surplus of metal the university had left over from World War II, Dolan had plenty of material that shaped his interest in creating life-sized animals.

"They gave me a place to work and all the materials and the welding supplies, and all I had to do was show up," Dolan said. His good fortune during those days included being allowed to pay in-state tuition when he was unable to afford the out-of-state costs of attending MSU.

"They asked me, 'What are you planning to do?' I said, 'I plan to live here the rest of my life and be an asset to the people of Montana.' They made me an in-state student on the spot," Dolan said.

Dolan graduated from Montana State University in 1970 with a degree in agricultural education, then pursued a master's degree in agriculture. His pledge to be an asset to Montanans for the university's support lingered.

"I always thought I would do one project for the people of Montana — a big project."

A HORSE IS A HORSE, UNLESS ...

In 2010, the country was struggling through a recession, and Dolan wasn't doing great financially, either. Yet, he was committed to his pledge, which had percolated in his mind across the decades since graduation. For three years, he worked on "Bleu Horses."

"I bought steel when I could buy it. And I just kept on working on those guys," Dolan said. "I paid one full-time guy who worked with me. We just got into a rhythm. We usually had two or three going at once, and we just kept them going until we got them done."

"My friends, they were ready to call the guys in the white coats to come get me," Dolan continued. "They said, 'You don't have any money. You're doing this?' 'Yep. I'm going to do the "Bleu Horses."' I worked day and night."

The horses are constructed with thick sheets of cut metal and covered in truck-bed liner, giving the bodies texture, and then painted various shades of blue that highlight the horses' rib cages and muscled features.

When installing the sculptures on the hillside, Dolan anchored them to the land in ways that real horses would gather.

"I've been around horses a lot, but people who have horses said, 'You put them up there perfectly.' Because, they have groups, you know," Dolan said. "There's four in the back there on the hillside; they're like the juvenile geldings. I call them the Gang of Four."

The entire gang is named after the French word for blue. "I like blue, and I just thought that would be something that would stand out," Dolan said. When he sought a website domain, bluehorses.com was already taken, so he changed course to use the French spelling "bleu," "which is a lot more, you know, sexy."

The horses have lived on the hill unscathed, with the exception of an incident right after they were installed when three were stolen.

"We noticed the tracks, and they went in the big coulee and did it at night," said Folkvord, the landowner. "We put out an APB that the horses had gotten rustled."

Folkvord and Dolan can laugh about it now, but at the time, "we were pissed," Folkvord said. "Everyone was mad."

The sheriff and residents in the area got involved, a \$5,000 reward was offered and the case of the missing horses was written up in papers from San Jose to Salt Lake to New York, and even some international news outlets. A few months later, they were recovered. Although charges were never filed, "it was great publicity," Dolan said.

HARD WORK, LONG HOURS

The inside of Dolan's shop is just as eclectic as his yard. Horses in various stages stand tall: a rusty-bronze Appaloosa in the corner with thick round wire for a mane, a rosy-cheeked crimson horse with a tail of chains, a bucking horse covered in reflective tape looking like it tangled with a sign from a construction zone. In the center of the shop, there's a grand piano Dolan is constructing from sheet and scrap metal, which will be adorned with a horse lounging on top.

"About half my work is commissioned and half is speculative," Dolan said. He had the 4,000-square-foot workshop with 28-foot ceilings constructed 15 years

ago, and prior to that, he was working in an unheated shop on his property a quarter of that size.

"The biggest piece I ever made is in Osaka, Japan — an eagle," Dolan said, "and I made it in that little shop. It's 27 feet tall with a 36-foot wingspan. To take it apart we had to saw it twice."

Dolan's studio assistant, Clinton Lesh, has been learning how to work big. He started working with Dolan and utilizing the studio for his own creations after graduating from MSU with a degree in art in 2021.

"I wanted to make big sculptures," Lesh said, and when he met Dolan just two weeks before graduation, he was hired on the spot.

"He's very generous," Lesh said of Dolan. "He will help anybody, and he has donated many, many sculptures in his time. When it comes to his process of creating, there is no hesitation. He just dives in."

Working as a farm and ranch hand for 40 years has taught Dolan discipline, and he works furiously on his projects, even when his kids were young. "A lot of hard work and long hours," he said. "I'd put the kids to bed at 9 o'clock, then work for two more hours. Then I'd usually start at six in the morning."

Dolan works with all kinds of metal, from expandable steel to stainless steel sheet metal to scrap metal, and he welds, bends, cuts, shapes, rusts, paints, sands, and sculpts his materials. As time has gone on, his work has become more full-bodied, appearing more and more realistic. He's crafted life-sized giraffes, lions, caribou, wolves, foxes, waterfowl, and more from the animal kingdom, as well as humans. He's a perpetual maker, always tinkering with something. His latest art piece is a fence on his property, made from engine rods and bed frames that came from the county jail.

"I have more ideas than I could do in my lifetime," Dolan said. "The hardest part is narrowing them down and saying, when I start this, I want to get it done."

ART NOT BOMBS

Dolan makes what he wants to make, and if people like it, he's happy. If they don't, he seems to be just as happy. He has the good fortune of a large backyard to hold his many creations, and his commissions keep him paid to do what he loves.

Yet, Dolan knows art is a powerful mood-changer, and after creating a riveting stainless-steel Mustang he forged at a foundry in Anaconda, he decided to ship it to Ukraine.

The Mustang is captivating, a regal horse fired at 1,100 degrees to turn the stainless steel an iridescent and permanent shade of blue. As the war in Ukraine waged on, Dolan decided to send the people of Bozeman's sister city, Kopychyntsi, Ukraine, a horse.

"We ship them guns and bombs and weapons. I want to ship them art," Dolan said. In partnership with Bozeman's Ukrainian relief effort group, he arranged for the Mustang to ship out earlier this year. After leaving the States, the horse spent three weeks in customs in Poland while it was sorted out that the artwork was a gift and not for sale, which would have required them to pay thousands of dollars in taxes. The horse has yet to arrive in Kopychyntsi, but the town's mayor is expecting it and has an outdoor location selected, Dolan said.

"If I have a goal — which I really don't because I have no idea what it feels like to be there — it is to make people smile," Dolan said. "Something America does, more than a provider of arms. Go by it and smile. That's all I want."



"You can really hit people's hearts with those horses," says artist Jim Dolan said. "Everybody has a story of the first time they've seen them — thinking that they're real horses. And it doesn't disappoint them when they find out they aren't real."
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Reflecting on 10 years of the horses on the hill, Dolan said what struck him the most was how touched people have been by his art. People have even told Dolan they want their ashes scattered on the hill with the horses.

"I don't know what it is, but people totally love those guys," he said. "I guess if someone doesn't like them, they don't tell me."

Every few months, Dolan climbs the hill to check on the herd. He brushes out their tangled manes, and sometimes he'll bring a couple of gallons of paint and "dress them up a little bit."

"They all have a name too," Dolan said. "I call them all 'Bleu.'"

To read the original article please visit: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/JimDolanBlueHorses>

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REJUVENATION FOR A FULFILLING LIFE

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



As the season of giving thanks unfolds, I find myself in reflection—a time for rest and rejuvenation that surpasses basic relaxation. It encompasses the nurturing of our mind, body, and soul.

This article extends a warm embrace to those standing at the crossroads of fatigue and a desire for renewal. It offers gentle guidance on the compassionate path toward nurturing your whole self.

For many, spiritual well-being is the cornerstone of a fulfilling life. Psalm 23:2-3 beautifully illustrates spiritual renewal, stating, "He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Spiritual practices such as prayer, meditation, and spending time in nature become avenues for connecting with God, experiencing His renewal, and finding purpose in alignment with His will—providing a deep sense of meaning and rejuvenation.

Our physical well-being is the foundation of a rejuvenated life. As you stand on the threshold of physical exhaustion, remember that self-care is not a luxury but a sacred necessity. Begin with small, manageable steps—perhaps a leisurely walk in nature or a moment of quiet stretching. In the words of Maya Angelou, "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive, and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

During an intensive coaching retreat I recently hosted, my two guests explored rejuvenation at its best. They felt rejuvenated after deep work on limiting beliefs, nature hikes, soaking in natural hot springs, facials, and moments of quiet reflection and prayer.

Nourishing your body is also an act of self-compassion, a gift you deserve. Start by exploring simple, wholesome recipes that bring joy to your taste buds and life to your spirit. In the wise words of Rumi, "Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it." Allow food to be your ally in dismantling those barriers. The adage "you are what you eat" holds true regarding rejuvenation. And remember, staying hydrated with water plays a key role in flushing out toxins and maintaining bodily functions.

What I found most transformative during our sessions was your mind requires constant care. Your mind is powerful, and you must be mindful of what you let seep into your thoughts and hearts.

If your mind feels cluttered and tired, remember that it's okay not to have all the answers. Engage in activities that bring peace to your thoughts—whether it's losing yourself in a good book, finding solace in prayer, a walk in nature, or simply taking a moment to breathe. Deep breathing helps cultivate a calm, focused mind, reducing stress and promoting mental clarity.

Your emotions are valid, and the journey toward rejuvenation acknowledges them with gentleness. Remember, vulnerability is not a sign of weakness but a testament to strength. I love this quote by Brené Brown, "Vulnerability is not winning or losing; it's having the courage to show up and be seen when we have no control over the outcome."

In our digital world, we often lack care for our emotional well-being. Building and nurturing meaningful personal and professional relationships significantly enhances our emotional health. Allow yourself moments of stillness and reflection, seeking solace in the sacred spaces of your heart. In the words of Anne Lamott, "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you." How true...you must take time to unplug to bring yourself back to the present.

Having my guests here allowed them to take time for self-reflection, acknowledging and processing all the emotions that surfaced, all while practicing gratitude. Surround yourself with positive people and activities that bring you joy, and you will create a supportive environment.

To the soul needing rejuvenation, this is an invitation to be gentle with yourself, to embark on a journey guided by grace and compassion. May you find solace in each step, discovering the resilience and energy that patiently await within the depths of your being. You are not alone on this compassionate path—embrace the journey, one rejuvenating moment at a time.

"Rejuvenation is the art of rediscovering yourself, layer by layer until you unveil the masterpiece of resilience and vitality that has been patiently waiting within." - Unknown.

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Wednesday, November 29
 Carol's Meat Loaf
 Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
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Friday, December 1
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 Steamed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Tossed Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Fruit Cup

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.

WEED OF THE MONTH: RUSSIAN OLIVE

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



This weed of the month, Russian olive, is another plant that many people have a love and hate relationship with. Since 2010, it has been listed on the Montana Department of Agriculture's noxious weed list as a regulated plant. This means it is illegal to intentionally spread or sell. However, I get calls at least once a year from someone who would like to know where to buy them. One person even asked if it was okay to dig them up on the side of the road and transplant them on his property. The answer to that question is a resounding no. Here is why.

Description & Habitat

Native to Eurasia, Russian olive was brought to North America during colonial times and moved west with settlers. It is known for its ability to thrive in arid environments. It was used extensively in windbreaks as well as ornamental plantings. By the early 1900s, it was present in most western states. You can still see many windbreaks today with Russian Olives that were planted in the mid-1900s.

However, it quickly escaped cultivation and became a weedy species. It is known for taking over seasonal riparian areas. A perfect example is in the wildlife management area just north of Townsend on the south side of Canyon Ferry which is now dominated by Russian olive. The plant is highly competitive and can displace native vegetation including willows and cottonwoods. Growth along waterways can restrict and reduce water flow. Russian olive branches have thorns that can interfere with human, livestock and wildlife movement.

Russian olive is a large shrub or small tree, up to 25 feet in height. It often forms dense thickets. Leaves are 2 to 3 inches long and an inch or less in width. The upper leaf surface is green-gray while the lower surface is silver-gray. Branches are reddish-brown, and each branch has 1-to-2-inch thorns. Russian olive has thin bark that comes off in narrow, fibrous strips. It has small yellow bell-shaped flowers that appear in May and June. The flowers transition to small olive-shaped fruits; Each with a single seed. Fruits start silver and become brown as they mature. Birds consume the seeds and transport them to new areas. Roots are capable of fixing nitrogen and are known for sending up suckers.

Management

Russian olive is difficult to control once established. Plants can regrow when disturbed from roots and even directly from cut stumps. The most effective technique is to prevent establishment. If you find a new establishment, act quickly.

It typically takes several methods for full control. Prescribed fire and grazing with goats can be used for suppression but will not fully control it. Although not always practical, mowing can be used on young saplings.

Russian Olive, 1999

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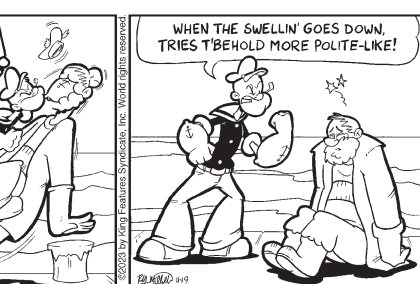
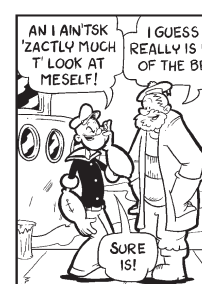
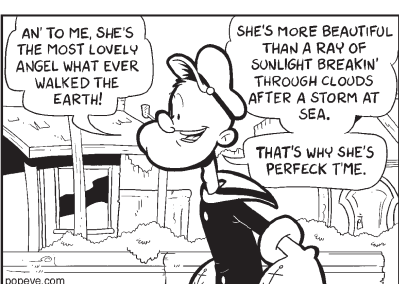
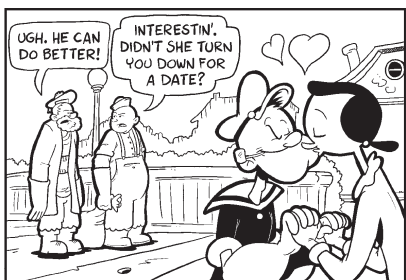
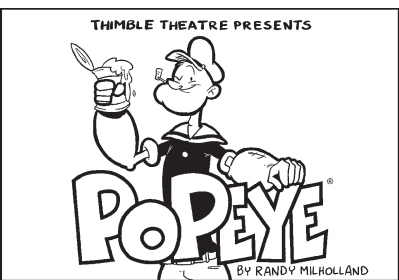
L&C Land Management Plan, 5

Association, Western Watersheds Project, the Sierra Club and WildEarth Guardians to the Forest's 2021 Land Management Plan. The case focused on wildlife claims under the National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act.

"We are glad the court recognizes the Forest Service's responsibility and right to revise land management plans based on the latest science and changing conditions on the ground," said Forest Supervisor Emily Platt. "It's great to see an acknowledgment from the Montana District Court that we are protecting threatened and endangered species through our new plan. We look forward to implementing the plan to proactively address wildfire issues, restore forests, and continue to provide hunting, recreation, and other uses the public enjoys across this incredible landscape."

The Forest's 2021 Land Management Plan provides forest-wide direction for desired conditions over the next 15 years and takes into consideration the social, economic and ecological sustainability of the land and the multiple uses of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. A desired condition is a description of specific social, economic, and/or ecological characteristics of the planning area, or a portion of the planning area, toward which management of the land and resources should be directed.

Visit: [Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest - Planning \(usda.gov\)](https://usda.gov) to learn more about the 2021 Forest Plan for the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. Visit: [Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest - Projects \(usda.gov\)](https://usda.gov) to learn more about our upcoming projects to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest.



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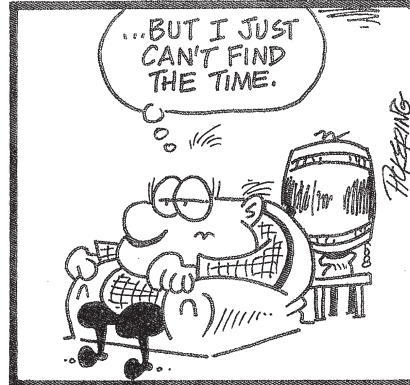
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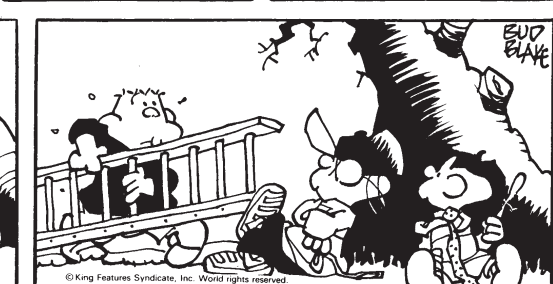
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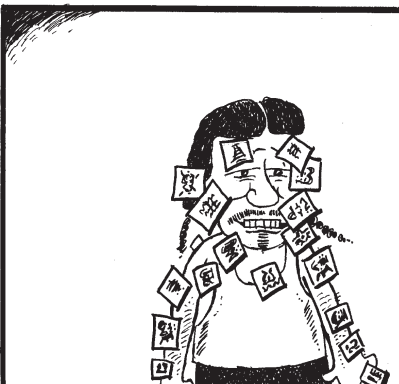
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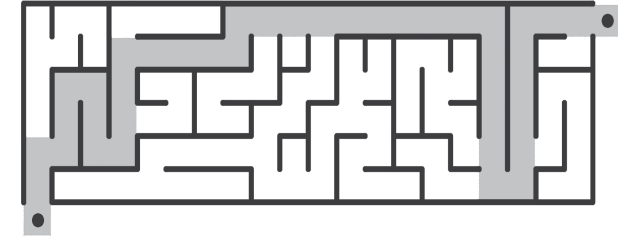
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ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA

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Brenda Phillips



It is one thing to drive through Butte and look at all the cool historic buildings and visit the museums but we decided to take the trolley tour. The 2-hour trip around town in the open-air trolley was very enlightening. It rained a bit the day that we went so they rolled down the vinyl windows to keep us dry. We were lucky enough to have Chris as our tour guide/driver. He is a history teacher who recently retired from Butte High School. Chris had very extensive knowledge of the Butte history and even a few of the colorful not so public stories of the town's history and nightlife!



Butte Historic Trolley Tour
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The day we were on the trolley tour, the streets were full of equipment and the crew of the movie 1883. We had to take a slight detour as they were unloading a trailer that was loaded with antique cars that were to be in the movie. Chris took us to one of his favorite spots in Butte – the Berkeley pit. His stories of the pit, mining and history were very entertaining. It was so nice to have someone driving that knew where all the good sites were and with him driving, we could look around, without having to pay attention to the traffic.



Berkeley Pit Visitor Center Entrance
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We also went to the World Museum of Mining. What an interesting collection of historical artifacts for early Montana history. They have a city that has been recreated to give you the feeling of walking down the early streets of a western town. I was amazed by the room that contained a large collection of antique toys. The sad part was, that some of the "old" toys in their collection, were toys that I had as a child! There was a lot of mining equipment and even an old Cat crawler tractor that reminded me of some my grandfather drove when we were kids. They have fantastic displays showing what it looked like above ground and below ground in



World Museum of Mining Entrance in Butte
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the mines. I could not imagine working an 8-10 hour shift underground. There was a mine elevator car that was used to transport miners down into the mine. The floor of the car was about 3-4 feet square and they said they could send 10 men

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Cut stump herbicide applications should be done to the stump surface immediately after removing the top growth. Most commonly used chemicals for stump treatments include Arsenal, Garlon, Habitat and Remedy. Crossbow can be used as a bark treatment which is an herbicide application made to the lower 2 feet of the tree. Another option is a foliar herbicide with 2,4-D, Crossbow, Rodeo or Roundup. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicides. Rodeo and Habitat are the only products listed that can be used in or around water. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.



Russian Olive
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It is important to note that as a regulated plant, you are not required to control Russian olive on your property like you would for a noxious weed such as spotted knapweed. However, it is still illegal to intentionally spread it. For assistance on weed identification and management, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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NOVEMBER 23

1939

Alice D'Arcy Wins Trip to Chicago

Alice D'Arcy, 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D'Arcy, and outstanding 4-H club worker, has been selected as the delegate from Broadwater County to attend the International Livestock exposition in Chicago. Miss D'Arcy will leave on Dec. 1, with 38 other delegates from Montana.

In the nine years of 4-H work, Alice has completed nine projects in food preservation, food preparation, clothing and handicraft. She has won many awards including the county style revue this year and was sent to the Great Falls fair as a result. In addition, she has just received word that she has won the gold medal awarded county winners in the national canning contest provided by the Kerr Glass corporation.

Alice is the fourth delegate to be sent to the Chicago exposition. Adaline Poe went in '36; Jack Nelson in '37 and Floyd Poe went last year.

1950

Local News

Tommy Davidson, son of Rev. and Mrs. William Davidson, was five years old Sunday and to celebrate the occasion invited in a group of his young friends to an afternoon party from 3 to 5 o'clock. Games were enjoyed and the Rev. Davidson showed "Fairy Tale" movies. Birthday refreshments were served from a table centered with a birthday cake with five lighted candles surrounded by individual favors to: Mary, Eric and Patty Lieberg of Helena; Mary J., Dana and Carol Stiner; Patsy and Denny Kelly; Joanne and Pat Duffy; Sharon and Jerry Zable; Bruce and Gary Patterson; Mary Lee and Jimmy Etwiler; Wendy and Keith Williams and

Carol Davidson.

Radersburg Man Wins Big Buck Contest

Honors went to Bud Harris, Radersburg sportsman, who downed a 230 pound buck in the current VFW Big Buck Contest. Besides having all the fine venison steaks, Harris pocketed \$100 for ammunition money for next year.

Ross Babcock and Oral Clark each brought in a buck that topped the scales at 219 pounds tied for second money and received each \$12.50.

There were about 100 deer weighed in at the selected weighing in station at the Broadwater Creamery at least 12 coming in to rival for top honors in the contest.

1961

Winston News

Little Miss Vonnie Trarbach of Townsend stayed from Tuesday until Friday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds.

The November meeting of the Beacon Lite Club was held at the home of Mrs. Wilma Masolo Tuesday night with Mrs. Martha Masolo as co-hostess. Nearly all members were present and there were two guests, Mrs. Leo Wombolt and Mrs. Robote. The ladies planned their Christmas party, which is to be held the 9th of December. After a period of recreation, the hostesses served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Berndt in Townsend Saturday evening.

Callers at the Ned George home Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Milton Beatty and Grant Buswell of Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Filson and Jim and Joe of Helena visited the Henry Filson family Sunday.

1967

Keltz Named Coach of the Year

Casey Keltz, football mentor at Western Montana College, was named coach of the year in the Frontier

League by coaches of the conference. Western won all their conference games this year and lost only one game to Ricks College of Rexburg, Idaho.

Keltz was coach at Broadwater County High school from 1957 until he was named football coach at the Dillon school in June 1965.

Cruson is Member of Recovery Team

Naval Reserve Lieutenant (junior grade) Gary G. Cruson son of Mrs. Wesley Horne of Townsend, participated in the recovery of the Apollo 4 unmanned spacecraft as a member of Air Anti Submarine Squadron 38 aboard the primary recovery ship USS Bennington.

The Bennington, an anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier, waited on-station northeast of Midway Island in the Pacific as the Apollo made its flight.

Launched by the Saturn V booster rocket the spacecraft circled the earth twice at an altitude of about 100 miles.

The flight, designed to evaluate the Saturn V launch vehicle and test the Apollo's heat shield, subjected the shield to temperatures of 6,000 degrees as the craft re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

1978

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris took in the girls basketball tournament at Bozeman Friday and Saturday.

Brenda and Gerry Olsen took in the girls basketball tournament at Bozeman Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Rita Watkin attended a church conference in Helena Monday and Tuesday.

Mildred Neild visited last week in Billings at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Dore and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Perry Rhyneer and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kirscher attended the CowBelle bawl Saturday in Townsend.



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into the shaft, in that elevator car. Can you say claustrophobic?! There was a room full of rocks, ores and minerals that were impressive. I liked the room of glow-in-the-dark rocks! Butte also has a Mineral Museum at the college, but we didn't have time to do it all --- So we will be going back to Butte for another look around.



Old House in Butte
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We wanted to go to the historic Pekin Noodle parlor, a Chinese restaurant that is rumored to be in an old brothel. I've eaten there before and it is an experience, along with good food. They were not open when we were ready to eat this time, so we'll have to go back another day. We also did not



Spirit of Columbia Gardens Carousel at Stoddard Park
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have time to see the Clark Mansion and museum. We also visited the Spirit of Columbia Gardens Carousel at Stoddard Park.

There are so many hidden gems in all of our Montana towns that are just a day trip away. Stay tuned for more travel adventures. Brenda and Kurt

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

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-Rumi*