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Dinner & Death in Townsend

Rachael Brug



Local nonprofits Missouri Valley Marketing and Big Sky Autism Project teamed up to host Dinner & Death on Saturday, March 2nd at The Lodge in Townsend. For those unfamiliar with murder mystery parties, they date back to the parlor games of medieval Europe. Guests assume their roles and stay in character throughout the party in an attempt to solve the murder. All guests have motives and hidden pasts. The goal is to convince everyone that you are innocent while also trying to determine the murderer's identity. Everyone is a suspect!

Everyone was encouraged to dress in their finest stereotypical 'Italian' clothing and the eight starring roles were given costume suggestions for their characters. Each of the 36 dinner guests were welcomed to La Speranza the family's Italian restaurant. At the door, tickets for prizes and fake mustaches were handed out to those who wanted them. Wine and appetizers were served along with a spaghetti dinner catered by the Mint.

The game starts with Mama Rosa, the widowed mother introducing the scene and then herself adding in the police report which detailed the murder of her husband Giuseppe 'Pepi' Roni. The back and forth between characters introducing themselves, dropping clues, revealing evidence, and accusing each other, in fake Italian (and French) accents, filled the evening with laughs and gasps (real and dramatized).

In addition to being a fun community evening, the event served as a fundraiser for Missouri Valley Marketing, a group of volunteers whose mission it is to promote and enhance businesses in Broadwater County. They also serve as a liaison to the Southwest



Missouri Valley Marketing Board
Rachael Brug Photo

Montana Tourism Board. Big Sky Autism Project is a nonprofit committed to providing access to adaptive fitness for autistic and other special needs families.

Anyone interested in volunteering with Missouri Valley Marketing or Big Sky Autism Project can reach them via their FB pages.

Conservation Easements on the Menu for Area Landowners

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, February 27, over sixty producers from Broadwater and Lewis & Clark Counties joined staff from The Montana Land Reliance (MLR) and



Left to right: Lucinda Morris, Helena; Pattie and Tom Russ, 4-R Ranch and Cattle, Clancy; Katie Munford and Lauren Arnst, Townsend.
Nancy Marks Photo

the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Townsend to discuss agricultural land conservation easement opportunities.

According to the MLR website, owning a farm or ranch includes the rights to do whatever the owner wants. He can subdivide, construct buildings, irrigate, harvest timber, restrict access or sell or lease the ground. When a farmer or rancher enters into a conservation easement with his land, he agrees to keep or give up some of those rights to meet the restrictions of the easement. His advantage is he may reduce his income, estate and gift taxes for putting his land in perpetuity under the easement agreement. Conservation

Easements may include passing the ground on to family members.

Linda Davis, whose generational family operates a ranch near Toston, said she and her husband, Bob, attended the workshop to learn about the program. She felt easements were "worth considering" but would be a good deal of work and a lot of time invested to get an easement in place. Bob wondered whether he and his family would want to have another partner such as Montana Land Reliance in his operation. "While the program sounds good now, conservation easement policies may change in the future. I don't know if I want to saddle my grandkids with that," he said.

As Broadwater and Lewis & Clark Counties continue to experience rapid population growth, interest in protecting the area's agricultural lands and grasslands is becoming a top priority. Conservation easements are an effective tool in ensuring productive soils and rangelands remain intact and available. The USDA Agricultural Land Easement program, which

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Broadwater County Unveils Draft Growth Policy Update

Lindsey Richtmyer
Broadwater County Commissioner



Broadwater County, Montana, March 4, 2024—Broadwater

County officials announced the release of a draft Growth Policy Update for public review and comments until March 31, 2024. This document, crafted with careful consideration and community and stakeholder input, outlines a strategic vision for sustainable development and growth within the county.

The Growth Policy Update serves as a vital roadmap for the future, guiding land use decisions, infrastructure

development, and resource management. Broadwater County recognizes the importance of thoughtful planning to preserve the unique character and quality of life that residents value while fostering economic growth and opportunity.

After several public meetings in both the north and south sub-areas of the County, the Commissioners are excited to present the draft Growth Policy Update to the County residents. This document reflects our commitment to guided, responsible growth and demonstrates the importance of resident input in the planning process. We invite all residents and stakeholders to provide feedback during this additional comment period.

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Senior Spotlight - Aidan Easter

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



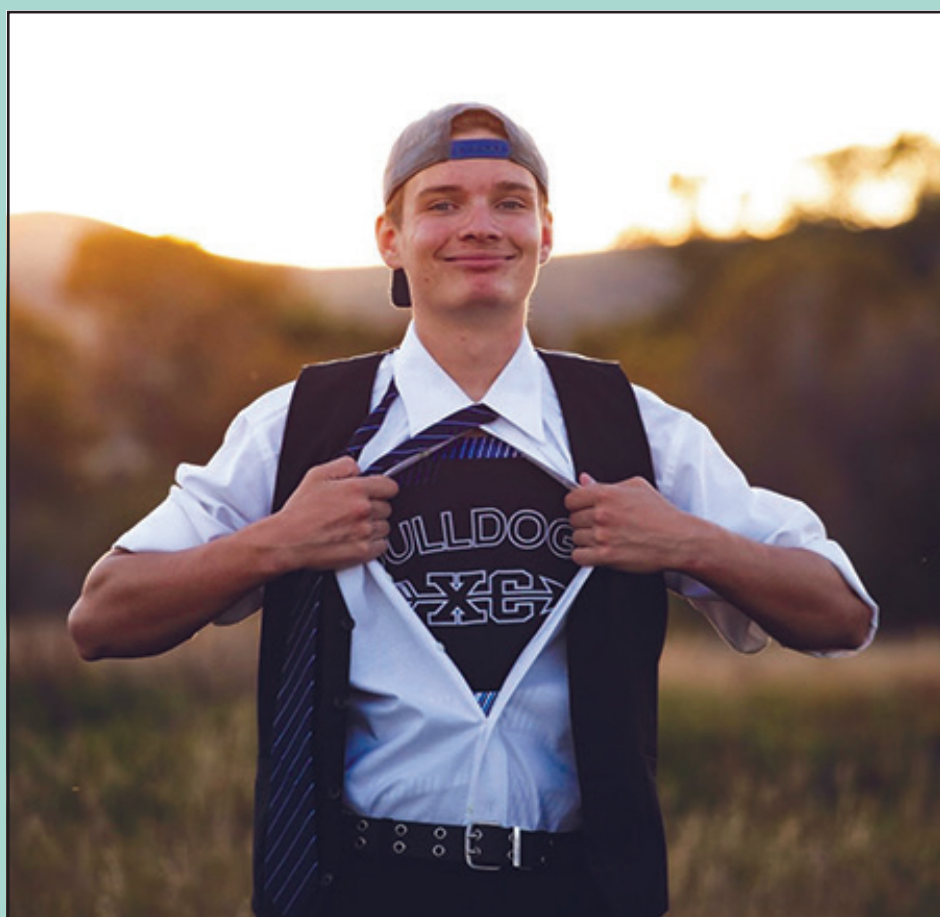
In the famous movie, Top Gun, Maverick speaks to Goose and says, "I feel the need, the need for speed." Aidan Easter certainly has had the need for speed throughout his high school career. From his attentiveness in school to his sports career, Aidan has been speedy through it all. He grew up in Townsend, MT, and has traveled around the state. He has grown up with his three siblings: Marek, Liam, and Keara; and his parents Tommy, who works for American Chemet as a mechanic, and Melinda, who works at Three-Dimensional Health and Wellness.

Throughout his high school career, Aidan has been involved in many activities including track, wrestling, cross country, speech and drama, drama club, and close-up. Though all of these sports and clubs have impacted him in ways that will prepare him for so many skills needed as an adult, cross country has impacted him the most. He was the captain of the varsity team and it taught him that "time shouldn't dictate how you spend it" and that your two legs can take you to places you never imagined.

Aidan has grown and has taken his own words to heart. His two legs will definitely take him far after his high school career. He will not be attending trade school or college, however, he will be sacrificing at least

four years of time with family and old friends to serve his country in the Navy. With plans already in motion, he will leave in the month of June to start his career as an Aviation Machinist Mate, also known as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic.

The senior class, the school, the community, and his family will miss him dearly once he embarks on his journey, but collectively we know and can be sure that his talents and his sarcastic and joyous personality will be used for greatness as he serves our country. His undying care for those around him will get him far during his service. Just like when Maverick spoke to Charlie and said, "You think I am reckless? I'll have you know that my crew and my plane come first," Aidan will have the backs of his crew, his community, and his country without.



Aidan Easter
Lacie Reid Photography

Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Staff

It is time to begin thinking about the new group of children who will be ready for kindergarten in the fall. Children who turn five by September 10, 2024 are eligible. Registration is currently open at the Townsend Elementary office from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. When you come to register, please be sure to bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records.

Be ready to sign up for a time on Thursday, April 25th for your child to participate in the Kindergarten Roundup. At this time, children will be given skills assessment tests and parents will be provided those results. Children must go through these assessments in order to be enrolled in a kindergarten class.

Please note, that there will be no kindergarten classes on April 25th since the kindergarten teachers will be assisting with the screening.



Townsend Schools will be holding kindergarten registration and roundup for students who will be entering school in August 2024. Students need to be 5 years old on or by September 10, 2024. It is **required** that children register and attend the kindergarten roundup to be placed in a class.

REGISTRATION OPENS

When: Starting February 1st, 2024

Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Townsend Elementary School Office @ 210 N Pine

Please bring immunization and birth certificate along with registration packet (available at office) to schedule a time slot for kindergarten roundup.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

When: April 25, 2024

It will take approximately 45-60 minutes to complete the developmental screener and will be held in the community room near the library.

**** Please note: Townsend School District is exploring HB352 which is an early literacy program, PreK program, designed to provide targeted interventions. The PreK program will be eligible to children who are 4 years of age or older on or before September 10, 2024, have not completed Kindergarten, and will not be proficient in reading by the completion of 3rd grade based on a development trajectory supported by a research-based assessment. If your student qualifies for kindergarten based on age but may not be ready, please register for kindergarten. Following Kindergarten Roundup, the district will be able to provide further information on the early literacy program, PreK, and if it will be available.**

Townsend School Calendar

MARCH

Fri 8	NO SCHOOL	
Sat 9	MSWR @ Conrad	
Sun 10 - Tue 12	State BPA @ Billings	
Sun 10	6:00PM BBB Banquet at Elementary Commons/Kitchen	
Mon 11	1st Day of HS Spring Sports Practice 7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 6:00 PM Adult City League Volleyball at 1963 Gym	
Tue 12	MS Academic Olympics at MSU Bozeman 7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 6:00 PM School Board Meeting at Community Room	
Wed 13 - Fri 22	Book Fair in the Community Room	
Wed 13	HS Academic Olympics at MSU Bozeman 7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 7:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym 7:00 PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym	
Thu 14 - Fri 15	FCCLA State-Bozeman	
Thu 14	7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 5:30PM BEF Trivia Night at Fairgrounds	
Fri 15	Teacher PIR- NO SCHOOL	
Sun 17	12:00PM 4H County Contest Day at HS lobby and FCS room/kitchen	



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Three Forks School Calendar

MARCH

Tue 12	5:15-6:45pm Girl Scouts in the Cafeteria, Contact person: Christine Sinks 406-871-8304 MS Academic Olympics	
Wed 13	HS Academic Olympics	
Thu 14	12:20pm NHS Meeting Lunch Break - Lg Conference Room 7:30PM Adult Ed - Community Choir at MS/HS Music Room	

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

"3-5, 45-minute exercise sessions a week delivered optimal mental health benefits." UCLA Health



MOVE YOUR BODY TO MOVE YOUR MOOD

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Friday 8

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

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

Monday 11

6:00pm Wine Tasting at the Betsy
 6:00pm Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 12

5:30pm With Chef Heather Cooking Class at The Lodge
 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 13

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

Thursday 14

10:00am Protecting the Big Sky from Financial Scammers at The Lodge of Townsend **SEE AD ON PAGE 4**
 5:00pm Broadwater Education Foundation Annual Trivia Night at Fairgrounds 4H Building
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 15

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
 5:00PM- 7:00PM Fish Fry at Holy Cross Parish **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**
 5:30pm With Chef Heather Cooking Class at The Lodge

Saturday 16

8:00am Broadwater Rod and Gun Club: Basic Pistol Course at Broadwater Rod and Gun Club **SEE RSVP AD ON PAGE 11**
 5:30pm Broadwater Community Theater: St. Patrick's Day Fun-Raiser at The Lodge of Townsend **SEE AD ON PAGE 4**
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:00PM Live Music- Travis Ragen at The Betsy, 217 Broadway **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Friday 8

2:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Crafternoon: Hand Stamped Bracelet
 2:30PM Streets & Alleys Committee at City Hall
 3:00PM Water & Sewer Committee at City Hall

Saturday 9

Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

Monday 11

4:00PM Three Forks High School Tennis Team Practice at Tennis Court

Tuesday 12

1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg
 4:00PM Three Forks High School Tennis Team Practice at Tennis Court

Wednesday 13

4:00PM Three Forks High School Tennis Team Practice at Tennis Court

Thursday 14

10:00AM Three Forks Public Library - Story Time
 4:00PM Three Forks High School Tennis Team Practice at Tennis Court
 6:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Katie Hall at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 15

1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club
 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park
 8:00AM Three Forks High School Tennis Team Practice at Tennis Court

Saturday 16

Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MARCH

Monday 11

11:00am Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building
 2:00pm Public Project Briefings with Bill Jarocki at Flynn Building



Tuesday 12

11:30am Trust Board at Flynn Building
 3:00pm Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building
 6:00pm Solid Waste Board at Flynn Building

Wednesday 13

10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building

SEASONAL HIRE, APPLY NOW!

The City of Townsend is actively seeking a **Pool Manager** for the 2024 Summer season.

Please stop by City Hall for the job description and an application or visit the Townsend City website at townsendmontana.net.

The deadline to turn in an application is March 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Any questions, please call City Hall at (406) 266-3911.

COME ONE COME ALL!

HOLY CROSS PARISH FISH FRY
 IN THE PARISH CENTER @ 101 S WALNUT ST. TOWNSEND, MT
MARCH 1ST AND 15TH, 2024 FROM 5 - 7 PM

MENU: FISH, CLAM CHOWDER, MAC & CHEESE AND COLESLAW

\$13/PLATE OR \$40 FOR FAMILY OF 4

QUESTIONS: CONTACT RICHARD @ 406-980-1447

\$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

B LIVE MUSIC
Travis Ragen
6PM March 16th

FOOD SPECIAL:
Fish and Chips with a Green Beer \$11.00

@ THE BETSY
 217 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT

FOR SALE!

\$2500 Cavapoos (Cavalier King Charles X Toy Poodle) FIB. Hypoallergenic and non-shedding. Merle, apricot, black, brindle available. Genetic health tested around 15lbs full grown. *In Townsend call/text 406-750-7546*



Congratulations!

Engagement Announcement

Jessi Hamlen and Trey Donovan Owens

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Jessi Blake Hamlen and Trey Donovan Owens are happy to announce their engagement.

They both graduated from Broadwater High School in 2017.

A September wedding is planned at the Staubach Creek Ranch



Jessi Hamlen and Trey Donovan Owens
 Jessi Hamlen Photo

Calling On Hunter's Community to Help

Sarah Taylor

Hi, my name is Sarah, I'm raising funds for my brother Hunter Liedle. Jan. 2024 Hunter got a stage four Hodgkins lymphoma diagnosis at the age of 21 this has been a tragic turn of events for Hunter.



Hunter Liedle
 Sarah Taylor Photo

For those of you who don't know, my little brother, Hunter, has been diagnosed with stage four Hodgkins lymphoma. My family and I are raising money for Hunters expenses.

I'm calling on his community to help ease this massive financial burden. Anything helps!

I'll also be taking Venmo donations if anyone wants to avoid processing fees! 100% of all donations will go directly to Hunter.

Hunter and his girlfriend, Maddy, recently made a move from Washington to Townsend, Montana. They barely had time to settle into their new home and establish themselves in the community with local jobs before the diagnosis.

Hunter currently does not have health insurance, he also had to quit his job.

Every 14 days for the next 6 months Hunter will receive chemo.

I'm asking for your help to ease the financial burden for Hunter, Medical bills have began to stack, needing gas to and from appointments, food to nourish him while his body is unable to work and of course living expenses.

He has his whole life ahead of him, let's support this young man in one of the hardest things he will face in his life.

Hunter is fighting this and we are fighting next to him in prayer and support. Anyone who will fight with us, let's go! Your donations will be received by Hunter directly for his expenses.

Go Fund Me: <https://gofundme/0a559ec7> or Venmo: HunterLiedle@Hunter-Liedle

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is administered through a partnership between MLR and Montana NRCS, provides cash payments to landowners interested in conserving their farms and ranches. "Montana's farming and ranching heritage is at stake as our state rapidly grows, and Broadwater and Lewis & Clark folks are feeling it as much as anyone," noted MLR Managing Director Kendall Van Dyk. "We don't have to leave the future of agriculture up to chance. As an ag-focused land trust, we want producers to know their options, and help them think through whether a conservation easement is right for them.

During the event, MLR and NRCS staff answered questions about conservation easements and provided insight into the application process. A conservation easement is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and a non-profit land trust that places limits on future development. Conservation easements often include language that protects agricultural lands and maintains open space.

Since 1978, MLR has partnered with private landowners in Broadwater and Lewis & Clark Counties to conserve 98,518 acres. For more information about conservation easements in your area please contact The Montana Land Reliance at 406.443.7027 or visit mtlandreliance.org.



Hey Townsend Seniors!

Rocky's Agency on Aging will be visiting the Townsend Senior Center Tuesday, March 19, at 11 am.

We hope you will join us so we can get to know each other!
Come hear about the programs and resources we offer!
We are happy to answer your Aging Services questions!

Questions?
Call Michele at 406-441-3985

Draft Growth, 1

Key highlights of the draft Growth Policy Update include:


- Strategies for balanced development that respects environmental conservation and natural resources
- Strategies and guiding principles to promote economic diversity and resilience, supporting local businesses and industries
- Guidelines for maintaining and improving infrastructure to accommodate growth
- Preservation of agricultural lands and heritage and promotion of recreational opportunities

With the release of the draft Growth Policy Update community members, organizations, stakeholders, and federal and state agencies are encouraged to review the document and share their insights. Broadwater County values diverse perspectives and aims to incorporate feedback to ensure that the final policy reflects the collective vision for the County's future.

The draft Growth Policy Update is available for review on the Broadwater County website <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com/home/news/draft-broadwater-county-growth-policy-update-2024> along with the Future Land Use Designation Map <https://wgmgrouppmissoula.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=cd04f70d3ee14d9bb36d3e09d40f2d06>.

Comments and feedback can be submitted via email to planning@wgmgroupp.com through 3/31/24. Additional public hearings on the Policy will be advertised in MT43 News two weeks in advance of the hearing dates.

For more information and to access the draft Growth Policy, please visit <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com/> or contact your Broadwater County Commissioners at commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us.



Where Good Enough Just Isn't Good Enough!

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Holy Cross Parish wishes you a blessed Easter!

Join us in celebrating the joy of Jesus's resurrection

Easter Mass
Sunday, March 31, 2024
4:30 pm

Easter egg hunt to follow on the church lawn.

Easter Party
Sunday, April 7, 2024
5:45—7:00 pm

Join us for food and games! All are welcome!

101 S. Walnut
Townsend



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MARCH 14TH | 10 AM
THE LODGE OF TOWNSEND
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csimt.gov



Broadwater Community Theater

St. Patty's Day Fun Raiser

MARCH 16TH, 2024 AT THE LODGE -
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 - 8PM

TICKETS \$20 AVAILABLE AT BROADWATER BLOOMS AND READING LEAVES BOOK STORE

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AUCTION, 50/50, GAMES, FOOD, BEER AND WINE DONATION BAR, PHOTO BOOTH, MUSIC, LEPRECHAUN SHENANIGANS WITH PAT O' TRICK

MUSIC BY ~ HELENA HANDBASKET





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TRIVIA TEST

Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which large U.S. city is nicknamed Rip City?
- MOVIES:** Which movie features the quote, "She doesn't even go here!"
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which national capital city is the northernmost in the world?
- TELEVISION:** Which long-running sitcom features a dad named Phil Dunphy?
- GAMES:** In chess, how many knights does each player have at the beginning?
- GEOLOGY:** What natural phenomenon is associated with igneous rock?
- LANGUAGE:** How many official languages are in the United Nations?
- MUSIC:** David Grohl was a drummer in which band before he became the frontman for the Foo Fighters?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of alligators called?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of meat is used in Hasenpfeffer, a traditional German stew?

Answers

- Portland, Oregon.
 - "Mean Girls."
 - Reykjavik, Iceland.
 - "Modern Family."
 - Two.
 - Volcanic eruption.
 - Six.
 - Nirvana.
 - A congregation.
 - Rabbit.
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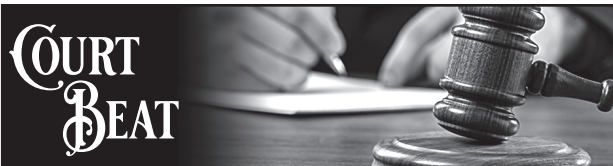
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Political candidates are allowed to submit one biographical article during an election year. Additional articles must be paid for or they will be considered only as space allows.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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



March 2, 2024

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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Attorney for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Solid Waste Board will hold a public hearing on March 12th, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on the Resolution for Non Household Material Definition and Fee List for Broadwater County Solid Waste Department as stated in MCA 7-13-232 (6).

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DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE AVAILABLE

The school board trustee terms of Jason Noyes, Vanessa Flynn, and Daniel Truesdell will expire May 2024.

An election will be held May, 2024 to elect two (2) three-year terms and one (1) one-year term trustees. A trustee must be qualified to vote in a district; and be a resident of the School District (20-3-305 and 20-3-338 MCA).

Interested parties must complete a Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy by March 28, 2024. Forms are available during business hours with the Broadwater County Clerk and Records Office.

Published March 1, 8 and 15, 2024

Dee Gannon
MT 43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal Menahan's courtroom on Friday, March 2, is as follows:

Gordon Breedon is getting new dates on charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs, displaying fictitious or altered plates; and speeding over the night limit of 65mph. his new Pre-trial Conference is set for June 21; with the Jury Trial scheduled for July 15, 2024.

Stacey Croy had a Status Hearing on charges of two charges of issuing bad checks in excess of \$5,000. She has paid restitution; so, the State filed a Motion to Dismiss.

Richard Karp Jr. had an Admit/Denials for a Petition to Revoke. He has a new charge of DUI, 4th or subsequent occurrence. He denied this charge. His Evidentiary Hearing will be on April 5, 2024

Richard Karp Jr. had an Arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to charges of DUI, 4th or subsequent occurrence, unlawful possession of open container in a motor vehicle, and criminal possession of marijuana (or products or paraphernalia in a motor vehicle) on a State Highway. Omnibus is due on May 3; Pre-Trial is August 2; with the Jury Trial scheduled for September 3, 2024.

Justice of Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk Broadwater County

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Torrance Roo, Kalispell: day speed \$70.00
Mason Morrissey, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00
George Maragos, Billings: day speed \$20.00
Rony Lemus, Bozeman: driving without a valid driver's license \$135.00, Day speed \$70.00, No insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Andrew Holleman, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00
Padraig Gould, Helena: night speed \$20.00
Ezra Asher, Helena: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Michelle Leyba- Helena – careless driving, plead guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.
Brandon Azure – Great Falls – driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees; seatbelt violation, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine; operating without liability insurance in effect-4th or subsequent, plead guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months, \$525.00 fines and fees, defendants driver's license suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.
Justyn Tietjen – Helena – operating without liability insurance in effect-3rd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months, \$535.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Jennifer Wood, Bozeman: violation of commission or dept orders or rules \$135.00
Brandon Pocha – East Helena – failure to obtain land-owner permission for hunting- 1st offense, plead guilty, \$235.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Jason Montague – Billings – 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, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Lance McClure, Casper, WY: night speed \$70.00
Jonathan Onken, Bozeman: restricted speed \$55.00
Richard Jessop, Freemont, UT: night speed \$70.00
Chaz Judkins, Helena: night speed \$120.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Samuel Collins – US District Court, No bond
Robin Cossins – Probation and Parole, \$100,000.00 bond

County Commissioners' Agenda

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant



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

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

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

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

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

Monday, March 11, 2024

11:00 AM Working Meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, regarding projects and deadlines. This will be in the Commission Office

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

10:05 AM Public Hearing, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Proposed Solid Waste Changes for Non-Household Waste Fees

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Proposed Solid Waste Changes for Non-Household Waste Fees

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed and Mosquito Coordinator, Weed Appointments, By-Laws, and Updates

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Vic Sample, Department of Commerce Pilot Program; Montana Department of Commerce, Destination MT Division; Pilot Community Tourism Grant Program Application

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Task Order Amendment Number One; Task Order for Immunization Services; Master Contract Number HHS-PHSD-00000506; Task Order Number 24-07-4-31-103-0

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Letter of Intent to Apply for Contract for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; Homemaker, Respite, and Skilled Nursing

10:40 AM Discussion/Decision, Lacey Forrey, Parks and Recreation Board Co-Chair; Update on Parks and Recreation; Connor's Field Vault Toilet Location and Installation

10:45 AM Discussion/Decision, Townsend School District #1 and Community Library Interlocal Agreement

10:55 AM Discussion/Decision, Canyon Ferry Airport CPI Hangar Lease Adjustment

11:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Resolution to Waive Six-Month Notice Requirement Under the Interlocal Agreement for Townsend City-County Airport

11:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Resolution for Broadwater County's Acceptance of the Transfer of City of Townsend's Ownership Interests in the Townsend City-County Airport

11:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Great West Task Order #10-South End GWIP (Groundwater Investigation Program) Application Broadwater County On-Call

Commissioners' Agenda,

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Engineering Services Great West Engineering Project Number 1-20244

11:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Operation Agreement for the Broadwater County Boat Docks with Canyon Enterprises at the Canyon Ferry Reservoir

11:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, MT Crossroads Minor Subdivision (Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 1 East) meeting with the Broadwater County Commissioners to discuss a material change to the approval of the Preliminary Plat

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

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

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

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

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)

- Bill Jarocki, Weekly Meeting with Press/Public Every Monday at 2 PM in his office
- Trust Board Meeting on March 12th at 11:30 AM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting/Public Hearing on March 12th at 6 PM
- Mental Health LAC on March 13th at 2 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on March 14th at 7 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on March 18th at 2 PM
- County Parks and Rec Board Meeting on March 18th at 6 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on March 19th at 6 PM
- Airport Meeting on March 20th at 6 PM
- LEPC Meeting on March 21st at 1 PM

Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)
The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

Some Thoughts on County Solid Waste Fees

Bill Jarocki
Broadwater County Administrative Officer



I'm Bill Jarocki and I'm the Broadwater County Administrative Officer. Since my first day on the job, November 6, 2023, I have been involved with the challenge of sustainably financing the solid waste operations of the County.

Except for the southernmost part of Broadwater County, residents and businesses are customers of the County Solid Waste District. Solid waste collection and disposal services are paid for through assessments and other specific charges. In government accounting terms, the solid waste operations are managed in an enterprise fund. The reason is that the full costs of service are supposed to be paid for by those who use that service. This is different from general fund services. Think of it this way, if you want to watch Netflix you pay for the monthly subscription.

That's how it's supposed to work. Historically, in Broadwater County citizens have decided (through their elected representatives) to use a sort of hybrid approach. Those in the District pay an annual assessment for service which is added to their property tax bill paid once or twice a year. This system works well if the annual assessments are accurate and actually collected. For the most part, over time most customers paid their assessments and the solid waste enterprise fund had run like a business; costs offset by revenues. And as you would expect, the solid waste enterprise is a not-for-profit business.

But we've uncovered a problem and that's why I'm writing to you. I like to look at the trends of revenues

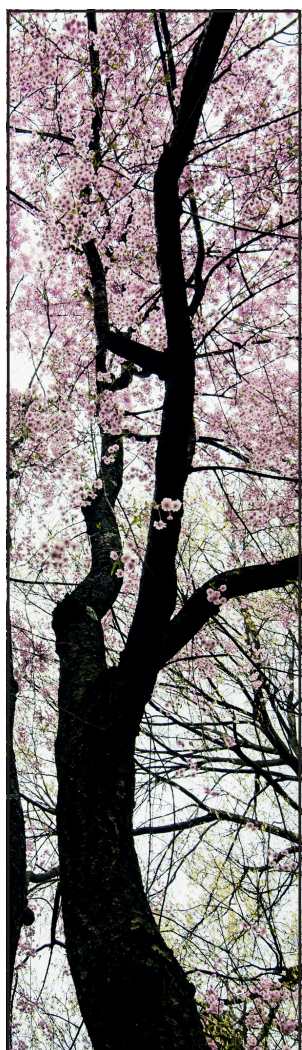
and expenses so that we can construct an accurate budget. Expenses drive the need for revenue and in solid waste, we look at setting the customer's annual assessment (and other fees) to meet the level of expense. Just so you know my budgeting mantra, it is this: We will provide the best service, at the least cost, to the most people, for the longest period of time.

With all of that as background, here's the bottom line. Until 2022 solid waste assessment revenues gradually increased as the customer base grew. In fiscal year 2022, we anticipated revenues accordingly. At the close of that fiscal year, our accounting records showed a significant decline in revenue. And when you collect revenue only twice a year, it's hard to see that coming. We had a deficit that resulted from running the business at a loss.

The County Solid Waste Operation didn't overspend. It turns out that not all the customers paid in.

You have a right to ask why. And we're working on it. At the outset, I mentioned that I have been tasked with recommending a strategy to make the solid waste enterprise fund financially sustainable. You'll be hearing more about this project and the work of the team we've put in place to crank out the analysis of facts and data as we focus on this challenge.

We will do the detective work to discover (and explain) why customers had/have not paid their assessments and/or why the number of assessments had/have changed. Working with the County Solid Waste Advisory Board, the Public Works Department managers and the Board of Commissioners, I will be striving to meet our goal of providing the best service at the least cost for the most customers for the longest period of time.



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Notice Contributed by: Michelle Mathot, Rocky's Agency On Aging

Agriculture Recovers from Drought

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



I've heard it quoted many times that farmers are the world's biggest optimists. There are few other industries that have as many variables influencing the end product. Farmers and ranchers deal with it all. Weather, drought, grasshoppers, market conditions and variable inputs, just to name a few. Yet through it all, they continue to persevere and are always hopeful that next year will be better. 2023 was no different. Just released, the 2023 Montana Agricultural Statistics Report showed that despite challenges, the agriculture industry in Montana is still thriving. The report is published by the USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS) and the Montana Department of Agriculture with data gathered throughout the previous year from producers, agencies and technicians.

For the first time in Montana's history, agriculture dropped from the top spot as the state's principal industry in 2021, falling behind the travel industry, which increased by 64.1%, likely a result of the post-pandemic travel boom and drought conditions in Montana. However, in 2022, the agriculture industry surged ahead again as Montana's number one industry with \$6.2 billion in cash receipts which is a 43% increase from the previous year. The travel industry remains a close second with \$5.8 billion in receipts.

The report demonstrates how well Montana has rebounded from the drought with a 78% increase in

crop production compared to the previous year. Montana continues to lead the nation as the top producer of chickpeas, lentils and dry edible peas and second in the nation in flaxseed, safflower and durum wheat.

At the local level, Broadwater County had cash receipts of \$17.3 million for livestock (increase) and \$37.3 million for crops (slight decrease). The county has about 296 farms (increase) with a total of 466,920 acres (decrease) in farmland. The average farm size is 1,577 acres. This trend matches the rest of the nation seeing a decrease in farm size.

According to the report, Broadwater County harvested 11,800 acres of winter wheat in 2021 and 11,900 acres in 2022. Broadwater County also saw a slight increase in spring wheat going from 8,900 harvested acres in 2021 to 9,100 in 2022. The county remains one of the top 10 most productive counties in the state in spring wheat producing an average of 32 bushels per acre. Broadwater County is back on the charts in 2022 for barley production as well producing 4,900 acres. We are the fourth most productive barley-producing county in the state at 85 bushels/acre.

Broadwater County has historically been a top producer of hay production as well. However, the current agriculture statistic reports do not provide county-specific hay production data. The state produced 4.1 million tons in 2022 which includes 2.9 million tons of alfalfa hay. This was slightly up from the previous year.

In livestock production, Broadwater County continues to see a downward trend in cattle and calf inventory from 23,000 in 2020 to 19,900 in 2023. A similar trend was seen statewide with a decrease in production to 2.2

million cattle and calves. There was a slight decrease in sheep numbers in the county to 2,100 animals. Statewide sheep numbers decreased slightly as well. Hog numbers held steady at the county and state level with 400 animals in the county.

Broadwater County is one of the smallest counties in the state based on area. Therefore, our county may never rank among the highest in number of acres planted or harvested, but it continues to be one of the most productive. We also have strong diversity as a top producer of seed potatoes and forage seed crops.

Our high production rates can be partially attributed to our fertile valley and network of irrigation canals supplying our crops. Both the Toston and Canyon Ferry Reservoirs were created for irrigation and are still vitally important today. These irrigation sources also help many of our producers be more resilient against drought. This was reflected in agriculture statistics from the last couple of years. Broadwater County saw less decline in crop production due to water availability compared to other parts of the state. Additionally, local farmers remain on top of current technology and integrate innovative techniques to conserve and sustain the farmland for the next generation.

You can find more agricultural statistics from NASS at www.nass.usda.gov/mt. The MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County remains committed to serving local agriculture producers and providing educational resources and programming on a variety of topics to provide better decision-making tools. Contact our office at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu.

Weather info contributed by Jeff Ross

<p>Fri 3/08</p> <p>Mostly Clear</p> <p>37° 25°</p> <p>● 0%</p> <p>⇒ 7 13 mph</p>	<p>Sat 3/09</p> <p>Mostly Clear</p> <p>43° 30°</p> <p>● 1%</p> <p>⇒ 10 19 mph</p>	<p>Sun 3/10</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>45° 34°</p> <p>● 4%</p> <p>⇒ 11 20 mph</p>	<p>Mon 3/11</p> <p>Light Rain</p> <p>43° 32°</p> <p>● 21%</p> <p>⇒ 10 17 mph</p>	<p>Tue 3/12</p> <p>Light Wintry Mix</p> <p>44° 34°</p> <p>● 0 in</p> <p>⇒ 10 21 mph</p>
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2023: 13.669"	2024: 0.358"

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

MOVE WITH THE BALL

Don't just stand when you are at the net to hit a volley. Try to position yourself at the center of the two widest likely passing shots. Usually, you should move toward the side where the ball lands.

This means if you hit your approach shot down the line, you won't have as far to run to get into proper position as if you hit it crosscourt.

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DELIVERING THE CLUBHEAD TO THE BALL FROM INSIDE THE TARGET LINE REQUIRES MOVING THE RIGHT SIDE "UNDER" RATHER THAN "AROUND" ON THE DOWNSWING. SETTING IT CORRECTLY AT ADDRESS PROMOTES THE DESIRED ACTION.

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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!

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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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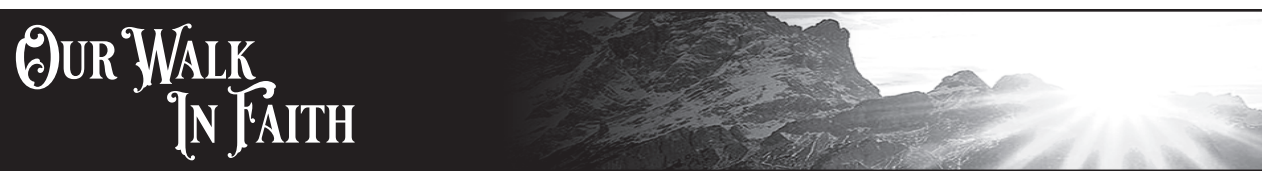
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126 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades
| 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

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 Urich (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



TECH TALK

Microsoft Office 2019 Available for \$32.00

Victor Sample



Years ago, Microsoft decided to change Microsoft Office from a traditional software product to a subscription product and renamed it Office 365 and priced it at \$69.99 a year for a single, personal license.

The traditional Microsoft Office products included Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access and Outlook. Office 365 includes Word, Excel and PowerPoint, but does not include Publisher or Access. Publisher is being discontinued as a product and Windows 10 and Windows 11 come with email built into Windows. Office 365 also included Editor, Clipchamp and Windows Defender, OneNote and OneDrive. Windows Defender, OneNote and OneDrive come with Windows 10 and Windows 11. Editor and Clipchamp are free but the free versions do not have all of the features of the Office 365 version.

If you do some searching you can purchase traditional standalone versions of Word and Excel; but they are pricey – over \$100.00. Microsoft Office Pro 2019 usually is priced at about \$229.00.

However, you can get an official, license for Microsoft Office Pro 2019 for \$32.00 (plus a 2.99 handling fee) from www.stacksocial.com.

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- Microsoft Office Pro will be offered at \$39.99 (much

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During the checkout process, you will be asked for an email. The order confirmation email will contain a “Redeem” button. Click on the “Redeem” button. You will be given a valid Microsoft License Key and another “Download Link” button. SAVE THE Microsoft License Key somewhere that you can always access it. License keys ARE important.

Click on the “Download Link” to download the installer. The downloaded installer is a 32-bit installer. If you have a modern PC it will probably be a 64-bit machine. The download process will warn you that it cannot install on a 64-bit machine and ask if you want to install the 64-bit installer. If you get that prompt, choose to install the 64-bit version.

The downloaded installer will be in your downloads folder. Go to the downloads folder and double-click the installer. It will install Microsoft Office 2019 for you. It is large so the download time is long – BE PATIENT.

Once the installation has completed you can launch any of the Office Pro products (Word, Excel, etc.). They will ask if you want to activate your product. Answer yes and that you want to access it via the internet. All of the Office Pro products will be activated.

Now you can use Microsoft Pro 2019!

Note: of course, Microsoft Pro 2019 is an older product and probably will not have all the features you can get in Office 365. It is still supported by Microsoft, but support will probably end in a year or two.

Pam and I used Microsoft Office 2007 for over 15 years with no problems. I have been using Microsoft Office 2019 for several years. As a matter of fact, until recently one of the MT43 News laptops was being used and still had Office 2007 on it.

If you are willing to live with the older version of Office Pro it is a really good deal!



SENIOR CENTER

SR. CENTER MEALS **Thursday, March 14**
MARCH 11 - MARCH 15 Chicken and Rice Casserole
Green Peas
Purple Beets
Whole Grain Bread
Mandarin Oranges

Monday, March 11
Beef Goulash
Egg Noodles
German Vegetables
Carrot Raisin Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Friday, March 15
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Lucky Potatoes
Carrot Coins
Blarney Stone Roll
Fruited Green Jello

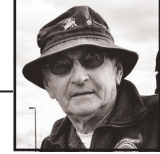
Tuesday, March 12
BBQ Pork Bits
Corn Bread
Baked Beans
Crisp Coleslaw
Apple Sauce

Wednesday, March 13
Carol’s Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Garden Salad
Golden Corn
Whole Grain Bread
Plump Peaches

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

Townsend Trees Planted for Special Purposes

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



This is the 25th of a series of articles about trees planted and other planting projects 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.

118) Pinus sylvestris; Scotch Pine, one of over 30 trees and 5 different kinds planted by the Toston Blue Ribbon 4H Club and other Broadwater County 4H clubs, the Tree Board, Rotary Club, Broadwater County Lutherans, the Rodeo Club, and many private contractors in April-May 2006 and April 2007 at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds. The tree planting project was funded by a National 4H Council Deft, Inc. grant, Tree Board, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and the Broadwater Community Foundation. The Scotch Pines were donated by Nancy Marks.

119) Four trees (Lombardy Poplar, apple, pear, and plum) were planted in the courtyard between the old Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School and the Community Library in July 2005 by the Tree Board, the Townsend School District #1 Summer Camp students, and Jim and Jeff Chamberlain. The trees were donated by Jim Chamberlain at Townsend Hardware Hank. All the trees have died or were removed as part of new school construction in 2021 and 2022.

120) Acer ginnala; Ginnala Maple, planted in May 2007 at the Broadwater Health Center. “Improving Health Care in Broadwater County”. The tree was donated by the Broadwater Health Center, Center for Mental Health, and the Broadwater Hospital Auxiliary. The tree was planted by the Tree Board. The tree has died and needs to be replaced. Ginnala Maples do not like our alkaline soil and are not being planted anymore in Townsend.

121) A Butterfly Garden was planted between the old Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School and the Community Library in 2004 by the Townsend School District #1 Summer Camp Students. The flowers were donated by Bryan Flynn. All the flowers were destroyed during the new school construction in 2021-2022.

122) Two Lewis and Clark Gardens were planted with Montana native plants discovered by Lewis and Clark. The gardens were planted in 2005 and 2006 by the Tree Board, the Crimson Bluffs Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation, and the Broadwater County High School (BCHS) Student Council. The gardens were funded by Crimson Bluffs, two MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Mini-School grants, the BCHS Student Council, the Tree Board, and the Montana Native Plant Society. Plaques were donated by the Canton Valley Woman’s Club. One garden was in the courtyard between the old Cecelia Hazelton Elementary School and the Community Library. It was destroyed by new school construction in 2021-2022. The other garden is on the southeast corner of the BCHS parking lot by the Townsend Schools boulder near the intersection of Second Street and North Cedar Street. Many of the original native plants are still present in this garden but some need to be replaced. Some of the plaques also need to be replaced.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you.
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OBITUARIES

Edward James Fisher: February 2, 1954 – February 24, 2024

Cara Fisher Haley

Edward James Fisher, 70, of Post Falls, Idaho, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 24, 2024, surrounded by his loving family, following a recent diagnosis and rapid progression of acute myeloid leukemia. Despite having also battled Parkinson's for the last five years, Ed remained true to himself to the very end, forever humorous, a committed husband, father, and grandpa, and a fast friend to many.

Ed was born and raised in Townsend, Montana, to Clarence and Lillian Fisher. He remained there until he graduated high school, then ventured off to college at Montana State University to study music education. There, he met his lifelong companion, Ruth (Ruthie) Powell. They fell quickly and madly in love and married in 1977. The young couple initially settled down in Deaver, Wyoming, followed by Bridger, Montana, where Ed was a music instructor at the K-12 level.

After a few years of teaching, Ed discovered that his passion for music was best fulfilled outside of his profession and he began studies in Wyoming to become an engineer, with time spent in both Casper and Laramie. In 1984, he graduated at the top of his class from the University of Wyoming with a degree in Civil Engineering. At that time, he had already been working on campus, part-time for the Wyoming Department of Transportation Design Squad, and they immediately transferred him to Riverton, Wyoming with a promotion to a full-time position.

In 1983, Ed and Ruthie welcomed their son, Daniel, and in 1986 their twin daughters, Jodi and Cara.

Shortly after the girls were born, Ed received a job

offer from the Washington Department of Transportation and the family moved to Spokane, where Ed was fortunate to gain a wide array of work experience and also worked for a time at the Washington Department of Ecology, Metropolitan Mortgage Property Development Group, and Adams and Clark consulting firm.

In 1991, the young family relocated to Moscow, Idaho, so that Ed could pursue a job at Washington State University (WSU), Facilities Operations. He worked there for 20 years designing and overseeing a wide range of unique and rewarding projects. He was a problem solver extraordinaire who often took on difficult and unwanted projects that still serve countless numbers of people today. During Ed's time at WSU, the family laid down long roots in the Moscow community.

In the later chapter of Ed's life, he and Ruthie navigated through various ups and downs and adventures together relocating for a short time to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and then to Snohomish, Washington, where Ed worked at the City of Everett for the last six years of his career.

Upon his retirement in March of 2019, Ed and Ruthie moved to Post Falls to be closer to their children and grandchildren and also within close proximity to various medical services. There they were welcomed by the Coeur d'Alene Parkinson's Support Group family who shared in and helped them embrace, the many challenges associated with this disease. Despite the distance from family, Ed remained committed and devoted to his family, never missing a birthday party, holiday, or other important event. He cared fiercely for his children and grandchildren and endlessly supported them in achieving success and independence in life. His family will miss him dearly and forever carry with them many great memories and laughs made together.

Ed was an outdoorsman at heart. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, four-wheeling, and spending time out on the water in his boat. He had a sweet tooth and loved a good, hearty meal, especially in the presence of the ones he loved. One of Ed's lasting legacies among his family and friends was his passion for music. Ed loved to "jam" and consistently shared his gift and love of music with others. It didn't matter the instrument (drums, guitar, bass guitar, piano, singing), he did them all; always with a smile on his face.

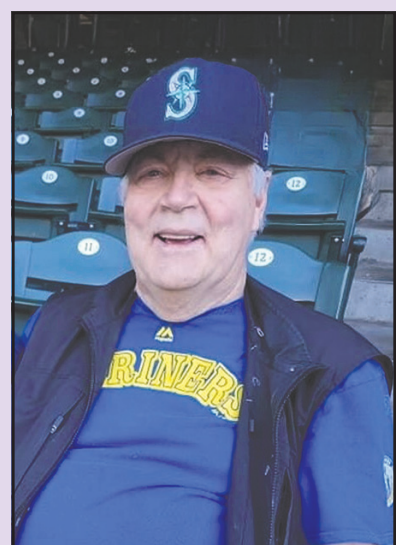
Ed was a spiritual man and for much of his life, he served on various religious musical groups, including the Praise Team at the First Presbyterian Church, Life-point Church, and Real Life Coeur d'Alene, where he could openly worship and praise the Lord God, the Almighty, who he honored first and foremost throughout his life.

Ed never met a stranger and was very thankful for the numerous friends and family he had.

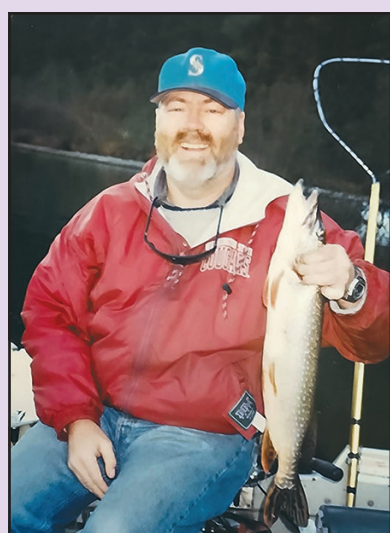
He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ruthie; son Dan, daughter-in-law Hannah, and granddaughter Addison of Moscow; daughter Jodi and grandson James of Moscow; daughter Cara Haley, son-in-law Matthew, and granddaughters Kenadie, Kadence, and Kaia of Moscow; parents-in-law Jim and Doris Powell of Helena, MT; sister Carla Spackman of Missoula, MT; brother- and sister-in-law Doug and Sonia Powell of Helena, MT; stepsister Donna Downs of Denver, CO; and various cousins, nephews, and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Clarence and Lillian Fisher of Townsend, MT, and various cousins, aunts, and uncles. Ed also leaves behind numerous friends all throughout the Pacific Northwest.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, at the First Presbyterian Church, 405 S. Van Buren Street, Moscow, ID. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share if you wish. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider making a donation in Ed's honor to the Coeur d'Alene Parkinson's Support Group, either at the celebration of life or sent to P.O. Box 3183, Hayden, ID 83835. Ed's online memorial can be viewed, and the guestbook signed at www.belltowerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/edward-fisher.



Edward James Fisher
Photo Contributed by Cara Haley



Edward James Fisher
Photo Contributed by Cara Haley

Susan Marie Kynett

Family of Susan Marie Kynett

Susan Marie Kynett, 64, of Great Falls, passed away peacefully with loved ones by her side in Missoula on Monday, February 26th.



Susan Marie Kynett
Photo Contributed by Kynett Family

Susan "Susie" was born on Christmas day of 1959, to Raymond and Mary Kynett. One of 7 children growing up, Susie would take on a mother role to her brothers and sisters. A quality that would follow her all through life. As a young girl, Susie enjoyed time with friends and family, and helping out in the kitchen wherever she could.

In 1977, Susie moved to Townsend with her first son, Kaycie, where she met her long-time partner, Calvin, of whom she had two more sons, Shawn and Richard. There she purchased her first home in her early 20's. Susie was welcomed into the Townsend service industry with open arms because of her talent, personality, and work ethic. Susie worked for many years at the Mint, Fireside as head chef, and later at the local Hospital. Susan worked many hours, often between two or more jobs, but never missed one of her sons' school or sporting events.

Along with cheering her boys on from the bleachers, Susie enjoyed many activities with her girlfriends including bowling and pool league, and she was a top-notch softball player.

Years later, Susan and Calvin split, and Susie once again worked day and night to provide for her family and friends and purchased her second home in Townsend in 1997. Susan would later relocate back to Great Falls to be closer to family where she once again found herself

at home cooking at the local hospital.

After a tragic accident in 2016, Susie moved to Missoula to receive care at the Village assisted living center where she could be closer to her sons. She was a favorite among staff and nurses because of her cheery personality and sense of humor. The family would like to say a special thank you to their staff for the love and care they showed Susan.

Susie, above all else, was a loving mother. She put anyone who needed help, love, or just someone to talk to above herself daily.

Susan was preceded in death by her father, Raymond; mother, Mary; and brother, John. Survivors include her three sons, Kaycie (Megan) of Livingston, Richard (Ashley) of Great Falls, and Shawn of Missoula; sisters, Kim (Joe) of Townsend and Bonnie of Great Falls; brothers, Donald (Jackie) of Townsend, Robert (Christy) of Davis, Oklahoma, and George (Colleen) of Great Falls; numerous nieces and nephews; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service for Susie will be held at O'Connor Memorial Chapel in Great Falls on Thursday, March 7th at 11 am.

Eleanore "Ellie" Magnant April 12, 1928 — January 27, 2024

Lisa Briese

Eleanore "Ellie" Magnant, 95, passed away very peacefully on Saturday, January 27th, 2024 at Milestone Assisted Living under the compassionate care of Compassus Home Care and Hospice in Tomahawk, WI.

Ellie was born on April 12, 1928, in Ashland, WI.



Eleanore "Ellie" Magnant
Photo Contributed by Lisa Briese

She was the second youngest of 15 siblings. She was married to Lawrence "Larry" Magnant on November 1, 1947, in Ashland. He passed away in 2010.

Surviving Ellie are her children; Chris (Doug Williams) Copiskey, Tomahawk, WI; Marcia (Jeff) Barkus, Rhinelander, WI; Lisa (Glen) Briese, Helena, MT; Greg Magnant, Rhinelander, WI; and Kurt Magnant, Belgrade, MT. She is further survived by 11 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandson, and a sister, Rose (Joseph) Klucarich, Milwaukee, WI.

Ellie led a rich and full life that will be celebrated privately by her family. She and Larry left Wisconsin in 1973 for an adventure in Wyoming that led them to Bozeman, MT. They settled for some decades in Townsend, MT. There, they made many true friends and were active in the local community. They treasured Montana and their large circle of friends. Ellie had a great love of music and while her body wasn't as 'spring-like' in her later years, she would shuffle on her feet to live music whenever she had the chance right up until recent months.

The family wants to thank the staff at Milestone for their authentic love and care for Ellie these past years. They are protectors and angels on earth. The family would appreciate memorials being given to a caring healthcare worker of your choice whether it's a cup of coffee a hug or a box of Dilly bars.

The family would also like to thank our sister Chris Copiskey for her never-failing devotion to our mother to ensure she always had what she needed or could want. She brightened our mother's days with her love, dresses and costumes for proms and themed parties and revolving room decor for seasons. She brought in music and always showed appreciation to Milestone staff with tokens of appreciation and a truly thankful spirit. You blessed those of us so far away from Mom's situation and we cherish you. Mom is so grateful.

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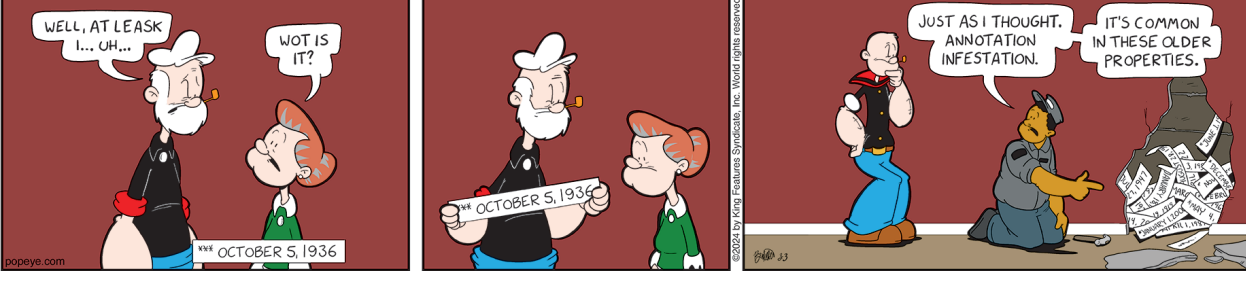
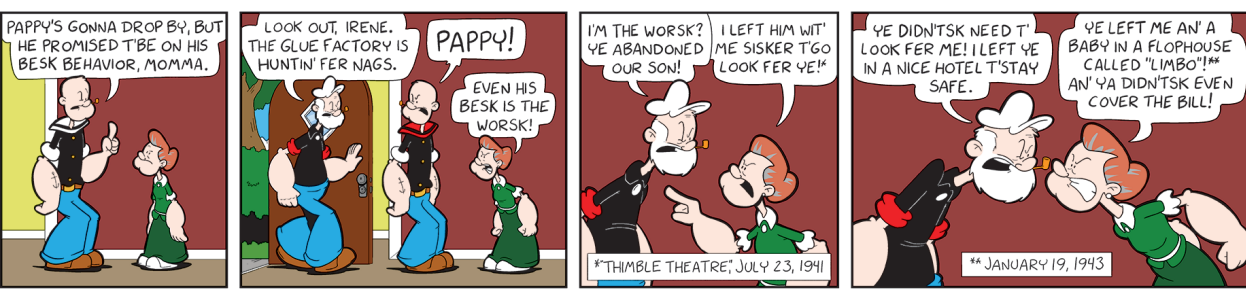
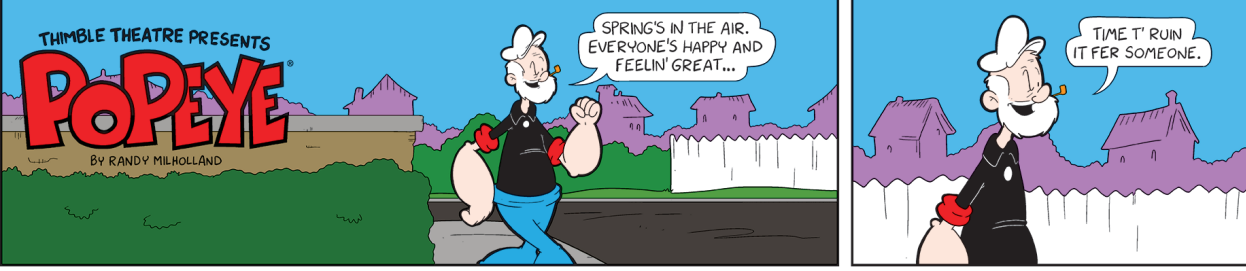
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The Garden Bug

Flowers for Easter

Lilies represent hope, love, divinity, purity and gratitude. Daffodils are one of the first signs of spring; they often symbolize romance. Tulips are another early sign of spring and the rebirth of the season after winter. They often indicate feelings of love. Daisies are considered cheerful, and are available in white, yellow, pink and purple. Hyacinths have incredible fragrance and showy, delicate blooms. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.easternfloral.com



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Theater Board Hosts St. Patty's Day FUN-Raiser

Destani Spencer
Broadwater Community Theater Secretary

Broadwater Community Theater (BCT) will be hosting their annual fundraiser on Saturday, March 16th at The Lodge, 131 So. Spruce Street. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Live music a silent auction, good food and refreshments will run until 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at Reading Leaves and Broadwater Blooms. Ticket cost is \$20 per person, cash or check only.



The Helena Handbasket Quartet including back row: Dave and Candace Payne; front row: Terry and Jim Gundersen. Photo provided by Jim Gundersen

Members of the board encourage community members to attend, enjoy complimentary charcuterie and check out the many wonderful auction items donated by local businesses. The evening will include Irish and old country music performed by the Helena Handbasket fiddle quartet, Terry and Jim Gundersen and Candace and Dave Payne. Come down for fun and games with cash prizes as well as a 50/50 raffle hosted by our beloved leprechaun, Pat O'Trick.

The year 2024 has many events in store for Broadwater Theater including the Queen City Swing band March 23, Missoula Children's Theater this May, and two additional children's plays later this year. Help propel BCT forward into success this year so they can continue to bring wonderful plays and live music to this community.

We hope to see you there.

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Is it Turkey Season Yet

Eileen Clark
Rifles and Recipes

This recipe comes from a famous but no-longer open hunting lodge in Alabama owned by the Pittman family and may be the easiest I've ever cooked. It's also one of the easiest to remember. If you don't have fresh marjoram, improvise with fresh basil, sage, oregano or tarragon. According to clan patriarch, Robert Pittman, the important thing is to simply use fresh herbs and real butter.

PS: Robert's son, Bo, is the author of my favorite rule of hunting, but you must read it with a strong Alabama accent: Bo said, 'Don't go stompin' around in the woods or you will booger it up.' Same goes for using dried herbs or margarine in this dish.

Robert P's Quick Sautéed Turkey Breast
serves 2

Ingredients

- 1 pound boned turkey breast, in bite sized pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon fresh marjoram
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Cooking

1. Dry the turkey bites with paper toweling, and season with the salt and pepper.
2. Melt the butter gently in the pan, over medium heat, until it starts to sizzle. Add the turkey chunks, marjoram, chives and parsley and sauté the meat, stirring as it cooks to make sure all sides of the chunks are covered with the herbs and butter and cooked to about 165F, about 4 to 5 minutes at most.
3. Arrange on a platter over rice or egg noodles, and serve with fresh asparagus.



Robert P's Quick Sautéed Turkey Breast
Eileen Clarke Photo

There's a lot more about Bo Pittman's theories, including about 'ception'—it's a turkey cooking thing--in Upland Game Bird Cookery, my all-upland

bird cookbook available at www.riflesandrecipes.com and 406-521-0273. (I live in Townsend and offer discounts on all riflesandrecipes books to fellow Townsdenites, since I don't have the expense of shipping. FYI to handloaders, some of those books are by John Barsness, longtime contributor to Rifle and Handloader magazines and still rifle columnist for Sports Afield magazine.

Broadwater County to Host Groundbreaking Trauma Training Event

Jamie Herzog

Townsend, MT – The Billings Broadwater Clinic, in a commendable collaboration with the Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program, is set to host an essential training event on March 11th, aimed at enhancing the capabilities of local healthcare providers in managing multiple trauma situations. This event marks a significant step forward in our commitment to advancing healthcare excellence in Broadwater County.

The training will focus on multiple trauma scenarios, employing high-fidelity healthcare simulation to offer participants a near-realistic experience. High-fidelity simulation training utilizes advanced simulators or mannequins capable of mimicking human responses to medical interventions, providing an immersive learning environment for healthcare professionals. This

innovative approach allows our medical providers to refine their skills in a controlled, safe setting, ensuring they are well-prepared to face real-life emergencies with confidence and efficiency.

The benefits of such advanced training to the Broadwater County community cannot be overstated. By enhancing the preparedness of our healthcare professionals, we are directly contributing to improved patient outcomes and safety. This initiative underscores our dedication to ensuring that the residents of Broadwater County have access to highly skilled medical care, particularly in critical, life-threatening situations.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Maile Allzer at maile@simmt.org or call 360-471-2883. Join us in supporting this landmark event, as we work together to strengthen our community's healthcare resilience.



Simulation Training Truck
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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March 7

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Local Briefs

Mr. A.J. Rosman of Diamond spent Sunday with his family in town.

Mrs. A.J. Graveley of the lower valley paid Townsend a brief visit last week.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. Fuhs of the valley spent Tuesday in town.

Sheriff C.B. Doggett paid Sheridan Wyoming an official visit the fore part of the week.

Willis Smith of Crow Creek spent a few days in town this week.

R.H. Dean of Deep Creek spent Tuesday in town.

Miss Winifred Shindoll, who was to represent the Broadwater County High school in extemporaneous speaking at Bozeman this week at the B.B. tournament was unable to attend on account of having mumps.

1940

Home Town Looks Familiar to Myrna

Radersburg rang with cheers and greetings of unusual merit Saturday evening when Miss Myrna Loy, famous movie actress, and her mother Mrs. Della Williams and party of three cars came to the Burg to renew childhood acquaintances and visit their old homes here.

Myrna, clad in blue slacks, jacket and hat, stood out as the center of attraction by admirers of those who knew her as a child, as well as those who know her in pictures.

Mrs. Della Williams and daughter, Myrna, are from Beverly Hills, Calif. A photographer and publicity man from Beverly Hills accompanied them here. They took many pictures on their trip.

Crow Creek News

Mrs. Anna Moudree and Herman Moudree were Townsend business callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kitto were at Winston Monday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies.

George Rauser and daughters, Katherine and Edna, were in Townsend Monday on a business errand and to consult the doctor as to Edna's health. Edna has been ill for some time missing several weeks of school.

Radersburg News

Wes Sitton motored to Sand Coulee Tuesday. Mrs. Arthur Korin and daughter, Karen, accompanied Mr. Sitton home for a few days to help care for her grandfather,

W.J. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leach and daughters, Mary and Grace, were business visitors in Townsend Thursday.

Mrs. Jess Knight motored to Townsend Wednesday on business.

Canton Valley News

Miss Doris Whaley is spending a month's vacation from duties in the beauty parlor in Helena at the ranch home of her mother, Mrs. John Whaley.

Mrs. Dan Sullivan received a letter from her brother, Henry Meyer, who has been in Billings for the past six weeks, stating that the doctors have removed the cast off his back and that other complications are clearing up nicely at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gill and mother, Mrs. James Gill, and sister, Edith Roope, were capital city visitors on Tuesday of this week.

1968

Local Boy Scouts Attend Jamboree

Boys from both of the local Boy Scout troops attended the District Winter Jamboree held at Moose Creek Boy Scout camp west of Helena on Saturday, March 1.

Local Scouts pitted their skills against Scouts of 15 other troops in the Helena area. Skills such as fire building, sled building and racing and plant identification were tested.

Scouts attending were David Brammer, Kerry Pottruff, David Thompson, Brent Helmick, James Armstrong and Mark Meyer from Troop 210 and Rob Dagnall, Don Cazier, Jr., Randy Hunsaker, Brad Dundas and Dennis Williams from Troop 98.

Rotary to Re-Seed Football Field

The Rotary Club has taken on the project of reseeding the football field and the seeding of the lawn around the new high school addition. The project will be started immediately.

Work will be done by the Rotarians and other interested persons, who are willing to donate time or machinery, are asked to contact Don Walters at Strong and Bradley.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Townsley of Gallatin Gateway visited Sunday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holling and other relatives and friends in the community.

Mrs. Fern Kirley and sons were in Silver Star last week end visiting her brothers-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller.

Mrs. Alex DuFresne and daughter, Betty Ann, of Great Falls were week end visitors at the home of her

sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kelly.

Mrs. Carrie B. Hardgrove of Helena was in Townsend Friday visiting friends. She has been renovating her house in Winston where she plans to reside.

Harry Buckingham, student at WMC, Dillon was a week end visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Buckingham.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Ragen were in Billings over the week end to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Schneider and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meyer spent a few days last week at the home of their son, Arnold Meyer and family, in Spokane. While there they toured the Kaiser Aluminum plant, on a 55-acre tract of land in the Trentwood area, where Arnold has been employed for the past 13 years.

Three local boys left Sunday from Helena for the U.S. Marines. They are Mike Broderick, Cliff O'Hern and Bruce Denton. They were to be in Butte Monday morning to take a plane to San Diego and then go to Camp Pendleton where they will take their basic training.

1996

Artist of the Month

The State Bank of Townsend's Artist of the month for March – wood carver Ole Olsen – sees himself more as a craftsman than an artist. Ole began carving decoys in the 1940s for a practical reason; duck hunting. Over the years, he has refined his skills, creating ever more realistic figures out of soft cedar and pine blocks, bringing color to them with spray paints.

Whether it's a canvasback or a mallard, each carving takes at least a full day of labor. Once completed, each field-ready piece gets Ole's signature and date of completion, before hitting the ponds.

Six of Ole Olsen's hand-carved decoys will be on display at the State Bank of Townsend throughout the month.

Around Town News

Vivian Bruins and Edith Alex enjoyed dinner together this week at Edith's home and at the Silos.

Ken and Nadine Biggs arrived home Tuesday from Sun Lakes, AZ. where they had visited her sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Leland Connors.

Eleanor and Chuck Holling and Myra Bridgewater were business callers in Helena twice last week.

Lillian Fisher, Florence Anderson and Alberta Nave were business callers in Helena.

On Valentine's Day Jean Johnson, Judy Slifka and Joyce Lane visited Gladys Johnson at the Broadwater Health Center. They enjoyed joining in the Valentine Box Social held at the center annually. Jean said entertainment for the event was provided by Zelda Diehl who accompanied Jack Sautter on the organ.

Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with Green Lights, Ginger Ale, Shamrocks and Daffodils!

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Fighting Fire is a difficult and rewarding job.

Sign Up to Fight Fire

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Hiring event: Entry-level wildland firefighter positions

Learning to fight wildfire can be a rewarding job. If you are interested in becoming a firefighter, you can attend a two-day in-person event in Townsend to sign up.

From March 4 through March 15, the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest will be accepting applications for twelve entry-level permanent wildland firefighter and dispatcher positions. These positions allow for paid training and travel, overtime, hazard pay, and federal employee benefits, such as medical and retirement. Additionally, these positions enable employees to gain experience and knowledge to be promoted within a fire management career path.

All positions will be listed on www.usajobs.gov and the Forest will host a two-day in-person

hiring event on March 7 and 8 to allow interested applicants to meet with recruitment officers and experienced wildland firefighters and learn about working on a fire crew. During that time, we will also cover how to apply to these positions and answer any other questions prospective applicants may have.

Townsend Ranger District, March 7 from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m., March 8 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 415 So. Front, Townsend, MT 59644 or call 406-266-3425 for more information.