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TOWNSEND ROBOTICS TEAMS GOING TO STATE COMPETITION

Lisa Brown

Congratulations to the inaugural Townsend Robotics team, The Broadwater Lego Avengers.

The team had their regional FIRST Lego League tournament on Saturday in Helena. They won first place for their innovation project and were successful in their robotics matches. The Avengers were one of the teams selected to advance to the state competition in two weeks in Bozeman.

This is the first year there has been a competitive robotics team offered for middle school-aged kids in Townsend. The team members are Sydney Bucannon, Jayden Flynn, Anthony Grandy, Everett Kirksey, Titus Kirksey, Zoey Osborne, Karter Schmaus, Skylar Sellay, and Kathryn Six. The coaches are Spencer Sellay, Roger Flynn, Adam Six and Lisa Brown. The high school mentors are Max Sellay and Amanda Pesicka.

In addition, the new high school robotics team, Broadwater Robotics, also advanced to the First Tech Challenge state competition and will be competing in Bozeman in two weeks. A special thank you goes to STOKE, The Lodge, Skreens, Wild Pine Creative, Gianforte Family Foundation, and Broadwater Community Foundation for their sponsorship and support.



Robotics Team
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PARENTS' NIGHT AT TOWNSEND ELEMENTARY

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Food and Fun Highlight Parents' Night at Townsend Elementary

The Jordon Shearer family didn't eat at parents' night, but they sure had fun seeing their son Weston's kindergarten room and attending the festivities of the evening. It was Dad Jordon's first time at parents' night. "Weston was really excited to show us his room," Mom Anna said.



Dad Jordon Shearer and preschooler Wade try to get the hang of making bath balm balls.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Weston's classroom was light and inviting with tables set for promoting the study theme of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM). Weston and his younger brother Wade, a preschooler, dug in quickly to build bath balm balls. What they were

seeing was the chemical effects of baking soda, lemon drink along with corn starch and baby oil. Weston's teacher Jennifer Hoppe pointed out the bath balm balls fizz when put in bath water.



Kindergartener Weston Shearer and his mom Anna build a bath balm ball at Townsend elementary school parents' night.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Weston's teachers, Jennifer Hoppe and Kris Gillespie teach two of four kindergarten classes with a total grade number of 67 students. In past years, Mrs. Hoppe reported parents' night has had a huge response with sometimes up to 500 parents and children attending. Elementary School Principal Christina Hartmann offered an observation: "I think parents' night is successful for two reasons: food and fun!" she laughed.



Elementary school teacher Dan Hazlett dishes up walking tacos for the crowd.
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Parents' night participants were treated to "walking tacos" served up with Dorito chips and all the trimmings. Elementary school teachers did the serving. Families gathered at tables in the Commons area to visit and get to know each other. Following a good feed, families roamed through classrooms to see what each teacher had prepared for fun projects and experiments.

Mrs. Hoppe, who has taught for 20 years, said she thinks parents' night is a great concept. "I love it. It

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SPEECH AND DRAMA COLUMBUS DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT

Melissa Guderjahn

The sub-zero weather may have canceled the home Speech, Debate & Drama meet, but it certainly did not cool off the Bulldog's hot streak!

The Broadwater team brought home the Class B Drama Championship trophy from their Divisional Tournament in Columbus over the weekend. The state is split into three divisions, combining both Class B and C schools. Broadwater falls within the Southern division which also includes: Belfry, Columbus, Ennis, Florence-Carlton, Fromberg, Gardiner, Harlowton, Jefferson, Joliet, Loyola Sacred Heart, Manhattan/Manhattan Christian, Powell, Reed Point, Red Lodge, Sheridan, Sweetgrass, Three Forks, Twin Bridges, West Yellowstone, Whitehall, and White Sulphur Springs.

The kids all compete together (regardless of their class) within their event and if they advance to the final round of eight, earn points for their team. The team trophies are then awarded for the top teams in Speech & Debate for both Class B and Class C, as well as the top teams in Drama for both Class B and Class C.

The first medals of the evening were indeed First Place medals, which went to Jazlyn Martin, Haylie Reinke, Melania Lambott and Sarah Morgan. Their Dramatic Theatre piece which earned them a Divisional Championship is titled "I Was There" and is an emotional look into what students might experience in a school shooting event.



Haylie, Sarah, Melania & Jazlyn are Divisional Dramatic Theater Champions.
Photo Credits: Melissa Guderjahn

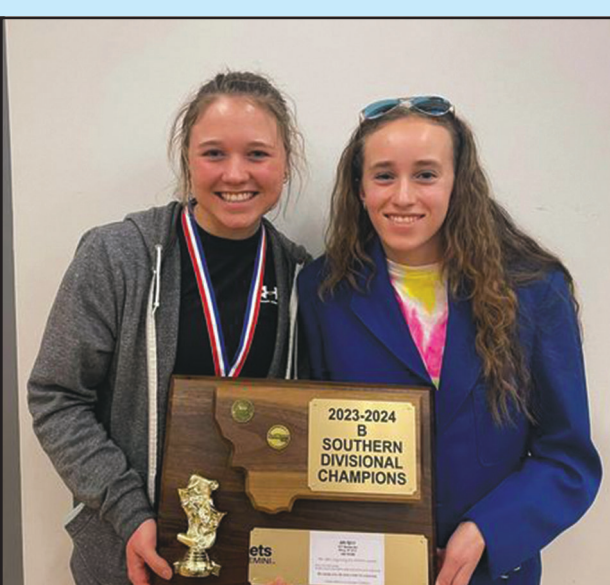
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Speech and Drama Team celebrate Class B Divisional Drama Team Championship.
Photo Credits: Melissa Guderjahn

Another Division title and first place Humorous Theater medals were awarded to Havyn Vandenacre & Kyla Meissner with "Bad Actors," a crazy romp into a Romeo and Juliet audition call.



Havyn & Kyla are Divisional Humorous Theater Champions.
Photo Credits: Melissa Guderjahn

Second-place medals were also awarded to two Broadwater entries. Scarlett McDaniel, Nykia Mondragon and Noah Borrer continued their excellent season in Classical Theater with their interpretation of Lewis Carrol's "Alice in Wonderland." Hannah Hall placed second in Dramatic Solo with her entry "My Name is Amy" about a babysitter's experience, which will leave you emotional.

Creighton Wright and Isaiah Cassidy teamed up for their take on the classic skit by Abbott and Costello "Who's on First?" They hit a home run to place 4th in Classical Theatre. Their teammates in the Humorous Theatre category presented "Kev Burger" about a date night at a questionable restaurant, featuring Riley Rauser, Logan Barkhurst, Aidan Easter & Jenna Mainwaring. They secured their trip to State with a 5th-place finish. Arabella McDaniel came in 5th with her Mime entry titled "Stubborn Cow".

Both Bulldog entries in the Humorous Solo event advanced to the finals. Caleb LeLacheur premiered a new entry titled "Lifetime Achievement" about award show acceptance speeches which landed him in 6th place. His teammate, Jasmine Thomas was right behind in 7th place with her presentation of "21 Ways to Get Detention". Trista Moos placed 7th in Dramatic Solo with "Monologue 150" about an assault and its aftermath.

Every member of the Drama team advanced to their event finals earning them each a trip to the state meet and contributing to the team Class B Drama Divisional Championship Trophy!

The smaller field of Class B/C competitors was a relief for the Speech Team and certainly showed in their results. Lexi Davies's Original Oratory titled "Everyone Should Learn to Bake" earned her a 3rd placed finish and trip to state. Both Bulldogs in Humorous Oral Interpretation made the finals earning their team points.

Angel Sentinella's "Math Curse" earned her 4th place while Kayley Conner's "Paperbag Princess" garnered 8th. Also competing for the Speech Team, but not quite making the finals was Sam Flesch with his piece from "Fahrenheit 451" in Dramatic Oral Interpretation.

Rounding out the Speech team were Ashley Sanderson (Spontaneous Oral Interpretation), Shalyn Sentinella (Impromptu) and Grace Kroeger (Impromptu). Due to the nature of their events, these competitors do not have a prepared piece. Instead, they are given either a reading, political cartoon or quotation with a few minutes of time to prepare their presentation. Quite a demanding undertaking each round!

The State Speech, Debate & Drama Class B/C Competition will take place in Choteau over the weekend. The entries will compete in three preliminary rounds over two days, hopefully advancing to the semi-final round of 16 and then the final round of 8 competitors. Broadwater Bulldogs are taking 23 competitors to the state competition and hope to do well.

Good luck to all!

BULLDOG WRESTLING: WESTERN B/C DUAL TOURNAMENT

Becky Hunt
MT43 News Sports Correspondent

What a great weekend for the Bulldogs to host the B/C duals. With 16 teams in attendance, the gyms were packed. It was great to see so many wrestling alumni, friends, family and Bulldogs out in support of the team!

Friday kicked off the duals with Broadwater placed in Pool D, with Jefferson, Shepherd and Manhattan.

The boys started out strong against Jefferson in their first Dual:

138# Blake Wellenstein vs. Blake Nordlinder takes the win by fall in the first @ 30 seconds

145# Parker Hunt vs. Cooper McKesell battled all three rounds and took the win by points 14-9

152# Kaehl Owens vs. Drake Butala Win by fall @ 1 minute 15 seconds

182# Nick Humphreys vs. Cole Christoferson win by fall @ 30 seconds

Second Dual Broadwater vs. Manhattan was a little more of a challenge with Parker Hunt taking the win by fall in round two at 1 minute 12 seconds against Liam Ortman. Eric Humphreys, 170#, also took a win by fall in round one at 1 minute 20 seconds.



Parker Hunt with a Standup / Escape from Jefferson's Cooper Mikesell
Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

Last Dual, Broadwater vs. Shepherd. Kaehl Owens and Blake Wellenstein both taking a first round win by fall.

The Dawgs looked good out on the mat overall. Not being able to fill a Dual lineup Broadwater was unable to win any of their Duals and did not advance to day two of the Tournament.

Teams that did advance:

Pool A - Huntley Project, Cut Bank. Pool B - Eureka, Florence. Pool C - Anaconda, Conrad. Pool D - Jefferson, Manhattan.

Saturday consisted of the B/C Dual Championships and a mixer for the 8 remaining teams.



Jacob Pesicka with a Double Leg
Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

Champions of the Western B/C Duals:

Huntley Project with a 41-27 win over Eureka. Florence takes 3rd with a 46-24 win over Anaconda. Jefferson came in 5th with a 39-30 win over Conrad.

The team welcomed back Eric Humphreys on the mat for the first time this season. Eric has been recovering from a previous injury and is excited and more than ready to get back at it. Saturday Eric had a nail-biter

of a bout, going all three rounds never giving up the pin battling to the bitter end. You'll see that in all of his matches. He showed lots of improvement from last season and I am thrilled to see what he does over the next few weeks.



Eric Humphreys Running a Reverse Half
Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

Timmy Flesch, 170#, had the team in an uproar on Saturday. Timmy is a first-year wrestler and has been in the wrestling room learning from his teammates. Saturday Timmy showed tons of improvement executing multiple moves with ease and skill. The Dawgs were mat-side cheering him on hooting and hollering. Although he didn't take the win, Timmy went all three rounds of his bout. Way to keep at it.



Timmy Flesch executing a Half Nelson
Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

Bulldog Weekend Stats:

Blake Wellenstein 5-0; Parker Hunt 4-2; Kaehl Owens 5-2; Hunter Borrer 1-4; Timmy Flesch 0-4; Eric Humphreys 4-1; Nick Humphreys 3-4; Jacob Pesicka 1-7; Tristan Owensby 0-8

Next up for your Bulldog Wrestlers:

Thursday, January 25 - Harry Hall Mixer and Senior Night.

Friday, January 26 - Anaconda will be hosting the Copper Shamrock.

February 2 and 3 - Divisionals at Shelby.

STOKE THANKS SUSIE HEDALEN AND OTHER POTTERS' GUILD SUPPORTERS

Teddy Lewis
Potter's Guild

STOKE Board members (Jim Domino, Tina Homann, John Hahn, Amanda Domino, Brad Racht, Teddy Lewis, Spencer Sellay, Christina Hartman, Mike Bucannon, Alice Brummer, Nykia Mondragon) want to thank Susie Hedalen, Townsend School District Superintendent, for her continued support of our youth programs and especially the Stoke Potters Guild. We appreciate her knowledge and collaborative work in our meetings to partner with the school to help us develop the best programs for our youth here in Townsend.

Your professionalism, as evidenced in our board meetings, applying a strengths perspective, positive reinforcement, and creative ideas, enhances our ability to serve our community and youth.

We are grateful for your active membership in our STOKE Potters Guild and is another example of your support of our art program as we continue to develop the long-term vision for the arts in Townsend. We appreciate your belief in the value of youth having the opportunity to express their creative self while developing confidence, leadership skills, muscle memory, science, and entrepreneurship. As a result, one example of how Arts can serve as a catalyst to support the community was our Empty Bowl fundraiser which earned \$1700.00 and was donated to the community food bank.


We also wish to thank Clint Watson, Industrial Arts Teacher, and his students for constructing a variety of tables and a drying cabinet for the Potter's Guild. Jeremy Bartlet, Arts teacher, and his students for designing, making, and attaching decorative clay tiles to the guild's wall. Also, Keith and Christina Hartmann for providing the newly remodeled rental space for our pottery programs. They have been, and continue to be, very accommodating and supportive.

The community businesses also offered space for the artwork made by the students to be sold in the future.


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Three Forks School Calendar

Jan 26 - Jan 27	HS Wrestling @ Har- Lockwood (invite)	
Jan 26	10:00AM - MS Boys Basketball vs Manhattan Speech and Drama State at Choteau	
Jan 27	1:00PM - HS Basketball vs Townsend (home)	
Jan 29	4:00PM - MS Boys Basketball @ Ennis	
Jan 30	4:00PM - MS Boys Basketball @ Manhattan Chr. 5:15-6:45pm Girls Scouts in the Cafeteria, Contact person: Christine Sinks 406-871-8304	
Jan 31	Ski Trip - HS 9-12th grade	
Feb 1	3:00PM - HS Basketball @ Whitehall MS Book Club at Lunch	
Feb 2 - Feb 3	HS Wrestling Divisionals @ Hardin	

Townsend School Calendar

Jan 26 - Jan 27	NO SCHOOL	
Jan 26	4:00PM HSBB @ Twin Bridges (GBB Only) 6:00PM HSWR @ Anaconda-Copper Sham- rock S&D @ Choteau-State FFA District Speaking @ Townsend	
Jan 27	12:30PM McDonnell Celebration of Life at Elementary Commons/Kitchen 1:00PM HSBB @ Three Forks FFA Fergus Mechanics MSBBB @ Twin Bridges Tourney	
Jan 29	7:30AM - D/C College Writing at community room	
Jan 30	5:30PM MSBBB vs Fairfield 7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room	
Jan 31	7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym 7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room Stu Co Blood Drive at community room	
Feb 1	4:15PM MSBBB vs Belgrade 7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room	
Feb 2 - Feb 3	HSWR @ Shelby-Divisionals	
Feb 2	NO SCHOOL 3:00PM HSBB vs Manhattan	
Feb 3	1:00PM HSBB @ Big Sky MSBBB @ WSS Tourney	



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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

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan 26	2:00pm Three Forks Public Library: Crafternoon
Jan 27	Three Forks Public Library CLOSED
Jan 30	1:00pm Three Forks Public Library: Mah Jongg 6:00pm Three Forks Public Library: Book Club
Feb 1	10:00am Three Forks Public Library: Storytime 6:00pm Three Forks Music Night with Leia Skye at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
Feb 2	2:00pm Three Forks Public Library: Crafternoon February 16 6:00PM First EMR Class in Series SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 26	10:00am Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library 12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
January 27	12:00-1:00PM Medicare 101: A FREE Educational Seminar at Lewis & Clark Library in Helena (RSVP: SEE LEYLAND INSUR- ANCE AD ON PAGE 10) 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
January 27-28	Townsend Lion's Club Perch Derby at the Townsend Silos KOA
January 29	6:00pm Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
January 30	5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lu- theran Church, 301 N Cherry 6:00pm Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway
January 31	1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
February 1	6:30PM Annual Farmers Market Meeting at Mountain Valley Church Dining Hall, 110 E St READ ARTICLE ON NEXT PAGE 7:00PM Fire Dept Meeting (Volunteers Needed) at Fire Station SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
February 2	10:00am Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library 12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
February 3	6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
February 4	FREE Townsend Community Family Night at Holy Cross Parish SEE THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS
February 10 & 24	BRGC Basic Pistol Course SEE AD ON PAGE 11
February 14	STOKE Valentine Dinner SEE AD ON PAGE 11
February 24	FFA- Ag Appreciation Dinner SEE THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

January 29	11:00am Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building 2:00pm Board of Health Meeting at Flynn Building 2:00pm Public Project Briefings with Bill Jarocki at Flynn Building 6:00pm City/County Parks and Recreation at Flynn Building	
January 31	10:00pm County Commissioner's Meeting at Flynn Building 3:00pm Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building	
February 8	6:30pm Public Hearing on the Draft Update to the City of Townsend Subdivision Regulations SEE LEGAL NOTICE ON PAGE 5 FOR MORE DETAILS	

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One Bulldog graduate traveled to Japan to learn about the Ceramics in that culture, and, is currently studying metallurgy in his first year of college. He plans to pursue goldsmithing as a mixed medium of ceramics while practicing here at the Potters Guild and has also volunteered at several of our events.

The youth and Stoke Board Members are inspired by Susie's role in this creative process, your positive nature, mutual respect, and genuine regard are the obvious result. We are so grateful for your continued support, and for sharing a common goal to expand the arts for the youth and adults in our community.



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THE STORY OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

Tony Wagner
American Legion Post 42



Every year, the American Legion honors these Four Chaplains whose abridged story is told below. This year the ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 11 am at the Trailhead Church in Townsend.

Please come and attend this important and moving ceremony. A free taco bar lunch will follow the ceremony.

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the crosshairs, an officer aboard U-223 spotted Dorchester. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire a fan of three torpedoes. The one that hit was decisive and deadly, striking the starboard side, amidship, far below the water line.

Alerted that Dorchester was sinking rapidly, Daniels gave the order to abandon ship. In the midst of the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness: Lt. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister consoled the troops and handed out life jackets.

When there were no more life jackets to hand out, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. "It was the finest thing I have ever seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains' selfless act. As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains, braced against the slanting deck, arm in arm. They were heard praying and singing hymns.

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SPEECH AND DRAMA SENIORS

Melissa Guderjahn

The Broadwater Bulldogs are taking seven Seniors to the last state meet of their careers over the weekend, so it seemed like a good time to highlight these young thespians.

Aidan Easter has been on the Drama team all four years. He began his career in Humorous Theater and



Drama Team Seniors: Jasmine, Havyn, Aiden, Caleb, Riley, Trista & Melania (front row)
Photo Credits: Melissa Guderjahn

ends it there. His freshman entry was "Science Fair" partnered with Berlin Korr and Cecelia. His senior presentation of "Kev Burger" with scene partners Riley Rauser, Logan Barkhurst & Jenna Mainwaring, recently placed 5th at Divisionals. He went it alone his sophomore year with "College Interview" in Humorous Solo landing him 6th at Divisionals. Junior year was a mime piece "Trouble Maker," which brought home 5th at Divisionals and 7th at State. Additionally, Aidan starred as Nick Steele in the BHS Girl Scout fall play.

Trista Moos is in her 3rd year and seems to like the dramatic events. She began her sophomore year in Dramatic Theater with "The Empty Chair" partnering with Jasmine Thomas and Cooper Hines to place 2nd at Divisionals and 6th at State. The next year, she transitioned to the speech side with Dramatic Oral Interpretation and a piece titled "I'll Always Know Where You Are," which landed her 7th at Divisionals. She is capping her senior year off with "Monologue 150," a Dramatic Solo piece garnering 7th place at Divisionals. Trista also took a turn as Principal King in "21 Guaranteed Ways to Get Detention," a fall play at BHS and has been in many Missoula Children's Theater productions.

Riley Rauser is also in his 3rd year in Drama. His 10th and 11th grade years were spent in Mime. His piece "Doctor's Office" placed him 2nd and 7th at Divisionals and State, respectively, while his super successful junior piece titled "Putt Putt" earned him 2nd at Divisionals and a State Mime Championship. He joins Aidan, Jenna, and Logan his senior year in the aforementioned Humorous Theatre piece "Kev Burger." Riley has also played Milton in the fall play.

Jasmine Thomas is another 3-year member of the team. Her sophomore presentation was with fellow seniors, Cooper & Trista in the above-mentioned "The Empty Chair," placing 2nd and 6th. In her junior year, she moved to the speech side of things with a Humorous Oral Interpretation of "I Bid Farewell to Eric, Eric, Eric, and also Eric." Her final year has her in the Humorous Solo Event with a snippet from "21 Guaranteed Way to Get Detention," which placed 7th at the recent Divisional tournament. She starred as Cindy, Chauncy & Eve in the longer version of "21 Guaranteed Way to Get Detention," which served as one of the fall BHS plays. Additionally, Jasmine was Mrs. Teavee in the BHS production of "Willy Wonka".

Havyn Vandenacre has been in Humorous Theater for each of her three years of drama. Her sophomore

year was with Caleb LeLacheur and Jonah Wishman in "Support Animals," which placed 2nd and 3rd at Divisionals and State, respectively. Her junior year was a partnership with Sienna Everett titled "Travel Troubles," which again placed 2nd and 3rd. Her senior piece is "Bad Auditions by Bad Actors" with Kyla Meissner, which earned her a Divisional Humorous Heater Championship. Additionally, Havyn has been a backstage helper for the BHS plays, as well as a rollerblade girl and fireworks girl.

Last but certainly not least, is 2-year veteran Caleb LeLacheur. He was on the drama team his sophomore year in Humorous Theater in the aforementioned "Support Animals" with Havyn and Jonah, placing 2nd and

3rd. His senior year has had him in Humorous Theater with Cooper Hines, as well as, Humorous Solo with his piece titled "Lifetime Achievement". He placed 6th at the recent Divisional tournament with only two days of preparation; imagine how well he will do at state!

It has been a pleasure watching each of these young entertainers throughout their high school careers and here's hoping they end it with a highlight at the upcoming state tournament. Good luck!

Parents' Night, 1

gets parents, grandparents and siblings in the building. I get to meet them one to one and they see what their children are doing in school. Last year at parents' night we did electric potatoes. Everyone thought it was great fun," she said.

Tuesday, January 16 was the first day of the third semester. Kindergarteners began studying landform names, learning number problems and mostly getting ready for first grade. Asked how the four-day week had affected the children's learning, Mrs. Hoppe said the change has been fine. "We are at the same place in the curriculum as we were this time last year," she pointed out.

2024 FARMERS MARKET ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Chris Hettinger
Farmers Market



The Townsend Farmers Market has completed 13 successful seasons of serving the community by providing a venue for vendors to sell their wares, try out new products, and most importantly provide a supply of local produce, and baked goods to the community.

Vendors, customers, or interested persons are invited to join us for the annual business meeting for Townsend Farmers Market that will be held Thursday, February 1st in the dining hall of the Mountain Valley/Alliance Church at 110 E Street in Townsend adjacent to the post office. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to review participation statistics, financial status, and operating procedures for the coming year.

The meeting also provides an opportunity to receive inquiries from prospective vendors and a prospective market manager.

Those interested in the market manager position are requested to submit a brief paragraph, no later than 24 hours in advance of the business meeting, describing their prior experience in management and the basis of their interest in the promotion of the Townsend Farmers Market. Send your statement to chris59644@gmail.com.

Our purpose is as follows "Townsend Farmers Market exists to provide Broadwater County vendors the opportunity to market sustainable local produce, foods, crafts, technology, art and music."

Contact Chris at 406-422-7933 or chris59644@gmail.com.

For the Farmer's Market Manager job description visit: <https://www.townsendmt.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/FarmersMarketManager.pdf>

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2. The Beekeeper (R) Jason Statham, Emmy Raver-Lampman
3. Wonka (PG) Timothee Chalamet, Gustave Die
4. Anyone But You (R) Sydney Sweeney, Glen Powell
5. Migration (PG) Kumail Nanjiani, Elizabeth Banks
6. Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom (PG-13) Jason Momoa, Patrick Wilson
7. Night Swim (PG-13) Wyatt Russell, Kerry Condon
8. The Boys in the Boat (PG-13) Joel Edgerton, Callum Turner
9. The Book of Clarence (PG-13) LaKeith Stanfield, Omar Sy
10. The Iron Claw (R) Zac Efron, Jeremy Allen White

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Meeting

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email (MT43News@MT43News.com) in plain text. Please do not attach any files.

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Political Letters and Editorials

Political candidates are allowed to submit one biographical article during an election year. Additional articles must be paid for or they will be considered only as space allows.

- Any letter that calls into question another person's character will be held until the other party can respond to the allegations. Rebuttals must be submitted within one week of our request. If no rebuttal is received, the letter will not be printed.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE UPDATE TO THE CITY OF TOWNSEND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The City of Townsend Planning Board has prepared a draft update to the City of Townsend Subdivision Regulations and we invite you to provide comment on the updates. The subdivision regulation updates consist of revisions to the regulations based on changes in Montana State Law regarding subdivisions.

For additional information, contact Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962. Written comments may be directed to the City of Townsend Planning Board, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

The public comment period ends on February 8, 2024.

Hard copies of the draft Subdivision Regulation Updates can be viewed at Townsend City Hall. Further, an electronic copy can be requested by contacting Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962.

A public hearing on the draft update to the City of Townsend Subdivision Regulations will be conducted by the City of Townsend Planning Board on February 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Townsend City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

Published January 19 & 26, 2024

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DAN J. HUNSAKER, Deceased.

Probate No. BDP-24-01

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Dixie L. Hoff and Vincent J. Hunsaker have been appointed Personal Corepresentatives 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 Corepresentatives via their 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 26, 2024.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC
Attorney for Personal Corepresentatives

Printed January 26, February 2 & 9, 2024

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Correction

Correction to “Sangray Case Dismissed Article” published Jan 19, 2024

MT43 News would like to apologize for a number of errors in the “Sangray Case Dismissed” article published in the January 19, 2023 issue.

The article is based on an article written by Brett French and published in the Billings Gazette on November 8, 2023, and republished in the Helena Independent Record on November 9, 2023.

The date in the article is given as December 20, 2023. The case was dismissed in November.

The article states that the case was “dismissed with prejudice”. The case was “dismissed without prejudice” – the case can be refiled if new facts are discovered in the case.



1-19-2024

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley’s courtroom on Friday, January 19 is as follows:

Michael Billideaux appeared on a Petition to Revoke. His Evidentiary Hearing is set for February 9. Michael Billideaux had an Initial Appearance on a charge of Bail Jumping. Omnibus is due March 22; Pre-Trial is set for May 10; with the Jury Trial scheduled for June 10, 2024.

Taylor Castona had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to 1) assault on a minor. 2) partner/family member assault 3) partner/family member assault (second offense) 4) partner/family member assault (felony). In his elocution, Castona stated (with help from his attorney) that in July of 2022, he had an argument with his stepson;

causing pain or injury in Broadwater County. Later, he had an argument with his stepdaughter, causing fear of bodily injury. The felony charge of partner/family member assault; in 2023 he had physical contact with his common-law wife, causing her pain. He also pleaded guilty to the charge of incest; admitting that he and his half-sister cohabitated (were having sex). A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered; he is to have a psycho-sexual evaluation done. He will be sentenced on March 8, 2024.

Lonnie Pruitt had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) felony burglary; 2) felony criminal mischief; 3) felony theft of over \$5,000; 4) tampering with, or fabricating evidence. Omnibus is due March 22; Pre-Trial is set on May 10; with the Jury Trial commencing June 10.

Brian Whittaker had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to a charge of 4th or subsequent DUI. In his elocution, he stated that he drove in Broadwater County with a blood alcohol count of at least .08; he has three prior convictions of Driving While Intoxicated. His Jury Trial of January 22 is vacated. He will be sentenced on March 22, 2024.

Adam Brannon had an Initial Appearance on a Petition to Revoke a deferred sentence of assorted compliance violations. An Admit/Deny Hearing is set for February 16.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT – JANUARY 26, 2024

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Dylan Ragland, Townsend: night speed \$20.00
Stephen Perry, Bozeman: interstate day speed \$40.00
Kelsey Lieberg, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Xavior Lincoln, Roundup: day speed \$20.00
Stephanie Harlan, Billings: night speed \$70.00
Brock Gebhardt, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Cheyenne Cavin, Three Forks: night speed \$70.00
Jared Bingham, Helena: night speed \$70.00
Trent Lehmkuhl, Bozeman: careless driving \$85.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Tylor Castona – Townsend - Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs -2nd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$2085.00 fines and fees all but \$1285.00 suspended on conditions, enroll and complete Act program followed by monthly monitoring for one year.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Fred Watson – Three Forks – unlawful possession of open alcoholic beverage container in MV on highway, pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees; operating without liability insurance in effect- 2nd offense, pleaded guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD; displaying license plates assigned to another vehicle, pleaded guilty, \$525.00 fines and fees all but \$175.00 suspended for a period of six months on conditions.
Michael Fuchs – Billings – operating without liability insurance in effect -1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

Samuel Burton–Clancy – Careless driving, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees all but \$45.00 suspended on conditions for a period of six months.

Hagen Kalista – East Helena – Careless driving, pleaded guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees all but \$45.00 suspended on conditions for a period of six months.

Kade Page – Belgrade- driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs -2nd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$2085.00 fines and fees all but \$1285.00 suspended on conditions, enroll and complete Act program followed by monthly monitoring for one year.

Nathan Petrlich – Three Forks – theft-unauthorized control over property- 1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$585.00 with all but \$285.00 suspended on conditions for a period of six months.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Taylor Long, Townsend: restricted speed \$55.00
Navarre Larsen, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00
Glen Vanzee, Townsend: night speed \$20.00
Kirill Bumgarner, Belgrade: night speed \$20.00

ELECTION HIGHLIGHT

JON TESTER FILES FOR REELECTION

Jon Tester

JON TESTER FILED FOR REELECTION IN 2024 TO BE A VOICE FOR HARDWORKING MONTANANS IN THE U.S. SENATE.

“In a state like Montana, we look out for each other. Our word is our bond and a handshake means something,” said Senator Jon Tester. “Folks back in Washington D.C. really don’t understand rural America, and they don’t understand the challenges we face – whether you’re a Main Street business or a family farm, whether you’re a veteran, whether you’re Native American, whether you’re a sportsman who wants to be able to go out and fish and hunt. All these things are worth fighting for. I look forward to the campaign ahead as we fight for Montana, and make sure Montana stays the greatest state in the greatest country in the world.”



Jon Tester
Photo Credits: Jon Tester

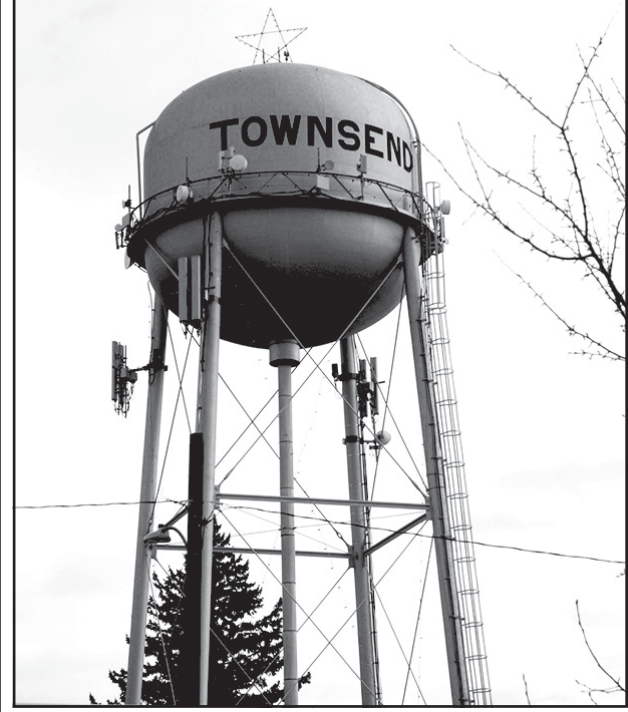
CITY COUNCIL PREPARES FOR WATER RATE HIKES

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend will phase in higher water rates to pay for major improvements in the city’s water system.

At a January 16 City Council meeting, a preliminary engineering report estimated the rates will go up \$59.40 per month over the current rate. The increase will be phased in over a two-year period, according to Mayor Vickie Rauser. “None of us want to be faced with a \$60 increase in one month,” she said.

The increase will meet the costs of repaying bonds and running the new city water system planned to begin operating in 2026.



Townsend Water Tower - 2024
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

The \$ 11 million project, which is state and federally-funded along with municipal bonds, will include a new well and water tower on city-owned ground near the Broadwater County fairgrounds. The new tower will replace the use of the existing water tower. The current tower will remain in place.

The city water committee will set up a plan for implementing the rate hikes, after which residents may give their input at a public hearing.

Interviews for hiring a compliance officer were held on January 19. Two people applied for the position.

The pool manager position remains open. Applications for the job are available online and at the city office.

New council member JB Howick introduced information about a grant available through the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan. The grant application, due February 9, will be reviewed by a committee at the next council meeting. The grant would finance an affordable housing study in Townsend.

A review of Townsend’s form of government comes up every ten years. Residents can vote to either continue with the present form or change it. The last review was in 2011. Mayor Rauser explained the forms of governing
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bodies including a mayor and council such as is now or a city manager which answers to a council. A call for a review will come in March. If voters desire a review, then meetings will follow. The new government form would be on the ballot for voters to approve in the June primary election.

The mayor and council okayed city workers to set up the ice-skating rink in Holloway Park.

Public Works Director Eric Crusch reported he is still looking for a used garbage truck to add to the fleet. He has been able to repair the 2018 truck. Parts for the 2003 truck are difficult to find and would cost about \$10,000. Council members requested a more detailed repair quote. No decision was made.

COMMISSION MEETING

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting.

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

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

Monday, January 29, 2024

11:00 AM Working Meeting (Webinar) with Dan Clark, Montana State University Local Government Center, Local Government Review Process. This meeting will be in the Commission Office

1:00 PM Working Meeting with Bill Jarocki, Chief Administrative Officer, in the Commission Office

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

THERE WILL NOT BE A COMMISSION MEETING ON THIS DATE

3:00 PM Working Meeting with Deputy County Attorney, Kay 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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(406) 266-9270 or (406) 980-2050

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

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

E-mail: 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
- Board of Health Meeting on January 29th at 2 PM
- Park and Rec Board Meeting on January 29th at 6 PM
- Broadband Advisory Board Meeting on January 30th 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)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REVIEW SUBDIVISION, BOUNDARY RELOCATIONS

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Community Development and Planner Nichole Brown presented four preliminary plat approvals and one boundary relocation.

Commissioners approved a request to move a boundary between Broadwater Two, LLC parcels and the G/T Ranch. The land is located approximately 20 miles north of Townsend on Highway 284. Both corporations have the same owner. The request is to change the boundary so the present home is on the Broadwater Two property.

Broadwater Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor cautioned the commission about agreeing to new information presented in the Albe minor subdivision preliminary plat approval. The subdivision is located north of Townsend on Highway 287. Subdivision owners Steve and Dan Upton presented new information from an adjacent landowner who agreed a road could be built in the future to a current lot which currently has no access to a driveway.

According to Minor, the condition of road access in this preliminary plat application “is not concrete enough nor does it reflect new conditions in the document”. Brown weighed in saying the new information was significant. She gave the commissioners four options for deciding about the proposed subdivision: Adopt the application as is with amendments as presented; send the application back to the planning board for review, offer the developers an extension to gather more information, or lastly, deny the application. Commissioners opted to send the application back to the planning board for review.

Mary Heinimann, developer of the Juniper Ridge Minor Subdivision agreed to include “no build” zones on the plat after discussion about building on areas with a 25 percent slope. The planned subdivision is located seven miles east of Townsend on Montana State Highway 12 seven miles east of Townsend.

The Smith Minor Subdivision developers will have to build a school bus/ mail delivery turnaround in their subdivision and maintain the turnaround. The commissioners approved the preliminary plat with that condition. The subdivision is located on Montana Highway 284 east of Townsend.

The commissioners approved an extension for the Rolling Glen Ranch Estates minor subdivision preliminary plat application to March 29.

Chairman Darrel Folkvord read a US Department of Agriculture (USDA) release of information for farmers and ranchers to apply for value-added grants to generate new products or create marketing opportunities. Grant awards range from \$75,000 to \$250,000. The deadline to apply for grants is April 16, 2024.

BIG SKY BIG LEADERSHIP SERIES: REAL COLORS PERSONALITY TRAITS

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



This is the second in a series of articles sharing topics from the Big Sky, Big Leadership program. Currently in its third year, this is a nine-month program that helps participants gain leadership skills as well as learn more about issues and resources in the county. This article series explores the history, research and background of Real Colors personality traits.

For centuries, humans have struggled to understand the human mind. One of the first documented attempts to define human behavior into character types was by Hippocrates around 400 BC. Hippocrates, known as the Father of Medicine, concluded that humans could be divided into four distinct character types. His theories were the foundation for personality types for many years.

Fast forward to the 20th century when research on personality or temperament types accelerated. During this time period, many researchers including Carl Jung, Isabel Myers, Katharine Briggs and David

Keirsey attempted to further define and understand personality. One of the most well-known instruments was the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) that used a 4-letter indicator for personality type.

In the 1990’s, along came Real Colors, a system designed by the National Career Training Institute. The goal was to design a curriculum and instrument that utilized temperament research and applied it to real life in a simple, easy-to-understand way. Ultimately, they hoped to help people learn to recognize, accept and value the differences in others while improving understanding, empathy and communication. Real Colors has been used as a training tool by countless teams, businesses and organizations and has been highly successful at reaching the goal.

Real Colors uses four colors to represent the various personalities: Gold, Blue, Green and Orange. While everyone has all four colors in us, we generally operate utilizing the strengths, talents and attributes of our top two colors. Each color has a unique meaning.

Gold are often described as practical, organized, punctual, dependable, detailed and hard-working. They are committed to seeing a task through and are known to get things done. They can often point out things that are unrealistic or impractical. They appreciate rules and procedures and have a clear sense of right and wrong. They enjoy planning and are known for making detailed checklists. They thrive in a structured environment and are often uncomfortable in unstructured situations.

Relationships are a primary focus for Blues. They are often described as sincere, sympathetic, insightful, compassionate, empathic, patient and giving. They are naturally nurturing and often choose careers or volunteer opportunities where they can help others. They avoid conflict or confrontation and prefer a peaceful environment. Communication is critical and they enjoy talking to others to better understand feelings. Sending or receiving symbols of love or showing you care is important.

Greens are often described as curious, independent, inventive, logical, analytical and calm. They love to be challenged and will spend considerable time studying possible solutions before making a decision. They do not tend to make decisions quickly. They are not afraid to try something new and get bored with routines. They thrive on acquiring new knowledge and are not afraid of conflict or confrontation. While relationships are important to Greens, and they aren’t overly focused on feelings or emotions.

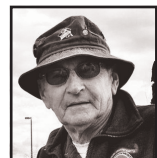
Oranges are often the life of the party. They are described as spontaneous, competitive, optimistic, flexible, courageous, independent and easy-going. They love to try new things and are easily bored with routine and structure. They want freedom and have a hard time following rules. They learn by experience and are constantly looking for new challenges. They are unbothered by an unexpected change and can easily go with the flow.

Through Real Colors training, participants learn their personal strengths and how to recognize strengths in others. They discover how to build rapport with people and effective methods of communicating with different people. Furthermore, they learn how to apply Real Colors principles to the workplace or personal relationships. The training is fun and dynamic, and a great way to connect with a team or workplace.

For more information about Big Sky Big Leadership or to request a workshop on Real Colors, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or Allison.kosto@montana.edu. Real Colors is a licensed program through the National Career Training Institute and must be taught by a certified Real Colors facilitator.

TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



This is the 22nd 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.

103) *Tilia x flavescens* ‘Dropmore’, Dropmore Linden; planted in 2008 on N. Pine Street to honor Jaden Graveley, Winner of the 2008 Montana Ag in Schools Bumper Sticker Contest. The tree was planted west of the elementary school in the boulevard on Arbor Day 2008 by Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School 4th Grade
Townsend **Trees, 8**

WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS

Fri 1/26	Sat 1/27	Sun 1/28	Mon 1/29	Tue 1/30
Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
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Precipitation:

August: 1.34" September: 4.39"
 October: 0.760" November: 0.398"
 December: 0.080" January: 0.047"
 2023: 13.669" 2024: 0.047"

Barnes Jewelry

357 N Last Chance Gulch,
Helena MT
406-442-3000

Tri County Disposal

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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: X equals C

GYN ZJT IFEMHDZ FJG RG GYN
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KNIGHT MOVES

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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!

Grand ELBON

Theft THEIS

Escort SHURE

Alter NAMED

TODAY'S WORD

"Just because he resembles your _____, it doesn't mean he's guilty."

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

GOOD BUNKER PLAY STARTS WITH CHANGING THE CORRECT CLUB FOR THE JOB. A SAND WEDGE IS A KEY CHARACTERISTIC IS THE LOWERED SOLE WHICH PROMOTES "BOUNCING" THROUGH RATHER THAN DIGGING INTO THE SAND.

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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

DON'T CROWD THE BALL

It's easy to creep forward and find yourself standing on the baseline during a baseline rally. But if the ball lands deep and you are crowding the line, you will not have room to hit the ball.

WRONG POSITION X

PROPER POSITION X

In order to be far enough back so the ball lands in front of you, stand about 3 feet behind the baseline. If you are too close to the line, you'll hit the ball late, and it will fly wide. Remember it's easier to run forward than backward - so give yourself room.

Super Crossword

ACROSS

- Grappler, backwoods-style
- Astronaut Wally
- "The Stranger Beside Me" true-crime writer
- Flowers in the iris family
- Some sweatshirts
- Swift warship for law enforcement?
- Finals
- Makes mother's milk
- Comic Radner
- "How about that!"
- Lugosi of "The Raven"
- Hefty books
- Defectively built flat-bottomed boat?
- Pumpkin's color
- Resident of Tehran
- Makes a choice
- Light, speedy boat transporting Oreos?
- Just barely
- Indian state known for silk
- United
- In a smoothly elegant way
- Neon, e.g.
- French mime master
- High-stermed ship orbiting Earth?
- "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" star Andy
- Central Canadian tribe members
- Upscale hotel
- Small quarters
- Discovering a sharp-bowed rowboat?
- Safe, at sea
- Do a tally of
- "Get what I'm sayin', man?"
- Zealous
- Paint a passenger ship?
- Soapmaking solution
- Auditing org.
- Message on a tombstone
- Kabuki sash
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- Year, in Portugal
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- Indian Ocean island nation
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- Coll. reunion attendee
- Father Sarducci of old 3-Down
- Quick-witted
- Racing boat with lots of mollusks attached?
- Fill with joy
- Lyric verses
- Billiards stick
- They make up molecules
- Abstruse
- Reproductive organs
- Sub-sinking ship full of aquariums?
- Lay aside
- Bert's pal
- Introductions
- In clothes
- Actors O'Neal and Reynolds
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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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 | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

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 Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219
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Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

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 Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
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 Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
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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
Last Thursday of the month: 6:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study
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 7 Main St. Radersburg
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Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

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 Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church
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 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
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Second Tuesday of the month: 6:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
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 916 Broadway St. Townsend
 Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
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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 Moe (406) 266-3390
 TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services

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 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
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SENIOR CENTER

SR. CENTER MEALS: *Thursday, February 1*
JAN 29 - FEB 2
 Roast Pork
 Mashed Potatoes
 Key Largo Vegetables
 Dinner Salad with beans
 Whole Grain Bread
 Baked Apples

Monday, January 29
 Swedish Meatballs
 Steamed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Tossed Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Apricot Halves

Tuesday, January 30
 Baked Chicken
 Rice Pilaf
 California Vegetables
 Carrot Raisin Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Blushing Pears

Wednesday, January 31
 Beef and Veggie Stew
 Fresh Baked Biscuit
 Tossed Salad
 Zesty Pineapple
 Desert

Friday, February 2
 Fish Patty
 Macaroni and Cheese
 Carrot Coins
 Crisp Coleslaw
 Plump Peaches

The Townsend Pinochle Club meets every Wednesday and Friday at the Broadwater County Senior Center for an afternoon of pinochle and camaraderie. The Club plays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All ages and experience levels are welcome! If you have never played pinochle and would like to learn come and join us.

MAN DIES AFTER CRASHING INTO SHERIFF'S VEHICLE

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

A man was killed Thursday, January 18 when the car he was driving at high speed while fleeing from a pursuing state highway patrolman crashed head-on into a Broadwater County deputy sheriff's patrol car, officials reported.

Sheriff Nick Rauser later identified the deceased man only as Tyler Leslie. The deputy, Aaron Reynolds, suffered only minor injuries, Rauser said. The crash happened about 3:15 p.m. on Highway 287 north of Winston near the Pole Creek Road approach and across the highway from the county dump transfer station. Leslie was killed on impact.

The State Division of Criminal Investigation reported that prior to the pursuit, the suspect was involved in a hit-and-run crash in Helena and was subsequently seen by witnesses swerving on the highway and crashing into a snowbank. This generated a complaint to the Montana Highway Patrol. But before law enforcement arrived, a good Samaritan pulled the vehicle out of the snowbank, the report said.

Law enforcement arrived at the location and contacted the driver who then fled the scene, leading to the pursuit. It ended when the suspect vehicle encroached into the northbound lane that the Broadwater deputy was traveling, resulting in a head-on crash, the DCI report said.

Rauser said Reynolds was responding to assist with the pursuit. When the deputy saw the suspect coming his way, he activated his emergency lights. The suspect swerved toward the deputy. The deputy tried to avoid the collision, but unfortunately he was struck head on. Reynolds was able to exit his vehicle on his own accord.



Scene of accident near Winston taken some time after the accident happened. Photo Credits: Colton Morrish

EAST HELENA SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, LLC

Shawn White Wolf
 Business Manager - East Helena Senior Citizens Club

East Helena Senior Citizens Club LLC was started on January 1, 2024, after community members posted in an East Helena Community Facebook group asking about activities for senior citizens in East Helena. The goal of the new club is to create activities in the East Helena community for local senior citizens to attend. East Helena currently does not have an active community senior citizens center.

The Independent Record reported, "In 2022, the U.S. Census stated 15% of East Helena's population of 1,829 was 65 and over. That increases to 33% if those 50 and over are included." The club has no age restriction on membership. It's open to seniors and their families. Several senior citizens from Helena have requested to participate as well.

The club will host monthly potlucks, activities such as arts and crafts, dancing, social gatherings, and work to keep each other informed of important local information.

Our first monthly potluck is on January 21, 2024, at the East Helena Fireman's Recreation Hall at 2 East Pacific Street, East Helena. We will be there from 9 AM to 8 PM.

Lunch is at 11:30 AM until it's gone. Games in the afternoon and other activities. Potluck is at 4:30 PM

During this, I will be surveying the attendees as to when our next Potluck will be. January 21st was an available date for the Hall I picked to get us going.

Townsend **Trees, 8**
 Students, Teachers, Family, and the Tree Board. The tree was donated by the Tree Board. The tree had to be removed for new school construction in 2021 and needs to be replanted.

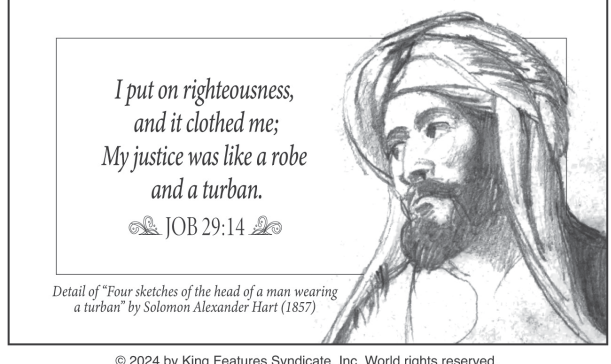
104) Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red', Canada Red Chokecherry; planted in 2008 on N. Pine Street to honor Lisa Larson, selected as the 2008 Montana Ag in Schools Teacher of the Year. The tree was planted west of the elementary school in the boulevard on Arbor Day 2008 by Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School 4th Grade Students, Family, and the Tree Board. The tree was donated by the Tree Board. The tree had to be removed for new school construction in 2021 and needs to be replanted.

105) Betula pendula 'Dalecarlica', Dalecarlica Weeping Birch; planted in 2010 at Townsend School District #1 north of the Community Library by the Broadwater County High School Senior Class, Parents, and the Tree Board. The tree was donated by the Tree Board. The tree had to be removed for new school construction in 2021 and needs to be replanted.

106) Betula pendula 'Dalecarlica', Dalecarlica Weeping Birch; planted in 2006 at Townsend School District #1 north of the Community Library in Memory of Terry Frost, Senior, Broadwater County High School. Terry passed away on May 22, 1995. The original tree that was planted died and was replanted by the Tree Board in May 2006. The tree was donated by the Tree Board. The tree had to be removed for new school construction in 2021 and needs to be replanted.

107) Quercus macrocarpa Bur Oak; planted on Arbor Day 2006 at Townsend School District #1 to Honor the 2006 Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners. 1st Place- Keesa Aldrich, 2nd Place- Magdelyn Rauser, 3rd Place- Katie Christensen. Planted by the 5th Graders, Teachers, and the Tree Board. The tree survived new school construction and is located south of the Community Library. The tree was paid for by a MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation / US Forest Service Arbor Day grant.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



OBITUARIES

BOYD CAZIER

Family of Boyd Cazier

Boyd Frederick Cazier passed away on January 17, 2024, in Bozeman at Deaconess Hospital.



Boyd Cazier
Photo Credits: Family of Boyd Cazier

Boyd was born in Preston, Idaho on February 14, 1930, to Vordis Reo Cazier and Mabel Rosetta Andersen Cazier. He was the third of four children. He spent his early years in Preston where he worked on the family farm and graduated from Preston High School.

In 1951 he served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in the Great Lakes Mission, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Boyd was drafted into the Army in 1953. His basic training was at Ford Ord and then he went to Fort Knox, Kentucky for mechanical school. He was later stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where he trained prisoners in mechanics and was later a guard on one of the towers. Dad earned several military decorations.

While in Leavenworth, he met Doris Nadine Reynolds "Nadine" at a movie theater, where she was taking tickets. They were married March 11, 1955, in Leavenworth, Kansas. His military service was up that year and he and Nadine moved back to Preston where Karin was born. After a short stint in Idaho where he did a bit of ranching and mining, the family relocated to Leavenworth, Kansas. This is where Boyd worked for The Hallmark Card Company.

The year of 1956, Boyd's parents purchased a ranch in Toston, Montana, in the Crow Creek Valley known as The Park Trail Ranch. Boyd, Nadine & Karin moved to Montana where Boyd joined his father Vordis to help run the new family ranch, leveling hay, planting, and harvesting wheat and barley. Boyd loved his life farming. Growing Sugar Beets on the property and operating his D8 was a very big passion of his. Boyd and Nadine grew a love for the area and settled happily in Toston and eventually welcomed their sons, Todd, Craig, Jeff & Steven.

Nadine passed away in 1997. 21 years later Boyd was reintroduced to a friend he had met during his mission as a young man, Jane Ellen Kuroiwa. Boyd and Jane grew a quick and easy connection and were married on December 23, 2018.

Jane brought a spark and a sparkle back to Boyd's life. They were everything neither of them knew they needed.

Boyd loved animals and had many dogs through the years, they were each very special and spoiled. His wife Nadine once said that if there was such a thing as reincarnation she wanted to come back as one of Boyd's dogs because he took such good care of them.

While farming was a passion of his, he also enjoyed mining very much. Much time was spent working the gold mine, looking for riches. Boyd would often visit Lincoln, Montana with his grandsons, Andrew, Greg & Zachary, where they would spend weeks being boys, camping, mining & making memories on a friend's property there.

Boyd loved being a grandpa and Great-grandpa. He would light up the minute he saw his grandkids, and always loved hearing about what was going on in their lives.

Boyd was a lifelong active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He is survived by his wife Jane Cazier and his 5 children, Karin & Paul Barteni, Todd & Myrna Cazier, Craig & Peggy Cazier, Jeff & Laura Cazier, and Steven Cazier. Along with numerous grand and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home in Townsend. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a funeral service to begin at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 916 Broadway in Townsend. Interment with military honors will follow the service at Deep Creek Cemetery. A reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall of the church.

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

LEON DUANE HENKE

Leon Henke Family

Leon Duane Henke was born 4/12/1966 to Virgil and Judy Henke. He was born in Nuremberg Germany where his father was serving in the U.S. Army. He was one in a long line of family military service members with grandfather and eight uncles during WWII, father during Vietnam, he and his sister Dawn during The Gulf War and both sons served during OIF/OEF. He attended school in Bishop Ca, Anchorage, Sitka and Juneau Ak, graduating from Sticka High School in 1984. In 1986 he married Rose Woolworth in Everett Washington and raised three children.



Leon Duane Henke
Photo Credits: Danyel L Henke

In 1995 Leon was in a major motorcycle accident which led to a long recovery and the loss of use of his left arm. After his medical retirement from the army Leon went on to complete a degree in drafting and architecture. Leon didn't let his disability hold him back, he still worked hard, whether it was hanging sheetrock, building ranch buildings/homes/furniture/tables or helping friends move. Leon's real passion was pool, in his 30 year pool career he won 29 championships. In 2023 at his first national tournament, Leon and his team took 3rd in BCA world 8 ball team bronze division in Las Vegas. Some good players couldn't believe they were beat by a one armed pool player.

Leon touched so many people and spent his life helping everyone he met. Everyone loved him dearly and saw how he affected people in such a strong way. After his death he is still helping others by donating his corneas to help someone else see. Through 7 or 8 courses of chemo he said it would surely help others even if it didn't save him. He impressed his cancer doctors with all the chemo he was able to absorb.

Leon is survived by: Parents-Virgil and Judy Henke, Wife- Cierra Winkler, Sister- Dawn Attwood (David Attwood), Children-Brandon Henke (Danyel Henke), Stevn Henke (Jasmine Henke), Laytecia Houston (Sam Houston), and 8 Grandchildren.

JAMES KEVIN MCDONNELL

Augusta McDonnell

James Kevin McDonnell passed away peacefully in his Townsend home on January 19, 2024, following an extended illness that he faced with the same courage and positivity that defined his entire life. He was 62.



Kevin McDonnell and Granddaughter
Photo Credits: McDonnell Family

Kevin was born in Billings, Montana, on December 19, 1961, to Leo McDonnell, Sr., and Donna (Dowlin) McDonnell. He was the sixth child and third son in a rambunctious, hard-working ranch family.

Kevin spent his early years in Joilet and Billings, Montana, where he participated in many activities, including 4-H, wrestling, roping, and working the family businesses – Midland Bull Test and the Joliet ranch. Kevin graduated from Billings West High School in 1980 and received his engineering degree from Montana State University. Kevin had a long career

in engineering, both in the private sector and with the State of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

He was married to Beth Ihle for 22 years and raised his family in Townsend, Montana, where he lived for over 30 years. Kevin had a lifelong love for Montana and any activity that could keep him outside, notably skiing, biking, fishing, and hunting. While supporting his beloved kids, he led the Townsend School and Heritage Park renovations and coached numerous sports teams. Kevin showed love for his community through decades of service and set the highest example of what it means to be a leader in one's community.

He is preceded in death by his father, mother, and his sister, Mary Von Forell (Hardy). He is survived by four children from his marriage to Beth: Andrew Weston McDonnell (Megan), Augusta Renee Conley (Ryan), Katherine Faye McDonnell (Russ), and Grace Amelia McDonnell, and granddaughter, Savannah Ruth McDonnell, and three siblings, Mike McDonnell, Jeanette Manley (Scott), Leo McDonnell, Jr., (Sam), and Patty Brus (Tim), and a large extended family.

Please join the family this weekend to honor Kevin's life.

A Family Receiving Friends viewing at the Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home in Townsend, Montana, will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 26.

A Celebration of His Life will be held at the Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church in Townsend at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 27. A reception with a sit-down lunch will follow directly after the service at the Townsend School Commons.

Donations may be sent to Kevin McDonnell Memorial Scholarship Fund at Opportunity Bank, 400 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

To share memories and photos of Kevin, go to <https://stevensonwilke.com/obit/obituaries/kevin-mcdonnell-age-62-of-townsend/>

GERTRUDE PETERSON DECEMBER 14, 1931 - JANUARY 14, 2024

Family Of Gertrude Peterson

Gertrude Peterson, 92, passed away in Townsend, MT with her daughter by her side.

Gertrude graduated from Onamia High School.

She Married Wesley Peterson on June 3, 1950. They lived in Lake Elmo for many years raising and showing Arabian horses. They moved to Isle, MN in 1977. In 2018 Gertrude moved to Townsend, MT to be with her daughter. She enjoyed a full life with her children, grandchildren, and many horses, dogs and cats.



Gertrude Peterson
Photo Credits: Family Of Gertrude Peterson

Gertrude loved spending time riding horses in the Montana mountains with family and friends. She will be dearly missed by many family and friends.

Survived by daughter, Jackie (Erick) Sorenson, Townsend, MT; son Randy (Rose) Peterson, Becker, MN; grandchildren; Amy, Cody, and Travis (Krystal) Peterson, Amanda Stuhldreher and Nikolaus (Kelsey Wagner) Sorenson, great-granddaughter, Rosemary, sister Esther Paulsen, nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by husband Wesley, parents and 4 siblings.

The family wants to thank Compasses Hospice and especially Serenity Point Assisted Living for the loving care they gave Gerti.

Celebration of Life to follow at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are with Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud, MN.

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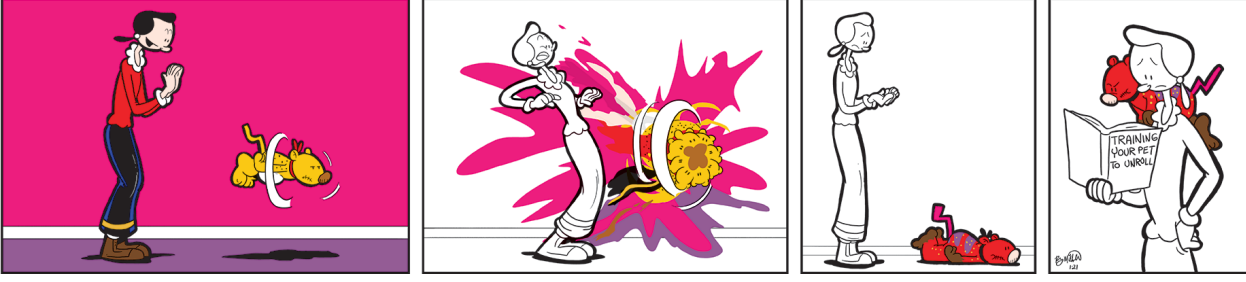
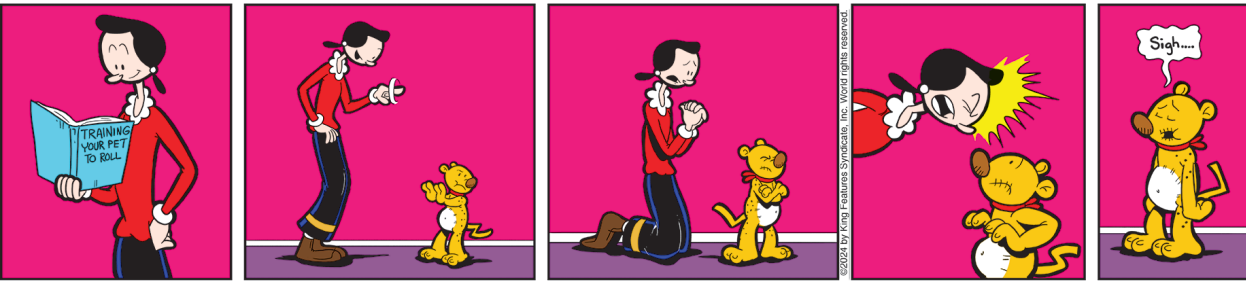
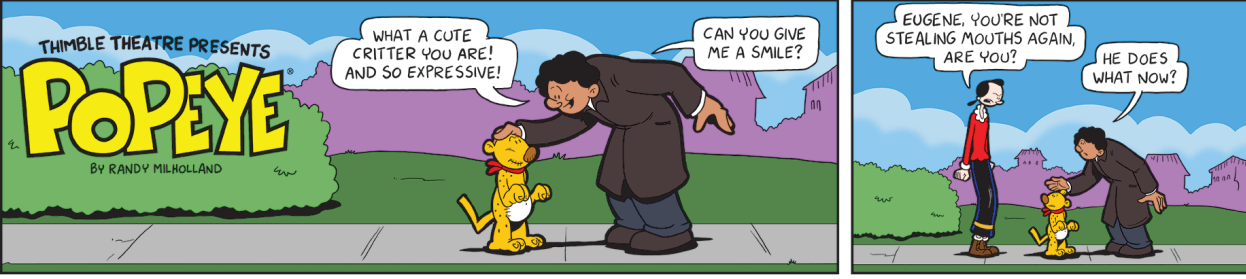


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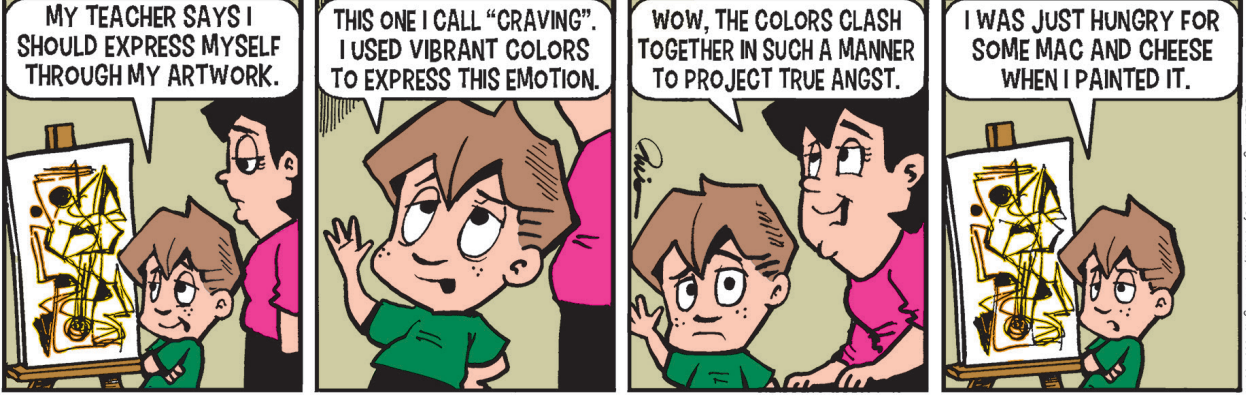


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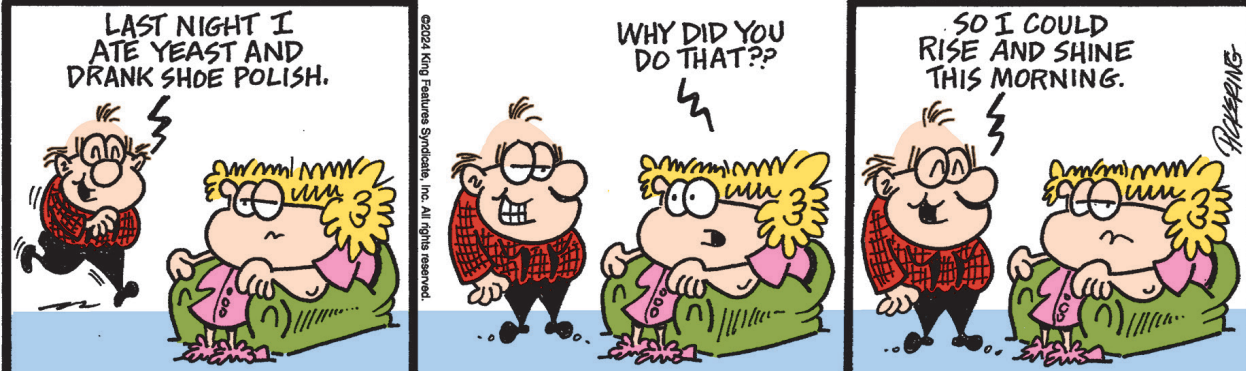
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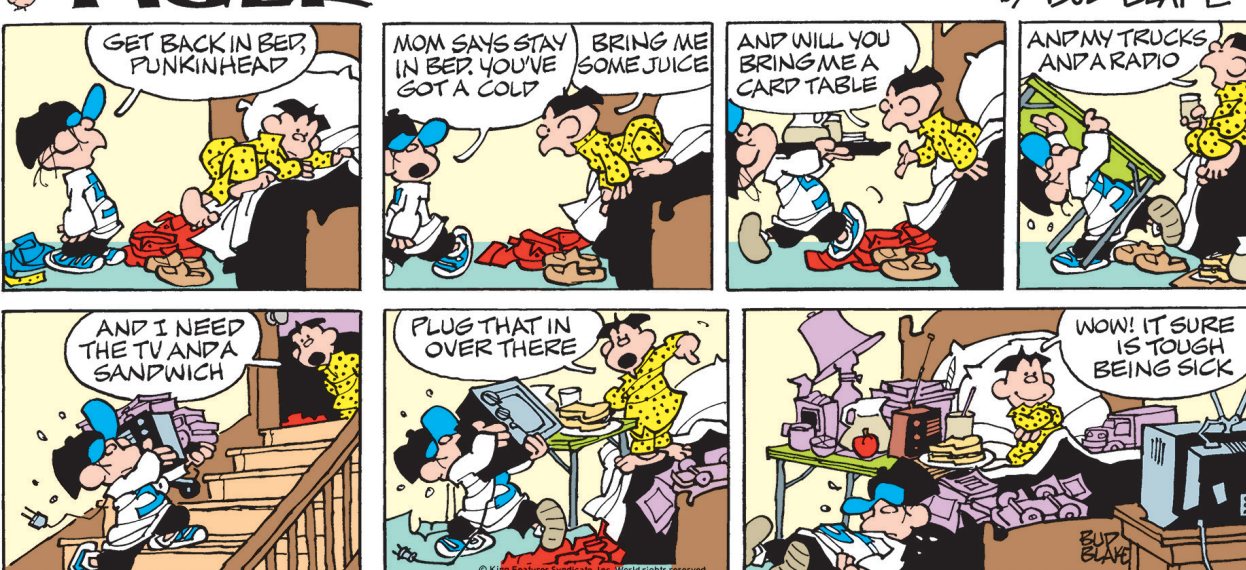
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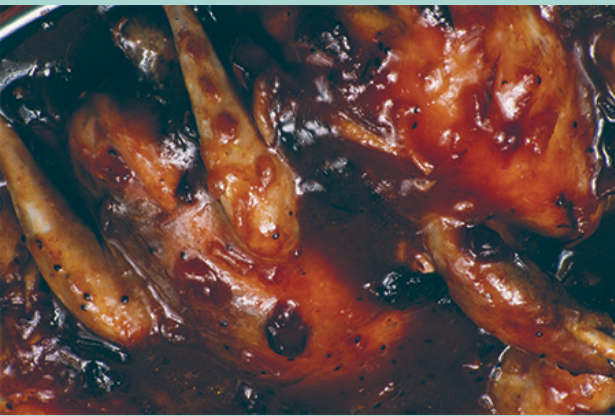
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THE WHOLE BIRD— THE EASY WAY

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

So many people complain that it's hard to bake whole wild upland birds, that I included several whole-bird recipes in the all-upland cookbook I wrote for Ducks Unlimited: Upland Game Bird Cookery. This one is my favorite since it's so easy to cook, and the ingredients vary from region to region and house to house. I was treated to this version while hunting ruffed grouse in UP Michigan several years ago, came home and was telling Dawn Scoffield about it and she said she makes the same thing but pairs the onion soup mix with apricot jelly and Mrs. Lynch's dressing.



America's Team Ruffed Grouse
Photo Credits: Eileen Clarke

One thing that should not be changed in the recipe though, is the moist cooking. Dry-roasting wild birds is problematic because of the lack of fat in wild birds, their diminutive overall size, as well as the skimpy amount of meat on the legs. One part may be cooked perfectly, while another is either too dry to choke down or too raw to eat. And then there's the plucking. In this recipe, the birds can be skinned and the sauce will keep the meat moist anyway.

You don't even have to have ruffed grouse. Any pale-meated bird will work as long as you have enough sauce. So you could use 4 pheasants, split them up the backbone so they'll lie flatter in the roasting pan, or Hungarians if you found some this year. Just fit the pan to the birds and baste them several times during the cooking.

Let's get started and you'll see just how easy this elegant dish is.

America's Team Ruffed Grouse

Serves 6-8

Ingredients

- 2 cans whole berry cranberry sauce (16 ounces each)
- 2 bottles (8 ounces each) Catalina salad dressing
- 2 pouches Lipton Onion Soup mix
- 8-9 whole ruffed grouse, plucked or skinned
- 2 ounces salted pecans, chopped

Cooking

1. Preheat the oven to 350F. In a covered roasting pan, just large enough for the birds to nestle cheek to cheek in a single layer, mix together the cranberry sauce, dressing and soup mix. (Heat the cranberry sauce a bit to liquefy it a bit, in a microwavable bowl if you want.)

2. Place the grouse in the roasting pan, breast side up, and ladle the sauce over them. Cover and place in the center of the oven. Roast about 40 minutes, basting 3 or 4 times during the cooking.

3. Remove the grouse from the roaster and arrange on a heated serving platter. (It helps to have a lip on the platter to avoid spilling.) Pour the sauce over the grouse and sprinkle with the chopped pecans. Serve immediately with rice or pasta, whichever you prefer.

Eileen's doves-to-turkeys all Upland Game Bird Cookery is available at www.riflesandrecipes.com for \$20. \$5 less if you live in Townsend and she doesn't have to mail it. 406-521-0273.

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JANUARY 25

1940

Toston News

Mr. and Mrs. Christopherson of Red Lodge have moved to Toston.. Mr. Christopherson is employed on the dam.

The home demonstration club had a public card party at the church. Auction and contract bridge were played. High in contract was Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mrs. A.J. Chubbuck, low; high in auction was Mrs. Oscar Nelson, Mrs. Clarence Berberet, low.

Mrs. A. Anderburg entertained her bridge club Friday at a one o'clock luncheon. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mrs. Chas. Hageman., Mrs. Olai Kallevang, Mrs. Roy Stith, Mrs. Pete Mosier, Mrs. Danielson, Mrs. Lyle Middleton, Mrs. S.L. Young. Mrs. Lyle Middleton was high.

1968

Snow Removal

Snow removal was in progress last week when Ray Doig, city street commissioner, was operating the county loader to scoop up snow from the windrow along the center of Broadway. The snow was loaded on dump trucks, manned by other city employees, and hauled away. Five blocks along the street were cleared that day. County officials were very cooperative about lending equipment to the city for this project.

Housewarming for Holzwarth Family

Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Holzwarth were honored at a

house-warming Saturday evening in their new home on South Maple Street. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Girdler, Mr. and Mrs. Al Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doig. The evening was enjoyed playing games. A bridge table and four chairs were presented to the honored couple from the group. A buffet supper was served. Invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Antonich, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Glen Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Foss, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Norm Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wogamon, Mr. and Mrs. John Jepson, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hooks, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Helmick, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Huth, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Valentine of Helena and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

"Linda McHenry Surprised with Farewell Party"

Miss Linda McHenry was honored last Saturday afternoon at a surprise going away party, given at the home of Patti Copeland. Linda has moved to Missoula where she will make her home with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McHenry. Those attending the party were Jill Brammer, Candy Whitehead, Cheryl Waling, Pat Huth, Debbie Graham, Debi Herbst, Connie Ragen, Carrie Harrigfeld, Patricia Perry, Barb Page, Janet Richardson and the hostess.

1996

4-H News

"Old Baldy 4-H" by Jared Graveley

The fourth meeting of the old Baldy 4-H Club was called to order by President Kristen Graveley on Monday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Erick Sorenson. The pledge to the flag was led by Nick Rauser

and the 4-H pledge was led by Joe Kirscher. Roll Call was "My Hero". Craig Mingay read the minutes of the previous meeting and also gave the treasurer's report.

Amy Kirscher reported on the Christmas party. Jodi Romo reported on the food baskets which were delivered to some residents in the county, and Kristen reported on the turkey raffle which was won by Deanne Place. Allison Flynn reported on the tree cutting party.

A Junior Leaders pizza party will be held at Jasper's Jan. 21 at 4 p.m.

There will be meeting for all 4-Hers enrolled in horse projects. Their parents are encouraged to attend the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the library.

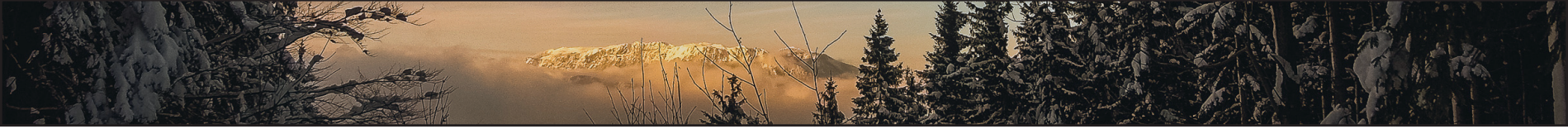
A talk was given by Amy Kirscher. Amanda Sorenson gave a demonstration of peanut butter treats and Nick Sorenson gave a demonstration of the proper way to clean a saddle. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Sorenson. The next meeting of the Old Baldy 4-H Club will be held on Feb. 19.

Canton Club Reviews Projects

Canton Club Woman's Club held its January meeting at the home of Helen Burmaster; co-hostesses were Ione Schwisow and Margaret Kenny.

A review of club projects for the past year was reported. The club received a second place award in District IV for community support of the library. Several small financial contributions were made, \$100 to the ambulance defibrillator and \$25 to the Community Day honoring former resident philanthropist, Tom Cotter.

Mike Koehnke, EMT instructor, gave a very interesting and informative talk about the volunteer EMT and fireman program. These volunteers give hours of their time to these worthy projects.



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Mitch Hunsaker finally found his way back home. In an interview, Hunsaker, a native of Townsend, related how he went to work for an electrical company in Colorado as an apprentice electrician right after he graduated from Broadwater High School. He has worked as an electrician since then.



Hunsaker moved back to Montana in 2003. He received his journeyman's license under a four-year Montana state program while he was working for Sundance Electric in Bozeman. Because of the huge buildup of housing in the Gallatin County area, he pretty much got burned out. His wife Megan, a psychologist who has an online practice, agreed.

The work was mostly for high-end custom homes and homes built on speculation, all new construction. "The work was grueling," he said, "Sometimes we

worked 80 to 100 hours a week – even holidays." By 2015 Hunsaker decided he wanted to open his own business, so he set up LeGrande Electric Company while he was still in Bozeman. He and Megan decided it was time to move home in 2022 to be closer to family and "out of the Bozeman rat race". While he still does some work in the Gallatin County area, he is trying to build up a clientele in Townsend and Broadwater County. He is interested in helping people with new residential construction, home remodels, small business improvements and service calls.

Hunsaker can be reached at his email: legrandeelectric@yahoo.com or call (406) 579-6404.

USDA VALUE-ADDED PRODUCER GRANTS

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT
USDA Seeks Applications to Help Farmers and Ranchers Venture into New and Better Markets

Bozeman, Mont., Jan. 17, 2024 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help agricultural producers maximize the value of their products and venture into new and better markets.

USDA is making the grants available under the Value-Added Producer Grants program. The grants help farmers and ranchers generate new products, create marketing opportunities, and increase their incomes through value-added activities.

Eligible applicants include independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business

ventures.

USDA may award up to \$75,000 for planning activities or up to \$250,000 for working capital expenses related to producing and marketing a value-added agricultural product.

Planning activities may include conducting feasibility studies and developing business plans. Working capital expenses may include costs associated with processing, marketing, advertising, inventory, and salaries.

USDA is particularly interested in applications that will advance Biden-Harris Administration priorities to:

- Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.
- Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects; and
- Help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.

Applications for 2024 grants are now being accepted. Paper applications must be postmarked and delivered by mail, email or in-person to one of Montana's six offices by 4:30 p.m., Mountain Time, April 16, 2024. Electronic applications are due by 9:59 p.m. Mountain Time, April 11, 2024.

Additional information is available on page 2919 of the Jan. 17 Federal Register.

For more information or to apply here in Montana, contact USDA Rural Development Agriculture Producer State Specialist Marlee Johnston, at marlee.johnston@usda.gov.

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