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# **BROADWATER BULLDOGS ARE 2023-2024 STATE DRAMA CHAMPIONS!!**

### MT43 News Correspondent

The Broadwater Bulldogs are 2023-2024 State Class B Drama Champions!!

Every member of the drama team qualified for the state competition held this past weekend at Choteau High School. What proved to be an even more remarkable feat was that every drama member traveling to Choteau qualified for finals placing within the top 8 in their respective events.

Let me say that again, every member of the drama team placed within the top 8 at state! When placing in the finals of an individual event, each competitor is also earning points for their team; therefore, contributing to the team State Championship. The Broadwater Bulldogs totaled 86 points edging out the Huntley Project Red Devils who tallied 72.

There were 48 competing schools at the state competition where 254 entries comprised of 312 individual students contended in 17 Montana High School Association-sanctioned speech, drama, and debate events. The two-day contest consisted of 3-4 rounds of competition followed by (depending on the event) a semi-final and a final round. Single judges score the preliminary rounds, while the subsequent rounds had Drama Champions, 4



2023-2024 Class B Drama State Champions Photo Credits: MT43 News

# CHAMBER HOLDS AFTER HOURS EVENT

Nancy Marks Reporter



businesses soon. Common Sense Bookstore owner Bill Garwood won the door prize.



WATER STUDY SHOWS **CANYON FERRY AS POTENTIAL SOURCE** FOR GALLATIN VALLEY

Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce held its first after-hours event for new and established business owners to meet and get to know each other.



JRock Jewelry shop hosted Chamber members Mountie Moose provided excellent treats. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

Nearly 20 people gathered at JRock Jewelry at 321 Broadway and enjoyed treats made by Angie Wintrow of the Mountie Mouse Bakery. Co-President Keith Hartmann said the board was pleased with the turnout and would be working to plan another event at other

Co-President Keith Hartmann and his wife Christina enjoy After Hours at JRock Jewelry. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

New board member Doug Sitton was pleased with the turnout. "It is neat that we have a new start on a great event. The Chamber did these events when I was a member from 2007 to 2013. We had as high as 100 people attend. It was a great place to network. It's really great we (the Chamber) have turned a corner with new people who want to get involved. We appreciate them," he said.



Jim and Terry Gundersen, Cassie Cooper, Birdi Kribbs and Shirley Wilson visit with new business owner Tayla Snapp of S-0 professional organizing. Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

He felt the event was successful because he and co-President Jenni Fellenz went door to door to interest business owners to attend.

For more information on joining the Chamber or attending the next after-hours event, please contact Jenni at (406) 781-7875.

### Norah Shelley Bozeman Chronicle Staff Writer

This article written by Norah Shelley was originally published by the Bozeman Chronicle on January 25, 2024. It is reprinted here courtesy of the Bozeman Chronicle.

There is a major impending gap in the amount of water needed to serve Bozeman, Belgrade and the surrounding Gallatin Valley as the area grows and water resources become more unstable.

One possible solution that's on the table — albeit in very early stages of discussion - is a pipeline from Canyon Ferry Reservoir to the Gallatin Valley.



A lone tree grows in a field near Canyon Ferry Lake in 2017 Photo Credits: Rachel Leathe/Bozeman Chronicle

City commissioners discussed the idea at a meeting this week.

According to a study about regional water and wastewater infrastructure, long-range population projections show that as many as 450,000 people could reside in the areas in and around Bozeman and Belgrade by 2070.

The study — funded by Bozeman, Belgrade and Gallatin County — found that in 50 years, the cities might not have enough water to meet their needs.

The two cities have about 23,000 acre-feet of water rights between them currently, but in about 50 years, Water **Study**, 6

# 32ND ANNUAL HARRY HALL MIXER

### Becky Hunt MT43 News Sports Correspondent

The Harry Hall Mixer took place Thursday January 25th with four schools in attendance: Broadwater, Jefferson, Manhattan and Arlee.

Coach Hall has been coaching our Bulldogs for 49 years, with an overall 54 years of coaching experience. If you haven't had the opportunity to catch Harry in action I highly recommend getting next wrestling season dates marked on the calendar!



2023/24 Bulldogs coaching staff Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

The Boys brought their A game Thursday night wrestling a total of 16 bouts and walking away with 9 of those win by fall (pin). Eric Humphreys, Parker Hunt and Blake Wellenstein all came off the mat winning all their matches for the night. Hunter Borror, Nick Humphreys and Kaehl Owens going 1-1.



Kaehl Owens with the "W" Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

Friday night the Dawgs headed to Anaconda to battle for the Copper Shamrock.

This is also an annual event between Townsend and Anaconda. The two teams dual over the right to bring home the Copper Shamrock until they meet again the following season to battle it out again.

The event is kicked off by an impressive bagpipe performance typically played by head coaches and this year was accompanied by coach O'Dell keeping beat on bass drum. Once again the Boys were ready to roll.



Bulldog weekly stats: Blake Wellenstein 2-1; Parker Hunt 2-0; Kaehl Owens 1-2; Hunter Borror 3-1; Timmy Flesch 1-2; Eric Humphreys 3-0; Nick Humphreys 1–2; Jacob Pesicka 0-2; Tristan Owensby 0-0



Parker Hunt Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

Bulldogs head the Shelby Thursday, February 1st for the Western Divisionals. Wrestlers that advance will compete February 9-10 in Billings at the State Tournament. Be sure and keep an eye and ear out for send-off dates and locations. Cheer on your boys in blue as they head out to these events!

# LADY BULLDOG ATHLETES SIGN WITH COLLEGES

Mikayla Kraft School Correspondent



The Broadwater community is a com-

munity that supports everyone whether they are family, friends, or practically strangers. This was especially true on Wednesday the 25th at 4 pm. The Community Room was packed with Townsend community members for a heartfelt event. Every year, seniors choose the next steps in their life journey. On Wednesday, Emily Bird, Luci Horne, and Havyn Vandenacre signed with their respective colleges to continue playing sports and in turn, grow their knowledge.



Havyn Vandenacre signed with the University of Providence to compete in Track and Field. She has not chosen a major yet. Havyn chose the college because she felt like she was at home. She was welcomed from the start and had a feeling that she belonged there. She cannot wait to compete in Track at the collegiate level, "to make my dreams come true is something I can't put into words." Havyn cannot wait to try new things and figure out what her calling on this earth is. Even though she doesn't know what she will do for a future career, she believes it is 'such a beautiful and special time... because this is when [she] gets to understand that [she] will never be the same person after this experience...'

These girls' families, friends, and community members can attest to the talent and purity of these girls. They are a dear part of the Townsend community and we are sad that they will be leaving. However, another community will gain something special. This was a changing point in their lives and the future opportunities they will receive because of their upbringing, community, and talent are indescribable.

### Tounsend School Calendar 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 Feb 5 4:00PM MSBBB @ Three Forks 7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room MSWR -1st Day of Practice Feb 6 7:00PM Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge 7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room Feb 7 6:00PM Broadwater Affordable Housing Review at the community room 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 Feb 8 7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room 3:00PM HSBB vs Jefferson 4:00PM MSBBB @ Ennis Feb 9 - Feb 10 HSWR @ Billings-State

Feb 9

Copper Shamrock opening ceremonies Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

For the Dual, Townsend had six total wrestlers. Hunter Borror, wrestling 160#, win by fall at 1 minute. Eric Humphreys, 170#, had a tough bout a got it done with win by fall at 3 minutes 32 seconds. The most energetic, nail-biting, exciting match of the night -Timmy Flesch at 182 pounds executed some great moves again this week. Flesch took his very first win by fall at 1 minute 1 second!



*Eric Humphreys with the pin Photo Credits: Becky Hunt* 

The actual matches wrestled for the dual the team went 3-3. Hunter Borror also took a win by fall at 2 minutes 10 seconds in an exhibition match. Team points Anaconda came out on top with forfeits from Broadwater in weight classes 103-132.

The Copper Shamrock will once again be residing in Anaconda. Broadwater will be hosting this event next wrestling season and hopefully, we will be able to showcase the Copper Shamrock and keep it in Townsend!



Emily Bird, Luci Horne, and Havyn Vandenacre Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

Emily Bird has officially signed with MSU Northern to play volleyball with the plan to major in Agricultural Operation Technology. MSU Northern spoke to her because of the agricultural base and the supportive community that is similar to that of Townsend. Playing volleyball at Northern will fulfill her lifelong dream, and she cannot wait to go through with this opportunity. "None of this would be possible without the support I have received from my friends, family, coaches, and community..." Emily stated, "I owe my success to my team!"

Luci Horne signed with Carroll College to play volleyball with the desire to major in mathematics. She chose Carroll "because it feels like a giant family who supports everyone in it," she grew up around Carroll so she is already familiar with the college and the community surrounding it. It is similar to Townsend and she cannot wait to pour her talent toward Carroll College. In this next chapter of her life, she is terrified of having to learn to cook on her own, but through this experience of college (and learning how to cook) she Teacher PIR - NO SCHOOL 3:00PM HSBB vs Ennis - Senior Night

Feb 10

10:00AM MSBBB vs Manhattan

Feb 11

1:30PM DUI Task Force Super Bowl Party at Stage Gym



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# Three Forks School Calendar

Feb Fr - Feb 3
HS Wrestling Divisionals @ Hardin
Feb 5
4:00 PM - MS Boys Basketball vs Townsend
Feb 6
HS FCCLA Meeting Lunchtime
4:00 PM - MS Boys Basketball @ Livingston
Feb 7
MS FCCLA meeting @ lunch
Ski Trip - 7th grade.
Feb 8
3:00 PM - HS Basketball vs Lone Peak (senior night) 3 pm
9:00AM - Montana Shakespeare in the Park at TFES Gym

12:20pm NHS Meeting Lunch break - Lg Conf Rm

Feb 9 - Feb 10

HS Wrestling State @ Metra Billings

Feb 9

3:00PM - HS Basketball @ Manhattan



8:00am Broadwater Rod and Gun Club: Basic Pistol Course at Broadwater Rod and Gun Club

6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

BRGC Basic Pistol Course SEE AD ON PAGE 11

### February 14, We\_

### Broadwater (õunty Government (älendar

### February 5, Mo

11:00am: Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building

2:00 pm: Planning Board Regular Meeting at Flynn Building

2:00 pm: Public Project Briefings with Bill Jarocki at Flynn Building

### February 7, We

3:00 pm: Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building

### February 8, Th

:30pm Public Hearing on the Draft Update to the City of Townsend Subdivision Regulations





# JIBRARY 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

# AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM WIND DOWN

### Steve Ferriter RMDC Community Outreach Coordinator

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

The ACP's funding is nearing completion and the program has not been renewed by Congress. New applications must be received on or before February 7, 2024. Awarded benefits will continue until program funding is gone. For more information including application instructions visit http://www.fcc.gov/acp.

# HIGHWAY 284 TO RECEIVE OVERLAY

### MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Highway 284 has been in bad shape for years.

The Montana State Highway Department (MDOT) has repeatedly filled the cracks. Broadwater County Commissioners have received an agreement for the highway department to chip and seal the highway from the flashing light where the highway meets Highway 12 East to the Broadwater County border on the east side of Canyon Ferry Reservoir. The two-lane state highway is 26.5 miles long.

Public Works Supervisor TJ Graveley presented a construction agreement to finally repair the roadway cracks with a filler, referred to as MASTEK. The agreement with MDOT, the Federal Highway Administration and Broadwater County was approved by the Commissioners at their regular meeting on January 24. The agreement will include crack repair, chip and seal overlay, and replacement of delineators and signage. The time frame for the job to start is this spring or summer.

"The road base is good," according to Graveley,"



STOKE Valentine Dinner SEE AD ON PAGE 11

### February 18, Su<sub>-</sub>

Sweetheart Dinner at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut SEE PAGE 11 FOR RESERVATION DETAILS

### February 22, Th<sub>-</sub>

6:00 - 7:00 pm Medicare 101: A Free Educational Seminar at Reading Leaves, 401 Broadway in Townsend **(TO RSVP: SEE** LEYLAND INSURANCE AD ON PAGE 10)

#### February 24, Sa \_

FFA- Ag Appreciation Dinner **DETAILS ON PAGE 4** BRGC Basic Pistol Course **SEE AD ON PAGE 11** 



### February 2, Fr

1:00 PM Three Forks Library - Lego Club

### February 3, Sa

11:00 AM: Three Forks Library - Chess Club

### February 6, Su

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

### February 7, Mo\_

5:15 PM Three Forks Community Library Board Meeting at Three Forks Community Library

### February 8, Tu

10:00 AM Three Forks Library - Story Time 5:00 PM Public comment period ends for FEMA's notice regarding the Jefferson River Flood Mitigation Project at City Hall 6:00 PM Three Forks Music Night with www.twang at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

### February 9, Fr

2:00 PM Three Forks Library - Crafternoon Cricut Machine; Must RSVP

February 10, Sa \_

Three Forks Library CLOSED

#### February 16, Fr

6:00PM First EMR Class in Series SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS

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

# OLD BLADY ADULT EDUCATION SET FOR A COMEBACK IN SPRING OF 2024

Audrey Martin Adult Education and Facilities Director

Audrey Martin, the newly hired Adult Education and Facilities Director for the Townsend school district, says that Old Baldy Adult Education is set to restart in February 2024

"Participants will see many of their favorite classes from book club, gardening, industrial arts, and new things. We hope to add some family classes on budgeting, driver's safety, and CPR," Martin states.

Also, this spring, there will be an online library of community resources for classes that residents can take or attend at leisure. "We are hoping to expand the adult education program to offer online options for community members to do at home or by utilizing technology at our library".

There is still time if you are interested in presenting a class or have an idea for a great class you want to see. Please contact Audrey Martin at 406-281-3533 or amartin@townsend.k12.mt.us so the chip seal should last another 10 to 15 years."

Bids will be left for the Old Town Bridge West replacement as the commissioners voted to approve accepting a \$750,000 grant for a contract from the Montana Department of Commerce Coal Endowment Program. The board also approved payment for Old Town West beams to Rinker Materials of Atlanta, Georgia for \$329,904. Both Old Town Bridges are located in Gallatin County. Broadwater agreed to partner with Gallatin to replace the bridges because access to Broadwater County residents is critical to safety.

Commissioners reappointed several people to county boards including Steven McCullough and Al Christopherson to the Broadwater Trust Board, Victor Sample to the Broadband Advisory Board and Robert Bargatze to the Airport Board. Adam Six resigned from his position with the Broadband Advisory Board.

Commissioners also appointed a fifth member to a three-year term on the Solid Waste Board. Supervisor Graveley presented a letter of interest from Doug Jones who works in Bozeman and lives on Highway 284. Jones will serve in the position temporarily held by Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer.

During public comment, Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser gave a detailed description of a two-car accident near Winston on January 18 which involved a patrol car. He said he would be needing a new patrol car since the patrol unit was hit head-on by the driver in the second car. The deputy sustained minor injuries. The other driver died in the accident.



### Drama Champions, 1

three judges a piece. Scores from all rounds and all had to rework their "Alice in Wonderland" piece with judges are totaled to determine the winner of each event. a new Mad Hatter and amazingly, were still able to

her teammates Nykia Mondragon and Noah Borror



The Southern Division represented well at state in the Humorous Theater category with five of the eight finalists.

Historically, a strong event for the Bulldogs, Townsend was able to place two in the top four. "Kev Burger" about a bad date night, featuring Riley Rauser, Logan Barkhurst, Aidan Easter & Jenna Mainwaring won 4th place.

The Dramatic Theatre piece by Jazlyn Martin, Haylie Reinke, Melania Lambott and Sarah Morgan which earned them a **Divisional Championship** gained them 5th place medals. It is titled "I Was There" and is an emotional take on a school shooting.

The Bulldogs had three Senior entries in the Solo events, two humorous and one dramatic. Caleb LeLacheur's "Lifetime Achievement" and Jasmine Thomas's "21 Ways to Get 2023-2024 B STATE

last five years! An amazing task, magnified by two

additional second-place trophies in the last seven years.

Coaches Denise Bakkum and Allie Lampman Photo Credits: MT43 News

Coaches Denise Bakkum and Allie Lampman have endless enthusiasm for this sport and their hard work and dedication to it has resulted in something of a dynasty here in Townsend. This 2023-2024 team brought home the team Class B Drama Trophy from every meet they competed in this season, in addition to winning ten event titles at those meets.

Congratulations Bulldogs!





Graduating Seniors Back Row: Trista Moos, Riley Rauser, Aidan Easter, Caleb LeLacheur Front Row: Jasmine Thomas, Havyn Vandenacre, Melanie Lambott Photo Credits: MT43 News

Second-place medals were awarded to two drama entries, as well as, a speech entry. Havyn Vandenacre & Kyla Meissner followed up their Divisional Championship in Humorous Theater with a second-place finish at state. Their hilarious "Bad Auditions by Bad Actors" about casting Romeo and Juliet will elicit giggles, while Hannah Hall's entry in Dramatic Solo will leave you in tears and devastated. Her emotional portrayal of a babysitter titled "My Name is Amy" also earned a second-place medal at state.

Lexi Davies's Original Oratory about baking is as delightful as it is informative and merited a 2nd place standing at state. She certainly peaked at the right moment with her best finish of the season.

entry titled "Stubborn Cow" in which a farmer is depicted fulfilling her morning chores including, you guessed it, milking. Bella's sister, Scarlett McDaniel, had to leave the competition early due to illness. Therefore,

Detention" merited 5th and 7th positions, respectively in Humorous Solo. "Monologue 150" was a popular choice among Dramatic Solo contestants and Trista Moos's rendition netted her 8th at state.

Townsend's smaller speech team was led by Lexi Davies aforementioned 2nd place finish in OO. Also, competing for the Bulldogs were Freshmen Angel Sentinella and Kayley Connor, both in Humorous Oral Interpretation (HOI).

Speech events do not allow costumes or props and competitors are expected to wear professional attire; more specifically, HOI presenters read prose, poetry, or song lyrics in a humorous fashion.

Angel Sentinella presented "Math Curse" and Arabella McDaniel brought home 3rd with her Mime Kayley Conner performed "Paperbag Princess" during the preliminary rounds, but just missed qualifying for the semi-finals.

> The Broadwater Bulldogs have now won the team Class B State Drama Championship four out of the



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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.

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROAD-WATER 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 & amp; ESTATE PLANNING PLLC Attorney for Personal Corepresentatives

Printed January 26, February 2 and 9, 2024

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### MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LEONA GRACE HARRIS, Deceased. Probate No. DP-2024-02

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Darrell L. Harris 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.

/s/ Darrell L. Harris

739 8th Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601

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Steven Barnes had a Change of Plea on two counts of criminal endangerment. He pled Guilty, citing the Alford Plea (meaning given the evidence, a jury would probably find him guilty.) In his elocution, he stated that he had sexual contact with a minor. He must have a psycho-sexual evaluation. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. He will be sentenced on March 22, 2024.

# JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2ND, 2024

Kelsi Anderson Justice Court Clerk

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Ian Taylor, Helena: night speed \$70.00 Cody Stanford, Boulder: restricted speed \$85.00 Heather Macdonald, Three Forks: No insurance - 1st offense \$285.00, Expired registration \$85.00 Kyle Marquis, Lincoln: day speed \$20.00 Bodie Mayhan, Cutbank: night speed \$20.00 Toby Lambert, Billings: night speed \$70.00 Michael Wick, Billings: night speed \$20.00 Alexis Hastings, Havre: night speed \$120.00 Peter Krainacker, Helena: day speed \$120.00 Martin Kleinsasser, Townsend: day speed \$20.00 Gage Garrison, Townsend: day speed \$20.00 Victor Gomez-Zopiyactle, Belgrade: driving without a valid license \$135.00, No insurance-1st offense \$275.00, Careless driving \$75.00 Robert Bonnell, Elliston: night speed \$20.00

Dylen Atchison, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00 Gregory Ferguson, Helena: expired registration \$85.00 Shay Di Napoli, Bozeman: night speed \$40.00

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Michael Larson – Townsend – speeding on a noninterstate-day speed of limit of 70 MPH, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine.

### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Leslie King, Marlette, MI: violation of commission orders or rules \$135.00

### BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Alexandria Miles, Puyallup, WA: night speed \$20.00 James Lund, Helena: night speed \$20.00 James Poe, Billings: expired registration \$85.00, No insurance -1st offense \$285.00 Richard Proul, Helena: night speed \$70.00 Hamm pointed out two reasons for Broadwater County voters to support him in the upcoming election: One is about bringing faster broadband to the county. He said so far we have no common carrier agreements to lay optic fiber because the area has already been granted to Space X's Starlink services by the federal government.

The federal government can and has rescinded those grants and could reallocate them to fiber builders. He continued the federal government has "all the pieces" to build broadband infrastructure and then could allocate funding to communities so they could choose their own servers. "That's what should be happening," he concluded.

The second reason for Broadwater County voter support is around the issue of services for veterans. "The Veterans'Administration (VA) should be proactive with services," he said, "VA people should be talking to each veteran asking him or her – what do you need."

# CONGRESSMAN ROSENDALE FIRES UP BROADWATER REPUBLICANS

### MT43 News Staff Reporter

Republican Matt Rosendale, Montana's District 2 representative in the U.S. House, came to Townsend on Saturday, January 27 for an invitation-only election fundraising breakfast. But he left it unclear whether he is running for election to a third term in the House or for the U.S. Senate.



Montana Congressman Matt Rosendale, U.S. Representative Matt Gaetz of Florida and Broadwater County Republican Central Committee Chairman Ed Regan. Photo Credits: MT43 News

In response to a question, Rosendale said he has seen "overwhelming support" from Montana Republicans to run for the Senate. That will heavily influence his decision, he told the gathering of about 50 GOP stalwarts in the backroom of the Mint.

He was flanked by U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida. Both are members of the House Freedom Caucus, a group of some 50 congressmen and women. They were introduced by Broadwater Republican Central Committee Chairman Ed Regan. Rosendale is viewed as an easy favorite to win reelection in the heavily Republican district, which covers about the eastern two-thirds of the state. If he runs for the Senate, he will face an expected financial campaign bloodbath in a primary election battle against Belgrade businessman Tim Sheehy. The GOP nominee will face veteran Democrat Sen. Jon Tester in the general election. Gaetz displayed his talents as an orator. He and Rosendale touted their positions on the southern border crisis, deficit spending and other issues. Rosendale mentioned "giving back power to the people," and referred to the January 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. "Probably some of you were there that day," he suggested as he surveyed the crowd. Much of the current administration's immigration policies can be blamed on the millions of dollars being given to nongovernmental organizations that encourage poor countries to send their overpopulations to our border, according to Gaetz. "It's your taxpayer dollars paying for the disaster at the border," he said. Both men said they had visited the Southern border and seen firsthand the number of migrants entering the country. "In December of 2023, 300,000 migrants from 165 different nations entered our country," Rosendale said.

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Dee Gannon MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Chris Abbott's courtroom on Friday, January 26 is as follows:

Margaret Austin appeared by Zoom for a Change of Plea, pleading Guilty to charges of a 4th DUI, a felony. In her elocution, she stated that she drove while drunk in Broadwater County; and that she has three prior convictions of DUI. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. She will be sentenced on March 22, 2024.

Ian Blaylock had his Evidentiary Hearing continued. Vivian Cooper appeared by Zoom for Sentencing on a charge of criminal endangerment, a felony. She receives a 4-year deferred Sentence, with conditions. She must comply with and continue to follow the suggestions and instructions of her mental health professional. She must be screened for, and complete, an anger management or violent behavior class as approved by Adult Probation and Parole.

Julie Humphries entered a Change of Plea pleading No Contest to two counts of criminal endangerment, a felony. Her case is under review by the Department of Public Health and Human Services; where they have appointed Dr. Kersh, to address Humphries' severe mental health issues. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered; as well as a Pre-Sentence mental health evaluation. She will be sentenced on March 22, 2024.

Kyle Mostad appeared for an Admit/Deny Hearing; addressing charges of Reports of Violation on a four-year deferred Sentence. He denied that he 1) violated his firearm condition and 2) failed to remain law-abiding. His Evidentiary Hearing will be on March 22.

Cassandra Washington has continued her Change of Plea until February 16, 2024.

# **ELECTION** IGHLIGHT HELENA MAN FILES FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Kevin Hamm, age 51, has filed to run for the Eastern District seat of the U.S. House of Representatives. He spoke at a Broadwater Democrats meeting on January 23 at the backroom of the Mint.

Hamm, who has no experience in government,

has a small internet technology business and is active in the Montana Gay Pride organization. A graduate of Capitol High School, he attended Four Georgians Grade School and attended Montana State University. He ran for the Public Service Commission in 2022

but lost to John Reptke.

In a January 25 interview in Helena, Hamm contended he feels he can win the primary seat because he is very familiar with policy. Hamm worked around the legislature in 2014 so he said running for office means the candidate must be accessible to the voters. "I need to be able to get out and talk to people so we can find common ground," he explained.

Hamm referred to running for office as acting in a show. He has been on stage for 26 years in theater, "I know I can maintain the show and still talk policy," he said.



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Kevin Hamm

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### Water Study, 1

the two entities could need as much as 60,000 acre-feet of water — leaving a gap of about 40,000 acre-feet. Large quantities of water are measured by acre-feet, or how much water it would take to cover an acre of land in a foot of water.

Bozeman City Engineer Shawn Kohtz said during a city commission meeting this week that 1,000 acre-feet serves about 3,500 to 4,000 homes.

The gap for Bozeman specifically is projected to account for about 15,000 acre-feet of the 40,000 acre-feet total expected gap.

The study also looked at building a regional wastewater system along with a regional water system. Doing both could cost anywhere between \$1.4 and \$5.7 billion and require buy-in from regional partners, the state and federal governments — and would take years to build.

The city is nowhere close to deciding whether to build such a pipeline, Kohtz emphasized, but instead is working on a slew of shorter and intermediate-term solutions, like the water conservation plan passed in 2023, exploring groundwater resources and increasing water storage capacities.

But, the Gallatin Valley's water resources are limited, Kohtz said during the commission meeting.

It is in a closed basin, meaning there are no additional surface water rights available to be obtained — the city can only acquire more by purchasing existing rights. It's also at the "headwaters of the headwaters," meaning there are no significant sources of water upstream of the Bozeman area.

Another big driver of the conversation is climate change, and the expected impacts of a warming climate on the area's water supply. Warmer and drier winters mean less snow, and less snowmelt to feed the city's water supplies in Hyalite Reservoir, Sourdough Canyon and Lyman Spring, officials said.

"Our water system is vulnerable, not because of the tensions on it, but because of climate and wildfire," City Manager Jeff Mihelich said.

Kohtz emphasized the idea of building a pipeline from Canyon Ferry is very preliminary.

"If we're going to take steps toward a project like this, we have to be thinking about it well in advance," Kohtz said. "So that's why we're thinking about this now, because at the time we would get a project online, that's when we would need the water."

Canyon Ferry is looked to as a possible solution because the reservoir has about two million acre-feet of water storage available and 300,000 water feet of available surface water rights available for municipal use.

"When we think about where you could get a meaningful volume of water, (Canyon Ferry) is a long distance away, but it's not out of line with other regional concepts that have been developed," consultant Nate Weisenburger said during the city meeting.

Weisenburger also noted that a lot of water could be returned to Canyon Ferry through water reclamation efforts and wastewater discharge.

# COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2024

### Melinda Banks Administrative Assistant

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## BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 515 Broadway, Townsend

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Monday, February 5, 2024

**11:00 AM** Working Meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, February 7, 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, Nick Rauser, Broadwater County Sheriff, Vehicle Replacement Order

**10:05 AM** Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Many Rivers Whole Health Lease Agreement and Business Contract with Broadwater County

**10:15 AM** Discussion/Decision, Telecom Assessment Interlocal Agreement with TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System)/Interlocal Agreement, Region 8 Education Service Center

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, By-Laws/Appoint-

- Fair Board Meeting on February 8th at 7 PM
- Parks and Rec Board Meeting on February 12th at 6 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on February 13th at 11:30 AM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on February 13th at 6 PM
- Mental Health LAC Meeting on February 14th at 2 PM
- COUNTY OFFICES ARE CLOSED FEBRUARY 19TH
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on February 20th at 6 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on February 21st at 6 PM

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

# TREATMENT AND RECLAIMED WATER REUSE IN THREE FORKS, MONTANA

David Sigler President Headwaters Utility Association

Three Forks, Montana – January 22, 2024

The Headwaters Utility Association (HUA) is pleased to announce the opening of its groundbreaking wastewater treatment facility at the intersection of Interstate 90 and Highway 287. Since its launch in March 2023, this fully operational facility has become the first of its kind in Montana to incorporate reclaimed water reuse as a key component of its innovative approach to wastewater treatment along with water conservation.

At the core of the treatment plant lies a modular and scalable Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) system, which combines a microfiltration membrane unit with a suspended growth bioreactor. Widely adopted in municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plants across the nation, this cutting-edge technology ensures highly effective treatment while maximizing operational efficiency.

The HUA's MBR system surpasses conventional wastewater treatment methods and by doing so transforms wastewater into a reusable non-potable water source. This transformative process not only reduces environmental impact but also achieves remarkable water conservation. By reusing treated wastewater for irrigation, toilets, and fire suppression systems, the HUA is set to save tens of thousands of gallons of potable water per day. Additionally, the biologically activated sludge generated during the treatment process is effectively pressed and repurposed as compost, resulting in a zero-waste system. The HUA is proud to offer these advanced wastewater treatment and reclaimed water reuse services to Bridger Brewing Company, demonstrating the association's commitment to supporting local businesses. Additionally, the HUA will soon begin servicing the new Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) rest area, located near the intersection of I90 and Hwy 287. These services will make this rest area the first of its kind in Montana conserving thousands of gallons of fresh water and generating zero waste as it essentially operates on a closed-loop system. At present, the wastewater treatment facility operates at a fraction of its existing capacity and is easily expandable to accommodate future growth and an increasing demand for its services.

Loose concept plans include 60 miles of pipes between 54 to 72 inches in diameter pumping water, Weisenburger said.

The pipe would have to traverse some elevation before coming back down into the Gallatin Valley, Weisenburger said.

"We're probably talking about a project that will take several years, if not decades," Weisenburger said.

When it comes to wastewater, Kohtz said a regional system could result in less septic wells, which he said would have an environmental benefit.

During their meeting, Bozeman commissioners largely said it was too early in the process, with too many unknowns, to start a specific public engagement process about the pipeline idea, but that the city should continue exploring the idea with partners in the region.

Kohtz said a regional water authority would be needed to get a project like this off the ground.

But Belgrade City Manager Neil Cardwell said Thursday the city of Belgrade was not open to joining such an authority at this point.

Cardwell said they wouldn't take supporting the idea of a pipeline completely off the table, but said they would look at it only as one possible solution as part of a more holistic approach for Belgrade's water supplies.

Cardwell said they would want to continue to be involved in regional discussions on the topic though.

"It's pretty premature for Belgrade to want to get behind an idea like this that hasn't been fully fleshed out, when we believe that there is definitely a lot more ideas to continue to study and look into before we formulate what our strategy is for the next 10, 20, 50 years," Cardwell said.



ment Approvals for Various County Boards (Mental Health LAC Board, Broadband Advisory Board, City/ County Parks & Rec Board)

**10:25 AM** Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Service Agreement 4H Livestock Pavilion/Green Source Electric

**3:00 PM** Working Meeting with Deputy County Attorney, Kay Minor, regarding projects and deadlines.

#### Thursday, February 8, 2024

**11:00 AM** Working Meeting with Bill Malone and Ken Burg, Website Vendor Review & Discussion

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

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

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

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

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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
- Regular Planning Board Meeting on February 5th at 2 PM

#### Quotes:

"By incorporating reclaimed water reuse, we are setting a new standard for environmental conservation and sustainable water use in Montana. We are excited about the positive impact our services will have on the local community and how it may influence future projects across our state. Our modular MBR system showcases our commitment to scalable and adaptable solutions. As the demand for sustainable wastewater treatment and water reuse grows, the Headwaters Utility Association is well-prepared to expand its operations and provide cutting-edge services to meet the evolving needs of our customers." David Sigler, President of the Headwaters Utility Association.

"Broadwater County is excited to be leading the way with the first of its kind wastewater treatment facility that includes a net zero wastewater discharge combined with reclaimed water reuse. This system is a testament to our hard-working, innovative Montana community, and expect it to be a catalyst for economic growth in south Broadwater County for years to come. Congratulations to the Headwaters Utility Association Team and thank you for all of your efforts." Darrel Folkvord, Broadwater County Commissioner.



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### **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 Last Thursday of the month: 6:30-8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study

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.



Chicken and Rice

Whole Grain Bread

Mandarin Oranges

Chicken Fried Steak

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Whole Grain Bread

The Townsend Pinoch-

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Casserole

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Friday, February 9

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**Tossed Salad** 

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SR. CENTER MEALS: FEB 5 - FEB

516 2nd Street, Townsend MT

Monday, February 5 Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles German Vegetables Carrot Raisin Salad Whole Grain Bread Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, February 6 **BBQ** Pork Ribs Corn Bread **Baked Beans** Crisp Coleslaw Apple sauce

Wednesday, February 7 Carol's Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Garden Salad Golden Corn Whole Grain Bread **Plump Peaches** 

> JOIN THE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CONVERSATION

### Allison Kosto

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MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



munity where the childcare supply meets less than a third of the potential demand. Recently, we had a local business expand to add a new childcare facility, the Preschool on Broadway. This is a wonderful addition to the community, and it has nearly doubled the current childcare capacity. However, a recent survey shows that there is still a major need for childcare especially for providers with expanded hours, summer care and infant services.

provided free of charge. All participants will be entered into a prize drawing for local gift cards. In addition to looking at the data, the purpose of the meeting is to gather community-driven ideas to form an action plan to increase the capacity of childcare in our community. This is a dynamic issue that not only affects families but also has a direct impact on local businesses for employee recruitment and retention.

As a working mother of three, I know firsthand the challenges of childcare in our community. However, I'm optimistic that we can find a solution. If you are interested in being involved with this effort, please contact me at MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.



# EMERGENCY TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED

With My Life?

Alice Miller Press Relations Specialist

Townsend

Montana Farmers Union (MFU) is partnering with local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to offer free emergency trainings addressing what to do while waiting for EMS to arrive in remote areas.

The first "Far Out and Waiting" hands-on workshop will be held 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Miles Community College, Room 106. Another workshop is planned for 6:30-8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, at the Garfield County Library in Jordan.

The Feb. 13 workshop will be led by Custer County EMS Director Sarah Young and focus on cardiac arrest, falls, stroke/diabetic emergency, seizure, allergic reaction, and bleeding control. The Feb. 23 workshop will cover similar topics.

Additional trainings in Eastern Montana will take place in the coming months, with details coming soon.

"I hope that these trainings will empower and educate producers so that they can save a life," said MFU Membership Ambassador Eleanor Dutton, who is coordinating several of the trainings in the next few months for Eastern Montana.

Dutton said the trainings will help producers bridge the time gap between injury and medical support that exists simply because of Montana's vast geography.

"When I first moved to Rosebud County, I did not quite understand just how large the county is. Five thousand miles is larger than the three separate states of Rhode Island, Connecticut and Delaware. My husband is a deputy sheriff and would tell me about working with the Rosebud County EMS crew, their travel times, and how difficult it was to get out to the more remote places in the county," Dutton said. Many farmers and ranchers live and work in the remotest places and they are at high risk of injuries. According to the CDC, agriculture ranks among the most hazardous industries and is one of the few industries in which family members are also at risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries. "For rural communities, there is a momentous need for experienced, able-bodied service providers. If producers are able to assist in an emergency by controlling the bleeding or keeping the patient breathing until help arrives, that is a huge win," Dutton said. Participants can expect to learn from EMS instructors about cardiac arrest, heart attack, falls, stroke/diabetic emergency, seizure, bleeding control, allergic reactions and concussions. Custer County EMS Director Sarah Young will facilitate the training on Feb. 13. "I am thrilled the MFU can partner with EMS crews to help producers and rural communities," Dutton said, adding the events are free and open to the community. To learn more about the Feb. 13 event and other upcoming trainings, visit www.montanafarmersunion. com.



### 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

### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners. PSALM 146: 5-7 20



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A local community group has been meeting since last summer to explore this issue and possible solutions. This diverse group of individuals includes parents, government officials, school administrators, and childcare providers. The group was selected to be part of a cohort through Zero to Five Montana's Child Care Business Connect's community childcare capacity-building program. This has opened the door to additional resources to allow the group to further its mission.

Recently, the group completed a family survey to assess current childcare use in the community and needs. A majority of survey respondents ranked the availability of childcare in Broadwater County as either very poor (54%) or poor (28%). Only 12% of respondents ranked Broadwater County fair or good for the availability of childcare. However, respondents did feel the quality of existing childcare providers was adequate with 36% ranking them as good or very good quality and 32% ranking them as fair.

The survey went further to look at the current needs. Of the survey respondents, 33.3% need full-time childcare for one or more children. However, 71.7% need care part-time care for half days, partial week or a combination. The survey also inquired about school-aged children which felt appropriate with the school's transition to a 4-day school week. Of the survey respondents, 44.4% need after-school care, 43.2% need fifth-day care, and 64.4% need summer care.

Another key finding was that there is a major need for expanded hours. Of the survey respondents, 20% need care to start before 7:00 am and 42.2% need care to start before 8:00 am. Similar results were found for the end of the day with 42.2% of families needing to pick up their children at 6:00 pm or later. Currently, there are no childcare providers in Broadwater County that stay open this late or start before 7:30 am.

This is just a snapshot of the data from the survey. If you are interested in seeing the full survey results, please join the community childcare conversation at a public meeting on Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 pm at The Lodge of Townsend. Childcare and dinner are RSVP to Dutton at 406-201-5478 or edutton@ montanafarmersunion.com.



# **BITUARIES**

### **CAROLYN J. ANDERSON**

### Family of Carolyn J. Anderson

Carolyn J. (Quinn) Anderson, 85, died on January 18, 2024 at Brethren Care Village in Ashland, Ohio.

She was in the constant presence of many family members and friends for many days prior, and was with one of her sons when she passed quietly, and peacefully in the early morning of the



Carolyn J. Anderson Photo Credits: Family of Carolyn J. Anderson

18th. She had just recently been diagnosed with a very aggressive and fast moving form of cancer in December.

Per her wishes, there will be no funeral, with half her ashes to be buried with her late daughter Christina Lynn Newcomb in Brinkhaven, Ohio, and the other half buried with her late husband Gerry in Townsend, Montana.

Carolyn was able to enjoy a very happy and joyous 85th Birthday party in her honor on January 10th, with family coming from all over the U.S. to help her celebrate, including Florida, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Iowa, North Dakota and Alaska.

Carolyn J. Quinn was born on January 10, 1939 in Tampa, Florida. She attended school in Ashland, Ohio, and in Florida during the winter when her parents, Dan and Maxine Quinn, would relocate part of the family business, (Willo' Dell Nursery), south for the winter months. She was very fortunate in her youth to travel extensively, and also to attend trade conventions with her parents, and little brother "Danny".

After high school, Carolyn married John D. Newcomb. John and Carolyn had four children together, Christina, Scott, Mark and Bryon. They built their family home together on Paradise Hill Road in Ashland where they lived for many years, until divorcing in 1971.

Carolyn relocated to Naples, Florida where she worked at a law firm that had one or two other "Carolyns" on staff, and she picked up the nickname of "Kelly" to help tell everyone apart, and the nickname stuck!

It was in Naples that she met, and later married Gerald "Gerry" Anderson. Gerry's son Todd joined them, and Todd became Carolyn's fourth son, who she helped raise as her own. Carolyn and Gerry were always up for the next adventure. That adventurous spirit and their work eventually led them to live and work in Naples, Florida; Cripple Creek, Colorado; Wasilla and Big Lake, Alaska; East Helena, Montana; and finally in Townsend, Montana.

and his wife Kaye from Iowa. She truly treasured every moment she was able to spend with all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Carolyn is survived by her sons Scott (Cheryl) Newcomb of North Dakota and Naples, Florida; Mark (Sharon) Newcomb of Granville, Ohio; Bryon Newcomb of Burlington, Iowa; and Todd Anderson of Chugiak, Alaska. Grandchildren Heather (Jon) Downes, Travis (Jenny) Newcomb, Ashley (Luis) Campos, Cody (Sofia) Newcomb, Tim (Kaye) Newcomb, John Newcomb, David Newcomb, Dyllin (Heather) Anderson, Cherilyn Anderson and Strauder Anderson. Great Grandchildren Harley Newcomb, Jack, Will, and Quinn Downes, Natalie and Collin Newcomb; Brother Dan (Susie) Quinn, and niece Julie (Greg) Alberty.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her daughter Christina Lynn Newcomb, husband Gerry, special daughter-in-law Laurie Newcomb, and parents Dan and Maxine Quinn.

Our extended family want to give thanks to those who helped Carolyn in these hectic last weeks including the staff at University Hospital in Ashland, (especially the ER staff), the very attentive staff at Brethren Care, family friend Terry Morr, her many friends that have helped her along the way, and a very special thanks to Carolyn's life-long friends Dave and Kay Braden.

### ALBERT WINFIELD ARNOLD

#### Family of Albert Winfield Arnold

On January 26, 2024, Al (pop pop) Arnold passed away at home surrounded by his family following a lengthy illness. Although not ready to leave us, he knew his wife Donna was waiting for him on the other side. A reunion 15 years in the making. Al was 80 years old.

Al was born on March 18, 1943, and grew up



Photo Credits: Family of Albert Winfield Arnold

with his parents and siblings in Doylestown Pennsylvania. Following high school, he served his country in the Navy. Years later, he met the love of his life, Donna. Al and Donna were married in 1974. Following the birth of their son, they moved from Pennsylvania to Townsend Montana where they had three more children, all girls.

Al was a gifted carpenter, woodworker, storyteller and father. You will find Al's furniture designs be celebrating his life later this summer.

In lieu of flowers or donations, please send contributions Enhabit Home Health and Hospice, 2827 Airport Rd, Suite A, Helena MT 59601.

### JIMMIE RICHARD BAGLEY

#### Family of Jimmie Richard Bagley

Jimmie "Jim" Bagley, 81, passed away on January 16, 2024, at his home in Townsend, Montana.

Jim was born in Albany, Oregon, on August 14, 1942, the middle son of Alice Evelyn Brown and Beryl Gray Bagley. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother Robert Bagley.



Jimmie Richard Bagley Photo Credits: Family of Jimmie Richard Bagley

Jim spent his child-

hood growing up on a farm in Oregon's beautiful Willamette Valley. Although the family worked hard, they also enjoyed hunting and fishing so he developed a deep love and appreciation of the outdoors, which continued throughout his life.

He attended Oregon State University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Engineering. He started his career in that industry working for the Water Resources Board in Salem, Oregon, then later worked for an irrigation company in Madras, Oregon. In 1974, he moved to Townsend, Montana, where he worked for another irrigation company and then later created his own company, Treasure State Irrigation.

Jim carried such a deep connection with horses, and they became very central to his way of life. For decades he took great pride and joy in breeding, training, and producing high-quality registered American Quarter Horses, which have been sold throughout the United States. He creatively found a way to combine his passion for horses and the outdoors through big game hunting both for personal enjoyment and also as a paid guide.

In his later years, Jim became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He developed a strong relationship with his Savior and delighted in being of service. Most recently, Jim was called to serve in the White Sulphur Springs church as a member of the Branch Presidency there. Although severely weakened by his illness, he conducted the Sacrament Meeting on January 7th this year and bore his strong testimony to the congregation of the truths that he knew so firmly concerning the great Plan of Happiness, in which our Savior stands so preeminent. Jim truly believed in miracles due to multiple direct personal healing experiences. The family left behind include his brother, Jerry Bagley, his daughters, Teresa Maija and Lisa Svendsen, his five grandchildren (Zachary, Levi, John, Jack, and Lily), and his two great-grandchildren (Ella and Max). Funeral services are being provided by Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home. The funeral services will be held at the LDS Church at 916 Broadway Street in Townsend, Montana, on Saturday, February 3, 2024, beginning with Family Receiving Friends at 10:00 am and the service at 11:00 am. Interment will be at the Deep Creek Cemetery in Townsend, Montana. There will be a reception following the burial at the LDS Church. Please visit www. stevensonwilke.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Jim.

Albert Winfield Arnold

It was in Townsend where they built their dream home on the side of a mountain overlooking the headwaters of the Missouri River. While there, she enjoyed many happy visits by her Grandsons from North Dakota, John and David Newcomb, watching them grow up, and being a part of her life.

After many happy years there, Gerry passed away in August of 2017 at the age of 82.

A year or so after Gerry's passing, she and her constant companion Skye the dog, moved back to Ashland, Ohio. There, she was able to occasionally help with the family business at Willo' Dell Nursery again, whenever a bit of extra help was needed by her brother Dan or sister-in-law Susie. During the winter months, she was even able to live in the house where she grew up.

She still enjoyed traveling whenever she could. She traveled to Alaska with her daughter-in-law Cheryl Newcomb in 2021 where she was able to see her son Todd, her grandson Dyllin, and her new grandson Strauder. She also made her winter trips to Naples, Florida where she still enjoyed fast boat rides with her son Scott and brother Dan.

By far, her absolute favorite joys in life came from her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was fortunate to enjoy many family and school functions with her son Mark and daughter-in-law Sharon's family in Ohio, and never missed the family get togethers at Mark and Sharon's cottage on Pleasant Hill Lake. She was also recently treated to a very fun and very special visit by one of her son Bryon's children, her grandson Tim scattered across the state of Montana to this day. Like Donna, his favorite things to do involved time with his family. Watching his children compete in sports, coaching youth baseball, weekend card games with friends, fishing and camping.

His laugh! If you know, you know. Many kitchen tables and living rooms were filled with hours of endless entertainment listening to Al's stories. They never got old. No matter how many times you had heard them before. He was giving to a fault. He gave even when he had nothing to give. He worked hard his entire life; until the day came, he no longer could. That day was well into his 70's. A brief obituary could never capture his amazing life.

Al was preceded in death by his parents Edward Arnold and Mary Offner Arnold, wife Donna Arnold, sisters Margaret (Peggy) Hoyt, Marie Somp and Cyndi Cals. He is survived by sisters Alice Rowland and Debbie Higgins, brother Don Arnold and children Eric (Georgia) Arnold, Erin (Tyson) Sweat, Corrie (Doug) Held and Cyndi Arnold. He is also survived by his 13 grandchildren. Will, Easton, Tessa and Katie Held; Emma and Jana Huffman; Michael Helmick, Ethan and AJ Osterhout; Brady, Natalie, Lilly and Maggie Arnold; and great grandchildren Kaedyn, Knox and Logan. He was Uncle Winnie to many nieces and nephews.

Our family would like to extend a special thank you to the VA in Helena. Our dad felt so cared for while there and appreciated every person he encountered. The staff at Enhabit Home Health and Hospice of Helena. Especially Dana and Jessica. Dana saw us through one of the hardest times of our lives and we are forever grateful. Finally, Dr. Anderson at Benefis Healthcare who he thought the world of. The kindness of strangers allowed us to bring our dad home prior to his passing.

Cremation has already taken place. Al requested that he not have a service. His one request was granted. To be joined with Donna again. We will





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### MT 43 News



### **FEBRUARY 1**

### 1912

#### Local Briefs

Mrs. Sidney arrived home Friday from Helena where she has been visiting with friends.

Mrs. Keith's daughter of Winston visited here last week.

Elmer Williams, the Radersburg druggist, spent Monday and Tuesday in Townsend.

Peter J. Meloy has moved his household goods from the ranch to Townsend and will now be at home in his former residence.

Mike Gurnett, the assessor of Fergus County, has been visiting relatives and friends here this week.

About 70 couples attended the dance at the auditorium Monday night.

#### 1940

### Social

Several ski parties were held in Deep Creek canyon Sunday. The snow was good and the temperature warm and what could be better than a romp in the snow. This was the way several parties felt last Sunday when they took to the hills with sleds and skis.

At the Shaw camp Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Broderick, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Graveley and Mrs. and Mrs. D.L. Hollaway had a supper party after an afternoon out.

At Rillway camp, Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Hollaway, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Sweeney, Mrs. Cora Poole, Miss Ann Novotny and Miss Vie Bydeley enjoyed a Dutch oven dinner cooked in the big open fireplace and games of Zion Check, after practicing skiing and tobogganing on Hay Stack Bar in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Magruder and members of the Tony Petersen family were out to their camp and took in the snow festival all afternoon, as did a number of the younger townspeople in Slater Bowl, even though the ski tow is not operating yet.

Harold Slater and several young skiers started out early and made about a 10 mile ski trip in the mountains.

#### 1968

#### Three Numbers Win Prizes at Talent Show

Judges at the March of Dimes Talent Show Wednesday night didn't place contestants on first, second and third basis, but awarded three equal prizes of \$10 each to Karen Hudson for a reading, "The Waltz", Blue Ribbon 4-H Club for their skit "Grandmas and Grandpas" and to Jack Sautter for his solo, a medley of Jolson songs.

Ray Grossman was master of ceremonies for the show which had sixteen entries. Others besides the winners were: a skit sponsored by the Lutheran Church; piano solos by Wayne Hoffman, Velda Hensley and Marcia Moudree; reading by Andy Johnson; Methodist Choir and LDS choir; guitar number by four Crow Creek Valley boys; skit by Busy Fingers 4-H Club; solo by Mrs. Malcolm Henry; duet by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kirksey; patriotic reading by the Graveley girls and Mrs. Al Shindoll's baton twirlers.

Mrs. Bill Webb won the beef donated by Max Spatzierath. Wally Rauser, Chairman of the Broadwater County March of Dimes drive, wishes to thank all who assisted with the show. Approximately \$150 will be the net proceeds from the show to add to the MoD funds.

#### Win Silver Ribbon at Winter Fair

Karen, Scott and Nicolette Hudson each received a silver ribbon in the meat judging contest at the Winter Fair in Bozeman. Jan Kirscher of the meat judging team and members of the livestock judging team, composed of Shelli Iverson, Beth Meyer, Barbara Booher and Randy

Ferrat were snowed in and unable to attend the fair.

#### Crow Creek News

Deena Horne celebrated her fifth birthday when she invited a few little friends in for cake and ice cream Jan. 24. She received many nice gifts from Weston Toney, Rita and Ruby Johnson, Stephanie Bieber, Robbie Dundas and Karen Horne.

Patricia Dundas enjoyed her seventh birthday Saturday, Jan. 17 when her mother, Mrs. George Dundas, invited several of her little friends in to help her celebrate. They enjoyed sled riding in Radersburg and games at her home. Patricia opened many lovely gifts from Tommy Webb, Connie and Vickie Rauser, Loren and Christine Flynn, JoAnn Slifka, Ruth and Reba Johnson, Patricia Berberet, Valerie, Karen and Deena Horne, Roger, Terry, Bradley and Robbie Dundas. The guests were treated to lunch, ice cream and cake.

1996

#### Four Make HCT Dean's List

Michael Barrett, Jason Goodyear, Ryan Matson and Robin Stubbendeck, all of Townsend, earned places on the Helena College of Technology of the University of Montana dean's list for fall semester 1995. Each carried at least a 3.5 grade point average to earn the award.

#### Barron Honored as a Mason

Broadwater County resident Henry Barron was recently recognized for 40 years of service in the Masons. Brandon Lodge No. 114 of Brandon, Fla., awarded Barron a certificate in September to commemorate his four decades in the fraternal order.

#### Alley Honored at Dickinson

William Alley, Jr., of Townsend earned dean's list honors for fall semester at Dickinson State University. To make the list, Alley earned at least a 3.5 grade point average in 12 or more credit hours of class.



## **STEM OPPORTUNITIES:** NASA AND THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

### Shaun E. Scott

Ed.D. Associate Professor of Computer Science

In early January, Broadwater County resident Dr. Shaun Scott visited the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida as part of a group sponsored by the Montana Space Grant Consortium (MSGC). Dr. Scott is the MSGC representative at Carroll College where he is a Computer Science professor.

were female, it was great to see so many female students interested in pursuing STEM opportunities!

The trip focused on making STEM opportunities more visible to Montana students creating enthusiasm to pursue STEM education and careers. After this experience, students will act as MSGC Ambassadors giving presentations and promoting MSGC, NASA and STEM at their own colleges as well as across the state.

The trip was amazing! First watching a SpaceX Falcon 9 launch (from the car) was ... almost indescribable. Learning about the history of the Saturn V program, the space shuttle program with an up close and personal experience with Atlantis as well as seeing the Martian rovers and learning about continued Mars exploration at KSC was so interesting and exciting.

The MSGC group was also given a "behind the scenes" VIP tour where we toured the 52-story Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB), the crawler that carries the mobile



MSGC group that participated in the trip Photo Credits: Shaun Scott

A number of students from across the state also attended as did the MSGC Director, Dr. Angela Des Jardin. Many of the smaller colleges from across the state were represented including Stone Child, A'Aniiih Nakoda and Salish Kootenai Tribal colleges as well as UM, UM-Western, and MSU-Billings. The majority of students

SpaceX Falcon 9 and potential Starship launch sites just to name a few. My takeaway, everything is big, the engineering is the best in the world, the rockets, launch systems, assembly building, MLP, ...the engineering around everything is amazing! It's inspiring. I believe it truly gave all of the students the

launch platform (MLP) and rockets to the launch site, an on-site look at the

Artemis launch site as well

as a close drive by of the

sense that they can achieve and be successful in a STEM career, perhaps with NASA, perhaps with the many companies who partner with NASA such as SpaceX, Boeing, etc., regardless of which small town they come



Artimus launch site...which was also used for ALL shuttle missions as well as the Apollo missions. Photo Credits: Shaun Scott

from or their background! I think the students have been inspired to achieve!

Parents, students and kids of all ages, there are literally limitless opportunities stemming from a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education. Not only at NASA or their tech partners but also with the spinoffs that are applying space tech to solve challenges here on Earth.

To learn more, go to the MSGC site at https://spacegrant.montana.edu, for the KSC go to https://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/ and to learn more about NASA go to https://www.nasa.gov/.

Please contact me via email at sscott@carroll.edu if you are interested in learning more about STEM opportunities with MSGC, in Montana, ... or even if you just want to visit about the KSC.