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County, State DNRC Chastised Judge Blocks Horse Creek Hills Subdivision

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NOTE: The article states that Judge Michael McMahon is a Broadwater County judge. He is NOT a Broadwater County Judge. He is a district Court Judge.

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A Broadwater County judge ruled this week in favor of a small coalition of landowners and water rights holders who challenged a subdivision proposed for an area already grappling with water supply and quality issues.

In a sprawling, 85-page order, Broadwater County District Court Judge Michael McMahon chastised the Broadwater County Commission for authorizing preliminary plat approval of the Horse Creek Hills subdivision near Canyon Ferry, despite an “abjectly deficient” environmental assessment that failed



Judge Michael F. McMahon, Montana First Judicial District, Lewis & Clark and Broadwater Counties.
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Senior Spotlight: Luci Horne

Mikayla Kraft
School Correspondent



It doesn't matter who you are, but when the Horne name is mentioned, everyone understands who you are talking about. Football may be the first thing that comes to mind, or even volleyball and track. Maybe you do not think of sports, but the first thing on your mind is technology or the characteristic of competitiveness. Whatever it may be, the Hornes are well known. Luci Horne, the oldest child in the family, is graduating this year. She has worked hard in everything from sports to education and as graduation is approaching she is likewise approaching the end of the race for Valedictorian and a greater education that will serve her intelligence well.

Luci has called Townsend her home since she was three years old. Most of the time she has spent growing up has involved spending time with her family and camping. Luci's mom, Natalie Horne, is a nurse and her father, Joe Horne is a teacher and coach at Broadwater High School. In addition, she has a brother in his junior year named Sawyer. Immediate family is extremely important to her, but distant family is just as important. While camping, she loves to read and



Luci Horne
Mikayla Kraft Photo

spend her time at the lake. Luci takes pride in her work making jewelry at JRock and loves to spend her free time playing volleyball.

She has been highly involved in sports and clubs during her high school career. She has “participated in Volleyball for four years, Track for four years, Basketball for one year, Student Council for four years, Youth Council for two years, Close Up for one year, Bulldogs Beyond for two years, NHS for two years, and Academic Olympics for three years...” she has held leadership positions such as, “volleyball captain

for junior and senior year, class president since sophomore year, and an NHS leader.”

Out of all the incredible things she has been involved with, Volleyball was the most impactful. Her role as a libero/defensive specialist has taught her how to be a leader and how to communicate with those around her. Volleyball opened her up to a new family that she spent all of her time playing with and she expressed how she was so thankful. She stated that “volleyball has... shown me how amazing and supportive the Townsend Community is. It has shown me how to work hard for my own goals and to work with other people toward a common goal. It showed me how to deal with losses and gave me a chance to celebrate wins with my best friends.”

Luci plans to attend Carroll College to pursue a Mathematics degree. She hopes to achieve her dream job of either becoming a Math teacher or obtaining a mathematical job in the engineering field. If the chance is opened up to her, she would love to obtain a world-traveling job that allows her to get paid and see the world around her.

Townsend's Chamber of Commerce Gains Memberships

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The Townsend Chamber of Commerce (TACC) has begun its climb to gain more members. In a meeting Wednesday February 15 at the Commercial, Co-President Jenni Fellenz reported the group had six more chamber members. Active members had reorganized the group last year after losing many of its members.



Fellenz introduced a membership packet which will be listed online through Facebook and on the website. The packet will include a mission statement and commitment to members as well as a business directory and membership list. The packet will contain photos and

information about tourist attractions in the county as well as listings of Broadwater County restaurants and businesses. Fellenz said the packet will be available at City Hall by March 15.

Another possibility for promoting businesses is doing a video of each business to post online. Jeff Simpson, a Montana State University student, launched the TACC website in 2019 and has worked on it since. The videos would be posted there.

The After Hours gathering at JRock Jewelry last month was well attended by local businesses. Another one takes place this evening, 6:30-7:30 p.m., February 22, at Car Quest, the auto parts store on Front Street. Fellenz noted the after-hours business gatherings are a way for owners and operators to communicate and get to know each other.

Bulldog Basketball

Gary Bauman
MT43 News Sports Correspondent

Bulldogs Face the Wolves in the First Round of Tournaments



The Bulldog's Ryedan Reed drives to the basket against Ennis during play at the District 5B Basketball Tournament last Thursday
Kelly Morris Photo

Wednesday the Townsend Bulldogs opened the district tournament with the second place Three Forks Wolves. Dylan Swenson led Three Forks to a big first-half lead with 15 of his 19 points coming in the first half. The Bulldogs, led by Tavyn Anderson's 7 first-half points, could not keep up with Three Forks, as they saw themselves facing a 41 to 18 deficit at the half. The Dogs were able to get some production out of Ryedan Reed who put up 10 points in the second half, but that would not be enough as Three Forks won the first round of tournaments, 76 to 44.

Tavyn Anderson 14, Ryedan Reed 11, Sawyer Horne 7, Grady Erickson 5, Trenton Hoveland 3, Caden Tew 2, Wyatt Robertson 2



The Bulldog's Sawyer Horne goes up for a layup against Ennis during play at the District 5B Basketball Tournament last Thursday
Kelly Morris Photo

Bulldogs Put Four Players in Double Digits in Loser Out Game

Thursday afternoon the Townsend Bulldogs faced tournament elimination with the Ennis Mustangs. Both teams, fighting for their lives in the tournament, were all squared up at 23 in the first half. Trenton Hoveland had the hot hand scoring 7 of his 15 points which included three 3's for the Bulldogs. The second half belonged to the Mustangs as Clinton Buyan had 11 of his game-high 22 points as the Dogs just couldn't keep pace with the Mustangs in the second half, being outscored by 5. The Dogs were eliminated from the tournament 67 to 62.

Ryedan Reed 16, Trenton Hoveland 15, Sawyer Horne 14, Deegan Mattson 11, Tavyn Anderson 3, Grady Erickson 3

Lady Dogs Face the Lady Wolves in the First Round of Districts



The Bulldog's Ella Begger drives to the hoop during Saturday's game against Whitehall last Saturday at the District 5B Basketball Tournament
Kelly Morris Photo

Thursday afternoon the Lady Dogs opened the District 5B tournament against Three Forks. The Wolves struck first, getting out to an early 10-point lead led by sophomore Maddie Tesoro. From there, the Bulldogs got hot from the field. Big 3's by seniors Emily Bird and Ella Begger allowed the Dogs to keep pace with the Wolves in the second quarter. Coach David Lawson made some adjustments at the half and the Lady Dogs went on a streak in the third quarter, outscoring the Wolves by 7 to put them within two points going into the final quarter. In the final minute, the Dogs were finally able to take the lead with a free throw by Kaitlyn Noyes. That lead was quickly erased as Tesoro hit a layup with 18 seconds to play, putting the Wolves up 1, 51-50. After two misses for the Bulldogs, Sophomore Holly Newman found an offensive rebound, a basket and a foul with 5 seconds left in the game. That shot and a free throw gave the Bulldogs the lead for good as the Dogs won 53-51 and advanced to the semi-final game.

Ella Begger 12, Kaitlyn Noyes 12, Emily Bird 9, Holly Newman 8, Cassidy Flynn 6, Emmalin Fischer 4

The Lady Dogs Face the High-Ranked Jefferson Panthers

Friday afternoon the Lady Dogs faced the 17-1 Jefferson Panthers in the semi-finals of the district tournament. Jefferson showed why they were the top team in the

district early, jumping to a 19 to 8 lead over the Dogs. A Panther-balanced attack that had all of the girls in the scoring column was difficult for the Dogs to defend. To go with that, the Panthers forced 20 turnovers on the Lady Dogs in the first half alone. The Dogs found themselves down 17 going into halftime. The Panthers continued to pull away from the Dogs in the third quarter, building a 40-point lead and forcing a running clock by the end of it. The Dogs fell to the Panthers 22 to 60.

Ella Begger 9, Kaitlyn Noyes 6, Emily Bird 5, Mishayla Lambott 2

Bulldogs Face Elimination in the Saturday Morning Game



The Bulldog's Emily Bird shoots a jump shot during Saturday's game against Whitehall last Saturday at the District 5B Basketball Tournament
Kelly Morris Photo

Saturday morning the Lady Dogs faced off against the Whitehall Trojans for loser-out action in the district tournament. The Dogs came out with some fire in their system. Led by Ella Begger's 9 first-half points, the Dogs built a lead of 13 points. The second half was dominated by Kaitlyn Noyes for the Dogs. She amassed 14 points and 23 rebounds on the day as the Dogs never faltered. Holly Newman sealed the game with a couple 3's late en route to her game-high 16 points. The Bulldogs advanced to the consolation game of the district tournament.

Holly Newman 16, Kaitlyn Noyes 14, Ella Begger 9, Cassidy Flynn 6, Emmalin Fischer 5, Emily Bird 2, Abby Wickens 2, Bryleigh Erickson 2, Taylor Cartwright 1, Jazel Ragen 1

Lady Dogs Take on Ennis Mustangs for Third Place

Saturday evening, the Bulldogs faced Ennis for a chance to punch a ticket to the divisional tournament in Billings. The Dogs struggled early to box out, giving up 13 offensive rebounds in the first half. Megan Knack had 6 of those turn into points as she scored 14 of her 17 points going into the half with a Mustang lead of 34 to 19. The Dogs, led by Sophomores Kaitlyn Noyes and Holly Newman, who had 12 total points a piece, clawed their way back into the game with about 1 minute to play. Up by just two points, the Ennis Mustangs had three steals in the last three possessions, sealing the game for Ennis, 48 to 41.

Holly Newman 12, Kaitlyn Noyes 12, Ella Begger 7, Emily Bird 5, Emmalin Fischer 3, Jazel Ragen 2

Congressman Zinke Endorses Hedalen for Montana Office of Public Instruction

Susie Hedalen



Today, Congressman Zinke announced his endorsement for Susie Hedalen as Montana's next Superintendent at the Office of Public Instruction.

"Susie Hedalen will make a fantastic leader at the Office of Public Instruction," Zinke said. "Her background, education, experiences, and demonstrated commitment to empowering parents to take active roles in their children's education make her a great candidate who can hit the ground running in keeping Montana's kids ahead of the curve and with a competitive edge."

Experience:

Susie Hedalen has previously served as Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction before being appointed to the Board of Public Education by Governor Greg Gianforte.

Susie Hedalen has worked all across the state in Class AA to Class C schools.

Susie Hedalen has received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Montana State University, and in addition to extensive work with the tribes, she has a certificate in Native American Studies.

Susie lives in Townsend with her husband, Derrick, where she serves as Superintendent of Townsend School District.

Susie has been on the frontlines of education in Montana for over a decade. She knows what we need to do to protect our children and make sure they are getting a quality education, and that means getting education back to basics.

There is no candidate in this race who is more qualified to be the next Superintendent of Public Instruction than Susie. With so much at stake in this election, we must ensure that she is Montana's next Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Find out more at <https://SusieForSchools.com>.



Susie Hedalen
Susie Hedalen Photo

Townsend School Calendar

FEBRUARY

Friday 23
4:00PM MSWR @ Home

Saturday 24
5:00PM Ag Appreciation Dinner at Watson's Gym SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS
Little Guy Wrestling-Townsend at Both BHS Gyms MSWR @ Dillon

Monday 26
7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room

Tuesday 27
4:00PM MSWR @ Anaconda
7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room

Wednesday 28
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 29
7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room
4:00PM MSWR @ Butte

MARCH

Friday 1
NO SCHOOL

Saturday 2
8:00AMMSWR @ Dillon
MSWR-State @ Lewistown



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Three Forks School Calendar

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 27
Girls Scouts 5:15-6:45 pm in the Cafeteria Contact person Christine Sinks 406-871-8304

Wed 28 - Sat 2
Basketball Divisionals Metra TBD



TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 23
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 24
8:00am Broadwater Rod and Gun Club: Basic Pistol Course at Broadwater Rod and Gun Club
5:00pm Ag Appreciation Dinner at Watson's Event Center
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

Monday 26
6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
6:00PM Broadwater Democrats Meeting at The Mint **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Tuesday 27
10:30am The Montana Land Reliance: Conservation Easements 101 at The Lodge of Townsend
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 28
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 29
7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

MARCH

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

Saturday 2
4:30pm Dinner and Death: A Murder Mystery Dinner Party at The Lodge of Townsend
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Sunday 3
STOKE Ski Club at Showdown Ski Area
5:45PM FREE Townsend Community Family Night at Holy Cross Parish **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Friday 8
9:30AM Vigilante Electric Annual Meeting **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 23
2:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Crafternoon

Saturday 24
Three Forks Community Library - CLOSED

Tuesday 27
1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

Thursday 29
10:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Walcrick at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

MARCH

Friday 1
12:00 pm: Executive Forum for Elected Officials
1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Saturday 2
11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - Chess Club

Septic & Drainfield Installation

Cliff Wrobetz 406-595-4843
Paul Kroeger 406-439-1042
John Nelson 406-949-4296

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE

The Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders is again sponsoring two scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 for graduating seniors planning to attend an IN-STATE SCHOOL. The last day of acceptance of applications is March 15, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Application forms are available at the Clerk and Recorder's office at the courthouse in Townsend, the Guidance Counselors at Three Forks High School, or Townsend High School.

Completed application forms must be returned to the Clerk and Recorder's office located at the Broadwater County courthouse by Friday, March 15, 2024. Applications will be judged on the basis of scholarship, need, school and civic involvement.

The two winners and alternates will be notified after May 1, 2024, and the scholarship will be given directly to the school of the student's choice after the school has accepted the student.

/s/ Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Monday 26
11:00 am: Commission Working Meeting - This Meeting Has Been Canceled at Flynn Building
2:00 pm: Public Project Briefings with Bill Jarocki at Flynn Building

Wednesday 28
3:00 pm: Commission Working Meeting - This Meeting Has Been Canceled at Flynn Building

Thursday 29
6:00 pm: City/County Parks and Recreation at Flynn Building



BROADWATER DEMOCRATS MEETING
IN THE BACKROOM OF THE MINT
MONDAY, February 26, 6:00PM
Guest Speaker
For more information, call Gayle Clifford (406) 581-8538

CREATED GOOD
TOWNSEND COMMUNITY FAMILY NIGHT
Join us for **FREE DINNER and ACTIVITIES!**
Let's explore our humanity and rediscover our goodness together.

March 3rd
What does it mean to be forgiven?

5:45-7:00 pm
Holy Cross Parish Center
101 S. Walnut Townsend

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



TRIVIA TEST

Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Canada?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What was the first animal to be cloned?
3. LITERATURE: In the children's book series "The Bobbsey Twins," what are the names of the two sets of twins?
4. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the chemical element platinum?
5. MUSIC: What is the title of Elvis Presley's first commercial single?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the first U.S. national park?
7. MEDICAL: What is a common name for xerosis?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a sommelier?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to visit all 50 states?
10. HISTORY: What were the principal powers of the Axis in WWII?

Answers, 10



Annual Meeting Notice

86th Annual Meeting will be held at the Beier Auditorium on the campus of the University of Montana - Western in Dillon.

Friday, March 8, 2024

- Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.
- Annual Meeting will commence at 10:30 a.m.
- Lunch for registered members and their guests will be served in the Lewis & Clark Room and campus cafeteria following the meeting.

(Please call in or return reservation card by February 29, 2024.)

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to take into account impacts to water quantity, water quality, public safety and wildlife.

McMahon offered similarly sharp language for another defendant, the Department of Natural Resources, accusing the state agency of demonstrating “hostility” toward a 2009 Montana Supreme Court decision that narrowed a 51-year-old loophole that allows a landowner to develop groundwater without demonstrating there will be no adverse impacts to those who hold existing water rights. Developers have been using that loophole with increasing frequency to facilitate low-density development in areas of Montana lacking unallocated surface water rights.

McMahon wrote in the order that by issuing four letters to the project developers preemptively authorizing four exempt wells instead of a single one, DNRC had relied on departmental guidance that was “wrong” and contrary to the state’s highest court’s 2009 ruling in the case Clark Fork Coalition v. Tubbs. He accused the agency of “torturously misreading its own rules.”

“DNRC blatantly ignores a recent Supreme Court holding, which the letter demonstrates that DNRC understands, to conclude that each of the four phases of one larger project are entitled to exempt wells. This is contrary to the administrative rule, statute, the rulings of this and the Montana Supreme Court, and perhaps most troubling, DNRC’s own restatement of law in the letters [to the project developer],” McMahon wrote. “It should give DNRC pause that citizens with seemingly no legal training appear to have a better grasp of the exempt well limits than DNRC, the agency charged with administering the Water Use Act.”

A spokesperson for the DNRC told Montana Free Press Thursday that the agency is still reviewing the ruling and won’t advise its employees of revised guidance until it’s had an opportunity to further study it.

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Broadwater County District Court Judge Michael McMahon

Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson said in an email to MTFP that the county is reviewing Judge McMahon’s ruling and “considering our appropriate next steps.”

An attorney for 71 Ranch, the owner of the Horse Creek Hills property, underscored in an email to MTFP that both the DNRC and Broadwater County deemed the application sufficient. Both organizations “represented in court that the permit application and approvals followed the letter of the law,” according to Vuko Voyich. Voyich did not indicate if 71 Ranch planned to appeal the order.

If Horse Creek Hills is eventually developed as imagined, it would include 41 lots, 39 residential and two commercial, spread across a 442-acre parcel of land near where Confederate Creek runs into Canyon Ferry.

In a written statement following the ruling Thursday, Vicki Sullivan, one of the Broadwater County residents opposed to the project, accused the county of engaging

in a “deeply flawed subdivision approval process” and condemned DNRC for its “dogmatic rubber-stamping of multiple exempt wells.”

“The court order is not only a victory for rural residents on the eastern shore of Canyon Ferry, but it is also a victory for citizens across the state confronted by rampant sprawl development proposals exploiting our water resources,” Sullivan said. “Montana citizens now have a clear roadmap for holding their local decision-makers and state agencies accountable [by ensuring] they consider public and community comments, proactively identify negative impacts related to new sprawl development, and deny subdivisions that do not have adequate water supplies.”

A 2023 report by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation found that the state is fielding a growing number of exempt well applications, particularly in Gallatin, Ravalli, Flathead and Yellowstone Counties. Courtesy DNRC.

Upper Missouri Waterkeeper Executive Director Guy Alsentzer, an attorney who represented the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, described McMahon’s decision as a “landmark ruling” that unequivocally establishes local governments’ duty to take citizen concerns into account when considering new subdivisions.

“You can’t use exempt wells to circumvent sound, science-based planning,” Alsentzer told MTFP, adding that Judge McMahon was “rightfully frustrated.”

“You shouldn’t have to go to court. The county should be doing its job, DNRC should be doing its job and [the Montana Department of Environmental Quality] should be doing its job,” he said. “Without everyone playing their role, we get gaps.”

A hearing on the case on Feb. 9 drew considerable interest, with about 40 people crowding into the Broadwater County Courthouse to hear an hour of oral arguments. During the hearing, attorneys for the county and 71 Ranch argued that everything required under the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act had been furnished to and evaluated by the county. The DNRC’s attorney argued that any finding against the agency would be premature since it had not — and could not — issue the exempt well certificates at this stage in the development. DNRC attorney Molly Kelly also argued that DNRC would have treated the application differently had it been presented as a subdivision planned for a single stage.

When the Montana Legislature convenes in Helena every other year, exempt wells are frequently targeted for changes.

In 2023, Rep. Casey Knudsen, R-Malta, introduced a bill seeking to widen the exempt well loophole. Like other proposals before it, it hit a headwind of opposition from agricultural producers concerned about impacts on senior water rights holders and conservationists anxious about unchecked groundwater development wreaking havoc on aquatic ecosystems. Since then, a DNRC-convened stakeholder group has met regularly to explore issues related to water rights and groundwater development and to develop proposals to put before state lawmakers ahead of the 2025 legislative session.

To Pool or Not to Pool

J.B. Howick
City Council



Our city pool needs three things to operate: a manager, lifeguards, and maintenance. The City has the maintenance covered, but lifeguards can’t be hired without a pool manager. To date, no one has applied to become this year’s manager — and we’re running out of time.

The pool opens to the public the first week of June, but the City needs a pool manager for the pre-opening procedures that begin this year on May 1st. The City can coordinate the necessary CPR, first-aid and pool operator training, but we need time to do that. Applicants must be high school graduates, have a valid license to drive, and be available to perform the duties. Details are available via the application at the City offices.

The children of our City and surrounding areas love the pool, but without a pool manager (and, later, lifeguards) there will be no pool. The City has re-opened the pool manager application period, which closes again on March 15th, and invite you or someone you know to consider this enjoyable summertime job. Applications can be downloaded from the Notices & Information page on the City’s website, TownsendMontana.net.



Broadwater Community Theater

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Please consider a 2024 Broadwater Community Theater Membership Donation

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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
Printed February 9, 16, 23, 2024

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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
Printed February 9, 16, 23, 2024

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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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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

KOLODKA HOMES LLC, Plaintiff,
v.
DAVID SCHNELL a/k/a DAVID LOREN SCHNELL, DEBORAH FAY SCHNELL, and JOHN DOES 1-5, Defendants.
Case No. DV-2023-41

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MONTANA TO DAVID SCHNELL a/k/a DAVID LOREN SCHNELL:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff’s attorney within 21 days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This action is brought for the purpose of excluding Defendant from any interest in the real property identified in the Complaint, and to foreclose a construction lien upon the real property described in the Complaint on file in the above-entitled action, which real property is situated in the County of Broadwater, State of Montana, in which you may have or claim an interest, and described as follows:

Lot 114 of Rolling Glen Ranch Subdivision, recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 965, located in Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 North, Range 1 East, P.M.M., Broadwater County, Montana. WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 12th day of February, 2024.

(COURT SEAL)
By: Desiree Taves, Deputy Clerk
Jessica Penkal Hodges, HODGES LAW GROUP PLLC
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Tel: (406) 582-9676 | hodges@jphodgeslaw.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF PUBLIS HEARING on a Resolution to Terminate the Interlocal Agreement for Townsend City-County Airport and Transfer the Airport Strip Property to Broadwater County, Montana. City of Townsend, City Hall 110 Broadway at 6:30 p.m. on March 5, 2024.

Printing February 23 and March 1, 2024

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TOSTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2024 Annual Meeting and Election of Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner for Division 1 (All lands west of Highway 287 and South of Lone Mountain Road) will be held at the Toston Irrigation District Office, 8711 US Highway 287, Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 7:00PM.

Publish February 23 & March 1

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February 16, 2024

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley’s courtroom on Friday, February 16 is as follows:

Samuel Collins was to have a Pre-Trial Conference, but it was continued on June 14. There is a strong possibility that there will be a Federal Indictment in this case. His Jury Trial is scheduled for July 15.

Hector Martinez had a Change of Plea: pleading Guilty to the charge of bail jumping. In his elocution, he stated that he missed a Pre-Trial Conference, he was out of state. He was sentenced to five years at Montana State Prison, two years suspended. He receives 113 days credit time served.

George Marcuzzi had a continuance. He is to have a Status Hearing on March 15. His Pre-Trial Conference is set for June 14; with the Jury Trial scheduled for July 15.

Gordon Breeden is scheduled for a Jury Trial on March 11.

Casey Smith appeared on a Petition to Revoke a deferred sentence on allegations of 1) failure to remain law abiding and 2) failure to abide by a restraining order. He admits to those charges. He is Sentenced to a re-deferral of the original charges; with credit for street time 277 days.

Damien Duffy appeared for a Petition to Revoke a suspended sentence on a charge of failure to remain law-abiding. He will have an Evidentiary Hearing on April 19.

Adam Breeden had an Admit/Deny Hearing; entering denial to a charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs. The Evidentiary will be on March 14.

Gary Hamilton had a Status Hearing. There are allegations of Hamilton drinking when ordered not to do so. This incident allegedly culminated in assault with a weapon. He is ordered to have no contact with victims or witnesses and to comply with the 24/7 program.

Lynn Sofil had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) criminal mischief (restitution) 2) failure to stop at an accident and 3) failure to contact the vehicle owner of an accident. Omnibus is due by March 22; the Pre-Trial Conference is set for June 14; with the Jury Trial scheduled for July 15.

Jody Giles had a Change of Plea. A new Plea Agreement is received; March 11 is the date for a change of Plea.

Albe Minor Subdivision Takes One More Step Toward Approval

Nancy Marks
Reporter



County Commissioners agreed to approve Albe Minor Subdivision with its original conditions at the commissions’ February 14 meeting. An addendum to the preliminary plat regarding a road-access condition did not pass their approval.

Community Development and Planning Director Nichole Brown presented the subdivision, owned by Steve and Dan Upton, for preliminary approval. Steve Upton presented a grant of shared access from adjacent landowner Jim Foster, for a driveway for one of their parcels. Brown indicated this was new information and “implicated” a parcel outside the subdivision, so could not be approved by the commissioners. The commissioners took no action on that consideration.

City-County Airport hangar renters will see a 4.3 percent increase in their leases beginning July 1. The

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Justice of the Peace Report February 23rd

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Shilo Baker, Whitehall: interstate day speed \$70.00
Mackenzie Fink, Cardwell: interstate day speed \$70.00
Katrina Warburton, Toston: basic rule \$120.00
Ethan Harm, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Jace Williams, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
Hosanna Shockley, Bozeman: interstate day speed \$70.00
Lacen Stern, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Mikaela Stein, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Rodney Sullivan, Three Forks: restricted speed \$95.00
Christopher Mott, Helena: night speed \$70.00
Jeremy Jensen, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00
Sara Hancock, Toston: day speed \$20.00
Hugh Hetherington, Helena: night speed \$20.00
Lynze Cannon, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Suvarna Kambar – Sanford, Fl – careless driving, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Jack White, Townsend: violation of commission or dept orders or rules \$135.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Cameron Dana – Commerce City, Colorado – operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.
Gage Wood – East Helena – Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.
Gage Wood – East Helena – fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle – owner or operator- 2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees; night speed, plead guilty, \$120.00 fine.
Gage Wood – East Helena – possessing intoxicating substances while under the age of 21 (over age 18)-1st offense, plead guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete MIP class, and complete 20 hours of community service.
James Barragan – Townsend – operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.
James Barragan – Townsend – night speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Ryan Sickles, Clancy: night speed \$20.00
Maigen Oyler, Helena: night speed \$70.00
Connor Yoder, Three Forks: restricted speed \$65.00
Jason Razink, Three Forks: restricted speed \$55.00
David Ray, Laurel: night speed \$20.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

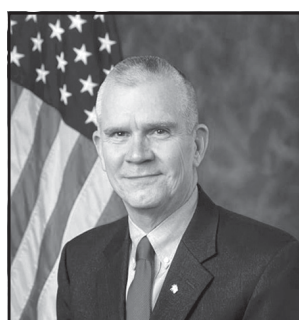
Richard Karp-Probation and parole hold, \$50,000.00 bond

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increase is based on the inflation rate increase.
The commission approved Museum Board bylaws. Curator Linda Huth pointed out a change in the number of board members. The board will have seven members rather than 11 members. Commissioners accepted the resignations of Ross Johnson and Terry Love. They approved reappointments for Vic Sample, Mike Millay and Sharon Ragen.
The Greenway Subsequent Minor Subdivision near Three Forks received final plat approval. The five-lot subdivision, owned by Gary Green, is part of the Eagle Ridge Major Subdivision which was approved in 2007.

Rosendale Withdraws from US Senate Race

Matt Rosendale



*Matt Rosendale
Matt Rosendale Photo*

Instead of one of those phony statements from politicians, here’s my statement on why I’m withdrawing my candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

As everyone knows, I have planned to run for the US Senate and to win both the primary and the general election. However, the day I announced, President Trump then announced that he was endorsing a different candidate.

I have long been a supporter of the President, and remain so. But I have been forced to calculate what my chances of success would be with Trump supporting my opponent. This race was already going to be tough, as I was fighting against Mitch McConnell and the rest of the Republican establishment in Washington. But I felt like I could beat them, as the voters do not agree with them choosing who would be the next U.S. Senator from Montana.

However, by my calculations, with Trump endorsing my opponent and the lack of resources, the hill was just too steep. I spoke with Senator Daines earlier this week and we both agree that this is the best path forward for Republicans to regain the majority in the U.S. Senate.

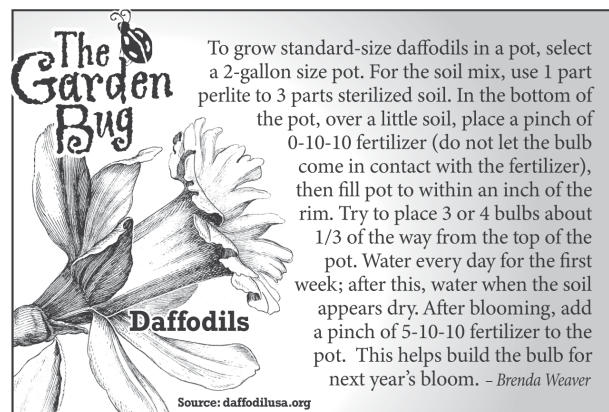
Over the next few days I will be back home in Montana with my family and will prayerfully consider what is next.

Americanisms



“A sense of freedom is something that, happily, comes with age and life experience.”
— *Diane Keaton*

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To grow standard-size daffodils in a pot, select a 2-gallon size pot. For the soil mix, use 1 part perlite to 3 parts sterilized soil. In the bottom of the pot, over a little soil, place a pinch of 0-10-10 fertilizer (do not let the bulb come in contact with the fertilizer), then fill pot to within an inch of the rim. Try to place 3 or 4 bulbs about 1/3 of the way from the top of the pot. Water every day for the first week; after this, water when the soil appears dry. After blooming, add a pinch of 5-10-10 fertilizer to the pot. This helps build the bulb for next year’s bloom. – *Brenda Weaver*

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New Hunting, Fishing and Conservation License Year

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Deer and elk permit application deadline is April 1

HELENA – The new license year opens March 1, which means that is the day you can buy your 2024 hunting, fishing and conservation licenses and begin applying for permits and special licenses. The deadline to apply for deer and elk permits is April 1.

Applications for most species – deer, elk, antelope, deer B licenses, elk B licenses, antelope B licenses, moose, sheep, goat, bison, bear, turkey – can be made beginning March 1.

A new online feature this year is the option for applicants to reapply for the same offerings as last year with just a simple click, eliminating the need to search through previous applications.

Hunters and anglers can buy licenses and apply for permits on the FWP website beginning at 5 a.m. on March 1; click on “Buy and Apply.” Most FWP offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The licensing call center will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. from March 1 through April 1; after April 1, the hours will return to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The call center can be reached at 406-444-2950.

This year FWP produced clearer information for hunters on bonus points and how they are used. Remember:

A bonus point is an extra chance for a hunter to draw a license or permit in a Montana drawing.

Preference points are used only for drawing Non-resident Combination Licenses. Preference points move you ahead in line for the drawing. If you are a Montana resident, preference points don’t apply to you.

For more information on bonus points, preference points and other important licensing topics, go to fwp.mt.gov/buyandapply/hunting-licenses.

Hunters and anglers can also take advantage of the MyFWP mobile app. The app holds and displays licenses, permits and E-Tags, which can be downloaded and used in the field without cell service. To create a My FWP account, visit the MyFWP login page.

Tips and reminders

- Don’t wait until the last day to apply.
- If you’re applying for a special license or permit, you will need to have a valid email address.
- Make sure to double-check the regulations before applying. Some permits/licenses have changed.
- The Online Licensing System is available from 5 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.
- Everyone 12 and older needs a Conservation License to access most state lands, including fishing access sites, wildlife management areas and wildlife habitat protection areas (WHPA). Montana State Parks do not require a Conservation License.
- A separate and rotating moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat SuperTag lottery for resident hunters will be conducted annually. Montana residents will receive one free chance in the lottery for every General Elk or General Deer License purchased.

Application deadlines

- Smith River Super Permit – March 22
- Paddlefish (white tag) – March 22
- Deer and Elk Special Permits – April 1
- Special Licenses – June 1
- Bighorn Sheep – May 1
- Bison – May 1
- Moose – May 1
- Mountain Goat – May 1
- Antelope – June 1

SuperTags

Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat, and Mountain Lion – July 1
Mountain Lion Special Licenses – July 22
For more information on Montana hunting licenses and permits, go to fwp.mt.gov/buyandapply/hunting-licenses.

School Board Decides on Fate of School Radio at March Meeting

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Public survey results of whether to keep KDGZ 98.3 school radio showed little change from last week’s survey. Responses included 47 persons, 70 percent of whom said they only listen to the games on the radio. Moving the radio to online with only games being broadcast suited 74 percent of the respondents. Even those teachers who had favored keeping the radio for class purposes said the costs outweighed the benefits. Middle school principal Brad Racht said it was a “no-brainer” to move it online because the \$9,000 annual cost was hard to justify.

Several teachers had tried to gather enough interest in keeping the radio on air. Four businesses said they would continue supporting the station, but supporters were only able to come up with \$3,000 to pay for keeping the station going.

The decision will be made at a public meeting at the March 12 meeting.

Broadwater Education Foundation President Jackie Smith presented the 2023 grant awards in the amount of \$10,175. The nonprofit gives grants to teachers in both Spring and Fall. The organization’s annual fundraiser, Trivia Night, is coming up March 14 at the Fairgrounds 4-H Building.


- Baseball activity organizers will meet again in March. Superintendent Susie Hedalen explained the group will be able to fundraise within the community, but those funds won’t cover sustaining the program.
- The board approved the interlocal agreement between the School Library and Broadwater County.
- The Adult Education program is still in limbo. Hedalen said she and new administrator Audrey Martin will try to contact last year’s program leaders.
- Retiring teachers Wendy Graveley and Kim Gilligan were awarded \$15,000 retirement incentives.
- Board members approved a resolution calling for the election of trustees. Current board members Vanessa Flynn and Jason Noyes, whose terms expire, must sign up to run again by March 28. Daniel Trusdell, who was appointed to fill an expired term, will also be on the ballot. The annual school board election will be on May 7, 2024. It is run by Broadwater County Elections Officer Angie Paulsen. The school district pays \$14,000 to the county to administer the election.
- Paraprofessional Steve Nelson and middle school track coach Allie Lampman have resigned. The resignations were approved.

Weather info contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 2/23 Mostly Clear 40° 29° ● 1% ⇒ 8 19 mph	Sat 2/24 Partly Cloudy 42° 33° ● 7% ⇒ 13 22 mph	Sun 2/25 Partly Cloudy 46° 35° * 0 in ⇒ 14 29 mph	Mon 2/26 Light Snow 35° 18° * 1 in ⇒ 21 30 mph	Tue 2/27 Light Snow 28° 22° * 0 in ⇒ 10 21 mph
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Precipitation:

September: 4.39"	October: 0.76"
November: 0.398"	December: 0.08"
January: 0.047"	February: 0.272"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 0.319"



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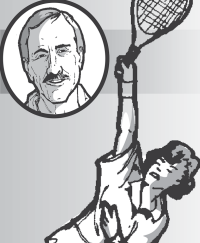
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Extend your body when hitting the serve. Try to extend your arm as you hit the ball - this means you will make contact when the ball is at the highest point you can reach, striking it as you lean forward.



By keeping your head up and your eyes looking at the ball, you will get better extension on the serve, tapping into more of your power.

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

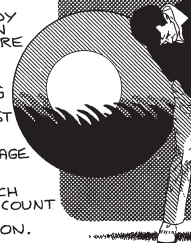


LAY THE SHOT IN WHICH YOU HAVE THE MOST CONFIDENCE WHEN FACED WITH THE OPTION OF CHIPPING OR PUTTING FROM THE FRINGE OF THE GREEN. MOST OF THE TIME THAT WILL BE PUTTING.

HOWEVER, STUDY THE SITUATION CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU DECIDE.

IF, FOR INSTANCE, YOU'RE IN LONG GRASS OR STRONG GRAIN, CHIPPING IS THE HIGHER PERCENTAGE SHOT.

TAKE ALL SUCH FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT IN MAKING YOUR DECISION.



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: Q equals F

SPG MY LTD OKLPTRZLE
TBSTGE EKKO XY MDZRJ
LYQQKK TX SYDJ? HKLTAEK
ZX'E HDKTJ QBAZM!

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KNIGHT MOVES

D	F	N
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Y	E	I

Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Stash
CHEAC [] []
Froth
HALTER [] []
Deduce
FINER [] []
Lowly
MALINE [] []

TODAY'S WORD [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

"It's not as good as my _____ used to make it."



Super Crossword

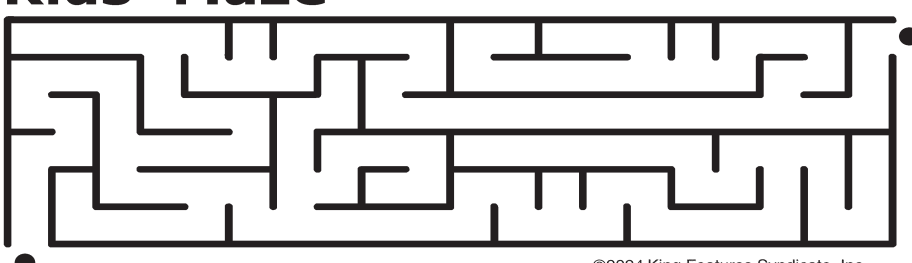
ACROSS

- Gilda Radner character on "Saturday Night Live"
- Certain martial arts surface
- Just OK
- Enthusiastic reply to a request
- Raised, as a building
- Central point
- British ruler applying veneer?
- Violent anger
- Nutrition Facts category
- Brewed beverage
- Great Plains tribe
- The Devil
- Nile goddess
- Turkish ruler's pungent condiment?
- Quaint office transcribers
- Sleep study diagnosis
- Regarding
- Something a French-kissing Arab ruler has?

DOWN

- Small sailboats
- Nuptial vow
- Really smell
- Kind of tide
- China's Zhou —
- Actress Perez
- Hindu ruler's radio sign-off?
- Secretive U.S. org.
- Tehran's land
- Jug handle
- Skye of film
- Save the Russian ruler from tumbling to the ground?
- Actors Mineo and Landi
- Car club initials.
- Coin-op hole
- Thesaurus entry: Abbr.
- Afghan ruler caught up in a tornado?
- Stared in amazement
- Agate playing marble, informally
- Lingo suffix
- Greek money
- Brewed beverage
- Exam taker
- Very easy task for a Muslim ruler?
- Many a war vet's affliction
- Behave badly
- Yellowstone gusher
- English ruler making mouse sounds?
- Bomb part
- Liquid: — (Drano rival)
- Electees
- Iowa college
- Louver strip
- Hula —
- What's revealed by taking an X-ray of a Persian ruler?
- Shower affection (on)
- Butt forcefully
- Waters north of Australia
- Went swiftly
- Visits during a trip
- Car mileage recorder
- Son of Willy Loman
- Tibet locale
- Bat very gently
- Emerging
- Actor Studi
- Herr's "Alas!"
- Sits tight
- Writer Rice
- Pa Clampett
- Arg. neighbor
- Last mo.
- Golfer Lorena
- Volcano in E. Sicily
- Fables
- Six-pt. plays
- Shredded bit
- Pontificate
- Fructose, e.g.
- Yoked yaks
- Utters breathlessly
- Oral
- Most vinegary
- "Understood"
- Sch. in the Granite State
- Director Ang
- Mai — (drink)
- UFO pilots
- Commotion
- Commotion
- Actress Mireille —
- Singer Paul
- Ending for cash
- Comedian Hart, casually
- Hoosier State
- Building story
- Part-goat god
- Where it's at
- "It's — real!"
- Boast
- Irritated
- Big name in peanut butter
- Break out in —
- Actress Berry
- Set to a slow speed
- Bow shapes
- Berry of Brazil
- Some mollusks
- Loathe
- Oohs and —
- "Lord, is —?"
- Precursors of embryos
- Brief parody
- Cry of woe
- Person crying
- Golf gizmo
- Kind of tide
- Used a spade
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Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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OUR WALK IN FAITH

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

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

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

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)
110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895
MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
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 Margie Ulrich (406) 599-9848
Sunday: 9:30am Services
Second Tuesday of the month: 6:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

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

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

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

SENIOR CENTER

SR. CENTER MEALS FEB 26 - MARCH 1
Thursday, February 29
Ham and Beans
Corn Bread
German Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Apricots

Monday, February 26
Hamburger on a Bun
Potato Triangles
Carrot Coins
Crisp Coleslaw
Juicy Pears
Dessert

Tuesday, February 27
Sweet-N-Sour Pork
Fried Brown Rice
Oriental Vegetables
Four Bean Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Baked Apples

Wednesday, February 28
Chicken ALA King
Purple Beets
Carrot Raisin Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Peaches

Friday, March 1
Tater Tot Casserole
Garden Peas
Tossed Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Pineapple

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.

Aging & Disability Vaccination Collaborative

Karen Sullivan
Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities



An effort is underway in Western Montana to remove common barriers preventing older adults, people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations from getting vaccinated for COVID-19 and influenza, as well as respiratory syncytial virus, pneumonia and shingles.

“People with disability experience significant barriers when attempting to access healthcare, information and services if those services are not designed to consider their preferences, needs and disability,” said Tannis Hargrove, of the Aging & Disability Vaccination Collaborative at the University of Montana’s Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities. “Ingrained socioeconomic disadvantages and other roadblocks still exist and are now widely recognized as major contributors to health disparities experienced by people with disability and the older population.”

The project will sponsor events and activities that will make vaccinations more accessible for people with disabilities and older adults. These include vaccine clinics, transportation to and from clinics, in-home vaccinations, and outreach and education.

The Western Montana effort is funded by the Aging & Disability Vaccination Collaborative (ADVC) at USAging, an agency that was funded for a similar national vaccination project by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living.

The Rural Institute’s ADVC is partnering with Western Montana’s two centers for independent living, Summit Independent Living and Ability Montana, serving 21 Western Montana counties. These counties include Lincoln, Sanders, Mineral, Ravalli, Missoula, Lake and Flathead, which are served by Summit Independent Living, and Beaverhead, Madison, Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Powell, Granite, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Broadwater, Meagher, Wheatland, Gallatin, Park, and Sweet Grass, served by Ability Montana.

Ability Montana and Summit Independent Living are non-profit organizations and two of four centers for independent living in Montana, with a mission to promote independence and advocate for people living with disabilities, including older adults. Services include workshops, classes and groups, peer mentoring, personal assistance services, youth programs, recreation programs, and technology and accessibility tools. The centers also offer training for independent living skills and self-advocacy.

In recognition that people with disability experience more severe COVID-19 cases than people without disability, and experience more barriers to wellness generally, independent living specialists in the 21 counties are preparing to have conversations with independent living clients in the region, referred to as consumers.

“It can be tough talking with consumers about why they should consider getting vaccinated,” a project information sheet explains to independent living specialists. “Some consumers may believe vaccines are harmful, while other consumers may want to be vaccinated but

March Food Pantry Needs

Karoline Nelson
Operations Manager

The United Methodist and Holy Cross Churches will be staffing the food pantry during the month of February.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 37 families serving 60 people on February 17th.

Next Saturday, March 2, will be the last day for those who wish to receive an Easter ham or chicken to sign up. They will be available for pick up on March 30th which is the usual distribution day.

A huge “Thank You!” to the Super Bowl Townsend school staff for their food collection. They collected 207.5 pounds of food for the food pantry.

The food pantry will be open for the distribution of food on the first and third Saturday of the month between 9:00 and 10:45. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also. Distribution outside of the normal hours is for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs may be distributed by calling Karoline Nelson at 406-438-3981 or Daryl Blumhagen at 406-980-0800.

Donations may be dropped off either on the first or third Fridays between 9:30 and 11:00 or on Saturdays between 9:00 and 10:45. They will also be received at the same time if there is a fifth weekend. If you are unable to bring your donation during these hours, you can call Karoline or Daryl at the numbers above. Please do not leave food by the back door. If it freezes it may not be salvageable. For cash donations, there are donation boxes at the checkout counters at Bob’s Supermarket or they can mailed to the Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, Mt 59644. We are located at 315 Broadway.

Items needed this week are chili, can stew, soups, crackers, peanut butter, Skillet meals, or Hamburger Helper.

don’t know where to get it, how to get it, or how to afford it.” The information sheet says consumers may have access needs to be able to receive any vaccine, “such as a need for sign language interpreters, screen reader-accessible vaccine registration websites, or wheelchair-accessible transportation.”

Conversations with consumers who may ask why they should be vaccinated will be comprehensive. “Getting vaccinated is the best way to reduce your risk of getting very sick if you do get these diseases,” according to materials associated with the project. “The people most at risk for getting very sick from these diseases are older adults, people with disabilities and people who have compromised immune systems or health conditions such as asthma, diabetes or heart and lung diseases.”

Information about COVID-19 booster vaccines will be comprehensive.

Consumers who believe the COVID-19 virus is an event of the past will be educated otherwise. As 2023 ended in Montana, an average of 18 people were being admitted daily to hospitals due to severe COVID symptoms.

Consumers will be informed to bring their insurance card to vaccine sites and clinics but are also educated about how to receive various vaccines for free if the consumer is uninsured or underinsured. This includes the U.S. CDC’s Bridge Access Program (Bridge Access Program | CDC).

Disease-specific education will also occur, including about respiratory syncytial virus, commonly thought to be contracted only by infants and children. Education will also occur about Long COVID, an extended period of post-disease symptoms experienced by some people who’ve contracted COVID-19.

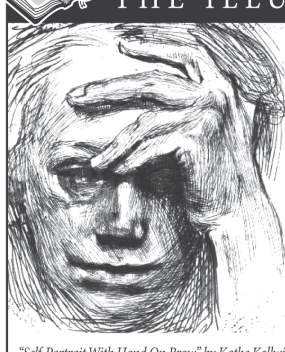
Including the independent living centers in Western Montana, other project partners include MonTech, a University of Montana program providing technology, support and services to Montanans with disabilities; UM’s Skaggs School of Pharmacy; UM’s School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science; and The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies (The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies).

UM pharmacy students will assist with outreach and will be on hand at various clinics to answer questions, including about the efficacy and safety of vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, and possible side effects related to the various vaccines. This information will include the fact that hundreds of millions of Americans have safely received seasonal flu and COVID vaccines and that the vaccines do not cause disease.

Other prospective partners will include Area Agencies on Aging, the Montana Public Health Institute, local emergency planning committees, federally qualified health centers, long-term care providers, public health departments, Urban Indian Centers, and Montana’s tribes.

For more information contact Tannis Hargrove, ADVC/Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities, University of Montana, 243 Corbin Hall, Missoula, MT, 59812 | (406) 243-4860 | tannis.hargrove@msou.umt.edu.

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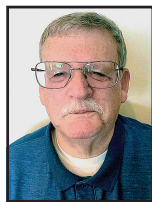


Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

✠ MATTHEW 6:34 ✠

Email Scams Getting More Sophisticated

Victor Sample



Lately, I have seen email scams getting more sophisticated. I recently received several emails purporting to be from various companies. Instead of offering “Customer Loyalty” rewards, which are pretty easily identified as scams, these look like perfectly valid ads. They look very professional and, of course, want me to click on a link to get a quote or get a special promotional discount.

However, even a cursory look at the actual email (display the actual email address – it’s from not who it says it’s from – just click on the email information) shows they are scams. There is no reference to the actual company they purport to be from.

Those are the easy ones – you can quickly tell they are scams. But I have seen more sophisticated scams lately.

One I received at my personal email address claimed that someone from Pakistan had used my “booking website” to book a flight and a hotel room. The person had not received any confirmations and repeated attempts to contact me through the website didn’t work. So, they emailed me directly to ask what was going on and do they indeed have a flight and a hotel booked.

Emails are cheap, so scammers can send emails to everyone at very little cost. So they send emails out to a huge number of email addresses hoping that some small percentage of people will respond to their email. However, this one had an extremely small number of emails that would actually go to someone who had a booking website.

Furthermore, the email explicitly asked me to respond to his wife’s email address not to the email address that I received the email from. That made me a little suspicious. He, of course, included his wife’s email address for me to click on to reply.

People want to be helpful or polite. It’s natural to want to reply to tell him that he didn’t have the right email; and that he reached the wrong person. Maybe you want to tell him he must have been scammed.

But, instead of clicking on the email address and replying to him, I copied the email address and pasted it into a text editor. That shows me the actual link rather than the text of the link. The “email address” was not an email address – it was a link to a website.

They were clearly hoping I would click on the “email address” to reply that there was some kind of misunderstanding and that I didn’t know anything about their problem or even the booking site they said they used.

Over the last 3-4 months, MT43 News has been flooded with emails from Glacier Bank to “Dear Valued Customer” stating they have an important message for us. Glacier Bank is a valid bank holding company out of Kalispell with a number of regional banks all over the west.

The first tip that this was not legitimate was that we are not a Glacier Bank customer or a customer of any of the regional banks they own (like Valley Bank). Again, just looking at the true email address showed it was not from Glacier Bank or any Glacier Bank subsidiaries.

After we received a number of these emails I did a search on Glacier Bank Email Scams. There were a LOT of reports of these scam emails.

So, not all that hard to detect --- until they changed their email process. Sometimes it still shows a clearly suspicious email: call@iasoflowers.gr

The “.gr” indicates it’s from Greece. But a lot of them are from “noreply@glacierbank.com”. That looks pretty valid! There is of course a link in the email that I need to click on. I COPIED the link and pasted it into a text editor. The link actually went to “abpw0.za.com/.xx/bic/freshmontana”

That doesn’t really look much like a Glacier Bank link.

Another email that MT43 News has been receiving is a notice that either our email server is about to expire and I need to click on a link to renew it OR our email address is about to expire and I need to click on a link to renew it. The emails look very professional and they are always signed by the “MT43 News Email Team”.

Again, the first clue that this might not be a legitimate email is that I am the MT43 News Email Team. Again, looking at the actual email address that sent the email shows it’s clearly not from anyone legitimate. Copying the link in the email and posting it into a text editor verified it is not legitimate!

Do NOT click on any links in an email or a text unless you are ABSOLUTELY certain the email is valid. In the past, I advised that you display the actual email address that sent the email – and you should continue to do that.

However, the scammers are getting more sophisticated. In addition to checking out the email address, if there are any links in the email copy the link (do not click on it). On my phone, holding down on the link gives me the option of copying the link. On my PC, a RIGHT click on the link will either show me the true link URL or give me the ability to copy the URL.

DO NOT CLICK on any links until you are certain the email is valid and the links are valid.

Always beware!

VA Moves to Expand Agent Orange Veterans Benefits

Sarah Feldman
Jon Tester's Office

VA Moves to Expand Agent Orange Veterans Benefits Using Authorities from Tester's PACT Act

VA proposes rule to extend presumed areas of exposure to Agent Orange and make it easier for toxic-exposed veterans to receive earned benefits and health care.

(U.S. Senate) – Following years-long efforts by Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester to expand toxic-exposed veterans' access to earned health care and benefits, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today moved to expand the locations and time frames for which VA presumes a veterans' exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides. This change will make it easier for veterans exposed to Agent Orange during their military service to receive their earned VA benefits and health care.

VA's move to expand toxic-exposed benefits for veterans follows Tester's Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, which expanded the list of locations where VA must recognize veterans were exposed to the toxic herbicide Agent Orange. The PACT Act also provided VA resources and authorities it is now using to further expand that list. Prior to the PACT Act, eligibility for presumption of exposure was limited to Vietnam and limited areas in Thailand and Korea.

Montana Population Growth Slows

Eric Dietrich
Montana Free Press

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After years of new arrivals swelling Montana's population and straining its housing supply, new data released

Dec. 19 by the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that the volume of net migration into the state has declined.

As of July 1, 2023, the federal demographics agency estimates Montana had 1,132,800 residents. That's about 9,900 more than a year prior, or a 0.9% increase.

While that's a lot of new Montanans — roughly as many people as the populations of Belgrade, Miles City or Whitefish — it's a markedly more modest increase than the state has seen in prior years. Between mid-2021 and mid-2022, for example, the agency estimates Montana grew almost twice that fast, adding about 19,200 residents.

The agency produces its annual population estimates by extrapolating from the population counts reported following the 2020 census, adding births, subtracting deaths, and using federal records such as IRS tax returns to estimate how residents have moved between places. Equivalent county-level population statistics for 2023, which will provide an updated look at regional growth in different parts of Montana, aren't scheduled to be available until March.

Since the 2020 census, which counted the state's population as of April 1, 2020, the agency estimates that Montana's population has grown by about 48,600 residents — slightly less than the current population of Bozeman proper.

Nearly all of that growth is attributable to in-migration. Since the 2020 census, the agency estimates 51,600 more people have moved into Montana than have relocated elsewhere. Over the same time period, the state has seen roughly 3,000 more deaths than births.

Other data published by the Census Bureau estimates that, as of July 2023, Montana had about 527,800 housing units — one potential home for every 2.1 residents. Since the 2020 census, however, the agency's figures indicate Montana's housing supply has grown by a comparatively slim 13,000 units, adding only one home for every 3.7 residents of population growth.

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Townsend Trees Planted for Special Purposes

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



This is the 24th 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.

113) Sorbus Decora, Showy Mountain Ash; planted in 2010 north of the Community Library in Memory of Garrison and Lavina Rains. This berry tree was chosen because Garrison and Lavina loved watching the Cedar Waxwings come to their crabapple tree in the Fall outside their big east-facing window at 310 S. Cedar. The birds would feast on the frozen crab apples and get loopy. It was a fun spectacle. The tree was planted by the family and the Tree Board. The tree died from fireblight and needs to be replaced.

114) Picea abies 'Pendula'; Norway Weeping Spruce, planted in Fall 2006 south of Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School in Memory of Cecelia Hazelton, Superintendent of Schools when the elementary school was constructed in 1951. The Norway Weeping Spruce was planted to replace Pfitzer Junipers Planted by the Elementary School Children in 1952. The Junipers had to be removed to landscape the south side of the elementary school in

2006. The tree was paid for by the Tree Board. The tree died and needs to be replanted.

115) A plaque was installed south of the Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School to commemorate a Landscaping Project Completed in the Fall of 2006 by Mr. Clint Watson's Sophomore and Junior Technology Class students and Patrick Plantenberg. The project was completely ripped out by the construction of the new elementary school in 2022. Hopefully, Technology Class students can again complete some landscaping projects at the school in the future.

116) Tilia x flavescens 'Dropmore', Dropmore Linden; planted in 2008 west of the elementary school to Honor Nick Hill, Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School 4th Grader, who won the 2007 State Agriculture in Montana Schools Noxious Weed Bumper Sticker Contest. The tree was planted by Nick Hill and the 5th graders. The tree was donated by the Tree Board. The tree had to be removed as part of new school construction in 2021 and needs to be replanted.

117) Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red'; Canada Red Chokecherry; planted on Arbor Day, April 27, 2007, west of the elementary school by the Toston Girl Scout Troop 205: Sarah Sanderson, Senior Troop Asst.; Ryna Sanches, Dolly Sanches, Edee Sanches, and Cindy Sanderson. Troop Leader Lenna Webb. The tree was planted by the Girl Scout Troop and the Tree Board. The tree was paid for by Using the Troop's Girl Scout Cookie Earnings. The tree had to be removed as part of new school construction in 2021 and needs to be replanted.

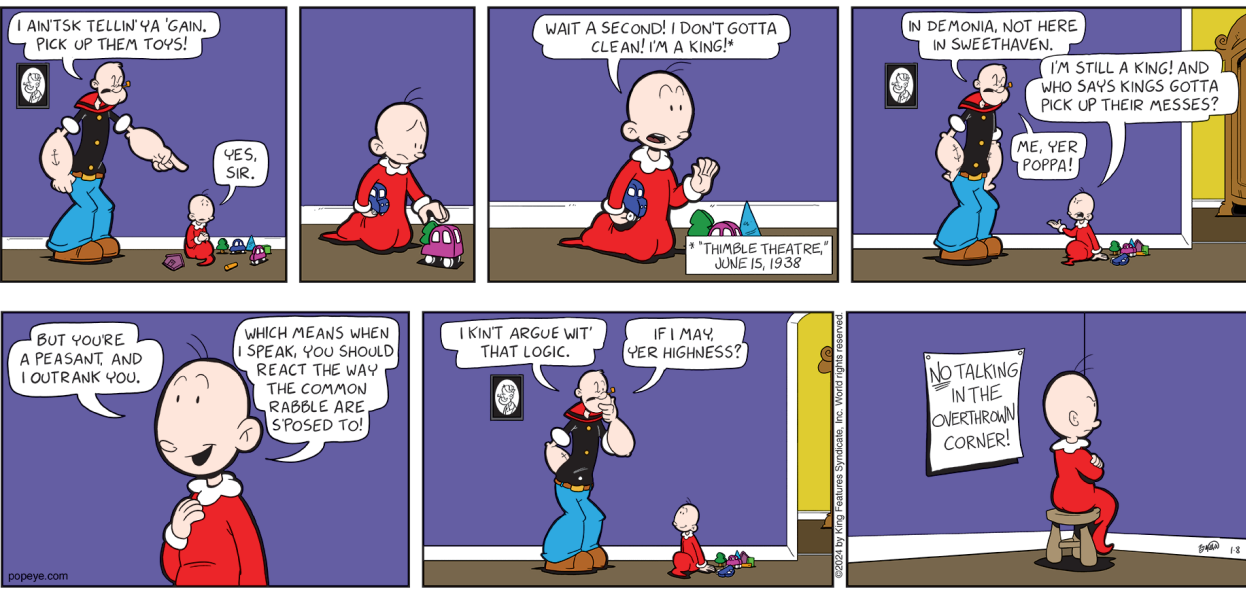
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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"You've had your foot in your mouth again, haven't you, Senator?"



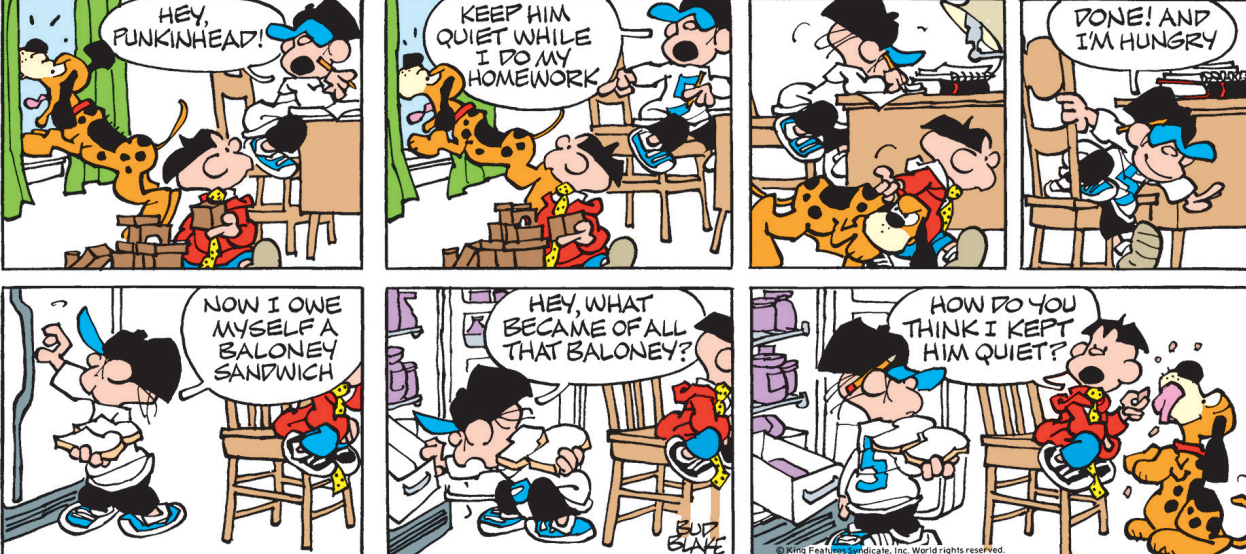
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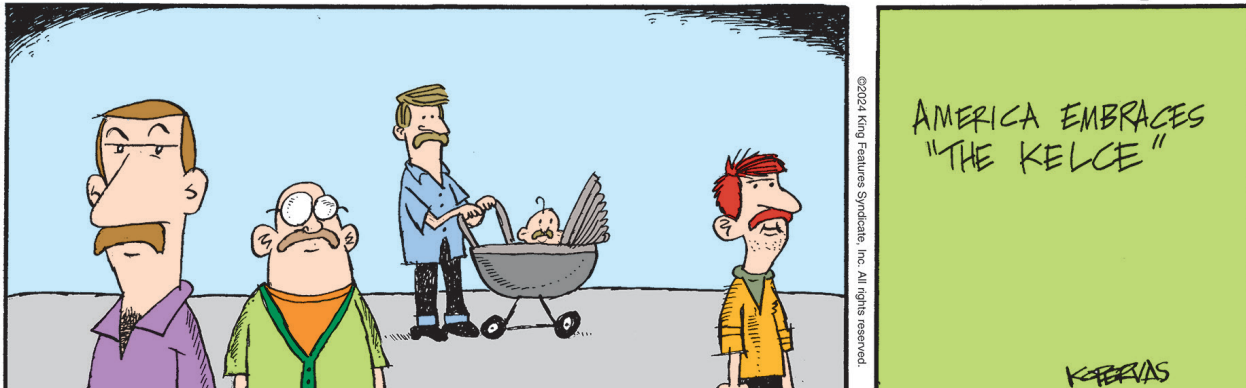
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- Ottawa.
 - A sheep.
 - Nan, Bert, Flossie and Freddie.
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 - "That's All Right."
 - Yellowstone National Park.
 - Dry skin.
 - Wine expert.
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 - Nazi Germany, Italy and Japan.

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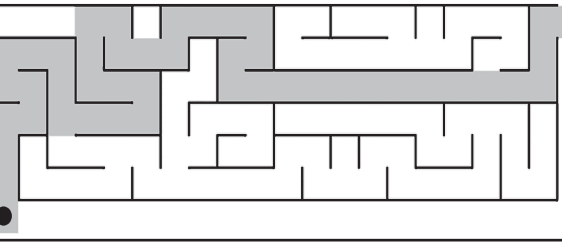
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Super Crossword

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Weed of the Month: Creeping Bellflower

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Don't let this plant fool you. Creeping bellflower is pretty, but it will take over your garden and then sneak into your lawn. It is also known as rover bellflower or rampion bellflower.



Creeping Bellflower Bugwood
Allison Kosto Photo

Description & Habitat

Native to Eurasia, creeping bellflower was brought to the United States as an ornamental plant. The leaves, shoots and roots of this plant are edible and once grown for culinary purposes. It is often found near older homes or abandoned homesteads. It quickly escaped the gardens to become an invasive weed, especially in the northern parts of the United States and Canada. It invades pastures, fields, riparian areas, roadsides and lawns. It prefers moist areas and grows in sun or shade. Creeping bellflower is a perennial plant (life cycle of more than two years). It can grow 1 to 3 feet tall with multiple flowering stems. Its lower leaves are heart-shaped and upper leaves are narrower. It has nodding, bell-shaped flowers that are blue-lavender in color. Flowers are found on one side of the upper third of the stem and continue to develop throughout the summer. It has a rhizomatous root system that sends out lateral roots where more plants can develop. It also has a taproot that can go over 12 inches deep. New plants can sprout from root fragments.

It's the root system that makes this plant very difficult to control. Even the smallest root fragments can regenerate which is why it's virtually impossible to eliminate the plant by cultivation or digging out plants. When left alone, it can take over garden beds and move into lawns. It can easily withstand mowing, although will not flower, and can carpet the ground under the right conditions.

Management

The best strategy is to prevent it from getting established. It can still sometimes be found through nurseries and seed companies. Sometimes they warn it can be invasive and sometimes they don't. Don't take the chance.

Once established, creeping bellflower is very difficult to impossible to eliminate completely. Digging, pulling and tilling is not effective due to the extensive root system and can actually aid in spreading the plant further. Mowing and burning will not kill it but may weaken the plant and be effective when combined with other control methods such as herbicides. Grazing is typically not practical where this plant is found and would likely not be effective anyway. Even deer tend to avoid this plant. Mulches, at least 4 inches thick, may slow down the plant and keep it from getting established in new areas.

Herbicides can be effective but should be used cautiously. Creeping bellflower has shown resistance to 2,4-D. One strategy is to use a nonselective herbicide like Roundup. Although it will kill all vegetation, it gives you a chance to start with a clean slate. Selective herbicides are also an option but may require repeated applications to exhaust the root system. The most effective broadleaf herbicides are dicamba products such as Banvel. Tordon is also effective but contains a residual and it will be difficult to plant broadleaf plants back in that area for several years. It also should not be used next to water or areas with a high water table. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but do not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

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

Cold-Weather Tex-Mex Pocket Food

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

You'll have to forgive me for breaking one of my hard and fast rules about cooking meat. (It's based on science.) But somehow breaking it works for this one recipe. So here it is: overload the pan with meat. But do turn the heat up to a genuine medium-high before you start cooking. Here goes.

Yummy Burritos

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 pound ground, or chopped venison
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 3 large cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground smoked serrano chili pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground oregano
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, with liquid
- 1 large ripe tomato, diced
- Fresh or bottled salsa to taste
- 2 cups grated Jalapeno Jack, Monterey Jack or Mexican cheese blend (your choice)
- 6 flour tortillas, about 10" diameter

Cooking

1. In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat, and when it begins to smoke--just barely begins to smoke--toss the meat into the pan. Spread it around, then pour the finely diced onion and garlic cloves over the meat and gently press the layers together with a spatula. Sprinkle with the cumin, serrano chili and oregano, then let it cook, without turning, peeking or touching it at all for 6-8 minutes.

2. The bottom of the meat should be deeply browned. Now break up the meat with the spatula, and stir the ingredients around another 3-4 minutes so the onion softens. Add the diced tomato and beans, with the sauce, and stir them in. (Not rinsing the beans gives the burrito filling a moister, creamier texture.)

3. Let that mixture cook until the liquid is almost gone. In the meantime, place the tortillas on a clean damp dish towel in the microwave. Don't nuke them however, until the juices in the pan are just about dry.

4. Filling ready? Nuke the tortillas about 10 seconds, then arrange them 2 at a time on a cutting board and assemble the burritos. Half the cheese goes down the center of each tortilla, then 1/6 of the meat and bean mixture over that, and more cheese to top it off. If the filling is set East to West, gently fold over those two ends, then roll the south side over the top of the filling, tucking the end under the filling and continue rolling the burrito toward the north. Assemble the rest of the burritos, warming them again if needed. The warmth of nuking them, gently, will make them more flexible when you roll the burrito up.

5. Ready to eat? Place each burrito, 1 or 2 at a time in a lightly oiled skillet, seam side down, and lightly brown each side, 1-3 minutes each side. Two spatulas make this part of the operation easier: one under the wrapped burrito and one on top. Tip the bottom spatula up, then let the top spatula ease the burrito down gently to brown the second side. To serve, spoon fresh salsa on top.



Cold Weather Tex-Mex Pocket Food
Eileen Clarke Photo

This recipe is from Rifle Loony News, the 4x year mini-magazine Eileen writes with her husband, John Barsness. He recently retired from Rifle and Handloader magazines, but continues as rifle editor for Sports Afield. Rifle Loony News is available online at www.riflesandrecipe.com for \$10/year. 406-521-0273

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Local Briefs

County Treasurer Bish Williams mailed us a check yesterday for \$1.50 which puts him ahead on our list. Now if about 300 more would be as free to pay and extend their subscriptions, it would be a great help, in this our hour of need.

Gillogly and Shaw will soon commence the erection of a concrete block, blacksmith shop on a lot owned by them on the corner of the Court House Square. This as alright for the location, but in the contemplation of the erection of a new court house in the near future, would it not be a wise policy for the county to purchase this lot at once. We understand the county owns the balance of the block, and this being the case should not permit this building to be erected, but at once purchase the property.

Some Radersburg chap came over Wednesday and imbibed too freely at McCormick's thirst parlor and when ready to start home, mounted his horse, but could not hold the mount, and when near the depot lost his equilibrium, and was fished out of the gutter and taken to the hospital. He recovered as soon as the booze died.

1940

Local News

Dana Bradford visited his mother, Mrs. Irene

Ridgeway, over the week end coming down from Montana State College.

Mrs. Wm. Mackey was a Helena visitor Monday.

Mrs. Flora Holling of Radersburg transacted business in Townsend on Wednesday. She reported that the Ohio mine opened again Tuesday after having been shut down about three weeks ago following a fire.

Mrs. Janet Lippert of Bozeman came home for a week end visit with her mother, Mrs. Ed Jacobsen at the Deep Creek farm.

Mrs. Marie Warren of the Round Grove Ranch called on friends in Townsend Tuesday.

1968

"Toston Briefs" by Barbara Berberet

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Finch spent the week end at the Jim Plummer home.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Noyd Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Byron Johnson and family.

Mrs. Grace Berberet accompanied Mrs. Rene Dagnall to Dillon Sunday where they attended the Miss Western Pageant. Two local girls, Miss Felicity Dagnall and Miss Marcia Lots were entered in the competition.

Mrs. Edna Cass entertained at a pinochle party last Tuesday. Gladys Johnson second high and traveling, Mrs. Julia Johnson low and Judy Slifka the door prize. Others playing were Mrs. Grace Sitton, Mrs. Pat Kolberg, Mrs. Stella Anzik and

Mrs. Lorena Flynn.

Mrs. Loilla Flynn entertained the Toston bridge club in her home last Friday evening. High prize went to Mrs. Marie Flynn, second High to Mrs. Lorena Flynn, Low to Mrs. Lavon Evans and traveling to Mrs. Pauline Webb. Other members playing were Miss Louise Flynn, Mrs. Olive Middleton and Mrs. Grace Berberet.

1996

Spelling Bee Champ

The word was bibliography and Townsend seventh-grader, Amanda Determan, spelled it correctly to win first place in the Broadwater County Spelling Bee last Thursday night at the library. The daughter of Gene and Bev Determan now advances to state competition in Helena.

A Big Week end on the Tables

The Broadwater County men's and women's pool leagues filled the bars last week end for season ending tournament play.

During the regular season, the American Legion women won first place. The Corner Bar men and the Mint women claimed the Tom Meng Memorial Sportsmanship Award.

The Jasper's men won the first place trophy for the league, which was coordinated and organized by Lyle Byrd and Roy Howard.

Sponsoring bars printed T-shirts, which were handed out, along with trophies during a ceremony last Sunday evening at the Fishtale Tavern.

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Bulldogs Wrestling

Becky Hunt
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Little Guys Wrestling and the Broadwater School District opened their doors Saturday, February 17th in conjunction with the Helena Bearcats hosting an astounding 422 wrestlers from 7 teams.

Your Little Guys Bulldogs are dominating the mats with a total of 80 wrestlers this season. Practices are broken up into two groups in the wrestling room with approximately 17 volunteer assistant coaches. When asked how he liked being the new head coach, Tony Michaelson's reply was "It's busy!"

Tommy Easter, who stepped down as head coach this season is sticking it out as assistant coach for

at least this year. "He's getting the hang of things," Tommy said, referring to Tony. After 4 years as head coach and 13 years overall coaching, Easter said he's ready to sit up in the stands and experience wrestling from a different view, a parent's view.

Townsend Little Guys had a total of 54 placers this weekend and took second in overall team scores. With 14 1st placers; 16 2nd placers; 14 3rd placers; 10 4th placers.

Next week's Bulldog Wrestling for both Middle school and Little Guys will be home events. Be sure to come to support these athletes.

Middle School Wrestling will take place Friday, February 23rd at 4 pm. Little Guys Wrestling will be Saturday, February 24th starting at 10 a.m. with a projected 300 wrestlers to attend.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Flower picture is reversed. 2. Clock is larger. 3. Nose is different. 4. Pillow is different. 5. Curtain is wider. 6. Drawer is missing.



Helena Bearcats and Townsend Bulldogs showing off their medals
Becky Hunt Photo