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## BROADWATER COMMUNITY THEATER DELIGHTS A CROWD

### MT 43 News Staff

Even the meanest children were delightful in the Christmas Play at the Lodge over the weekend. The 3 performances were attended by over 200 people. The play is based on the book *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. It featured the Herdman family, six of the meanest children in school who were won over to become Mary and Joseph and the wise men in the church pageant.

Mother( Grace), played by Karolyn Schmaus, did her best to fill in regular director Mrs. McCarthy's (Destiny Grandy) spot after McCarthy broke her leg. But soon Mother's best-laid plans turn into chaos when the school's mean family, the Herdmans (Ava Boaz, Karter Schmaus, Caleb Crusch, Anthony Grandy, Ayden



Mrs. McCarthy- Destiny Grandy, Mrs. Armstrong- Eirlyn Strait, Rev. Hopkins- Jayden Flynn and Mrs. Slocum- Aroua Toney  
Photo Credit: Nancy Marks



The Herdmans, tough kids from the wrong side of town. Back row: Ayden Thompson, Anthony Grandy, Ava Boaz, Karter Schmaus. Front row: Kaylee Flynn and Caleb Crusch.  
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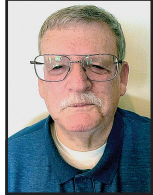
Thompson and Kaylee Flynn) show up to take over the play. Mother tries to get her own children Beth (Harper Hazlett) and Charlie (Clayton Rice) to take the parts.

They refuse, not wanting to get beat up by the Herdmans. None of the Sunday School kids want anything to do with performing alongside the Herdman family.

With the gentle coaxing of the other shepherds, the angels and Mother's reading of the story of Jesus' BCT **Delights a Crowd**, 4

## BROADWATER COMMUNITY THEATER RECOGNIZED LONG TIME SUPPORTERS

### Victor Sample



On Saturday (December 16) the Broadwater Community Theater recognized long-time supporters of the local Community Theater and Townsend Arts.

Mr. Elf Abet (Pat Plantenberg) was the Master of Ceremonies for the Dinner Theater Event. He introduced each of the honorees and presented them with bouquets of flowers.

- Nancy Marks was recognized for her lifelong support of the Townsend Arts through the Rylan K. Foote Foundation
- Tina Homann was recognized for her strong support for Townsend Youth Activities and the Broadwater Community Theater
- Amanda Hazlett was recognized for taking on directing the annual Christmas Dinner Theater hosted by the Broadwater Community Theater and The Lodge of Townsend



Elf Abet thanking Nancy Marks for her lifelong support of Townsend Arts  
Photo Credits: Pam Sample



Elf Abet thanking Tina Homann for all of her support for the Community Theater  
Photo Credits: Pam Sample



Elf Abet and Nancy Marks thanking Amanda Hazlett for directing the play  
Photo Credits: Pam Sample

## YES VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

### Francis Pharcellus Church

In 1897, "The Sun" (a newspaper in New York City) received a letter to the editor from a child:

*"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"*

The following answer by editor Francis Pharcellus Church is as true today as it was in 1897:

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch

Yes **Virginia**,





# TOWNSEND SPEECH AND DRAMA BULLDOGS

MT43 News Speech and Drama Correspondent

Townsend Speech and Drama Bulldogs continued their winning ways by bringing home the Class B Drama Championship at the last two meets, keeping them undefeated for the season with four in a row.



Speech and Drama Team celebrates after the Three Forks meet with three event winners and a team drama championship. Photo Credits: Melissa Guderjahn



"'Twas the Meet before Christmas" held in Livingston brought another win for Scarlett and Nykia, as well as a team drama trophy. Photo Credits: Melissa Guderjahn

They will take a well-deserved break over the Christmas holiday, returning to action in January by traveling to Huntley Project, who are the reigning Class B State Champions.

A little more on how the Bulldogs are winning these team trophies. Teams are awarded points for competitors who place in the Top 8 in their events. Remember that performers move on to the final round of eight by participating in three preliminary rounds where they are ranked by judges. The competitors are ordered using points from all the rounds with the winner of that event having the lowest number of points. Team points are awarded as follows: 1st 10 pts, 2nd 8 pts, 3rd 6 pts, 4th 4 pts, 5th 2 pts and 6th – 8th 1 pt. Theater events receive double points, as they include 2-4 performers in an entry with a maximum of three entries per school.

Saturday, December 9th was the home meet for the Three Forks Wolves co-hosted by the Manhattan Tigers. There were 12 schools representing classes A, B & C totaling 122 competitors. Earning points for the Speech Team were 3rd Lexi Davies (OO) with "Everyone Should Learn to Bake" and 8th Kayley Conner (HOI) with "Paperbag Princess." Also competing for the Speech Team were Sam Flesch (DOI), Ashley Sanderson (Impromptu) and Angel Sentinella (HOI).

Winning their events for the Bulldog Drama Team were: 1st Scarlett McDaniel, Nykia Mondragon & Noah Borrer (Classic), 1st Hannah Hall (Drama Solo) and 1st Arabella McDaniel (Mime). The entire drama team made the final round in their events and contributed to the team totals as follows: 2nd Jazlyn Martin & Hayley Reinke (Dramatic Theater), 2nd Creighton Wright & Isaiah Cassidy (Classic), 3rd Jenna Smucker (Hum Solo), 3rd Havyn Vandenaere & Kyla Meissner (Hum Theater), 4th Melania Lambott & Sarah Morgan (Classic), 4th Jasmine Thomas (Hum Solo), 4th Riley Rauser, Logan Barkhurst, Aidan Easter & Jenna Mainwaring (Hum Theater) and 6th Caleb LeLacheur & Cooper Hines (Hum Theater).

"Twas the Meet Before Christmas" was co-hosted by the Gardiner and Park High Schools on December 16th in Livingston. Twenty-two schools representing all classes attended, which meant 300 total performers. As anyone with kids in Townsend Schools knows right now, there is a bit of a bug going around and it unfortunately affected the number of Bulldog entries on this Saturday. Regardless, the Bulldogs still captured the Class B Drama Championship.

Scarlett McDaniel and Nykia Mondragon continue their undefeated season winning the Classical Theater Event for the fourth week in a row, despite their fellow performer Noah Borrer being one of those out sick. Their interpretation of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" qualifies them to compete in Classical Theatre which requires the piece performed to be at least 75 years old.

Also earning points for the Drama Team were: 2nd Havyn Vandenaere & Kyla Meissner (Hum Theater), 5th Riley Rauser, Logan Barkhurst, Aidan Easter & Jenna

Mainwaring (Hum Theater) and 7th Caleb LeLacheur & Cooper Hines (Hum Theater) 8th. Also competing for the drama team were: Jazlyn Martin & Hayley Reinke (Dramatic Theater), Jenna Smucker (Hum Solo), Melania Lambott & Sarah Morgan (Classic) and Arabella McDaniel (Mime). The Speech Team was small but mighty with Lexi Davies (OO) placing 3rd and Ashley Sanderson (SPOI) in 5th. The Sentinella twins rounded out the team with Shaylyn competing in Impromptu and Angel Sentinella in Humorous Oral Interpretation performing "Math Curse."

Our Bulldogs' home meet will be Saturday, January 13th and is the last one before our team heads off to Divisionals the following weekend in Columbus. Speech, Drama & Debate meets do require many volunteer judges, who require no previous experience. Each round is 1 1/2 hours and volunteers can sign up for as many as they like, with the first round starting at 8:00 and the final round set for 2:00. Please consider donating some time to this fun event.



Lacie Reed  
Lacie J. Reed Photography

We would like to thank Elkhorn Insulation for being a 2023-2024 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs! Here are our Players of the week!

### Girls Basketball:

Holly Newman was a spark for the Lady Bulldogs both offensively and defensively in their first two home games. Newman was relentless on the defensive end and was unafraid to dive on the ground for loose balls or crash the boards. Offensively, Holly led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring on Friday and was tied for the leading scorer on Saturday. Let's hear it for Holly and the Lady Bulldogs!



Girls Basketball - Hollywood Newman  
Photo Credits: Lacie J. Reed Photography

### Boys Basketball:

Grady Erikson played a great two games this weekend battling through sickness. Grady's game against Whitehall showed that Grady is an all-around star on varsity. Scoring the team-high 16 points and getting 6 rebounds, we all had fun watching Grady play and show the community just how hard he has been working every day at his shooting and defense. He held his opponent, Gavin French, to only 9 points on the night. Congrats Grady!



Boys Basketball - Grady Erikson  
Photo Credits: Lacie J. Reed Photography

### Speech & Drama:

Our player of the week this week is Lexi Davies. She has worked her tail off to tweak and improve her persuasive speech, and this week took 3rd place at a very competitive meet. Good job, Lexi!



Speech and Drama - Lexi Davies  
Photo Credits: Lacie J. Reed Photography

### Wrestling:

Player of the Week goes to Keahl Owens! He lost his challenge match last week, so he wasn't put into the CRM Holiday Classic, but that did not bring him down. He wrestled Saturday at the "JV" tournament that is for the athletes that get beat out of the Holiday. In that



Wrestling - Keahl Owens  
Photo Credits: Lacie J. Reed Photography

tournament, he showed up ready on Saturday and went 4-2 and captured a 4th place finish. The highlight of the weekend was Keahl beating two Missoula Big Sky kids in a row and Jade Rauser (Broadwater Wrestling Legend) told him to "stop beating his kids". Great Job, Keahl.

# BULLDOG BOYS WRESTLING

Becky Hunt  
MT43 News Sports Correspondent

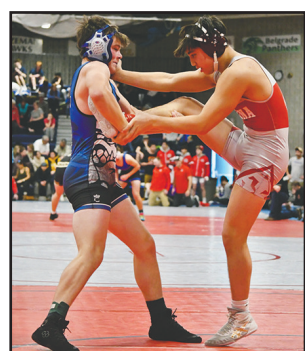
The team attended the annual CMR Holiday Classic in Great Falls on Friday, December 10th.

This is said to be the toughest tournament around, with all State classes AA, A, and B/C in attendance. The Bulldogs battled it out taking wins and losses.

With no wrestlers advancing to day 2 at CMR, it was onto the Walt and Trudy Currie JV tournament held at Great Falls High on Saturday. This is where the Dawgs came alive.



Sam Flesch, wrestling at 160, took his first W by pin and went on to take his second by pin as well. He went out with 2-2. A great achievement, Sam is a first-time wrestler. I expect he will continue to improve as the season progresses.



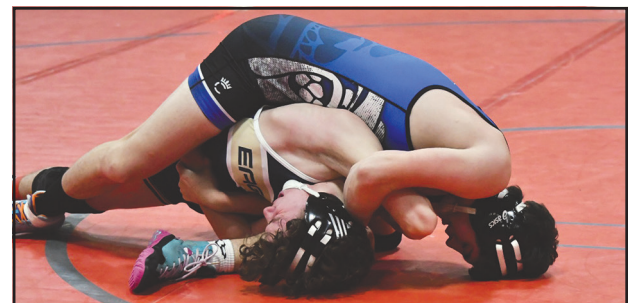
When you've worked hard and finally get that first win it changes everything. That is the case for Nick Humphreys, wrestling 182. Nick is also new to the mat and got a taste of winning at the Whitehall Duals earlier in the season. At the JV Frosh tournament on Saturday, he went 2-2. Nick's second loss, putting him out, you could see the disappointment - I'm sure we will see more wins from this kid!



Hunter Borrer, wrestling at 160, had some tough bouts throughout the day. You could see he was giving it his all, battling it out on top and bottom. Borrer ended up going 2-2.



Next up we have Blake Wellenstein cutting from 145 to 138 for this week's tournament, which is a feat in itself. Blake wrestled 3-forfeit due to a shoulder injury, he went out just shy of the semi-finals.



Last, but of course not least, Keahl Owens. Keahl wrestles at 152 and is returning to the mat after a few years of absence. You can see his improvement and how it is all coming back to him each week. Keahl went 4-2 at the JV tournament placing 4th for the 152A bracket.


As always, the Dawgs showed a ton of support for their teammates and were mat-side every win and loss taken. The team will get a little break from competing with the Holiday season upon us. Their next scheduled event will be the Western Duals in Ronan, on January 5/6. All Photo Credits: Becky Hunt



### Three Forks School Calendar

Dec 22 - Jan 1  
Winter Break



Dec 28  
Student Council Meeting at Lunch



### Townsend School Calendar

Dec 22 - Jan 1  
NO SCHOOL-Winter Break

Dec 27  
7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS  
63 Gym  
7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage  
Gym





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### BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

December 27  
NO COMMISSION MEETING  
3:00pm Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building




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#### THREE FORKS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**HOLIDAY HOURS:**  
CLOSED Dec 23-25 and Dec 30- Jan 1

**REGULAR 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

#### BROADWATER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**HOLIDAY HOURS:**  
CLOSED Dec 24-25 and Dec31- Jan 1

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

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### THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 22  
5:00PM Public Works Position Closes at City Hall

December 23  
Three Forks Library CLOSED

December 25  
City Hall CLOSED in Observance of Christmas Day  
Three Forks Library CLOSED

December 26  
1:00PM Three Forks Library - Maj Jongg

December 28  
10:00PM Three Forks Library - Story Time  
6:00pm Three Forks Music Night with Mercedes Carrol at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

December 30  
Three Forks Library CLOSED

### TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 22  
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

December 23  
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
6:30pm Magic The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway  
Shrimp Saturday at The Betsy

December 24  
4:30pm Christmas Eve Service at Trailhead Church **THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS!**  
9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut **DETAILS ON THIS PAGE!**

December 25  
8:00am Christmas Day Mass at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut **DETAILS ON THIS PAGE!**  
11:00am- 12:00pm Christmas Dinner Delivered by Trailhead Church **SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS!**

December 26  
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 27  
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

December 28  
7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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December 30  
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
6:30pm Magic The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway  
8:00pm- 1:00 Mabels Rage plays LIVE at The Betsy **SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE INFO!**

December 31  
6:30- 10:00pm Broadwater Community Theater Presents New Year's Eve with Queen City Swing at The Lodge of Townsend **DETAILS ON THIS PAGE AND AD ON PAGE 11!**

January 7  
FREE Family Night Christmas Party at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S. Walnut in Townsend **AD ON THIS PAGE!**

**Holy Cross Parish wishes you a Merry Christmas!**

Come join us in celebrating our Savior's birth!

<b>Christmas Eve</b> Sunday 12/24/23 Mass at 9:00 pm	<b>Christmas Day</b> Monday 12/25/23 Mass at 8:00 am
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**Family Night Christmas Party**  
Sunday 1/7/24 at 5:45pm



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**From Vigilante Electric**

### QUEEN CITY SWING BAND WILL PLAY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

MT 43 News Staff

Helena's Queen City Swing Band will perform at the Lodge on New Year's Eve again this year. The eight to eleven-piece band will play dance music from fox trots to jitterbugs to waltzes.

The public event will begin at 6:30 pm with a no-host bar and appetizers. Music begins at 7:00 p.m.

The current group began as a Helena group of musicians formed by Owen Franks in 1992. Nancy Trudell revived the group and led it for four years during which they played at many different venues. They play as far away as Georgetown Lake, by Anaconda, but mostly in Helena.

According to organizer Heather Bell, the band plays classics such as String of Pearls, Tuxedo Junction, and In the Mood, but also music from movie themes and hits from the Golden Age of Swing. They even throw in some salsa and tango music.

The band plays once a month in Helena.

Broadwater Community Theater has sponsored Queen City Swing in Townsend twice in the last two years. "People really enjoyed dancing to music from past decades. Some just enjoyed listening to the music," Chairperson LaRinda Spencer said.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00 per person. The evening will feature appetizers and a no-host bar. For more information please call (406) 980-0592.

### THANK YOU!

**Hello Folks!**

Another great weekend in Townsend, MT. The Griz beat N.D. in a 2-overtime game. Go Griz!

On December 17th a Benefit for Chase Masolo was held at the Fishtale Tavern and a great crowd was present. We met a professional Bull Rider, Tanner Thierault, who has taken a couple championships and happens to be the brother of Chase.

A half of beef from Jim and Amber Burgess, 10 yards of gravel from Gruber Excavating and a \$300 gift certificate from Rocky Mountain Supply were raffled. Many more items were auctioned.

I am a proud member of the Fishtale Tavern and a very special THANKS to Jim and Amber Burgess, the owners.

**GO GRIZ!**

Merry Christmas

FROM TRAILHEAD CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
4:30 PM



**TRAILHEAD**  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



**BCT Delights a Crowd, 1**

birth, the bratty bunch of kids begin to understand what Christmas is about. Eighth grader Ava Boaz who insists



America's perfect family. Back row: Mom- Karolyn Schmaus and Dad- Noah Borrer. Front row: Beth and Narrator- Harper Hazlett and brother Charlie- Clayton Rice  
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

on playing the part of Mary, soon realizes the Israelite family is not unlike her own. "They have very little. They are immigrants in an unfamiliar place with no friends and nowhere to stay. The point of the play is to put into retrospect what the story is about," Ava said in an interview.

Ava gave a powerful performance as the leader of the Herdmans. Her character was complimented by Ralph (Karter Schmaus) who played Joseph. Mother Grace's husband, Bob, (Noah Borrer) helped the play sparkle with his foot-dragging sense of humor.



The Herdmans come to understand the real meaning of Christmas. Mary-Ava Boaz, The Lord's Angel- Kaylee Flynn and Joseph- Karter Schmaus  
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Ava, like many of the actors in the play, has performed in past theater productions. She said she really enjoys acting. She had never read the book "Best Christmas Pageant Ever." She explained how she got into character: "I watched the movie which helped me visualize the character and how to interact with the other characters in the play. The Herdmans were a really bratty bunch of kids!" she said.

Others in the 24-member cast were Alice (Tessie Hughes), Maxine (Kay Crusch, Mrs. Armstrong (Erielyn Strait) Mrs. Slocum (Aroua Toney), Rev. Hopkins (Jayden Flynn), David (Junior Kuscinski), Hobie (Charlie Hughes), Elmer (Brock Graham), Beverly (Katey Crusch) and Shirley (Harper Kuscinski). The baby angels were Mariah VanZee, Abby VanZee and Joshua VanZee.



Angels and Choir. Left- Right: Harper Hazlett, Katey Crusch, Tessie Hughes, Mariah VanZee, Abby VanZee, Kay Crusch, Harper Kuscinski.  
Photo Credit: Pam Sample

Director Amanda Hazlett had practiced with the cast for 2 months. Her helpers were Carla Amundson at the piano and Destani Spencer who ran stage lights. The Elf (Patrick Plantenberg) opened the matinee to an audience of over 100 Sunday by introducing BCT board members LaRinda Spencer, Carla Amundson, Tina Homann, Birdi Kribbs, Jim Domino, Anne Hall, Mele Moa, Destani Spencer, Pat, and Nancy Marks.

Marks gave the legacy of the Ryland KM Foote Memorial Trust which will transform into a newly formed nonprofit Broadwater Community Theater.

To see all of the pictures (there are almost 30) in hi-def, full size visit a website at:

<https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/2023BCTDinner>



Corner South Cherry and E Street  
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**B LIVE MUSIC December 30th!**

**Mabels Rage**

**8pm-1am**

**Come to Our New Years Bash!**

**@ THE BETSY**

**217 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT**

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**

**MOD WEST GRAND OPENING**

Rachael Elliott-Brug



Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed a new business on Thursday, December 14th.

Mod West Land Company opened an office located at 223 Broadway St. With offices in a few different areas of the state, the local Townsend office is also a Home Store.



Jenny Clowes, Shirley Wilson, J.R. Tonjum, Stacie Mae, Keith Hartmann, Taylor Honaker, and Doug Sitton  
Photo Credits: Rachael Elliot-Brug

They have art and other home decor for sale as well as other boutique offerings. J.R. Tonjum is the realtor in residence who is making Townsend her home.

**Yes Virginia, 1**

Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



420 South Cherry  
Pat Plantenberg - Townsend Rotary

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# VACANCIES

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mbanks@co.broadwater.mt.us)

# 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.

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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

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12-07-23

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael McMahan's courtroom on Thursday, December 7 is as follows:

Tylor Castona had a Bail Modification Hearing. His charges are tampering with a witness and tampering with or fabrication of evidence., The judge approved that the bail be reduced from \$150,000 to \$50,000; to run concurrent to other case. After posting bond, he must be fitted with a GPS and alcohol monitor.

Micheal Coyle appeared for a Motion to Continue. His charges are two counts of sexual assault, with the victim less than 16 years old, with the defendant older by three years or more. The judge conceded that he be able to travel to Lewis & Clark County.

Paul Creason had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs, tampering with or fabrication of evidence, and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joel Speiser was sentenced on charges of criminal endangerment, criminal possession of dangerous drugs, theft (unauthorized use of personal property) and other charges. According to the Plea Agreement, he receives 3 years DOC; he is to be screened and placed in an appropriate treatment program. His sentence is to run concurrent to two other county sentences. He receives seven days of credit time served and must pay \$80 fees and surcharges.

12-15-32

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent

The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday, December 15 is as follows:

Jody Giles appeared for an Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of criminal mischief and burglary. Her Omnibus is due January 26, 2024; Pre-Trial is set for February 16; with the Jury Trial scheduled for March 11.

Patrick Rambo had an Omnibus; where the State asked for a persistent felony offender to be added; pending the petition to revoke in Cascade County. Although his Jury Trial is scheduled for March 11; they are working to resolve this case.

Hector Martinez had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth) with intent to distribute, or the lesser charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth), and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, bail jumping, and a City Court charge of partner/family member assault (misdemeanor). A 'global' resolution is sought. In his elocution, Martinez stated that he was in possession of methamphetamine in May, at a traffic stop. "I missed my Pre-Trial Conference on October; I failed to appear." A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. He will be sentenced on February 16, 2024.

Paul Creason had a Change of Plea to the charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs. In his elocution, he stated that "I knowingly possessed methamphetamine in March 2023". A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. Sentencing will be on February 9, 2023.

Casey Smith appeared for a Petition to Revoke a deferred sentence; he allegedly failed to remain law

abiding; as he violated a Protection Order. His Evidentiary Hearing is scheduled to be on February 16, 2024.

Gary Hamilton appeared to request a suspension of his alcohol monitoring be removed from his bond conditions. Judge Seeley admonished him, requiring him to remain sober!

Bert Plaggmeyer had a Sentencing; to charges of DUI (6+). He must spend 5 years at Montana State Prison; consecutive to all other Sentences. He must pay a fine of \$5,000. Commitment with Judgement to follow.

# 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.

# TOWNSEND SCHOOLS RADIO STATION SURVEY

Susie Hedalen

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 Facebook and on the Townsend Schools website at:

<https://www.townsend.k12.mt.us/article/1373690>

Hard copies will be available at the school library and can also be download from the MT43 News website at:

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

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

### KDGZ Radio Survey

We are looking into the long term viability of our school radio and would like public input on if/how you use the radio.

\* Indicates required question

1. What is your age range?  
*Mark only one oval.*  
 15-30  
 31-50  
 51-70  
 70+
2. What do you listen to on the radio, please choose all that apply \*  
*Check all that apply.*  
 I listen to the music  
 I listen to sporting events  
 I listen to school related content (holocaust stories, ect...)  
 I do not regularly listen to the radio.
3. How do you listen to the radio?  
*Mark only one oval.*  
 I listen to the radio on 98.3  
 I listen online
4. What are your thoughts on the radio moving online only and just broadcasting games  
*Mark only one oval.*  
 I would not like that  
 I am ok with that  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
5. I would like to listen to more of: \_\_\_\_\_
6. I would pay for advertising on 98.3, my business is: \_\_\_\_\_
7. I would be willing to financially support continuing the radio. My community organization is: \_\_\_\_\_
8. I would be willing to financially support the radio with an annual contribution of: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you have any other thoughts you would like to share with the school concerning the radio? \_\_\_\_\_



## BULLDOG BASKETBALL

**Gary Bauman**  
*MT43 News Sports Correspondent*

### *Lady Bulldogs turn up the pressure.*

On Friday the Townsend Lady Bulldogs made quick work of the Shields Valley Lady Rebels by a score of 45 to 28. Sparked by sophomore Emmalin Fischer, who had 5 steals and 5 rebounds to go with her 7 points, the Bulldogs' full-court press was too much for the Rebels to handle. "Fischer was a key player, especially on offense with her ability to handle the ball and find areas in Shields Valley's defense," Coach David Lawson said.

It was a high-paced game with both teams wanting to keep up with their press which led to a total of 51 total turnovers combined. That ultimately favored the Bulldogs as they started to pull away in the second quarter with a lead of 20-10. "Our press was very effective in keeping Shields Valley's guards in some uncomfortable situations," Coach Lawson stated. "Our girls understand that in order to get us going, we need to have a defense-to-offense mindset first."

Townsend	Shields Valley
7	4
20	10
33	19
45	28

Holly Newman 10, Emmalin Fischer 7, Kaitlyn Noyes 7, Ella Begger 7, Cassidy Flynn 4, Madelyn Schritz 4, Jazel Ragen 3, Bryleigh Erickson 2, Mishayla Lambott 1

### *Bulldog Boys fall to the Sheridan Panthers*

Friday night the Townsend boys fell victim to the half-court match-up zone defense of the Sheridan Panthers, losing 32-48. 6'3" Panther senior Cade Cathey was just too much for the Bulldogs, scoring 19 of the team's 48 points while collecting 10 rebounds and 8 assists.

Both teams sat back into their half-court zone defenses making it difficult for the offenses to find rhythm early. They combined for just 10 total points in the first quarter with the Bulldogs down by 4. By halftime, Ryedan Reed hit a couple of key shots to keep the Bulldogs' hopes alive within 5 at the half. Reed's effort would not be enough, finishing with 10 points and 4 assists, as the Bulldogs could not keep pace in the 3rd quarter, being outscored 18-5.

Townsend	Sheridan
3	7
11	16
16	34
32	48

Ryedan Reed 10, Tavyn Anderson 7, Peyton Toney 5, Deegan Mattson 4, Grady Erickson 4, Sawyer Horne 2

### *Bulldogs lose a heartbreaker to Whitehall*

Saturday the Bulldogs lost a heartbreaker to the Whitehall Trojans 53-56. The Dogs started off on fire building a 1st half lead to as much as 14 led by Grady Erickson scoring 12 of his 16 total points, but the second half was a different story.

The Trojans, led by Ashton Pocelon who netted 15 with 4 threes, went 9 of 14 from the field in the final quarter and a half to make up a 19-point deficit. The Dogs couldn't buy a basket missing 14 straight field goal opportunities.

On the bright side, Erickson had a great night, having 6 offensive boards to go with his 16 points. The leading rebounder in the game was Deegan Mattson for the Bulldogs, with 12 boards to go with his 13 points. "Deegan Mattson and Grady Erickson were our highest rebounders and most efficient scorers," Coach Tyler Patrick said.

"Losing back-to-back nights at home is never a great feeling, however, our coaching staff and boys know what we are capable of if we put all four quarters together," coach Patrick added. "That is part of the struggle of being a young team, you make mistakes that more experienced teams don't make. Our guys will use it as a learning experience."

Townsend	Whitehall
15	6
32	24
48	34
53	56

Grady Erickson 16, Deegan Mattson 13, Ryedan Reed 12, Sawyer Horne 8, Tavyn Anderson 3

### *Lady Dogs' balanced attack is too much for Whitehall*

The Lady Dogs put 4 girls into double digits to secure a win over the Whitehall Trojans, improving their record to 3-1. Led by Holly Newman's 11 points, Kaitlyn Noyes' 11 and 7 rebounds, Ella Begger's 10 points, 6 assists and 5 steals, and Cassidy Flynn's 10 points and 10 rebounds, the Lady Dogs won 57-35.

The Trojans couldn't break through the Bulldog half-court defense at all in the first quarter, not recording a single field goal in 10 attempts, finding themselves down 15-3 in the first and 26-14 at the half. Julia Hogaland led the Trojans scoring by getting to the free throw line and making 8 out of 9 getting a total of 14 points, but the Lady Dogs never faltered.

Townsend	Whitehall
15	3
26	14
43	28
57	35

Kaitlyn Noyes 11, Holly Newman 11, Ella Begger 10, Cassidy Flynn 10, Jazel Ragen 6, Bryleigh Erickson 3, Emmalin Fischer 3, Madelyn Schritz 3

## SCHOOL BOARD JUGGLES EMERGENCY AND GENERAL COMMUNICATION PHONE APPS

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

School board members heard discussions about whether teachers and staff should have a special application (app) on their personal phones or room computers to alert them when an emergency is in progress. At the December 12 school board meeting, Superintendent Susie Hedalen spoke with Manhattan officials who said the platform works well. The application is also connected directly to Broadwater County Sheriff's office and includes a special program that includes GPS mapping of all the areas of the school. "The app would only be used for school emergencies. We communicate with parents on a separate app through our website. By spring we will have a parent portal as well," she said.

Board member Jason Kool wondered how appropriate it would be to put the app on teachers' personal phones. "Do they have their phones on in their rooms? What if they are away from their computers and don't see the emergency information?" he asked.

Technical Specialist Joe Gill felt both communication methods were important. He did not see push-back from teachers about putting the app on their personal phones. Teacher Wendy Graveley weighed in on having better communication. "I think everyone would love it since we have no phones in our rooms now. I feel very isolated," she explained.

Junior High Principal Brad Racht said he felt both parents and teachers get too much information on the communication app so they don't pay that much attention. "We get desensitized with so many communications," he said.

The board moved to have Superintendent Hedalen move ahead with the new safety app for teachers and staff.

Hedalen reported on progress with the community about whether to keep the school radio station running. Technical manager Luke Carr will host the radio at the school now so businesses and nonprofits can list their advertising and announcements. Hedalen said many people have responded to the survey. The survey is available at the school and community library. It will be available for comment through January 31st. The survey will also be available in the newspaper.

The board put off deciding whether Broadwater High School will have a baseball team until 2025. Board chairman Jason Noyes indicated the question needs to be answered during budget time in 2024. A February 2024 meeting is planned to solve the logistics involved in setting up the team.

Work continues on installing a school resource officer. Sheriff Nick Rauser reported he and High School Principal Sheri Heavrin were working together to get the officer in the schools by January 2024.

## TRIDENT SOLAR PROJECT IN SOUTH BROADWATER COUNTY STILL IN PROCESS

**Nancy Marks**  
*Reporter*



Adam Schumaker, Gallatin Power Company of Bozeman, presented a request for an extension to the Trident Solar project in South Broadwater County at a December 13 County Commissioners meeting. The extension continues until 2027. Commissioners approved the request based on Schumaker's update which included an agreement between Northwestern Energy and Trident Solar to agree to a 20-year contract to buy Trident Solar's energy beginning in 2027. The project will not begin construction until 2025 or 2026 at which time the abatement timeline of 2027 will take effect.

Schumaker began the project in 2022. A January 22, 2022 meeting held at Wheat Montana showcased the project to the public. Broadwater County commissioners originally approved the abatement after a September 12, 2022, public meeting.

By statute, the county may use the abatement vehicle to further economic growth. The abatement or lowering of taxes through the Montana Department of Revenue allowed Trident Solar to negotiate a good rate for its electric power. Trident Solar will pay \$ 13 million in the first 10 years, then \$ 43 million over the next 35 years. Trident Solar 1, LLC, is owned by Gallatin Power Partners.

In other county business, Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser asked for a budget amendment to fund a School Resource Officer position in his department. Funding at \$49,100 will come from Rauser's budget and the Public Safety Fund. The new officer will work 4 days a week, then be on regular patrol until summer when the officer will work in South Broadwater County. In-kind services from Townsend Schools will include an

office. Interviews will begin after January 1, 2024. The amendment was approved.

The Montana Linemans' rodeo group gained permission to use the Broadwater County Fairgrounds for their rodeo on July 19 and 20 of next year.

The Toston Irrigation District Pump Site floodplain permit was approved. The pump, which moves water from the Missouri River to irrigation sites in the Crow Creek Valley, is located north of the Toston Dam.

Commissioners are calling for members of the public to serve on the Solid Waste Board. Commissioner Randolph explained they would like to fill the two open seats in the next three weeks. Letter of interest may be sent to the commissioners' emails. "We would appreciate it if applicants would include their experience and reason they might be interested in the position," she said.

Commissioners signed a resolution to approve a contract to publish county legal advertising in MT 43 News for a period of two years, through 2025.

The Western Trails Major Subdivision Phase 3 final plat approval was postponed.

## SUPREME COURT CANDIDATE SWANSON PLEDGES SCREENING PROCESS TO BAR ANTISEMITIC LAW STUDENTS

Charles Denowh

Townsend, Mont.—In response to an alarming rise in antisemitic demonstrations on college campuses around the country, Supreme Court candidate Cory Swanson has announced he will closely screen law clerk applicants to weed out those who have participated in calls for violence or expressed support for terrorist groups. Swanson joins a growing contingent of judges and judicial candidates who are pushing back against radicalization on campus by pledging to limit job opportunities for students who participate in hate.

"Like so many Americans, I was shocked when the heads of three elite Universities testified before Congress and refused to unconditionally condemn calls for genocide against Jewish people," Swanson said. "This ugly episode has shone a light on the creeping, half-hidden anti-Semitism that has corrupted many institutions of higher learning across this country."

The backlash against campus anti-semitism has been swift. Donors have pulled back hundreds of millions of dollars at elite schools that have tolerated hate speech, and at least one university president has been forced to resign. Law firms and judges have rescinded job offers to students who have participated in anti-semitic demonstrations.

Swanson said that if elected Chief Justice next year he would institute a screening process for clerkships on the Montana Supreme Court to block radicalized candidates. "If elected, I will rigorously screen my applicants for clerkships, and will not hire anyone who has called for violence, hatred, genocide, harassment, or any other form of hostile conduct against Jewish people," he said.

"Working as a law clerk is a coveted position that provides opportunities for a successful legal career. Supreme Court clerkships are even more prestigious and the hiring process is very competitive. Many candidates for these positions graduate from elite law schools at or near the top of their class, compete in moot court or law review, and they cultivate a network of similarly-connected students and lawyers," Swanson said. "Given these realities, it's time for lawyers and judges to clearly communicate a standard of behavior for clerks and new hires. Toxic anti-Semitism in elite law schools must not be allowed to infect Montana's court and legal system."

## TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

**Patrick Plantenberg**  
*Tree Board Chair*



*This is the seventeenth 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.

78) Malus species 'Spring Snow', Spring Snow Crabapple; planted in 2004 in McCarthy Park for the Little League tournament.

This tree was planted on June 24, 2004, in McCarthy Townsend Trees, 7



# PROPOSED CHIP SEAL ON US 287

**Natalie Stout**  
MDT Public Involvement Specialist

TOWNSEND, TOSTON, and THREE FORKS, Mont. - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to announce and invite the public to comment on a proposal to seal and cover (chip seal) US Highway 287 (US 287), from Townsend ending south of Three Forks. The purpose of the project is to preserve and extend the service life of the roadway.

The first project begins near Elm Street in Townsend, and extends southeast for approximately eight miles, ending near Flynn Lane.

The second project begins one mile south of Toston and extends southwest for approximately six miles, ending south of Hossfeld Lane.

The third project begins south of Three Forks near Hilltop Road and extends for approximately seven miles, ending just north of the US 287 with the Three Forks Frontage Road junction.

Proposed work at all three project locations includes crack sealing, chip sealing, and upgraded pavement markings.

Construction is tentatively planned for 2025 depending on the completion of the design and the availability of funds. No new right-of-way or utility relocations will be needed.

Partnering with the community is an important part of properly planning for future projects. MDT welcomes the public to provide ideas and comments on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted online at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/contact/comment-form>.

aspx or in writing to the Montana Department of Transportation, Butte office, PO Box 3068, Butte, MT 59702-3068. Please note that comments are for projects UPN 10258000, UPN 10259000, and UPN 10260000.

The public is encouraged to contact Butte District Preconstruction Engineer, Dave Gates, at 406-494-9636 or Project Design Engineer, Rebecca Barbula, at 406-444-6227 with questions or comments about the project.








## BSE EXCAVATING


7200 HWY 287, TOWNSEND, MT

**BRANDON BAKKEN**  
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### WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS

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July: 1.181"	August: 1.34"
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November: 0.398"	December: 0.031"
2022: 15.272"	2023: 13.231"

## 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: I equals S

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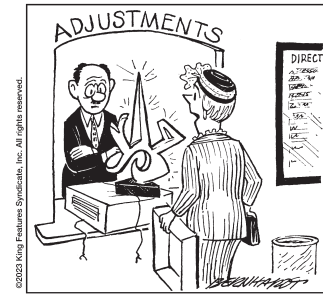
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## KNIGHT MOVES

U	E	N
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G	G	L

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!

Clutch

SCALP

Loose

LACKS

Burden

INSTAR

Urge

CLOMPE

**TODAY'S WORD**

"I bought it as a conversation piece, my husband hasn't \_\_\_\_\_ with me since!"

## Super Crossword

MAKING 20 OUT OF 9

**ACROSS**

1 Pueblo dweller

5 Sound of an "air kiss"

9 Forensic facility in Quantico, for short

15 Gig hookups

19 Refined finds

20 Civil rights leader Parks

21 In an uncivil way

22 Lawn mower brand

23 Parts of wholes

25 Key related to G major

26 "Jurassic Park" dino

27 "Billions" channel, in brief

28 Some boxing blows

30 Horn blowers

32 Person whose name consists entirely of the letters in 23-Across

37 Los Angeles neighborhood

38 "I knew — along!"

39 Old Nissan brand

40 Stephen of "Angle"

41 Humongous

44 Foot, in verse

47 Tattered

48 Novel whose name consists entirely of the letters in 62-Across

54 Others, in Oviedo

55 Last letter, in Leeds

56 Trig function

57 Arab nation

60 Titanic sinker

62 Didn't type or text, perhaps

67 Relating to an eye layer

71 Corn, to a Brit

73 Neighbor of Latvia

74 Relatives of terraces

76 Silent performer

78 Consumer Coup d—

80 Attain

81 Exit

85 Film whose name consists entirely of the letters in 74-Across

93 Verve

94 Words of woe

95 Desert haven

96 Sch. founded by Thomas Jefferson

97 December mail temps

100 Consumer

103 Very talented

105 Setups whose name consists entirely of the letters in 117-Across

110 Some legumes

111 Lindsay of "Liz & Dick"

112 Be in debt to

113 Imp Simpson

114 Throat tissue

117 Lawbreaker

121 — fixe

122 Menu offering

123 In — (stuck)

124 Lasting mark

125 Betting info

126 "Mad" Carroll character

127 Some votes in Congress

128 Those folks

**DOWN**

1 Great athletes are enshrined in it: Abbr.

2 Bobby in the Hockey 1-Down

3 Leguminous side dish

4 Low pelvic bones

5 Hosp. test in a big tube

6 "Mrs. Dalloway" novelist

7 Ed of "Lou Grant"

8 Is trustful

9 Citrusy diet soft drink

10 Idling type

11 Cruel Amin

12 Slower than andante

13 Socially distant

14 Side street

15 Give proof of

16 Novelist Toni

17 Strong-arm

18 Boston Red —

24 This evening

29 Building-blasting stuff

31 Bag-screening org.

32 Gotten sight of

33 Attempter

34 Fibber's admission

83 Even up

84 Out-of-towner

85 "Shane" star

86 Teased one another playfully

87 International alliances

88 Harbinger

89 Medieval Scandinavian

90 Group's activity in the community

91 Crooner Burl

92 Frowny-faced

93 Suffix with Vietnam

98 Aesthetic interest

99 Sewing unit

101 Bank job

102 "Neroli" musician

104 Least

106 Maui greeting

107 Contrarian's retort

108 Nile capital

109 Come next

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115 Park oneself

116 Cooler cubes

118 Divs. of dollars

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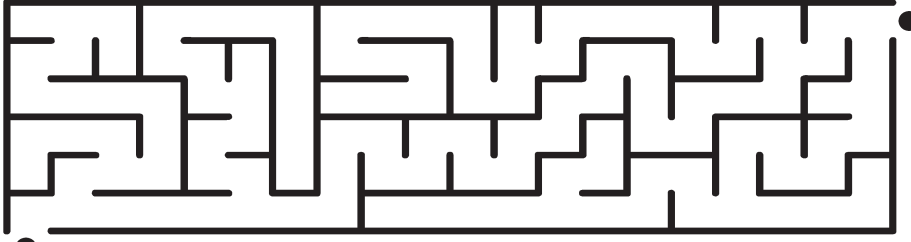
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## Kids' Maze



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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## SR. CENTER MEALS DEC 25 - DEC 29

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**Monday, December 25**

**CLOSED: Christmas**

**Tuesday, December 26**

**CLOSED:  
Christmas Holiday**

**Wednesday, December 27**

Chili Con Carne  
Golden Corn  
Tossed Salad  
Fresh Baked Biscuit  
Zesty Pineapple

**Thursday, December 28**

Polish Sausage  
Sauerkraut  
Steamed Potatoes

Carrot Raisin Salad  
Whole Grain Roll  
Cinnamon Applesauce

**Friday, December 29**

Fish Patty on a Bun  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Carrot Coins  
Crisp Coleslaw  
Plump Peaches

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.

## Townsend Trees, 6

Park as a memorial tree for the Little League tournament. The tree was planted by Little League ballplayers (Bryce Hines, Mariah Goleman, Abbey Miller, Kaitlyn Stevens, Joseph Spradlin, Clancy Spurlock, and Taylor Spradlin) and the Townsend Garden Club. The tree was paid for by the Garden Club. The tree is along the left field fence line. The tree is treated for fireblight annually and is in good condition.

79) Tilia cordata 'Morden', Morden Littleleaf Linden; planted in 2010 in Heritage Park to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Tree Board.

This tree was planted in 2010 in Heritage Park to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Tree Board. "The Townsend Tree Board-Beautifulizing Townsend One Tree at a Time – Since 1990!" The tree is located west of the large White Poplar on the north side of the park. The tree was paid for and planted by the Tree Board. The tree is in good condition.

80) Acer tataricum 'Patdell', Pattern Perfect Tatarian Maple and Acer tataricum 'Hot Wings', Hot Wings Maple; planted in 2005 and 2016 respectively at 406 Broadway. These are the first two trees planted on Broadway in the business district.

The first two Pattern Perfect Tatar Maple trees were planted on May 2005. These were the first two trees planted in the business district by the Tree Board. The trees were paid for by Jepson Realty. One of the original trees died and was replaced with a Hot Wings Maple in 2016. The trees are in good condition.

81) Aesculus x carnea 'Fort McNair', Fort McNair Red Horsechestnut; planted in 2008 in Veterans Park to honor Donald Eugene Anseth and is on the site of the first Broadwater County Courthouse.

This tree was planted on May 29, 2008, in Veterans Park to honor Donald Eugene Anseth, Army Veteran. November 2, 1935 - August 13, 2007. "Remember, Dad, we love you most". The tree was planted by the family and the Tree Board. The tree is on the west side of the park and is the second tree from the northwest corner of the park. The tree was donated by Matt and Jeanne West. The tree suffered some dieback in the frost of October 2009. The tree is in fair condition.

This tree is planted over the site of the first of three Broadwater County courthouses. The courthouse was used from 1897 to 1900. The building was built in 1883 by James "Ben" Barker, a merchant from Centerville, as a residence for him and his wife Anne Hubbard. Three large rocks were unearthed as this tree was planted in the spring of 2008. The rocks were part of the original foundation and had been in place for 125 years when they were rediscovered.

82) Prunus maackii, Amur Chokecherry; planted in 2014 at 611 Broadway in memory of Tammy Annette Steiner.

The tree was planted in 2014 at 611 Broadway in memory of Tammy Annette Steiner, who died giving birth to her stillborn child Autumn Elizabeth on September 4, 2013. The tree was donated by Tony Steiner and planted by the Tree Board. The tree is treated for fireblight annually and in good condition.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. ISAIAH 7:14

"Heilige Nacht" (15th-century woodcut)



## 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 38 families serving 73 people on December 16th. This included ten from the Home Maker Program.

With old man winter here, 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 foods on the first and third full weekends. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also.

### Items Needed this Week:

Chili, Canned 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 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.

The food pantry is open to accept donations from 9:30 to 11:00 am on the first and third Friday of the month or you may drop them off on Saturday between 9:00 and 10:45. If there is a 5th Friday and Saturday, we will be open then also. If these new donation times won't work for you, you may call Karoline or Daryl and we can set up a time for your donation. You may mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644. The food pantry is located at 315 Broadway.

## A LITTLE CHRISTMAS HUMOR: IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE YOUR MOTHER AGAIN

Tony Cooke Ministries

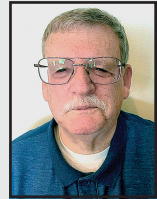
A small boy was writing a letter to God about the Christmas presents he badly wanted. "I've been good for six months now," he wrote. But after a moment's reflection, he crossed out "six months" and wrote "three months." After a pause that was crossed out and he put "two weeks." There was another pause and that was crossed out too.

He got up from the table and went over to the nativity scene that had the figures of Mary and Joseph. He picked up the figure of Mary, wrapped it gently in a cloth, and put it in a drawer in his room. He then went back to his writing and started again: "Dear God, if ever you want to see your mother again!"

## TECH TALK

## WINDOWS 10 - BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD SPOT

Victor Sample



Microsoft has officially announced the end of support for Windows 10 – October 2025. What does that actually mean? Will your PC running Windows 10 stop running?

Your PC running Windows 10 will continue to work just like it was before October 2025.

The Microsoft announcement means that you will no longer get fixes to Windows 10. Unless you are experiencing some kind of problem with Windows 10 that probably isn't a real concern – especially since it seems like every time Microsoft updates Windows 10 or Windows 11 they cause more problems. AND your PC probably seems like it is always updating – which does disrupt your time.

The real problem is that Microsoft will also be ending Security Updates for Windows 10. If you are concerned about security on your PC, then it is a concern. I have repeatedly warned against clicking on any links in

Windows 10, 9



# OBITUARIES

## ELLEN BAUMLER

Orlinda Worthington  
Yellowstone Public Radio

One of Montana’s most well-known historians has died. The Montana Historical Society announced Monday the death of Ellen Baumler, an interpretive historian at the Montana Historical Society for more than 25 years.



Ellen Baumler  
Photo Credits: Yellowstone Public Radio

Yellowstone Public Radio’s (YPR) Orlinda Worthington reports.

The Montana Historical Society announced Monday the death of Ellen Baumler, an interpretive historian at the Montana Historical Society for more than 25 years.

She died Saturday from cancer, according to her husband.

Martha Kohl, the Outreach and Education Programmer for the Montana Historical Society worked closely with Baumler for many years.

She told YPR that Baumler was relentless in her research and a stickler for getting the facts right. But it was her ability to communicate that precise history to the public in a fun and engaging way that was really special.

“She also knew how to tell a great story. And she really was able to make history interesting to the general public. She worked with school kids. She worked with seniors and everyone in between. And she was really able to bring the stories of our state alive to people and get them to care,” Kohl said.

Baumler wrote dozens of historic columns and numerous books. She was working on a new one with Kohl and two others at the time of her death. Kohl said she worked doing what she loved to the very end of her life.

“And just one of the kindest, most generous human beings. I mean, I think that’s the other part of Ellen. So, you know, a great colleague, but also just a truly wonderful person,” Kohl said.

Baumler retired from the state four years ago. She was 74 years old.

### MT43 News Editor's Note:

Ellen Baumler was a great friend of the Canton Church. Ellen was at the Canton Church many times ranging across a number of topics in Montana History and Broadwater County history. The Canton Church will miss Ellen.

# WINE, FOOD AND FRIENDS!

Dee Gannon  
MT43 News Correspondent

There is a monthly wine tasting at The Betsy, that has those who attend, buzzing. Not just because of the wine; but, about the show. Doug Sitton and Jody Toney began this adventure; this being the third month.



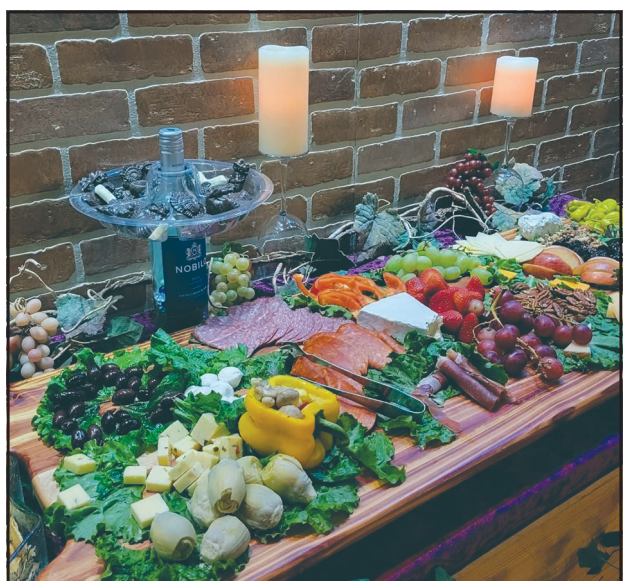
Jody Toney and Doug Sitton  
Photo Credit: Dee Gannon

Representatives from Georgia’s Distributing in Helena, David and Katie, brought 7 wines on this night. Three red and three white, and champagne. They explained that even though many sparkling wines come from California, ‘true’ champagne only comes from France, in the town of Champagne.



Ron Salladay, Lisa Jepsen, Maryanne Salladay, Sharon Ragen, Joe Jepsen  
Photo Credit: Unknown

David and Katie made sure that everyone (43 in all) had more in their glasses, if they desired; and a delicious-looking charcuterie board was available, including shrimp and crab, to cleanse the palate and provide a little ‘extra’ point.



Charcuterie Board  
Photo Credit: Doug Sitton

Wines are available for purchase or order; see David or contact Georgia’s Distributing. You won’t be disappointed.

As well as wine and cheese, Amy Currence is there with her “Hummingbird Chocolates”, true to her grandmother’s recipes, she fashions delicious treats to satisfy any sweet lover.

Chase and Daniella Ragen are providing the space for this soiree. They will continue to set aside the space.

The next wine tasting will be on January 16, 2024, from 6 pm to 8 pm. If you’d like to make a reservation for January, contact Doug Sitton at 406-422-3426

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**Windows 10, 8**  
emails or texts unless you are absolutely certain they are safe. The same thing is true with downloading anything from the internet; if you aren’t certain it’s safe, don’t download it.

But we are all human. Sometimes we click on that link; sometimes we go to websites we aren’t familiar with and click on links or download files. I am always (almost) vigilant; but sometimes if I am distracted, not paying full attention and I have clicked on something that I knew right away was a mistake – and I installed malware. And it is always a chore to get rid of the malware.

In the past, I have also advised that the Windows Defender (which comes with Windows and is free) is as good or better than the ones you pay for McAfee, Norton, Kaspersky, etc.

However, when Microsoft drops support for Windows 10 you will be left vulnerable.

*You have several options:*

- Upgrade to Windows 11
- Change to another operating system (Linux, ChromeOS, MacOS)
- Continue to use the paid security McAfee, Norton, Kaspersky; or start paying to use them
- Pay Microsoft for Extended Service after the official support ends for Windows 10
- Take your chances

If you are using the paid security software like McAfee you do have some level of support. They can detect malware that gets installed and remove it – sometimes.

The real problem is that McAfee, Norton, Kaspersky can’t actually fix the vulnerabilities in Windows – the parts of the system that malware writers exploit to install malware. Most of the time, Microsoft fixes those problems BEFORE you even get exposed.

Upgrading to Windows 11 is free and easy --- if you have the hardware required to run Windows 11. In their infinite wisdom, Microsoft decided to require specific hardware to run Windows 11. If you have a relatively new PC (the last 4-5 years) you probably have the required hardware and can upgrade and go on as you have. For most people, new icons are really all the difference you will see.

But if your PC doesn’t have the required hardware you cannot upgrade to Windows 11 – and now you are between a rock and a hard spot.

You can move to another operating system like Linux or ChromeOS; but that is not for the faint of heart.

You can pay for the Extended Service; Microsoft has not announced pricing and it’s likely to be an inconvenience.

You can opt for partial security by paying for McAfee, etc.

You take your chances.

You buy a new PC (maybe a used one) that has Windows 11 already installed.

At some point, you will have to move from Windows 10. Over time more and more software, websites, etc. will become incompatible with Windows 10.

Fortunately, you do have almost 2 years to decide what you want to do; but don’t dawdle. That time flies quickly.

**“Don’t wait until you have it all figured out. Just go all in. Hashem will guide you along the way.”**

**~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman**

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**CryptoQuip**  
answer

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**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution

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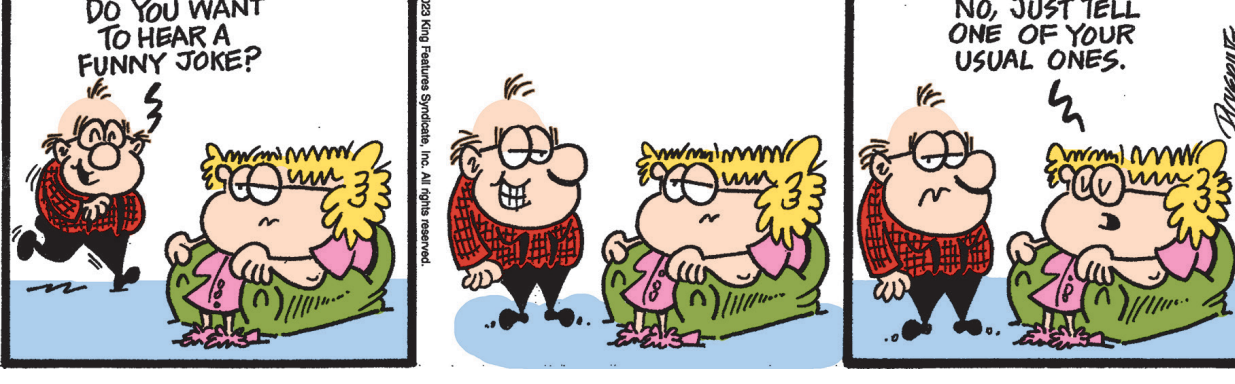


**KNIGHT MOVES**  
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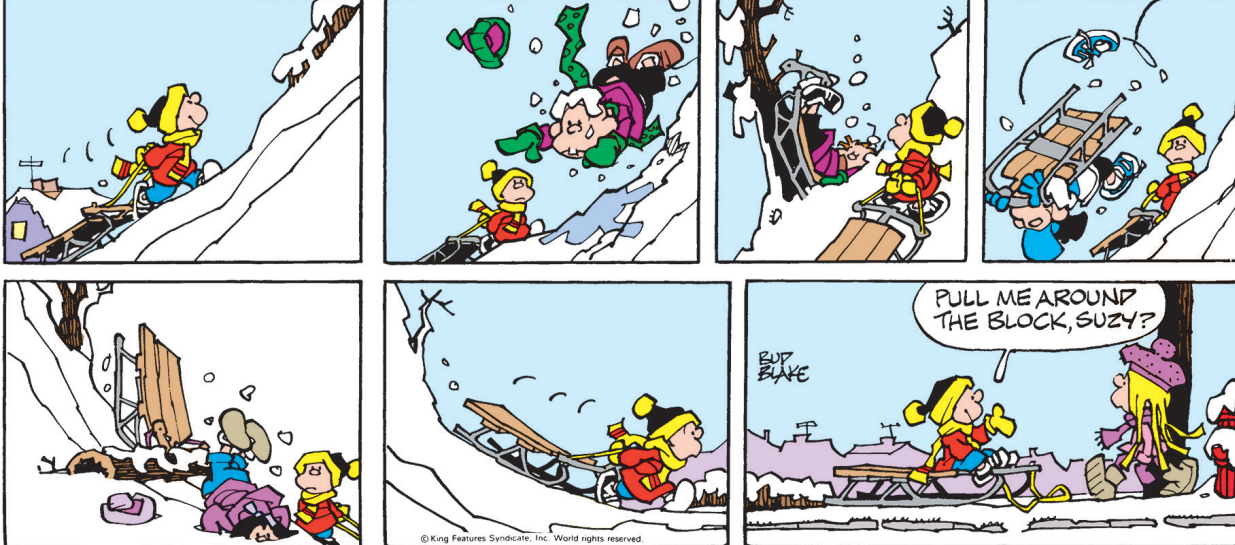
LANGUAGE

**The Spats** by Jeff Pickering



**Kids' Maze Solution**

**TIGER** by BUD BLAKE



**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

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**Out on a Limb** by Gary Kopervas



**Super Crossword**  
Answers

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# WEED OF THE MONTH: WESTERN CLEMATIS

Allison Kosto  
MSU Broadwater County Extension  
Agent



This plant is often inconspicuous until it becomes obnoxious. It is a native plant by many names including western clematis, white clematis, virgin's-bower or a combination of any of these names. It has an interesting history with the Native Americans. It was used as a horse stimulant. The root was said to be scraped and placed in front of the nose of fallen or exhausted horses to wake them. It was also used by the Native Americans as a remedy for colds and sore throats.



Western Clematis  
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### Description & Habitat

Western clematis is native to the western half of the United States and Canada. It is one of the few native vines found in Montana. It tends to prefer riparian areas and riverine that are mostly shaded. It is often associated with deciduous trees and shrubs and is less common among evergreen trees.

A member of the buttercup family, western clematis is a perennial (life cycle of more than two years) semi-woody vine. Older veins are woody with shredded bark. It is capable of growing more than 30 feet long by climbing into the canopy of trees and shrubs. Western clematis has clusters of white flowers that grow from the leaf axils. The fruit develops into fluffy bundles of seeds that look like cotton balls. The vines and the fruits remain visible throughout the winter. It has a taproot.

Under the right conditions, western clematis can choke out desirable plants and cover shrubby vegetation. The woody vines can become heavy weighing down branches, leading to their collapse. It can become a nuisance when it climbs structures, fences and ornamental plants. Some sources also indicate the plant is poisonous. Members of this plant family contain alkaloids that cause gastrointestinal distress, depression, nervous system paralysis and even death in extreme cases.

### Management

Very little research has been done on the control and management of western clematis. Typically, full control is not necessary. Reducing the population in high-density sites or removing it from areas where it is not wanted is typically enough.

The most effective management strategy is to prevent it from going to seed. Small infestations can be hand-pulled, hoed or dug. Mowing consistently can be effective where practical. Tilling may be effective if followed by reseeding. The plant can regrow from the root, so persistence is key.

Herbicide options are limited due to its growing pattern. It's difficult to use herbicides without harming the desirable plants. One technique is to use a paintbrush by dipping or spraying it with an herbicide and "painting" the vines and leaves of the plant. Herbicide options include Change Up, E-2, Escalade 2, Quincept, Roundup, Sure Power and Vengeance. Even after the plant has been killed, the woody vines will persist for many years and may need to be removed. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and management, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242.



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BY LINDA HUTH

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## DECEMBER 21

1939

### Wizard of Oz' Coming Xmas

"The Wizard of Oz", one of the big screen plays of the year, has been billed for Townsend for Christmas eve and Christmas day. Manager Ben Sautter of the Rex theater is going to run three shows on Christmas day to take care of the large crowd as well as to accommodate the children of the community who will want to attend an early show. Likewise this very popular play will be shown in Townsend on Sunday at the usual hours, 7 and 9 o'clock and on Christmas day, Monday three shows, the first one at 5 in the afternoon.

This play is one of metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's prize pictures of the year. It is reproduced from the book and has many fine song hits and beautiful technicolor scenes. In connection with this fine picture, Mr. Sautter says he is showing two especially interesting short features.

1950

### College Students Home for Holidays

College students are all home for the mid-season vacation. Several came from Bozeman, students at Montana State College, several from Missoula from the University and some from the various other colleges in the state. Among them were Kenneth Marcotte from the Butte School of Mines; Peggy Graveley and Billie Zimmerman from Dillon; Jeff and Bill Doggett, Kay and Tom Cotter from Missoula; Sue Duehr from Bozeman.

### Townsend Briefs

Sgt. Mike Gabisch is home from Alaska for a two-weeks furlough with his wife and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kirscher, Mrs. Maurice Guffey and J. Garrison Rains attended a sugar been meeting in Missoula last Thursday.

Pat Hooks, who is in his senior year at Georgetown University, in the Law School in Washington D.C., arrived home Sunday for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hooks.

Miss Helen Connors Arrived from Las Vegas, Nevada and will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J.S. Connors and other members of the family. Mrs.

Connors' son Leo, who has arrived in the states from Alaska and is now in Missoula with his family, is also expected to be home for Christmas to make the family reunion complete.

Kay Thompson was eight years old Thursday, Dec. 7, and to celebrate the occasion, was hostess to several of her young friends at an afternoon party from 4 until 6 o'clock. After an enjoyable hour of games and entertainment, party refreshments were served from a table centered with the birthday cake with eight lighted candles and surrounded with baskets of candy and party crackers for each guest. Present were Twila Fae Perkins, Linda Moudree, Carol Horne, Carol Cooper, Carol Cartwright, Laura Jean Maynard, Barbara Wallace, Helen Damuth, Darlann Johnson, Jim, Bobby, Beverly and Gene Thompson.

1961

### Crow Creek News" by Mrs. Forrest Kitt

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horne and Valerie visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Horne in Martindale Sunday.

Barbara Lewis spent the week end in Townsend as the house guest of Miss Marilyn Retterer.

Allen Smith of Radersburg was a week end guest of Dennis Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Turman, Merle, Tim and Dixie and Mrs. Ida Byrd were Sunday dinner guests at the William Kitto home.

### Christmas Tree Party

Miss Connie Valentine of Townsend and Jim Webb were hosts at a Christmas Tree Party Sunday. With about thirty of their school friends they went to the hills to get trees for the coming senior dance. The group then ate chili and played games at the home of Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb.

1967

### Rescue Cattle in Sub-Zero Weather

A cattle rescue operation lasted from 6 to 11 o'clock Tuesday night when a group of neighbors assisted Pete Cartwright in rescuing 15 head of cattle which were marooned near the Missouri River south of town.

An ice jam near where the Montana Ditch takes off from the river had forced water around the pasture. The crew cut a narrow trench through ice by tying seven lassos together had enough rope to drag the cattle across a deep channel. For a distance of about 100 feet the cattle

had to be dragged under ice. Fifteen were rescued in this manner, but two were lost by drowning.

Assisting in the operation were Harry Cartwright, Jim Tew, Ray Doig, Don Lewis, Paul Carson, Marcell Turcotte and Jim Wimmer. The last two are guests of Mr. Carson.

### Local Rancher Featured in National Magazine

In the TV Guide for the week of December 23 - 29, our own Claude "Ben" Cartwright has made national publicity with his ranch "The Ponderosa". There is a color picture and two-page spread telling about Claude and his ranching operation.

### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Black, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Rains and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holling attended the Montana Power Christmas party at Jorgenson's Holliday Inn in Helena Saturday evening.

Miss Donna Doig arrived home Sunday from Kansas City where she has completed training with the Atlantic Airline School. Presently she is employed in Kansas City.

Chris and Mickey Grover of Brigham City, Utah came last Thursday to visit relatives in Townsend including the Mel and Grant Grover families. Chris recently completed two and a half years on an LDLS mission in Europe, spending some time in Belgium, but most of the time in France. He spoke to the French Club at the high school Friday. Mickey also will go on the mission field right away. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Grover, former Townsend residents.

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### East of Townsend" News by Connie Shindol

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson and John, Vryl Payne of Livingston and Pauline Cady of Botswana, Africa were dinner guests Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Marks. Pauline is a sister of Pat Nelson and is with the Peace Corps in Botswana.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber attended the children's Christmas program Sunday evening at the Lutheran Church.

John Clark, Ed, Tom and Joann Shindoll, Jim and Denise Marks, Dave Grown, Diane Harris and William Plymale had a snowmobile and sledding party Sunday afternoon at the Shindoll Ranch.

Keith and Robin Kirscher returned Saturday from a 3 week trip which took them to Redfield, South Dakota; Dallas, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; California; Reno, Nevada; and Seattle.

For unto you  
is born this day  
A Saviour  
Christ the Lord



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