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## CITY COUNCIL FACES GARBAGE PICKUP WOES

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Garbage Truck breakdowns and holiday waste pickup were some of the problems reported by Public Works Director Eric Crusch at the first 2024 meeting of Townsend City Council. Crusch said the department's newest truck broke down. He called Tri County Disposal of Helena to help until he could repair the truck as the city's backup truck was not working either. He was not sure when the parts would arrive to repair the truck. Crusch said with the abundance of holiday waste, gathering garbage became even more difficult. "We even found the school's dumpsters full of garbage. The dumpsters should have been empty since school is out on Christmas vacation," he noted.



Mayor Vickie Rauser swears in newly appointed Ward II representative Doug Sitton.  
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Doug Sitton was approved to fill the vacant seat in Ward II. In his letter of interest, Sitton explained



City Council members including some new faces: Back from left: Nate Brown, Valerie Baraza, JB Howick, Doug Sitton and Front from left: Angie Wintrow, Mayor Vickie Rauser and Vivian Boaz.  
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he is a Townsend native who recently moved back to town in 2023. He pointed out his background in business management and his continuing involvement in Townsend's activities over the years. Since moving back to Townsend he has joined the Chamber of Commerce and is president-elect of Townsend Rotary.

City Attorney Peter Simon reminded the Council and Sitton his involvement with both the Chamber of

Commerce and Townsend Rotary may present a conflict of interest for Sitton, should he sit on the Council. Both organizations come before the Council for various permits. Sitton's application was unanimously approved.

A vacant seat remains in Ward II of the Council. Advertisements for the seat will be circulated again. Residents who live in areas from the east and one-half

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## BROADWATER COUNTY SHERIFF'S K-9 OFFICER MAX RETIRES

Nancy Marks  
Reporter



German Shephard Max had worked five years with the Broadwater County Sheriff's Department and is having some health issues, so Sheriff Nick Rauser has decided to retire the faithful animal. Max was donated to the county department by Washington D. C. Metro police. Rauser said the dog has done wonderful work finding drugs and protecting officers in difficult situations. "We just can't put a price on his service," Rauser noted.

Max will retire to the home of his handler, Officer Tony Cordova. The department has two additional dogs to take his place. Commissioners approved Max's retirement and ownership of Cordova.

The commissioners approved accepting funding to replace Old Town Bridges located on Old Town Road. The one-way bridges were closed in 2023 after a state



Max, the K-9 police dog retired from duty at the January 3 Commissioners meeting. He is shown here along with handler Tony Cordova and Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser.  
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

inspection showed safety issues. Both bridges are located in Gallatin County. The two closures resulted in a 10-mile detour for South Broadwater County residents in the area. As a result, Broadwater County agreed to apply for grants together with Gallatin County. Broadwater County and Gallatin County received \$750,000 each from the Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) as well as \$1 million each in matching funds from the Montana Department of Transportation for the MCEP grant. Construction on the two bridges is slated to begin in June with completion at the end of 2024. "The project costs have come in at \$1,814,491 for the bridges which will be almost fully funded by the two grants," Folkvord said.

Chairperson Debi Randolph pointed out that the contractors who rebuild the bridges will file for instream permits to comply with floodplain and water safety regulations.

The Solid Waste Department will have new advisory board members with the appointment of four members of the public who showed interest in joining the board. The commissioners appointed Eric Stahl, Chris (Kiff) Meier, Peter McBride and Patrick Miller, Sr. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord will act as liaison with the board. Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer will serve as the fifth member of the board until another member

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## PRESCHOOL ON BROADWAY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Sir Maggie the Mighty was on the reading list for 12 preschoolers at the Preschool on Broadway Wednesday, January 3. Director and owner Amanda Hazlett read the book by Michael P. Waite with great expression to the 3, 4 and 5-year-olds as they prepared for naptime.



Owner and director Amanda Hazlett reads Sir Maggie the Mighty to her preschoolers.  
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Hazlett and her husband Dan have teamed up with Arron Christiansen and his wife Emily in July of 2023 to create a beautiful space for the much-needed daycare in the newly remodeled Power Townsend building. The room is huge and airy with lots of light and activity centers. "We agreed to go into this project knowing had badly Townsend needs daycare and because I got to design the room," Hazlett related.

The preschool is licensed to care for 20 students five days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Handicapped children are accepted. One of her two helpers, Megan Osborne indicated there would be adequate room for 20 students.

Hazlett encourages all parents who are interested in signing up their child should apply for the Best Preschool, 4

## FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK INPUT

Mikayla Kraft  
School Correspondent



Right before school started, nerves were high with the thought of a four-day school week. Can we fit in the required state hours? What about the kids who cannot stay home on Fridays? Will the kids still be able to learn well? Questions such as these were on the rise and they could only be answered once it was implemented into the school system.

We are halfway through the school year and overall, reactions have been generally positive. Because some of the people who make final decisions may not have first-hand experience of the actual impact on all of the students, parents, and staff, it was highly important that I gained input from these figures. As a student myself, I have enjoyed the four-day school week. It allows me as a senior in high school to have ample time to focus on both school and work without the stress that usually comes with balancing many activities and events.

However, the schedule has no rhyme or reason. We have fewer breaks, and there are some Mondays off but in response, Fridays will have school. In addition, there are random five-day school weeks to supposedly catch up on time lost.

In actuality, we have exceeded state-required hours, so there was no time lost, but time gained. An anonymous staff member mentioned that we are 110 hours above the state requirement. It is difficult to tell whether this is excessive or in the right standards. But overall, this may allow extra learning to gear students for the future.

I talked to Tiffany Moos who has students in elementary, middle, and high school about how it has impacted her family. I asked how she has been able to adjust, and in response, she stated, "I find it fairly easy to adjust from week to week. It can be difficult trying to remember practices for sports with no school on Fridays, and on the Fridays we have school, convincing my youngest that he does in fact have school is trying". Other than that, it has not been bad.

She has noticed that her senior child may be a little more stressed since the four-day school week has started, but her 7th and 2nd-grade children have adjusted to it very well. Her 2nd grader has never really liked school, but the four-day school week gives him time to relax with his family after a week of learning with the challenge of a speech delay. When asked about her overall point of view on the school week, she stated, "I do think we should continue [the four-day school week], it works well for my family. I understand it can be stressful for the families where both parents work, but I know the school offers the 5th-day option. I feel most kids like the four-day school week."

The positives seem to outweigh the negatives. Of course, there is some improvement that could be made. However, that will only come with time. You can expect future years to be even more impactful for Townsend Public Schools.

## BULLDOG BASKETBALL

Gary Bauman  
MT43 News Sports Correspondent

### Townsend Boys Score a Season-High 58 in a Losing Effort

Townsend Bulldogs took on the undefeated Manhattan Tigers in a class 5B matchup in Manhattan on Friday. This high-paced game saw 83 points in the first half as the Bulldogs, led by Grady Erickson's 10 first-half points, found themselves down 15 at the half. After the break, the Bulldogs started a comeback, led by Ryedan Reed who finished with 23 points with 4 threes. "We had a great 2nd and 3rd quarter in this game. Ryedan came out of the locker room with 3 three-pointers in a row," Coach Tyler Patrick said after the game.

The Dogs cut the lead to as low as 7 in the third, but the high-powered offense, led by Michael Stewart's 21 points and Callin Fenno's 17 points and 10 rebounds was just too much for the Bulldogs. "We scored our highest number of points in this game and our guys run the floor harder than anyone," coach Patrick added. "Manhattan moves the ball really well in their offense. They are well coached and always make the right pass." The Bulldogs lose this one to the Tigers, 58-79

Ryedan Reed 23, Grady Erickson 12, Sawyer Horne 10, Tavyn Anderson 9, Deegan Mattson 2, Trenton Hoveland 2

### Lady Bulldogs Fall to Manhattan

On January 5th, coach David Lawson's Lady Bulldogs fell to their division rival Manhattan Tigers. The Bulldogs

traveled to Manhattan and had a hard time getting the ball to go in the basket in the first quarter, shooting just 1 of 14 from the field and finding themselves in an early first-quarter hole down 17 to 4, but the Bulldogs didn't quit. They stepped up the pressure in the second quarter starting to keep pace with the Tiger offense led by Gracie Millimen who finished with 23 points and 8 rebounds. Ella Begger and Emmalin Fisher, who finished with 14 and 12 points respectively, led the Dogs in the second half in a comeback that had Townsend within 4 points.

"We have to trust the process and our style of play and not doubt what got us here when things are not going our way," coach David Lawson stated. Kaitlyn Noyes who finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds had the job of keeping the Tigers off the offensive glass and gave it her best effort. "We have to learn how to be disciplined, consistent, fearless and coachable if we are going to be competitive against the top-tier teams in our conference," Coach Lawson added. The Tigers 42 rebounds, 17 offensive, was just too much as Millimen and the Tigers were able to fight off the comeback to win 57-48.

Ella Begger 14, Emmalin Fischer 12, Kaitlyn Noyes 11, Emily Bird 3, Cassidy Flynn 3, Bryleigh Erickson 3, Holly Newman 2

### Bulldogs Down Early to Lone Peak



Townsend's Deegan Mattson takes it to the rim during Saturday's game against Lone Peak. Photo Credits: Kelly Morris

Saturday afternoon the 4-3 Lone Peak Bighorns came to Townsend to take on the 2-5 Bulldogs. The Bighorn defense kept the Dogs shooting in check in the first quarter, limiting them to 4 of 18 shooting, giving Lone Peak a 13 to 9 lead after one. That 4 point lead was built to 7 by the half, led by the Bighorn duo of Ebe Grabow and Isaac Bedway who finished the game with 28 and 22 points respectively.

The Dogs' poor shooting in the 3rd quarter, making just 2 field goals out of 14 attempts, dug a 51 to 33 hole that seemed to be nearly impossible to overcome. However, Ryedan Reed and Tavyn Anderson, who finished with 18 and 17 for the night, would make that attempt of a comeback. In the 4th quarter, the Dogs made 10 of 20 shots to cut the lead down to 6 inside of the last minute of play. That would be all the closer the game would be as the final score was 65-59.

Ryedan Reed 18, Tavyn Anderson 17, Deegan Mattson 11, Sawyer Horne 9, Grady Erickson 4

### Lady Dogs Victorious Versus Lone Peak Lady Bighorns



Townsend's Ella Begger goes up for a shot against Lone Peak in last Saturday's game. Photo Credits: Kelly Morris

The 4-3 Lady Bulldogs played host to the visiting 2-5 Lone Peak Bighorns on Saturday. This high-action

game didn't produce a lot of points but both teams felt like it was a heavyweight fight. Townsend, led by Ella Begger's 12 points and Holly Newman's 5 steals and 6 assists, built a first-half lead of 10 points, 22-12.

It seemed like the lead should have been more, as the Dogs put up 50 shot attempts, forcing 25 turnovers and collecting 23 offensive rebounds by the half. They just couldn't find the bottom of the net shooting just 18%. A couple of big 3rd quarter baskets off the bench by Junior Abby Wickens was enough to get the Dogs rolling in the second half. "Abby gave us a much-needed spark when we needed one, especially when we were struggling to score," Coach Lawson stated. Wickens had 2 big threes and a 2 pointer to lead the dogs to a 16-point lead going into the final quarter where the Lady Dogs were able to hold on to a 55-27 lead.

Ella Begger 12, Kaitlyn Noyes 9, Abby Wickens 8, Holly Newman 6, Madelyn Schritz 5, Emily Bird 3, Cassidy Flynn 3, Taylor Cartwright 3, Emmalin Fischer 2, Bryleigh Erickson 2, Jazel Ragen 2

## BULLDOG WRESTLING

Becky Hunt  
MT43 News Sports Correspondent

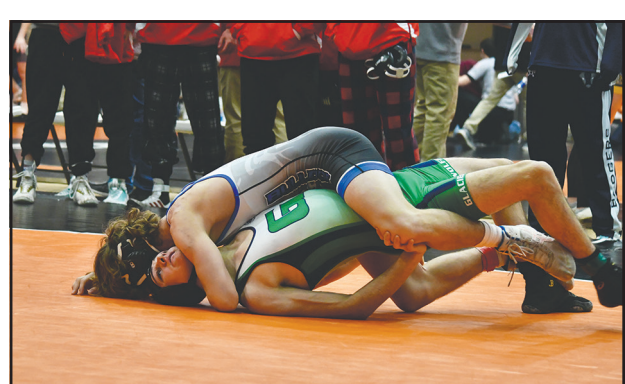
The Bulldogs traveled to Ronan this past weekend to attend the Western Montana Boys Invitational.

The Team started strong Saturday morning with Blake Wellenstein kicking off a winning streak pinning his opponent 15 seconds into round two. Parker Hunt, Kaehl Owens, and Hunter Borrer all followed suit with the pin for their first bouts.



Blake Wellenstein with a cradle for the pin. Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

Round two of the tournaments did not go quite so well. Wellenstein, still recovering from a shoulder injury acquired earlier in the season, was pinned in the second round. Owens wound up pinned in the first round. Hunt, also battling a previous rib injury, was bridging out of a butcher in round two when his head slipped causing his opponent's forearm to smack right into his nose, causing yet another injury, and inevitably getting pinned. Borrer scratched from the remainder of the tournament with what was presumably food poisoning.



Parker Hunt sporting a honeymooner ride pinning his opponent. Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

Consolation rounds didn't go much better for the Bulldogs, although they fought through injuries and some tough opponents no one advanced to the consolation quarter-finals.

"The Dawgs will be back." Well said words from Hunter Borrer after the boys arrived back in Townsend Saturday.

### Team stats for the tournament:

Gavin Green 0-2; Blake Wellenstein 1-2; Parker Hunt 1-2; Kaehl Owens 1-2; Hunter Borrer 1- scratch; Timothy Flesch 0-2; Jacob Pesicka 0-2; Nick Humphreys 0-2

Next events the team travels to Harrison Tuesday, January 9th followed by Choteau on January 12/13.

Mark your calendars for some upcoming Bulldogs Wrestling home events: B/C Duals will be held January 19th and 20th. The Harry Hall Mixer, combined with Senior Night, Thursday January 25th.

Come support these great kids!

## Bulldog Speech and Drama



## Three Forks School Calendar

<b>Jan 5 - Jan 6</b>	HS Wrestling @ Ronan Duals
<b>Jan 5</b>	3:00 PM - HS Basketball vs Whitehall (home)
<b>Jan 6</b>	10:00 AM - Little Wolves Player / Parent Meeting Speech and Drama at Huntly Project
<b>Jan 8</b>	4:00 PM - MS Boys Basketball @ Whitehall
<b>Jan 9</b>	4:00 PM - MS Boys Basketball vs Ennis HS Wrestling @ Livingston Dual
<b>Jan 11</b>	3:00 PM - HS Basketball vs Manhattan (home) NHS Meeting Lunch Break - Mrs. Berghausen's Rm.
<b>Jan 12 - Jan 13</b>	HS Wrestling @ Cowboy Classic Miles City
<b>Jan 12</b>	3:00 PM - HS Basketball @ Lone Peak 3 pm 4:00 PM - MS Boys Basketball vs Manhattan Chr.
<b>Jan 13</b>	10:00 AM - MS Boys Basketball @ Manhattan Speech and Drama at Townsend



## THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<b>January 12</b>	2:00PM Open Court at City Hall 2:00PM Three Forks Library - Crafternoon Crochet
<b>January 13</b>	Three Forks Library CLOSED
<b>January 15</b>	CLOSED in Observance of MLK Day at City Hall Three Forks Library CLOSED
<b>January 16</b>	1:00PM Three Forks Library - Mah Jongg 4:00PM Three Forks Library - Middle School Book Club
<b>January 18</b>	10:00PM Three Forks Library - Story Time 6:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Creekside at Bridger Brewing Three Forks 7:00PM Zoning & Planning Meeting at City Hall
<b>January 19</b>	10:00AM Regional Housing Coalition Meeting at TBD 1:00PM Three Forks Library - LEGGO Club
<b>January 20</b>	Three Forks Library CLOSED

## TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<b>January 12</b>	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 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
<b>January 13</b>	6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
<b>January 15</b>	6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
<b>January 16</b>	5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 6:00pm Wine Tasting Event at The Betsy 6:00pm Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway
<b>January 17</b>	1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
<b>January 18</b>	7:00pm AI-Anon at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 7:00pm Standup Comedy at Canyon Ferry Brewing
<b>January 19</b>	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
<b>January 20</b>	9:00am Suicide Prevention Class at the American Legion Post 42 at 211 Broadway St <b>READ ARTICLE ON PAGE 8</b> 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway January 27 12:00-1:00PM Medicare 101: A FREE Educational Siminar at Lewis & Clark Library in Helena ( <b>RSVP: SEE LEYLAND INSURANCE AD ON PAGE 11</b> )
<b>February 1</b>	7:00PM Fire Dept Meeting (Volunteers Needed) at Fire Station <b>SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS</b>
<b>February 4</b>	FREE Townsend Community Family Night at Holy Cross Parish <b>TURN TO PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS</b>

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## BROADWATER FFA UPDATE

Kaitlyn Noyes  
FAA Correspondent

*District Sweetgrass Showdown:*  
Our District FFA Competition was held in Big Timber on December 4th, 2023. Broadwater FFA members competed in the following contests:  
Livestock Judging: Kaitlyn Noyes, Aiden Kitto, Spencer Braaten, Ashley Sanderson, Amanda Pesicka  
Vet Science Sr: Kaitlyn Noyes, Kayla Kraft, Jacey Brunette, Amanda Pesicka, Ashley Sanderson  
Floriculture: Madelyn Schritz, Grace Kroeger, Janey Brunette  
After a long day of competing, here are the final standings of our teams:  
Livestock Judging: Team Placing: 8th  
Vet Science Sr: Team Placing: 13th  
Floriculture: Team Placing: 19th



*District Sweetgrass Showdown*  
Photo Credit Kaitlyn Noyes

*Greenhand Night:*  
Congratulations to all of our new Greenhand Degree recipients, Kady Bruins, Jacey Brunette, Janey Brunette, and recognition of Gavin Schmele joining our chapter from Fort Benton!  
On the night of December 18th, 2023, these members received the first available degree for FFA members: the Greenhand Degree. FFA members enrolled in their first year of high school credit agricultural science, who have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program and who have demonstrated their understanding of the history and purpose of the FFA may apply for their Greenhand Degree. This degree of active membership is awarded at the chapter level.



Left to Right: Kady Bruins, Jacey Brunette, Janey Brunette.  
Photo Credit Jemma Loughery

*To receive a Greenhand FFA Degree, members must meet the following requirements:*

- Enroll in an agricultural education program and have satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).
- Learn and explain the FFA Creed, FFA Mission and Motto, and FFA Salute.
- Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and FFA colors.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter Program of Activities.
- Own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the Official FFA Student Handbook.
- Submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

## Townsend School Calendar

<b>Jan 12 - Jan 13</b>	HSWR @ Choteau
<b>Jan 12</b>	NO SCHOOL 2:00PM MSBBB vs Manhattan 4:00PM HSBB @ Ennis
<b>Jan 13</b>	10:00AM MSBBB @ Belgrade S&D Home Meet
<b>Jan 15</b>	NO SCHOOL- MLK Day/Teacher PLC Day 8:00AM CPI training at the community room
<b>Jan 16</b>	3:00PM After school at the community room
<b>Jan 17</b>	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
<b>Jan 18</b>	4:15PM HSBB @ Whitehall
<b>Jan 19 - Jan 20</b>	HSWR @ Home-B/C Duals
<b>Jan 19</b>	NO SCHOOL
<b>Jan 20</b>	10:00AM MSBBB @ Manhattan 2:30PM HSBB @ Harrison (BBB Only) S&D @ Columbus-Divisionals



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## LIBRARY HOURS

### THREE FORKS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**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

**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

## BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

<b>January 15</b>	County Offices CLOSED for MLK Day
<b>January 16</b>	11:30am Trust Board at Flynn Building 6:00pm Noxious Weed Board Meeting at Flynn Building
<b>January 17</b>	10:00am County Commissioners Meeting at Flynn Building 3:00pm Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building 6:00pm Airport Board Meeting at Flynn Building
<b>January 31</b>	6:00PM Broadwater Planning Board Public Hearing at Flynn Building <b>DETAILS ON PAGE 5</b>

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of Cedar Street to the east and south of the city limits are eligible to apply for the position.

The animal and compliance officer position remains vacant. Attorney Simon reported he has received one application. The deadline for applications is January 12. Mayor Vickie Rauser said the Council will try to fill the position by the end of the month.

Council members approved the Steve McCullough 5-year land lease with adjusted language. McCullough has leased the two lots owned by the city south of the wastewater lagoon for five years. He owns land adjacent to the two lots and has sprayed weeds on the vacant ground to encourage grass growth during that time. Wildlife has moved into the area now. Both areas are fenced and have locks on the gates. He pointed out the city office has the combination of the locks and if someone wanted to enter those areas, they need only contact the city office. Council members asked Attorney Simon to set up a policy procedure for leasing city-owned land.

The Council will request the new owner of the White Annexation located on North Cherry Street to come before the Council to update changes with the subdivision. Brad and Debbie White have sold the White Subdivision to Out-Of-Box Design, LLC. The owner is Steve Urban. Whites have been in negotiations with the City of Townsend to have the development annexed to the city to access water and sewer.

# BILLINGS CLINIC BROADWATER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RESIGNS

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Jenny Clowes, Billings Clinic Broadwater Chief Executive Officer(CEO), resigned from her position with the clinic and was honored at a staff party on December 13. According to a release from Billings Clinic, Clowe's resignation marks the end of an era with the Townsend hospital.



Hospital Staff honors Chief Executive Officer Jenny Clowes at her day December 13 with a gift presented by director of clinic and ancillary services Justin Tiffany. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

A Broadwater High School graduate who went on to become a certified public accountant, she began working at the hospital in 2013 when she joined as Chief Financial Officer. She became CEO of the hospital when Billings Clinic purchased the then-publicly-owned hospital in 2020.

She has resigned to take a position with FEDKO Emergency Physicians as vice president of operations and development to help manage and staff emergency



Jenny Clowes, Billings Clinic Broadwater resigns as CEO. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

rooms across the Midwest.

During Clowes' tenure the hospital, clinic and long-term care facility was remodeled to include expanded clinic space, a new physical therapy facility and an expanded emergency department while keeping the facility operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Justin Tiffany, Billings Clinic Broadwater director of clinic and ancillary services, will act as interim administrator of the hospital. The facility offers primary care, 24/7 emergency care, radiology, laboratory services, diagnostic imaging and specialty outreach services-including mammography, pediatrics, pediatric endocrinology and urology.



Justin Tiffany, interim CEO of Billings Clinic Broadwater. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

# BULLDOG SPEECH AND DRAMA

MT43 News Speech and Drama Correspondent

Townsend Speech and Drama Bulldogs returned to action after the holiday break with a trip to Billings where they captured the Class B Drama Team Trophy; their fifth of the season. The "Daniel Johnson Memorial Tournament" was co-hosted by all three Billings public high schools and Huntley Project High School on January 5th and 6th at Skyview High School. Twenty-five schools representing all classes were there for the two-day, five-round Speech, Drama & Debate meet. There were 350+ entries among the many classifications, with many entries consisting of multiple competitors.

Scarlett McDaniel, Nykia Mondragon and Noah Borror continue their undefeated season winning the Classical Theater Event for the fifth time this season with their interpretation of Lewis Carrol's "Alice in Wonderland." Jasmine Thomas placed 3rd in Humorous Solo with her piece "21 Ways to Get Detention", while Arabella McDaniel came in 4th with her Mime entry titled "Stubborn Cow." All three Bulldog Humorous Theatre entries made the finals adding to the team points. Caleb LeLacheur & Cooper Hines spent a lot of time over the holiday creating a new piece and clearly, all the work was worth it, as they took 2nd place with "Dueling Phobias." Right behind them were Havyn Vandenaere & Kyla Meissner with "Bad Actors" in 3rd and Riley Rauser, Logan Barkhurst, Aidan Easter & Jenna Mainwaring with "Kev Burger" in 4th place. Another new submission came from Jazlyn Martin, Hayley Reinke, Melania Lambott and Sarah Morgan in the Dramatic Theatre category which earned them a 5th place finish with "I Was There." Rounding out the Drama Team are the ladies in Dramatic Solo: Hannah Hall and Trista Moos. Hannah's "My Name is Amy" has been super successful this season and landed her 10th in Billings, while Trista was premiering a new piece, which debuted in 12th position.

The speech events have many more entries, as Class AA schools compete in speech and debate, but not drama. This makes each field much more competitive, especially at these larger meets. Earning points for the Speech Team were Ashley Sanderson and Creighton Wright, both participating in Spontaneous Oral Interpretation (SPOI) and finishing 5th and 8th respectively. Also competing for the Speech Team were: 16th Lexi Davies (Original Oratory), 22nd Shalyn Sentinella (Impromptu), 27th Angel Sentinella (Humorous Oral Interpretation), 27th Grace Kroeger (Impromptu) and 33rd Kayley Conner (Humorous Oral Interpretation).

The Townsend home meet will be this Saturday, January 13th and is the last one before our Bulldogs head off to Divisionals the following weekend in Columbus. Speech, Drama & Debate meets do require many volunteer judges, who require no previous experience. Please consider donating some time to this

event or simply join the fun as a spectator. The award presentation at the conclusion of the meet will also serve as Senior Night for the eight outstanding Seniors on the team: Aiden, Caleb, Cooper, Havyn, Jasmine, Melania, Riley, and Trista.

**Broadwater County Sherrif, 1**

of the public can be appointed. The first board meeting was on January 9.

In other Solid Waste Board news, Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley asked the commission to approve payment of annual fees of \$200 each to the Montana Department of Natural Resources for the lease of both the Winston and the Radersburg Cannister sites. Payments were approved.

The commissioners elected Darrel Folkvord chairperson of the commission for the 2024 term. Debi Randolph was elected vice chairperson. Folkvord is in his sixth year of his first term on the board.

The Able Minor Subdivision was presented for preliminary approval by Community Planning Director Nichole Brown. The subdivision, owned by Steve Upton, is six miles northwest of Townsend and is situated off Foster Drive, a private road. The 4 lots are between 2 acres and 5 acres in size. Each will have its own exempt well and sewer system. Discussion centered around possible problems with maintaining shared driveways and private roads. Commissioners made no decision.

**Preschool, 1**

Beginnings Scholarship through the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) at the mt.gov website. The cost of the preschool will be based on how many days of service and whether parents are able to qualify for the scholarships.



Theater curtains help form a stage for tiny actors at the Preschool on Broadway in the Power Townsend Building. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks are included in the service as well as playtime, and organized play which includes a stage. Students have use of an ADA bathroom and a potty-training bathroom. The facility also has a laundry room and open kitchen as well as ample storage areas.

Hazlett explained her sick-child policy. Any child with a temperature of 99 degrees or who has diarrhea or vomiting within a 24-hour period must not come to the school. "Kids must be fully vaccinated as certified by the state, but this does not include flu or COVID vaccinations," she said.

Hazlett who has a BA in English, decided when her family moved to Townsend, she wanted to be home with her children. She began taking courses for licensure for preschool teaching through the Montana State Resource and Referral Program through DPHHS. The courses involved early childhood education and safety training from the Red Cross. She is obligated to take an additional 16 hours of training annually to update her skills. In addition to operating this facility, she also operates a preschool at The Lodge.

For more information, please contact Hazlett at (406) 558-9904.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
LEROY JOHN MILLER,  
Deceased.  
Probate No. DP-2023-19

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mike Millay has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. 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 their claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at Silverman Law Office, PLLC, P.O. Box 4423, Helena, Montana 59604, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 15th day of December 2023

/s/ Mike Millay

P.O. Box 911, Townsend, MT 59644

*Printed January 5, 12 and 19, 2024*

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## MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JOANN ARLENE SHINDOLL, Deceased.  
Probate No. ADP-23-20

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Constance E. Shindoll has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via her Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated January 5, 2024.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

Gallatin Elder Law & Estate Planning PLLC

Attorney for Personal Representative

*Printed January 5, 12, 19, 2024*

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### Six Ranges Major Subdivision Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Broadwater County Planning Board will be taking comments regarding a proposed major subdivision, Six Ranges Ranch Major Subdivision.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 31st, 2024, at 6:00pm in The Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street, Townsend.

The proposed subdivision is located in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 1 East, Broadwater County. The property is located west of the Rolling Glen Ranch Major Subdivision approximately four (4) miles northwest of the I-90/ Highway 287 interchange. There are 11 lots being reviewed ranging from 20.00 to 31.75 acres in size.

Anyone wishing to review the proposed application is encouraged to stop at the Clerk and Recorder's Office in Townsend to review the same.

Written comments are also being accepted.

Broadwater County Planning Board

*Published January 12, 2024*

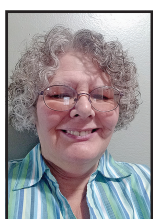
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## COURT BEAT

# JANUARY 5, 2024

**Dee Gannon**  
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menahan's courtroom on Friday, January 5, 2024, is as follows:

Stacy Croy had a Status Hearing. She will appear for a Change of Plea on Friday, February 2, 2024.

Kayleen Bowser appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to Partner/Family Member assault (second). Her elocution stated, "I threw a shoe at my partner, causing threat of bodily harm." She has been released from Broadwater County to serve her D.O.C. commitment; where she can get appropriate treatment. She may have contact with the alleged victim.

Dylan Ridenhour had two cases, that were treated as a global resolution. His cases involve burglary and resisting arrest. He is Sentenced to four years D.O.C, deferred. He must serve nine months for treatment.

He must pay fees and surcharges of \$80; and must be screened for treatment and pre-release.

Kale Murgel will have a Change of Plea and Sentencing on January 12, 2024.

Robert Cluff had a Change of Plea on a charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth). In his elocution, he stated that he possessed meth in Broadwater County. His sentencing will take place on February 2, 2024.

Donald Dewitt was present for Sentencing on a charge of a fourth DUI. Five years D.O.C; all suspended. He has been attending Veteran's Treatment Court for the last three months, successfully in Billings. He is ordered to complete VTC and pay a \$1,000 fine; \$80 in fees and surcharges; and another \$50 fee for a new Pre-Sentence Investigation.

## CITY COURT FINES AND FORFEITURES NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023

**Kelsi Anderson**  
Justice Court Clerk

Casey Smith – Townsend – Violation of a Protective Order 1st Offense, pled guilty, 90 days in jail suspended on conditions, pay fines and fees of \$585.00.

Gary Hamilton – Townsend – No Liability Insurance 1st Offense, pled guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees. Driving Suspended or Revoked 1st Offense, pled guilty, 6 months jail suspended on conditions, pay fines and fees of \$85.00.

Adam Schwartz – White Sulphur Springs – No Insurance 3rd Offense, pled guilty, 10 days jail suspended on conditions, pay fines and fees of \$535.00. License Plates and Registration are suspended until proof of insurance compliance is provided to MVD.

Eric Reichman – Helena – Assault, pled guilty, 6 months jail, all but 7 days suspended on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.

Hannah Frazier – Townsend – No Liability Insurance 2nd Offense, pled guilty, \$375.00 fines and fees. License Plates and Registration are suspended until proof of insurance compliance is provided to MVD. Driving Suspended or Revoked 2nd Offense, pled guilty, 6 months jail suspended on conditions, \$85.00 fines and fees.

Alex Grover – Illinois – Disorderly Conduct 1st Offense, pled guilty, deferred 6 months on conditions, pay fines and fees of \$185.00

Anthony Mistek – Criminal Trespass to Property, pled guilty, deferred 6 months on conditions, pay fines and fees of \$185.00.

Jessica Locken – Billings – Disorder Conduct 1st Offense, pled guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.

Jeffry Schritz – Townsend – Dog at Large, pled guilty, \$75.00 fine suspended on conditions. Licensing and Registration pled guilty, \$75.00 fine suspended on conditions. Animal Deemed a Dangerous Nuisance, pled guilty, \$75.00 fine and ordered to pay victim \$100.00 restitution.

Vince Boster – Townsend – Criminal Mischief, pled guilty, deferred 6 months on conditions, pay fines and fees of \$500.00.

Sunshyn Mondragon – Townsend – Driving Suspended or Revoked 1st Offense, pled guilty, 6 months jail and \$535.00 suspended on conditions, pay \$85.00 fines and fees.

Aaron Anthony Colangelo – Townsend – Assault, pled guilty, 6 months jail suspended on conditions, pay fines and fees of \$585.00.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT – JANUARY 5, 2024

**Kelsi Anderson**  
Justice Court Clerk

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Jonathan Veysey, Helena : night speed \$70.00  
Emily Szczepaniak, Bismark, ND: day speed \$70.00  
Cole Wines, Helena; night speed \$120.00  
Joseph Vanzee, Helena: night speed \$20.00  
Alan Snider, Helena: night speed \$20.00  
Matthew Pasciuta, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00  
Clayton Moore, Campo: night speed \$70.00  
Gage Judy, Butte: interstate day speed \$40.00  
Mandi Hall, Townsend: day speed \$20.00  
Grant Frandsen, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00  
Elijah Bekstrom, Helena: day speed \$20.00  
Josephine Berg, Belgrade: night speed \$20.00  
John Mellum, Townsend: day speed \$20.00

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

### BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Joseph Matt – Butte – Assault, purposely or knowingly causing bodily injury to another, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$585.00 fines and fees.

Michael Crowe – Billings – Negligent Endangerment (substantial risk-death/serious bodily injury), pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, \$950.00 Court costs, enroll and complete Act program.

Jeffrey Fox – Helena – driving without a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

Christopher Maupin- Townsend – 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.

### BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Angela Carlson, Helena: night speed \$20.00  
Dakota Wessel, Helena: night speed \$20.00  
Evin Mitchell, Helena: night speed \$70.00  
Kinsey Vavruska, East Helena: restricted speed \$55.00  
Jacob Rodgers, Belgrade: night speed \$20.00  
Jamie Rogers, Bozeman: restricted speed \$95.00  
Anthony Petri, Helena: night speed \$20.00  
Justin Porter, Helena: night speed \$20.00  
Mary Marshall, Big Sky: day speed \$120.00  
Samuel Hutchinson, Orangeville, CA: restricted speed \$135.00

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT – JANUARY 12, 2024

**Kelsi Anderson**  
Justice Court Clerk

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Scott Weir, Helena: day speed \$70.00  
Victoria Vantassel, Twin Bridges: night speed \$70.00  
Jacqueline Santin, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00  
Kenneth Smith, Great Falls: night speed \$70.00  
Anna Smith, Missoula: interstate night speed \$40.00  
James Reinsch, Helena: night speed \$120.00  
Irvin Roberts, Toston: day speed \$20.00  
Rhys Phelps, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00  
Amr Mohamed, Simi Valley, CA: day speed \$20.00  
Austin Kirkland, Helena: day speed \$20.00  
Christopher Jenemann, Helena: day speed \$20.00  
Carl Greene, Montana City: night speed \$120.00  
April Goettle, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00  
Timothy Diedrich, Helena: day speed \$20.00  
Emily Christensen, Townsend: day speed \$70.00  
Daniel Baker, Tucson, AZ: day speed \$20.00  
Bruce Beutler, Irving, TX: day speed \$70.00  
John Menanno, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00  
Alan Harper, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Anna Shipman – Helena – night speed, pleaded guilty, \$200.00 fine.  
Joseph Caracciolo – Bozeman – driving without a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

### BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Morgan Davis – Three Forks – fail to have lamps lighted when required, pleaded guilty, \$35.00 fines and fees; careless driving, pleaded guilty, \$35.00 fines and fees; driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

### BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Jennifer Gantz, Helena: night speed \$20.00  
Zachary Weinzetl, Longmont, CO: day speed \$20.00  
Maria Horta-Moss, San Diego, CA: day speed \$120.00  
Carrie Harris, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00  
David Fraser, Helena: night speed \$20.00  
Rodney Russel, Russellville, AL: night speed \$20.00  
Cateland Abernathy, Great Falls: night speed \$70.00

### INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Chance Cross – L & C Co. Justice Court, \$500 bond  
L & C Co. Justice Court, \$10,000.00 bond

# COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE WESTSIDE TRAILS PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Commissioners approved the final plat for phase 3 of the Westside Trails subdivision at their Dec. 20 regular meeting.

Community Planning and Development Director Nichole Brown explained in her presentation that the developers had met all 28 conditions set by the commission. The subdivision's third phase is located directly south of Wheatland Road adjacent to Jefferson County and Interstate 90 in South Broadwater County. Access to the subdivision is off Wheatland Road. The subdivision was developed by Three Forks Property, LLC. Robert Lodge of Florida is one of the partners in the organization and is the registered agent. The subdivision began 15 years ago with a plan of 243 total lots on 537 acres. The third phase includes 53 lots with individual wells and sewer systems.

Although the final plat for phase 3 of the subdivision contains conditions regarding roads, school bus turnarounds, underground utilities and covenants, one of the more important conditions concerns water access for individual lots.

The subdivision contains water rights on 3 irrigation wells previously drilled for agricultural use. Developers drilled an additional 4 wells to determine if water was available for individual well use. Those water rights were approved by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in November 2008.

A second condition of importance is fire protection requirements. Westside Trails subdivision has met its fire protection requirements with the Three Forks Fire District through a contract to pay \$200 per year per lot to guarantee fire protection. The fee will be paid by individual lot owners. Westside Trails also holds an agreement with Headwaters Livestock Auction to use its water pond for emergency water supply in case of fire.

## ELECTION HIGHLIGHT DON'T BE A SHEEP

Judge Katherine Bidegaray

An Opinion Editorial by District Judge Katherine Bidegaray, submitted January 4, 2024.

In the fabric of Montana's history, woven through the life stories of our people, is a simple yet profound wisdom: "Don't be a sheep." This is the legacy of my Basque heritage, a creed passed down from my father, who turned the rugged terrains of eastern Montana into a home for our family. It's this same spirit that now compels me to seek a seat on the Montana Supreme Court. I want to ensure that our judiciary reflects the strength, independence, and integrity of the state we all love.

My story is rooted deeply in Montana's soil. Raised by hard-working parents who taught me the value of education and resilience, I grew to understand the importance of upholding the unique rights our Montana Constitution provides – rights that enable families to rise from hardship to opportunity in a single generation. The land shapes us Montanans: we tackle tragedy with grit and celebrate life with fierce pride in our communities. We are driven, not by the herd mentality but by the pioneering spirit that creates our opportunities, lifting each other in the process.

This ethos was never more relevant than when my family faced the threat of losing our farm after my father's sudden death. Despite never missing a loan payment, the government deemed his passing as a default. As a young law school student, I fought this injustice, using my developing legal skills to protect our home – and won. That victory was not just for my family but for every Montanan who has struggled against faceless bureaucracies. It affirmed my resolve to combat inequity and to serve justice.

As a District Court Judge for over two decades, I've presided over many hundreds of cases, each one



Judge Katherine Bidegaray  
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reinforcing my belief in a judiciary that stands as a guardian of fairness and the rule of law. I have helped implement treatment courts to address substance abuse, while saving taxpayer money, and championed the rights of individuals – all reflecting my commitment to bettering the lives of those I serve.

Now, we stand at a pivotal moment where the rule of law is under duress, and the rights we cherish – privacy, education, public lands, preservation of Montana's pristine landscape – are at risk. My candidacy to serve on the Montana Supreme Court is a response to these unprecedented attacks on our democracy and Montana's judicial branch. With 38 years of legal and judicial experience, I am uniquely prepared to uphold the Constitution and to serve as a Justice for ALL Montanans.

As your Justice, I will not follow; I will lead with the same tenacity that saw my family through hardship. I will stand firm in the face of adversity, just as Montanans have always done. Please join me in this fight – use your voice, your vote, and your influence to maintain Montana as the last best place, a state not of sheep, but of shepherds.

## KEN BOGNER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR U.S. CONGRESS

Ken Bogner

Montana State Senate President Pro Tempore Ken Bogner Announces Candidacy for U.S. Congress

Miles City, MT – Montana State Senator Ken Bogner, a staunch conservative and Marine Corps veteran, proudly announces his candidacy for the United States Congress in Montana's 2nd Congressional District.

Born and raised in Miles City, Montana, Senator Bogner joined the U.S. Marine Corps upon his eighteenth birthday and was deployed for two combat tours into Iraq in 2006 and 2008 during his four-year enlistment.

"Montana deserves a representative who will vigorously defend our conservative values," Senator Bogner stated. We need someone who will fight for our way of life, and someone who is actually ready to go to Congress to get something done."

As Montana Senate President Pro Tempore, Senator Bogner has consistently championed conservative values. His legislative work has covered a wide range of issues including prohibiting foreign adversaries like China from buying our land, election integrity, and protecting individual liberties.

Senator Bogner's younger brother also served in the U.S. Marine Corps; while deployed to Afghanistan he was wounded in action. Witnessing President Biden's botched Afghanistan withdrawal motivated Senator Bogner to run for Congress.

"This is personal. We lost Afghanistan, we're losing at our southern border, and we'll lose to China if we don't push back. As a Marine, I cannot stand by and just let this happen. I am running to restore America's strength. Joe Biden must be held accountable for weakening our military and our national defense. It's time to send in a Marine to fight and take our country back."

Senator Bogner's campaign will focus on several key priorities, including national security, fiscal responsibility, and government transparency. He knows a strong military and secure borders will protect America and its citizens. He is also committed to fiscal responsibility, advocating for a balanced budget and responsible spending in Congress, just like he has done in Montana's state legislature.

## COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA JAN 17, 2024

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](http://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, January 15, 2024

### COUNTY OFFICES ARE CLOSED

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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

**10:00 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Broadwater Two and G/T Ranch Boundary Relocation (Township 9 North, Range 2 East, Section 9)

**10:15 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Albe Minor Subdivision (Section 3, Township 7 North, Range 1 East) requests Preliminary Plat Approval

**10:25 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Juniper Ridge Minor Subdivision (Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 3 East) requests Preliminary Plat Approval

**10:35 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Smith Minor Subdivision (Section 27, Township 7N, Range 2 East) requests Preliminary Plat Approval

**10:55 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development & Planning Director, Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision

### Extension Request

**11:00 AM** Discussion/Decision, Inter-Local Agreement Formation, Authority and Administration of Abatement Region 4 for the Opioid Settlement

**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

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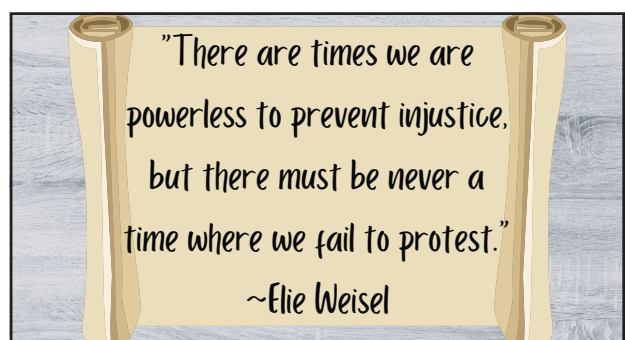
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E-mail: [commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us)  
Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)  
(Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)

- Bill Jarocki, Weekly Meeting with Press/Public Every Monday at 2 PM in his office starting on January 22nd
- Trust Board on January 16th at 11:30 AM
- Weed Board Meeting on January 16th at 6 PM
- Airport Meeting on January 17th at 6 PM
- LEPC Meeting on January 18th at 1 Pm
- Board of Health Meeting on January 29 at 2 PM
- Park and Rec Board Meeting on January 29th at 6 PM
- Broadband Meeting on January 25th at 4 PM
- Fair Board on January 30th at 5:30 PM
- Planning Public Hearing & Regular Meeting on January 31st at 6 PM

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



WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS

Fri 1/12	Sat 1/13	Sun 1/14	Mon 1/15	Tue 1/16
Light Snow	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Light Snow Showers
-7°   -26°	-7°   -21°	-4°   -18°	10°   -1°	21°   10°
0 in	10%	9%	10%	2 in
11   20 mph	3   10 mph	5   8 mph	5   7 mph	6   11 mph

### Precipitation:

August: 1.34"	September: 4.39"
October: 0.760"	November: 0.398"
December: 0.080"	January: 0.00"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 0.00"

## BSE EXCAVATING

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.  
 Clue: V equals L

FA J SQFVV ZBQYBJWR KCGGJWSZ  
 ZCVSFBQZ RC QFZB RC REBFQ  
 ABBR, F'S KJVV REJR J  
 ZRJWSFWY CQSBQ.

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### KNIGHT MOVES

N	E	C
I		A
M	A	R

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!

Mobile: ICEVAT  
 Rotate: GREATY  
 Trick: ELUDED  
 Ban: SCOREN

TODAY'S WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

"Mr Davis of the Acme Company is here to see you."

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

**D**ON'T PLAY A GOLF WITH A TUNNEL VISION - JUST AUTOMATICALLY AIMING AT THE PINS.  
 THE MORE ANALYTICAL YOU ARE THE BETTER YOU'LL SCORE - IRRESPECTIVE OF YOUR SHOT-MAKING ABILITIES.

FOR INSTANCE, ON VERY DANGEROUS HOLES LIKE THIS ONE GOLFERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS SHOULD AIM FOR THE CENTER OF THE GREEN TAKE TWO PUTTS AND GO ON THEIR WAY ESPECIALLY IN STROKE-PLAY COMPETITION. A PAR OR BOGEY KEEPS YOU IN THE BALL GAME WHICH ISN'T THE CASE WITH AN 8 OR A 9.

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

### MOVING UP

One way to put pressure on the server is to move to the net for a volley after hitting your return. You need to move quickly - any hesitation will make you late getting into proper volley position.

Try to hit your return with underspin, since that will keep it low after it bounces, making it harder for the opponent to hit a passing shot. A common mistake is for players to rush the return if they intend to charge the net. So take your time, hit first, then run in!

## Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

- Highest roll of a single die
- Peak in Thessaly
- Freaks out
- Subjective paper piece
- Never dying
- Kind of cherry named for its shape
- sci. (coll. major)
- Scaled-down symphony group [1994]
- Mallorca, por ejemplo
- "King" primate
- Writer Ferber
- Anti-bias job agcy.
- Gown fabric
- Program interacting with a remote server [1993]
- Bygone times
- Nurtured
- Kids' song with French lyrics
- to go (gung-ho)
- "It's ch-chilly!"
- Whimpered like a baby
- Place to disclose sins [2010]
- Coinage for something with no name
- Beginning on "To — much is given ..."
- Nantes' river
- Sets of points on graphs
- Shallowest Great Lake
- Waltz or tango [1997]
- Itinerant band member, say
- State after wedlock
- Having more seepage
- Panels that may reverse decisions [2008]
- Melody
- Jungle roarer
- Ouzo
- Exact lookalike
- Brand of rodent killer
- Horse-man of myth
- Greeting act conveying confidence [1991]
- First-rate
- Flub it up
- Actress Shire
- Plant snugly
- -cone
- Junk email sender
- Samoan peak famous for trapping clouds [1995]
- Italian port
- Exactly
- Money won in a game of dreidel
- Claudius I's successor
- Getting the job done
- What the first word of each of seven answers in this puzzle is, when preceded by "The"
- Stun with a charge
- Canceled by crossing off
- Revising, as text
- Bishops' jurisdictions
- Horseman of myth
- Berlin article
- Meadow
- 1 Ailing
- 2 Texter's "If you ask me"
- 3 Mutant Marvel superhero
- Celestial ball
- Like a cold, hard gaze
- Manhattan eatery since 1927
- Isolated
- Ad — committee
- Hatchet part
- Ram or ewe
- "The Fox and the Crow" storyteller
- Tabby's scratcher
- Bobby of hockey
- Venus Williams' drug
- Sedative org.
- Sticky little sheet
- "Mama" Cass
- Actress Wiest
- Texter's "Yikes!"
- Bolted to escape
- Riyadh native
- Sugar source
- Shore flier
- "Not yet sure what my answer is"
- Director Joel or Ethan
- Killer whale
- Neighbor of Myanmar
- Early James Bond foe
- Not similar
- Dust jacket write-up
- Demi and Dudley
- Departs
- Cupcake flourish
- That lady
- Less spicy
- Honey-coated Easter entree
- Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
- Cicero's "Lo!"
- Cake layer
- ICU workers
- Actor Stephen Iran's former name
- Ball-shaped
- Put on, as an outfit
- After-bath powder
- Andy Taylor's boy
- Sitting atop
- Suffix with ball
- Innocent types
- President before Donald
- Shallow pan
- Swarms
- Huge conflict
- Sedate
- Steinbeck migrant
- Close
- In — (more than sleeping)
- Arm bone
- Eatery list
- Baseballer Musial
- Is really mad
- Grain fungi
- "Watch Me (Whip—)" (2015 hit)
- "Apollo 13" actor Gary
- Bills worth 100 bucks
- "You got that right!"
- Meat in a sub
- Coal-mining guys
- MMA fighter Rousey
- Armageddon nation
- Little laugh
- Silent "yes"
- Like villains
- Russo of film
- Gymnast Korbut
- Eilly May Ciampett's pa
- Good Grips kitchen brand
- "— a trap!"
- Ark.-to-Ill. dir.

## Kids' Maze

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# OUR WALK IN FAITH

**Elkhorn Community Fellowship**  
 126 N Cedar St. Townsend  
 Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183  
**Sunday:** 11:00am- Services  
**Wednesday:** 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades  
 | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

**Faith Baptist Church**  
 5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend  
 Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219  
**Sunday:** 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service  
**Wednesday:** 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**  
 101 S Walnut St. Townsend  
 Parish Contact (406) 266-4811  
 email: office@holycrossmt.org  
**Sunday:** 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades  
 Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org  
**Monday:** 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration  
**Tuesday:** 9:00am Mass

**Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)**  
 110 E Street Townsend  
 Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895  
 MountainValleyChurch.org  
**Sunday:** 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry  
 Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406  
 Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

**Radersburg Baptist Church**  
 7 Main St. Radersburg  
 Pastor Richard Summerlin (406) 410-0458  
**Sunday:** 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

**Set Free Christian Fellowship**  
 318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163  
 Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181  
**Sunday:** 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery  
**Thursday:** 7:00pm Bible Study

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
 200 N Cedar St. Townsend  
 Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768  
**Saturday:** 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod**  
 301 N Cherry St. Townsend  
 Council President Ross Johnson (406) 465-3791  
**Sunday:** 9:30am Services  
**Second Tuesday of the month:** 6:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.  
 Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
 916 Broadway St. Townsend  
 Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255  
**Sunday:** 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School  
**Tuesday:** 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270  
**Wednesday:** 6:30pm Youth Activities

**Townsend United Methodist Church**  
 200 N Cedar St. Townsend  
 Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390  
 TownsendUMC.org  
**Sunday:** 9:00am Services

**Trailhead Christian Fellowship**  
 20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)  
 Pastor Mark Roelofs (406) 266-4406  
**Sunday:** 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services  
**Wednesday:** 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th-12th Grades

# SENIOR CENTER

**SR. CENTER MEALS:** *Thursday, January 18*  
**JAN 15 - JAN 19**  
 Baked Ham  
 Scalloped Potatoes  
 Garden Peas  
 Carrot Raisin Salad  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Cinnamon Applesauce

**CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
**Monday, January 15**  
**Friday, January 19**  
 BBQ Chicken Breast  
 Wild Rice  
 Key Largo Vegetables  
 Garden Salad  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Sweet Peaches

**BIRTHDAY DINNER**  
 Baked Cod  
 Rice Pilaf  
 Carrot Coins  
 Bean Medley  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Fruit Cocktail  
 Birthday Cake

**Wednesday, January 17**  
 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce  
 Green Beans  
 Tossed Salad  
 Garlic Bread  
 Pineapple

## AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

Stacia Dahl  
 AARP Director of Communications

**AARP** The 2023 tax season is quickly approaching, and Montana elderly and low-income residents can get their taxes done for free. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free tax preparation assistance service has volunteers training to become IRS Advanced certified tax preparers to help elderly and low-income taxpayers. An appointment can be made by calling 406-616-3080 beginning January 19, and leaving the requested information. Taxes will be prepared on Thursday and Saturday beginning February 3 through April 15, 2024, at the Rocky Mountain Development Helena Senior Center located at 200 Cruse Avenue.

The 'Drop-off/Same Day' method utilized for the 2022 tax season will be used this year. It is important that the taxpayer have all pertinent information necessary to determine whether the return is within the scope of our authority and to prepare an accurate return at the time of their appointment. Once the initial review of documents is completed, the taxpayer will leave and return at a designated time in the afternoon to review their completed return and authorize e-filing of the Federal and State returns.

AARP membership is not required to receive this service.

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

Tony Wagner  
 American Legion

Did you know that the state of Montana has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation, according to the statistics of the last several years? Did you know that in the US, veterans are dying of suicide at a rate of 18 per day? This statistic is down from 22 per day a decade ago. We, as citizens, need to intercede in order to save our friends and family from this fate.

If you would like to learn more about how to help those in your circle of friends, you may be interested to know that the Veterans Administration is providing a Suicide Prevention Class at the American Legion Post 42 in Townsend Mt.

The class is free and while some of it is geared for veterans, the majority of the class is general and applies to all. The class will be held on Saturday, January 20, at 0900 at American Legion Post 42 in Townsend, MT. 211 Broadway St.

We are hoping that many of you will attend. We'll have free coffee and donuts.

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**Holy Cross Parish Center**  
 101 S. Walnut Townsend

**February 4th:**  
**What Do I Do With My Life?**



## FAIRWEATHER FISHING ACCESS SITE CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



**CLARKSTON** – Fairweather Fishing Access Site has been closed due to ice jams and flooding.

The combination of unsafe conditions includes flooded areas throughout the site, moving ice and debris, and potentially unstable trees. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will reopen the site when conditions allow.

Fairweather Fishing Access Site is along the Missouri River, about 8 miles downstream of Missouri Headwaters State Park.

Recreationists are encouraged to use caution when visiting rivers because of unseen hazards, as well as flow and ice conditions that can change suddenly. For more information about river recreation safety, visit [fwp.mt.gov/activities/boating/river-ethics](http://fwp.mt.gov/activities/boating/river-ethics).

## THREE FORKS AREA AMBULANCE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Barbara Mutter  
 Three Forks Ambulance Service



December was again a busy month. TFAA responded to 26 calls. 15 of these were transports to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. We were assisted by AMR paramedics for five of these hospital transports due to the severity of the calls. The rest of the calls were refusals, cancelled prior to arrival, and standbys for athletic events at the Three Forks High School.

Total calls for 2023 were over 300 emergency responses. We are experiencing major growth and with growth comes more emergency calls!

Three Forks Ambulance crew members did receive a break from responding for a straight 8 days (from 12/21 to 12/28) with no calls. This is unusual to go that many days without a call, but we were happy no one needed our services over the Christmas Holiday!

In December the TFAA Crew participated in a Narcan refresher and began our State Quality Improvement Project under the guidance of Riesa Overstreet RN.

Three Forks Area Ambulance NEEDS more folks to step up and VOLLUNTEER! We will be offering a Red Cross Emergency Medical Responder Course starting in mid-February. The EMR course is 56 hours of classroom and 10 hours of practical hands-on training. These classes will be held in the evenings and 2 weekend days. Later in the year we will offer an Emergency Medical Technician Course. Three Forks Ambulance will also be offering community classes in late spring and summer. Stay tuned for more information to come. We will try our best to keep the cost down for these classes and the QUALITY of TRAINING HIGH! If you are interested in joining our team, please reach out. Our email is [3fkamb@gmail.com](mailto:3fkamb@gmail.com) Or phone 406-209-3417.

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## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*If we confess our sins,  
 He is faithful and just  
 to forgive us our sins  
 and to cleanse us from all  
 unrighteousness.*  
 1 JOHN 1:9

Detail of "The Penitent Magdalen" by Carlo Dolci (1670)



## YOUNG MOTHER CRASH VICTIM WAS TOWNSEND NATIVE

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Laysa Grewell, 22, a Townsend native living in Belgrade, was killed when the car she was driving collided head-on with another car that was going the wrong direction on Interstate 90 near Three Forks, authorities reported. The accident happened about 1:30 a.m. Thursday, January 4. Grewell was alone in her vehicle and died at the scene, officials said.

The Gallatin County Sheriff's office said the driver of the wrong-way vehicle was a 23-year-old Bozeman man. He was hospitalized in Bozeman with non-life-threatening injuries, Gallatin County Chief Deputy Coroner Beker Cuelho said. Authorities withheld his name. Officials said he was alone and driving westbound in the eastbound lanes.

Cuelho said 911 calls began coming in before 1:30 a.m. reporting a car traveling west in the eastbound lanes on I90 from about mile marker 294 near Belgrade to the crash site about 16 miles away near mile marker 278.

Shaylee Gaudenzi, sister of Laysa Grewell's boyfriend, has established a GoFundMe page to aid Grewell's family. The page may be reached at



A GoFundMe page has been set up for the family of Laysa Grewell who passed way in an automobile accident. Photo Credits: Shaylee Gaudenzi

<https://gofund.me/34b8167c>.

In a statement on the page, Gaudenzi said Grewell, the mother of an infant girl, was on her way home from work when the collision happened. "Laysa was a mother, sister, daughter, and most of all a beloved person," Gaudenzi wrote. "My brother and niece are going to need a lot of help as she was the sole provider of the family."

"She loved her family to her core and would do anything for them," wrote Shaylee Gaudenzi, the sister of Grewell's boyfriend who organized the fundraiser. "She was a fighter she was a very strong woman who was trying to better herself and was working so hard on being the best she could for her and her family."

## CEDAR STREET HOME DAMAGED IN FIRE

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

A fire did heavy damage to a two-story home at 403 North Cedar in Townsend on Thursday, January 4. Townsend Fire Department Chief Ed Shindoll said the fire started at the back of the house. The call came in at 5:45 p.m. "The fire destroyed basically the entire house," he reported.



Fire caused extensive damage to the home at Fourth and Cedar Streets January 4. Photo Credit: Jay Riecke

Shindoll declined to say what started the fire. Fire departments that responded to the call were Duck Creek and Townsend. Broadwater County Sheriff's officials and emergency responders were on standby to help should any injuries occur. There were no injuries. The fire was extinguished by 11:30 p.m.

Carole Anderson, Red Cross Director for Broadwater County, said her group responded to the needs of the displaced family. The family, who asked to remain unidentified, had four dogs, all of which survived the fire. One of the adult children was at home at the time, according to the father. He said he was very thankful for the quick response of the Townsend Fire Department.



Townsend Fire Department, Broadwater County Sheriff's Office and emergency services responded to a late afternoon fire at 403 North Cedar Street. Photo credit: Nancy Marks

## ANNUAL CROP SCHOOL COMING UP

Allison Kosto  
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



An educational tradition for many years in Broadwater County is the annual Crop School which takes place at Headwaters Livestock Auction in the southern Wheatland area of the county. This year the program is on Wednesday, January 31st from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The purpose of Crop School is to provide educational outreach for agricultural producers in cropping systems in Southwest Montana to help producers maintain a profitable and environmentally sustainable operation.

This year's Crop School features a variety of different topics. Starting off the day is Dr. Perry Miller, Professor for the MSU Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, who will be discussing canola including agronomy, fertilizer needs and winter canola. Growing canola has become increasingly popular in southwest Montana in recent years. Next is Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Specialist, who will be demonstrating how to calibrate sprayer equipment with a focus on boom and broad jet sprayers.

After lunch, Tara Povalish, who is an analyst with the grasslands program at Native, will provide an introduction to carbon markets. Next Stephen Vantassel, Montana Department of Agriculture Vertebrate Pest Specialist, will discuss control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels which often are called 'gophers'. To wrap up the day, Dr. Bill Dyer, a professor with the MSU Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology will do a presentation on herbicide classification and modes of action.

Crop School is a multi-county program through MSU Extension, coordinated by county offices in Broadwater, Gallatin and Madison/Jefferson Counties. The program offers four private pesticide applicator credits. Commercial pesticide credits are also available in select categories. Contact your local Extension Office for details. The event includes a free lunch catered by The Rancher's Table and sponsored by Rocky Mountain Supply, Headwaters Flying Service, Ag Depot, Circle S Seeds and Harrison Elevator.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 19th to guarantee your lunch to MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or [broadwater@montana.edu](mailto:broadwater@montana.edu).

Stay up to date on programs offered in Broadwater County at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/broadwater/>. Upcoming programs are listed on the right side of the page. You have an option on the page to sign up for the email list if desired.

## TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg  
Tree Board Chair



This is the 20th 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.

93) Sorbus hybrida, Oakleaf Mountain ash planted in 2015 at Broadwater County High School in memory of Connie Howard Schnortz.

The tree was planted in 2015 on the north side of the west entrance sidewalk to Broadwater County High School in memory of Connie Schnortz - Beloved Paraprofessional. 1974-2014. The tree was donated by the Middle School teachers. The tree was planted by the teachers and the Tree Board. The tree is treated for fireblight annually and is in good condition.

94) Acer tataricum 'GarAnn', Hot Wings Tatar Maple planted in 2019 north of the Community Library in memory of James and Ossia Kearns.

This original Amur Maackia (Maackia amurensis) tree was planted in 2012 on Arbor Day north of the Community Library in memory of James and Ossia Kearns. The tree was planted by the Tree Board, the Broadwater County High School Green Club, and the Kearns family. The tree died and Tree Board replaced it with the Hot Wings Tatar Maple in 2019. The tree is in good condition.

95) Acer tataricum 'GarAnn', Hot Wings Tatar Maple; planted in 2019 in McCarthy Park in memory of Doreen Sautter.

The original Prairie Splendor Norway Maple (Acer platanoides 'Prairie Splendor') was planted in 2016 in McCarthy Park in memory of Doreen Sautter. The tree died and the Hot Wings Maple was planted in 2019. The tree was donated by the members of the Townsend Garden Club and Study. Doreen was a long-time resident of Townsend and was active in the Community. She was always ready to lend a hand to any project or person in need. We will miss her. The tree was planted by Garden Club members and the Tree Board. The tree is located along the left field fence in the center of the park. The tree is in good condition.

96) Tilia x flavescens 'Dropmore', Dropmore Linden planted in 2011 at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds to honor Charlotte Lewis.

This tree was planted on Arbor Day 2011 at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds in appreciation of Charlotte Lewis's 20 years of service as the Broadwater Conservation District Administrator. The tree was planted by family, friends, and the Tree Board. The tree is south of the road near the west entrance fence south of the 4H building. The tree is in good condition.

97) Betula populifolia x Whitespire Birch 'Penci-2' 'Royal Frost', Royal Frost Weeping Birch; planted in 2008 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in memory of Grace McGovern Berberet.

This tree was planted on June 13, 2008, on the west side of Holy Cross Catholic Church on South Walnut Street in memory of Grace McGovern Berberet. A life dedicated to family, church, and community. The tree was planted by family members and the Tree Board. The tree was donated by the family. The tree is in good condition.

## OBITUARIES

### EVERETT ROGERS

Family of Everett Rogers

In Memory Of:  
Everett Rogers, age 87 of Townsend  
June 9, 1936 – December 31, 2023

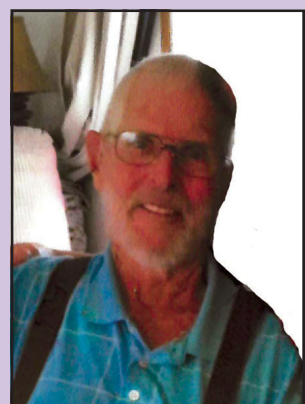
On December 31, 2023, the Lord called Everett Rogers home to be with him.

Everett leaves behind his faithful, loving wife of 67 years, Flora (Diamond) Rogers, and 5 children: Rose, Evertt, Dan, Mike, and Scott.

Everett also leaves behind 7 grandbabes: James, Naomie, Jessie, Jamie, Aspen and Wyatt, as well as 14 great-grandbabes, and 8 great-great-grandbabes.

Everett wants to leave to you this saying that he and Flora made up:

"Where you are now, I once was  
Where I am now, You can be  
If down on your knees, Jesus you receive"



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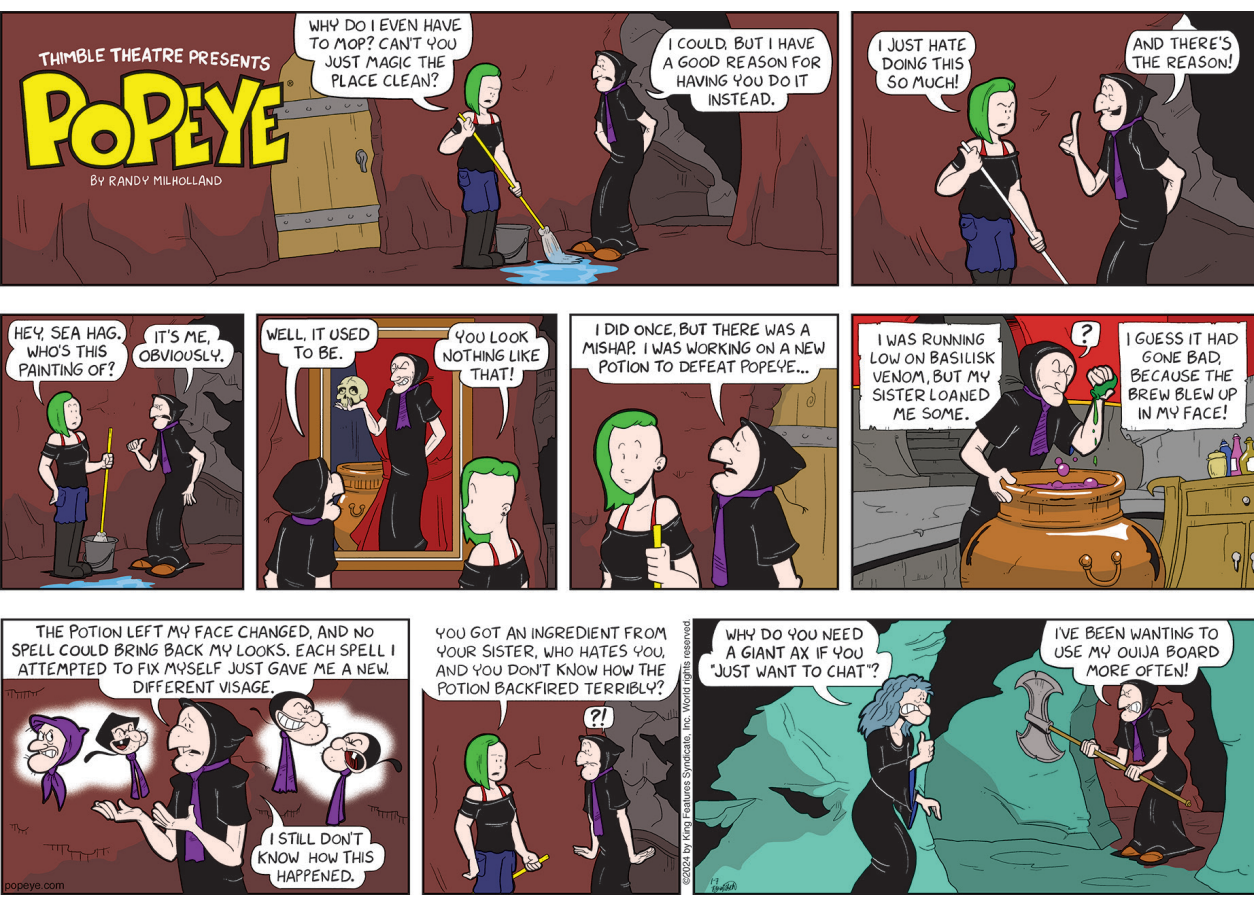


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**NOVELTY**

**CryptoQuip**  
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If a drill sergeant commands soldiers to rise to their feet, I'd call that a standing order.

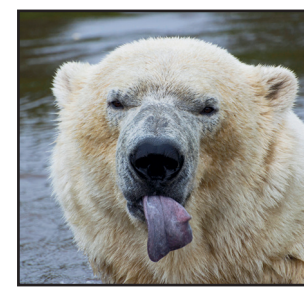
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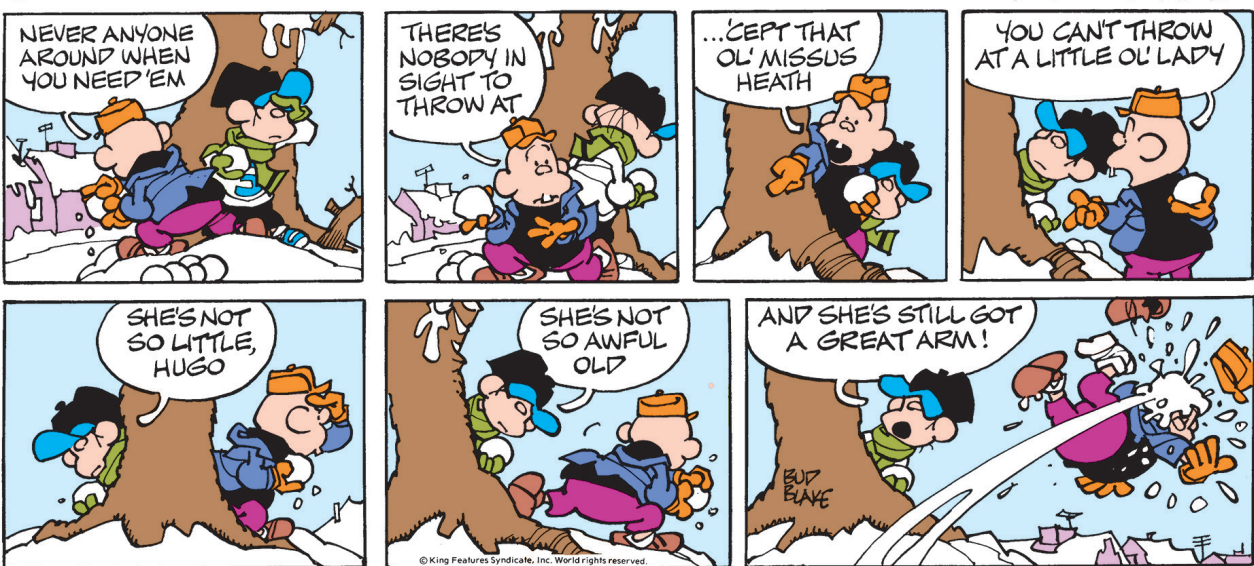


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**Kids' Maze Solution**

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
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Out on a Limb



**Super Crossword**  
Answers

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# OFF-THE-CUFF CHILI

Eileen Clarke  
Rifles and Recipes



Off the Cuff Chili  
Photo Credits: Eileen Clark

My fellow foodie friend, Jeff John, who also happens to be a rifle aficionado, emailed me a couple of weeks ago to let me know 'something' was coming. Wouldn't say what it was, except that it was shelf-stable.

A surprise! How very cool. When the 'shelf-stable' box arrived at my front door, it was like Christmas:

2 jugs (each over 2 pounds) of fire-roasted chilies. One mild, one medium and one hot. We just happened to open the mild one first, and were blown away by the lovely, farm-fresh aroma. What a treat in the middle of winter. We immediately put the chilies to work, creating an off-the-cuff meal to try them out. We've made it several times since, and it's always delicious.

It's also a pretty quick dish, if you have tender meat. I timed it the other night and, using a mini-chopper to make fast work of the onion and garlic, I had a bit over 22 minutes into it as I added the final ingredients. From there, it's just a matter of letting it cook long enough to get the flavors mixed. If you don't have tender meat, make the chili in an instant pot and set it on 'stew.' That will tenderize it. Or brine the meat for 24 to 48 hours, depending on toughness, in 2 cups water, 1 tablespoon brown sugar and 1 tablespoon salt. Chili should be a dish you can throw together, and this one is. Of course, it helped that Jeff sent the chilies. Here's the chili's website: (younggunsproduce.com)

*Ingredients*

Serves 4-6

- 1 ½ pounds red meat, chopped
- 3-4 tablespoons oil
- 1 yellow onion, sliced
- 5 tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons BTB reduced-sodium beef base
- ¼ cup ground cumin
- ½ cup Young Guns Hatch Valley Green Chile (fire-roasted)
- 4 teaspoons ground oregano
- 4 cups water
- 2 cups frozen corn, thawed

*Cooking*

1. Trim, chop and dry the meat, wrapping it in a double layer of paper towels to dry it while you prep the other ingredients. When the veggies are chopped/minced (and I often use a mini chopper for this, in batches if I have to, just to do it more quickly), start a Dutch oven on medium-high with a tablespoon of the oil. Brown the meat in several batches, adding oil as needed and transferring it to a bowl as it browns.

2. Add the onions and garlic to the Dutch oven, with more oil as necessary, and sauté them until the edges start to brown. Add the beef base, without the water, and stir it and the cumin, Young Guns chilies, and oregano into the onions. Return the browned meat to the pan as well. Stir it all together until they're well mixed, then add the water ½ cup at a time, stirring it into the chili. Add the frozen corn, now thawed, and stir that into the chili. Raise the heat until the pot comes to a simmer, then turn it down to low.

3. Let the pot simmer 10 to 15 minutes, then serve with grated cheese of choice and crisp corn tortillas. John likes the Mexican cheese blend; I like sour cream or crumbled Cotija cheese.

Eileen Clarke writes a blog on her website, [www.riflesandrecipes.com](http://www.riflesandrecipes.com) with more on this and lots of other recipes. Check out her cookbooks while you're there. The Wild Bowl has 100 recipes, 26 of them for chili.

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**TRIVIA TEST**

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: The Darien Gap separates which two countries?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is Three Kings Day also known as?
3. MOVIES: What's the name of the supervillain character in the animated film "Despicable Me"?
4. LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Kite Runner"?
5. TELEVISION: What is the name of the motorcycle-riding greaser in the sitcom "Happy Days"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which musical instrument does former President Bill Clinton play?
7. GAMES: In the game Battleship, how many ships does each player have at the beginning?
8. MUSIC: Which famous rock singer was born with the name Farrokh Bulsara?
9. HISTORY: What was the name of the first U.S. Space Shuttle?
10. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Mammoth cave system, believed to be the longest in the world?

- Answers
1. Panama and Colombia.
  2. Epiphany.
  3. Gru.
  4. Khaled Hosseini.
  5. Fonzie.
  6. Saxophone.
  7. Five.
  8. Freddie Mercury.
  9. Columbia.
  10. Kentucky.
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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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## JANUARY 11

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### Canton Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hehir of Missoula, who have been spending the past two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan in the valley and with other relatives in Helena, departed for their home in Missoula on Thursday of last week.

G.H. Hardgrove of Helena, brother of James Hardgrove, who is now visiting at the Hardgrove ranch, arrived last Sunday.

Frank Weiferich loaded a mixed bunch of cattle on board the train Tuesday. He will unload them at Bozeman and enter them in the sale to be held there on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Daniels of Cottonwood had as guests Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Robert Behrend and son and daughter, Henry Meyer of Winston and Mr. and Mrs. G.P. Keene of the valley.

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GI in Vietnam Thanks Crow Creek Woman's Club  
28 Dec. '67

To Members of the Crow Creek Woman's Club.

My name is Sp/5 Lewis Garnett. I received a Christmas gift bag from your club. I want to thank you very much for thinking of me and the rest of the GIs in Vietnam.

Some of the items in the bag were just what I

needed, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I received the Christmas bag on Christmas day. My home is in Detroit, Michigan. I plan on making Colorado my home state in the years to come.

Again I want to thank you all for the Christmas bag. Next Christmas I'll surely think of you all.

You have brought joy to many hearts. Thank you.

I wish you all Best Wishes for a Happy New Year.

Yours truly, Lewis Garnett

### Toston Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slifka were honored on their 30th wedding anniversary Thursday evening, Jan. 4 when their sons and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Slifka and family and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slifka and a number of friends came to congratulate them. A social evening was enjoyed and a luncheon was served. A three tiered anniversary cake, decorated with silver bells centered the table. It was baked by Mrs. Franklin Slifka. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Arden, Mrs. Harold Johnson and John and Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Middleton. Mr. and Mrs. Slifka opened lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell of Dillon were weekend guests of Mrs. Mitchel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Greaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Linch of East Helena visited Sunday at the Jim Plummer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Austin and daughter, Clarice, were Saturday evening dinner guests at the Bill Berberet home.

Janice Van Vliet was a Sunday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anzik. Monday she visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer and family.

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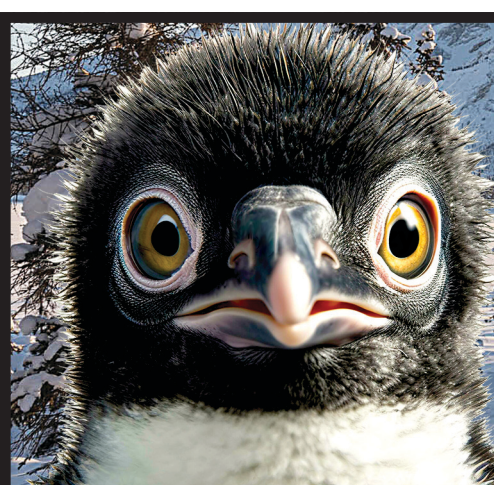
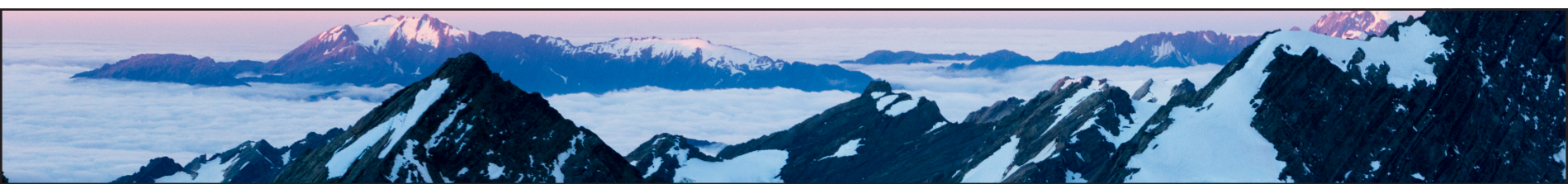
### Around Town News

Chuck and Eleanor Holling returned this week following a two week visit with their children in Casper, Wyo. While there they stayed with their son and family, Spencer and Chris Holling and Chelsea. Joining them several times during their visit were their son and his family, Tim and Beth Holling and Christopher and Sabine Holling and Jennifer. Other guests there on Christmas day for dinner were Chris's father, Wayne Moore and Uncle Darrell Moore. During their stay they helped Chelsea celebrate her 4th birthday.

Recently Bernice Cartwright and Lillian Fisher were business callers in Helena.

New Year's Day guests of Felicity and Mike McFerrin were their son and family, Greg and Carmen McFerrin, Allissa and Hunter, East Helena; Rob Dagnall and Kate; Rene Dagnall; and Julie and Rick Diehl, Winston.

Jack and Doreen Sautter returned home Thursday, December 29th following a three week trip that took them to Las Vegas where they were joined by their son, John from San Diego, for the National Finals Rodeo. Doreen and Jack then drove to Mesa, AZ to visit her sister, Audrey for two days. They then drove to Colorado Springs to spend two weeks with their daughter and her family, Susan and Gary Ritter, Jeffrey and Danielle. On the way home they drove across Wyoming to Billings. Doreen reported the weather was good during the trip, but it was sure good to be back in Montana.



**Youse lookin' at me? Youse should be lookin' at me! Dis weekz invasion ain't from da south. Youse gettin' my drift? Ice melt. Dat what youse should be tinkin' 'bout! 'Cuz we ain't leavin' for a while.**



## TOWNSEND COUPLE HAVE FIRST BABY BORN IN 2024

Jacquelyn Tescher  
Saint Peter's Health



Maverick Kucinski was born Tuesday, January 2 at 8:31 a.m. at St. Peter's Health

in Helena. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces and joins five other children of Hailey and Justin Kucinski at home in Townsend.



Maverick Kucinski and Parents  
Photo Credits: Maverick Kucinski Family

According to a St. Peter's Health release, the couple were pleased to welcome the new baby as well as being able to have the first baby born in 2024 at St. Peter's Health. 624 babies were born at the Helena hospital in 2023.

St. Peter's Health Women and Children unit congratulated the couple with a basket of goodies donated by several Helena businesses.

## "IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME"

Cullen Gilbreath  
Reach Higher Montana



Reach Higher Montana Invites Students to Reach New Heights with "It's Scholarship Time" Application

Reach Higher Montana, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to supporting education and empowering Montana students, is excited to announce the launch of the "It's Scholarship Time" application for high school and college students across the state.

The "It's Scholarship Time" initiative simplifies the application process by offering a single, comprehensive application form that allows students to apply for multiple scholarships simultaneously. This innovative approach aims to streamline the application experience, providing students with a more accessible and efficient way to access financial support for their education.

"We understand that the cost of education can be a significant barrier for many students. With 'It's Scholarship Time,' we aim to break down those barriers and empower students to pursue their academic and career goals without the burden of overwhelming financial constraints," said Kelly Cresswell, Executive Director at Reach Higher Montana.

Key features of the "It's Scholarship Time" application include:

1. Single Application, Multiple Opportunities: Students can complete one application form to be

considered for a variety of scholarships, saving time and effort in the application process.

2. Tailored Scholarships for Diverse Needs: The scholarships available through this initiative cater to a wide range of students, recognizing academic achievement, leadership skills, community involvement, and various other criteria.

3. Accessible for High School and College Students: Whether a high school senior planning to pursue higher education or a current college student seeking financial assistance, the "It's Scholarship Time" application is open to students at different stages of their academic journey.

4. Empowering Montana's Future Leaders: By offering a range of scholarships, Reach Higher Montana aims to support a diverse group of students, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder the dreams and aspirations of Montana's future leaders.

The application period for "It's Scholarship Time" opens on January 1st and closes on March 1st. Students are encouraged to visit the Reach Higher Montana website at ReachHigherMontana.org to learn more about the available scholarships, eligibility criteria, and to access the application form.

For more information or media inquiries, please contact:

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About Reach Higher Montana:

Reach Higher Montana is a non-profit organization committed to providing access to postsecondary education for Montana students. Our vision is that Montana students achieve personal success in education, career, and life.