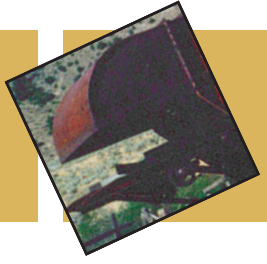




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Paint & Sip for a Cause

The Northern Lights



Everyone had a good time and painted their own masterpieces!
Pam Sample Photo

Monique Prevel

Executive Director & Lead Coach, Big Sky Autism Project

Big Sky Autism Project (BSAP) hosted a wildly successful Paint & Sip for a Cause at Reading Leaves Bookstore in Townsend, MT on Leap Day, February 29th. The event was sold out a month ahead of time with a waiting list of hopeful individuals. Fourteen eager students were lucky enough to grab their spots when BSAP opened registration in January. Drinks and snacks were served, and a fun time was had by all.

Artist/Instructor Pam Sample led the group in a very skillful and jovial manner with her exceptional help and co-instructor Laura Stevenson. Both donated their time, expertise, and supplies for this event.

BSAP would like to thank everyone who came out to support us, Rachael, for providing such a great inclusive community space for events at Reading Leaves, and a big heartfelt thank you to Pam and Laura for everything you do for BSAP and the Townsend community as a whole!

Follow @BigSkyAutismProject on Facebook to keep up to date on events in Townsend and around the state!

Folkvord Faces Re-Election Challenge

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Darrell Folkvord will face an opponent in his bid for election to a second term as District 3 commissioner on the Broadwater County Board of Commissioners. He is challenged by Jesse Swenson, a land surveyor who filed for election to the seat shortly before the filing deadline of 5 p.m. last Monday, March 11. Folkvord filed the preceding Friday.

Meanwhile, County Clerk of District Court Valerie Hornsveld is stepping down, choosing not to seek re-election. She has worked in the office for 41 years. Running unopposed to replace her is Audrey Plymale

who has served as a deputy court clerk for 20 years.

Montana's primary election is June 4 and the general election is Nov. 5.

Broadwater County's elective offices are nonpartisan positions. It will be up to Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen whether to hold a primary election or instead allow both Folkvord and Swenson to advance automatically to the general election.

The only Broadwater County elective offices up for election this year are the District 3 commissioner seat and that of the court clerk. The county posts not on the ballot this year are two seats on the board of commissioners, county attorney, clerk and recorder, treasurer and superintendent of schools, sheriff, and

justice of the peace.

County Attorney Cory Swanson, with two years remaining in his current term, is in a three-way race for chief justice of the Montana Supreme Court. The other candidates are Jeremiah Lynch, Missoula, former U.S. magistrate Judge of the District of Montana, and trial lawyer Doug Marshall, Helena.

Folkvord this year is completing his first term in office. He is a retired helicopter pilot and resident of the Crow Creek Valley. Swenson is employed by Schaubert Surveying of Townsend. He earned a degree in land surveying from Flathead Community College in 2008.

Commissioners not up for election this year are Debi Randolph, District 1, and Lindsey Richtmyer, District 2.



Audrey Plymale has filed to run unopposed for County Clerk of Court. Photos on file or provided.



Valerie Hornsveld, County Clerk of Court, is retiring after 41 years in office. Photos on file or provided.



Jesse Swenson, a land surveyor, has filed to run for the District 3 County Commissioner seat. Photos on file or provided.



Broadwater County Commissioner Darrel Folkvord is running for another six-year term in District 3. Photos on file or provided.

Future Farmers of America's Ag Appreciation Dinner

Kaitlyn Noyes
Broadwater FFA Reporter



February 6th, 2024 - March 5th, 2024

National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week / Ag Appreciation Dinner:

To celebrate National FFA Week, the Broadwater FFA Chapter held an Agricultural Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 24th. The evening included a silent auction with various local business and student-made items, guest speaker Greg Peterson of the Peterson



4-H & FFA Members (Servers)
Photo Credits: Kaitlyn Noyes

Senior Spotlight: Havyn Vandenacre

Mikayla Kraft
School Correspondent



It is difficult to succeed in multiple sports for the entire four-year span of high school. To do so would require a natural talent and time for fine-tuning and perfection. In addition, it would require a passion unlike any other. It is thus even more difficult to succeed in multiple sports for all four years and always keep a high level of humility, love, and respect for the character of this athlete. Havyn Vandenacre is the highest example of the perfect athlete.

Havyn has lived in Townsend for all 18 years of her life. Her parents, Trinity and Paige Vandenacre raised her and her 20-year-old brother Gavin and 13-year-old Heston. She was homeschooled for four years before entering the Townsend school system in 4th grade. She has taken every opportunity to get involved in the school system and give back to the community which has given her many passions. Havyn has been involved in Basketball, Volleyball, Track and Field, Speech and Drama, Student Council, National Honors Society, Bulldogs Beyond, Pep Band, and Youth Council. Every community member in Townsend can be certain that she succeeded in all of these amazing organizations, but personally, Volleyball has made the most impact in her life.

Havyn fought her way to become the Team Captain. On her journey to achieving this goal, she learned life lessons, commenting, “[volleyball] pushed me through so much mentally that... it helped me become who I am today” and “it helped me come out of my shell and realize that failure is a part of life and I shouldn’t be afraid of it because you learn from your mistakes.”

Unexpectedly, Havyn will finish her athletic career at the University of Providence in Great Falls for Track



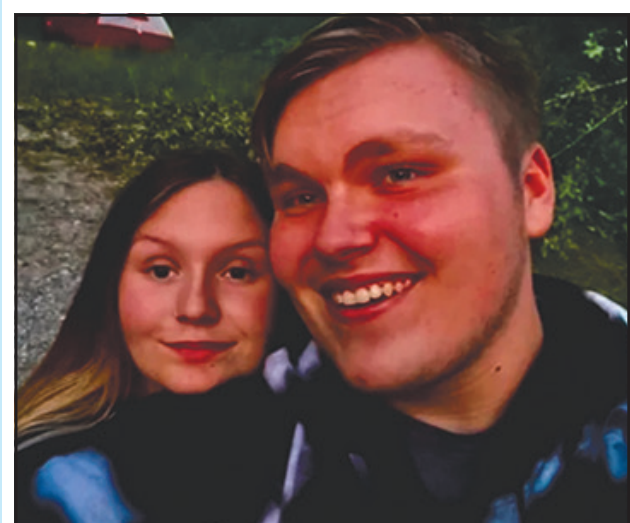
Havyn Vandenacre
Photo Courtesy of Cassie Staeheli

and Field. She is not entirely sure where her college career will take her, but she has been considering the possibility of pursuing a degree in Ultrasound Technology. With her love for life and her additional talent for hair styling, Havyn has been wrestling with the idea of caring for mothers and their babies in some way or becoming a hairdresser. Greatness is in Havyn Vandenacre’s future, but the Townsend community will still be missed, “I am going to miss being in a small town and knowing everyone in the community. I will also miss the people that I have grown up with and all the people that support me here in town.” Run fast, jump far, and never give up!

Calling On Hunter's Community to Help

Sarah Taylor

We have printed the full version of this call to action in previous issues, but people have inquired about more ways to help donate to Hunter. We are printing an abbreviated version of the previous article here to let people know more about how to donate. What a caring community we have! Hope you feel the love, Hunter! ~ MT 43 News Editor



Hunter Liedle
Sarah Taylor Photo

Jan. 2024 Hunter Liedle got a stage four Hodgkins lymphoma diagnosis at the age of 21; this has been a tragic turn of events for Hunter. He currently does not have health insurance and had to quit his job. I’m asking for your help to ease the financial burden for him. Medical bills have begun to stack, needing gas to and from appointments, food to nourish him while his body is unable to work and of course living expenses. Anything helps! 100% of all donations will go directly to Hunter.

You can help by

- Mailing checks to **10 Sullivan Ridge Way, Townsend, MT 59644**
- Contribute through Venmo (no processing fees): **HunterLiedle@Hunter-Liedle**
- Go Fund Me (has processing fees): **https://gofundme/0a559ec7**

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406-266-3558

YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST
Turn to Page 8 for More Information!



Jim Davies (Auctioneer)
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Greg Peterson (Keynote Speaker)
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Brothers from Kansas, a labor auction from the local Interstate Exchange 4-H group, and a delicious 3-course meal provided by the Watson Family.

Thank you to all our business sponsors for the evening.

Partner Sponsors were A da Z Concrete, Bob & Kelly Morrow, Circle B Enterprises, Precision Business Resources, Shearer Ranch LLC and Vigilante Electric Cooperative.

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Thank you to all those who donated silent auction items.

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Lastly, thank you to all the others who helped make the evening a success, such as Jim Davies, Greg Peterson, Jason Noyes, Karen Noyes, Kelly Morrow, the Watson’s and any others we might have missed!!!

All of your support will be a great help towards our chapter's success and future endeavors, such as the upcoming State FFA Competition in April!

Holy Cross Parish wishes you a blessed Easter!

Join us in celebrating the joy of Jesus's resurrection

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| <p>Easter Mass Sunday, March 31, 2024 4:30 pm</p> <p>Easter egg hunt to follow on the church lawn.</p> | <p>Easter Party Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:45—7:00 pm</p> <p>Join us for food and games! All are welcome!</p> |
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CELEBRATING NATIONAL AG WEEK

Thank you to our friends, neighbors and customers in the agricultural community.

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Townsend School Calendar

MARCH

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| Fri 15 | NO SCHOOL- Teacher PIR |
| Sun 17 | 12:00PM 4H County Contest Day at HS lobby and FCS Room/Kitchen |
| Mon 18 | 6:00PM Adult City League Volleyball at 1963 Gym 7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room |
| Tue 19 | 7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 4:30PM K-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Wed 20 | 6:00PM Old Baldy Adult Ed - Writing Professionally for Money at Library Classroom 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym 7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room |
| Thu 21 | 7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room End of Q3 |
| Fri 22 | NO SCHOOL- Teacher PLC Day |
| Sat 23 | 7:00PM Shamrock Swing- FFA Dance @ Fairgrounds 4H Building |
| Sun 24 - Wed 27 | State SkillsUSA @ Helena |



Sponsor of Townsend School Page

Three Forks School Calendar

MARCH

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| Tue 19 | 8:00AM - 5:00PM NHS Blood Drive Old Gym HS FCCLA Meeting During Lunch 6:30PM Board Meeting Large Conference Room |
| Wed 20 | MS FCCLA Meeting at Lunch Break |
| Thu 21 | MS Book Club at Lunch 7:30PM Adult Ed - Community Choir at MS/HS Music Room |
| Sat 23 | Varsity Tennis @ Manhattan |



Live Music Sunday March 17th

John Larsen
Musician

The Wingnuts Band will be playing a St. Patty's Day concert with Irish music and other popular old songs of the past.

We will be at the American Legion on Sunday, March 17 at 6:30PM.

My great-granddaughter, Tia Tallwhiteman, will be singing some of the songs along with my daughter, Laura Stevenson.

The Wingnuts will play their set free of charge!

There will be corned beef available at the bar so come on down and join the fun!

We look forward to lookin' at ya!



Townsend Community Calendar

MARCH

Through March 31st- March Kindness at Broadwater Blooms
FIND AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS

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| 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 FIND AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS 5:30pm: With Chef Heather: Cooking Class at The Lodge of Townsend |
| Saturday 16 | 8:00am: Broadwater Rod And Gun Club: Basic Pistol Course at Broadwater Rod and Gun Club 5:30pm: Broadwater Community Theater: St. Patrick's Day Fun Raiser at The Lodge of Townsend 6:00pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:00PM Live Music- Travis Ragen at The Betsy, 217 Broadway 6:30pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway |
| Sunday 17 | 6:30pm: American Legion Post 42: Saint Patrick's Day Celebration with Live Music- The Wingnuts Band READ ARTICLE ABOVE FOR DETAILS ABOUT CONCERT |
| Monday 18 | 1:00pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday 6:00PM: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805 |
| Tuesday 19 | 11:00am: RMDC: Townsend Senior Center visit at Senior Center FIND AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS 5:00pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club 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 20 | 1:00pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 every second Wednesday 1:00pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St 5:00PM - 7:00PM East Helena Senior Citizens Club Potluck at East Helena United Methodist Church at 50 Prickly Pear Ave READ ARTICLE ON PAGE 8 FOR INFORMATION |
| Thursday 21 | 7:00pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry |
| Friday 22 | 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 23 | 5:00pm: American Legion Post 42 Annual Chili Cookoff at American Legion Club 6:00pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway |
| Sun 24- Sun 31 | Special Services and Easter events at Trailhead Church SEE AD FOR MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 4 |
| Thursday 28 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm Medicare 101: A Free Educational Seminar at Reading Leaves, 401 Broadway in Townsend (TO RSVP: SEE LEYLAND INSURANCE AD ON PAGE 4) |

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

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| Friday 15 | 1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 8:00AM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall |
| Saturday 16 | Three Forks Public Library CLOSED |
| Monday 18 | 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall |
| Tuesday 19 | 1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg 4:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Middle School Book Club 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall |
| Wednesday 20 | 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall |
| Thursday 21 | 10:00AM Three Forks Public Library: Storytime 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall 6:00PM Board of Adjustment Meeting at City Hall 6:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Brendan Nolan at Bridger Brewing Three Forks |
| Friday 22 | 8:00AM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall 2:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Crafternoon Drop In |
| Saturday 23 | Three Forks Public Library CLOSED |

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



HELP WANTED: Broadwater County Noxious Weed, Seasonal Noxious Weed and Mosquito Sprayer

Broadwater County is soliciting qualified applicants to fill the position of seasonal weed/mosquito sprayers. This is a short term position working 32-40 hours per week for the season. The wage is \$16-\$18/hr+, DOE. Applicants must have a valid Montana Driver's License and be able to pass a background check. Applications and a copy of the job description can be obtained on the county's website at www.broadwatercountymt.com under Job Openings at the bottom of the page.

Resumes and complete applications can be mailed to Melinda Banks at 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to mbanks@co.broadwater.mt.us. Please contact Melinda Banks at 406-266-9209 if you have any questions.

Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

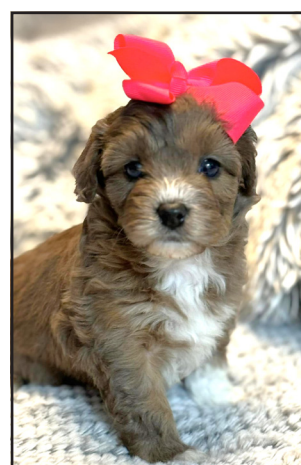
MARCH

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| Monday 18 | 11:00am Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building 2:00pm Public Project Briefings with Bill Jarocki at Flynn Building 6:00pm City / County Parks & Recreation at Flynn Building |
| Tuesday 19 | 3:00pm Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building 6:00pm Noxious Weed Board Meeting at Flynn Building |
| Wednesday 20 | 10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building 6:00pm Airport Board Meeting at Flynn Building |



FOR SALE!

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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

What's the Buzz at Broadwater Blooms?

MARCH KINDNESS
MARCH 4TH-31ST

Consider surprising a friend, neighbor, or just a random person that needs a pick me up with a \$15 or \$20 spring bouquet! You can do this anonymously or with a kind sentiment from you. You can also purchase a bouquet and we will pick a recipient. We will be trying to send every nursing home resident, Meals on wheels, and many others a bouquet.

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*AT 27 DIAMOND GULCH RD



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Dates and times may vary due to events, seasons or holidays.
Call the restaurant with any questions. Happy Dining!



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| <p>American Legion Hall</p> <p>211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM Special Event with Food: Sunday 3/17 Bar hours may vary</p> | <p>The Besty Sports Zone</p> <p>217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 949-0237 Dining Hours: Wed - Sat 3:00PM - Closing Sun 11:00AM- 11:00PM Closed Sun, Mon & Tues Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com</p> | <p>Commercial Bar</p> <p>101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available onFacebook</p> | <p>Deep Creek Pizza</p> <p>415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Menu: www.deepcreekpizzaco.com, Facebook and Instagram Closed Sunday</p> | <p>Full Belly Deli</p> <p>209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: 7:30AM - 8:00PM Every Day Menu: fullbellidelimt.com</p> | <p>TB's Diner</p> <p>316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: 7:00AM - 8:00PM Specials: Facebook</p> |
| <p>Bread and Butter Cafe</p> <p>205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: 7:00AM- 2:00PM Menu available on Facebook Closed Sunday and Monday</p> | <p>Bunkhouse Bar & Grill</p> <p>8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - Close Grill off at 10:00PM</p> | <p>Copy Cup</p> <p>303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday</p> | <p>Fishtale Tavern</p> <p>209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary</p> | <p>Mint Cafe</p> <p>305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Tue & Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Mon & Thur 8:00AM - 8:00PM Fri 8:00AM - 9:00PM Sat 7:00AM - 9:00PM Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM Menu: themintbarandgrill.com/menu</p> | <p>Broadwater Area Restaurants</p> <p>Contact MT 43 News, Monday- Friday 10AM - 2PM, if you would like to talk about how to add your dining location and open hours to our paper! 406.266.0086</p> |

1ST RESPONDER APPRECIATION AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT

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Connect with and learn from local 1st Responders:
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April 6, 2024
Townsend Volunteer Fire Department
130 S Cedar St, Townsend, MT 59644
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A big thank you to our local contributors for all the amazing door prizes and giveaways!
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A.I.P. 3-30-0078-017-2024

Separate sealed bids will be received by Broadwater County until 2:00 p.m., local time, April 3, 2024.

All bids will be received by Broadwater County, and publicly opened, and read aloud at The Flynn Building, 416 Broadway Street, Townsend, Montana 59644, for the Townsend Airport Improvements Project to include the following:

- Reconstruct Runway 17-35, Runway Turnaround, Taxiways, and Apron;
- Construct Taxiway;
- Construct Hangar Access Taxilane;
- Construct Apron Expansion;
- Install Subsurface Edge Drains;
- Electrical Improvements – Electrical enclosure and equipment, MIRL, MITL, guidance signs, PAPIs, airport beacon, wind cones, and segmented circle.

This work is to include all tools, equipment, materials, and labor to complete this project.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

41 CFR Part 60-4, Executive Order 11246

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.
2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

- Timetables
- Goals for minority participation for each trade: 4.1% (Applied to Broadwater County)
- Goals for female participation in each trade: 6.9%

These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and nonfederally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4.

Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is

State: Montana County: Broadwater City: Townsend

CIVIL RIGHTS – TITLE VI ASSURANCE

49 USC § 47123, FAA Order 1400.11

Broadwater County, Montana in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

49 CFR Part 26

The requirements of 49 CFR part 26 apply to this contract. It is the policy of Broadwater County, Montana to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Owner encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership.

FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

29 USC § 201, 29 USC § 200.430

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers.

The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to

the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division.

TRADE RESTRICTION CERTIFICATION

49 USC § 50104, 49 CFR Part 30

By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror –
1) is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR);
2) has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and
3) has not entered into any subcontract for any product to be used on the Federal project that is produced in a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR.

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC Section 1001.

The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Owner if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to an Offeror or subcontractor:

- 1) who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR or
- 2) whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such USTR list or
- 3) who incorporates in the public works project any product of a foreign country on such USTR list.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

The Offeror agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in all lower tier subcontracts. The Contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a firm from a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by USTR, unless the Offeror has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Contractor or subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may direct through the Owner cancellation of the contract or subcontract for default at no cost to the Owner or the FAA.

This project is subject to the Federal provisions, which are hereby incorporated by reference within this Advertisement for Bids: Buy American Preference, Civil Rights – Title VI Assurances, Davis Bacon Requirements, Debarment and Suspension, Lobbying and Influencing Federal Employees, Procurement of Recovered Materials, and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace, which are incorporated by reference. Failure to comply with the terms of these contract provisions may be sufficient grounds to: 1.) Withhold progress payments or final payment, 2.) Terminate the contract, 3.) Seek suspension/debarment, or 4.) Any other action determined to be appropriate by the Sponsor/Owner or the FAA.

-- (End of Clauses) --

Bids will be received on a price basis as described in the Contract Documents. Bid security in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, which shall be: (1) lawful money of the United States; or (2) a Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Money Order or Bank Draft, in any case drawn and issued by a federally chartered or state chartered bank insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation; or (3) a bid bond, guaranty bond, or surety bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in the State of Montana. The bid security shall be made payable to the Owner and failure to enter into a formal contract will result in the Owner retaining the bid security. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a formal contract within the bid period listed in the Contract Documents. Bidder shall be required to provide an insurance certification(s), to furnish a Performance Bond, and furnish a labor and materials Payment Bond within ten (10) calendar days from the date the Notice of Award is received. The bonds shall each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount. The successful Bidder is required to comply with Montana's Contractor Registration Law in accordance with Title 39, Chapter 9, MCA.

Contract Documents may be inspected at many plan exchanges, and at the office of the consulting engineer, Robert Peccia & Associates, (3147 Saddle Dr. /P.O. Box 5653, Helena, MT 59604). They may be reviewed, downloaded, and printed at no cost under the "PROJECTS BIDDING" tab at www.rpa-hln.com.

All bids must be submitted in a Bidding Documents booklet, provided by the Engineer upon receipt of \$25.00 (non-refundable). Alternate forms or copies of the Bidding Documents booklet will not be acceptable. The Planholders List will include only the purchasers of Bidding Documents booklets.

Hard copies of the Contract Documents (including a Bidding Documents booklet) printed by the Engineer are available upon receipt of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for each complete set.

A pre-bid conference will be held on March 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Townsend Airport.

Potential bidders are encouraged to visit the site and contact the Engineer (lbrowser@rpa-hln.com or 406-447-5000) with any questions.

Faxed bids will not be accepted or considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject nonconforming, irregular, non-responsive, or conditional bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 120 days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidder and/or determining bid award based upon available funding prior to award of the Contract.

March 15, 2024

BROADWATER COUNTY

By /s/ Darrel Folkvord, Chairman

Published March 15, 22 and 29, 2024

NOTICE OF CLOSE REGULAR REGISTRATION

NOTICE is hereby given that regular registration for TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 ELECTION to be held on MAY 7, 2024, will close at 5:00 PM, on MARCH 11, 2024.

*NOTE: If you miss regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on election day.

All active and inactive electors are entitled to vote at said election.

Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE 515 BROADWAY, TOWNSEND, MT 59644 in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current residence in the county.

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing before the County Election Administrator.

If you moved, it is necessary to transfer your registration to your present address.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2024.

/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN

BROADWATER COUNTY

Clerk and Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor

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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.

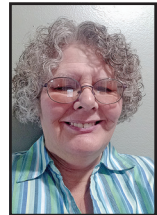
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March 08

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal McMahon's courtroom on Friday, March 8 is as follows:

Samuel Cooper had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) criminal possession of dangerous drugs, 2) criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, 3) theft of a vehicle, 3) driving while license suspended, and 4) open container. Omnibus is due on May 3; Pre-Trial is set for August 2; with the Jury Trial scheduled on September 3. The Defendant is released on his own recognizance.

Dustin Redfox had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) criminal possession of drug paraphernalia and 2) open container. Omnibus is due on May 3; Pre-Trial is set for August 2; with the Jury Trial scheduled on September 3. The Defendant is released on his own recognizance.

Paul Creason did not appear for Sentencing. It is continued until March 22.

Troy Sharrette has a Petition to Revoke, on charges of 1) criminal possession of dangerous drugs, with intent to deliver and 2) criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. The Evidentiary Hearing will be on April 12.

Ashley Lage has her Sentencing continued until April 12.

Samuel Cascadden has an Omnibus due on March 15.

Mark Black had a Change of Plea; to the charge of partner/family member assault, a misdemeanor. He stated that on February 20, he knowingly shoved D.T., causing a threat of injury. The victim gave an impact statement. The Defendant apologized for his actions. He is Sentenced to a year in Broadwater County Detention Center; all but two days suspended. He must pay a \$100 fine and \$817.69 restitution. He must have 40 hours of anger management, no contact with D.T., and must have a civil standby to get his property.

Sam Cascadden appeared because he sold a trailer that wasn't his. The judge said that it was a civil matter and that the original owner (his daughter) could file a claim in civil court.

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Justice of Peace Report – March 15

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk Broadwater County

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

David Standish, Toston: ROW violation \$85.00
 Clark Scholl, Helena: night speed \$20.00
 Rainie Setter, Butte: interstate day speed \$70.00
 Marisol Cerda, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
 Macy Mccauley, East Helena: night speed \$70.00
 Christopher Martinez, Helena: Driving without a valid driver's license \$135.00, Night speed \$70.00
 Joshua Meng, TownsendMT: resident operate w/foreign DL \$85.00, Day speed \$120.00
 William Mills, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
 Daniel Klein, Townsend displaying fictitious, altered, etc., license plates \$85.00, Day speed \$70.00
 Ty Henson, Star, ID: day speed \$20.00
 David Dietrich, Billings: day speed \$20.00
 James Combs-Franklin, East Helena: night speed \$70.00
 Ernesto Flores, Helena: driving without a valid driver's license \$135.00, No insurance-1st offense \$185.00, Night speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Lillian Estep – Three Forks – fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle – owner or operator-3rd or

subsequent offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail all time suspended for a period of six months, \$535.00 fines and fees and the license plates and registration of vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until compliance provided to MVD.
 Alfred Castro – Helena – night speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$70.00 fine and enroll and complete Traffic school.
 Michael Charlton – WSS – operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$75.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Jonathan Rang – Park City – operating without liability insurance in effect-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration to the vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.
 Elizabeth Saretsky – Townsend – careless driving, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$55.00 fines and fees and enroll and complete Traffic school; seatbelt violation, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Hermenegildo Mchholm, Great Falls: night speed \$70.00
 Derrick Hedalen, Townsend: restricted speed \$55.00

New Legislative Districts Attract Candidates

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Republicans Jane Gillette and Kyle McMurray will compete for the District 77 seat in the Montana House of Representatives on primary election ballots of voters in Broadwater County and in a sliver of Gallatin County. The winner of that race will face Democrat Jeremiah Dawson in the general election.

And in balloting for a seat in the Montana Senate, Broadwater County voters will choose between Republican E. Wylie Galt and Democrat Bruce Schultz in the general election. Also voting for that Senate District 39 seat will be voters in all or part of seven other counties.

All the legislative districts are newly constructed because of reapportionment conducted once every 10 years. House District 77 covers all of Broadwater County and a small portion of Gallatin County. The sprawling Senate District 39 covers all of Broadwater, Judith Basin, Meagher and Wheatland counties, and portions of Gallatin, Cascade, Fergus and Sweet Grass counties.

Jane Gillette of Three Forks, a dentist, served in the 2021 and 2023 sessions of the legislature as a representative of what was then House District 64. She bills herself as running for re-election. Kyle McMurray, of Manhattan, a political newcomer, operated an optometry practice in Gallatin County for 40 years. Jeremiah Dawson, Three Forks, is the lone Democrat seeking the House 77 seat.

Wylie Galt, of Martinsdale in Meagher County, served in the state House in the 2021 legislative session representing what was then District 30. The Galt family ranch corporation is perhaps the largest landholder in Meagher and Broadwater counties. Bruce Schultz, of Raynesford in Judith Basin County, is a rancher.

County Commissioner's Agenda

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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.

THERE WILL NOT BE A COMMISSION MEETING ON MARCH 27TH DUE TO THE COMMISSIONERS BEING AT MACRS (MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ROAD SUPERVISORS) REVISION (as of March 13, 2024)

Monday, March 18, 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 19, 2024

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Kaylan Minor, Deputy County Attorney, Family Transfer Exemption Claim Procedure

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Kaylan Minor, Deputy County Attorney, Updated Subdivision Exemption Claim Application and Application Fee Increase to \$400.00

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Approval of Broadwater County Parks and Recreation By-Law

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public

Health Director, Area IV Agency on Aging Contractor Assessment Tool

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Trust Board Transfer of \$100,000 from the Premier Trust Account to the County Trust Board Account

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Trust Board Grant Award of \$8,400 to the Broadwater County Historical Society

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, 8U8 Broadwater County Airport Improvement AIP 3-30-0078-017-2024 Application for Federal Assistance and FAA required Sponsor Certificates

10:40 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Airport- Phase II IFE (Independent Fee Estimate) Contract with KLJ

10:45 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Rolling Glen Ranch Estates Minor Subdivision (Township-2N, Range-1East, Section 6) Preliminary Plat request.

11:00 AM Discussion, Al Christopherson, BCDC Trails Committee, Presentation on Hike-Bike Trails in Broadwater County

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

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

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E-mail: commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us
 Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

- County Parks and Rec Board Meeting on March 18th at 6 PM
- Safety Meeting on March 19th at 2 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on March 19th at 4:30 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on March 19th at 6 PM
- Compensation Board Meeting on March 20th at 2 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)

County Applies Heightened Scrutiny to Family Property Transfers

Linda Kent
MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Commissioners denied two requests for family property transfers during their March 6 meeting, citing concerns about recent court decisions and the resulting potential liability for the commission.

A family transfer, by state law, allows individuals to grant pieces of a larger property to a spouse, parent or child once during the lifetime of each recipient. For example, a person with three children could divide an existing piece of property into three smaller parcels and grant one to each child. While the transfers must abide by existing land covenants, the divisions are exempted by law from the county’s planning and review process for subdivision approval.

In short, the regulation could provide a loophole to avoid the costs and oversight typically required of a land developer intending to create a subdivision for any purpose.

Under oath, the landowners proposing the transfers and their representatives both told the commission they were not intending to evade subdivision rules.

Speaking broadly about the law late into the discussion, Broadwater County Commission Chairman Darrell Folkvord said, “My contention is that this statute is being abused. It was intended for farmers and ranchers to try to keep their families on the farm.”

Recent court rulings, Folkvord asserted, “leave us no way to review what the impacts will be” to water, public safety, soil, no build zones, roads, and surrounding landowners when land is subdivided through family transfer.


Commissioner Lindsay Richtmyer concurred. “I think the intentions are good,” Richtmyer stated in reference to a proposal from the Cookson Family to place ownership of three proposed tracts in Lazy HM Estates into the hands of adult children. “But I think there’s a more comprehensive way to do this.”

A proposal from the Wood Family to subdivide and transfer a parcel in the River View Subdivision also received close scrutiny, with commissioners questioning the frequency of changes to the subdivision’s covenants. The most recent change was recorded a few days prior to Mark Wood’s proposed transfer of a tract to his wife, as was a quit-claim deed removing Elizabeth Wood from the existing parcel and naming her as the recipient of the proposed new tract.

“Family transfers are becoming more common,” Richtmyer said. “It is legal. But there are still questions we are responsible for asking.”

Weather info contributed by Jeff Ross

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| October: 0.76" | November: 0.398" |
| December: 0.08" | January: 0.047" |
| February: 0.291" | March: 0.079" |
| 2023: 13.669" | 2024: 0.417" |

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 P

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

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SCRAMBLERS

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


Stamp
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Irksome
SKYPE

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MOTE

Bleak
ROBEMS

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"I was just sitting there, cataloguing my ----- collection..."

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Super Crossword

WELL-DEFINED

ACROSS

1 Ran after
8 — oil (trendy marijuana extract, for short)
11 Old TV ET
14 Feudal peons
19 More ill-bred
20 Loaf in a deli
21 Palme — (Cannes award)
25 "La Traviata," e.g.
23 120-Across #1
25 "Over here!"
26 Sieved, as potatoes
27 Folk rocker DiFranco
28 Drink holders
29 120-Across #2
31 120-Across #3
36 Suffix of enzymes
37 Don effortlessly, as shoes
38 Toxin-fighting fluids
39 Functional unit of a kidney
42 Wield a saber or foil
45 Sky twinkler

48 Stray calf
49 120-Across #4
55 Plead
56 Cabinet chief: Abbr.
57 Muse of poetry
58 Mimosa tree, e.g.
62 "Put — Happy Face"
64 DiCaprio of "Titanic"
70 120-Across #5
75 More furtive
76 Possess
77 Gets the impression
78 Core belief
81 Light tan
84 Groom's vow
85 120-Across #6
94 "Take —" ("Jot this note")
95 Water spigots
96 Extort money from
97 Fit to reside in
100 Architect Saarinen
103 Island near Bora Bora
107 Rage
108 120-Across #7

113 120-Across #8
116 Male sweetie
117 Day, to Juanita
118 Totally lost
119 Bruins' Bobby
120 What this puzzle literally provides eight times
124 Wee
125 Hitler's stat
126 Single-named R&B singer
127 Erase
128 Some Canadian gas stations
129 Tot's "piggy"
130 Bible translation, e.g.: Abbr.
131 Lobby sofas

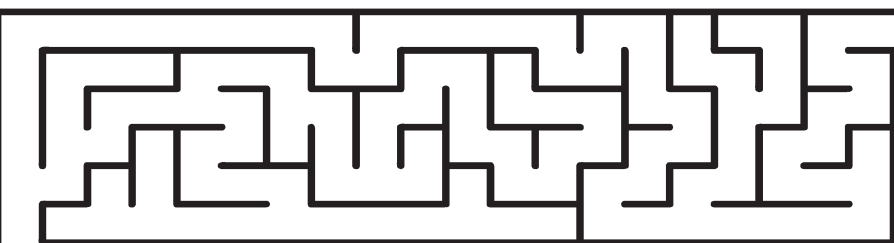
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2 Muse of astronomy
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5 Adm.'s org.
6 Brain wave test: Abbr.
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8 Burial vaults
9 Poet Percy — Shelley
10 — Moines, Iowa
11 One-off, as a committee
12 Lerner's songwriting partner
13 Skillet
14 ILL
15 Grand-scale
16 Give new energy to
17 Region prohibiting slavery prior to the Civil War
18 Made unhappy
24 — -Puf (facial sponge)
29 Really hate
30 Suffix with serpent
32 Resist boldly
33 Singer Lisa
34 City in Sicily
35 Once, once
40 Word file alternative
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43 Syringe amts.
44 Stretch (out)
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49 The Beatles' "— Work It Out"
50 Tequila plant
51 Sacred image
52 Big Apple address abbr.
53 Sch. near the Rio Grande
54 Axes, e.g.
55 Scrooge's outbursts
59 U.S. spy org.
60 Fluid in a pen
61 Anxiousness
63 In times past
65 Scot's denial
66 Novelist Rand
67 Varnish stuff
68 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
69 — buco
71 Artist Jan van der —
72 "Nola" composer Felix
73 Actor Wilson
74 How much '90s music was recorded
79 LAX info
80 High-quality
82 CSA soldier
83 Web address
85 Certify

86 The "E" of UAE
87 Overturns
88 Singer Sumac
89 Word before goblin
90 Employed
91 — bad example
92 Split
93 Ritalin treats it, for short
98 Science writer Willy or ESPN anchor Bob
99 Urge strongly
101 Kind of steak
102 Like some headsets
104 Chemist's "I"
105 Brief pang
106 For a really long time
109 Muscle car booster
110 Macabre
111 Interval
112 Is really angry
114 Lotto variant
115 Deposits, as eggs
120 License-issuing agcy.
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Elkhorn Community Fellowship
 126 N Cedar St. Townsend
 Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades
 | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

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

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

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)
 110 E Street Townsend
 Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895
 MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study
 Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
 Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church
 7 Main St. Radersburg
 Pastor Richard Summerlin (406) 410-0458
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship
 318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163
 Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 200 N Cedar St. Townsend
 Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod
 301 N Cherry St. Townsend
 Council President 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



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 Carrot Raisin Salad
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 Sweet Pears
Monday, March 18
 Sloppy Joes on a Bun
 Baked Beans
 Creamy Coleslaw
 Fresh Fruit
Friday, March 22
 Chicken Fried Steak
 Steamed Potatoes
 Key Largo Vegetables
 Tossed Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Fruit Cocktail
Tuesday, March 19
Birthday Dinner
 Roasted Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Garden Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Plump Peaches
 Birthday Cake
Wednesday, March 20
 Pork Chops
 Steamed Potatoes
 Sliced Beets
 Dinner Salad with Beans
 Whole Grain Bread
 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.

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Montana Farm Bureau Foundation Announces Youth Speech Contest

Rachael Colnar
 Montana Farm Bureau

The Montana Farm Bureau Foundation announces its annual Youth Speech Contest which will be held April 4 during the 2024 FFA State Convention at the Billings Metra.

“One of the MFB Foundation's priority goals is to support agricultural education and leadership development of Montana's youth,” said MFB Director of Foundation Development Alena Standley. “Some of Montana’s brightest young leaders have competed in this contest and it’s exciting to offer cash prizes to this age group.”

The Youth Speech Contest is open to students in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades who are enrolled in 4-H or FFA. It takes place between 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. in the Laurel Room.

The prepared speech needs to be between 2.5 - 4

minutes in length. Participants must pre-register by March 25 at mfbf.org. The contest results and awards will be presented at the MFB Foundation Booth in the State FFA Convention Trade Show later that day.

Speech topic: Agriculture or Tourism? Which is really Montana’s cash crop? What does the Montana Agriculture Industry need to do to remain competitive and sustainable?

- How can we work with the tourism industry to ensure a future for both?
- Consider the economic impact of each industry in the state.
- What does the future look like for each of these industries?

Cash Prizes: 1st place = \$400, 2nd = \$300, 3rd = \$200, 4th = \$100 and 5th = \$50.

Questions? Contact Alena Standley at 406-799-9955 or alenas@mfbf.org.

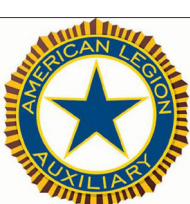
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Beginning next month, a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) from the Montana Veteran Affairs Division (MVAD), will be available to answer questions and assist

with filing for veteran’s benefits. This service is to help all our local veterans. This is a service that is now being offered by the State of Montana to ensure that our veterans can get the benefits that

they’ve earned. If you are having trouble getting the benefits you’ve earned, have questions, or know someone having trouble, please come by, or inform others of this free offer of assistance.

The VSO will be at the American Legion, Post 42 located at 211, Broadway Townsend Montana. The schedule will begin Wednesday, April 10th from 1300 to 1600 and will continue every second Wednesday of each month until further notice. Please take advantage of this free offer of assistance in filing for Veterans benefits.

East Helena Monthly Potluck

Shawn White Wolf
 East Helena Senior Citizens Club

I just wanted to give you an update on our East Helena Senior Citizens Club. We have found a new location for our monthly potlucks. The first potluck, in this new location, will be held on March 20, 2024, from 5 to 7 PM. The new location is in the East Helena United Methodist Church at 50 Prickly Pear Ave. Enter through the north door off East Riggs Street.

And then we will continue every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from here on out. Each time we will have a guest speaker.

On March 20th we will have the Founder and Executive Director Rylee Summers-Flanagan of Upper Seven Law give a 15-minute presentation on the Montana Constitution and the reason her law firm was founded. Her contact information is: Rylee Sommers-Flanagan she/her/hers Founder & Executive Director Upper Seven Law 406-396-3373 rylee@uppersevenlaw.com

Future speakers will be announced on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/easthelenaseniorcitizensclub/>

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OBITUARIES

Wayne Edward Herrington

James Green

Wayne Edward Herrington was born to Wayne and Irene Herrington in Townsend, Montana, on May 16, 1945. Wayne served in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1968.

While living in Caldwell, Idaho, he worked as a carpenter and met Janet Rogers and her children, Kasey and James. Wayne was a natural father—he and Janet

welcomed their son Brent in 1974. A great teacher and adventurer, he taught his children to fish, garden, build, and explore on many family trips.

As a business rep for Northwest Carpenter's Local 1797, he advocated for workers' rights, serving as a bridge between workers, employers and the hall. Committed to the common good, he extended help to friends, family and non-profit organizations. In his off time, Wayne delighted in tending his garden and sharing produce with others.

In retirement, Wayne and Janet traveled until he was diagnosed with cancer. He died in Kennewick, Washington on February 7, 2024. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents, brother William, sisters Helen Prevel and Lois Olsen, and daughter Kasey Herrington. He is survived by his wife Janet, sons James (Holly) Green and Brent (Jamie) Herrington, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and siblings Lilian Arden, Kathy Hill and Ernie Herrington.



Wayne Edward Herrington
Contributed by James Green

In Memory Of

**Nancy Marie Wilson, age 39, of Townsend
November 28, 1984 – March 4, 2024**

Family of Nancy Marie Wilson

Nancy Marie Wilson was born November 28, 1984, in Kalispell, Montana. She was joined by her sister, Vicki in 1986. Her parents are Bob and Shirley Wilson. She spent the first six years of her life on the ranch located north and east of Big Timber, MT. She enjoyed ranch life and was fearless around livestock.

To be closer to school, the family moved to St. Maries, Idaho. There they farmed along the St. Joe River. The girls took swimming lessons that first year and were both accomplished swimmers. She was a good student and enjoyed school. Nancy was active in sports – catcher on the girls' softball team & a volleyball player.

When the farm flooded, because of a breached dike, the family moved back to Montana. She spent the rest of her teenage years on the farm on Greyson Creek. She attended Townsend Schools and later received her GED.

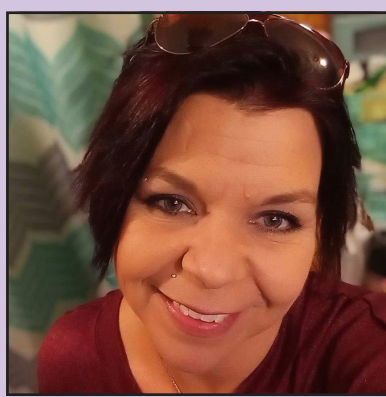
She was a good cook – the pizzas she made were delicious!!! She first worked at the Betsy kitchen and later started Circle 4 Café on North Front Street.

Nancy has 2 sons, Riley and David. She loved her children unconditionally. Nancy had a colorful life and many friends & experiences. She lived life to the fullest.

Nancy passed away on March 4, 2024, in Butte. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Nancy is survived by her two sons, Riley and David, sister, Vicki Wilson, mother, Shirley Wilson, three cousins, Shayden, Jared, Kierra and extended family and many friends.

Visitation was from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home in Townsend. A funeral service celebrating Nancy's life was at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 301 N. Cherry Street Townsend. A burial followed at Deep Creek Cemetery near Townsend.



Nancy Wilson
Contributed by Family of Nancy Wilson

Property Transfers, 6

Responding to a series of questions on the topic from Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor, Mark Wood responded that he didn't realize he had options other than to remove his wife through the quit-claim process, and then name her as the beneficiary of the transfer. "I was under the impression that's the way it had to be done."

The commissioners' denial of the family transfer exceptions to the planning board review means that both the Wood and Cookson families will need to revise and resubmit their proposals if they wish to move forward.

Also during the March 6 Meeting

- Commissioners reluctantly agreed to pursue an agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to remove the old Toston Bridge. "We've exhausted every resource available that I know of," Toston resident Bryl Newman told commissioners about attempts to find grant funding to restore the historic bridge to a point where it could provide off-highway access across the Missouri River.

Folkvord and Newman worked closely with representatives from both Montana's U.S. Senators' offices to identify potential grant funding for the \$7-10 million that would be needed to repair or replace the bridge. Those attempts failed, Folkvord said, when it came to cost-benefit analysis compared to other projects.

Toston resident Franklin Slifka asked the commission whether the commissioners could use the funding needed to demolish the bridge to shore up the piers below the bridge enough for the bridge to be usable. Folkvord explained that the wooden pilings on which the piers sit are a graver concern. Slifka also emphasized safety concerns for farmers and ranchers who now need to use the Highway 287 bridge to cross the river for access to fields.

"As neat of a bridge as it is, it's 104 years old," County Public Works Director T.J. Graveley said. "It's outlived expectations. It's a very historic, cool-looking bridge. But as we saw last summer, a lot of bridges went down. MDT is very adamant about getting these bridges out of service."

Acknowledging that restoring the bridge to service may not be a possibility, Toston-area resident John Ferrat asked the commission to "try to find some way to preserve some portion of the bridge" as a monument to the history of Toston and the Crow Creek Valley. Commissioners agreed with his recommendation.

Folkvord said that removal of the bridge would not begin until after the agreement is signed but would likely occur in about a year.

- Commissioners approved a contract with Rinker Materials to provide concrete beams for a project to rebuild the west Old Town Road bridge near Three Forks. The materials will cost approximately \$330,000. While the project takes place in Gallatin

County, Folkvord stated, nearly all of the cost is covered by \$1.875 million in grants from the Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) and MDT. Folkvord added that Gallatin County is funding the rebuilding of the east bridge.

- The commission adopted a resolution placing annual weight limits on several county roads between March 15 and May 31. Graveley told the commission that the roads listed were the same ones identified in previous years for weight restrictions.

Roads impacted are:

Filson Road from Hwy 289 to Beaver Creek Road
Rolling Glen Ranch Road

Lone Mountain Road from Hossfeld Road to Hunsaker Corrals

Muddy Lane from Johnson Loop to Hwy 437

Ferrat Lane from Hwy 285 to Muddy Lane

Ray Creek Road

Flynn Lane from Dry Hollow Road to Nelson Road

- Commissioners delayed action on a request to trade parcels between the Darlington Minor and Rahn subdivisions and reduce the boundaries of one tract inside the boundary of the Darlington subdivision. Commissioners and County Deputy Attorney Kaylan Minor expressed concerns about the property trade, which would place a section of Price Road completely within parcels zoned for agriculture. Property owner Ken Dykema said he, too, was unsure what issues that change would have. The commission will revisit the proposal once it is resubmitted.

- Commissioners denied a request from developer Steve Kavanagh to extend the deadline to April 30 for taking action on the proposed Rolling Glen Ranch Estates. County Development and Planning Director Nicole Brown told the commission that the subdivision had originally been submitted to the commission in March of 2023 and that developers had already requested and received several extensions of the commission review deadline. Commissioners will take action on the subdivision at their March 20 meeting.

- Rep. Jane Gillette (HD64) presented the commission with information about an upcoming Community Responsiveness grant available through the Montana Community Foundation. The grant prioritizes four areas: basic needs and short-term assistance, community assessment building, health and wellness, and restorative and emergency response. The grant application must be made by a non-governmental agency, but one could partner with the county.

- Jeff Langlinais and Peter Rice were appointed to three-year terms on the county's compensation board. Rice is a current member of the board and Langlinais was the only other applicant for open board positions.

Open House: BCDC Trails Committee

Al Christopherson

Trail walkers, hikers, bicyclists and river canoeists are invited to public open houses hosted by the Broadwater County Development Corporation's (BCDC) Trail Committee. They are seeking to gather further public input on a draft proposal for a trails and routes network plan across and within Broadwater County. The first open house will be March 18 hosted at the Bridger Brewery from 4 to 7 pm. The second open house will be hosted at the Lodge in Townsend on March 21 from 4 to 7 pm.

Broadwater County residents and others have made it clear over the past few years that there is an interest in alternative transportation methods within and across the county. Their interests have focused on a hike and bike trail system and the need for a master plan that identifies locations, types of use and the needs to make them safe for users.

The Community Review workshop sponsored by Broadwater County Development Corporation in March of 2023 highlighted the hike-bike trail master plan need. Discussions about other existing plans like the Broadwater County Fairgrounds Master Plan, Silos Recreation Area Master Plan, County Growth Plans, Park and Recreation Board survey, and other community surveys list trails as a community/county need. The Community Review provided a venue to establish a working committee to move ahead with the development of such a master plan.

A committee of interested individuals began meeting in late March of 2023 and has been working diligently on identifying a design for a network through and within Broadwater County and the City of Townsend. The committee was charged to develop a master plan for such a system. The committee expanded its view of transportation corridors to include the Missouri River as a canoe trail from Headwaters State Park to Canyon Ferry Lake. The committee established a vision for such a plan.

Develop a Draft Broadwater County Hike/Bike Master plan for identifying, implementing and maintaining a county-wide hike/bike trails and route system that is accessible, informative and welcoming to all interested users, that is safe, provides connectivity to and through county communities, considers emergency needs, critical infrastructure, community business, and social connections; and promotes healthy, educational, and recreational activities. The trails

system will utilize existing transportation corridors to the greatest extent possible.

The committee's goals will be to develop a Hike/Bike Trail System Master Plan for Broadwater County that:

1. ties the Counties's geography and communities together
2. utilizes connections to the business and critical infrastructure of the county
3. Reflects history and cultural aspects of the County
4. recognizes and uses, to the extent practicable, existing transportation corridors as trails and routes
5. recognizes and incorporates the diversity of users in determining trails and routes
6. utilizes existing plans and efforts that have transportation needs identifying that trails can be a part of this network
7. identifies current top priorities
8. identifies long-term phased-in trails or segments and necessary steps to get them completed
9. provides a snapshot in time of costs by year, phase or similar breakdown for priority segments
10. identifies current and future funding avenues and opportunities
11. obtains endorsement by local residents and elected community officials
12. Prepare a final draft brochure of the County Trail plan

The draft proposed trails and routes network map will be presented for public review at these open houses. Public comments will be accepted at the open houses or you can send comments to BCDC web page, BCDC@mt.net. Your input will be important to refining the development of the maps and master plan.

Thank you for your interest. If you would like to become a committee member, please contact John Hahn at 406-202-1050 or Al Christopherson at 406-439-0197.

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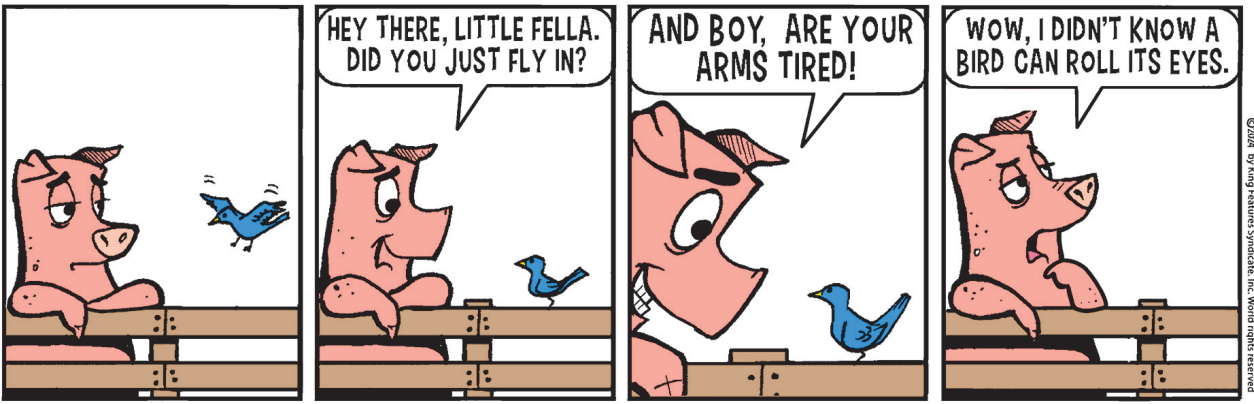
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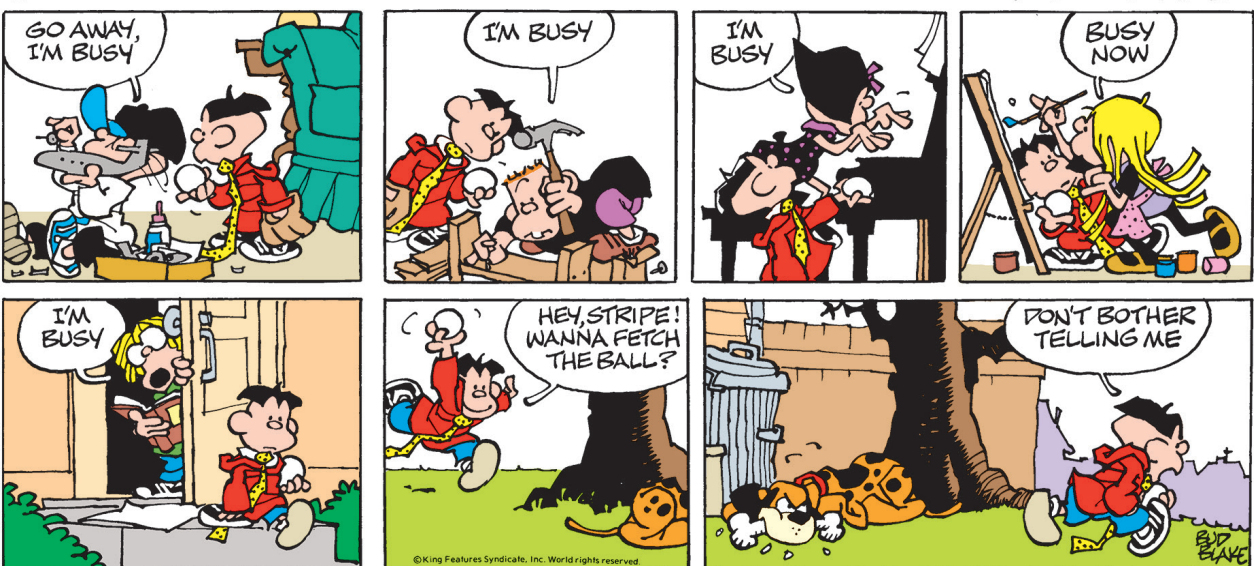
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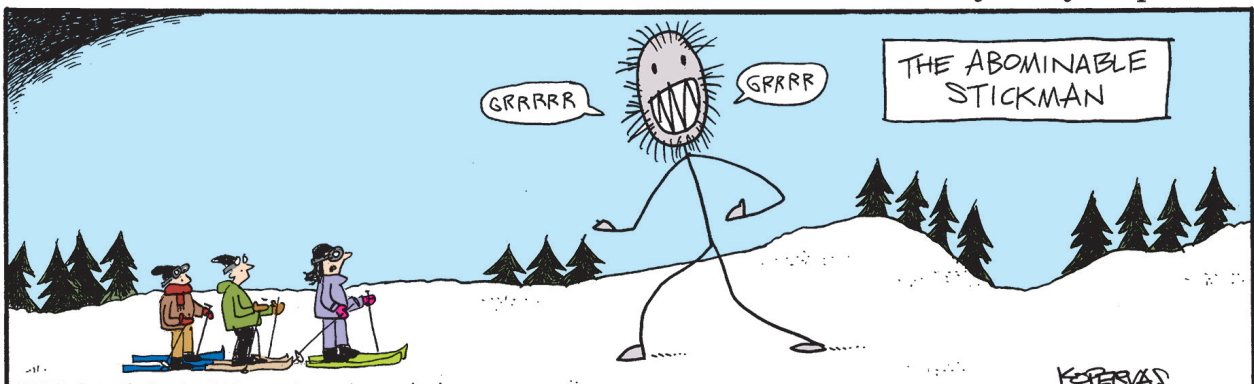
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Nancy Marks Photo

City Cedes Operation of Townsend Airport to Broadwater County

Linda Kent
MT 43 News Staff Reporter

After receiving no public comment during the March 5 hearing regarding terminating the city's joint operation of the Townsend Airport with Broadwater County, the city resolved to end the agreement in a unanimous vote. The resolution also cedes the land where the airstrip is located to the county.

Broadwater County is nearing the end of planning a multi-million dollar project to upgrade the airport and airstrip, with work to begin this year.

Also in the March 5 meeting:

- City firefighters will be receiving updated breathing equipment after the council approved the purchase of 16 sets of cylinders, masks, and packs. The approximately \$11,000 purchase comes at a timely moment, as fire department representative Shawn Simon said, as another mask recently failed.
- Councilman Angie Wintrow reported that the county airport board would like to see lighting on the new water tower. While the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved the planned tower without lighting, Wintrow said lighting is included in the cost estimate for the \$11 million airport restoration project.
- Mayor Vickie Rauser informed the council that the city would likely not be able to meet a March 31 deadline for applying for a grant offered under the State-Local Infrastructure Partnership Act (SLIPA). The city did not have a documented, prioritized list of infrastructure projects prior to a Dec. 31, 2023, cut-off date. Councilman JB Howick proposed that the development of such a plan be added to a future agenda.
- Jane Gillette presented a summary of a Community Responsiveness Fund grant available from the Montana Community Foundation. The grant's priorities are basic needs and short-term assistance, community assessment building, health and wellness and, and restorative and emergency response. No match is needed for what would likely be a long-term grant

if the city were to successfully apply. No action was taken at this time.

- The pool committee will meet after the March 15 deadline for applications for the position of pool manager. Howick reported that no applications had been received as of March 5. If a pool manager is not selected, the city pool will not open this week.
- Councilmembers approved the installation of a new "Welcome to Townsend" electronic sign. Paid for by the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce, the new sign will stand approximately 24 feet tall, standing above the cows and monument on the corner of Heritage Park. The sign replaces the current sign located on the southwest side of the intersection of Broadway and Front Streets.
- The council gave City Works Director Eric Crusch the go-ahead to have local contractor Danny Kirk TV the sewer lines between South Cherry and South Walnut Streets, at a cost of approximately \$600. Other estimates Crush had received ranged from \$5,000-6,000. The video will provide Crusch with an accurate map of the sewer tie-ins along that stretch of the city main. The work was identified in anticipation of the planned Copper Creek subdivision's proposed lift station.
- Dela Chatriand of the Townsend Lions Club requested the city's permission to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Heritage Park on March 30. The club will block off portions of B, C, and South Pine streets during the event. The council approved the event unanimously.
- Several ordinances are currently being drafted by City Attorney Peter Simon, including a telecommunications franchise ordinance tabled for the March 19 council meeting and a sewer ordinance to be addressed at a later date.
- The council also tabled several items due to a lack of updates or information. These included: the installation of Wi-Fi at City Hall, installing dog waste stations in city parks, clarification of the city's role with the county parks and recreation board, an ag lease agreement with Joe Nelson, and the status of the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority's planned route.

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Wrong-way Driver Faces 100 Years

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Article first published in the March 5 Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

The alleged wrong-way driver who caused a deadly collision while under the influence in early January has been charged with eight felonies and faces up to 100 years in prison.

Alexander Norbert LeDoux, 23, was charged with one count of vehicular homicide while under the influence, one count of fleeing from or eluding a peace officer and six counts of criminal endangerment, according to court documents.

In the early hours of Jan. 4, authorities allege that LeDoux was driving a white Buick Enclave heading west on the eastbound lanes of Interstate 90 for around 20 miles at speeds near 100 mph when he collided head-on with another vehicle, killing its driver, 22-year-old Laysa Grewell.



Traffic drives through Bozeman on Interstate 90 on January 5. Photo credit: Samuel Wilson, Bozeman Chronicle photographer

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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Local Briefs

Francis Powers, one of the big ranchers of the valley gave us a friendly call while in town Monday, and took occasion to advance a years subscription before he left.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hollaway Tuesday, Mar. 12, a fine baby boy. Floyd is happy and Grandpa Averill and Hollaway are jumping sideways with delight as it means another Democratic vote.

Geo. Myers has purchased a new Ford car.

The Model Grocery Co. will pay 17¢ per pound for fat hens live weight till further notice.

Our Last Issue

On our return from Missouri we found Mr. J.M. Cummins of Helena here awaiting our return to see what could be done toward purchasing the Opinion plant. As we go to press, the sale is practically made, only some little details remaining to be used. So without a doubt, Mr. Cummins will be in charge next week. Mr. Cummins comes well recommended as being an experienced newspaperman and a splendid printer. We therefore recommend him to the friends of the Opinion and the people generally of Broadwater County.

In making the sale we get all accounts and subscriptions to date, March 16. Statements will be sent out next week to all and in the meantime any knowing themselves indebted will please call at the office and square up their subscription.

In making the change, we desire to thank the people of the county for their liberal support, and say that only for our misfortune we would have not thought of making the change. The policy of the paper will still be republican, and we ask all to give Mr. Cummins loyal support.

In sending remittances, please address to H.A. Clay. Very Resp't, H.A. Clay

1940

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cartwright and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Whaley left on Friday by car for Frazee,

Minn., where they will spend two weeks visiting Mrs. Cartwright's and Mrs. Whaley's parents. On their return home, they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Whit Cartwright at Sioux City. They were accompanied as far as Valentine by Mrs. Ed Neild, who will visit her mother and as far as Sidney by Miss Doris Whaley, who will visit her sister, Miss Mary Whaley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lenahan have been visiting relatives in Portland and returned Sunday, Mr. Lenahan to continue his work for the N.P. at Avon. They stopped off to visit their son, Earl, in Spokane.

Mrs. Otho Ashcraft of Ennis was the guest of her cousin, Miss Cassie Ashcraft, for several days the later part of last week, returning to her home Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Schreiner spent the first of the week in Helena visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred DeWolfe and family. She was accompanied there Sunday by her son, Murray and wife.

Miss Karen Ann Olsen and a friend, Miss Judy Jamieson, of Spokane spent from Thursday to Tuesday in Townsend visiting Mr. and Mrs. F.O.L. Olsen. They went to Bozeman Friday night to attend the tournament and stayed with the Howard Wallaces.

1968

Radersburg News" by Ida Sitto

Allen Smith was a patient in the Broadwater Hospital several days last week, resulting from a fall off a bicycle when the rear wheel came off. He hit his head and skinned his face. He was released Monday and all his friends hope he is feeling better now.

Bozeman visitors Monday were Mrs. Bill Williams, Mrs. Dan Williams, Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. Jim Sitton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Colby of Townsend called at the Rudy Puttin home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris and JoAnn Hunsaker took Paul Harris to Butte early Thursday morning where he took a train for Fort Lewis, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralls attended the birthday party Sunday for little Tracy Eaton who was one year old. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Eaton of Helena.

Brad Dundas was an overnight guest of Doug Miller Saturday.

Who is Where in The Armed Forces

Cpl. Richard Thompson, son of Mrs. Mary Thompson, has been attending NCO leadership school in Vietnam,

resulting in his promotion to corporal in the U.S. Marines. Infantry tactics and leadership problems were stressed in this school. He is stationed near Da Nang.

Lt. John R. "Ray" Thompson has been attending a supply school at Garmish, Germany. He is assistant motor officer for the battalion. He is stationed at Kaiser Slatern, near Frankfurt.

Paul Schwisow has been promoted to Sp/5 at his base in Korea where he is stationed. His tour of duty overseas has been extended a month.

1996

Around Town News" by Mary Pat Marti

Last Saturday evening, Mrs. Hilma White and Joyce Lewis took Edith Alex to dinner at the Fireside.

Sunday Chuck and Eleanor Holling and Eleanor's mother, Alta Townsley, visited Judy and Gary Olsen.

Ethel and Dave Thorogood were recent overnight guests of their cousins, Marion and Forrest Kitto. The Thorogoods were on their way from their winter home in Yuma Az. to their home in Edmonton, Canada.

Joyce and Bill Lane and Judy and Franklin Slifka hosted a dinner Sunday at the Lane home. Guests were Marion Cass, Edna Hensley, Ernie Cappana, Frank Slifka, Jay Lane, Tara and Jim Lane, Chandler and Colten and Barney and Jean Johnson.

Jo Lewis was guest of honor Saturday at a surprise birthday party at the Senior Center. The 80th birthday celebration was hosted by her children, Charlotte and Don Lewis, Doris and Martin Mingay and Geri and Larry Zollinger, and their families.

About 75 Friends and relatives of Jo's turned out for the big celebration. Happy birthday, Jo!

From the Townsend Star of March 20, 1924

Woman's Club Organized in Canton Wed.

Mrs. W.C. Whaley organized a club at Canton on Wednesday, March 19 at the home of Mrs. William Gaab. Mrs. Henry Sherlock gave a very interesting talk on Club work.

Mrs. Gaab was elected chairman, Mrs. Cassius Merritt, Secretary; Committee on by laws and constitution, Mrs. Guy Kirscher, Mrs. John Mannix and Mrs. Ray Bruce.

At the close of the meeting a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Gaab. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ray Bruce at Canton, Wednesday, April 2 at 3 o'clock, all women of Canton and Vicinity are cordially invited.



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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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Canton Woman's Club Turns 100

Linda Huth

Broadwater County Museum Curator

On March 19, 2024, the Canton Woman's Club will turn 100 years old!!

This club was the idea of Mrs. W. C. Whaley. It was first named "Valley Woman's Club" but later changed to Canton Valley Woman's Club.

The first meeting was at the home of Mrs. William (Edna) Gaab and Edna was elected president. Other officers were Vice President – Mrs. Tom Meyers; Corresponding Secretary – Veva Smith; Secretary – Mrs. Ingeborg Merritt; and Treasurer – Mrs. Ray Nobel.

This was a group of country women in the days of the horse and buggy. They came together to become better acquainted, to visit and to exchange ideas. To be able to get together in groups for just plain visiting was always welcomed in those early days of isolation and slow transportation.

In 1925 the Literary Club of Townsend became a service club and changed its name to The Woman's Club of Townsend.

There was also a Woman's Club in Toston, which disbanded in 1931 and it was not until 1947 that the Crow Creek Club took their place.

The three clubs, the Canton Club, the Townsend Club and the Toston Club, later the Crow Creek Club, joined to form the Broadwater County Federation.

In 1938 the federation wondered what they could do to benefit the new hospital built by Dr. Bayless and

Dr. Nash. It was decided to sponsor a Charity Ball and from 1938 through 1963 they did so and donated \$9,644 to the hospital for purchases such as an elevator, dumb-water, blood bank refrigerator and many other items. There were 26 chairpersons for the ball during this time.

In 1964 the name "Charity Ball" was changed to "Youth Benefit Ball".

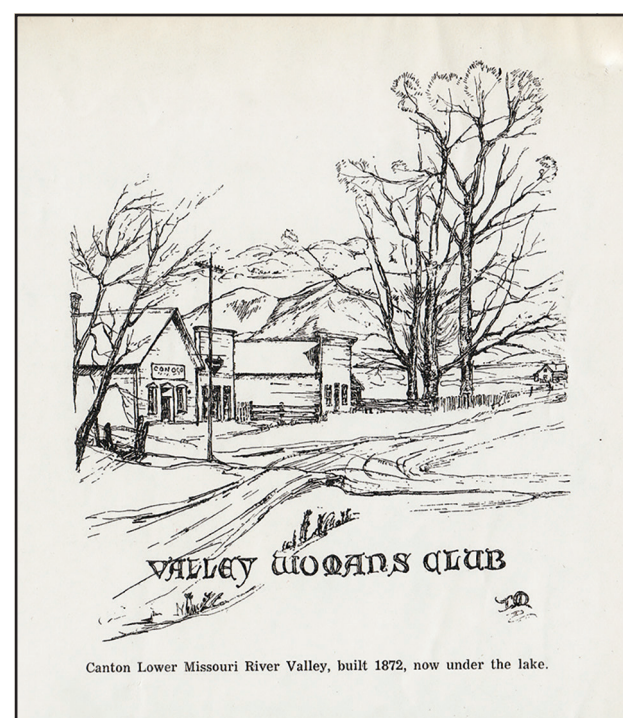
In 1976 it was voted to cancel the ball.

Throughout the years this group of women contributed to many worthy causes including, but not limited to:

- Efforts to name the lake "Canton Valley Lake" rather than "Canyon Ferry Lake", which failed, but they tried.
- A protest was written to "Pictorial" magazine about cigarette ads for women.
- Responsible for much of the improvements to the newly formed park, which became "Heritage Park".
- Support for the swimming pool.
- Spearheaded a drive for assistance with the dust abatement project on the south end of the lake.
- Reorganization of the Broadwater County Historical Society with a museum and library history as the ultimate goal. In 1976 this goal was accomplished.

In recent years, the club membership has dwindled significantly; holding on until the 100th birthday celebration. The members of the club still support the local community and projects by donating to charities and being aware of the needs of the community and assisting where they can.

To celebrate the anniversary of the beginning of the Canton Woman's Club, the only remaining club of the county federation of three clubs is partnering with the Broadwater County Historical Society and will have a program reviewing the history of the organizations at 2:00, Sunday, May 19 at the Broadwater County Museum at 133 North Walnut Street in Townsend. There will be a social gathering following the program. Please join us.



Sketch of Canton, MT, By Ingeborg Merritt
Courtesy of Broadwater County Museum, Linda Huth Curator