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PROFESSIONAL CHEF PLANS CULINARY CLASSES IN TOWNSEND

Nancy Marks
Reporter



Townsend community cooks and lovers of good food are moving up in the world. They can learn the fine art of good cooking from professional chef Heather Hatwan who has opened cooking classes and is taking catering reservations.

This June Heather had a vision while driving back from Mitchell, South Dakota following her mother's death. She decided what she really wanted was to teach cooking. She recently built a website for her new business, Big Sky Culinary Classes, LLC.

Couples or families can sign up for classes in their homes. Heather brings all the equipment and supplies, teaches the class and while the family or guests enjoy the meal she does the cleanup. She will offer five different menus to choose from. "The class will be 100 percent hands-on: participants will learn knife skills, food safety and food sourcing," she said, "plus it's a fun night for the group."

Heather stressed the size of the class depends on the person's kitchen size. "Six people is an ideal size, but depending on the kitchen, we can take more as long as everyone has elbow room," she emphasized.

Heather is partnering with the Science, Technology, Outdoor activity, Knowledge and Entrepreneurship (STOKE) nonprofit and will be using the Lodge's commercial kitchen to help teach STOKE students about cooking. Beginning next year she hopes to work with the Broadwater High School to teach classes there.

Heather (whose name Hatwan is Hungarian) began her love of cooking early. She came from a large family

of seven in Mitchell and went to work in a restaurant at an early age. Her love of cooking evolved from there. She worked in two restaurants for ten years in Colorado and Alaska.

Heather, who is licensed and certified to teach cooking, eventually began mentoring restaurant owners who had struggled to stay in business during COVID. She aided owners of six restaurants in rebuilding their businesses in the last three years including the iconic Montana Club in Helena. "Every owner or chef has a vision of what they see as their restaurant's special draw. My job was to help them execute that vision," she explained.

She worked from the bottom up to reinstate each restaurant's success: she redesigned kitchens, she found new or local food sources and she worked on new recipes that reflected the food specialties of the area.

Most of her food sources will come from the Bozeman Food Cooperative, but Heather is very interested in building recipes and menus around wild game caught



Heather Hatwan
Photo Credits: Heather Hatwan

by Broadwater County's hunters. She can cater dinners for up to 75 people and will begin taking reservations for Christmas for those interested. Please contact Heather at bigskyculinaryclasses@gmail.com or call her at (303) 406-1501.

TEDDY GETS US STOKED

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



Teddy Lewis has been the facilitator of the Pottery Guild since its local inception. In those few years, since 2021, he has been the cheerleader for S.T.O.K.E. (Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge, and Entrepreneurship).

Three years ago, STOKE got a grant for the skatepark on Walnut and D Streets at Holloway Park. That skate park has been visited by many skaters, skateboarders and bicycle enthusiasts of all ages.

Teddy Lewis relates that the Pottery Guild has been blessed by grants to receive 6 pottery wheels, hundreds of pounds of potter's clay, and so much more. He says that the six adults (who pay \$60/month) pay for all those students who cannot pay fees for clay, instruction and kiln time.

"There are 60 students a day who want to show their creativity, along with their own life experiences who peel back the layers to show who they are or strive to be."

The Guild is in conjunction to the After-School

Program; for those kids whose parents may not get home from work until evening and need a safe spot to be.

That's what Lewis strives for, he shares their mission: to have a safe place to channel creativity, where students have a real Voice to communicate to others what they are feeling. He says that it's important to let the kids know that there is no right or wrong in art. It's whatever that child feels is right for them.

When the younger students begin their work in clay; may it be sculpting or 'throwing' (what it is called when you use a wheel), they begin with Play-Doh, just to practice.



Pottery from the Pottery Guild
Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Fundraisers include the Empty Bowls Project: selling a hand-crafted bowl to receive chili, soup and rolls for an allotted price (\$10-\$20). Lewis said that this is a great fundraiser, which all proceeds go right to the Broadwater Food Pantry.

Lewis wants to make sure that everyone realizes that, "It's the kids, there is no 'me' or anyone else. We are only here to encourage that the kids have come to their own. There will be no best of whomever they are destined to be. We do not want to be a fence to creativity...only a bridge."

Lewis has spoken to some of the businesses in town, hoping to be able to display and sell some of the student's art. They only need a small shelf; this promotes the 'E' in STOKE, Entrepreneurship.

Lewis said he thanks everyone who has helped to make this such a special undertaking. He specifically thanks Superintendent Susie Hedalen; who has supported this kind of extracurricular activity.

Lewis and some volunteers will be giving Teddy, 3

BHS ALL CONFERENCE AND ALL STATE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Joe Horne
BHS Head Football Coach

Here are the All-Conference and All-State selections from our conference:

- Deegan Mattson - 1st team All-conference defensive back
- Cael Sell - 2nd team All-Conference Offensive Line & 2nd team All-Conference Defensive Line
- Sawyer Horne- All-State selection, 1st team All-Conference Punter, 2nd team All-Conference Athlete & 2nd team All-Conference Linebacker



Deegan Mattson
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Cael Sell
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Sawyer Horne
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SUPPORTING LOCAL INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES: SHOP LOCAL

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 enjoyable 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.

So when you are out shopping this holiday season, and every season, remember to support the local businesses that support our community.

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THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 1 - 25
 11:00AM Three Forks Festival of Stories Online with Three Forks Library! TURN TO PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS!

December 1
 4:00PM David DeLaitre Memorial at Memorial Park
 4:30 - 7:30PM Three Forks Chamber Christmas Stroll
 4:30PM Gingerbread Contest for Chamber's Christmas Stroll @ Library at Library

December 5
 1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg
 4:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Middle School Book Club

December 7
 10:00AM Three Forks Public Library - Story Time
 6:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Katie Hall at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

December 8
 1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Pinecone Swag Craft Class (\$15)
 2:00PM Open Court at City Hall

December 9
 10:00AM Three Forks Public Library - Gnome ornament craft class (\$5)

Three Forks School Calendar

Dec 2
 5:00 PM - HS Boys Basketball vs Harrison
 Speech and Drama in Belfry

Dec 4
 4:00 PM - MS Girls Basketball vs Belgrade

Dec 5
 4:30 PM - HS Girls Basketball @ West Yellowstone
 9:00 AM - TFES 1st Trimester Awards Celebration

Dec 7
 4:00 PM - MS Girls Basketball @ Manhattan Chr.

Dec 8 - Dec 9
 Basketball Shelby Tourney TBD

Dec 9
 Speech and Drama Three Forks

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December
 Find out more about the Senior Dinner and Light Tour on Page 11!

December 1
 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
 5:30pm Trail Head Church: Empty Nesters Night Out

December 2
 4:00pm Chamber of Commerce: 2023 Christmas Stroll

CHECK OUT PAGE 2 FOR SOME LOCAL BUSINESSES TO LOOK FOR IN AND OUT OF THE CHRISTMAS STROLL!
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

December 3
 5:45- 7:00PM FREE Night of Family Activities: "What is the Purpose of Life?" at Holy Cross Parish Center, 101 S Walnut
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December 5
 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

December 6
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

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

December 8
 10:00AM Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
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December 9 - 10
 Rotary will be Judging for the Holiday Lighting Contest
Read Article on Page 6 for More Information

December 9
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Townsend School Calendar

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

Dec 3
 Football Banquet-6 PM at Elementary Commons/Kitchen

Dec 4
 4:00PM MSGBB @ Ennis
 6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym
 FFA Winter Districts at Big Timber, MT 59011, USA

Dec 5
 6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym
 7:00PM Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge
 7:00PM MS/HS Winter Concert

Dec 6
 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

Dec 7
 6:15PM Elkhorn BB at Elementary Gym

Dec 8 - Dec 9
 HSBB @ Manhattan Tourney
 HSWR @ Whitehall Duals

Dec 8
 NO SCHOOL
 6:00PM Interact Club Movie Night at Elementary Commons

Dec 9
 S&D @ Three Forks

LIBRARY HOURS

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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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 Sunday 12:00- 5:00PM
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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 .

TOWNSEND CITY COUNCIL SEATS VACANT

Kari Williams
 City of Townsend Clerk/Treasurer

The City of Townsend is seeking letters of interest to fill the council positions for Ward I and Ward II. Ward I will fill Vickie Rauser's seat and Ward II will fill Ken Ulrich's seat. Both positions will be sworn in on the 29th of December 2023 and begin the 1st of January 2024.

Please drop off letters of interest on or before 5:00 p.m. December 18th to the City Hall at 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT.

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 demonstrations during the Christmas Stroll, on December 2; outside of the Bird's Nest on Pine, from 4-7 pm.

If you would like to know more of the Pottery Guild's lessons or presentations, contact Teddy Lewis, at 406- 439-9345. You'll never know what all he can do for you, unless you ask. He takes Thursdays and Sundays off; but can be found either at the Pottery Guild at 108 N. Spruce (next to the laundromat) or at the number given.

FLORIDA MAN STRUCK, KILLED ON HIGHWAY 287 NEAR THREE FORKS

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

A man was killed when he was struck by a vehicle while walking in the dark in the middle of Highway 287 between Toston and Three Forks.

Montana Highway Patrol authorities responded at about 4:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22nd.

Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser identified the man as David Ruymen, 54, a transient from St. Petersburg, Florida. "We will probably never really know why he was there," Rauser said. Ruymen's family has been notified.

The driver did not stop, the Montana Highway Patrol reported. The officers at the scene identified the vehicle as a white Ford superduty crew cab pickup pulling a single-axle box-type utility trailer traveling north toward Townsend. The trailer was missing a driver-side fender, which was found at the scene, the patrol said.

The pickup and trailer were caught on a surveillance camera at the Town Pump in Townsend at 5:10 a.m. The occupants were not located until the following day. Their identities were not released.

The incident remains under investigation. No charges have been filed.



Surveillance camera image taken at 5:10 a.m. November 22nd on Front Street in Townsend of white Ford pickup and trailer. Photo Credits: Town Pump Surveillance

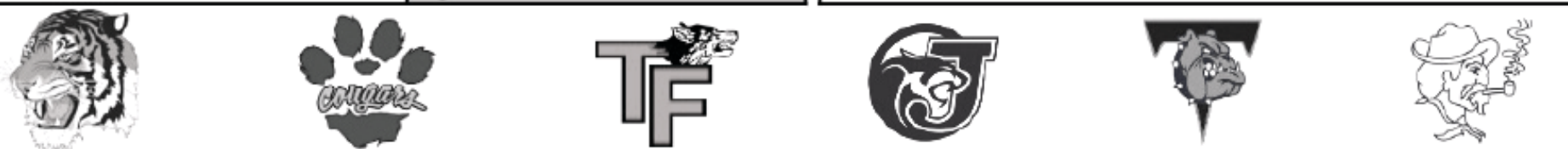
Ruymen had earlier been seen at the Town Pump in Three Forks, Rauser said. The site of the incident is near mile marker 95, about 100 yards north of the entrance to the Park Trail subdivision.

ALL CONFERENCE AND ALL STATE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

(BHS Players Featured on Page 1)

2023 SOUTHERN B 1ST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

OFFENSE				DEFENSE			
CENTER		OFFENSIVE LINE		DEFENSIVE END		DEFENSIVE LINE	
Tavan McMaster	62 Sr Jefferson	Tysen Young	52 Sr Columbus	Dalton Noble	51 Sr Jefferson	Ethan Short	76 Sr Columbus
RUNNING BACK		Dalton Noble	51 Sr Jefferson	Brady Toner	54 So Manhattan	Brady Armstrong	56 Jr Jefferson
Wyatt Meier	34 Sr Columbus	Brady Armstrong	56 Jr Jefferson	LINEBACKER		DEFENSIVE BACK	
George Stenberg	40 Jr Manhattan	Luke Randall	63 Jr Manhattan	Degen Nelson	14 Sr Columbus	Mason Meier	1 Sr Columbus
WIDE RECEIVER		QUARTERBACK		Mason Adams	10 Sr Columbus	Parker Wagner	2 Sr Jefferson
Degen Nelson	14 Sr Columbus	Shane Williams	27 Sr Three Forks	Shane Williams	27 Sr Three Forks	Callin Fenno	1 Sr Manhattan
Callin Fenno	1 Sr Manhattan	ATHLETE		George Stenberg	40 Jr Manhattan	Deegan Mattson	10 Jr Broadwater
TIGHT END		Colten Hayder	17 Sr Three Forks	KICKER		PUNTER	
Keaton Sargent	33 Sr Manhattan	RETURNER		Hunter Stevens	11 Jr Jefferson	Sawyer Horne	8 Jr Broadwater
		Degen Nelson	14 Sr Columbus				



2023 SOUTHERN B 2ND TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

OFFENSE				DEFENSE			
CENTER		OFFENSIVE LINE		DEFENSIVE END		DEFENSIVE LINE	
Harley Kale	56 Sr Columbus	Ethan Short	76 Sr Columbus	Tysen Young	52 Sr Columbus	Tavan McMaster	62 Sr Jefferson
RUNNING BACK		Denver Jenkins	55 Sr Manhattan	Cael Sell	55 Jr Broadwater	Cole Pipal	82 Sr Manhattan
Jack Johnson	44 Sr Jefferson	Cael Sell	55 Jr Broadwater	LINEBACKER		DEFENSIVE BACK	
Caleb Stosich	22 Jr Sweet Grass	Brady Toner	54 So Manhattan	Tyler McGady	52 Sr Jefferson	Wyatt Meier	34 Sr Columbus
WIDE RECEIVER		QUARTERBACK		Keaton Sargent	33 Sr Manhattan	Jace Deming	32 Sr Manhattan
Parker Wagner	2 Sr Jefferson	Michael Stewart	5 Jr Manhattan	Luke Randall	63 Jr Manhattan	Gabe Johnson	8 Sr Manhattan
Tallyn McCauley	3 Sr Three Forks	ATHLETE		Sawyer Horne	8 Jr Broadwater	Caleb Van Vleet	2 Sr Three Forks
TIGHT END		Sawyer Horne	8 Jr Broadwater	PUNTER			
Mason Adams	10 Sr Columbus	RETURNER		Hunter Stevens	11 Jr Jefferson		
		Caleb Stosich	22 Jr Sweet Grass				

2023 Class Southern B All Conference Selections
Graphic Credit: Joe Horne

2023 MONTANA CLASS B ALL STATE

Callin Fenno	1	Sr	Manhattan
George Stenberg	40	Jr	Manhattan
Luke Randall	63	Jr	Manhattan
Degen Nelson	14	Sr	Columbus
Wyatt Meier	34	Sr	Columbus
Ethan Short	76	Sr	Columbus
Shane Williams	27	Sr	Three Forks
Colten Hayder	17	Sr	Three Forks
Dalton Noble	51	Sr	Jefferson
Tavan McMaster	62	Sr	Jefferson
Brady Armstrong	56	Jr	Jefferson
Sawyer Horne	8	Jr	Broadwater



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ROTARY SUPPORTS KDGZ 98.3 FM RADIO STATION

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian



A Rotary Club of Townsend representative recently attended a Townsend School District #1 meeting about the future of the KDGZ 98.3 FM radio station. At the time of the meeting, the radio station was running \$4,600 in the red because of the lack of advertising. The Rotary Club Board voted to approve the expenditure of half that amount, \$2,300, to advertise Rotary and our Rotary community youth club, the Interact Club, events on KGGZ.

The Rotary Club of Townsend asks other organizations and businesses to help keep KDGZ on the air. STOKE (Science, Technology, Outdoor Knowledge, and Entrepreneurship) and the Broadwater Community Theater have also recently committed some funds to advertise their events on KDGZ. Please help.

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SOLID WASTE FEE INCREASES

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Solid Waste Department will be taking comments regarding the proposed solid waste fees. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 10:00 am in the Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644.

Thereafter, the Board of Commissioners will discuss and vote on a Resolution regarding the proposed fees.

Any public comment may be sent to 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 or commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us and must be received prior to the hearing in order to be considered.

BROADWATER CORRECT ON EQUALIZATION TAX

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County was correct in its decision to levy the full 95 mills in property taxes for state school

equalization funding, one of only seven counties to do so. In a ruling issued Nov. 22, the Montana Supreme Court turned down a claim by the Montana Association of Counties (MACO) that the levy should be limited to 77.89 mills.

The ruling came on a lawsuit filed by MACO against the state and the Department of Revenue (DOR) which had directed counties to impose the full levy of 95 mills.

“We hold that Montana Counties must levy taxes according to DOR’s methodology for calculating statewide mills,” the court said. It said MACO’s reading of the law “is irreconcilable with the Montana Constitution and clear intent of the Legislature...”

The opinion was written by Chief Justice Mike McGrath, with the six associate justices all concurring. It is unusual for a lawsuit to be filed directly with the Supreme Court and unusual for the Supreme Court to accept original jurisdiction, sidestepping lawsuits pending in lower courts.

The nine-page ruling concluded by ordering “that the counties shall levy statewide mills pursuant to DOR’s calculations for the current and future tax years”.

Broadwater County commissioners on Oct. 11 voted unanimously to levy the full 95 mills but to withhold the equivalent of 17.11 from the state pending the outcome of expected months of litigation in lower courts followed by appeals to the Supreme Court. The commissioners acted on the advice of County Attorney Cory Swanson who repeatedly cautioned that the law was unclear. He warned that if the county levied only 77.89 mills for the equalization tax, the county could end up owing the state for the difference, about \$460,000.

The equalization tax is collected by the counties on behalf of the state to provide a level of funding for students in tax-poor districts in kindergarten through high school. It has been on the books at 95 mills for decades.

The other six counties that levied 95 mills were Meagher, Madison, Deer Lodge, Teton, Toole and Glacier.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT – DECEMBER 1, 2023

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Dominique Hood – Las Vegas, NV – driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, pleaded guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees; operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees; seatbelt violation, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine.

Shanda Hayward – Helena – day speed, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$70.00 fine.

Meghan Beck – East Helena – seatbelt violation, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine; night speed, pleaded guilty, \$70.00 fine.

LETTERS to the EDITOR



EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR A STRONGER MONTANA

As November ushers us toward the culmination of the year, its significance in the realm of charitable giving is profound. This month is a time for gratitude, reflection on the importance of giving, and preparing to make a lasting impact on our communities. As the CEO of the Montana Community Foundation (MCF), I am deeply appreciative of the unwavering support our donors have provided, playing a pivotal role in our organization's achievements spanning 35 years.

Your generosity has empowered MCF to focus on creating enduring philanthropy, fostering resilient communities, and reinvesting over \$100 million in Montana through essential programs, grants, and scholarships. Your commitment is the cornerstone of our accomplishments.

Approaching November 28, 2023, and the global celebration of Giving Tuesday, I extend a heartfelt invitation for your continued involvement. More than a fleeting moment, this day marks the beginning of a year-round season of generosity, and inspiring acts of kindness that reverberate throughout our communities.

Your steadfast support has actualized grants, scholarships, and diverse giving initiatives, positively impacting countless lives across Montana. I encourage you to

explore causes aligned with your values on our website, MTCF.org, contemplating the profound difference we can collectively make.

Expressing sincere gratitude for being an integral part of our journey, your dedication to MCF's mission not only transforms our organization but also weaves a stronger fabric for communities throughout Montana. Thank you for your enduring support.

Warm regards,

Mary Rutherford
President & Chief Executive Officer, the Montana
Community Foundation

TOYS FOR TOTS

Carol Anderson does a great job with our local Christmas Connection, but some residents may not know about Townsend's Christmas Connection. Angie Filinger, the new Toys for Tots coordinator (helenat4treg@gmail.com) wants to make sure all the kids in need in Broadwater County get presents for Christmas.

Helena Toys for Tots:

Main web page: <https://helena-mt.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/Default.aspx>
Important dates: <https://helena-mt.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-dates.aspx>

I will get the donation boxes next week and place them at:

- 1 - Post 42
- 2 - Townsend Hardware
- 3 - Family Dollar

I can get as many donation boxes as we need.

Thanks for any help you can provide. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Merry Christmas!

Janet Wagner
Cell: 406-498-6951
Email: wagnerji@gmail.com



Helena MT
Every Child Deserves a Little Christmas
Toys for Tots Coordinator
Angie Filinger

BROADWATER COUNTY CHRISTMAS CONNECTION NEEDS YOUR HELP

Bret Anderson
President of Broadwater County Christmas Connection

Broadwater County Christmas Connection is excited that it is Christmas time already!!

Here is some information you might need to know: Applications have gone out through Townsend Schools, the Senior Center and Headstart. Applications are also at Reading Leaves Bookstore. Applications must be turned in to Reading Leaves by December 9th to get assistance this year. The Angel Tree is up at Reading Leaves if you would like to shop for a child in need within our community, gifts are due back at Reading Leaves by Dec 13th.

Pick-up day will be Dec. 16th at the Firehall at noon.

If you would like to donate please mail checks to 424 N Pine, Townsend, MT 59644 or you can donate online on our Facebook page. Contact us with any questions through Facebook or by contacting us at 406-980-0790.

Thank you so much for all your help again this year!

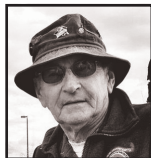
Bret Anderson



Volunteers ready to start working!
Photo Credits: Broadwater County Christmas Connections

ROTARY ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian



The Rotary Club of Townsend will again offer cash prizes for residential Holiday Lighting displays in the Townsend area.

The first prize winner will get \$100, second place \$50, and third place \$25. Judging will take place the weekend of December 9-10. There is no need to enter, just have your displays lit on evenings that weekend.



2022 1st Place Winners: Keith and Teena Larsen!
Photo Credit: Unknown

Rotarians will drive around the community and select three winners! Good luck to all and Safe Happy Holidays from the Rotary Club of Townsend.

BRING HOME A TREE FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Chiara Cipriano
Public Affairs Officer

It is the most wonderful time of the year on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest! Once again, our Forest Service offices and districts are providing Christmas/holiday tree permits for the season.

“This permit provides communities a fun way to create adventures and family traditions in their local forest,” said Forest Supervisor Emily Platt.



Christmas Tree Permits
Photo Credits: USDA

Permits can be purchased online or in person at our Forest Service offices located in Helena, Great Falls (including the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center), Lincoln, Townsend, Stanford, Harlowton, Choteau, White Sulphur Springs or Neihart. To purchase online, visit: www.recreation.gov to get started and search for “Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Christmas Tree Permit.” Fourth graders, through Every Kid Outdoors, can also obtain a free permit. A permit allows an individual to cut one tree and there is a limit of three permits per household. Permits for the Christmas/holiday trees are \$5 per tag.

Permits are good forest-wide except at cabins, campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, wilderness or riparian areas, natural landmarks, active timber sales and areas where trees have been planted for reforestation purposes.

Checklist before you head out:

- Hand saw
- Measuring tape
- Chains/traction for vehicle
- Maps
- Extra food/water
- Blanket (to wrap the tree in)
- Permit(s)

Make sure someone knows where you’re going and when you’ll be back!

Visit our website at: <https://go.usa.gov/x7YSG> or call your local district for more information.

HOLIDAY CACTUS CONFUSION... THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS OR EASTER?

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



For years I was sure I had a Christmas cactus, even though the timing was slightly off as it was usually in full bloom before Thanksgiving. I played it off to the fact that I keep my house cooler than most. After all, who has heard of a Thanksgiving cactus?! However, you may be surprised to learn there are actually three separate species of holiday cacti, a Thanksgiving cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata*), a Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera bridgesii*) and an Easter cactus (*Rhipsalidopsis gaertnerii*). Holiday cacti are treasurers that can be passed down for multiple generations. It’s not unusual for a plant to live more than 100 years with good care.

Aside from their bloom time, the main difference is the shape of their stem segments. The Thanksgiving cacti have 2 to 4 saw-toothed serrations or projections on each segment. The Christmas and Easter cacti are much more rounded. Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti both have tubular flowers but different pollen-bearing anthers. Easter cacti have star-shaped flowers.

All species of holiday cacti are native to the mountains of Brazil and can produce a variety of colored flowers. In their native environment, they grow on tree branches in the rain forest, so they make a great choice for hanging baskets. They grow best in light shade but can tolerate full sun in the fall and winter. Ideal spring and summer growth will occur between 70 to 80 degrees F.

Holiday cacti are short-day plants. This means they need shorter days, at least 12 to 24 hours of darkness, and cool temperatures to induce blooming. Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti need approximately 6 weeks while Easter cacti need 8 to 12 weeks which is why they bloom in the spring. Ideal fall bud growth takes place at 68 degrees F or slightly lower and will slow or stop at 50 degrees F. Long nights of 14 or more hours of darkness for at least six weeks are essential for bud set. Once the flowering begins then the period of darkness is less important.

Plants should be watered when the soil is dry to the touch. They can tolerate drier conditions during the summer. Do not let the cacti become waterlogged or let water stand in the saucer. Unlike other houseplants, holiday cacti are best when kept somewhat pot-bound. Repotting may still be necessary as it grows, but probably not more than once every three years and should be done in the spring. As with other cacti, the potting medium must be well drained.

The most common disease for holiday cacti is root rot which can be prevented by avoiding excessive watering. It is also common for holiday cacti to drop unopened buds. This is usually stimulated by an excessive number of buds, sudden changes in light or temperature, or lack of moisture. The lack of flowering can also be due to interrupting the long night period such as from street, car or indoor lighting. Easter cacti are the most finicky of the three and are considered more difficult to care for. It is more sensitive to under- or over-watering. It also favors higher humidity than its counterparts.

After close inspection, I discovered that I do have Thanksgiving cactus, not a Christmas cactus with poor timing! Contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu for any of your plant care questions. Happy holidays!

GIFTS CAN BE A PROBLEM

Dear Two Cents,

I'm slowly trying to declutter my house and space, and one thing I find very difficult is dealing with the stuff other people have given me that I don't want or need. How can I approach this upcoming gift season with my loved ones without seeming ungrateful?

Sincerely, Dreading the Stuff

Dear Dreading,

You are not alone in this situation! And we have a couple of thoughts on how this could be handled.

Firstly, having a conversation with your loved ones would be a good first step. Something along the lines of "You have been so thoughtful in your gifts in years

past. This year I'm working hard to clear out my living space as a personal goal. In lieu of the amazing gifts you've given me previously, the gift I would love most is spending time with you and making new memories!" If they insist on gifting you something, you could suggest the idea of consumables or something to be shared during the festivities.

Additionally, if the physical gifts keep coming (some habits are hard to break), animal rescues, thrift stores, women's and children's homes, and homeless shelters - all would be places that can utilize your unwanted items. You could base your suggestions with that in mind.

Sincerely, Two Cents

Go to Page 11 to find out how to ask for our Two Cents!

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

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

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

COMMISSIONERS WILL BE ATTENDING THE MACO CONFERENCE IN HELENA, MONTANA ON DECEMBER 4TH- 6TH

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

THERE WILL NOT BE A COMMISSION MEETING

6:00 PM Southern Broadwater County CTAP Meeting at Bridger Brewing

Thursday, December 7, 2023

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

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

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

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

Darrel Folkvord, Vice Chairman
(406) 266-9272 or (406) 980-1213

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

E-mail: commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us
(Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)

- Trust Board Meeting on December 12th at 11:30 AM
- Mental Health LAC Meeting on December 13th at 2 PM
- Planning Board Public Hearing on December 13th at 6 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

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

OBITUARIES

PATRICK JAMES BUCKLEY

Family of Patrick James Buckley

On November 18, 2023, the good Lord extended His hand to Patrick James (Jim) Buckley AKA Buck and asked if he was ready to go on his last adventure. Buck said yes! And so, he left his earthy home at Serenity Point in Townsend, Montana for his Heavenly home.

Buck was born in Massena, New York on January 24, 1944, to Patrick and Wynona Buckley and raised in Saranac Lake, NY where he attended primary school. After graduating high school in 1962 from Mount Assumption Institute (MAI) in Plattsburgh, NY, he enlisted in the Navy subsequently becoming a "Bubble Head" serving on the Submarine USS Trutta SS-421 during the Vietnam War until 1966. He said he was in Guantanamo Bay when Kennedy and Khrushchev went toe to toe during the "Cold War." He is a recipient of the National Defense Service Medal Award.

After exiting the Navy, Buck was always looking for new challenges which created a long list of employment opportunities: lineman for Southern CAL Phone company; Sales/Marketing Manager for Bio Dynamics, Inc. CA; Owner and General Manager of Town & Country Chevrolet, Townsend, MT; Sales/Marketing Manager for Newport Instruments, Inc. Newport Beach, CA; Marketing Manager & Sales Engineer for Climatron, Inc., Costa Mesa, CA; Co-founder of I.D.M.A. (It Doesn't Mean Anything) a specialty manufacturer of energy management hardware and software for buildings and utility industries; JWP, Long Beach, CA; Owner and Operator of Deep Creek Restaurant, Townsend, MT; Energy Management Engineer for the State of Alaska and Chugach Electric, Anchorage Alaska; President/CEO of Energy Alternatives, Palmer, Alaska. His last challenge was building our home in Newport, WA. He did all the plumbing, and although not a licensed plumber he was awarded the "thumbs up" by a very thorough and professional building inspector.

He always said he was the Jack of All Trades and Master of None! However, he was very intelligent and successful at what he "didn't" master. He was an amazing salesman; he could sell ice to an Eskimo. His career extended from being a Salesman, Certified Energy Manager, Purveyor of Fine Food and Libations, and Licensed to Perform Marriages and all Sorts of Mischief.

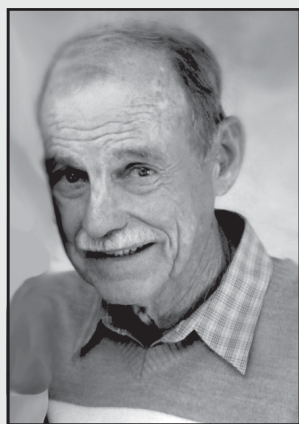
Buck loved to drive fast; racing go carts when he was young, graduating to dune buggies, motorcycles, and snowmachines. He was an avid reader, and golfer and loved to cook. At his restaurant in Townsend, he created Four Star menus for wine tastings. After meeting the love of his life and soulmate, Sheila Quigley, he decided to hang up his cooking utensils and move to Palmer, Alaska to start a new life.

Buck will be remembered for his zest for life; living to the fullest and not letting grass grow under his feet. His beautiful, warm and loving blue eyes with a hint of the Irish devilment could rival Frank Sinatra's. He had a winning smile, a sense of humor, and a can-do attitude. He was very generous with his love, time and money. If someone needed anything, he was there.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, brother Gordon, daughter Debbra Ann, and stepson Chad Allan Graveley. He is survived by his wife Sheila Quigley, Helena, MT; son Patrick and Grandson Van Buckley and adopted daughter Czarina Muro Holleyer, Phoenix, AZ; stepson Ken Graveley and Grandson C.J (Cori) Graveley, Townsend, MT; Grandson Zack (Jill) and great-granddaughter, Riley, Graveley, Thornton, CO.

Service will be held at SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church on Friday, December 1st. Rosary at 11:30 with funeral mass to follow at 12 noon. A luncheon will be served immediately following the services in the church basement. There will also be a celebration presentation of Buck's amazing life. Internment will be in Avon, Montana on Saturday for family members.

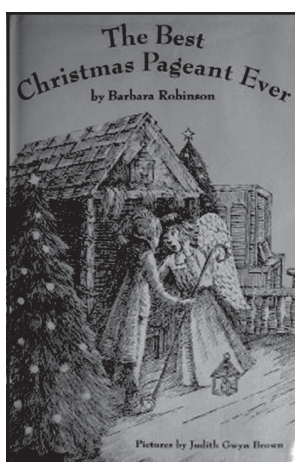
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to God's Love in Helena, MT in Patrick Buckley's name. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Buck.



Correction
In the obituary for Joann Shindoll, MT43 News in advertently misspelled Joann's name in the headline. Our appologies to the family.

BROADWATER COMMUNITY THEATER HOSTS DINNER THEATER, CHILDREN'S PLAYS

MT43 News Staff Reporter



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
Photo Credits: Wikipedia

Broadwater Community Theater in Townsend will host three Christmas performances this year. The annual dinner theater will highlight local children's talent from the book by Barbara Robinson, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever".

Amanda Hazlett directs the play with an amazing cast of 25 students in the comedy about a family of mean children who bug their fellow students. The Herdman family of six steals lunches, pull hair and do dirty tricks in school. Somehow they get mixed up with the local church Christmas play, and well, it will be a surprise turn of events for all.

A catered dinner will delight along with a no-host bar and door prizes to finish the evening. Couples and friends will enjoy a full evening on Saturday, December 16 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Lodge, 131 So. Spruce. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

The student actors will also perform Friday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. and again at a matinee Sunday, December 17 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Lodge. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Children under five may attend for free. Concessions will be available.

This is community theater at its best. Come and enjoy the show. All tickets are available at Reading Leaves or The Bird's Nest in Townsend. Please call (406) 396-4168 or The Bird's Nest (406) 266-1335.

Tickets for the dinner theater will be sold in advance only. For more information call (406) 980-0592.

TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair

This is the fifteenth 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.

68) Acer ginnala, Amur Maple; planted in 2007 in Veteran's Park.

This tree was planted on May 6, 2007, on Join Hands Day in memory of Gloria Poole - Veteran, Army Nurses Corp 1944-46, American Legion Member, Nurse, Mother, Cook, Seamstress, and Bridge Player. Planted by Family, Rotary, American Legion, Boy Scout Troops 231 and 235, and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by the Rotary Club and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The tree is the third tree west of the northeast corner of Veterans Park. Amur maples do not like our alkaline soils so they must be treated annually with chelated iron and elemental sulphur. The tree is in good condition.

69) Sorbus acuparia 'Skinner', Skinner Mountain Ash; planted in 2009 in Heritage Park.

This tree was planted in 2009 in the Heritage Park Playground. The Heritage Park Improvement Committee recognized Beth Ihle and the McDonnell family for their generous donations of time and money to make Heritage Park a fun, safe place for the community. The tree was paid for by the Heritage Park Improvement Committee and planted north of the east swing set in Heritage Park. The tree has fireblight and must be treated twice a year. The tree is in fair condition.

70) Quercus macrocarpa Bur Oak; planted in 2006 on Courthouse property in memory of Barb Schafer.

This tree was planted and dedicated on May 5, 2006, in memory of Barb Shafer – Owner of Big Sky Floral, Twice President of the Lion's Club, and First Lady President of the Chamber of Commerce. The tree was planted by Friends, Family, and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by the Tree Board. The tree is the closest Bur Oak tree to the bench in the southwest corner of the Courthouse property. The tree has bullet galls, a common condition for Bur Oaks. The tree is in good condition.

71) Quercus macrocarpa Bur Oak; planted in 2006 on Courthouse property in memory of Helen Burmaster.

This tree was planted in May and dedicated on June 25, 2006, in memory of Helen Burmaster- a member of the Garden Club, Canton Valley Woman's Club, and the Tree Board. She was an Avid Quilter and Just a Good Person. The tree was planted by Broadwater County High School students and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by the Tree Board. The tree is in the southwest corner of the Courthouse property and is the middle tree in a row of three Bur Oaks. The tree has bullet galls, a common condition for Bur Oaks. The tree is in good condition.

72) Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis 'Prairie Silk', Prairie Silk Honeylocust; planted in 2012 in McCarthy Park to honor Trooper David DeLaitre.

The original tree was planted in the spring of 2011 to honor Trooper David DeLaitre - EOW December 1, 2010. The tree was planted by the Tree Board. The tree was donated by Tony Mistek. The original tree died and the new honeylocust was planted in 2012. The tree is the third tree on the right as you enter McCarthy Park. The tree is in fair condition.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Karoline Nelson
Operations Manager

The Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church will be staffing the food pantry during the month of December.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 40 families on November 18th. This included nine from the Home Maker Program. Thanksgiving dinner packages were given out to 59 families.

Thanks to the AWANA group from Trailhead. They collected and donated 120 pounds of food to the food pantry.

The December board meeting will be held on December 7th at 7 pm at the food pantry.

A reminder that we can accept game meat if it is processed professionally.

With the weather turning cold, please do not drop off donations at the back door. They may go unnoticed and freeze.

The food pantry will only be open for the distribution of food and receiving food on the first and third full weekends. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also.

Items needed this week are chili, can stew, soups, crackers, peanut butter, Skillet meals or Hamburger Helper.

Distribution hours: Saturday distribution hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45. Distribution outside of the normal hours is for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs can be distributed by calling Karoline Nelson at 406-438-3981 or Daryl Blumhagen at 406-980-0800.

How to Donate: Bob's Supermarket has donation boxes at the checkout counters. For donations of meat or other perishable items or for emergency food distribution, please call Karoline at 406-438-3981 or Daryl at 406-980-0800. The food pantry is open to accept donations from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. You may mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644. The food pantry is located at 315 Broadway.

Americanisms



"The proper response, as Hanukkah teaches, is not to curse the darkness but to light a candle."
— Irving Greenberg

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INSIDE INSPIRATION



WINGS OF WORDS: SOARING INTO NEW HEIGHTS

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



As this year draws to a close, I find myself pausing to reflect on the past year's journey. Considering how writing brought a sense of hope and inspiration to the community, I have come to a threshold of letting go of what has filled my heart to overflowing these past few years.

People often ask me, "How did you start writing for the papers?" It all began two years ago over lunch with a friend. I shared with her that I sensed God had called me to write articles that would inspire and bring hope and encouragement to my community. Living in this beautiful community, I discerned a need to touch people's lives in a positive light, and I felt led to positively impact lives as I desired to touch people's hearts through my words.

To my surprise, my friend responded, "I love your idea, and I know the owner of Broadwater Reporter." In disbelief, I asked for the owner's contact information so I could reach out to her. Later that day, my friend texted me, saying, "I ran into the paper's owner, told her about your idea, and she loved it." Connecting with the owner, I began writing for the small community; even though Broadwater Reporter is no longer in print, I have been grateful to continue my writing journey with MT 43 News.

Months later, wanting to reach a broader audience, I contacted Three Forks Voice, expressing my desire to serve the community by contributing weekly articles. After submitting sample articles, Three Forks Voice agreed to publish my articles weekly.

Writing these past two years for all of you has allowed me to grow and expand in ways I never dreamed possible. It has opened my heart and eyes to see the path that has been prepared and laid out for me. I now have clarity about my purpose and passion for using the gifts I have been blessed with. Serving others through hospitality, creating an all-inclusive experience for women, and one-on-one coaching has become my guiding light.

Looking ahead to the next year, my focus is on publishing my second book, a companion to "Soar: How to Rise Above the Turbulence, and Watch Your Dreams Take Flight." I plan to create audio versions of both books and launch an intensive one-on-one coaching experience for women who desire rest, restoration, and transformation. I will also continue serving others at 35,000 feet.

Additionally, I look forward to spending quality time with my family and precious granddaughters, who are growing up too fast.

To you, my readers, I hope and pray that my words have inspired you to pursue your dreams and to live out your purpose. Or it has given you a lot of clarity for your next steps. You have gained momentum...keep going.

I am grateful for the time I have spent with all of you who have looked forward to the weekly articles. Your support and encouragement have brought me moments of hope to know that words on paper can and will positively touch people's lives.

And for those who follow me on Facebook or Instagram, I will continue to post words of hope, inspiration, and encouragement, and I trust they will add value to your life.

As you step into the wonder of this Christmas season, my prayer is that joy fills your heart and you have peace that surrounds you, knowing you are valued and worthy.

"As we close the chapter on this year and open the book of the next, may the words we write inspire, the stories we share bring hope, and the pages we turn reveal the beauty of a purposeful journey." ~Ellie West
To connect with Ellie FB @coachelliewest Certified Master Practitioner NLP, TLT, & Hypnosis.

OUR WALK IN FAITH



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
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Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

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Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th-12th Grades

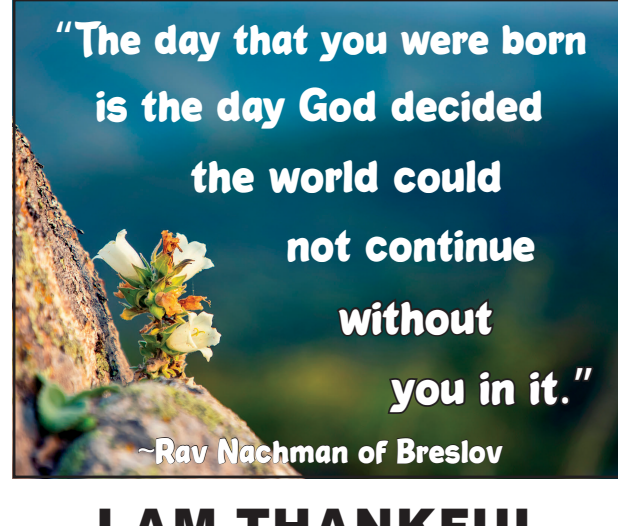
SENIOR CENTER



SR. CENTER MEALS	<i>Thursday, December 7</i>
DEC 4 - DEC 8	Ham and Beans Corn Bread German Vegetables Carrot Raisin Salad Sweet Pears Desert
<i>Monday, December 4</i>	Sloppy Joes On A Bun Baked Beans
<i>Friday, December 8</i>	Montana Pasties Key Largo Vegetables Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Fruit Cocktail
<i>Tuesday, December 5</i>	Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Plump Peaches
<i>Wednesday, December 6</i>	Pork Chops Steamed Potatoes Sliced Beets Dinner Salad/with Beans Whole Grain Bread Apricots

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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.



I AM THANKFUL

Mark Roelofs
Trailhead Church

First Thessalonians 5:18 says to give thanks in all circumstances. In this Season of Thanks, I am thankful for so many blessings. Here are a few of them.

I am thankful for physical life. Though my body aches a bit more and my eyesight is changing (I just had to get readers) as I age, I'm grateful for the health I have and for another day to be alive.

I am thankful for my family – for my wife and our girls. Our girls are both at college this year, so Beth and I are empty nesters, but we are so grateful that – with modern technology – we can communicate with our girls almost any time we want. And we're grateful our girls are only a short airplane flight away so they can come home during breaks.

I am thankful for my extended family. My parents are both still alive, and I am grateful I can be in relationship with them and get to see them on a relatively regular basis. My mom-in-law is dear to us, as are our brothers and sisters on both sides of our family, and we get to see them a couple times a year as well. That is a blessing!

I am thankful for my church family. The Lord is doing some powerful work in people's lives, and that is such a blessing and encouragement to me. People are growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. People are growing in their love for God and His Word. People are growing in their understanding of the Good News of the Gospel – that Christ took the punishment we deserved when He died on the cross, and He rose from the grave three days later defeating sin and death on behalf of all who would repent and believe. People are growing in their love for and service to each other and neighbors. People are growing in their desire to make much of God, to live for His glory rather than our own. People are growing in obedience to Christ and His commands – empowered by the Holy Spirit. God is doing these things in my own life as well. I am grateful for each of these!

I am thankful for our community. I have recently had the privilege to be involved in funerals/memorial services for people of our community, and it is a blessing and encouragement to see this community support those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Most of all, as I think about Christmas, I am thankful for Jesus Christ, who laid aside His glory to take on human flesh so that He could save His people from their sins.

And thank you – for taking your precious time to read this. I hope it serves to encourage you, and to spur you on as you think about what you can be thankful for.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

LUKE 5:4-6

WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS

Fri 12/01 Mostly Cloudy 35° 23° 0% 5 15 mph	Sat 12/02 Light Snow 37° 22° 0 in 7 17 mph	Sun 12/03 Light Snow Showers 37° 29° 0 in 7 21 mph	Mon 12/04 Light Wintry Mix 43° 29° 0 in 2 11 mph	Tue 12/05 Mostly Clear 45° 33° 0% 5 14 mph
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Precipitation:

June: 3.669"	July: 1.181"
August: 1.34"	September: 4.39"
October: 0.760"	November: 0.398"
2022: 15.272"	2023: 13.598"

CryptoQuip

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: K equals L

M DHFKUW'O OBMWV HS OBA
WGZA HS G SGZMKMGI NGQMD
DBAZMDGK QFNQOGWDA. M BGU
GW AKAZAWOGK NKHDV.

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KNIGHT MOVES

N	Y	S
I		A
L	A	S

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

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Throng
RHODE

Proof
CRATE

Lark
INACT

Vision
GAMIE

TODAY'S WORD

"Do you have a _____?
This may take a while!"

Super Crossword

A TO Z REPEATEDLY

ACROSS

- 1 Dubya or JFK
- 5 Horse riders
- 12 Bandleader Lawrence
- 16 NBA's Erving, familiarly
- 19 Totally alter
- 20 Visibly sulky
- 21 Pack of yaks
- 22 Coastal inlet
- 23 Monumental
- 24 Of very hilly regions
- 25 Liveliness
- 27 Betray by snitching
- 29 Possible answer to "Who is?"
- 30 Scottish refusals
- 32 Lupe of "Mexican Spitfire"
- 33 With 73- and 117-Across, notable fact about this puzzle's solution
- 37 Antigen-attacking lymphocyte
- 39 Abbr. ending a math proof
- 40 Suffix with form
- 41 Deer relative
- 42 Surgical tool
- 44 Put a levy on
- 47 Smidge
- 49 Des Moines native
- 51 Cry to a lifesaver
- 53 Move in spasms
- 56 "American Pie" actor — William Scott
- 58 Visibly awed
- 60 Tailless cat
- 61 Pop's Grande
- 63 The Beatles' "Eleanor —"
- 65 Gibson liquor
- 66 1847 Herman Melville novel
- 67 Big name in utility knives
- 68 Atty.'s title
- 69 18-wheeler
- 71 Div. of a hoops game
- 73 See
- 33-Across
- 80 Mine, in Italy
- 81 ROY G. —
- 82 Albuquerque-to-Denver dir.
- 83 Chef's hat
- 85 Travel by foot
- 89 Cable inits. for old films
- 91 Reverend Jackson
- 93 Tweak
- 94 Ending for buck
- 95 "El —" (nickname of a drug lord)
- 97 Drink heartily
- 99 Acorn trees
- 100 "Incredible!"
- 102 D-Max pickup maker
- 104 Tips, as a hat
- 106 Wd. often ending in "-ly"
- 107 Rho-tau link
- 109 Western treaty inits.
- 111 U.S. spy gp.
- 112 Former Pan Am rival
- 115 Decide you will
- 117 See
- 33-Across
- 121 Part of a ship's hull
- 123 Cartoon hits
- 125 Cool, man
- 126 Some Native Americans
- 127 Getting a laugh of out
- 129 Cool guy on "Happy Days"
- 133 Years, in Italy
- 134 Traffic snarl
- 135 Lawn digger
- 136 Popular place for a piercing
- 137 Give a test to
- 138 Log splitter
- 139 — Out of My League!
- 140 Basic nature
- 141 "That's clear"
- 142 "King Kong" studio
- 2 Put new concrete on
- 3 Revised copy
- 4 Cholesterol-lowering drug
- 5 Funny Carrey
- 6 Artist Yoko
- 7 "Be quiet!"
- 8 Univ. about 50 miles west of Topeka
- 9 Coating with glossy varnish
- 10 Yang partner
- 11 Office scribe
- 12 Interlaced
- 13 Is
- 14 Third bk. of the Bible
- 15 Roguish behavior
- 16 Group of precision marchers
- 17 Ceremony
- 18 "Run This Town" rapper
- 26 Toon frame
- 28 Laugh syllable from a Stogie
- 31 Plant — (claim some territory, maybe)
- 34 Writer Mario Vargas —
- 35 Mitigate
- 36 "King Kong" studio
- 38 Solidifies
- 43 "Seminar," e.g.: Abbr.
- 45 River in Italy
- 46 "Kisses and hugs" symbol
- 47 Glide in a rink
- 48 Glaring
- 50 "That's the — goes"
- 52 Med. insurer
- 53 NFL's Jaguars, on scoreboards
- 54 The "E" of 39-Across
- 55 Well-off
- 57 Muslim face veil
- 59 Arouse
- 62 Linguist Chomsky
- 64 Mark over a short vowel
- 68 Pliocene, e.g.
- 70 Big name in infomercial knives
- 72 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
- 74 Class for an Eng. major
- 75 Little jewel
- 76 Sam of golf
- 77 Judo halls
- 78 Blue hue
- 79 Walrus tooth
- 84 Aliens, briefly
- 85 Tot's glassful
- 86 Yank who wore #13
- 87 Small amount, as of sales
- 88 Jazz saxophonist Dave
- 90 Injure greatly
- 92 People crushing things
- 93 Stick on
- 96 Biblical song
- 98 Points of convergence
- 101 Prizes highly
- 103 Animals: Suffix
- 105 Kismet
- 108 Wolf down
- 110 Suppress
- 112 Pre-litoff expression
- 113 Hot dog
- 114 Judicial inquest
- 116 Book divs.
- 118 Lauder of cosmetics
- 119 Cereal utensil
- 120 Basra citizen
- 121 Mexico's — California
- 122 Huge-screen film format
- 124 In-favor votes
- 128 "Stupid me!"
- 130 Partakes of
- 131 "Grimm" ailer
- 132 Wye follower

Kids' Maze

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	5		6	8			4	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

DOUBLES: VOLLEY WINNER

In doubles, the server should hit his first volley deep into the opposing court and move forward. He should continue forward and hit his second volley inside the service line.

The winning volley should be hit:
(1) Down the middle of the court
(2) At the opposing net player
(3) With a sharp angle

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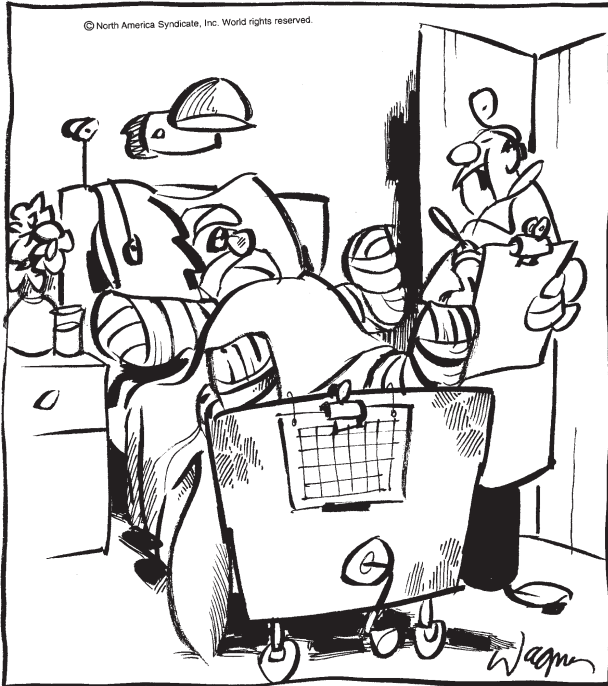
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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN THE BEAR IT by Wagner



"I saw what happened on 'America's Funniest Home Videos!'"

SEARCH AND RESCUE RECEIVES 4x4

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The Broadwater County Search and Rescue (SAR) received a donation recently of a new 2024 Polaris Ranger NorthStar Ultimate side x side. It has all the bells and whistles; from 1, 2 and 4-wheel drive, to lights all over.

This vehicle was donated by Graymont. Mike Speedy, who works at Graymont, as well as who volunteers with The Search and Rescue, went to the bosses at Graymont, asking if they might be interested in 'helping' to fund a new 4x4 side x side.

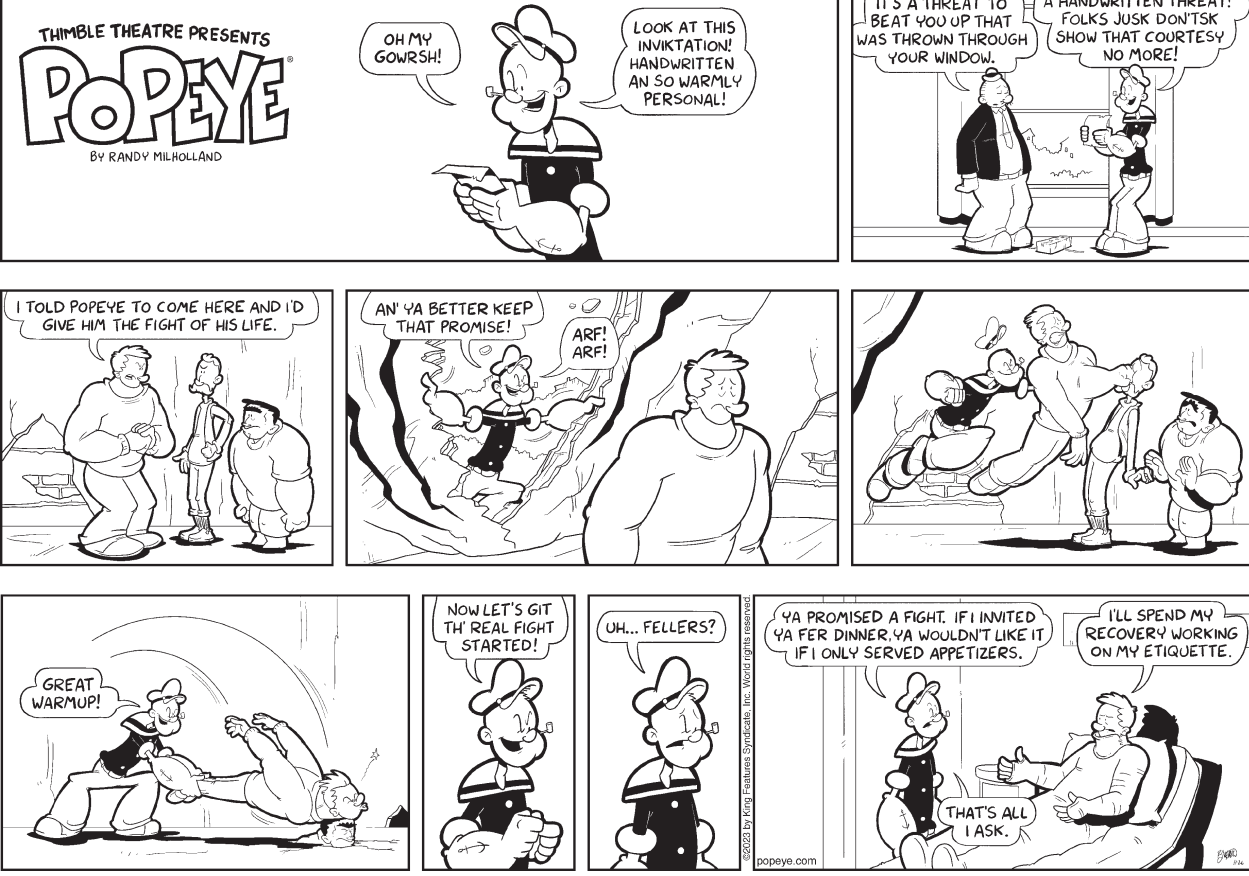
After speaking with Sheriff Nick Rauser about the need for one to help them to help others; an agreement was made. It took a few weeks to garner the craft that was needed, but on November 20, it was delivered to SAR.

This beautiful brand-new side-by-side came with all the bells and whistles; a heater, an air conditioner, a radio, GPS, "alley lights" (which shine in LED sideways) and box lights. It has a 'dump box', a camera (both front and rear), and a very competent GPS system... it even has trax AND wheels; which means that they can rescue you, no matter where you're lost or where you may be.

This is not the only rescue vehicle that SAR has; they have 5 trucks, twin Ski-doo's, and older 4x4s. They also have their Command Center van and their Ice Rescue trailer. Earlier in 2023, SAR was the donation recipient of a 'Snobulance' by Equinox, by an anonymous donor. This vehicle also has interchangeable wheels and snow-trax. The basic difference is that the new side x side has more power and that it can get places that the

SAR 4x4, 11

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
POPEYE
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND



HAVE FUN AT THE CHRISTMAS STROLL!

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Horde 2. Trace;
3. Antic; 4. Image
Today's Word
CHAIR

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip
answer
I couldn't think of the name of a familiar basic chemical substance. I had an elemental block.

KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

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ANALYSIS

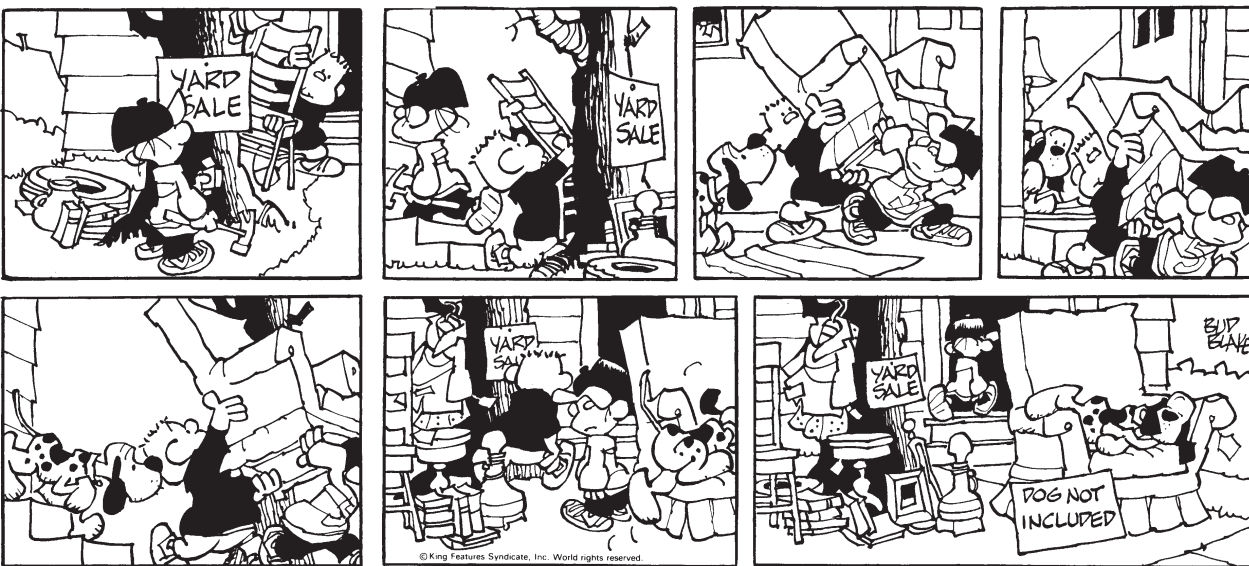
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by Jeff Pickering



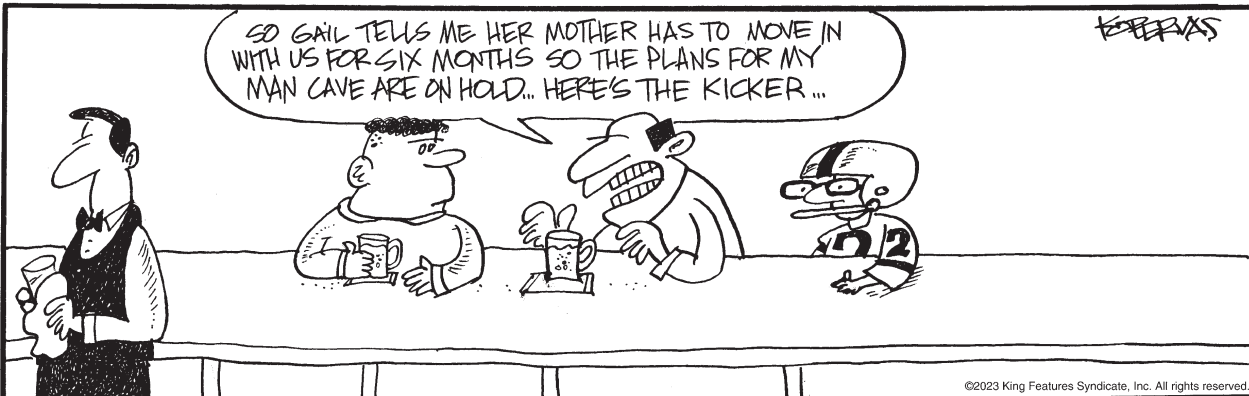
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by BUD BLAKE

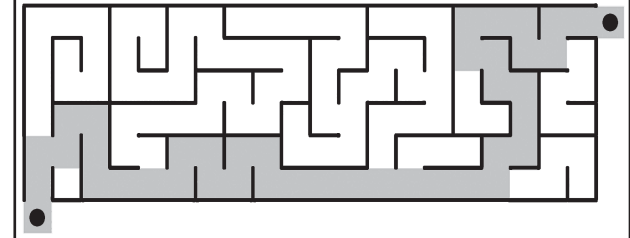


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Kids' Maze Solution



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword


Answers

P	R	E	Z	J	O	C	K	E	Y	S	W	E	L	K	D	R	J
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PARTY FOOD FOR HUNTERS

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

Senior Dinner and Light Tour

The Townsend Rotary Club and the Townsend Lions Club are excited to once again be sponsoring the Annual Senior Citizens Dinner and Christmas Light Tour.

"It will be on December 11th and December 12th. Everyone will have a great time!"

Dinner will be served at 5:00 and the light tour will start at 6:00. Dinner will be prepared and served at the Townsend Senior Citizens Center. Rides will be provided to the event for anyone that needs one.

Please plan on attending and having a terrific evening!

Rotary and Lions Clubs will be calling Seniors for reservations. You can also call John Rains at 406-202-5309 or Christina Hartman at 406-698-0133 for more information or to reserve your spot.



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OUR TWO CENTS

We'll give you our Two Cents!



Now that we've all gorged on turkey with the trimmings, turkey sandwiches, turkey enchiladas, tacos, and quesadillas, oh, and turkey/dressing/gravy bowls for a week, I'll bet you're just as hungry for something different as I am. How about a crisply fried, dynamically flavored, melt in your mouth finger food? Seems right for the holiday season, doesn't it? And while it's not red meat, my husband John always refers to ducks and geese as 'brown' meat, which is almost red. But definitely, in this Rangoon, delicious. Invite your friends and family, the ones who say they can't stand waterfowl, and don't tell them what's in it. You'll find cream cheese and horseradish, that crispy fried envelope and vibrant dip, will have them asking for more.

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Waterfowl Rangoon Wontons
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Waterfowl Rangoon Wontons

Makes 4 dozen

8 ounces diced duck or goose breast meat
 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1 teaspoon prepared creamy horseradish
 2 green onions
 1 pound package wonton wrappers
 Oil for frying

- Cooking
- In a food processor, combine the duck meat, cream cheese, and horseradish. Process until the mixture is just chopped, pulsing off and on 1-2 seconds at a time, 4-5 times. When done, stir in the chopped green onions by hand.
 - Place the wonton wrappers on a cutting board, a few at a time. Place 1 teaspoon of filling in the center of each. Lightly moisten the edges of the wrappers, and fold in half, corner to corner, so you have a triangle. Fold the long ends together, moisten the corners and press to seal. Repeat with the others.
 - Preheat the oil in the fryer. (Temperature should be around 375F as in a Fry daddy, for best results.) Cook the wontons in batches, without crowding, until crisp and golden brown, about 2 minutes, turning once to brown evenly. Drain on paper towels as you proceed to the next batch.
 - Serve hot, with sweet and sour sauce, bottled or homemade as below.

Sweet and Sour Sauce

6 tablespoons pineapple juice
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
 2 teaspoons cornstarch

Combine all ingredients, mixing until the corn starch is dissolved completely. Microwave on high for about 1 minute or so until the sauce starts to boil and thicken a bit. Let cool to room temperature before dipping.

This recipe is from Eileen's Duck & Goose Cookery, published by Ducks Unlimited. It's out of print, but Eileen picks up copies at book stores, etc, and often has used copies in house. Plus, her other game cookbooks, The Wild Bowl and Tenderize the Wild, have lots of waterfowl recipes too. 406-521-0273/
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SAR 4x4, 10
 older 'Snobulance' cannot get.
 Paul Liner, Graymont Plant Manager, said that they were more than willing to help in the \$36,000 purchase of the new vehicle. In fact, Graymont donated the funds to completely cover the new side x side.



The SAR volunteers admiring the new side x side.
 Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Sheriff Nick Rauser gave huge kudos to Graymont; thanking them profusely for their role in getting this great addition to their fleet. Sheriff Rauser commented that this donation "makes it easier to save the money that we need for a new boat."



Brandon Harris (undersheriff), Mark Wood, Sean Dolan, Paul Liner (plant manager, Graymont) Sheriff Nick Rauser, Mike Speedy, Mike Lewis.
 Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Undersheriff, Brandon Harris, commented "This is such a boost to our community, and even those who aren't our community. May we be there for all in trouble, all who need our help."

Search and Rescue is a part of the Sheriff's Department. "We need to work in tandem, to bring the best to Broadwater County," said Harris.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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NOVEMBER 30

1939

Townsend Has New Oil Station

Townsend has a new oil station. During the week the Consumers Oil company opened for business in the station recently built by Shaw and Graveley on highway No. 10 close to the string of new tourist camps built at the same time.

The owners of the new concern, Gene Goodspeed and Freeman Bruce of Helena, announce that they have taken a lease from Mr. Graveley and will operate their station from now on. This is the third station the for young owners, having two already in operation in Helena. Wallace Bruce, uncle to Freeman Bruce, will manage the affairs of the Townsend station.

In an advertisement in this issue, the owners announce the regular 73 octane gasoline at 20 cents per gallon and a high quality white gas at 18 cents per gallon. They claim that the gas comes from the refinery to their customers and that it is the best and together with the low prices is bringing the station its share of business.

1950

Two Performances for Humorous Senior Play

The Broadwater County High school seniors will present their annual play "Act Your Age", a three act comedy by William Davidson, December 4, 5 and 6.

The play concerns two 14-year old girls, Angey and Jerry, who started writing to a pair of lonesome sailors. Just to make it more interesting, they passed themselves off as grown-up young ladies. A matinee is scheduled for Dec. 4, with night performances Dec. 5 and 6. The cast includes: Angey, Sheila McCarthy; Jerry, Mary Kieckbusch; Cora, Dona Wallace; Gadget, Gary Welch; Jim, Del Morrison; Helga, Jean Graveley; Sandra, Roxy Ward; and Commander Stone, Ralph Cook.

The play is being directed by James Cusick and staged by the senior class sponsor, Miss Gudrun Vanvig.

1961

Toston Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. George Alex of Townsend were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Middleton.

Bill Berberet drove to Lewistown Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kolberg and children spent Thanksgiving in Manhattan with Mr. and Mrs. Verwolf.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer spent Thanksgiving at the home of Charles Plummer in Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Campeau spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Belgrade.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Grady, Ann and Dick and Mr. Dick Grady, all of Townsend spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet and family. Gerald Berberet, who attends Carroll College was home for Thanksgiving dinner.

Miss Olive Cain was home from Western Montana College at Dillon for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flynn for Thanksgiving dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flynn, Louise Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Flynn, and Ethel Dergseng and all the children.

1967

Local News

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fisher and family were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fisher of Manhattan and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cartwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meyer and sons were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer and family in Stevensville.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Frey were Thanksgiving guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kieckbusch and family in Boulder. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Biggs and family were joined for Thanksgiving dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ewing and family, Mrs. Myrtle Biggs and Mrs. A.J. Swarts.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. John A. Plymale for the holiday were Miss Laura Plymale, Whitehall, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plymale and family and Mrs. Nellie Sayer and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schneider and family were holiday weekend visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ragen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Scott and Mrs. Richard Bomar left by plane from Helena Monday for Camp Pendleton, Calif. to visit Lance Corp. Gene Scott who is a patient in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gravage and family of Livingston were overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax McCarthy on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Barry White and children went to Helena Thursday for the holiday with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood.

1978

Free Shows for Area Kids

Jack Sautter, owner of Rex Theatre, has announced the show times for the annual Free shows that he sponsors for area kids.

The Rex Theater has been sponsoring the show annually for thirty years, much to the enjoyment of Broadwater children.

Monday, December 11, rural and town kids, grades one through 8 are invited. Grades one through four will view the show at 9:00 a.m. Grades 5 through 8 will see the show at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 18, high school kids are invited to the theatre at 10:30 a.m. for their free show.

Sautter announced that he will not have a pre-school show this year, due to poor attendance in the past. He noted, however, that anyone wishing to come with the grade school and also visit Santa Claus after the show, are more than welcome.

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH TRAILHEAD CHURCH

Kelley Gobbs
Trailhead Church

The month of December tends to bring on more stress with even busier schedules, more events, added expenses, and extra to-do lists. The time leading up to Christmas is often referred to as Advent, which is a Latin word meaning "coming". During this time, Christians anticipate the joy of Jesus' first coming and wait in eager expectation for the day He will come again. As we wade our way through this busy Advent Season, our prayer is for hearts to be focused on the King of Kings. Slow down and find joy through it all.

As a church body, we are excited to share with you all the Christmas happenings at Trailhead. Our annual Children's Christmas program is on Sunday, December 10 at 4 pm. The children are working hard to memorize their lines and practice their songs for

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". After the program, there will be a soup and bread dinner that everyone is welcome to attend.

AWANA kids and leaders plan to celebrate Jesus' Birthday on Wednesday, December 20 during their regular weekly AWANA meeting. The party includes fun games, decorations, and a birthday cake for Jesus! On the same evening, the Trailhead Youth Group will do its annual Christmas Caroling Tour. Each year, the 40-plus junior high and high school kids go to the nursing and assisted living homes in Townsend, spreading Christmas joy to the residents. The kids celebrate the Coming King with caroling and the reading of the Christmas Story from the gospel of Luke.



Trailhead Youth Group Caroling at Silver Springs.
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Sunday, December 24 will include our regular Sunday Morning Worship service at 10 am. We are also hosting the annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 that evening. This is a wonderful time with the glow from candles, beautiful Christmas hymns, and the story of our Savior.

Trailhead Church and the many volunteers look forward to delivering the annual Christmas Meal on Monday, December 25. The menu includes ham or turkey, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and dessert. The meals are provided and delivered at no cost to anyone who would like one. It's our simple gift to the community of

Broadwater County. Meals are delivered a bit past noon on Christmas Day. If you would like to sign up to help volunteer preparing, cooking, or delivering the meals, please contact us at info@trailheadchristmaschurch.com. If you would like to receive a meal (s), please call 406-266-4406 and leave a detailed message. This is something our congregation looks forward to doing every year. Join us for a delicious, home-cooked meal!

Lastly, we are celebrating a few big milestones in our Building to Serve Expansion and fundraising campaign. The building is dried in and ready for the Montana winter. This completes Phase 1 of the project, which is an exciting accomplishment. Second, a generous donor has pledged \$250,000 in matching funds through December 31. That means, for every \$1 we receive in donations toward the Building to Serve fundraiser, they will match up to \$250,000. We are so grateful for all of the generosity and the Lord's provision throughout this entire project.

We pray your December and Advent season be marked by rest, abundance, and joy! Join us and find your rest in gospel truth this holiday season. Merry Christmas!



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