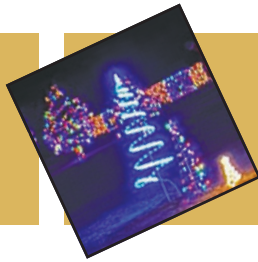




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GRADE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mikayla Kraft
School Correspondent



This time of the year brings happiness to people across the globe. With a time to be thankful, a time to remember who you are blessed with, a time to show the people you care about how much you care about them, and a time to recognize the love you share with the people present in your life. Christmas is about the entirety of the season's meanings. The parents racing to get the perfect gifts for their children and family members, the family gathering plans, and more stress parents out. Each year, as their children, we can perform concerts to showcase what we have learned and give them the gift of holiday spirit.



Elementary Students waiting to showcase their skill of the xylophone.
Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

Last week, on December 7, the elementary school proudly showed their parents the love of music they had gained. With both traditional and contemporary music, kindergarten through fifth-grade students sang and played beautiful Christmas music that the parents



Townsend Elementary Kindergarteners did their best to follow Music Teach Olga McNulty's lead singing Christmas carols Thursday night December 7 at the high school auditorium much to the delight of parents, grandparents and friends.
Photo Credits: Kelly Morris



Townsend Elementary School Music Teacher Olga McNulty led her first graders in a carefully practiced Christmas recital last Thursday night December 7 at the high school auditorium.
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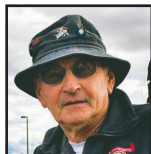
will remember for a lifetime. However, it wouldn't have been able to be done without Mrs. McNulty, the elementary music teacher. With her talent, her love for kids, and her teaching skills, the students performed a concert to remember.

Not only did students sing to entertain the crowd, but they also learned music on the xylophone, recorder, and even the piano. Songs included the Pinata Song, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, and Good King

Christmas Concert, 4

ROTARY HELPS LIONS PURCHASE SECOND HEARING SCREENING MACHINE FOR TOWNSEND SCHOOLS

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian



The Broadwater County Lions Club does regular vision and hearing screening tests for Townsend school children. The new vision screening machine is so fast that a line develops at the one hearing screening machine. To alleviate this problem, the Lions approached the Rotary Club of Townsend to see if they would help purchase a second hearing screening machine.

The Rotary Club Board of Directors unanimously approved the request. On December 11th, the Rotary Club presented a check for \$1,500 to Townsend School Principal Christina Hartmann at the Rotary/Lions Senior Dinner at the Senior Center.

Rotary makes its money for community projects like this at our one fundraiser for the year, the Fall Fest. Rotary appreciates the support Townsend and Broadwater County residents and businesses give to the Fall Fest so Rotary can continue doing good things in the community.



Pat Plantenberg, Rotarian, presents Lions members Christina Hartmann (President) and Gary Olsen with a check for \$1500.
Photo Credits: Townsend Rotary

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES FROM THE LIONS

Bob Brastrup
Townsend Lions Club

Sometimes unforeseen circumstances create situations where families can use some cheering up at Christmas.

For many years the Broadwater County Lions have helped bring joy to a couple of families who might otherwise have a bleak Christmas morning.

Lion president, Christina Hartmann, enjoys a four or five-hour shopping trip to gather the needed gifts- clothing, food, and toys; and then spends a couple more hours wrapping them.

The Broadwater County Lions Club wishes a Merry Christmas to everyone.



Christina Hartmann (Lions President) with gifts
Photo Credits: Bob Brastrup

CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO END CITY-COUNTY AIRPORT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

At a City Council meeting Tuesday, December 5th, members voted to remove the city from the Interlocal-Agreement with Broadwater County to co-own the municipal airport. Members reached the decision after City Attorney Peter Simon explained several issues with the interlocal agreement. He explained the city pays \$14,000 maintenance annually plus improvements which are costly to the city.

Council member Angie Wintrow reminded members the county, along with the Federal Aeronautics Administration (FAA), is looking at a \$6 million improvement program.

The City would incur part of the costs of that improvement plan. Wintrow acts as liaison member to the Airport Board.

Other discussion included a space lease agreement before the Council with Wade Litton who purchased one of four hangars with living quarters. Four hangar-homes were grandfathered in as residences in the 1990's when the (FAA) allowed hanger-homes.

In an interview clarifying the hangar-home issue, Broadwater County Commissioner and Airport Board member Darrel Folkvord explained the FAA changed its position on permanent housing on airport grounds in 2005.

The FAA considers residential development, including airport hangars that incorporate permanent or temporary living quarters, on federally obligated airports as incompatible with airport operations and may conflict with several grant assurance requirements, he said. Any of those four residences, when sold, would revert to aircraft storage only.

Simon concluded by saying the situation could lead to possible litigation for the city. The Council agreed to sign the space lease agreement with Litton.

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FFA UPDATE

Kaitlyn Noyes

FAA Correspondent

November 6th - December 5th, 2023

Ag Expo - Sponsored by John Deere Dealers:

Held on the MSU Bozeman Campus, the Ag Expo sponsored by John Deere Dealers was held on November 16th - November 18th, 2023. Broadwater FFA members attended the Expo in the following contests:

- Livestock Judging- Kaitlyn Noyes, Aiden Kitto, Spencer Braaten, Ashley Sanderson
- Vet Science Sr- Kaitlyn Noyes, Kayla Kraft, Grace Kroeger, Aubrey Wells, Janey Brunette, Ashley Sanderson
- Vet Science Jr- Jacey Brunette
- Sales- Gavin Schmele, Audrey Wells, Kayla Kraft, Ross Macdonald
- Agronomy- Aiden Kitto, Nolan Flynn, Spencer Braaten, Gavin Schmele
- Mechanics- Nolan Flynn, Ross MacDonald, Creighton Wright, Gavin Schmele, Kaden Bruins
- Creed Speaking- Jacey Brunette

The Expo wasn't all work and no play though, there were plenty of other fun events such as an FFA dance, interactive workshops, an inspiring keynote speaker, and the awards banquet. Here are the final standings of our teams:

- Livestock Judging- Team Placing: 12th
- Vet Science Sr- Team Placing: 13th
- Vet Science Jr- Team Placing: 36th
- Sales- Team Placing: 22nd
- Agronomy- Team Placing: 13th
- Mechanics- Team Placing: 28th

Certifications:

The Ag Program has started offering Industry Certification opportunities for students in various classes. Kaitlyn Noyes and Ashley Sanderson received their NCLCA Principles of Livestock Selection & Evaluation Certification. The National Collegiate Livestock Coaches' Association (NCLCA) Principles of Livestock Selection & Evaluation Certification verifies individuals have acquired the specialized skills necessary to excel in the livestock industry.

John Sommer received his Ducks Unlimited Ecology Conservation & Management Certification. The Ducks Unlimited Ecology Conservation & Management Certification verifies individuals have obtained exceptional knowledge and skills in the areas of ecological principles and wildlife management, as well as habitat, forest, grasslands, wetlands and waterfowl conservation and management. Congrats on all your hard work!

Pictures were taken by: Kaitlyn Noyes and Jemma Loughery

Membership:

As the years progress onward, so does our FFA chapter membership. With its numbers still continuing to grow, we have a number of 42 FFA Members as of the Fall Semester, of 2023. To join FFA, you must be enrolled in an agriculture course at the 8th - 12th grade level. If you're a student at BHS and are interested in joining FFA in the future, seek out the agriculture teacher, Jemma Loughery, to enroll in an agricultural education program next year and join FFA.



Back Row/Left to Right: Janey Brunette, Grace Kroeger, Gavin Schmele, Ross MacDonald, Kaden Bruins, Nolan Flynn, Aiden Kitto, Creighton Wright
Front Row/Left to Right: Ashley Sanderson, Jacey Brunette, Kaitlyn Noyes, Aubrey Wells, Kayla Kraft, Spencer Braaten

BULLDOGS GIRLS WRESTLING

Mike Schnittgen

Girls Wrestling

We made history today, the first win in the history of BHS for girls wrestling. We started that program this year.

Choteau was a good eye-opener, it showed us where we are at conditioning-wise and against the competition. We lost a lot of matches that were winnable and that we will win in the future with minor adjustments.

Even though we didn't get the results the athletes were probably hoping for; we did notice some indications of determination in the mentality of our athletes in regards to their goals from here on out.

I think we have a few kids who will surprise their opponents down the stretch and wrap up the season strong. We ended up having one 6th place finisher at Choteau, I believe we will have more medalists at divisionals, which will arguably be a tougher tournament due to the large size and numbers of the Western Division.

PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

Lacie Reed

Lacie J. Reed Photography

Boys Basketball:

Wyatt Robertson had a dominating performance on Saturday against the Gardiner Bruins. With the only other Senior on the team being out with sickness, Wyatt stepped up after losing to the Manhattan Christian Eagles on Friday. He is the best teammate on the sidelines, pushing his brothers to play better and execute on the offensive end. Wyatt Roberston took it personally after the Bruins went on a 12-0 run in the 4th, and SCORED the game-sealing layup to give the Bulldogs the Victory! CONGRATS WYATT!!!



Basketball: Wyatt Robertson
Photo Credits: Lacie J. Reed Photography



Wrestling: Tristin Owensby
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Wrestling:

Tristin Owensby is our Player of the Week this week! He got his first win last weekend in Whitehall and helped the team win a very close dual on Saturday.

Girls Basketball:

Kaitlyn Noyes is a role player. She doesn't alter her intensity based on whether she's scoring points or not. She rebounds with the intent of securing the basketball. She is also very coachable and has a contagious attitude.



Basketball: Kaitlyn Noyes
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BULLDOG BASKETBALL UPDATE

Gary Bauman

Townsend Middle School

December 10, 2023

Townsend Boys vs Manhattan Christian Eagles

The Bulldogs opened with the defending state champion Manhattan Christian Eagles on Friday night in Churchill. The Bulldogs started out on fire, keeping pace through the first quarter, ending in a tie on the board, but the Eagles showed why they are one of the better teams in the state.

The Eagles, led by Mason Venema, who finished with the game high 25, made 14 of their next 16 attempts, whereas the Bulldogs made only 1 of their next 14. The Bulldogs lead by Ryedan Reed, 11, just couldn't keep pace with

the high-powered offense of the Eagles, falling 81 to 25 in the season opener.

Head coach, Tyler Patrick, said "The first games of the season are so important to us to see where your strengths are, and more importantly, what you have to work on to become a better team." "Even though we got beat by Manhattan Christian, my assistants and I spoke highly about our production in the 1st quarter."

Scoring:

Ryedan Reed 7, Trenton Hoveland 8, Deegan Mattson 8, Grady Erickson 2

Scoring By Quarter

Townsend: 13 15 24 25

Manhattan Christian: 13 41 64 81

December 11, 2023

Townsend Boys vs Gardiner Bruins

The Bulldogs got a much-improved performance against the Gardiner Bruins in the second game of the weekend. Led in scoring by Deegan Mattson, 14 and Ryedan Reed, 13, the Bulldogs got on the board with 7 straight points from junior Sawyer Horne who hit two circus shots and a three-pointer to give the Dogs an early lead. The defense was much improved this game as they kept the Bruins to 9 points in two quarters after switching defenses from man to zone, shutting down the hot hand of Parker Wyman, who finished the game with 26.

"We share the ball really well and our defense looks really hard to pass through at times," said coach Tyler Patrick. "We know we have a lot to work on on the offensive side of things, the one thing I love about my team is they are not afraid to put in the hard work, and I believe we are going to have an amazing year."

Scoring:

Deegan Mattson 14, Ryedan Reed 13, Tavyn Anderson 9, Sawyer Horne 9, Grady Erickson 9, Kaden Richtmyer 2, Trenton Hoveland 2, Wyatt Roberson 2

Quarter Scoring

Townsend: 19 35 48 60

Gardiner: 12 18 21 47

December 8, 2023

Townsend Lady Dogs vs Manhattan Christian

The Townsend Bulldogs played their season opener Friday against the Manhattan Christian Eagles in Churchill. The Bulldogs started off cold, giving the Eagles a 15-point lead early in the game, but the Bulldogs kept the press on and fought hard all game.

The Bulldogs, led by senior, Ella Begger who finished with 12 points and 8 steals, held the Eagles to 1 point in the second quarter, cutting the lead to 5 going into halftime.

The Eagles came out big in the 3rd quarter with 17, extending the lead back to 13, led by Bella Triemstra, who finished with 17 on the night.

The Bulldogs outscored the Eagles 10-5 in the final quarter, but that was not going to be enough as they needed another 8 to complete the comeback, losing 36-44.

"Our main focus this next week is to improve on some of the areas that led to our loss against Manhattan Christian," said Coach David Lawson, who is excited about getting another week of practice before a 4-game home stretch heading into the Christmas break.

Scoring:

Ella Begger 12, Holly Newman 8, Emmalin Fischer 7, Cassidy Flynn 6, Kaitlyn Noyes 3

By Quarter:

Townsend: 5 16 26 36

Manhattan Christian: 20 21 39 44

December 11, 2023

Townsend Lady Dogs vs Gardiner Bruins

The Townsend Lady Dogs wasted no time getting started against the Gardiner Bruins, getting out to a 26-2 run in the first quarter. The Bulldog's press led to 17 steals causing 47 total turnovers on the night for the Bruins. The Bulldogs had hands in every passing lane during the press and made it very difficult to even get the ball across half-court in the 66-24 rout.

The Dogs were led by Senior Ella Begger and Sophomore Holly Newman in a game that saw every Bulldog in the scorebook. Coach Lawson was happy with the performance overall but knows that there is always room for improvement.

"Our goals are to make improvements during each game through this upcoming stretch," as the Dogs start a 4-game homestand.

The next games will be all at home, Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Check the school website for times.

Scoring:

Ella Begger 11, Holly Newman 10, Kaitlyn Noyes 8, Jazel Ragen 8, Emmalin Fischer 8, Cassidy Flynn 7, Bryleigh Erickson 6, Taylor Cartwright 3, Abigail Wickens 2, Mishayla Lambott 2, Madelyn Schritz 1

Quarter Scoring:

Townsend: 26 40 58 66

Gardiner: 2 15 18 24

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 15
1:00 pm - Three Forks Public Library: Lego Club

December 16
Three Forks Library CLOSED

December 19
1:00 pm - Three Forks Public Library: Mah Jongg
4:00 pm - Three Forks Public Library: Middle School Book Club
6:00 pm - Three Forks Public Library: Book Club

December 21
10:00 am - Three Forks Public Library: Storytime
6:00 pm - Three Forks Music Night with Bridger Creek Boys at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

December 22
5:00 pm - Public Works position closes at City Hall

December 23
Three Forks Library CLOSED

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 15
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
6:00pm Broadwater Community Theater Presents: Best Christmas Pageant Ever at The Lodge of Townsend

December 16
10:00am- 5:00pm Ladies Day Out in Townsend **SEE PAGE 9 FOR MORE INFO!**
12:00- 5:00PM FREE Holiday Feed at VFW 10010, 117 W Main St in E Helena **READ DETAILS ON THIS PAGE!**
1:00- 2:00pm Holiday Gnome Floral Class at Broadwater Blooms
6:00pm Broadwater Community Theater Presents: Annual Holiday Dinner Theater
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
Shrimp Saturday at The Betsy **SEE PAGE 10 FOR MORE!**

December 17
3:00pm Broadwater Community Theater Presents: Best Christmas Pageant Ever at The Lodge of Townsend
4:00- 7:00PM Chase vs Transfer Case Benefit & Raffle at the Fish Tale Tavern

December 18
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive: United Methodist Church at United Methodist Church
6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

December 19
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6:00pm Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway
6:30pm City of Townsend- Penalty Revision Ordinance **PAGE 5**

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Shrimp Saturday at The Betsy **SEE PAGE 10 FOR MORE!**

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4:30pm Christmas Eve Service at Trailhead Church **SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS!**
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December 25
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Three Forks School Calendar

Dec 15 - Dec 16
HS Wrestling @ CMR Great Falls

Dec 16
1:00 PM - HS Basketball vs Ennis (home)

Dec 18
4:00 PM C-Squad Boys BB @ Butte

Dec 19
HS FCCLA meeting during Lunch
MS Book Club at Lunch
3:00 PM - HS Basketball @ Townsend
6:30 PM Board Meeting-Lg Conf. Rm.

Dec 20
MS Book Club Xmas party @ lunch
MS FCCLA Mtg. @ Lunch break

Dec 21
1/2 Day- NOON DISMISSAL
HS Wrestling Home Mixer (TBD)

Dec 22 - Jan 1
WINTER BREAK

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Townsend School Calendar

Dec 15 - Dec 16
HSWR @ Great Falls

Dec 15
4:15PM HSBB vs Sheridan

Dec 16
8:00AM Noyes Grad Party at Elem Commons/Kitchen
1:00PM HSBB vs Whitehall S&D @ Livingston

Dec 18
4:15 PM HSBB vs Twin Bridges

Dec 19
4:15 PM HSBB vs Three Forks

Dec 20
6:00PM Old Baldy Adult Ed - Writing Professionally for Money at Library Classroom
7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym
7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym

Dec 22 - Jan 1
NO SCHOOL- WINTER BREAK



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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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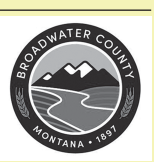
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BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

December 18
11:00am Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building
2:00pm Public Q & A Session at County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki's Courthouse Office
6:00pm City / County Parks & Recreation at Flynn Building

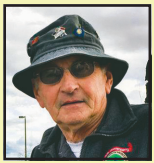
December 19
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December 20
10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building
3:00pm Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building
6:00pm Airport Board Meeting at Flynn Building



ROTARY HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST WINNERS SELECTED

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian



Each year, the Rotary Club of Townsend encourages community residents to decorate their homes for Christmas.

Rotary offers a cash award: First place = \$100, Second place = \$50, and Third place = \$25.

This year, the winner is Keith and Teena Larson located at 400 S. Harrison Ave.

Second place goes to Dustin Clark at 502 S. Walnut.

Third place is Robert Brastrup at 308 S. Cherry Street.

Great job! They look wonderful! Drive by and see the wonderful decorations!

To see all of our Christmas Light pictures in Full Size - High Definition, visit the MT43 News website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/2023XmasLights>



Keith and Teena Larson 400 S. Harrison: 1st Place
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Dustin Clark 502 s. Walnut: 2nd place
Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg



Bob Brastrup 308 S. Cherry: 3rd place
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SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER AND LIGHT TOUR SETS RECORDS

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian

On December 11th and 12th, the Rotary Club of Townsend and Broadwater Area Lion's Club sponsored a Seniors Holiday Dinner with all the trimmings dinner at the Townsend Senior Center followed by a tour of the Holiday lights throughout town.

Townsend School District #1, and Billings Clinic Broadwater, and Silver Springs Assisted Living donate the use of their buses to tour the Seniors around town. About 96 people were served meals over the two-day event: a record number!

Rotarians provided a bag of home-baked Holiday cookies for each Senior.

After the dinner of ham, roast turkey, dressing, potatoes and vegetables, the Seniors boarded the Townsend School Activities bus, driven by Billings Clinic CEO Justin Tiffany, for a tour of the Christmas light displays in Townsend.



Townsend Area Seniors Enjoying the Dinner
Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

The Rotary Youth Club, the Interact Club, and Broadwater County High School National Honor Society students helped serve the meals. The Interact Club made personal greeting cards for each senior attending.

For those shut-ins who could not make the dinner, the Clubs purchased and gave away poinsettias. Again, a record number of poinsettias were delivered.

Rotary and the Lions would like to thank the staff at the Senior Center for another excellent meal for the seniors.

To view all our pictures of the Senior Dinner, Visit the MT43 News

Christmas Concert, 1
Wenceslas. Aside from this, Mrs. Bakkum taught the fifth-grade band and the fifth-grade choir. Mrs. Bakkum instilled a love of music in these students that no other teacher may have been able to do. With all of the breath in their lungs, the fifth-grade band played Clair De La Lune and Up on the Husetop. The fifth-grade choir sang the Sounds of Christmas, Angels We Have Heard on High, and Silent Night.

These children giving their parents an ounce of Christmas spirit isn't the only thing given during this time to be thankful for. The students that played in the stands last night are the future generations. They are only learning now, but these students could be historical figures one day. Knowing that as a parent, you have the undying blessing of raising these children to be good people involved in their school, community, workplace, and wherever else is one of the greatest gifts of all. Not only should parents be proud of their children, but the children also deserve praise. Even though they may love to get in trouble, standing on that stage, waving down at their parents, they are so excited to be on a big stage and make their mom, dad, grandpa, and grandma proud. They don't need to be forced to get up there, they want to show you what they have learned, and that overall, may be the greatest gift the children this holiday season give.



A record setting number of Seniors attended the Lions Club/Rotary Club Senior Dinner and Light Tour.
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website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/2023SeniorDinner>.

Merry Christmas FROM TRAILHEAD CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 4:30 PM

TRAILHEAD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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LEGAL NOTICES

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN RE THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ANDREW BERGSTAD
Deceased
Probate No. DP-2023-15.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, CAROL BERGSTAD has been appointed Personal Representative of the above- named estate on November 22, 2023. 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 to CAROL BERGSTAD, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at 11 Cottonwood Rd., Townsend, MT 59644, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

Printed December 08, 15 & 22, 2023

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Public Notice

A+ Storage does here by give notice to the following customer (s):
Lilly Anne Hews

Jeff Jensen
renting storage units containing household goods and miscellaneous items, that this property will be sold to satisfy rent past due, fees and costs.

The public sales will be held on December 16, 2023 at 12 PM to 1:00 PM at A+ Storage located at 21 Cemetery Lane, Townsend, MT 59644 Units G-4 and A-1

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TOSTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT, NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER ELECTION

Nomination Petitions for Water Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner for Division 1 (all lands west of Highway 287 and South of Lone Mountain Road) to be elected at the March 14, 2024 Annual Meeting may be picked up by qualifying landowners at the Toston Irrigation District Office, 8711 Hwy 287, Toston, MT 59643, 266-1630.

The petitions must be returned to the District Office no later than December 28, 2023.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at Trustee's Sale on the 22nd day of February, 2024, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., on the steps of the front door of the Broadwater County Courthouse, 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, Montana, is the following property:

Lot 2 in Block 48 of the Amended Plat of Springville Townsite, recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 510, Broadwater County, Montana.

Kimberly A. Carter, solely, as Grantor, conveyed the above-described property to Rocky Mountain Title Company, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Opportunity Bank of Montana, as Beneficiary, by Trust Indenture, dated July 31, 2015, and recorded July 31, 2015, under Document No. 173509, records of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, Montana. The beneficial interest in the Trust Indenture is currently held by Montana Board of Investments as a result of the most recent Assignment, recorded October 6, 2015, as Document No. 173921, records of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, Montana. The Trustee in the Trust Indenture was replaced by a Successor Trustee, namely, Jeff A. Turner, the undersigned.

The default in the obligation, the performance of which is secured by the aforementioned Trust Indenture, and for which default this foreclosure is made, is the failure by the Grantor, or other person owing an obligation, or by their successors-in-interest, to pay the monthly installments of \$740.79 due thereunder on the 1st day of the months of May 1, 2023, through October 1, 2023, which is applied to principal and interest and to an escrow account if established for other obligations under the Trust Indenture, late charges which are 4.00% of all payments more than 15 days in arrears, and late charges and escrow shortages currently \$227.65, attorney's fees and foreclosure costs, currently \$1,606.47, advances for property protection and partial funds, currently none, for a current total default of \$6,278.86; together with accruing late charges, advances, and expenses of foreclosure, including attorney's fees and costs.

There is presently owed on the obligation secured by the Trust Indenture the principal sum of \$93,047.78, plus interest thereon at the rate of 2.2500% per annum from the 1st day of April, 2023, until paid, or \$5,7300 per day, currently a total of \$1,072.60, late charges, advances for property protection, and escrow shortages, currently, \$227.65, attorney's fees and costs, currently \$1,606.47, for a current total indebtedness of \$95,954.50. Other expenses to be charged against the sale proceeds include accruing late charges, escrow shortages, if any, attorney's fees and costs, and expenses of foreclosure and sale.

The Beneficiary has elected to sell the above-described property to satisfy the aforementioned obligation and has instructed the undersigned Trustee to do so. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid in cash. The conveyance will be by a Trustee's Deed, made "as is," without representations or warranties, express or implied, including warranties of title, possession or encumbrances. The purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The sale may be postponed up to 15 days for any reason by public proclamation at the scheduled sale. If there is a stay by bankruptcy or court order, the sale may be postponed up to 30 days at a time by public proclamation, for a total of no more than 120 days. The grantor, successor in interest to the grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, may pay to the beneficiary the entire amount then due under the Trust Indenture and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and thereby cure the default theretofore existing.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DATED this 5th day of October, 2023.

/s/ Jeff A. Turner

JEFF A. TURNER, Trustee

208 North Broadway, Suite 324, Billings, Montana 59103-2502

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City Council Votes, 1

The city currently owns a parcel which is one half of the airstrip. The parcel's water right is cloudy, so a motion to deed the parcel to the county was rescinded until the water rights were confirmed.

Council member Vickie Rauser read the first reading of the Penalty Revision Ordinance which spells out the fines for persons convicted of misdemeanors within the city. A public meeting will be held to review the ordinances Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30pm at City Hall.

River Road resident Steve McCullough leases a parcel of land from the city south of the new solid waste lagoon. He uses it for hunting. He sprays the weeds and maintains the area, according to Mayor Mike Evans. Attorney Simon pointed out language of the lease needs work. The council tabled signing the lease.

Compliance officer and part-time crew member Eric Crush will serve as the new Public Works Director. He replaces longtime director Tim Rauser.

During a public comment period, Townsend resident Larry Wright questioned the Council about whether the city would be having conversations with Broadwater County Public Works Supervisor about reported cost increases in disposing of garbage. Business owner JB Howick asked if the County raises its garbage fees, will the city follow suit.

SCHOOL RADIO STATION SURVEY

Susie Hedalen

Townsend Schools Superintendent



Townsend School District is surveying the community regarding the KDGZ Radio Station.

The survey will be conducted from December 11th through January 31st.

There is an online link on the school website and FB.

Download the hard copy survey from the MT43 News website at:

<https://mt43news-business-services.com/sites/mt43news-business-services.com/files/KDGZsurvey.pdf>

It will be printed in the local paper and hard copies will be available at the school library.

You can submit hard copies to the school/community library in the evenings or fill it out online there.

JOB & VACANCIES

BECOME A FWP GAME WARDEN

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Do you like to be in the Montana outdoors working with hunters, anglers and boaters? Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking applicants to fill nine game warden positions.

"It's one of those jobs where it's not even a job," said Region 6 Sergeant FWP Game Warden Andy Matakis. "It's a way of life. It's being that person in your community that people can rely on. No two days in this job are the same."

To become a game warden in Montana, applicants must successfully complete the Montana Law Enforcement Academy Basic Course or have equivalent training.

Typically, a game warden is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to support field staff, respond to the public and address wildlife issues. Job demands are heaviest during weekends and holidays.

Wardens must be in excellent physical health. The position requires frequent climbing, bending, pushing, pulling, dragging and lifting. Duties include working with sick or injured wildlife; removing illegal kills; trapping and relocating animals; backpacking; horseback patrols; and operating boats, snowmobiles and OHVs. Good communication skills are also necessary as use of force incidents can occur. Wardens must be in excellent

mental condition as they must deal with all types of personalities and stress levels.

Game wardens can experience potentially dangerous interactions with criminals while enforcing the law and can be subject to assault and encounter hazardous substances. Because of these potential situations, good communication skills and strong mental health are necessary.

"I like to say you earn your badge every day," Matakis said. "It's not something I take lightly."

Women and minorities are under-represented in this job category and are strongly encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will be subject to a full background investigation.

For more information, go to fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/enforcement/warden-hiring. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 1, 2024.

BROADWATER COUNTY BOARD VACANCIES



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
- Solid Waste Board
- Weed Board, Board of Health
- Broadband Advisory Board and
- The 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. We will be accepting letters until the end of the 2023!

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING ON THE PENALTY REVISION ORDINANCE

Kari Williams

City of Townsend Clerk/Treasurer

The City of Townsend will have a public hearing and second reading on the Penalty Revision Ordinance Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMENTS OPEN THROUGH DECEMBER 15

Nancy Marks

Reporter



County residents and stakeholders will have the opportunity one last time to voice their concerns and suggestions about how Broadwater County growth should happen.

WGM Engineering senior land planner Jamie Erbacher told a group on December 6 at Bridger Brewing near Three Forks she and her crew will build a draft text and preliminary draft maps for the county planning board. Interested people can access the interactive land use maps on the Broadwater County website beginning December 18. From there the county planning board will take additional comments up to January 8, 2024, before it adopts the new plan to present to county commissioners.

WGM Engineering is working with the Montana Department of Commerce to facilitate the months-long process of updating the county growth plan. The plan had not been updated since 2020.

Four South County residents and three North County residents deliberated over the maps, adding areas they were aware of concerning open space resources, agricultural lands, and residential areas already in place. Wheatland subdivision resident Doug Simpson pointed out possible new subdivisions in his area. Simpson also questioned whether the state-owned public land east of the Headwaters Livestock Auction could be sold for affordable housing units.

Chuck Hahn pointed out areas in the Crow Creek Valley where light industries such as Lone Mountain Coolers and a large livestock feedlot already exist.

County Planning,

County Planning 5

Hahn also pointed out a mistake on the maps. The map showed a proposed residential area west of Highway 287 across from Galzagorry Road. "The land is privately owned grazing ground, not land open for residential housing," he said.

County Planner Nichole Brown emphasized she would add all the existing preliminary platted plots to the interactive maps. They will show actual residences already built, and which platted areas are yet to have houses.

Erbacher asked participants to include places for planned neighborhoods, commercial town centers, civic services areas such as sheriff, fire and emergency services. The Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) is already designated as an industrial center which will attract new businesses such as Murdochs, restaurants and grocery stores. "It would make sense to put a parcel of land nearby for workforce housing," Erbacher said.

For more information or to mark up the interactive maps go to broadwatercountymt.com or call Erbacher at (406) 728 4611.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**REPORT – DECEMBER 15, 2023**

Kelsi Anderson

*Justice Court Clerk***MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES**

Dean Sturzenbecher, Parker, SD: Row violation \$85.00
 Randall Smith, Townsend: night speed \$20.00
 James Petersen, Essex: night speed \$70.00
 Emily Macquarrie, Clancy: day speed \$70.00
 Keith Meyer, Helena: day speed \$70.00
 Josiah Lahr, Browning: night speed \$120.00
 Daniel Luzietti, Townsend: night speed \$120.00
 Zitlali Larence, East Helena: night speed \$20.00
 Alexander Holt, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
 Kevin Hintt, Billings: day speed \$20.00
 Jessica Hoff, Helena: day speed \$20.00
 Jessa Harris, Helena: day speed \$70.00
 Anthony Zuniga, Gardiner: day speed \$70.00
 Claire Overholt, Billings: day speed \$70.00
 Jermaise Montoya, Townsend: day speed \$70.00
 Mitchell McCall, Forney, TX: day speed \$70.00
 Delaney Hartgen, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
 Nels Curtis, Billings: truck speed \$55.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Kimberly Duke – East Helena – driving without a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.
 Zachary Bice – East Helena – Reckless driving – 2nd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but ten days suspended on conditions, \$1025.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Jonathan Weaver, East Helena: violation of commission order or rules \$135.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Richard Malik – Helena – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs -1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.
 Diana Smith – Belgrade – Disorderly Conduct, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fine and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Chase Clausen, Helena: night speed \$20.00
 Richard Sommerfeld, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00
 Abigail Smith, Helena: night speed \$20.00
 Hunter Mecham, Helena: night speed \$70.00
 Kate Lewis, Allyn, WA: night speed \$20.00
 Christopher Kubas, Great Falls: restricted speed \$55.00
 Brian Hartman, Las Vegas, NV: day speed \$20.00
 Antonio Delorio, Great Falls: night speed \$70.00
 Jesse Dancer, Livingston: night speed \$20.00
 Ryan Bassham, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES
 Tamara Bullock, Townsend: Unlawful use of mobile phone \$135.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Jennifer Bailey – L & C Co. Justice Court, \$5000.00 bond
 Jennifer Bailey – Helena Municipal Court, \$11,324.73 bond
 Jenner Jonas – MT 5th Judicial District Court, \$10,000.00 bond

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Melinda Banks

Administrative Assistant

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

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

OFFICIAL agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1st floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwatercountymt.com, in the window of the Flynn Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, and in the local MT43 Newspaper

Monday, December 18, 2023

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

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

10:00 AM Public Comment on any subject not on the agenda, and that the Commission has jurisdiction over

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Commander Spurlock, Broadwater County Detention Center, Resolution to Increase Daily Inmate Rate

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed and Mosquito Director, Cost Share Program

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Homemaker and Skilled Nursing Contract, #2024-004-007; Rocky Mountain Development Center

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Montana Health Care Foundation SRA contract update, review, and signature request

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Cory Bakkum, Old Baldy Golf Course Superintendent, Request for Commission approval of Broadwater County Trust Board Grant for \$70,000 for new Irrigation Pump System

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Certify FAA Financial Reports for FY 2022-2023, AIP03-30-0078-014-2021

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Planning and Development Director, Westside Trails Phase 3 (Township-2N, Range-1E, Section 18), requests final plat approval

3:00 PM Weekly Working Meeting with Deputy County Attorney 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

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Darrel Folkvord, Vice Chairman

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Lindsey Richtmyer

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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

- Bill Jarocki, Weekly Meeting with Press/Public Every Monday at 2 PM in his office
- Parks & Rec Meeting on December 18th at 6 PM
- Weed Board Meeting on December 19th at 6 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on December 20th at 6 PM
- COUNTY OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH FOR CHRISTMAS
- Broadband Advisory Meeting on December 28th at 4 PM
- COUNTY OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

SHOULD WE EAT THAT: A GUIDE TO HOLIDAY LEFTOVERS

Allison Kosto

*MSU Broadwater County Extension**Agent*

One of my favorite outcomes from the holidays is the leftovers! My family strategizes to divide the leftovers so we all have some to enjoy. We usually eat most of it, but sometimes there is a point where the smell or perhaps the fuzzy growth makes us question the safety of the remaining leftovers. However, the reality is that the integrity of the food was lost long before we noticed any physical changes. Here are some guidelines for leftovers from the Cooperative Extension Service.

The idea for leftover preparation is to reduce the opportunity for bacteria to grow on food. Bacterial growth can happen rapidly in temperatures of 40 to 140 degrees F. Refrigerate leftovers as soon as possible after cooking, but no longer than 2 hours. It is recommended to allow leftovers to cool after cooking before putting them in the fridge. It doesn't harm food to put them in the fridge warm, but it can warm up the fridge and other food in the fridge.

Divide the leftovers into shallow containers for more rapid cooling. Meal-size servings are very handy! Stir soup and stews to speed up heat release. Cover storage containers when cooled in airtight packaging. Write the date on packaged foods using a removable label or sticky note.

Refrigerators should be at 40 degrees F or lower, and freezers should be 0 degrees F or lower. It is estimated that one in four home refrigerators is too warm. Don't pack too much in the fridge, because it prevents the cool air from circulating and keeping the food safe. The door is always the warmest spot in the fridge so avoid placing milk, leftovers, yogurt, sour cream, etc. in the door. This is a better place for condiments such as ketchup, mustard and dressings. Another good trick is to put food that will spoil first in the front of the fridge as a reminder to eat it soon.

In general, leftovers should be eaten within 3 to 4 days. There are a few exceptions. Gravy or meat broth should be used within 1 to 2 days and pasta or potato salads within 3 to 5 days. If you freeze leftovers, casseroles should be used within 2 to 4 months and soups and stews within 2 to 3 months. There is an old saying that goes, "When in doubt, throw it out." If you don't know how old it is, then don't use it!

When it's time to reheat the leftovers, it's tempting to throw the plastic container in the microwave to do so. However, unless it's labeled as "microwave safe", it's best to put the food on a plate or bowl. Cottage cheese containers, margarine tubs and most plastic storage containers are not heat stable and chemicals from the plastic may absorb into the food during heating. It's a good idea to add a little moisture or cover with plastic wrap when reheating to create moisture, destroy bacteria and ensure uniform cooking. Microwaves tend to heat unevenly, so make sure to stir or rotate the food throughout the microwave time. You want your food to reach a safe temperature of 165 degrees F.

For frozen foods, thawing correctly is critical. The best method is the refrigerator. Another option is to use cold water (not hot water) to thaw foods. This method should only be used for foods that can be thawed in less than 4 hours. Change the water every 30 minutes. The fastest method is the microwave. However, only use this method if you plan to cook food immediately. This is because the microwave tends to thaw unevenly and causes some parts of the food to be in the temperature danger zone for bacterial growth while other parts are still frozen.

Don't be afraid to get creative with how you use leftovers. Dice ham and add it to scrambled eggs, potatoes, pasta or salad. Turn turkey or chicken leftovers into soup, tacos, quesadillas or a wrap. Turn old bread into croutons or French toast. Search the internet for lots of ideas!

As usual, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu for any of your informational needs. Happy holidays!

WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS

Fri 12/15	Sat 12/16	Sun 12/17	Mon 12/18	Tue 12/19
Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
41° 28°	43° 28°	44° 29°	44° 30°	43° 29°
● 0%	● 0%	● 0%	● 0%	● 0%
⇨ 4 11 mph	⇨ 6 12 mph	⇨ 5 11 mph	⇨ 6 20 mph	⇨ 6 11 mph

Precipitation:

July: 1.181"	August: 1.34"
September: 4.39"	October: 0.760"
November: 0.398"	December: 0.031"
2022: 15.272"	2023: 13.629"

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

PULLS AND PUSHES AND SLICES AND HOOKS ARE OFTEN THE PRODUCTS OF NOTHING MORE COMPLICATED THAN FAULTY BALL POSITIONING. BE SURE TO CHECK WHERE YOU'VE LOCATED THE BALL BEFORE ATTEMPTING SWING CHANGES.

TO FLY STRAIGHT YOUR BALL NEEDS TO REST WHERE THE ARC OF YOUR SWING MOMENTARILY COINCIDES WITH YOUR TARGET LINE.

IF YOUR DIVOTS LOOK LEFT, THE BALL'S TOO FAR FORWARD. IF THEY LOOK RIGHT THE BALL IS TOO FAR BACK.

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

HITTING ON THE RUN

As you run along the baseline, keep your weight slightly on your toes. Run in a natural position – knees flexed, slightly bent at the waist – keeping your weight evenly balanced on both feet.

When you are about to hit the ball, you need to get your body under control. Try to get your weight moving into the shot. If you have enough time before the ball arrives, push off your back foot and step into the shot. You should bend at the knees, but not at the waist.

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: X equals S

QRLM IBG ZVQZIX OLA ARL
GMKBMABVVZNVL GJOL AB
KVUTN TBGMAZUMX, U'W XZI
IBG'JL WJZQM AB XKZVL.

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KNIGHT MOVES

I	S	N
P		T
I	O	O

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.

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!

Restrain: DREAMN

Expect: DINNET

Imbed: GOLDE

Certify: TASTET

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"What floor is the _____ on?
And don't go away ...!"

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

LOVE OF SOLVING

ACROSS

1 Picked instrument

6 Type of small grocery store

10 Bloby light source

20 Viva voce

21 Spoil, as "my parade"

22 Roast joke

23 Like baggy clothes

25 Winter wreath ornament

26 Gave away temporarily

27 Money, informally

29 Jagger of the Stones

30 "Raggedy" doll

31 Monty Python tune about a logger

37 Addams who created Morticia

40 Quick attack

41 Cover girl Macpherson

42 "— gratia" ("by the grace of God")

43 Dwell in the company of

46 Outer: Prefix

47 "— the Night" (2007 Joaquin Phoenix film)

49 Had to admit a goof-up

50 "Behold!", to Caesar

53 Totally bummed out

55 Stuff in a sty

56 Avian hooters

58 Texas banner

61 Big twitch

63 Safari sight

65 Envoy's asset

66 "There — comparison"

67 Chinese black tea with a smoky flavor

72 Anita of jazz

75 Env. notice

76 Estrada of TV

77 Ones staring

81 Best Actress winner for "The Farmer's Daughter"

84 Grammy winner Bareilles

87 "And how!"

88 German city on the Elbe

89 With 115-Down, "Piece of cake!"

91 Web page

93 Slacks

94 Extra charge

96 Pea-souper in England

98 Anticavity gp.

99 Supreme Norse god

101 "I love you," to Luisa

103 Jane in an 1847 novel

104 Go bankrupt, say

108 Del.-to-Vt. direction

110 Bakery treats

111 Snootiness

112 Noisy tigers

116 Cite famous people as friends

120 Method for calculating a quotient ... or what occurs eight times in this puzzle?

123 Accepted, as conditions

124 Made flush

125 Maggot, e.g.

126 Sailor's dining place

127 Shows as an "encore"

128 Clifflike

DOWN

1 Tennis need

2 Skin soother

3 Lunch hour

4 "Be right there"

5 Classic theater

6 Liverpool or Leeds native

7 Horse bit

8 Morse bit

9 Conundrum

10 Of yore

11 Trig measure

12 Slice (off)

13 Zoo attraction

14 Gondola city

15 Smart — (cocky sort)

16 Guitar riffs

17 Year, in Brazil

18 Roughly half of all adults

19 Beginning to mature?

24 Amusement

28 Frightful dino

31 Chilling Chaney

32 Strong desire

33 "Selena" actress, to her fans

34 Nonalcoholic beer brand

35 Georgia city near Atlanta

36 Ornamental street tree

37 Bivalve mollusks

38 Ask for moola

39 Brand of skin care and cosmetics

40 Turkey, e.g.

44 Pleasant odor

45 Do some yard maintenance

46 Poet's twilight

47 Major battle

48 Crude model of a despised person

51 Choke up

52 Give the OK

53 Strong desire

54 Big mil. alliance

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80 Drawn-out battle

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94 Holiday tree

95 "Orinoco Flow" vocalist

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105 Sword types

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119 Fluffy lap dog, for short

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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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SR. CENTER MEALS
DEC 18 - DEC 22

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Monday, December 18
 Hamburger on a Bun
 Potato Triangles
 Carrot Coins
 Crisp Coleslaw
 Juicy Pears

Tuesday, December 19

BIRTHDAY DINNER
 Roast Pork
 Mashed Potatoes
 Sweet Corn
 Tossed Salad with Beans
 Baked Apples
 Birthday Cake

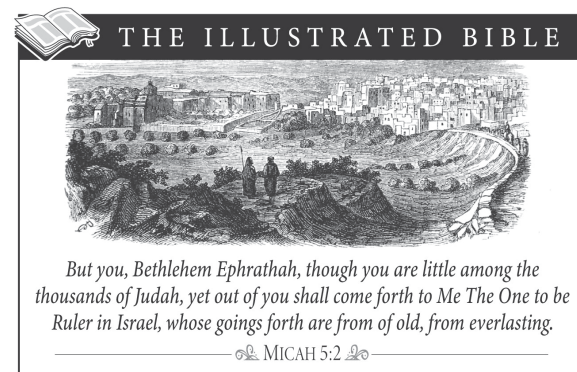
Wednesday, December 20
 Chicken ALA King
 Steamed Potatoes
 Purple Beets
 Carrot Raisin Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Sweet Peaches

Thursday, December 21
 Tuna Noodle Casserole
 Green Peas
 Tossed Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Apricots

Friday, December 22

CHRISTMAS DINNER
 Baked Ham
 Mashed Potatoes
 Mixed Vegetables
 Sweet Potatoes
 Whole Grain Bread
 Christmas Pie

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.



THANK YOU!

COLUMNIST ELLIE WEST MOVES ON TO OTHER AVENUES OF INSPIRATION

Our contributing writer Ellie West decided to discontinue her Coaches Corner column. See our December 1 issue. We are sorry. We will miss her wise words and gentle suggestions about how to navigate our turbulent world.



Ellie West
 Photo Credits: Ellie West

Ellie's writing has been one of the prolific seeds which has helped our paper grow.

Thank you, Ellie.

Like most good seeds, we hope Ellie's column will encourage other meaningful writing for our readers to enjoy, to think about their own lives, and how those lives affect others in our community to bring us together.

Thank you again, Ellie, and good travel in your journey to publishing your second book, spending time with family and supporting your followers on Facebook.

Nancy Marks
 MT 43 News

THANK-YOU BROADWATER NEWS

MT43 News sends a sincere Thank You to Tim and Chris Ravndal for their energy and devotion to publishing the Broadwater News for the past year and a half.

As we at MT43 News have learned, publishing a newspaper is a demanding endeavor that takes a lot of time and dedication.

Your dedication to reporting Broadwater County events has been apparent and has made both newspapers better. Best of luck to you as you take on your next endeavor.

MT 43 News Board and Staff

FOOD PANTRY NOTICE OF NEW DONATION TIMES

Karoline Nelson
 Operations Manager

Effective Friday, January 5th donations will not be accepted from 3 PM to 5 PM. The new donation times will be on Fridays from 9:30 AM to 11 AM, and on Saturday mornings from 9 AM to 10:45 AM, for the first and third weekends, and if necessary, the fifth Saturday of the month.

Distribution hours: Saturday distribution hours are from 9:00 AM to 10:45 AM. Distribution outside of the normal hours are 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. You may mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644. The food pantry is located at 315 Broadway.

Thanks go to all the people who donate food.

THREE FORKS AREA AMBULANCE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Barbara Mutter
 Three Forks Ambulance Service



Christmas came early to Three Forks Area Ambulance (TFAA)!

We received our new power load cot and had it installed. This Powerload Cot is part of the Gallatin County ARPA Fund Grant that we received. The cost of the Powerload Cot from Stryker is \$53,000.00.

Three Forks Area Ambulance had a very busy November. We responded to 30 emergency calls. At the end of November, we had around 290 emergency calls since January 1, 2023. TFAA transported 9 of these calls to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. On 3 of these calls, we needed assistance from AMR for a paramedic intercept.

TFAA EMTs and Crew Members assisted Med Air on 1 critical call.

TFAA EMTs responded to 13 of a variety of calls and were able to check folks out without the need to transport. We staged for 1 fire and a myriad of several other calls.

Last month our EMTs trained in cardiac emergencies. The Three Forks Fire Department came in and trained us on radio operations and the safe placement of vehicles in an emergency setting on the highways. We also trained on the new Powerload cot.

In the New Year we hope to hold a BINGO FUND RAISER and the proceeds will go toward the upgrade of much-needed handheld radios.

Our own EMT Colleen Hudspeth has been extremely busy receiving her State Instructor Certifications to be able to hold many classes right here in Three Forks.

Some of these classes include Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED training, Emergency Medical Responder Course, Wilderness and Remote First Aid Course, Heart Saver Course, Red Cross Babysitter Training, and First Aid for Severe Trauma (FAST).

Colleen is also working on her certification to teach an Emergency Medical Technician Course in-house this coming summer.

TFAA needs folks to volunteer. Offering these classes locally may help those folks who have thought about becoming an EMT to reach their goal.

Everyone knows Three Forks is growing! NO SURPRISE! With this growth, we are experiencing more emergency calls.

Three Forks Area Ambulance is a small non-profit service, staffed by volunteers. We need more folks to volunteer as our call numbers increase. *If interested or want more information, please reach out to 406-209-3417.*

All of us at TFAA want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



OBITUARIES

RICHARD A. RAGEN

Family of Richard Ragen

Our dear brother, Richard Andrew Ragen, passed away on December 3, 2023, in Spokane, WA. Richard was born to Charles and Kay Ragen in Townsend, MT on December 18, 1958. A few days after his birth, our mother carried him home from the hospital, walked through the front door and placed him gently under the Christmas tree. "Merry Christmas," she said to the other seven of us children. "Meet your baby brother." Richard was a gift to all our family.



Richard Ragen
Photo Credits: Ragen Family

During his youth, Richard helped his father and brothers on the family ranch. Flood irrigation, putting up hay and tending cattle were frequent chores. Richard graduated from Broadwater County High School in 1977. He attended the University of Montana and Montana State University from 1977 to 1979. Richard had the ability to quickly learn new skills which led to a variety of work in several states. During his young adult life Richard managed Tandy Leather stores in Phoenix, AZ and Chula Vista, CA where he was recognized as Manager of the Year. Later he moved to Houston, TX where he operated a clothing printing business for several years. From 2002 to 2008 he was a land surveyor in Apple Valley, CA. In 2008 Richard moved to Bozeman, MT to help care for our mother after our father died. Richard's loving care brought Mom comfort and companionship. In 2012 Richard and Mom moved to Spokane, WA where Mom lived in a retirement community. Richard worked at Home Depot and traveled the Spokane area as a carpet project estimator. He also established a credit repair business

in which he took great pride in helping others.

Richard is survived by six siblings: Pat (Claudia), Townsend, MT and Sun Lakes, AZ; Chris Sherwood, Spokane Valley, WA; Kathy (Jerry), Ft. Myers, FL; Connie (Tom Keyes), Bozeman, MT; Jeff (JoAnn), San Antonio, TX; Tom (Corine), Apple Valley, CA. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Jack. We will all miss our younger brother Richard. May he rest in peace.

No services are planned at this time. Interment will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery in Townsend in the future. Per Richard's wishes, in lieu of flowers, you may send donations to the Shriner's Hospital in Spokane, WA or to a nonprofit organization of your choice.

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CANDLELIGHT TOURS OFFERED AT LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK

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This special event allows visitors to see and enjoy the caverns by the warm, festive glow of candle lanterns. Participants must make a reservation prior to their tour.

Tours will be offered from Dec. 15-17 and Dec. 21-23. The starting times of these tours will vary, depending on park staffing for the day. However, all tours will be during the day, with a portion of the two-hour walking tour being outdoors along trails that may have snow and ice.

Park staff will provide tour guides, candles, lanterns and hot drinks. The cost for this unique event is \$25 for visitors ages 15 and older and \$15 for visitors ages 5 to 14. All participants must be at least 5 years of age. Nonresident visitors must pay an \$8-per-vehicle entrance fee as they enter the park.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and must be purchased online. To purchase tickets, visit fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/lewis-and-clark-caverns and click on "About the Park". No tickets will be sold at the park visitor center.

Tickets can be purchased online. Participants are encouraged to be prepared for winter conditions on roads and trails at the park.

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park is about 15 miles southeast of Whitehall, along Montana Highway 2. For more information about the park, please visit fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/lewis-and-clark-caverns or call 406-287-3541.

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- Mountie Moose Bakery - 10-4
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DECEMBER 16TH 10AM-5PM

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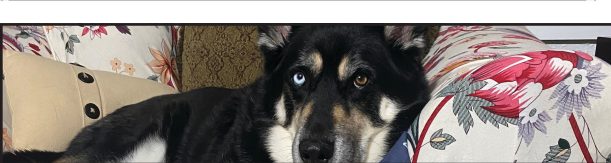
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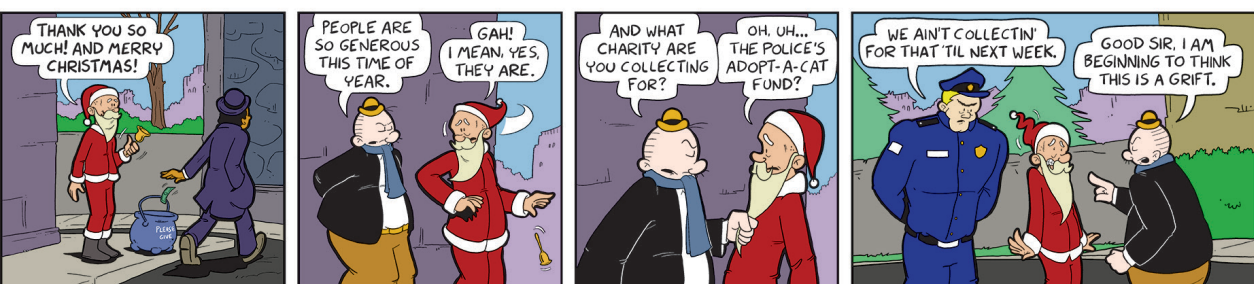
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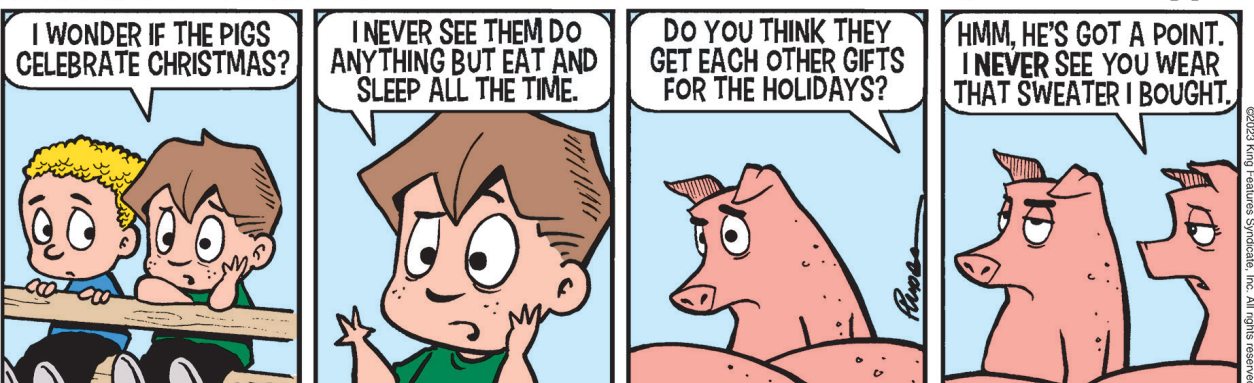
When you always get the uncontrollable urge to climb mountains, I'd say you're drawn to scale.

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3. Lodge; 4. Attest

Today's Word
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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

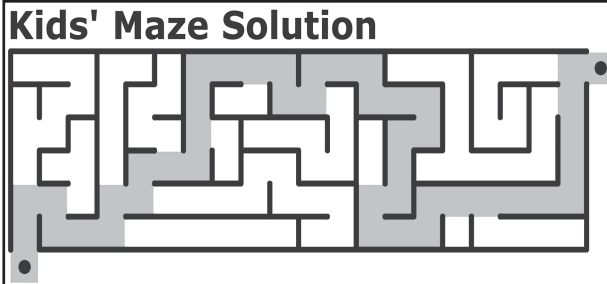
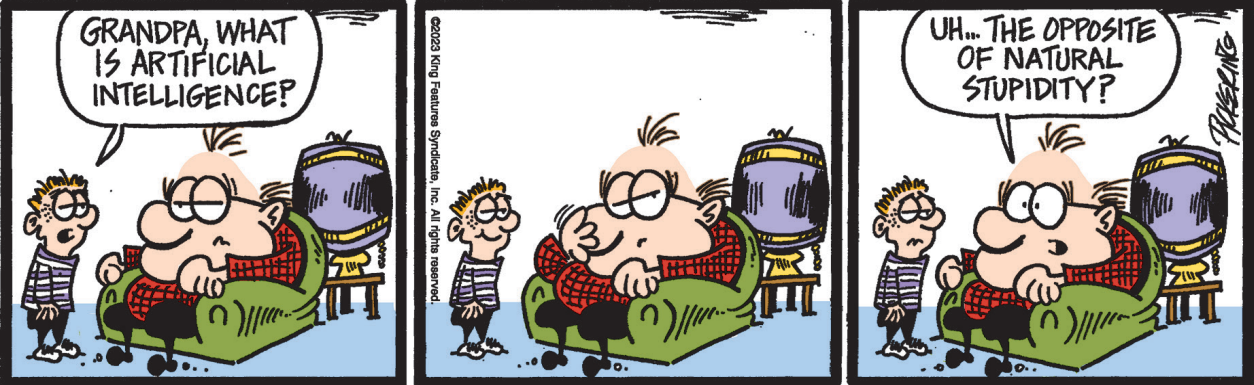


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The Spats by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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TIGER by Bud Blake

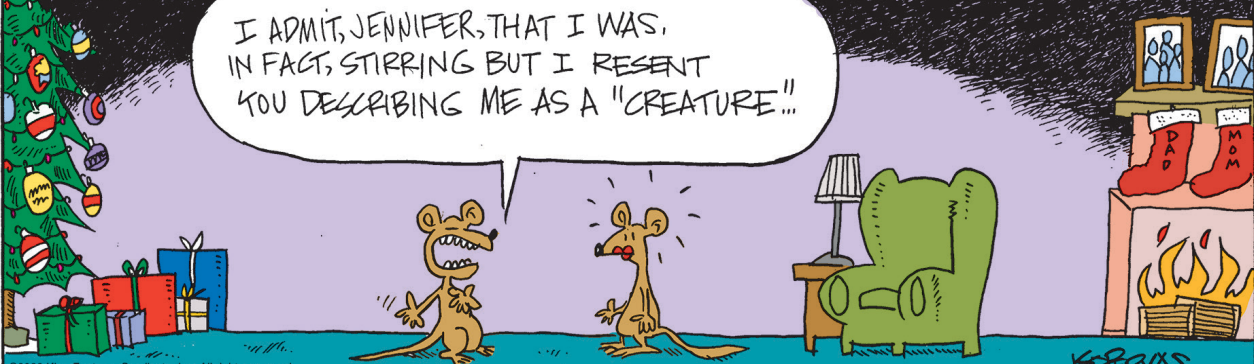


Super Crossword

Answers

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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



ST. PETER'S HEALTH TOWNSEND CLINIC WELCOMES NEW FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, STEPHEN SCRANTON

Jenna Cederberg
Marketing Communications Specialist

St. Peter's Health Medical Group welcomed Stephen Scranton, PA to its Townsend Clinic in October. Scranton provides a full spectrum of family medicine and primary care services and is now accepting new patients.



"One of the things I like best about living in Townsend is the friendly people. That makes providing care for this community exciting to me because I enjoy getting to know my patients and focusing on giving them care that meets their personal needs," Scranton said.

Scranton earned his Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Rocky Mountain College in Billings. He received his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana. Stephen is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and he is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Stephen lives with his wife in Townsend, where he enjoys hunting and fishing. "You also might see me enjoying Taco Friday at the Commercial Bar," he joked.

The St. Peter's Townsend Clinic, located at 515 S. Front Street, has been serving Broadwater County since 2020. Along with comprehensive primary care services, the clinic offers diagnostic imaging and laboratory services. Rotating St. Peter's Health urology, general surgery, spine surgery and orthopedic specialists visit the clinic monthly to see patients in person. For appointment and referral information, call 406-444-8200.

HOMEMADE JERKY ANYONE? YOU WON'T FIND THIS FLAVOR IN THE CONVENIENCE STORE!

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

Latin cooking isn't the only place you find hot peppers. They're very common in Indian cooking--and many other locales in Southeast Asia. So pairing curry with jalapeño is a natural, and very tasty combo. One note of caution: the hottest part of the pepper is the seeds and white membrane inside. If you love heat, chop them into the jerky mix. If you're looking for dynamic flavor but not fire, trim them off before mincing--and use rubber gloves to handle the peppers so you don't end up with an eye-full--or worse--of capsicum. Either way this is a jerky that will hide a fair amount of gamy flavor and, since the meat's ground, makes good use of tougher meat.

Fresh Jalapeño & Curry Jerky



Homemade Jerky
Photo Credits: Eileen Clarke

For 1 pound ground red meat, venison, bear or waterfowl

Ingredients

- 15 ounces ground red meat
- 1 ounce ground beef fat (about 2 tablespoons, 6% fat)
- 2 tablespoons minced Jalapeño pepper (about 1 medium sized pepper)
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic (about 4 good-sized cloves)
- 2 teaspoons ground curry powder
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes

Preparation

Mix the ingredients together well, and place in a tightly sealed plastic bag or storage container. Let it sit overnight in the refrigerator to let the flavor develop. To taste: drop a 1-inch ball of mix in a microwave-safe coffee mug and cook for 15-20 seconds on high in the microwave.

Cooking

1. Shape the jerky with a jerky gun and arrange the jerky strips on metal grids over foil-lined drip pans. Preheat the oven to 160°F* and cook about 3-4 hours. When cooked, some fat will rise to the top in wet drops. You can wipe it off with paper toweling, or just leave it alone.
 2. Let the jerky cool and air dry in the turned-off oven or on the counter, for 6-8 hours, then store in resealable plastic bags. You can store your jerky in the fridge for 2-3 weeks, or in the freezer up to 3 months.
- *Please check your oven to make sure it will operate

at 160°F; my 24-year-old oven does it easily, but some newer ones don't go that low. So check with an oven thermometer and reduce the cooking time if necessary. If your oven only goes as low as 220°F, cut cooking time by 1/3; to 180°F only 10 to 15 minutes less.

Eileen Clarke's wild game jerky cookbook, *Stalking the Wild Jerky*, has 101 different flavored recipes, in both sliced and ground meats. (Ground meat jerky is much easier to chew as well as being a convenient way to use waterfowl leg meat.) Available at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273 or at Common Sense and Reading Leaves bookstores and the Goose Bay Handblown Glass shop.

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HOLIDAY OUTING ETIQUETTE

Dear Two Cents,
We're planning a birthday dinner at a restaurant and inviting a crew of people. What's the etiquette for birthday or holiday dinners for splitting the bill when you go out to eat?

Sincerely, Budget Conscious

Dear Budget,
Unless the invite says "We're taking everyone out as a treat for so-and-so's dinner," the only expectation is that the birthday guest should have their meal covered.

Be mindful when selecting a venue to take into account your guests - not everyone can easily afford Waygu Steak and rare wines. Allowing everyone to go Dutch allows for those who want to splurge to do so, and those who are being budget-conscious to make those choices without added stress or resentment.

If you want to spell this out explicitly, you can say things like, "We're planning a no-host dinner at such-and-such restaurant to celebrate so-and-so's birthday - and we'd love for you to join!"

Sincerely, Two Cents



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BY LINDA HUTH

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Local Briefs

Mrs. Ruth Wilson returned to Townsend last week after having enjoyed a plane trip to Seattle to visit her daughter. She reported good flying weather and a very pleasant vacation.

Postmaster Frank Murray is much improved following a sudden attack of illness last Thursday morning when he was taken to the Broadwater hospital. Mrs. Murray is assisting in the post office with clerk Ralph Mankamyer and both Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Sperry have been giving the force a lift with the increasing Christmas mails. Mr. Sperry was former Townsend postmaster.

School Census Shows Increase of 171 Pupils

The school census of Broadwater county for the year 1939-40, according to the report compiled by county superintendent of schools, Edith B. Fox, shows an increase of 171 pupils over last year. This year's figures show that 420 boys and 452 girls between the ages of 6 to 21 are registered, making a total of 872.

Last year there were 366 boys registered and 401 girls, totaling 767. The final analysis shows that there are 105 more children between the ages of 6 and 21.

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"Valley News" by Jessie C. Riley

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gaab and little Carol of Livingston are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Gaab at Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moran of Laurel, Mont. were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Whaley. Mr. Niche Moran of Townsend, uncle of Phillip, joined the family for Sunday dinner.

Miss Blanche Riley returned to Seattle last Sunday after several months visit at the home ranch.

Mrs. Ingeborg Merrit and son, Lonnie, left for a three week's visit in Arizona Monday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Doggett returned from Casper, Wyoming last Saturday evening where they had been attending a National Woolgrowers Association meeting.

Mr. George Lots and daughter, Marcia, spent a couple of days the first of the week in Great Falls visiting Mr. Lots parents.

Miss Peggy Graveley was home from Dillon for the Senior Hop last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hopkins were out from Helena for a visit in the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. Garrison Rains and family Sunday.

Robert McCarthy has enrolled in college in San Francisco to take a course in insurance. He was accompanied as far as Saalt Lake City by Don Rees the first of the week.

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Do You Want Santa to Visit Your Home

The American Legion and Auxiliary have made arrangements for Santa Claus to visit Townsend Saturday, December 23. He will visit the hospital, rest home, and folks in their own homes. Anyone wishing to have the jolly old fellow call at their home on the evening of the 23rd, just call 5 or 92 and he'll be around. This is a free service arranged by the above organizations.

Free Show for All County Children Next Week at Rex The Sautters are presenting their annual free shows for all youngsters of the county next week, Thursday, December 21 for preschool at 10:00 a.m. and high school students at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, December 22 grades 1 - 4 and rural schools at 10:00 a.m. and grades 5 - 8 and rural schools at 1:00 p.m.

The American Legion and Auxiliary have arranged for Santa Claus to pass out treats after each show.

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Local News

Mrs. Jewel Dance left Friday for Sacramento Calif., where she will visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Boeh and family. Later she will go on to Apple Valley to visit another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anders. Mrs. Dance expects to spend a good share of the winter in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Turcotte of Barstow, Calif., will arrive Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Carson.

Lt. jg Gary Cruson arrived home Sunday evening to enjoy the holidays with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Horne and Gene. Gary is now in San Diego.

Kerrie Sullivan was nine years old Saturday, Dec. 9 and to celebrate the occasion, her mother, Mrs. Larry Sullivan invited several of her friends in for a party. The afternoon was spent playing games and Kerrie opened many lovely gifts. Attending were Tammy and Kim Bucy, Niki and Peggy Gilmore, Susan Swenson, Lori and Lita Clark, Kris and Kelly Sullivan.

1978

Penny-A-Point Fund Nets \$175.56

The proceeds of the "Penny A Point" fund for the girl's basketball team (\$175.56) was turned over to Coach Grimsrud December 6.

There were 26 participants including Jack McCoy, Doris McCoy, Terry Plummer, Sandy Copeland, Dianna Sitton, George Gabisch, Dee Schmaus, Dick Schmaus, Jim Holland, Nancy Holland, Lena Leanhart, Marion Iverson, Bob Montayne, Cindy Coonis, R.W. Lundborg, Al Copeland, Edna Sanders, Horseshoe Cafe, Trish Anderson, Ida Armstrong, Jim Armstrong, Brenda Copeland, Esther Tichenor, Donna Sitton, Gene Wickre.

Head of the program, Mayor Cap Gorman, expressed his thanks to all those who participated and especially conveyed the thanks of the team and coach.

Although the use of the funds did not have a special designation, it was noted that it would be put to good use.

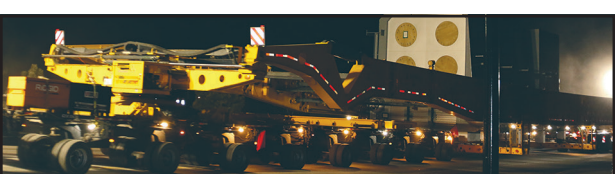
The total amount donated, does not correspond to the number entered, as several put in a little extra.

TOWNSEND IS STOPOVER FOR HUGE MEGA LOAD OVER WEEKEND

Nancy Marks and Matt Nelson



Town and rural residents were amazed at the enormous size of a mega load that stopped here over the weekend. OxBo Transport Solutions of Scappoose, Oregon, pulled into Townsend Thursday night carrying a 360,000-pound boiler bound for an energy plant outside of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



The mega load begins its journey north around 9:30 p.m. Sunday night, shown here near Townsend Flooring. Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

The 4-unit rig travels about 15 miles per hour during the night hours to avoid as much traffic interruption as possible. Each trailer has hydraulic equipment onboard with 12 axles and 4 wheels on both sides making a total of 96 wheels. Each axel can rotate independently as the lead tractor makes turns.

The crew of eight coordinates with the Montana Highway Department and the Montana Highway Patrol and Northwestern Energy to close roads and lift power lines as the 23-foot-high load passes under. Northwestern Energy alerted customers to nighttime power outages during the portage. Northwestern employee Lance

Kidder explained: "We will be making the power lines safe so they can move this big load through. Every time the lines cross the highway, we have to raise them. We have an 8-man crew with 4 drivers and 4 ground guys, along with the guys we use for pilots with 20 to 30 extra people."



Part of the 96 wheels on the mega load transported by OxBo Transport Solutions of Scappoose, Oregon. Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

According to branch manager, Andy Hulings, the boiler arrived from Korea where it landed at the Port of Vancouver. There it traveled by barge up the Columbia River to Umatilla, Oregon. where OxBo crews prepared the 180-ton boiler for transport. "Including the boiler, the entire transport unit with tractor trailers weighs in at 1 million pounds," Hulings said in a phone interview.

Hulings is the transport company's route planner and operations manager. He explained this load is 28 feet high. The entire length including the assist tractors is 400 feet.

Mega loads such as this one travel on state highways to avoid the Interstate highway as much as possible. It traveled up Highway 12 to the Helena airport, then to the Lyons Creek rest area on Interstate 15 North. From there it moved on Highway 200 to Boman's Corner, then north to cross the US-Canada border at Coutts, Alberta. The load had come to Townsend from Dillon via Twin Bridges and Whitehall to Three Forks.

Several Townsend residents curious to see the huge transport, met the load as it arrived Thursday night, according to one Facebook post. Matt Graham, manager of the potato cellars on Front Street, said OxBo had contacted him in advance for parking privileges. Typical of Townsend's friendliness and generosity, Graham said he did not charge the company for parking the rig in the potato cellar parking lot.

Hulings reported the transport company hauls mega loads all over the country. "We've not had much trouble with vandalism, but we do include security if needed," he said.



Townsend hosted a 180-ton boiler on a mega load traveling to Canada over last weekend. Photo Credit: Nancy Marks