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A Sure Sign of Spring Round Grove Ranch Sheep Head Home

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Spring in Broadwater County is always heralded by Round Grove Ranch sheep coming home from winter pasture to be shorn of wool and give birth to lambs. This year's event took place on March 14.



Lead dog, Chavo, a Kangal, a special breed for herding sheep, leads the way across the bridge.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Vehicles from Helena wait in line as the band of sheep cross the Missouri River bridge.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Crossing the railroad tracks on River Road and then the Missouri River bridge is fraught with danger and involves many people and lots of coordination. Kelly Ingalls, one of the ranch owners, first arranges with BNSF Railroad to halt train traffic for an appointed time. He also coordinates with the sheriff's office to stop vehicular traffic on both ends of the bridge for the five minutes or so that it takes to herd a band of sheep across the bridge. All moving parts must come together. This time, as usual, it went well. Kelly, his wife Kay, their son Louis, a herder who hails from Peru,

and a half dozen or so well-trained dogs got it done like clockwork.

It is a special sight to see the dogs work as a team as they gently move the sheep without letting them linger, or stray. Very quietly the sheep move, their hooves clicking on the concrete bridge deck. The dogs are quiet, but they listen intently, ears up, for the shepherd's command. He gives a shout. The lead dog, Chavo, turns onto Mill Road. The crew heaves a sigh of relief as the task is finished. Cars and trucks pick up

speed across the bridge. A tense moment has passed.

And it will happen again, this time in reverse order, in the fall when the sheep are herded back to winter pasture near Lone Mountain after a summer of growth on the Round Grove home ground on the east side of Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

The Round Grove Ranch, headed by Kelly and his brother John, has run sheep and cattle for generations. Kelly's and Kay's two adult children Louis and Ellie are fourth generation.

Correction:

Kelsi Anderson is Candidate for District Court Clerk

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Kelsi Anderson, Townsend, is a candidate for Broadwater County Clerk of District Court, seeking to succeed Valerie Hornsveld who is not seeking re-election. MT43 News incorrectly reported last week that Audrey Plymale is running unopposed for the position. Both Plymale and Anderson are candidates.



Kelsi Anderson, Candidate for District Court Clerk
Photo Provided by Kelsi Anderson

Anderson has served as a clerk of Broadwater County Justice Court for nine years and as a deputy district court clerk for eight months. A Townsend native, Anderson has three children, two of whom are currently attending Townsend schools.

Spirits Were High at the Broadwater Community Theater Fun Raiser

Nancy Marks
MT43 News reporter



Treasure Island pirates strut through their skit. Bottom left Harper Hazlett, Ava Boaz. Top left Anthony Grandy, Destany Grandy.
Nancy Marks, Photographer

If you enjoy dancing, listening to good Irish and bluegrass music and eating great food, Broadwater Community Theater's St. Patrick's Day Fun Raiser was the place to be Saturday at the Lodge.

More than 40 people stomped their feet and clapped their hands to the concertina and fiddle music of Helena Handbasket led by Terry and Jim Gundersen and joined by Dave and Candace Payne. Judy and Virgil Henke opened the dancing with a lively step; then others joined and so went the evening.

The evening would not be complete without the appearance of Pat "O'Trick" Plantenberg and his sidekick, Daryl O'Blumhagen. Plantenberg acted as a persuader to the group to buy 50/50 tickets, sign up for the silent auction and buy a duck to win \$50.

The evening began with a short musical skit by Junior Theater Guild members Anthony and Destany Grandy, Ava Boaz and Harper Hazlett. Dressed in pirate costumes, complete



Teresa and Teddy Lewis pose with Pat 'O Trick in the photo booth.
Nancy Marks, Photographer

Senior Spotlight: Alice Brummer

Mikayla Kraft
School Correspondent



She is the most compassionate yet the most competitive girl around.

Determination has kept this girl pushing for the most worthwhile experience throughout anything and everything she does. In the midst of school sports, club sports, organizations, and school, Alice Brummer has always found the time to spend time with her family and friends.

Alice has been in a large variety of clubs and sports. She has been involved with FCCLA, STOKE, Student Council, Volleyball, Club Hockey, and Golf. She was the vice president of the senior class, president of the FCCLA, captain of the Club Hockey team, and an active director within the STOKE community. She has played hockey for two years, volleyball for two years, and golf for four years.

Hockey has been the most impactful sport for Alice Brummer because of, "the amazing relationships [she] has gained throughout the years". In hockey, Alice plays Center. This position requires a specific set of stress-handling, sport-based skills, and leadership skills to accomplish the goals of the team. This player runs all of the offensive plays, including starting the game, if need be. In addition, they ensure that other hockey

players on her team can receive the puck to have a better chance of scoring.

FCCLA has been the most impactful club she has been involved in. Ms. Ries noticed the potential that Alice had to be an impactful leader for herself, her club community, and her state. She recognized this and took full advantage of this opportunity. She received the chapter president position because of her growth in her leadership skills, her ability to handle stressful situations and her additional ability to be understanding. Throughout this club experience, she is proud of her growth where she has learned so much about herself as well as her community.

Alice will miss all of the teachers who have influenced her. Every one of the teachers set aside their personal problems to not only teach information that will be used for life but to show compassion and care toward the students. After high school, Alice plans to attend Montana Tech for Computer Technology Engineering. In addition, she has possible plans to play golf for their women's team. She plans to implement this into her dream job which allows for travel and selling her software.

This time is extremely exciting for her and opportunities abound for this girl. There is so much potential she has if she will only open herself to new ideas, improvement, and opportunities. Alice will go far and as she makes periodic trips back to Townsend, we are excited to see her growth and her success unfold.



Alice Brummer
Lacie Reed at Lacie J. Reed Photography

Townsend Elementary to Pilot Standards-Based Grading

Linda Kent
MT 43 News Staff Reporter

School Board 03.12.24

Elementary Principal Christina Hartmann shared plans to pilot standards-based grading for students in kindergarten through fifth grades for the 2024-25 school year during the March 12 Townsend Schools Board of Trustees meeting. Information about the change was also shared with parents during the K-2 parent-teacher conferences on March 19

Standards-based grading measures student performance in specific areas of reading and math against "power" standards: what a child is expected to be able to do in each subject area at the end of a grade level. Montana's Office of Public Instruction (OPI) sets the state standards. Standards at each level for English Language Arts, which includes reading, can be found at OPI's website here: <https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/K-12-Content-Standards/English-Language-Arts-Literacy-Standards#97822720-montana-ela-standards>

Hartmann used the example of where kindergarten students stand relative to being able to count to 100 by the end of that year of school to describe a math power standard.

"We'll be able to tell parents exactly what a child knows," Hartmann said.

A sample grade report provided to parents explains that students will receive a numeric assessment of their progress toward each power standard:

- 3 - Consistently Demonstrates
- 2 - Sometimes Demonstrates
- 1 - Not Yet Demonstrating
- N/A - Taught but Not Assessed.

While grades will be reported at the "power" standard level, teachers will also track student progress on the sub standards leading up to the reported skill, Hartmann said in a later interview.

Using the example of the second-grade reading power standard, "Use a variety of strategies to decode grade level words in isolation and in context," on the sample report, grade reports would show parents if and how consistently their child demonstrates that skill. The child's teacher might also be evaluating the student's skill with specific strategies.

For the spring of 2023-24, standards-based for reading will be presented alongside traditional grade reports. Based on parent and staff feedback, the pilot would move forward with the proposal of a change to the district's grading policy for elementary students to allow progress toward reading standards to be reported during the 2024-25 school year.

In a related interview, Superintendent Susie Hedalen said changes to state law made by Senate Bill 8 (SB8) in 2023 increased schools' flexibility to use standards- and proficiency-based progress reporting of student achievement.

Hartmann said in a separate interview that in addition to evaluating the effectiveness of the reading pilot, her team will also be looking at the implementation of standards-based grade reporting for math during the 2025-26 school year.

At this time, Hartmann said, there is no initiative to change grade reporting for the middle or high school. Also on March 12:

- Trustees tentatively approved the addition of high school baseball as an activity for the 2024-25 school year (see related story). Those proposing the addition will need to raise an estimated \$20,000 in start-up and general costs for the first year of the program. Should the program prove popular and successful, the board will continue the sport, providing funding for 2025-26 and beyond.
- Citing state open-meeting law requirements that live-streamed public meetings allow for real-time public comment and response, trustees voted to end live-streaming board meetings via YouTube in favor of a video to be posted on the school website within 24 hours of meetings.
- Board Chairman Jason Noyes clarified that the current trustee election is for two, three-year terms and one, one-year term. Candidates must file for one of the three. The three-year seats are currently held by Noyes and board member Vanessa Flynn; Daniel Truesdell holds the one-year seat.
- Long-time Townsend educators Kim Gilligan, Wendy Gravely, and Allan Severeid will retire at the end of this school year. Also leaving the district are assistant volleyball coach Jennilee Bird and custodian Steve Ojeda.
- Radio station KDGZ will convert to a streaming-only format in the coming months. Superintendent Susie Hedalin said, "It seems financially responsible to let the radio go," as county Disaster and Emergency Services no longer has a need for a live radio broadcast platform and the low response to surveys of listener behavior. Music and live sports broadcasts will still be available via a streaming app. High school media classes will also utilize the streaming platform for classes.
- Community and school staff are invited to join the board's second strategic planning session from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, in the community. The second session will focus on identifying a long-term vision for the district and significant goals.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Christina Hartmann
Townsend Schools Elementary Principal

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.

TOSTON, RADERSBURG, PARK TRAIL FIRE DEPARTMENTS INVITE YOU TO
The Easter Egg Hunt
March 30 at 11:00am, 0-12 year olds
Radersburg School
Brisket lunch to follow - Donation Only

Holy Cross Parish wishes you a blessed Easter!

Join us in celebrating the joy of Jesus's resurrection

<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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101 S. Walnut
Townsend

Easter Services
At Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church
301 No Cherry St. Townsend


Thursday, March 28:
Maundy Thursday Service 7PM

Friday, March 29:
Good Friday Service with Stations of the Cross 7PM

Sunday, March 31:
Easter Service 9:30AM
Easter Egg Hunt After Service

Townsend School Calendar

MARCH

Fri 22	NO SCHOOL- Teacher PLC Day	
Sat 23	7:00PM Shamrock Swing - FFA Dance @ Fairgrounds 4H Building	
Sun 24 - Wed 27	State Skills USA @ Helena	
Mon 25	7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 5:30 PM Master Gardener Class at Library Classroom 6:00 PM Adult City League Volleyball at 1963 Gym First Day of MS Track Practice	
Tue 26	7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room	
Wed 27	7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym	
Thu 28	7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 9:30AM HS Track @ Frenchtown 12:00PM Election Judge Training at Community Room 1:00PM Tennis @ Great Falls	
Fri 29	NO SCHOOL	



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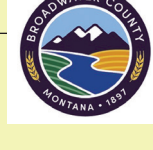
Three Forks School Calendar

MARCH

Sat 23	Varsity Tennis @ Manhattan	
Mon 25	6:30PM Band Concert Grades 6-12 at School Auditorium	
Tue 26	5:15- 6:45pm Girls Scouts in the Cafeteria; Contact person Christine Sinks 406-871-8304 6:30PM - Choir Concert grades 6-12 at School Auditorium Softball vs Ennis	
Thu 28 - Mon 1	NO SCHOOL- Easter Break	
Thu 28	Golf Varsity @ Green Meadow (Boulder) HS Track Frenchtown Invitational at Frenchtown Student Council Meeting at Lunch	

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MARCH

Monday 25	11:00am Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building 2:00pm Public Project Briefings with Bill Jarocki at Flynn Building	
Tuesday 26	3:00pm Commission Working Meeting at Flynn Building	
Wednesday 27	10:00am Commission Meeting at Flynn Building	

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

REGULAR HOURS:

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

Broadwater School and Community Library

REGULAR HOURS:

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

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.

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Through March 31st	March Kindness at Broadwater Blooms, 314 Boadway in Townsend Spring Sale for Big Sky Angel Art at HWY 12 Marketplace, 200 Broadway in Townsend COUPON AD BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE
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 7:00pm Broadwater Community Theater: Queen City Swing Band at The Lodge of Townsend AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS
Sun 24- Sun 31	Special Services and Easter events at Trailhead Church SEE AD FOR MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 11
Monday 25	1:00pm American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday 6:00PM Broadwater Democrats Meeting at The Mint Cafe, 305 Broadway SEE AD ON PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
Tuesday 26	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 27	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
Thu 28- Sun 31	Special Easter Services at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry- Easter Egg Hunt After Sunday Service SEE AD ON PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS
Thursday 28	6:00pm Medicare 101: Free Medicare Seminar at Reading Leaves Book Store, 401 Broadway in Townsend (TO RSVP: SEE MEDICARE NOTICE ON THIS PAGE) 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
Friday 29	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 30	10:00am Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Park ARTICLE ON NEXT PAGE WITH INFORMATION 11:00am Radersburg Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Radersburg School SEE AD ON PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
Sunday 31	4:30PM Easter Mass at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut- Easter Egg Hunt to Follow SEE AD ON PAGE 2

City of Townsend Job Announcement



(2) Maintenance Workers positions available. Maintenance Worker I, and Maintenance Worker II. Wage DOE.

Wage Classification for Maintenance Worker I is \$15-\$27 per hour. Wage Classification for Maintenance Worker II is \$17.50 -\$29.50 per hour.

Both positions include a full benefits package. Applicants may apply for either or both positions.

Applications and Job Descriptions can be found on the city's website at townsendmontana.net or at the City Hall 110 Broadway Townsend, MT

Please drop off applications in a sealed envelope to City Hall by Friday April 5, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.

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THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

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
Monday 25	4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall
Tuesday 26	1:00PM 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 27	3:00PM Ordinance Committee Meeting at City Hall 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall
Thursday 28	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 Three Forks Music Night with Dwayne Wilson Jr at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
Friday 29	8:00AM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall
Saturday 30	9:00AM Rebekah Lodge Easter Egg Hunt - Stevenson Park RESERVED at City Hall Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

Medicare 101:

A FREE Educational Seminar

March 28, 6 pm -7pm

@ Reading Leaves Book Store
401 Broadway, Townsend MT

Get your Medicare Questions Answered!

RSVP
406-438-7315
OR
mtleyland@yahoo.com



20% OFF

ALL ITEMS WITH TAG B7/B18

HWY 12 Marketplace
200 Broadway, Townsend

Coupon good through March 31, 2024

IN CELEBRATION OF SPRING come on down to HWY 12 Marketplace, located at 200 Broadway to receive an incredible 20% Off all items with tag B7/B18 until March 31st.

This local Vendor features: hand painted blown eggs, small toys, coin and fashioned purses, crocheted terrariums, illustrated story book and animal track guide, hand painted Townsend ornaments, vintage jewelry and dishes.

Bring this coupon, or mention that you saw this in the MT 43 Newspaper to receive this limited time offer.

Thank you, Townsend!

Broadwater Lions Easter Egg Hunt

LOCATION CHANGE

Dela Chatriand
Townsend Lions Club



The annual Broadwater Lions Community Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30, 2024, at a new location, Heritage Park, which is also

known as the Swimming Pool Park. Please line up by 10:00 a.m. This year, we will start at 10:05 a.m. to make sure attendees arrive at Heritage Park.

The Easter Egg Hunt includes ages 0-12 years of age. The age categories are 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12, and there will be areas for each age group to hunt the filled Easter Eggs.

The Lion Easter Bunny and Easter Lion will also be making an appearance!

We appreciate the help of the City of Townsend, the Fire Department, and the Townsend Community. We, the Lions, look forward to a great Community Easter Egg Hunt.

If you have questions, please reach out to a Broadwater Lion member, or you can call Dela Chatriand at 406-980-0615.

Townsend Residents Learn About Investment Scams

Blair Stapleton
Investor Education
Coordinator, Mt. State
Auditor's Office



Townsend residents listen to Blair Stapleton explain about how to resist phone, email and text scams. Photo credit: Drew Cziok, State Auditor's office

The Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) staff gave a presentation at The Lodge of Townsend on Thursday morning. The topic of discussion was common investment scams and ways that adults and seniors can protect themselves.

The event consisted of thoughtful conversations between the CSI team, community members, and local law enforcement officers. Additionally, Chantelle Nash from Opportunity Bank spoke about some of the financial fraud the bank has witnessed in Helena and the surrounding area. Community members had the opportunity to ask questions

about recent fraud trends, and best practices for avoiding scammers.

The CSI regulates both the securities and insurance industries in Montana. To request an educational presentation about investment/insurance scams or similar topics, please reach out to Blair Stapleton, Investor Education Coordinator at (406) 444-3422.



Veteran Service Officer to Provide Assistance

Tony Wagner, American Legion Post 42



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.

Out of the Darkness Walk

Karen Snow
American Foundation for Suicide

Join Us for the Out of the Darkness Walk to Prevent Suicide in East Helena on Saturday, April 20!

Are you ready to make a difference? Mark your calendars for the Out of the Darkness Community Walk to Prevent Suicide on Saturday, April 20th at East Helena High School. This empowering event is dedicated to suicide prevention and awareness, bringing together our community to support one another and spreading hope.

Registration is now open! Visit afsp.org/TriCounty to sign up for this impactful walk. By participating, you're not just taking steps; you're taking strides toward breaking the stigma surrounding mental health and suicide.

Every step you take, every conversation you start, and every dollar you raise makes a difference. Together, we can shine a light on suicide prevention and provide support to those who need it most.

Whether you're walking in memory of a loved one, supporting a friend, or simply standing up for a cause

close to your heart, your presence matters. Let's come together as a community to show that no one has to face mental health challenges alone.

Spread the word, gather your friends and family, and join us for this event filled with unity, compassion, and hope. Together, we can make a difference in the fight against suicide.

Register now at afsp.org/TriCounty and let's walk together *Out of the Darkness*.

Event Details:

Saturday, April 20, 2024
Noon Arrive early for Activities, a Resource Fair & Registration/Check-in
1:30 am Short opening ceremony followed by the walk

Location:

East Helena High School, 2760 Valley Drive, East Helena

Contact:

Karen Snow, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
406.214.5675 | ksnow@afsp.org

DINE LOCAL BROADWATER

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

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS



American Legion Hall 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	The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Wed - Sat 3:00PM - 12:00AM Closed Sun, Mon & Tues Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Deep Creek Pizza 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Menu: www.deepcreekpizzaco.com , Facebook and Instagram Closed Sunday	Full Belli Deli 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: 7:30AM - 8:00PM Every Day Menu: fullbellidelimt.com	TB's Diner 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: 7:00AM - 8:00PM Specials: Facebook
Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: 7:00AM- 2:00PM Menu available on Facebook Closed Sunday and Monday	Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - Close Grill off at 10:00PM	Copy Cup 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	Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	Mint Cafe 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	Broadwater Area Restaurants 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

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Baseball Fundraising Committee to Meet March 25

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

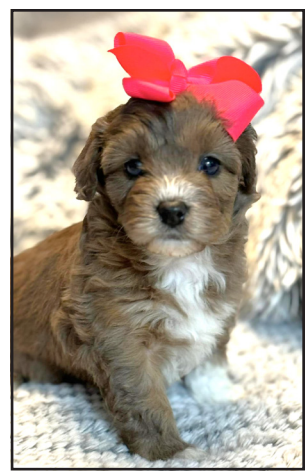
Community members interested in participating in efforts to raise start-up funds for a Broadwater High School baseball team are invited to participate in a meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, March 25, to be held in Mr. Bauman’s classroom in Townsend Middle

School. Meeting attendees should enter the middle school through doors past the School-Community Library.

Those interested in supporting efforts but unable to attend Monday’s meeting, as well as those interested in donating to the high school baseball start-up effort, should email Gary Bauman at gmbauman@townsend.k12.mt.us.

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*



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWNSEND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS TOWNSEND, BROADWATER COUNTY, MONTANA

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 (lbowser@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

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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
Published March 15, 22 and 29, 2024

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NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Broadwater County Planning Board will be taking comments regarding updates to the Broadwater County Growth Policy Plan.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 2:00pm in the Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street, Townsend.

The proposed amendments are posted on the Broadwater County website at www.broadwatercountymt.com. Written comments are also being accepted.

Broadwater County Planning Board.
Published March 22, March 29 and April 5, 2024

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TOWNSEND K12 SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE NON-VOTED LEVIES

March 31, 2024

The Townsend K12 School District #1 is committed to financial transparency. 20-9-116 MCA requires the District to provide notice of its intent to increase non-voted levies in the ensuing fiscal year for certain funds. Understanding the District's budgets requires considering all levy-supported funds. The proposed notice contains projections for all of the District's levy-supported funds.

TOTAL - ALL FUNDS USING PROJECTED TAXABLE VALUE:									
Fund	2023-24 Actual Levies		2024-25 Projections		Change \$	Change Mills	Est. Annual Tax Impact \$100K home	Est. Annual Tax Impact \$200K home	
	\$	Mills	\$	Mills					
General - BASE	\$ 936,370	44.28	\$ 767,312	36.29	\$ (169,058)	(7.99)	\$ (10.79)	\$ (21.58)	
General - OverBASE	\$ 932,332	44.10	\$ 932,332	44.10	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Transportation	\$ 314,716	14.89	\$ 349,881	16.54	\$ 34,965	1.65	\$ 2.23	\$ 4.46	
Bus Depreciation	\$ 80,887	3.83	\$ 63,099	2.98	\$ (17,788)	(0.85)	\$ (1.15)	\$ (2.30)	
Tuition	\$ 127,471	6.03	\$ 196,348	9.29	\$ 68,877	3.26	\$ 4.40	\$ 8.80	
Adult Ed	\$ 21,141	1.00	\$ 21,141	1.00	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Technology	\$ 50,000	2.37	\$ 50,000	2.37	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Flexibility	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Debt Service	\$ 1,292,778	61.15	\$ 1,316,667	62.28	\$ 23,889	1.13	\$ 1.53	\$ 3.06	
Building Reserve Permissive	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Building Reserve Voted	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Grand Total	\$ 3,755,695	177.65	\$ 3,696,579	174.85	\$ (59,115)	(2.80)	\$ (3.78)	\$ (7.56)	

These estimates are the District's best estimates at the current time. They are based on the current year's taxable value, as required by 20-9-116 MCA. If the District's taxable value increases as expected, the mill and taxpayer cost increases will be less than presented here. These estimates are preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August.

Published March 22, 2024

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Wood Chastises Commissioners for Treatment During Family Transfer Review

Linda Kent
MT 43 News Staff Reporter

During the open public comment period of the Wednesday, March 13 Broadwater County Commissioners Meeting, Mark Wood read a letter asking that the commission publicly apologize to him and to two other property owners who appeared at the March 10 meeting to request approval of family property transfers.

"In the hearing, my integrity was called into question," Wood, a long-time Broadwater County Sheriff's Deputy said. "I was treated as a defendant on trial."

Wood said he was surprised to be required to speak to the board under oath about the circumstances preceding his family transfer application.

The family transfer process allows a property owner to make a one-time gift of a parcel of property to a spouse or immediate family member. Unlike a typical subdivision of private property, the transfer is not required to undergo review by the county planning board, leaving the county no way to evaluate impacts to a host of potential problem areas – from water and soil to schools and surrounding property owners.

During the March 10 meeting, Commission Chair Darrel Folkvord repeatedly stated his dissatisfaction with the statute, the opportunities for it to be used in ways not originally intended by the legislation, and the idea that statute allowed for a simple work-around to the county's governance of the subdivision process in its borders.

"I thought I was doing the right thing," Wood told the commissioners. "I never had the intent to circumvent the subdivision process."

Commissioners did not respond to Wood's request during the March 13 meeting. No response was received to a request for comment on this story.

Also in the March 13 Meeting:

- Vic Sample, Broadwater County's representative for Southwest Montana, the non-profit destination management organization aligned with the Montana Department of Tourism's 9-county tourism region, brought a potential tourism and recreation grant opportunity to the commission. He asked for Broadwater County Planning Director Nicole Brown's participation on the project's steering committee if the grant is received.

He explained that the department's Pilot Community Tourism Grant Program has 13, approximately \$2.7 million grants available for shovel-ready projects throughout the state. The grants would not require a match from local governments.

"This is a huge grant program for rural communities," Sample said, noting that larger communities like Helena or Great Falls are not eligible to apply.

Southwest Montana identified completing Phases 4 and 5 of the Silos Recreation Area Master Plan as a likely candidate for the grant, Sample said. While other communities in the region also have projects they are looking into applying for, Sample said the Silos project, which includes the development of day-use facilities near Seaman's Bay, just north of Broadwater Bay on Canyon Ferry Lake, has a number of advantages.

In addition to having completed initial planning work, the Silos area shows strong potential for regional participation. Southwest Montana would like to see participation from Visit Helena MT and the Helena Chamber of Commerce, should the application be successful. Interest in placing fire and search and rescue resources in the area as well as the highway department's plan to continue widening US HWY 287 to a four-lane road show "that area is being considered a key area by a lot of different entities," Sample said. He

added that area residents are also in favor of providing better facilities for day-use.

Commissioners approved Brown's participation on the steering committee, should the grant application be successful.

- The board approved the interlocal agreement with Townsend K-12 Schools District #1 for the operation of Broadwater School-Community Library. Superintendent Susie Hedalen said the revised agreement includes language indicating that the library board can not operate separately from the school board. State law does not allow the library board to have the authority to adopt policies that contradict school board policy, she added. While commissioners had some questions about how the library budget was reported to the county and distributed between the school and county, as well as how the county can legally meet its obligation to levy funding as described in the agreement, they approved the interlocal agreement following counsel from Deputy County Attorney Kay Minor. Minor told commissioners that since the interlocal agreement was a broad working understanding between the school and county, the details of budgetary reporting and distribution could be addressed outside of approving the agreement itself.

- Commissioners passed a resolution formalizing the county's non-household solid waste fee schedule. County Public Works Director T.J. Graveley said the fee schedule is nearly the same as in previous years. However, now that a scale is available at the Indian Creek station, it will be used to determine the weights of materials deposited at the station. The fees represent about \$70,000 of the of the Public Works enterprise fund, which Graveley said is essential to his being able to manage that fund as a business. Solid waste fees will be posted at the dump site and available on the county's website.

- Ruby Taylor, county public health director, asked for commission approval of a letter of application for Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) funding. Taylor said the approximately \$41,000 request would come for state COVID funds that must be used and may be used for non-COVID-related projects. Representing a significant increase in health department funding, the money would allow Taylor to utilize department staff for several initiatives instead of relying on a contract worker. Commissioners approved the funding request application.

- Great West Engineering of Helena received approval to assist the county in its application for a Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Groundwater Investigation Project (GWIP) for southern Broadwater County. Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer explained that, if approved, the project would constitute "a very in-depth study" of the groundwater and related geology. The data, she said, would help the commission better understand the potential impacts of residential, commercial, and agricultural land use in the study area.

- The commission approved the City of Townsend's requests to waive a six-month notification period for ending an interlocal agreement to operate Townsend Airport and to transfer the city's interest in land at the airport to the county. "The city has decided they do not want to participate in the airport anymore," Folkvord stated, Commissioners approved both the waiver and the transfer, officially ending the long-standing joint management of Townsend Airport.

- Commissioners signed a contract with Canyon Enterprises to operate the Silos Recreation Area boat docks. Commissioner Debi Randolph said the contract was virtually identical to that between Canyon Enterprises and the county for previous years' management. She added that 2024 will be the final year of the county's direct oversight of operations there, with the area to be turned over to the

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March 15

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday, March 15, is as follows:

Robin Cossens had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) DUI (5+), 2) criminal endangerment, 3) eluding law enforcement, 4) driving while privilege to do so is suspended, 5) no liability insurance, 6) open container and 7) speeding. Omnibus is due by May 17; Pre-Trial is set for June 21; with the Jury Trial scheduled for July 15. The bond is reduced to \$50,000. Upon release, he must abide by a myriad of conditions.

Jeri Lamphier had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to 1) DUI (4+), 2) resisting arrest, 3) failure to show proof of insurance, 4) driving while their license is suspended. Omnibus is due by May 17; Pre-Trial is set for June 21; with the Jury Trial scheduled for July 15. She is approved to begin outpatient treatment on March 16, 2024.

George Marcuzzi has a resolution to his case(s) in the works. His Change of Plea will be heard on April 5, 2024

John Hanson had a Change of Plea: pleading Guilty to the reduced charges of 1) disorderly conduct and 2) criminal mischief. In his elocution, he stated that in Broadwater County, he went to a 'family camper' shouting profanities and broke windows in the camper. He is Sentenced to six months, all but 2 days suspended. He must abide by conditions of no alcohol, no bars, no casinos serve 48 hours beginning Monday, March 18.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Warren Toombs, Townsend: day speed \$70.00
Hannah Sullivan, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Cora Rajala, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Michael Perkins, Montana City: day speed \$20.00
Steven Marsich, Billings: day speed \$20.00
Neal Livezey-Artz, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
Michael Fife, Helena: night speed \$120.00
Taylor Eggebrecht, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Justin Durbin, Helena: improper passing \$85.00
Rigoberto Delgado-Hinojosa, Townsend: night speed \$20.00
Skyla Cox, Charlo: interstate day speed \$40.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Brittany Barron – Helena – driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked – 2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended, \$185.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Spencer Greene – Helena – night speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$20.00 fine and enroll and complete traffic school.
Courtney Rouse – Helena – 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 and enroll and complete ACT program.
Wyatt Hart – Three Forks – violation of restrictions on instruction permit, plead guilty, enroll and complete Alive @ 25.
Mark Lafalce – Bozeman – 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 and enroll and complete ACT program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Joseph Roundy, Three Forks: restricted speed \$55.00
Joseph Alberti, Atlantic Beach, FL: day speed \$120.00
Jesse Adams, Townsend: day speed \$20.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

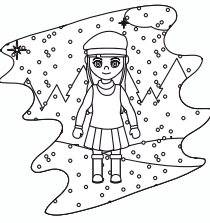
Frederick Hunter, Locust Grove, GA: fail to purchase trip permit upon arrival in state \$85.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Scott McClintock – Lewis and Clark Co. Justice Court, \$100,000.00 bond

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 3/22	Sat 3/23	Sun 3/24	Mon 3/25	Tue 3/26
Light Wintry Mix	Light Snow	Light Snow	Light Snow	Light Snow
45° 31°	35° 22°	29° 17°	34° 23°	38° 29°
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Precipitation:

October: 0.76"	November: 0.398"
December: 0.08"	January: 0.047"
February: 0.291"	March: 0.102"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 0.441"

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US Bureau of Reclamation. Randolph also highlighted that the contract is not related to the Silos KOA.

- Lacey Forrey, co-chair of the County Parks and Recreation Board, notified commissioners that Jennifer Dalrymple had been selected as Parks and Recreation Board Chair. Dirk Gard and Phil Duede have been added as board members. Forrey also informed the commission that the vault toilet to be installed at Connors Field has been completed and can be installed once the site is ready. Connors Field President Mike Delger explained that the toilet would be installed east and south of the concession stand, with concrete walkways to allow for wheelchair access to the facilities. Forrey noted she had received significant volunteer interest in completing the work to install the toilet. Delger asked if the county Public Works Department would be able to prepare the site once the outlines were marked. Both Forrey and Delger's questions will need follow-up on

the part of the county before a date for ground work and installation is set.

- Broadwater County Noxious Weed and Mosquito Coordinator Jessica Bushnell presented the commission with the weed board's updated bylaws. She noted that the format was updated to be consistent with the bylaws of other county boards, with no other significant changes. Commissioners accepted the updated bylaws.

- Todd Kitto, Gord Pearse, and Weston Munns were approved as members of Broadwater County's Noxious Weed Board. Their terms expire in December of 2026, 2025, and 2024.

- Hangar space at Canyon Ferry Airport will become more costly, under a fee increase approved by the commission. Rates will increase by 4.34 percent to 12 cents per square foot. Folkvord said this brings the lease rate in line with the rates at Townsend Airport.

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MOVE YOUR BODY TO MOVE YOUR MOOD

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: F equals H

CFRM AEO VNLB SEMH EK
KJOKKA ZOLB KRNSFRXH EMSE
N SXNMHVEXS HFQV, Q IORHH
SFNS'H ZECM-JENZQMI.

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KNIGHT MOVES

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

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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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Contest

BEATED


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NAILED

Deceive

TEACH

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wearing nightclothes, for short
- 6 Meanie's look
- 11 In addition
- 15 Eyelid hair
- 19 Steel, e.g.
- 20 Ancient Greek region
- 21 Empty spaces
- 22 World's fair
- 23 Illegal
- 24 Like overdue birthday wishes
- 25 Columbus is its capital
- 26 British actor Guinness
- 27 "Mind your — business!"
- 28 High, round collar not folding over on itself
- 31 Without any variety
- 35 Ingest
- 36 Boston NBAer, for short
- 37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.
- 41 New Nintendo console of 2012
- 43 Big antlered beast
- 47 Opposite of dep., in an airport
- 48 Thin porridge
- 50 Saw against the main grain, as wood
- 52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent
- 58 Ecol. monitor
- 59 Middles
- 60 Tiny arachnid
- 61 J. — Hoover
- 64 Like overdue birthday wishes
- 67 Bill & Ted went on one in a 1991 film
- 70 Wombs
- 71 Bible book after Prov.
- 74 Q-V linkup
- 75 "Spider-Man" director Sam
- 76 Wedlock not based on love
- 79 Cheer up
- 81 Burros, e.g.
- 82 — occasion (never)
- 83 Paris' river
- 84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.
- 85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe
- 91 "Beloved" novelist Toni
- 94 Buc, Bronco or Niner
- 95 Beatty of film
- 97 Cindy Brady player Susan
- 98 Former jets to the U.K.
- 101 Bit of non-needed body art
- 105 Sour plum
- 107 Stage star
- 109 Title for Kate Middleton
- 110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps
- 117 Even score
- 118 Forum attire
- 119 In the past
- 120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle
- 125 Coagulate
- 126 Rebuke from Caesar
- 127 Like a dweeb
- 128 About, before a date
- 129 At this place
- 130 Lather (up)
- 131 Gather up (never)
- 132 Hoodwinked

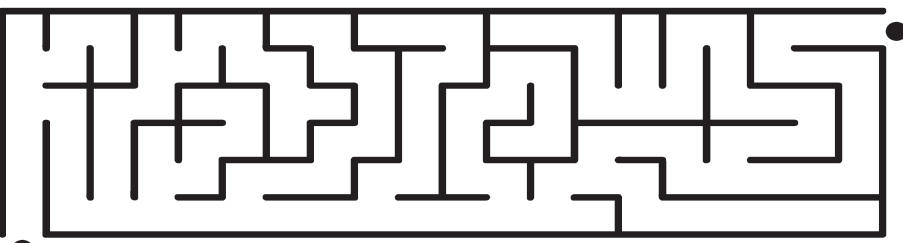
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- 2 Teacher's union, in brief
- 3 Old TV ministry inits.
- 4 2002 "Friday the 13th" sequel
- 5 Whole lotta
- 6 Knightly title
- 7 Bulblike base of a stem
- 8 — cat (two-base game)
- 9 Neighbor of Minn. and Ill.
- 10 Jewish potato pancake
- 11 Relative of a guinea pig
- 12 Lion portrayer Bert
- 13 Feature of Betty Boop's hair
- 14 "— Mio"
- 15 Crude sheds
- 16 Car shaft
- 17 Project detail, for short
- 18 Sell at a pawnshop
- 24 Opponent
- 29 "I taut I — a puddy tatt!"
- 30 Shade trees
- 31 Flip — coin
- 32 DEA worker
- 33 Irish money
- 34 Bring about
- 38 Some flawed garments: Abbr.
- 39 Add-on to the end of a wd.
- 40 Bit of a bray
- 42 Most polar
- 44 Sea nymph
- 45 Sovereign
- 46 Letter two before iota
- 49 VIP vehicle
- 51 Margarine
- 53 Deprives of weapons
- 54 "Sorry, too busy"
- 55 Bodily digit
- 56 Big striped cat, in French
- 57 A/C output qts.
- 62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —
- 63 Like low-quality eggs
- 64 City transport
- 65 Alcohol in liquor
- 66 Landlords or landladies
- 67 Empty
- 68 Having protruding hearing organs
- 69 Yang go-with
- 72 Sings gently
- 73 U.S. pres., militarily
- 77 Inquires
- 78 "Continue"
- 80 Architect Maya
- 83 Chiang Kai —
- 84 Broody rock genre
- 86 Investigate pryingly
- 87 Very loudly, in music
- 88 Miami loc.
- 89 Stud money
- 90 Old Storms and Trackers
- 92 Paraphrase
- 93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.
- 96 Two, in Chile
- 99 Maintenance job on a car
- 100 Indy sponsor
- 102 Ballet outfit
- 103 Something very easy
- 104 Vegas casino
- 106 Some Siouan speakers
- 108 MetLife rival
- 110 Concern for a dermatologist
- 111 Concern for a dermatologist
- 112 Horror film lab assistant
- 113 Twice tetra-
- 114 "Pssst" cousin
- 115 — avis
- 116 Some old Fords
- 121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
- 122 Hosp. zones
- 123 Ideal serve
- 124 Young fella

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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



SR. CENTER MEALS *Thursday, March 28*
MARCH 25 - MARCH 29 BBQ Chicken Breast
 Wild Rice
 Key Largo Vegetables
 Garden Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Sweet Peaches

Monday, March 25
 Cabbage Rolls
 Mashed Potatoes
 California Vegetables
 Whole Grain Bread
 Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, March 26
 Baked Cod
 Rice Pilaf
 Carrot Coins
 Bean Medley
 Whole Grain Bread
 Fruit Cocktail

Wednesday, March 27
 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
 Green Beans
 Tossed Salad
 Garlic Bread
 Pineapple
 Dessert

Friday, March 29
 Polish Sausage
 Sauerkraut
 Steamed Potatoes
 Carrot Raisin Salad
 Whole Grain Roll
 Cinnamon Applesauce

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.

RECOVERING TOGETHER YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Celebrate Recovery Group

Are you struggling with hurts, habits or hangups? If we are honest, many of us are on one level or another. Have you considered a support group?

Come join our Celebrate Recovery group which meets at 6 PM on the 2, 3, and 4th Monday evenings every month. We begin with a free meal (donations are welcomed and appreciated). If you want to come just for a meal and leave before the meeting at 6:45, that is just fine. Or skip the meal, and just interested in the meeting...see you at 6:45.

This is a non-denominational Christian-oriented group that explores paths to recovering your own freedom from addictions. Addictions are not limited to drugs/alcohol. Many have benefited from the support given as they deal with grief/loss, gambling, hoarding, anxiety, plus a variety of hurts and hangups.

We hold our membership and shared discussions confidential as this is vital to our group's success.

Mountain Valley Church has graciously given us a space to hold our meetings. The location is at 110 E Street, Townsend, MT (next to the Post Office).

Let's help each other and move towards a celebration in breaking through what holds us back.

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Three Forks Area Ambulance Community

Barbara Mutter
 Coordinator Three Forks Area Ambulance



February was a considerably slower month for calls. Three Forks Area Ambulance (TFAA) responded to 19 calls.

Nine of these were transports to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. Two of the hospital transports were assisted by American Medical Response, Bozeman, and paramedics due to the severity of the calls.

The rest of the calls were refusals, canceled prior to arrivals, and a standby for basketball at the Three Forks High School.

In February the TFAA Crew received training in HIPPA, Professionalism, Bloodborne Pathogens, and doffing. Doffing is the removal of personal protective gear safely so as to avoid an exposure to the EMT and this gear also protects the patient. This training was presented by Riesa Overstreet RN.

We began the Red Cross Emergency Medical Responder Course in mid-February. The EMR course is 56 hours of classroom and 10 hours of practical hands-on training. This class, with three students, will be completed in mid-March.

TFAA hopes to gain several new trained EMRs that will be able to aid our EMTs on emergency calls.

Later in the summer, we will offer an Emergency Medical Technician Course. These new folks will be able to bridge the course and move up to EMTs!

We hope more folks in our community can step up and take the full Emergency Medical Technician Course. More information on dates and prices to follow in the future.

Our EMTs attended four days of training with Jefferson Valley Emergency Medical Service. February 22 to February 25. AMR covered our service area for those days.

We thank AMR for their coverage of our emergency calls while our folks were at training.

March Food Pantry

Karoline Nelson
 Operations Manager



The Mountain Valley Church will be staffing the food

pantry during the month of March.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 34 families serving 67 people on March 16th.

Next Saturday, March 30, those who signed up for an Easter ham or chicken may pick them up at the regular time. This is your normal Saturday for food pickup.

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

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

Items needed this week are:
 Chili, can stew, soups, crackers, peanut butter, Skillet meals or Hamburger Helper. We are also in need of burger. If you or someone you may know might either want to donate some or have any available for purchase, please contact Daryl or Karoline at the numbers above.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

William James "Jim" Bird

Simple Cremations

William James "Jim" Bird passed away on March 14, 2024.

Celebration of Life Service will be on March 23rd at Mountain Valley Church, 110 E Street, Townsend, MT at 2 PM.

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ELECTION HIGHLIGHT

MT Eastern Congressional District

David Murray
Great Falls Tribune

The information in this article came from an article published in the Great Falls Tribune on September 25, 2023, <https://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/local/2023/09/25/former-state-senator-ric-holden-announces-bid-for-congress/70947653007>



Ric Holden
Ric Holden Photo

Former state senator and current Montana rancher Ric Holden announced Friday that he plans to enter the race to represent Montana's eastern Congressional district in 2024. Holden previously served for eight years as a state senator beginning in 1994, representing communities along Montana's eastern

border before term limits forced him to leave the senate at the end of 2002. During his time in Helena, Holden served as Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Holden and his wife Jan have operated a diversified family farm and ranch outside of Glendive for the past 33 years. In the news release announcing his campaign Holden said that the eastern half of Montana is ready to send a representative back to Washington D.C. who

is active in livestock and farming agriculture, and that the Biden administration's energy policy is hampering eastern Montana's economy.

"There are many issues that are currently stopping our young people from getting ahead in today's current economic climate," Holden said. "The lack of energy development right here in Montana has been a part of the failed Biden administration policies to attack Montana oil and coal production. Once these industries are given a chance to produce again like they were four years ago our situation in Montana will greatly improve. A rising tide raises all boats and so goes our agricultural and energy sectors so goes the Montana economy."

According to Friday's news release, Holden holds a college degree from Montana State University in Bozeman and is a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association. He has also served in leadership positions with the Dawson County Livestock Production Association, Montana Farm Bureau, Montana Stock Growers Association, and the Montana Wool Growers Association.

Holden told the Helena Independent Record that to serve the east, Montana's congressional delegation needs representation on the House Committee on Agriculture, where currently no Montana lawmaker serves.

"Our economy is driven by the agriculture community," he said. "All of our businesses here depend on the ag dollar. It's our largest industry. When I was in Helena it was easy to see all the revenues for state government coming out of eastern Montana. We had agriculture, oil, coal all that stuff is where the money came from to run state government."

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.

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://wgmgroupmissoula.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=cd04f70d3ee14d9bb36d3e09d40f2d06>.

Comments and feedback can be submitted via email to planning@wgmgroup.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.

BROADWATER DEMOCRATS MEETING

IN THE BACK ROOM OF THE MINT

MONDAY, March 25, 6:00PM

We Will Have a Guest Speaker

For more information, call Gayle Clifford (406) 581-8538



County Commissioner's Agenda

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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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>.

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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 25, 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 26, 2024

11:00 AM Working Meeting with Great West Engineering to discuss Project Nomination Package for Groundwater Investigation Program with Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

2:00 PM Working Meeting with Deputy County Attorney, Kay Minor, regarding projects and deadlines.

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

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

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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Broadwater Republicans Endorsement



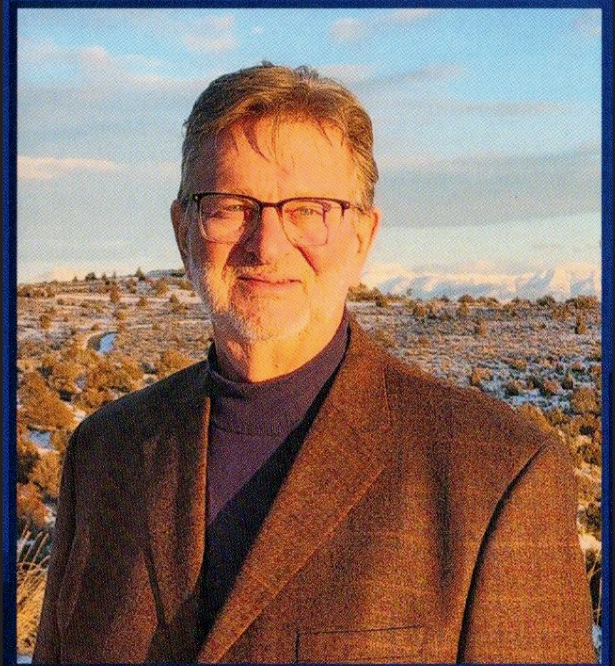
Jane Gillette
Jane Gillette Photo

At its March 11, 2024, meeting the Broadwater County Republican Central Committee unanimously endorsed Dr. Jane Gillette for Representative in House District 77. Dr. Gillette is an experienced legislator with a conservative voting record.

Ed Regan, Chairman

Broadwater County Republican Central Committee

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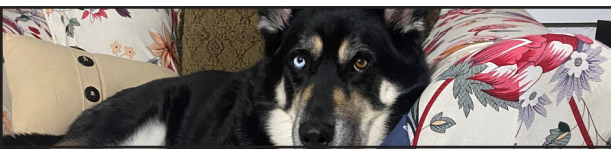
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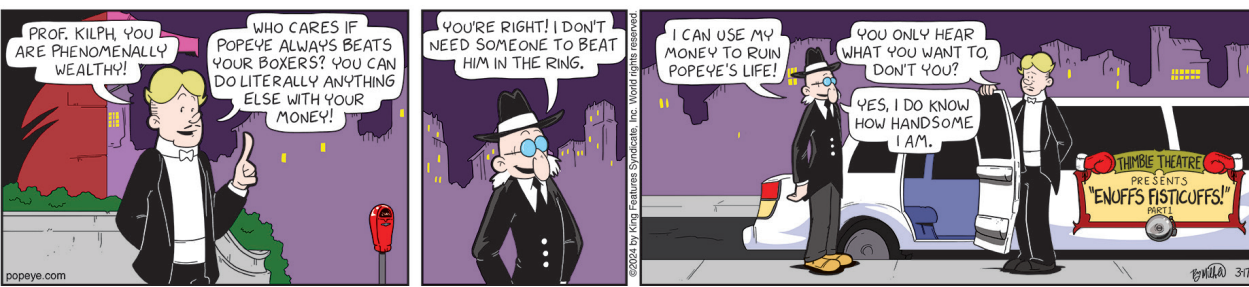
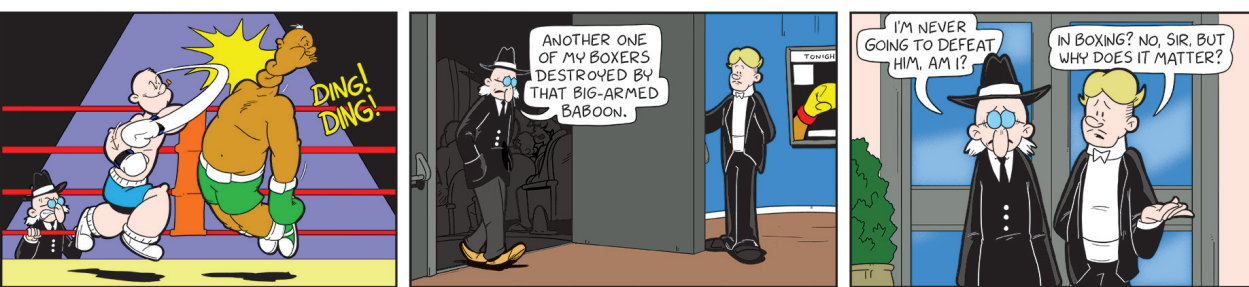
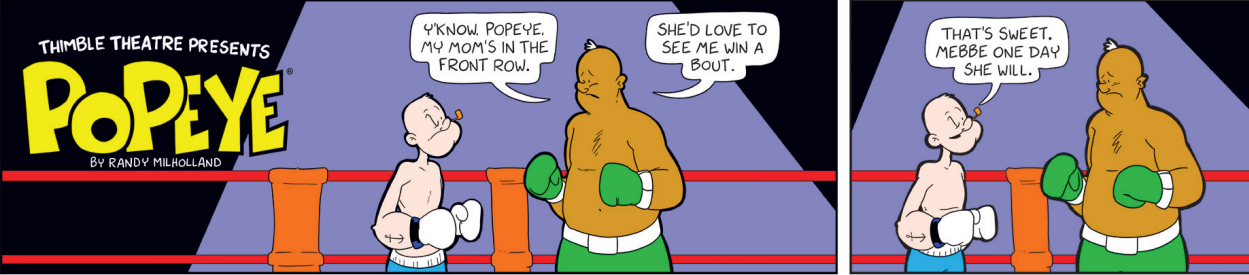


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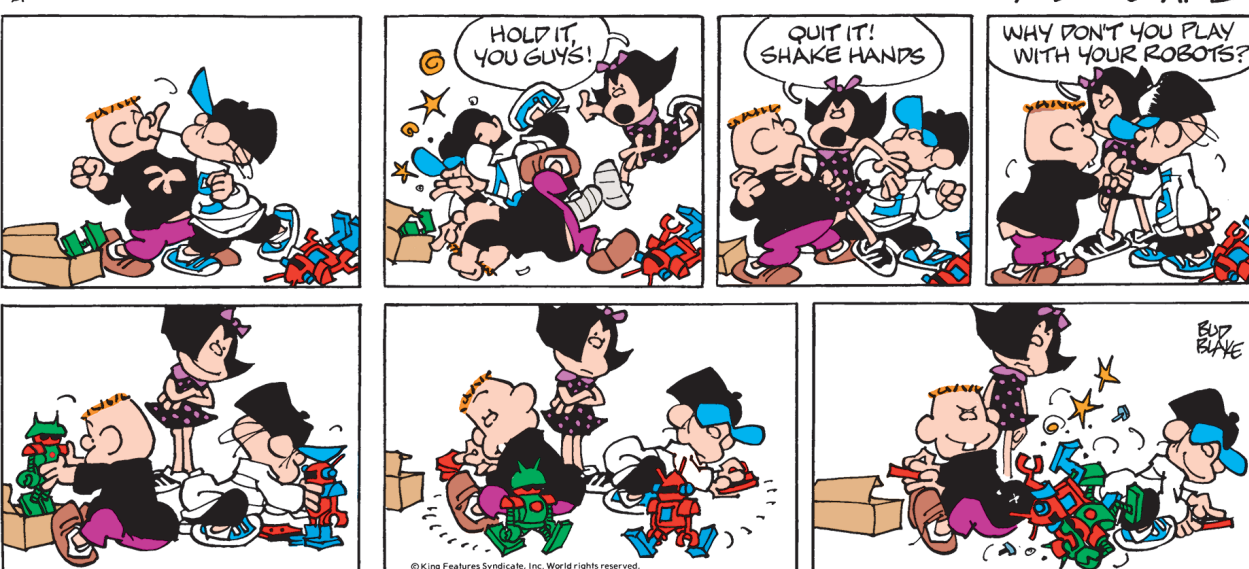
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Fun Raiser, 1



Virgil and Judy Henke enjoy dancing to great Irish music. Nancy Marks, Photographer

with swords, the troupe performed a piece from last summer's play, Treasure Island. The actors in turn

became the servers: they brought charcuterie boards heaped with goodies to each table. The boards were generously arranged by Amanda Domino and helpers.

Funds raised during the event will go towards sponsoring a summer children's play, Missoula Children's Theater which will perform in Townsend in May. Queen City Swing dance band will have Big Band sound and music from the 70's and 80's Saturday, March 23. The dance band leads off the season's many events this year.

President LaRinda Spencer along with board members, would like to thank the contributors who gave so generously to offer a full silent auction; Canyon Ferry Brewing, and sponsors for their generous help in making the evening a success.



Red hair and red beards become Pat Plantenberg, the leprechaun, and his sidekick Daryl Blumhagen. Nancy Marks, Photographer

Broadwater Education Foundation Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser

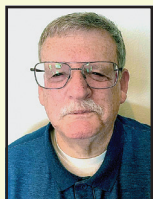


Everyone enjoying the event MT 43 News Staff Photo



Grand Winners: In Search of Bum Calf MT 43 News Staff Photo

Victor Sample



On Thursday, March 14 the Broadwater Education Foundation held their Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser. Eighteen teams of up to 8 members came to the event to compete with their knowledge of trivia!

The American Legion Post 42 provided a no-host bar and the Broadwater Education Foundation provided a taco bar with all the taco fixings and accompaniments you could want and a variety of desserts. It was a great way to begin the evening.

Terey Artz acted as the host of the Trivia Contest with Jennifer Beaty and Christina Hartmann judging the answers and tracking the scores. The contest consisted of 6 categories: General Knowledge, Disney, Art and Artists, TV Ad Audio Clips, Sports and Famous Explorers. Each team could designate 1 category to be a double points category and there was a bonus question at the end where teams could bet up to 20 of their points.

In addition to the Trivia Contest itself, there was a Calcutta where individuals or teams could bet on themselves

or other teams to win. The bidding was a "silent auction" style bidding.

Missouri Valley Marketing Mavericks were the third-place team and Irish Wristwatch placed second.

In Search of Bum Calf was the grand prize winner! Team members Jill Flynn, Siobhan Flynn, Lynn Reynolds, Rose Chewning Shannon Reynolds, Jeana Ruchert and Rusty Ruchert's mastery of trivia won out over the other 17 teams!

Everyone had a great time and it was an opportunity to socialize with our communities' friends and neighbors. The event drew many faithful Broadwater Education Foundation trivia night attendees as well as many newcomers.

The Broadwater Education Foundation's Mission is to achieve academic excellence through enhanced



Terey Artz Master of Ceremonies MT 43 News Staff Photo



Jennifer Beaty and Christina Hartmann, Judges and Scorers MT 43 News Staff Photo

classroom opportunities and experiences for K-12 public school students within the Townsend School District No. 1.

Grants have been awarded for projects benefitting kindergarten through high school students. A few examples: Stem boxes, Books and storytelling kits, soil samples, painting supplies, Ladybug habitats, Ukuleles, costumes and Board Games.

Billings Broadwater Clinic Hosts Vital Pediatric Emergency Simulation with AHEC

Billings Clinic



Townsend, MT, March 12, 2024 – The Billings Broadwater Clinic, in partnership with the Area Health Education Center (AHEC), conducted

a critical pediatric emergency simulation on March 11, 2024, focusing on pediatric hypovolemia leading to cardiac arrest. This simulation brought together nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) for a hands-on learning experience designed to enhance

their emergency response skills.

This training session aimed to prepare healthcare professionals for one of the most challenging scenarios in medical care – pediatric emergencies. The simulation provided participants with the opportunity to practice and refine their skills in a controlled, realistic environment, ultimately improving the quality of care delivered in real-life situations.

"The simulation at Billings Broadwater Clinic underscores our commitment to providing the highest standard of emergency care for the youngest members of our community," said a representative from AHEC. "By focusing on specific scenarios like pediatric hypovolemia, we're ensuring that our healthcare professionals are not

only ready but also confident in their ability to respond to critical situations."

The event highlights the importance of ongoing training and education for medical staff, particularly in specialized areas of care such as pediatric emergency medicine. Through these simulations, the clinic and AHEC aim to improve patient outcomes and reduce the mortality rate in emergency situations involving children.

The success of this event is a testament to the dedication of the healthcare community in Townsend to continuously improve and adapt to the complexities of medical care. It also serves as a model for other healthcare facilities looking to enhance their emergency response capabilities.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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March 21

1912

Sample Copies

Sample copies of the "Opinion" will be sent out to the non-subscribers, with the invitation to become a regular patron of this paper. If you receive an occasional copy, look it over and we believe you will want it as a regular visitor.

It will be the aim of the "Opinion" to be representative of Broadwater County and its plans are to have local representation in every district in the county.

In short, the "Opinion" is going to be a home product in every essential.

Light Plant Sale

On Saturday, March 23, the question of entering into a contract with the Butte Electric & Power Company for furnishing light and power to the town for a period of fifteen years.

The new-born "Opinion" has no desire to be presumptuous, but this paper is progressive in town, state and national matters, and for this reason advocates the change.

It will be a step of progressiveness to cast your vote in favor of the change. Cast your vote in favor of the sale.

1940

Broadwater Couples Come Home to Warm up

Spring vacationing out of Montana wasn't so successful declared Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cartwright and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Whaley when they returned to this county Sunday after a two weeks motor trip into Minnesota and Iowa, where they visited relatives.

In Sioux City, Iowa, they were delayed two days just before starting for home by the worst blizzard, these hard-shelled Montanans say, they ever encountered. The mercury registered just 14 degrees above zero and there were 14 inches of new snow. Then they reached the Montana border, it was to greet farmers starting early spring work, thawing snows in the mountains and mild weather all the way.

American Legion Honored on 21st Birthday by Party

The American Legion is of age. It reached its 21st birthday anniversary and last Saturday a celebration was observed that brought together about 60 members of the Legion and the Legion Auxiliary at a party given in their hall, to which the auxiliary were the hostesses. A number of card games were made ready for entertainment at the refreshment hour, two birthday cakes, one for the Legion and one for the auxiliary

were cut with much satisfaction. Another large cake was auctioned off to raise money for the flag fund. The cake changed hands three times and at last was given to the lady holding the lucky number. Mrs. Hooks was the lucky one and we have it that during the course of the cake's changing from one owner's hands to another, it brought about \$12 for the fund mentioned.

Mrs. Fred Kapinos and Mrs. Wm. Jefts were the cake bakers.

The Broadwater Post No. 42 American Legion was organized here 21 years ago. At the 21st anniversary there were four charter members present, Frank T. Hooks, Ed Sheridan, F.G. McCarthy and Jack Blake.

From the old minute book of Broadwater Post 42, it shows the first officers of the post were J.B. Coats, commander; Edgar Hamper, vice-commander; F.G. McCarthy, adjutant; J.J. Davey, finance officer; E.H. Hutheford, Post historian; Arthur Hanson, sergeant at arms.

The following persons appear either as charter members of the post or as members who joined shortly after the organization of the post in 1919: Jack Connors, W.J. Hazleton, J.J. Gillogly, Bert Greaves. F.B. Phillips, Lewis K. Poole, Del Brisbin, Ernest McCuin, Frank Harmen, Jack Cotter, Pat Kirley, V.A. Oaks, Chas. Goode; Ray Bruce, Norman Bruce, Oscar Myers, C.J. Mahony, E.B. Townsley, Ezra Watkins, Chas. Watkins, L.W. Middleton, Jack Call, Reed Schmidt, John Guar, Frank. T. Hooks, E.R. Vickery, J.K. Doherty, James Egan, Len L. Lefler, J.O. Gross.

In July 1920 J.B. Cates, better known as Ben Cates, resigned as Post Commander and F.G. McCarthy was elected as Post Commander succeeding Cates; McCarthy, having been the first Adjutant, E.R. Vickery was elected to succeed McCarthy, thus becoming the second Post Adjutant.

In listing those members who were either charter members, or early day members, the list is not complete as the early records of the Post pertaining to membership, have been lost and no complete record is now available.

1968

Winston News by Nancy Baum

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Clark and family in Townsend.

Sheila Hohn, Dennis Halm and Cliff Cox are spending their spring vacations at the home of their parents from their studies at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Riis, David Clark and Nancy and Darrell Baum attended the Lost Corners square dance festival at the Lincoln Road School in the Helena Valley Saturday evening. David, Nancy and Darrell were accompanied by Karen Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hudson who visited

with friends.

Mrs. Jim Cox and Chris attended the Nile Style show Saturday evening at the Helena Civic Center.

St. Patrick's Day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masolo and David were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan of Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sullivan and family of Helena and Mrs. Peggy Sullivan of Butte.

Toston Briefs by Barbara Berberet

Dale Johnson celebrated his 4th birthday Tuesday, March 12, with a party given by his mother, Mrs. Byron Johnson. Invited guests were Rita and Ruby Johnson, Twila and Doug Arden, Lori and Kelly Hays, Deena and Karen Horne, Nina Flynn, Paul and Tammy Rauser, Phil Clark, Doug Slifka, Johnny Kimpton, Bobby Hossfeld, Stephni, Liza and Guy Bieber, and Nancy and Vicki Lane of Three Forks. After playing several games, birthday cake and ice cream were served and Dale opened many gifts. Mothers attending were Mrs. Gerry Kimpton, Mrs. Lorna Flynn, Mrs. Betty Horne, Mrs. Betty Clark, Mrs. Phyllis Rauser, Mrs. Betty Bieber and Mrs. Lillian Arden.

1996

Around Town News" by Mary Pat Marti

The fourth annual Townsend picnic in Yuma, Az., was held Feb. 14 and was co-hosted by Thelyn Banks and Violet Williams. Local snowbirds attending were Charlie and Verna Adams, Bob and Thelyn Banks, Bud and Lorna Campbell, Art and Doris Chapella, Ray and Marion Forrey, Lucille Freud, Tony and Bernice Francisco, George and Muriel Gabisch, Mike Gabisch, Gerri Gill, Babe and Lucille Goldenstein, Gary and Diana Graveley, John and Coralie Graveley, Gene and June Hardgrove, Ross and Anita Hood, Bill and Anita Kearns, Ron and Dora Kelly, Al and Lillian Lane, George and Mary Ann Lots, Marvin and Mary Lou Meyer, Fred and Arlene Plymale, Bernice Rasmussen, Art and Betty Tintinger, Keith and Lois Valentine, Dean White, Don and Violet Williams and Bob and Barb Wogamon.

Musical entertainment was furnished by George and Muriel Gabisch and Bernie Rasmussen. Prizes were won by Ron and Dora Kelly, longest married; Ray Forrey, oldest guest; Diana Graveley, youngest guest; and Mike Gabisch, who traveled the farthest.

Thelyn said the group missed their three friends who have passed on this year, Frank Ebert, Ellen Moe and Walt Madill. She said they will always hold a place in their hearts.

Thelyn called Saturday and said the weather in Yuma was warm and beautiful. Of course, I reported it was cold and cloudy here that day. So, she said they plan to be home in about a month.



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Grilling Weather

Eileen Clarke

Rifles and Recipes

We've decided it may be time to un-lock the hubs on at least one vehicle—it's beyond bad luck to un-winterize both trucks so soon—so I'm thinking it's also time to clean up a winter's worth of 'decorative' crabapple droppings from the grill. Then I'll take the wire brush to the cooking surface, check the little holes on the burners, and check the venturi tubes for insects that may block the propane. What else? Oh yeah. Fill the tank. Empty the grease tray.

Grab a cookbook.

One of the really convenient things about writing cookbooks is you get to consolidate all your favorite recipes into a logical, indexed order, and keep them right by the stove. This morning I picked up *Slice of the Wild*, looked through the color photos and decided on a one-dish kabob meal. It starts with some chunks of big game meat, with a tasty, easy-to-mix marinade, and thick slices of onion, chunks of potato and juicy slices of bacon, skewered and cooked on the grill. Need a bit more side dish enhancement? From sweet and sour coleslaw, refrigerator pickles, scalloped pineapple and several different potato and pasta salads to the grilled sweet red peppers in the photo, *Slice* has 40 of them.

For those who don't cotton to super-sweet barbecue

saucy, this mustard sauce makes a vibrant statement. And it's perfect for our First False Spring when 70-degree days can follow a week of blowing snow.

Old World Marinated Venison and Potato Kabobs

Serves 4-5

Ingredients

1 pound venison, cut into 2-inch chunks
1/4 cup malt vinegar
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons prepared Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons oil
1/2 teaspoon coarse black pepper
1 pound new red potatoes*
1 red onion, sliced thick
4 slices bacon

Preparation

- Trim the steak chunks, and dry with paper towels.
- In a resealable plastic bag combine the vinegar, sugar, mustard, oil, and pepper. Add the meat, and refrigerate 24 to 48 hours.

Cooking

- Preheat the grill to medium-high heat.
- While the grill heats up, microwave the potatoes



Grilling Weather
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on high for about 2 minutes, or until just fork tender, but still firm enough to be able to put on the skewer. Remove the meat from the marinade and arrange on the skewers, alternating with the potatoes and onion slices and threading the bacon along the skewer as you add ingredients.

3. Cook about 2 minutes a side, until the bacon is browned all over, turning four times. Remove from the skewers and serve hot, with more mustard.

*You can cut up mature potatoes for these kabobs, but new potatoes have better flavor and can be nuked whole. Just stab them a couple of times before nuking.

Eileen Clarke's *Slice of the Wild* and her *Tenderize the Wild: 100 marinades, brines and rubs for wild game* offer lots of marinades and rubs. Those, and all her other wild game cookbooks, will be on sale from March 22 to April 1 at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273