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FFA UPDATE

Kaitlyn Noyes
FFA Correspondent

January 6th, 2024 - February 5th, 2024

Southwestern District Leadership Events:

Our LDE (Leadership Development Events) District FFA Competition was held in Townsend on January 26th, 2024. Broadwater FFA helped guide other teams



Southwestern District Leadership Events: Jacey Brunette
Photo Credit: Karsyn Sangray



Southwestern District Leadership Events: Left: Amanda Pesicka
Photo Credit: Karsyn Sangray

to their contests, serve lunch, help out judges, etc. Additionally, Broadwater FFA members competed in

the following contests:

Ag Sales- Kayla Kraft, Gavin Schmele, Ross MacDonald, Kaden Bruins

Creed Speaking- Jacey Brunette

FFA Update, 2

HORSE CREEK HILLS SUBDIVISION DEBATED IN DISTRICT COURT

Nancy Marks
Reporter



District Judge Michael McMahon expects to hand down his decision soon in the lawsuit opposing the development of the proposed Horse Creek Hills major subdivision on the eastern shore of Canyon Ferry Lake.

McMahon heard oral arguments in the case in Broadwater County District Court in Townsend on Friday, February 9. Following the hearing, he told the courtroom that he would have a decision within two weeks.

The four-phase development on 435 acres would create 39 residential lots and two commercial lots for a convenience store and gas station. The Broadwater County Commission approved the project's preliminary plat in July of 2022.

The lawsuit was filed in August 2022 by four area ranching families and Upper Missouri Waterkeeper, a

non-profit conservation organization based in Bozeman. The ranchers are Tanya and Toby Dundas, Sally and Bradley Dundas, Carole and Charles Plymale, and Cody McDaniel. Defendants are Broadwater County and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.



Upper Missouri River Waterkeepers attorney Guy Alsentzer makes his oral presentation to Judge Michael McMahon in Broadwater County District Court
Photo Credits: Nancy Marks

The plaintiffs claim that the county and the department failed to perform their respective duties to adequately consider impacts and protect water and land resources from degradation under Montana subdivision and water-use laws.

The courtroom was filled to capacity. Judge McMahon made it clear to the four attorneys who presented oral argument that he wanted no oral regurgitation of the many written briefs submitted since the lawsuit was filed.

The heart of the argument is how many domestic water wells are too many in a small area surrounded by agricultural land owned by people who have senior water rights. The subdivision also borders public lands. Subdivision developers are the Galt family of Meagher and Broadwater counties under the corporate name of the 71 Ranch.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: REESE WOLFGRAM

Mikayla Kraft
School Correspondent



When you think about the prominent seniors that are the face of Broadwater High School, Reese Wolfgram can be considered one of the most prominent. Reese is a shining light for all to see and is a prime example of where hard work can lead you. She has an amazing sense of style and an even greater personality.



Reese Wolfgram
Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

Reese has been a lifetime Montana resident and has lived in the small town of Townsend, MT for 8 years.

Senior Spotlight, 2

Senior Spotlight, 1

Her parents, Charis and Seth Wolfram, own Townsend Drug and Spirits and she has “an incredible little sister named Harper, who is a sophomore.” She has been greatly involved in “...Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field, and Wrestling as the manager...” She has also “been involved in many clubs: FCCLA, Student Council, National Honors Society, Youth Council, Principal’s Advisory Board, Interact, and Rotary.”

Out of all of these incredible sports and clubs, one sport stood out to Reese the most. Track and Field has impacted her the most and taught her to strive not only to win but to make progress every step of the way. When asked why she loved the sport, she stated that it “not only helps me to stay competitive for my progress but also contributes to the success of my team”.

Unfortunately, high school is coming to an end and all of the sports and clubs may be put behind her. However, there are brighter horizons around the corner and more opportunities that are sure to present themselves. After high school, Reese is excited to attend college at Montana Tech University to pursue a degree in Environmental Engineering. She chose this degree because of her love of the outdoors which was discovered after moving to Townsend. She hopes that “this passion will help [her] work hard for this degree”.

After college, Reese hopes to take everything she has learned from all of her years in high school and college to find a job that will not only lead her to, of course, be financially stable, but to also be enjoyable. As a result of achieving this job, she hopes to be able to find time to travel and do things she enjoys in her off time. When asked what she is going to miss about Townsend, Reese said, “I am going to miss my school and community for many reasons, but the most important one is the people. I have met many kind and helpful individuals over the years who have had a positive impact on my life. I am beyond thankful and I feel incredibly lucky to have been a part of such a caring community”.

Thank you Reese for being a Senior Spotlight. The community is incredibly blessed to have you as a community member. We all wish you the best and we cannot wait to see how far you go in life!



Eric Humphreys with an attempt to escape
Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

went all three rounds against Labrie losing by decision 6-9. The next round went about the same, battling back and forth with Eric never giving up the pin losing by decision 0-6. This was Humphreys' second year on the mat, and not once did he give up, battling to the bitter end. Eric plans to attend some wrestling camps over the summer to hone his skills, we cannot wait to see what the next season has in store for this kid.

FFA Update, 2

Here are the final standings of our teams:

Ag Sales- Team Placing: 9th
Creed Speaking- Placing: 7th



Alumni Bake Sale
Photo Credit: Taylor Noyes

Finally, a huge thank you to all of the community members who helped out during the day by judging events, helping out, serving lunch, etc. We couldn't have done it without each of you:

Allison Kosto, Andrew Arnold, Anthony Hernandez, Breanna Blain, Brett Wiensch, Caroline Dietz, Ciarrah Hebert, Claire Harris, Daniel Truesdell, Darlene Beck, Deb Arnold Edward, Elise Wilkins, Eric Sommer, Erin Stump, Faith Droszcz, Forest Chapman, Gary Olson, Hugh Braaten, Jason Noves, Jess Lancello, Jill Flynn, Jim Beck, Jim Sanion, John Ferrat, Kristen Swenson, Lorrie Vennes, Mary Duede, Melissa Kraft, Nikki Willoughby, Olivia Collins, Patrick Sandiland, Rick Arnold, Rick Naber, Samantha Ferrat, Sheri Heavrin, Cook Mansion, Steve Speicher, Sydney Morse, Todd Kitto, Trenton Braaten, Warren Flynn, Karen Noyes and to any others we might have missed!!!

Alumni Bake Sale:



Alumni Bake Sale
Photo Credit: Taylor Noyes

Cakes! Pies! Cookies! Items like these were all sold at the basketball game on February 2nd, 2024, to raise money for the FFA Alumni and supporters that help with state convention funds, lunch meetings, scholarships, etc. All were sold variously between a bake sale, private auctions, and live auctions during halftime and quarter breaks. Thank you to everyone who helped out throughout the auctions and bid and bought items! Additionally, we couldn't have done it without all those who donated items to be sold:

June Lee, Kaitlyn Noyes, Karen Noyes, Carmen Braaten, Rocky Top Bakery (Desiree Taves), Heidi Kool, Stacy Sommer, Missy Rauser, Debbie Clark, Tayla Snapp, Kristen Swenson, Pam Lambott, Valerie Hornsveld, Lisa Larson, Kay Kitto, Kathryn Six, Roxanne Six, Julianne Hill, Ellen Sanderson, Ashley Sanderson, Kayla Kraft, Cutie Cakes Bakery (Brandi Williams), Samantha Ferrat, Lynette Dyk, Britney Bancroft, Lexi Davies and to any others we might have missed!!!

DISTRICT 5B 2024

BASKETBALL BRACKETS

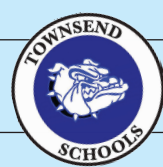
MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The 2024 5B District Basketball Brackets for both boys and girls can be viewed/downloaded at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/2024BBBrackets>

Townsend School Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Friday 16** NO SCHOOL
- Saturday 17** Little Guy Wrestling @ Townsend at Both gyms
8:00AM MSWR @ Butte
- Mon 19 - Sat 24** FFA WEEK
- Monday 19** NO SCHOOL- President's Day
FFA Spring Districts @ Harlowton
- Tuesday 20** 7:30AM - D/C College Writing at community room
4:30PM 3-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday 21** 6:00 PM - Old Baldy Adult Ed - Writing Professionally for Money at Library Classroom
7:00 PM - Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym
7:00 PM - Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym
7:30AM - D/C College Writing at community room
- Thursday 22** 7:30AM - D/C College Writing at community room
- Friday 23** 4:00PM MSWR @ Home
- Saturday 24** 5:00PM Ag Appreciation Dinner at Watson's Gym
Little Guy Wrestling-Townsend at Both BHS Gyms
MSWR @ Dillon



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Three Forks School Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Monday 19** NO SCHOOL- Presidents Day
- Tuesday 20** HS FCCLA meeting during Lunch
6:30 PM Board Meeting Lg Conf. Rm.
- Wednesday 21** MS FCCLA Mtg. @ Lunch break
- Thursday 22** Student Council Meeting @ Lunch



BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- Monday 19** 11:00am Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building
2:00pm Public Project Briefings with Bill Jarocki at Flynn Building
- Tuesday 20** 6:00pm Noxious Weed Board Meeting at Flynn Building
- Wednesday 21** 10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building
3:00pm Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building
6:00pm Airport Board Meeting at Flynn Building



LIBRARY HOURS

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

REGULAR HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm
Tuesday - 9:00am - 7:00pm
1st Saturday of the month: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit their website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

BROADWATER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

BULLDOG WRESTLING UPDATE

Becky Hunt
MT43 News Sports Correspondent

All-Class Montana State High School Wrestling Tournament

Billings First Interstate Arena

Broadwater High School had two competing for B/C Class State Wrestling.



Blake Wellenstein in a scramble with Plains, Drew Carey
Photo Credits: Becky Hunt

Senior Blake Wellenstein, wrestling at 138. Wellenstiens first bout was set against Plains wrestler, Drew Carey. Carey was seeded in the number one spot for Western coming into day 1 of the tournament. Wellenstein came off the whistle with a great shot and continued strong with a major upset win by fall at 56 seconds! Champ round two Blake lost by fall at 4 minutes and 10 seconds. This put Wellenstein into the consolation bracket where he lost by fall in the first period.

Junior, Eric Humphreys, wrestling at 170. Humphreys' first round was up against Kenan Labrie, Malta. Eric

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 16
 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

Saturday 17
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Sunday 18
 Sweetheart Dinner at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut
 FREE VISION CLINIC at TOSTON FIRE HALL
 STOKE Ski Club at Showdown Ski Area

Monday 19
 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 20
 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
 6:00pm Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway

Wednesday 21
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 22
 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 11)
 7:00pm AI-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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

Saturday 24
 CANCELLED: Broadwater Rod and Gun Club, Basic Pistol Course at Broadwater Rod and Gun Club- Rescheduled in March
 5:00pm Ag Appreciation Dinner at Watson's Event Center
SEE AD ON THIS PAGE
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Sunday 25
 STOKE Ski Club at Showdown Ski Area

Tuesday 27
 10:30AM Conservation Easements 101 at The Lodge
RSVP INFO ON NEXT PAGE

MARCH

Sunday 3
 FREE Family Fun Night at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut
SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 16
 1:00PM Three Forks Public Library: LEGO Club

Saturday 17
 Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

Monday 19
 City Hall CLOSED in Observance of President's Day

Tuesday 20
 1:00PM Three Forks Public Library: Mah Jongg
 4:00PM Three Forks Public Library: Middle School Book Club

Thursday 22
 10:00AM Three Forks Public Library: Story Time
 6:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Mercedes Carroll at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 23
 2:00PM Three Forks Public Library: Crafternoon

Saturday 24
 Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

FREE VISION CLINIC

Townsend Seventh Day Adventist Church

FREE VISION CLINIC
 - TOSTON FIRE HALL
 - FEB. 18



The Townsend Seventh-day Adventist Church is sponsoring a free Vision Clinic at the Toston Fire Hall on Feb. 18.

If you are in need of a free eye exam and glasses or know someone who could benefit from this service, please call Andrea at 406-235-0544 for information.

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BILLINGS CLINIC IN TOWNSEND TO RECEIVE \$235,000

Sarah Feldman
 Jon Tester's Office

(U.S. Senate)—A Critical Access Hospital in Townsend will receive nearly \$235,000 following efforts from U.S. Senator Jon Tester. Due to the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) mistaking “Billings Clinic” for a billing company, Billings Clinic Townsend Health Systems recently lost out on \$234,253.70 in Provider Relief Funding. After hearing of the error, Tester held Washington bureaucracy accountable and sent a letter pushing HRSA officials to reverse their decision and get Billings Clinic these resources. “Montana’s rural hospitals, particularly our Critical Access Hospitals, already face major barriers and run on razor-thin margins—and when we saw a mistake that prevented one of these clinics from getting their funding, we got to work,” said Tester. “I’m glad to see the Billings Clinic receive these dollars that should’ve been theirs in the first place, and I’m going to continue fighting to support our essential health care providers in rural communities.”

SPECIAL THANKS to BILLINGS BROADWATER CLINIC ER for the excellent care provided on January 8th!

Townsend is so fortunate to have these services and we cannot imagine our community without such a team.

Thank you, Elizabeth Williams NP, Lexi RN, Tiffany RN, Cyrus EMT, Jon EMT, Kindra & Emily, and thank you to X-ray and lab.

You are ALL so great!
 ~Terry & Jim Gundersen

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed "Kooks" and "Pogues"?
- HISTORY: When did Facebook launch?
- MUSIC: Which pop music singer had hits with songs like "Changes" and "Let's Dance"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What country possesses the Isle of Wight?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of peacocks called?
- AD SLOGANS: Which company's advertising slogan is "the ultimate driving machine"?
- LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase often shortened to "i.e."?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the maze that confined the Minotaur?
- MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "Mischief. Mayhem. Soap."?
- LITERATURE: Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?

Trivia Answers, 10

2/24 2024

Ag

APPRECIATION DINNER

FEBRUARY 24, 2024
 5:00PM
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Fish Tale Tavern Cash Bar
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- Family - Level - holding a sponsorship of \$1,001 to \$10,000 for the year would be a huge assistance to this mighty little community theater. These sponsors will receive two tickets and reserved seats for every production throughout the 2024 Season. Also, 2 December Dinner Theater Tickets Reserved Seating and all advertising recognition in print and social media.

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CITY COUNCIL APPLIES FOR GRANT TO RESEARCH CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MT 43 News Staff Reporter



At its February 6 meeting, City Council members approved the housing committee to apply for a Montana Department of Commerce grant that focuses on affordable housing needs in municipal areas. If granted, the \$30,000 would go toward paying for a preliminary architectural report to develop a master-planned development that will address the need for affordable housing in Townsend. The city is obligated to put up a 20 percent in-kind and cash match.

Council members Angie Wintrow, JB Howick and Doug Sitton worked on the grant application due February 9. According to Mayor Vicky Rauser, many people answered the email asking for letters of support for the application.

Finally! Public Works Director Eric Crusch received the okay to have his broken-down garbage truck repaired. His department was short one truck all through the holidays when garbage pickup is above average.

The council approved a bid to fix the 2008 garbage truck for \$17,563.00 with the understanding that Crusch can arrange a “piggyback” arrangement with SOS Equipment Repair of Spokane to set up the job when there is another job in this area. The arrangement would cut the high cost of travel and per diem.

Georgia Wilbey was chosen by the council to fill the Animal Control/Compliance officer position.

Nichole Brown asked for a boundary relocation of the 4 parcels of land she owns at the end of South Harrison. She has received Department Environmental Quality approval for septic and wells for as high as six duplexes on the parcels. The council approved the boundary relocation. Nate Brown abstained from the vote.

Deputy County Sheriff Mark Wood received approval from the council for the Sheriff’s department to be reimbursed for the canine handlers training seminar in the amount of \$1,193.92.

A resolution to raise city water rates incrementally over a two-year period was passed by the council. The

water rate committee is looking into grants that might be available to help low-income families meet higher costs for water. Former council member Ken Urich suggested the raises be noted on water bills. Mayor Rauser pointed out the council will hold a public meeting regarding the increases.

Crusch presented preliminary information on repairing or replacing city tennis courts. The courts are built on a clay pocket, he noted. The tennis court surfaces need repair. “Some of the cracks are 4 inches wide and run the entire length of the courts,” he said.

Council members noted there were probably grants available from the U.S. Tennis and Pickleball Associations. The council took no action.

FWP ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO THE RESERVATION PROCESSES AT STATE PARKS

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



HELENA—Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will implement changes this year to the reservation process for state park sites. The changes will create more opportunities for recreationists to enjoy state parks and comply with legislation passed by the 2023 Legislature.

Starting this year, visitors will have up to three months prior to their planned arrival date to make campsite and lodging reservations or purchase tour tickets. This is a change from the six-month booking window in the past. Visitors need to be aware that the maximum stay per site changed from 14 consecutive nights to 7. The last change allows at least 20 percent of state parks’ campsites to be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sites are reservable from the third Friday in May through the third Sunday in September. People can start making reservations on Feb. 17 at 9 a.m. by visiting fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/ or calling the call center at 855-922-6768.

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VACCINE CLINIC PLANNED

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Charles Alvorez, an independent living specialist with Ability Montana was in Townsend on February 8 to help connect with older adults, those with disabilities and veterans to get vaccinated against COVID-19, Influenza A and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), pneumonia and shingles. He was working with Broadwater County's local Health Department and Director Ruby Taylor.

Many people in the county believe the COVID-19 virus scare is over. That is not so. At the end of 2023, an average of 18 people in Montana were being admitted daily to hospitals due to severe COVID-19 symptoms. One death in Broadwater County this year resulted from COVID-19. In 2023, the county tracked five or six hospitalizations and at least one death, Taylor said.

Townsend has been hit especially hard with Influenza A cases with two or three hospitalizations since the first of the year, Taylor said. Those were the reported cases. “Probably the numbers are higher,” she said.

Alvorez’s position is funded through a grant from the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative.

According to a release from Tannis Hargrove of the Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities, the effort is to remove common barriers preventing that population from getting vaccinated. “Ingrained socioeconomic disadvantages and other roadblocks still exist and are now widely recognized as major contributors to health disparities experienced by people with disabilities and the older population.” She said.

The services Alvorez helped to set up for Broadwater County are vaccine clinics, transportation to and from the Health Department Clinic on Cedar Street, in-home vaccinations. The program is serving 21 Western Montana counties. According to Hargrove, the institute recognizes that people with disabilities experience more severe COVID-19 cases than others. They experience more barriers to wellness generally, so our independent living specialists are prepared to have conversations with clients in the county. “It can be tough talking with consumers about why they should consider getting vaccinated. Some believe the vaccine is harmful, while others who might want to be vaccinated but don’t know where to get it, how to get it or if they can afford it,” Hargrove explained.

Alvorez and Director Taylor will be handing out an information sheet showing access to a sign language interpreter, a screen reader-accessible vaccine registration websites or wheelchair-accessible transportation. Clients should bring their insurance cards. Those without insurance can learn how to receive various vaccines paid for through other sources.

Alvorez is a combat veteran who suffered injuries and was on the streets for a time. He became involved with the Independent Living Project and received a certificate to work with the homeless at Our Place, a Helena shelter. He taught five years with the University of Montana Rural Institute. He now works for Ability Montana, a nonprofit that promotes independence for people living with disabilities and older adults.

For more information, please contact Ruby Taylor at the Department of Public Health (406) 266-5209.

The Montana Land Reliance is hosting Conservation Easements 101: Tools for Landowners Tuesday, February 27, 2024 10:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. The Lodge, 131 S. Spruce Street Townsend, MT

Broadwater and Lewis & Clark County producers are invited to join MLR and the NRCS for a conversation on how conservation easements keep working ag lands in family hands.

Please RSVP to melanie@mtrandreliance.org 406.443.7027 - mtrandreliance.org

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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

Printed February 2, February 9, and February 16, 2024
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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JIMMIE RICHARD BAGLEY, Deceased.

Probate No. ADP-24-05

Notice to Creditors

Lisa Svendsen and Teresa Maija 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 February 9, 2024.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

Gallatin Elder Law & Estate Planning PLLC

Attorney for Personal Corepresentatives

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES KEVIN MCDONNELL, Deceased.

Probate No. ADP-24-03

Notice to Creditors

Augusta R. Conley has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via her Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court. Dated February 9, 2024.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

Gallatin Elder Law & Estate Planning PLLC

Attorney for Personal Representative

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STATE OF MONTANA COUNTY OF BROADWATER

Before me, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared, Satterfield, Gina Berry, who being first duly sworn, under oath deposes and says that the affiant is domiciled in and maintains a place of abode in the City of Townsend, County of Broadwater, State of Montana which she recognizes and intends to maintain as her permanent home; and that her abode in Montana constitutes her predominant and principle home, and affiant intends to continue it permanently as such; affiant further declares and affirms the Registrar of Titles is authorized to receive for registration of memorials upon any outstanding certificate of title an official birth certificate pertaining to a registered owner named (GINA LORRINA BERRY) in said certificate of title showing the date of birth of said registered owner (GINA LORRINA BERRY), providing there is attached to said birth certificate an affidavit of an affiant who states that he/she is familiar with the facts recited, stating that the party named in said birth certificate is the same party as one of the owners named in said certificate of title; and that thereafter the Registrar of Titles shall treat said registered owner (GINA LORRINA BERRY) as having attained the age of the majority at a date 18 years after the date of birth shown by said certificate. Affiant further declares, the natural person known as the Nobilissima Felicitas Express Trust holds a claim of ownership of said Certificate of Title No. 23015309-1, dated January 25th,

2023. Affiant further declares that the filing of this affidavit is to be accepted by all persons or any court as proof of such permanent domicile.

Affiant signature Satterfield, Gina Berry

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of January, A.D. 2024.

Mandi Lavonne Hall, Notary Public for the State of Montana My Commission Expires: January 19, 2029

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Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal McMahon’s courtroom on Friday, February 9 is as follows:

Micheal Coyle had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty by Alford Plea to sexual assault of children under the age of 16, possession of child pornography, and distribution of child pornography. In his elocution, Coyle said that he asked for, and was sent one or more pictures of a minor under the age of 16 and showed those pictures to one or more people. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is

ordered, as well as a psycho-sexual evaluation. Because of the backlog of evaluations: Sentencing will be on June 14, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

Shadow Robbins had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to a charge of fourth or subsequent DUI. Omnibus is due March 15; Pre-Trial is set for April 12; with the Jury Trial scheduled for June 10.

John Loving had a Status Hearing. He missed his Pre-Trial Conference. An arrest warrant is issued.

Randall Buffington had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to an amended charge of criminal endangerment. In his elocution, he stated that he created a substantial risk of injury or death to another person. He is Sentenced to five years, all deferred; he must pay restitution of medical bills, totaling \$638.23 and attend 40 hours of anger management. He must abide by the conditions set forth in the Plea Agreement.

Tanner York appeared from the Yellowstone County Detention Facility; seeking a furlough to begin treatment. He has a bed date at Recovery Centers of Montana. He is incarcerated on charges of burglary and theft in both Gallatin and Yellowstone Counties. He has been granted a furlough from Yellowstone County to attend treatment. The judge warned York that Recovery Centers of Montana is an open campus; meaning no bars or locks to secure him. If he leaves there on his own, he would be charged with escape and the consequences of that.

Micheal Billedeaux had an Evidentiary Hearing on a Petition to Revoke a suspended sentence. He is accused of 1) failure to remain law-abiding and 2) bail jumping. He did not appear for a court hearing which he had prior knowledge of. He is Sentenced to five years at Montana State Prison, not suspended. He receives 133 days credit time served. His Sentence is to run concurrent to other county’s violations. He is to be screened for appropriate D.O.C. treatment. He is to pay fees and surcharges of \$80.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORT FEBRUARY 16TH 2024

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Devon Voegel, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
Rachel Supalla, Montana City: day speed \$120.00
Gabriela Rincon, Delray Beach, FL: day speed \$120.00
Diane Potter, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Amayrani Olvera, Stockett: day speed \$120.00
Timothy Nash, Hamilton: interstate day speed \$40.00
August Lacombe, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00
Michael Hruska, Helena: displaying license plates to another \$85.00
Andrew Hermance, Belgrade: stop sign violation \$85.00
Mikaila Corgigan, Libertyville, IL: day speed \$70.00
Tyler Bledsoe, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Patricia Kossler, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
Dominick Masse, Townsend: day speed \$70.00
Madison Sasser, Helena: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Tyler Ludwig – Missoula – day speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine; driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees; fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle – owner or operator – 1st offense, plead guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees.
Darlene Severin – Pray – night speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.
Matthew Sjogren – Bozeman – night speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, enroll and complete a defensive driving course.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Shawn Woodruff – Ennis – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs -1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.
Robert Meredith – Livingston – fail to stop and ID self after striking unattended vehicle – 1st offense, plead guilty, \$335.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Chad Kruskie, Townsend: night speed \$20.00
Guyla Halvorson, Three Forks: restricted speed \$65.00
Amy Azure, East Helena: night speed \$20.00

ELECTION HIGHLIGHT

DR. JANE GILLETTE ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION BID

Dr. Jane Gillette
MT House Representative District 77



Dr. Jane Gillette
Photo Credits: Dr. Jane Gillette

This is Rep. Jane Gillette, your conservative voice in the Montana State Legislature.

I'm a veteran, dentist, and a fierce patriot. It's been an honor to serve you and I am excited to announce my re-election bid.

I've been fighting for our conservative rural values, but there's more to be done. The establishment is working hard to implement its agenda and take true patriots out of office. We can't let them achieve their goal.

If you support protecting our Montana way of life then check out drjanegillette.com!

P.S. Feel free to call or text me anytime on my personal phone 406.868.1549

A LESSON FROM SVEN AND OLE

Joel Krautter



Joel Krautter
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Some readers, especially those with Scandinavian heritage, may be familiar with the stories of Sven and Ole. I grew up hearing them from my late grandfather.

One story comes to mind in the context of our current political climate.

Sven and Ole were two farmers with neighboring farms who had always been very competitive. Ole's father had always been a Ford man, and the bigger the better, especially the F-350s. So, of course, Ole grew up as a Ford man, too! Sven's father had always been a Chevy man, and he loved those big Silverados. Sven kept up the tradition as a Chevy man, too.

One day, as Sven and Ole were both attending the local livestock auction, they argued about who had the strongest, toughest truck. They finally decided to settle the dispute by hooking a tow rope up to the hitch of each pickup, to see who could pull the other guy in his direction. Once in position, they each gave their trucks the gas.

Of course, we know who won – it was the local parts dealer who sells ropes and transmissions.

Much like Sven and Ole, today we have politicians pulling our country apart.

Traveling around eastern and central Montana, people tell me they're frustrated with the dysfunction in Washington, D.C. ABC News recently reported the "118th Congress (was) on track to become one of the least productive in US history." And Republican Congressman Chip Roy of Texas took to the House floor to challenge "One thing: I want my Republican colleagues to give me one thing—one—that I can go campaign on and say we did. One!"

That resonates with all Montanans, regardless of one's political stripes.

How do we move away from today's chaos and return to the stability that has powered American prosperity? One of my political heroes pointed the way. In 2017, the late Republican senator, war hero and political maverick, John McCain, called for a return to regular order, compromise and open legislative processes.

Count me in on that. Regular order in Congress would require a bill to go through the normal committee process, hearings, amendments and then the full legislative body for additional debate. That is the way our democratic system of separation of powers and checks and balances is designed to work. That is why we elect representatives.

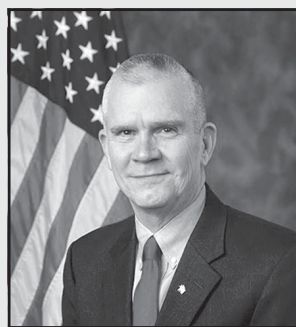
Another solution for our U.S. Congress is something already done at the Montana legislature, thanks to our Montana Constitution – single-subject legislation. Single-subject legislation ensures greater transparency and can limit the growth of government, by allowing bills to pass or fail on their own merits, rather than having lawmakers try to work on multiple bills packaged together into a massive Omnibus bill.

However, returning to the stability of the past ultimately depends on who we elect. Candidates who follow the example of Sven and Ole, of spinning the tires, burning out the motor, and giving off a lot of pointless smoke and noise will only add to the chaos. To find stability again we must choose candidates who put the Constitution first, reject chaos and extremism and will work for the good of all their constituents.

Joel Krautter is a Republican candidate for Congress in Montana's 2nd congressional district, covering eastern and central Montana, who is an attorney and small business owner in Billings and Sidney and a former State Legislator.

CONGRESSMAN MATT ROSENDALE LAUNCHES U.S. SENATE CAMPAIGN

Matt Rosendale
Congressman



Matt Rosendale
Photo Credits: Matt Rosendale

HELENA, MT – Today, Congressman Matt Rosendale (MT-02) officially declared his candidacy for the United States Senate at the Montana Secretary of State's office in Helena.

The announcement event was attended by numerous America First state legislators and supporters.

"For decades, Mitch McConnell and the Washington Establishment have sold the American people short," said Rep. Rosendale. "They've been the architects of a \$34 trillion debt, the invasion taking place at the southern border, allowing China to spy on Americans and emerge as the global superpower, all while enriching their friends with the Green New Deal, at the taxpayer's expense.

"Montanans are sick and tired of having Washington work against them, which is why you sent me to Congress to be your voice. Since I've been elected, I've kept my promise to fight for you and stand up to the Uniparty.

"Having served in the Montana State Legislature, I know what a functioning governing body looks like, which is why I was proud of the work a handful of my colleagues and I did last January to restore regular order to the U.S. House of Representatives. Those changes included single-subject legislation, 72 hours to review bills, and offering amendments on the Floor. These changes allowed us to pass legislation to secure our border, restore America's energy dominance, hold China accountable, and reduce spending.

"Unfortunately, Mitch McConnell and the uni party in the Senate killed every single one of these measures and continue to use swamp tactics to add to our \$34 trillion debt and allow the invasion at our border to continue.

"Over the last several months, I have been humbled by the overwhelming support I received from Montanans across the state to challenge Jon Tester. While it has truly been an honor and a privilege to represent Montana in the U.S. House of Representatives, it is difficult for me to stand by and allow Mitch McConnell to select our next Senator who would be another voice for the Uniparty and another vote for every pork-filled omnibus that comes through the Senate, which is why I am running for the U.S. Senate.

"Our republic is tattered and torn, but it is not defeated. We need to send a shock to the system to restore it. So today, I am asking for your support to run for the U.S. Senate so together we can rebuild this great nation."

GUEST EDITORIAL

HONOR THE 15TH AMENDMENT; PREPARE TO VOTE

Jane Kapler Smith



Jane Kapler Smith
Photo Credits: Jane Kapler Smith

Less than half of the world's people live in functioning democracies, but we do. We live in a country where we get to vote and where our votes matter. We can celebrate that privilege today, February 3. I call it Voting Rights Day. It's the date in 1870 when the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution was ratified:

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Although our Constitution was 80 years old in 1870, we had no national standards for voting rights. The Fifteenth Amendment began the process of making us a true democracy, "a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people" - ALL the people.

Nowadays, nearly every U.S. citizen over 18 has the right to vote. (In Montana, the only people not allowed to vote are felons serving time and adults determined "not of sound mind" by a court.) It was not always so. When the Constitution took effect, individual states controlled voting rights. If you were a free black man living in Maryland or North Carolina, you could vote, but between those states – in Virginia - you couldn't. If you were a Catholic living in New Jersey, you could vote, but across the river in New York, you couldn't. If you were a white, property-owning male, you could vote in every state. Amazingly, if you were a property-owning

woman in New Jersey, you could vote... until 1807, when you couldn't anymore. The right to vote was a hodgepodge. The result was far from the democratic "one person, one vote" ideal. When the Constitution was adopted, about 6% of the population had the right to vote.

After the Civil War, to provide justice for newly freed black men and to consolidate power in the dominant political party (Republicans at the time), "we the people" intervened in states' control of elections for the first time by adopting the Fifteenth Amendment. Since then, we've extended and protected the right to vote many times, and it's still a work in progress.

Why focus on this history now? Because we can best protect our right to vote by using it! This year, we will vote for President. In Montana, we'll also choose a Senator, two Representatives, nine state officers, two Supreme Court justices, all state legislators, and many other local officers. More than 200 candidates have already registered!

This year, citizen initiatives may also be on the ballot. Five have already been approved for signature gathering. Two of them would change the election process itself: CI-126 would require that all candidates, regardless of political party, go on the primary ballot; then the top four would advance to the general election. CI-127 would require that a candidate obtain more than half of all votes to win an election. Currently, the winner only needs more votes than any other candidate. Are these good ideas for Montana? This year, we may get to decide.

The best way to honor the Fifteenth Amendment - and the many laws that extend and protect our right to vote - is to prepare for the upcoming elections. Make sure you're registered. Learn about the candidates. Remember that what they've done in the past, whether in public office, professional life or other service, is a good indication of what they'll do if elected. Study the initiatives. Then vote! Voting is a privilege not available to many in our world; we who have it should use it well.

Jane Kapler Smith is a Missoula citizen and voter.

OPEN AND FAIR DISCUSSIONS

Dear Editor and Fellow Constituents,

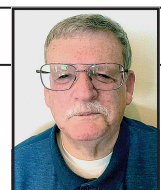
Montana's election process belongs to the people. We want to facilitate open and fair discussions during our primaries. The National Republican Senate Committee-Chairman Daines does not need to choose the Arizona candidates or the candidates for Montana. Montanans can pick our own candidates, we do not need rich establishment politicians spoon-feeding us our choices for Federal or State offices. We want fair and honest Elections not Selections.

Now is a time for the Grassroots of Montana to Stand up and Let your voice be heard. As we know, elections have consequences.

Sincerely,
Lana Tibbetts Billings, MT
Tim Popper Terry, MT
Craig Steinbesser Sidney, MT

2024 ELECTION YEAR

Victor Sample



Every 2 years Americans experience an Election Year; every 4th year we have a presidential election year and there are more offices up for election – and more candidates.

This year, in Montana, we have a US Senate Seat, the new 2nd Congressional District (Eastern District), Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Office of Public Instruction, State Auditor and Supreme Court Justices. In addition, we have the County Commissioner election.

Every American and every Montanan who is of voting age should make their voice heard by voting. Every voter should research the candidates to ensure they are voting for candidates they believe will reflect their views and beliefs.

But with so many candidates, it's hard to research all of them. We already have 3 candidates for Governor; 4 candidates for the US Senate Seat; 10 candidates for the Eastern Congressional District and 4 candidates for the MT Supreme Court!

To help you this election year, MT43 News has created a new web page – Election Center. This page will contain links to information about the election and the candidates; the Montana Free Press has already published an article about the early candidate filings and will update the information as the year progresses. We will also list all of the offices that are up for election

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and the active candidates for those offices. On that page, we will have links to articles (usually press releases) about the candidates.

MT43 News has subscribed to every candidate that offers an email newsletter. We will sort through the many, many emails (most of them donation requests) and include the articles that discuss the candidate's philosophy and position on the issues.

The Election Center page will be available through the election in November and will be updated as we have new information to publish.

The page is currently available with information about the candidates researched so far. We expect new candidates to be announced; we expect candidates to drop out. We will update the page as news becomes available to us.

Visit our website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com> and click on the Election Center link or the Election Center menu tab.

You can visit the page directly at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsElectionCenter>

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE SHERIFF'S PATROL CAR PURCHASE

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The Sheriff's Department will be ordering a new patrol car to replace the unit that was demolished in a January 18 crash near Winston. Broadwater County Commissioners approved a \$73,000 expenditure from Sheriff Nick Rauser's budget to purchase a Dodge Durango along with needed equipment upgrade. Rauser explained insurance would pay for some of the costs, but that he had money in his budget to pay the difference.

Many Rivers Whole Health will lease an office from the county health department for \$300 per month. Commissioners approved the lease which will run for one year, according to Public Health Department Director Ruby Taylor. The counselor will be available to set up medications, check on people in their homes and visit detainees at the jail. "We are very pleased to have mental health services on site now. They will be available 3 days a week and virtual all five days of the week," she said.

The county will be signing an agreement with an interlocal purchasing system to analyze the various vendors the county works with. At the Montana Association of Counties (MACO) recommendation, the county will work with agents in the Region 8 Education Service Center to help lower the price of equipment and supplies the county purchases.

Green Source Electric was awarded a service contract of \$12,642 to hook up electricity to the new Livestock Pavilion. The bid includes labor, supplies and use of an excavator to lay conduit and install meter boxes, lighting and switch boxes for the pavilion. Broadwater County Trust Board and 4-H Council donations funds will fund the installation contract.

Commissioners sorted their way through several county advisory board bylaw updates and approved board member changes. Israel Schwope has resigned from the Parks and Recreation Board. The commissioners received letters of interest to join the board from Bill Duede, Michael C. Ryan, both retired; and Dirk Gard, an environmental specialist. Commissioners appointed all three people. Current members of the board are Adam Six, Stacy Sommers, Jennifer Dalrymple and Lacey Forrey.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.

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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

COMMISSIONERS WILL BE ATTENDING THE MACo (Montana Association of Counties) FROM FEBRUARY 26 -29. THERE WILL NOT BE A COMMISSION MEETING THIS WEEK

Monday, February 19, 2024

COUNTY OFFICES ARE CLOSED

Wednesday, February 21, 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, Gravel Bar Consulting, LLC, Contract for Megan Bullock, Sanitarian

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Master Contract Number HHS-PHSD-00000506; Task Order Number 24-07-4-21-103-0; To the Master Contract Effective July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2026, Between the State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services and Broadwater County; Environmental Health and Food Safety Licensing

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Acceptance of the Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division Reconstruction Grant

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Floodplain Development Permit #24-FP-1, MT DNRC-Access Road- Droulliard Island

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Resolution Calling For An Election on the Question of Conducting a Local Government Review and Establishing a Study Commission to do so

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Bridger Brewing East Major Subdivision, (Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 1 East) requests approval of Amended Preliminary Plat and Amendments to the Findings of Fact and Order

3:00 PM Working Meeting with Deputy County

Attorney, Kay Minor, regarding projects and deadlines.

Thursday, February 22, 2024

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

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

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

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

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(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
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on February 20th at 6 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on February 21st at 6 PM
- Broadband Advisory Meeting on February 22nd at 4 PM

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

FWP SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON OPEN WATER FISHING CONTESTS FOR 2024

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



HELENA – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking public comment on open-water fishing contests proposed for the 2024 open-water season.

Participants must comply with state fishing regulations, including daily and possession limits.

Applications for fishing contests may be approved, approved with conditions or denied by the FWP Fisheries Division in Helena. Conditions placed on contests may help to minimize fish mortality, regulate harvest, reduce user conflicts and/or require additional access site maintenance when needed.

Information on the proposed fishing contests can be found on the FWP Fishing Contest webpage, fwp.mt.gov/fish/regulations/contests. All comments must be received on or before Feb. 8.

Comments can be mailed to FWP Fisheries Division, Attn: Fishing Contests, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, or emailed to FWPFishComments@mt.gov.

The lotus flower

The lotus plant can grow as tall as 6 feet in lakes and large ponds, while miniature varieties grow happily in a free-standing bowl on your patio. It needs 6 hours of direct sunlight each day in order to flower. Do not place it in flowing water or in a fountain; if it is grown in a pot or bowl, do not allow it to freeze. The lotus has been used for millenia as a symbol of beauty, resilience, and transformation in architectural motifs, artwork, textiles and religious settings.

- Brenda Weaver

Sources: bloomnation.com, bluelotusfarm.com

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~MT 43 News Team

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Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

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Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
TownsendUMC.org
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Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services
Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th-12th Grades

SENIOR CENTER

SR. CENTER MEALS: Thursday, February 22
FEB 19 - FEB 23
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Pineapple

Monday, February 19
CLOSED for President's Day

Tuesday, February 20
Birthday Dinner
Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
California Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Mandarin Oranges
Birthday Cake

Wednesday, February 21
Pork Chops
Steamed Potatoes
Sliced Beets
Carrot Raisin Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Cinnamon Applesauce

Friday, February 23
BBQ Chicken Breast
Wild Rice
Key Largo Vegetables
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Peaches

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

TOWNSEND TREES PLANTED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



This is the 23rd 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.

108) Prunus padus 'Merlot', Merlot European Bird Cherry; planted on Arbor Day April 26, 2013, at Townsend School District #1 north of the Community Library to Honor the 2013 Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners: 1st Place - Zyanne Cervantes; 2nd Place - Peyton Vogl; 3rd Place - Kyzer Bair. Teacher Aubra Lewis. The tree was planted by the 5th-grade students and teachers and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by a DNRC Arbor Day grant. The tree died back and has been pruned by BCHS Horticulture Class students to try and save it. The tree is in good condition.

109) Betula pendula 'Dalecarlica', Dalecarlica Weeping Birch; planted in 2007 north of the Community Library in Memory of Kris Rains, Broadwater County High School Class of 1998 Graduate. Kris Passed Away February 17, 2007. The tree was planted on Arbor Day April 27, 2007, by Family, and the Tree Board. The tree was funded by the Rotary Club of Townsend. The tree was removed as part of the new elementary school construction in 2022 and needs to be replanted.

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111) Maackia amurensis Amur Maackii; planted on April 29, 2012, to honor the 2012 Arbor Day Poster Contest winners: 1st Place: Riley Olsen; 2nd Place: Abby Beebe; 3rd Place: Karissa Hausauer. Teacher Mrs. Aubra Lewis. The tree was planted by the 5th graders, teachers, and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by a DNRC Arbor Day Grant. The 2012 Arbor Day tree died and needs to be replanted.

112) Picea pungens 'Iseli Fastigiata'; Columnar Colorado Blue Spruce planted in 2011 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Memory of Karen Salmi. 1953-2011. A Friend to Everyone. The tree was planted by Neal Salmi and family and the Tree Board. The tree is in good condition.

PONDEROSA SOCIAL CLUB - BOZEMAN

Traveling Diners

It's been a while since the Traveling Diners have traveled but, with the beautiful January weather, we ventured out to dinner in Bozeman.

Many Montanans feel that Bozeman is no longer a true Montana town; the nickname Boz Angeles kind of sums up the feeling. But, Bozeman's upscale large city feel comes with upscale shopping and dining.

We had heard good things about Bozeman's Ponderosa Social Club and decided to try it. This time the Traveling Diners was quite a large group - eleven of us.

Before dinner, we met at the Devil's Toboggan - a "well-appointed nostalgic, speakeasy environment" - for a drink before going to dinner. The Devil's Toboggan encourages the speakeasy feel by being located in a dark corridor on the second floor of their building. There is no sign on the second floor indicating where the bar door is.

The Devil's Toboggan is a beautiful bar with a comfortable, nostalgic feel. It was much like meeting at someone's home for drinks. Vintage pictures in antique-looking frames covered the walls and the tables and chairs are more like you might find in someone's living room. Our server was a charming, quick-witted young woman and made the visit very enjoyable.

The Ponderosa Social Club was quite busy. They have an area designed for large groups and we were seated there. Since the area was full it was fairly noisy; but not annoyingly noisy. We were still able to chat.

The menu is not extensive but has steaks, prime rib, salmon, shrimp and more. The special when we were there was a shrimp and crawfish etouffee. Since we had a large group, we were able to try many of the items on the menu.

Everyone in the group felt the food was very good. I was able to try the Ponderosa Social Club pork egg rolls as an appetizer. They were excellent.

I love Etouffee and had to order the special. The etouffee was good - a very large portion of etouffee served with rice. The sauce was excellent - although not quite enough sauce. The dinner came with 2 jumbo shrimp and the crawfish in the sauce. I would have enjoyed a little more crawfish; but all-in-all, it was very good.

The salmon dish came with a good portion of nicely cooked salmon. Along with the salmon were honey-glazed brussel sprouts, a goat cheese polenta cake and a cranberry-mustard dijonnaise sauce. The salmon and brussel sprouts were excellent and the sauce was very good; but again, the dish could have come with a little more sauce.

We had a wonderful time at the Ponderosa Social Club and we plan to go back to try the Chicken Curry and Forest Mushroom Marsala!

The Devil's Toboggan: website: <https://www.devilstoboggan.com/> | call: (406) 587-4829 | email: INFO@DEVILSTOBOGGAN.COM | address: 113 East Oak St. Ste. 2b, Bozeman, MT 59715.

The Ponderosa Social Club: website: <https://ponderosamt.com> | reservations: (406) 577-8650 | address: 515 W. Aspen, Bozeman, MT 59715 | Hours: Monday - Saturday: 4 pm - 2 am and Sunday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

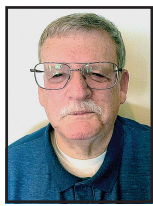
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AI SEEMED TO BE CONFUSED

Victor Sample



If you have been reading my articles in the MT43 News, you know I have been experimenting with AI using both Google Bard and Bing Chatgpt.

Here is an interesting chat I had with Google Bard this morning.

I asked for a list of native Montana Academy Award winners. The response:

"Unfortunately, as of today, February 8, 2024, there haven't been any Native Montanans who have won an Academy Award."

Then I asked if Gary Cooper won an Academy Award. The response:

"Yes, Gary Cooper actually won two Academy Awards for Best Actor."

Then I asked where Gary Cooper was born. The response:

"I apologize for the mistake in my previous response. Gary Cooper was not born in Montana. He was actually born on May 7, 1901, in Helena, Montana."

?????

In further discussion, Bard explained that Gary Cooper was not a native to Montana because he was not "born and RAISED here". His parents were English

and sent him to England to go to school. So, he is not a Montana native.

I pointed out that he was sent to England when he was 8 and returned when he was 11. He went to school in Helena before and after his time in England and graduated from high school in Helena.

Bard responded that it was understandable that I felt he was a native Montanan, but he was not because of the CONSIDERABLE amount of time he was in England.

I then pointed out that both the Merriam-Webster Dictionary and the Cambridge Dictionary define native as "where someone is born". Bard then admitted that the dictionary did define native as where someone was born; but that Gary Cooper was still not a native because of his time in England.

And this is the technology that many companies are planning to replace actual human employees!

Americanisms



"We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching."
— Roy L. Smith

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OFFERINGS AT THE LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER THIS WINTER

Chiara Cipriano
Public Affairs Officer



Starting January 23, 2024 - The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center will waive general admission fees through the end of February to promote visitation and accessibility.

"We have got lots of programs going on in and out of the Center this winter," said Center Director Duane Buchi. "From snowshoe tours to a winter film festival, this is a great time of year to come check out all the different programs and activities we offer!"

During the winter, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, and from 12 - 5 p.m. on Sundays. The Interpretive Center will offer its standard schedule of orientation videos and access to exhibit space. The Center will still charge standard tuition for school groups that come for formal education programs and for commercial tour groups.

Upcoming events/opportunities with the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center include:

Offerings, 12

WEATHER INFO CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF ROSS

Fri 2/16	Sat 2/17	Sun 2/18	Mon 2/19	Tue 2/20
Very Light Snow	Mostly Clear	Light Wintry Mix	Partly Cloudy	Light Wintry Mix
Showers				
23° 8°	27° 19°	34° 27°	38° 28°	39° 30°
0 in	0%	18%	25%	0 in
6 8 mph	8 13 mph	8 12 mph	8 13 mph	8 14 mph

Precipitation:

September: 4.39"	October: 0.76"
November: 0.398"	December: 0.08"
January: 0.047"	February: 0.264"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 0.311"

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: U equals H

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WOITZOR TL LUO HOILOWB,
S'R HTJJ LUTL T VPOJOLCZ
HWOQ.

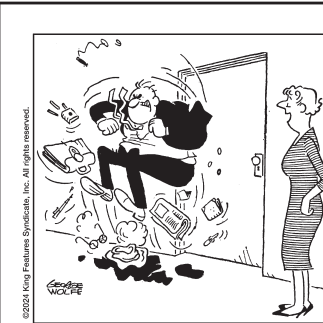
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KNIGHT MOVES

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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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"You didn't let me finish — it's YOUR _____ who is coming to visit us!"

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!

- Native: ITCHEN
- Dismay: LAMAR
- Give: ATONED
- Force: IPOEMS

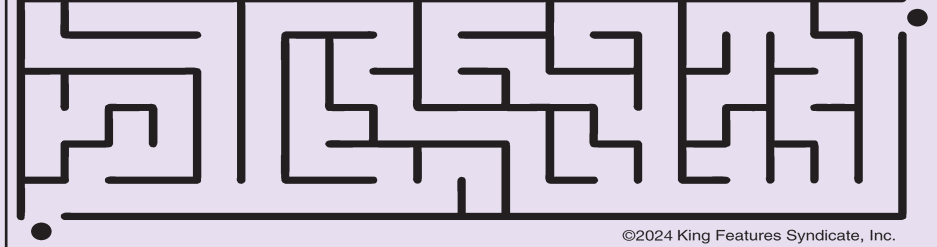
TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

FOURTH-ESTATE FANTASY

- ACROSS**
 - 1 Not quite first-rate
 - 7 "Patience — virtue"
 - 10 Car tankful
 - 13 Collie of TV
 - 19 Cattle farm of the West
 - 20 Trumpet blast
 - 22 Singer and actor Frankie
 - 23 When it's 12:00 p.m.
 - 24 Element #3
 - 25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics
 - 26 Start of a riddle
 - 29 Japanese buckwheat noodle
 - 30 Dr. Seuss' Sam —
 - 31 Amo, amas, —
 - 32 "Addams Family" cousin
 - 35 Riddle, part 2
 - 43 Faint smell
 - 45 Foldout bed
 - 46 Co-workers of MDs
 - 47 Stalactite site
 - 48 Florence's river
 - 49 Total amount
 - 51 "Scram!"
 - 52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.
 - 55 Riddle, part 3
 - 60 Brief promos
 - 61 Triceps' place
 - 62 Pop's Celine
 - 63 See 58-Down
 - 66 Bullfighter
 - 67 Riddle, part 4
 - 70 Put a new front on, as a building
 - 72 Unbroken
 - 73 Recognized
 - 75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes
 - 76 Famously feisty fish
 - 77 Riddle, part 5
 - 81 Oval shape
 - 84 Dejected
 - 85 "Who am — judge?"
 - 86 Secret writing
 - 87 Postal pieces
 - 88 Detectives like TV's Magnum, for short
 - 89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.
 - 91 Very long time periods
 - 92 End of the riddle
 - 99 Disloyal type
 - 95 Impulsive desire
 - 101 Illusionist
 - 102 Like planted seeds
 - 104 Riddle's answer
 - 113 Enter very quickly
 - 114 Novelist Caldwell
 - 115 Common gauge for toy trains
 - 116 "Despite that ..."
 - 117 Gets smaller
 - 118 "Happy Days" actress Ross
 - 119 Bunks on ships
 - 120 Mil. ranker
 - 121 Gym pad
 - 122 Hole to receive a lace
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Bird's crop
 - 2 Trellis strip
 - 3 "Noelle" star
 - 4 Kendrick
 - 5 Grandstander
 - 6 Chimpanzee variety
 - 7 — have to wait"
 - 8 Got married
 - 9 Lure for insect extermination
 - 10 The earth as a goddess
 - 11 Cut — (dance)
 - 12 Pago Pago people
 - 13 "Meteor" actor Martin
 - 14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film
 - 15 Long, involved story
 - 16 Shut loudly
 - 17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"
 - 18 Grammy winner Brian
 - 21 "— the breaks!"
 - 27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
 - 28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"
 - 32 "Let me!"
 - 33 Bases-loaded situation
 - 34 Lightweight kitchen utensils
 - 36 Peak
 - 37 Chicago daily, in abbr.
 - 38 Global: Abbr.
 - 39 Mark for life to wait"
 - 40 Easter meat
 - 41 Adam's mate
 - 42 — Moines choreography
 - 44 Bob of Tahitian skirts
 - 49 Package delivery co.
 - 51 Carpentry material for some cabinets
 - 52 Chi follower
 - 53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage
 - 54 Taxonomic subdivisions
 - 56 Become lively
 - 57 Cheer yell
 - 58 With 63-Across, for the time being
 - 59 See 75-Across
 - 63 Oven used to bake naan
 - 64 Spiny ant eater
 - 65 Most unkind
 - 67 Conservation org. with a panda logo
 - 68 Pooch's yap
 - 69 Big blue body
 - 71 Genre of many sitcoms
 - 74 Wide shoe spec
 - 76 Mining shaft
 - 77 Higher ground?
 - 78 "You wish!"
 - 79 Condé —
 - 80 User-edited website
 - 81 Rescue squad VIP
 - 82 "— -di-dah!"
 - 83 False guys
 - 88 Projecting curves on saddles
 - 89 By the day
 - 90 Huffington of HuffPost
 - 91 So to speak
 - 93 Wise-acting
 - 94 Thick-skinned critters
 - 95 Day, in Chile
 - 96 Study guys
 - 97 Abbr. on a bad check
 - 98 End a vacation
 - 103 Mother-of-pearl
 - 104 Surfing need
 - 105 Cake finisher
 - 106 Holy Week's time
 - 107 Eldest of the Brady boys
 - 108 Helper: Abbr.
 - 109 For fear that
 - 110 Half a train track
 - 111 — gin fizz
 - 112 Camp shelter
 - 113 Yank's rival

Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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ST. PETER'S HEALTH UNVEILS COMFORT CARE SUITES

Jacquelyn Tescher
 Saint Peter's Health Supervisor of Public Relations



St. Peter's Health
 Helena, Mont., February 2, 2024 - St. Peter's Health announced today the completion of their Comfort Care Suites, two newly renovated patient care spaces on the surgical/oncology unit at the Regional Medical Center dedicated to providing a more comforting experience for patients and loved ones experiencing end-of-life situations. Each suite includes a patient care room and a conjoined family room.

St. Peter's Chief Nursing Officer Kari Koehler, MSN, RN says updating these spaces provides a more private and intimate experience for loved ones during this most challenging and vulnerable time while still maintaining all regulatory care requirements.

"Saying goodbye to a loved one is never easy and timing can be unpredictable, which is why we are committed to providing a dignified and calming environment for everyone involved," says Koehler. "These suites were specifically designed to give family members, loved ones, and patients some much-needed rest and space while remaining close by."

Now equipped with Bluetooth ceiling speakers, a smart TV, and Sky Factory ceiling scenery, the in-patient care rooms offer a warmer and more relaxing environment for patients, their loved ones, and caregivers. Directly conjoined to each patient care room is a family room designated for respite and includes a couch, mini-refrigerator, personal coffee machine, microwave, fireplace, smart TV, Sky Factory window scenery, and more.

"Compassion, kindness, and comfort will continue to be at the bedside throughout each person's stay," says Koehler. "This is what gold standard patient care and experience looks and feels like."

The completion of Comfort Care Suites completed the \$2.1 million "Gold Standard for Cancer Care" fundraising initiative hosted by the St. Peter's Health Foundation. Opportunity Bank of Montana, Stockman Bank, Pam and Eric Schindler, Marilyn Hudson, Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry & Hoven, P.C., Dee and Mike Trombetta, the Capital High School volleyball program, and many other donors helped fund the projects completed prior, including the renovation of the St. Peter's Health Cancer Care lobby and waiting room; the addition of a Healing Room; the renewal of the Marilyn Hudson Meditation Garden at the Regional Medical Center; and the purchase of additional medical equipment for cancer patient diagnosis, treatment, and care.

St. Peter's gives special thanks to the Trustees and donors of Jane Hibbard Hospice Endowment, The Treacy Foundation, the Dorothy Thayer Hospice Foundation, the Sunderland Foundation, and MJ Murdock Charitable Trust for their generous support of the Comfort Care Suites, and for their generous support of other major Gold Standard for Cancer Care projects. St. Peter's also thanks Heather and Guy Almquist for establishing their "Warm Hugs" endowed fund to provide refreshments in the Comfort Care Suites for family members and loved ones during their stay.

THE DILEMMA: COOL OR EID TAGS?

Gilles Stockton
 Montana Cattlemen's Association Director

This article originally ran in the January 16 edition of the Independent Record and is republished here courtesy of the Independent Record.

We have a dilemma to work through. This past November, Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack announced that USDA will henceforth purchase meat born, raised, and harvested in the USA for its commodity programs. Great news. We hope - pray - that these purchases will prioritize small regional packing plants, thereby enhancing market competition. That would make it doubly good news.

However, how will USDA know that the beef in question was actually born, raised, and harvested in the USA? The easy and best way would be to have country of origin labeling (COOL). The other way would be through source-verified electronic (EID) tagging of cattle. Almost all cattle producers, who have thought about it at all, are in favor of COOL. As are 89% of consumers. However, many producers are skeptical, if not openly hostile, to mandatory EID tagging.

The political consensus to restore COOL is growing and many of the Representatives and Senators from the western states are sponsors of the American Beef Labeling Act. The problem is that Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA), chair of the House Ag Committee, is opposed and Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), chair of the Senate Ag Committee, is indifferent.

Without the committee chairs in favor, it is very hard to get anything passed at all. On top of that hurdle is the fact that Congress, particularly the House of Representatives, is spectacularly dysfunctional. Even though they have not been doing their jobs, most everyone in Congress is currently focused on getting reelected in order to protect their positions and privileges.

The reality is that we will not have COOL reinstated until Congress decides to do what we elect them to do. Please don't let my pessimism keep you from fighting for COOL. We have right on our side, we have created a considerable movement demanding COOL, and we shall prevail. Unfortunately, it will take more \$me and perseverance.

On the other hand, USDA is eager to require that all cattle are identified with source-verifying EID tags. They tell us that this is needed to respond to introduced foreign diseases - particularly Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). Many producers are skeptical and/or hostile of this proposal. They suspect the real reason for the EID mandate is to give the beef packers free source verification.

A number of producers already market through voluntary source verified branded beef programs, and receive a premium for doing so. If we are all required to tag our cattle, that premium will disappear. So, what do we do? If we can't get COOL passed soon, do we resign ourselves to mandatory identification of our cattle in order to have USDA purchase domestically produced beef. This is the dilemma.

USDA has had decades to perfect their proposed identification mandate and yet, the only part that they seem to have come up with is for producers themselves to purchase and install the tags. What happens after that is not at all clear. The Montana Cattlemen's Association (MCA) policy is that if USDA is to mandate EID tags, the government should provide them for free. After all, the stated purpose of the tagging is to respond to and contain introduced foreign diseases. This is a public good and the public should fund it.

In addition, MCA is concerned about how the source-verified information is electronically stored, who has access to the information, and under what circumstances is it to be used. USDA is not clear about any of this. If the government is to require an expensive complex cattle identification mandate, it should be fully thought out ahead of time and adequately funded. As it currently stands, the ID mandate looks like a hodgepodge. Will we be paying for tags, year after year after year? And when the time comes to address an introduced disease will the USDA veterinarians be caught flat-footed?

We need answers and we need them from the top. It is long past time for Secretary Vilsack to come out to the country and discuss these issues face-to-face with actual cattle ranchers and feeders.

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Local Briefs

Sadie Doggett came in from Wicks Saturday, where she is teaching, on a short visit returning Monday.

Bish Williams and family spent Sunday and Monday visiting in Radersburg.

Senator Muffly of Winston was mingling with friends in Townsend Tuesday.

C.P. Phillips, Townsend's Haberdasher, made a business trip to Radersburg today. He will return Friday.

Billy Clapp came out from Helena Sunday to see his ranch. He found it all there and returned.

Floyd Hollaway of Townsend Merc. Co. was in Helena between trains Monday.

1940

Social

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Bert Tarrant entertained a number in honor of the birthday of her husband. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tarrant, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Cletis Clark, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Sautter and Thos. Clark. Mrs. John Zimmerman and Cletis Clark were high scorers and Mrs. Bill Zimmerman and Mr. Sautter were low scorers in the game of pinochle. Valentine favors and decorations were used and Bert was forcibly reminded that his romantic birthday date had again rolled around.

Greenie Elevated to Future Farmers Degree

Members of the Broadwater chapter of F.F.A. raised eight greenhands to the Future Farmers degree, at a meeting held Feb. 5. The boys who made the degree were Bill Biggs, Glen White, Robert Pennington, Junior McLane, John Goebell, Bob Mongrain, Bill Daniels, Douglas Christie. The boys were initiated before being raised to the Future Farmer degree, and after the ceremony, were awarded with F.F.A. emblems. A game of basketball was played, and then a chili feed was served.

There are four grades of membership in the F.F.A.: the Greenhand, Future Farmer, State Farmer and the American Farmer. The Future Farmer degree is the highest degree that can be conferred on a member by the local chapter. The State Farmer degree is conferred on a member at the state convention at Bozeman; and the American Farmer at the national convention held at Kansas City.

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"Winston-Claysoil News" by Nancy Baum

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Riis, Tim and David Clark and Nancy and Darrell Baum attended the square dance at the multi-purpose room of the grade school in Townsend Saturday evening. The dance was sponsored by the Capital Squares dance group of Helena and Art Hermanson was caller. Delicious refreshments were served by the host croup.

Mr. and Mrs. John Masolo entertained at a birthday dinner Sunday for the members of the Masolo family who have February birthdays. Guests of honor were Craig Masolo, Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Masolo and Mrs. Wesley Diehl. Other guests who helped them celebrate their birthdays were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Masolo and

David, Wesley Diehl and children and Charles Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hohn announce the promotion of their son, James, to sergeant on Feb. 1. Jim is stationed at Sewart Air Force Base in Tennessee.

The many friends of Charles Masolo and Bill Diehl helped them celebrate their birthdays at a party at the Winston Hall Saturday night.

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Around Town News

Tuesday visitors with Kenneth and Lela Biggs were Thurston and Susan Elfstrom, Helena, Wednesday Kenneth and Nadine and his sister, enjoyed dinner at the Fireside.

Helena Burmaster traveled to White Sulphur Springs Sunday to visit her sister, Lena and Les Walters, Wednesday Lena and Helen were in Helena to attend the Community Concert.

Wednesday Lillian Fisher, Bernice Cartwright and Ione Schwisow enjoyed the Community Concert in Helena.

Weekend visitors with Lillian were Emil and Harriet Czehura, Butte; Irma Meyer and Jay and Colleen Meyer, John and Mary, Stevensville and Gilbert and Lydia Fisher, Belgrade.

Lane Gobb, who turns 8 this week, celebrated Friday with overnight guests, Tory Gillespie and Nathan Cox.

Saturday Doreen Sautter took Elaine Huckins to the Valentine luncheon at the Methodist Church. During the popular event the ladies enjoyed a skit put on by Evelyn Alley, Ginny Poole, Mary Foster, Julie Diehl and Amber Rauser.

Tuesday Lillian Fisher and Florence Anderson were business callers in Helena.



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Winter Trails Day: Save the date! On Saturday, Feb. 3 we will host the Winter Trails Day event at the Silver Crest activity area, sponsored by Get Fit Great Falls, Big Horn Outdoor Specialists, and Scheels Sporting Goods in coordination with Cascade County Search and Rescue, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, and the U.S. Forest Service. Participants have their choice of snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, or both. For those interested in cross-country skiing contact Bighorn Outdoor Specialists at (406) 453-2841 for reservations and an equipment fitting prior to the event. All wishing to participate in any of the snowshoe hikes can sign up online at: <http://getfitgreatfalls.com/hikes-winter/>

Guided Snowshoe Hikes: After the Winter Trails Day event, the next guided hikes will take place at the Silver Crest Recreation Area in the Little Belt Mountains on March 2 and April 6. The hikes are free, and snowshoes and a guide will be provided, but space is limited. Please contact the Center at (406) 727-8733 to make your reservations.

Winter Film Festival: The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center will offer five film presentations in this year's event, "Voices of the Forest," with a series of nature films depicting some of our planet's outstanding organisms. These are free programs that will be presented in the Center theater at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons in February and include Showdown at Grizzly River (Feb 1), The Salmon Forest (Feb 8), Fox Tales (Feb 15), What Plants Talk About (Feb 22) and Walking with Giants: The Grizzlies of Siberia (Feb 29).

Snowshoe rentals: offered for visitors to borrow free of charge – sizes for children and adults available.

Ida Johnson Winter Speaker Series: The Portage Route Chapter of the National Trail Heritage Foundation

sponsors a special speaker on the second Tuesday of each month in February, March, April, and May. For every event, doors open at 6:30 pm and the presentation runs from 7 – 8 p.m.

On February 13, join Austin Haney of the Blaine County Museum for his presentation entitled "No Finer Troops in Service: Buffalo Soldiers in Big Sky Country 1888-1905." Participants will learn of the history of African American soldiers, their service in the early days of Montana, and some of their extraordinary legacies.

On March 12, Mary Jane Bradbury, a gifted storyteller, will delight participants with a living history presentation on Lucy Marks, the mother to Meriwether Lewis. Ms. Bradbury is known for connecting audiences from classrooms to boardrooms to the lives of outstanding women who made a difference. She is currently an artist in residence at the CM Russell Museum in Great Falls, MT and serves as an interpretive enactor for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Volunteer Opportunities: The Center is always looking for the right volunteer. Opportunities exist for education and exhibit hall docents, greeting visitors, helping with special events, and performing a variety of administrative details. Please call or visit the Center and ask for an application if you're interested in getting involved.

Since 1998, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center has brought alive the indomitable spirit of exploration embodied by the 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition through western North America and their interactions with Plains and Northwest Indians. Each year, nearly 50,000 visitors get to engage in live programs with park rangers and special presenters, walk interpretive trails, explore 25,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits, and view movies directed by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan or Gray Warriner.

The Interpretive Center is managed by the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. Call us at (406) 727-8733 or visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/hlcnf/recarea/?recid=61458> for more information.



Painted bison at the entrance of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center
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