

Middle Schoolers Battle in Chess Tournament



Chess game on between the 8th grade, white team and the 7th grade, black team at the gym last Thursday. Nancy Marks Photo



Seventh grade players prepare for competition with eighth graders in a wild game of chess. Nancy Marks Photo

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



Chess is a game that takes great concentration and quiet surroundings. Quiet surroundings were not the case Thursday when the annual Townsend Middle School chess tournament took place in the high school gym.

The entire classes of seventh and eighth graders were on hand to hoot, holler and clap as their classmates appeared as rooks, pawns, knights, bishops, queens and kings. The chess board was a carefully laid out square the size of a garage floor.

Middle school math teacher Gary Bauman has taught chess to middle schoolers for many years, “at least twenty,” he said. He said the idea came from kids who were reading or watching the Harry Potter Sorcerer’s Stone tale, which featured a life-sized chess match.

Bauman said he teaches chess just before Christmas break, then when the students return, those who are interested practice chess during their noon hour from January to March to get ready for the tournament.

Bauman has a method to his chess game madness. “I use chess in the classroom to give kids a chance to improve their problem-solving skills,” he explained. He said studies have shown there is a direct correlation between playing chess and performance in the classroom. Bauman uses the tool as something students can do when they finish their work. He said at the end of most class periods there are one or two games being played. Twenty-eight seventh graders and twenty-four eighth graders participated over the three-month period.

Winners of the eighth-grade class were Reese Wright, Ava Boaz, and Konnor Swan, while Alex Weiss, Isaac Brakefield and Lucas Davies were the seventh-grade winners. Reese Wright went on to win the tourney championship.

Backyards of Broadwater Supports Community Organizations

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Since 2017, Backyards of Broadwater has given over \$3,000 back to local organizations and projects in Broadwater County to support horticulture, gardening and tree activities. This money comes from proceeds from the annual yard and garden tour. 2023 was a record year with 99 tickets sold. Backyards of Broadwater recently reviewed the grant applications from the 2023 event proceeds and is announcing this year’s recipients which are Broadwater FFA, Broadwater County Social Services Committee and Townsend Tree Board.

Broadwater FFA is a school-based youth organization for students interested in agriculture and leadership. The FFA program along with students in the horticulture class at Broadwater High School operates a greenhouse at the school. They provide produce for the school cafeteria. They are currently supplying microgreens which has been ongoing since the beginning of the school year. Their goal with the grant funds is to be able to expand the amount of student-grown produce for the cafeteria to once or twice a week. This program provides an opportunity for students to have access to healthy locally grown foods. It also instructs students in the program about raising their own food.

For the first time, the Broadwater County Social Services Committee is also a recipient of the grant funds. This committee provides funding and support for the Harvest of the Month

program at Townsend Schools. Through this program, students in Broadwater FFA visit the elementary school to share information about a fruit or vegetable each month, often highlighting Montana-grown foods. The FFA members lead educational activities to teach students about how the food is grown, nutritional benefits and cooking. All students get to sample a recipe using the food product from the harvest of the month.

Last, but certainly not least, Backyards of Broadwater supported the Townsend Tree Board. This is a volunteer board overseen by the City of Townsend. They are responsible for managing the urban forest through tree planting, pruning, education, maintenance and care. The chairman of the Tree Board is Patrick Plantenberg. He coordinates community volunteers to get work done and can often be seen around town pruning and planting. He also makes arrangements to water trees during the summer.

Congratulations to all of the recipients! The date has been set for the next Backyards of Broadwater Tour on Saturday, July 27th. The committee is currently seeking gardens to be on the tour which will focus on the east side of Canyon Ferry Lake. They are looking for yards and gardens in the City of Townsend and in close proximity to Highway 284. Many people are worried that their garden isn’t “perfect,”



Students learning about Harvest of the Month at Townsend Elementary School. Photo Credit: Gemma Loughery

but that is okay! We don’t want it to be! Backyards of Broadwater is an educational event and a fun way to connect locals with similar interests and highlight different and innovative ideas. Gardening is never perfect, and every year is different. Gardeners know that and it leads to discussions of innovative ideas and solutions.

A big thank you to the Backyards of Broadwater Committee: Becky Flynn, Terey Artz and Debbie Flynn. For more information, follow “Backyards of Broadwater” on Facebook or visit www.msuextension.org/broadwater/. For more information about the tour or to inquire about being a host location, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

City Projects Rising Water Rates

Linda Kent
MT 43 News Staff Reporter

City Council 03292024

Reporting on a meeting with the city’s bond counsel and Montana State Revolving Fund, Mayor Vickie Rauser told Townsend’s City Council on March 19 that planned increases to the city’s water rates may need to happen much sooner than planned. The final amount city water users could pay monthly will also likely increase, Rauser said, as engineers’ final estimates for costs associated with replacing the water

tower and other needed water infrastructure improvements, are likely to increase as well.

“Rate changes have to be in place when the bond closes,” Rauser said. “We may not have the luxury of phasing them in over time.”

The council was hoping to phase in water rate changes to pay back the cost of bonds issued by the State Revolving Fund. As it stands, Rauser said, there’s a possibility that the bonds may close as early as October of this year, with the system to be in place in late December.

Council member JB Howick asked Rauser to confirm costs and dates as soon as possible.

Senior Spotlight: Emily Bird

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



Arguably one of the most important jobs in the US and the world is ranching. Ranching provides all of the beef that we eat today, which I can tell you is a lump sum. Everyone respects the ranching industry, but not everyone can do it. This soon-to-be graduate spends most of her time outside school and sports on her family's ranch, the Hahn Ranch. She has lived and worked on this ranch all of her life. In March and April, you can see her helping with the yearly calving, and in the summer season, she can be seen with her dad and brothers fixing fences, and water lines, and moving cows through the Elkhorn Mountains. This influential gal is Emily Bird. She has two brothers, Tanner who is in his sophomore year, and Tyler, who is in 3rd grade. Her dad, Cory Bird works on the ranch year-round and her mom, Jennilee Bird runs the trucking office and helps Cory.

Emily Bird has been in Student Council for 3 years, Youth Council for 2 years, Bulldogs Beyond for 2 years, NHS for 2 years, 4-H for 9 years, Volleyball for 4 years, Basketball for 4 years, and Tennis for 4 years. Despite all of her success within those clubs and sports, her favorite thing she has been involved in is Volleyball. She was a varsity setter for all four years and in 2023, she was the team captain, All-State Selection, 1st team All-Conference, and All-Area Player of the Year. Her team placed 1st in Districts, 2nd in Divisionals, and 2nd in State. She also

broke the MHS record for most assists in a match and also broke 3 school records. Playing volleyball has taught her the importance of mental toughness, respect, hard work, and never having a quitting mentality. These skills that she has learned not only benefit her on the court but will also benefit her in her future career.

After High School, Emily will be attending MSU-Northern to study Agriculture Operations Technology and continue playing volleyball. Broadwater County will be a community that she will miss. The support that the community shows is indescribable. From all of the adults who advise the students, the kids who support each other and build each other up, and the teachers who never give up on the kids. It is rare to see how much our teachers care for the student body and will stop at nothing to help them succeed and celebrate with them.

Though Emily is leaving for some time, she will come back often and we'll always see her setting it up on the courts. Emily has inspired everyone of all ages with her incredibly hard work and she will leave an amazing legacy here in Townsend with her achievements and even her outstanding personality.



Emily Bird
Katrina Shindoll Picture, courtesy of Emily Bird's aunt

Southwest Montana Academic Olympics

MT43 Staff Reporter

Southwest Montana middle school and high school students challenged one another at the annual Southwest Montana Academic Olympics on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12-13 in the Strand Union Ballrooms at Montana State University. As many as 600 brilliant students representing over 20 schools from all over southwest Montana competed in teams testing their command of general knowledge including, but not limited to science, social studies, mathematics, and language arts. Each round consisted of two five-person teams answering questions head-to-head delivered in a jeopardy-like format utilizing a buzzer response system.

The middle school students were up first on Tuesday, March 12th. Townsend Middle School sent three teams to contend and they certainly showed well, with each team winning at least one match-up. Team A consisting of 8th graders Ayden Thompson, Ava Boaz, and Emma Delgado, as well as 7th graders Clayton Rice and Alex Weiss won 3 rounds and lost 2. Team B was made up of 8th graders Ethan Faas, Tia Tallwhiteman and Adelyn

White, 7th graders Harley Cox and Lucas Feller and 6th grader Rigo Delgado. They won 2 and lost 2 matches. Team C consisting of all 6th graders went 1 and 2, but was one question away from winning their last round. Team C was Andrew Beatty, Kathryn Six, Dannika, Gabe Krueger and Teagon Kraft.

The high school competition followed on Wednesday with Broadwater High also sending three teams. Team A consisted of Senior Cooper Hines, Junior Jazlyn Martin, Sophomores Harper Wolfgram and Noah Borrer and Freshman Angel Sentinella. Making up Team B were Seniors Luci Horne and Caleb LeLacheur, Junior Karsyn Sangray, Sophomore Lexi Davies and Freshman Shalyn Sentinella. The C teams were Seniors Berlin Korr and Tampsen Kockler, Sophomores Aspen Slyker and Merick Easter and Freshmen Kyla Meissner and Ryan Christianson.

Prior to traveling to MSU for the team competition, the students complete a written test of 100 questions. Results are unknown until arrival at the team contest. Two middle school Bulldogs received special awards from that written test. Ayden Thompson was 4th overall in the 8th grade division while Rigo Delgado, a current



Rigo Delgado and Ayden Thompson with their medals.
Photo Credits: Missy Racht

6th grader was 6th overall in the combined 6th/7th grade division. Congratulations go to the high school students also earning special recognition. Senior Cooper Hines received the 2nd highest overall individual written test score for all students. Twins Shalyn and Angel Sentinella finished 3rd and 6th respectively among the freshman and Noah Borrer placed 4th among the Sophomores. Well done Bulldogs!



Harper Wolfgram, Angel Sentinella, Jazlyn Martin, Noah Borrer, Cooper Hines
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Townsend Middle School Academic Olympians
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Left to right: Shalyn Sentinella, Lexi Davies, Karsyn Sangray, Caleb LeLacheur, Luci Horne
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Berlin Korr, Tampsen Kockler, Aspen Slyker, Marek Easter, Ryan Christensen
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Middle School Track & Field

MT43 News Staff Reporter

With the spring thaw comes the beginning of the track and field season and from the recent flurry of activity behind Broadwater High School, it is alive and well. The high school squad this season consists of a mighty 18 boys and 21 girls; the largest team in recent memory.

Taking the helm this year as head coach is Angie Tew. She takes over the head job from Travis Rauh, who led the Bulldogs for more than two decades, but do not think she is new. She has been an assistant coach at her alma mater for the past 19 years, specializing in the sprints and hurdles. She heads a team of veteran coaches beginning with long-time throwing coach and retired teacher, Pat Hamilton who begins his 30th year.

Training the distance runners is Brooke Dolan, who also coaches the successful cross-country program in the fall at BHS in her 14th year. Rounding out the coaching team is Principal Brad Racht along with his wife and middle school teacher, Missy who guide the jumpers.

The track events are the running events and can be divided into three categories: sprints, distance, and relays. The sprints include the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter dashes, as well as the 100/110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles. The distance races include the 800-, 1600-, and 3200-meter runs, roughly measured at one-half, one and two miles, respectively. There are generally two relays at the high school level. In the 4 x 100 relay, the handoff must be done with precision to get the best times possible. The 4 x 400 relay is generally the last event of any meet and may determine

the team trophies.

The field events can be split into two categories: throws and jumps. The throwing events include discus, shot put and javelin. The long jump and triple jump are the horizontal jumps, while vertical jumps would include the high jump and pole vault (although BHS does not have a pole vault due to a lack of a pit).

Each athlete can compete in up to five events, which includes both track and field, at each meet. For some super-talented Bulldogs, that can be a limitation, as according to Coach Tew, many of her squad could be competitive in more. That is why you will see some athletes switching up their events from meet to meet.

This hard-working and talented group of kids will kick off their season by traveling to Frenchtown on March 28th. Good luck Bulldogs!

Townsend School Calendar

MARCH	
Fri 29	NO SCHOOL
APRIL	
Mon 1	NO SCHOOL 5:30PM Master Gardener Class at Library Classroom 6:00PM Adult City League Volleyball at 1963 Gym
Tue 2 - Sat 6	State FFA Convention- Billings
Tue 2	7:00PM Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge 7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room First Day of MS Golf Practice
Wed 3	7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym 7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room
Thu 4	7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room JV Golf @ Big Timber MS State Science Fair @ Missoula 1:00PM JV Tennis @ Manhattan 4:00PM Strategic Planning Session in Community Room
Fri 5	7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 1:00PM Tennis @ Home 6:00PM Annual Dodgeball Tournament at both gyms HS Golf @ Shelby
Sat 6	10:00AM HS Track @ Laurel V Golf @ Big Timber



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 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH	
Fri 29 - Sun 31	Easter Activities at Trailhead Church DETAILED AD ON PAGE 11
Friday 29	10:00 am: Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library 12:00pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St 3:00PM - 8:00PM Estate Sale DETAILED AD ON PAGE 4
Saturday 30	9:00AM - 7:00PM Estate Sale DETAILED AD ON PAGE 4 9:30AM Easter Service at Seventh Day Adventist Church SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS 10:00am Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Park 10:00am 4H Petting Zoo and Pictures with the Easter Bunny @ Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway 11:00am Radersburg Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Radersburg School 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	9:00AM - 4:00PM Estate Sale DETAILED AD ON PAGE 4 9:30AM Easter Services at Faith Baptist Church SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS 9:30AM Easter Services at Set Free Townsend SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS 4:30PM Easter Mass at Holy Cross Parish SEE AD ON PAGE 11

APRIL	
Monday 1	1:00pm American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club
Tuesday 2	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 3	1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
Thursday 4	10:30am Red Cross Blood Drive - American Legion Post 42 at American Legion Club 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
Friday 5	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
Sat 6 - Sun 7	9:00AM - 5:00PM Estate Sale DETAILED AD ON PAGE 4
Saturday 6	8:00AM- 2:00PM Garage Sale DETAILED AD ON PAGE 4 9:00am - 1:00pm 1st Responder Appreciation and Community Awareness Event DETAILED ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 4 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
Sunday 7	5:45 - 7:00PM Easter Party at Holy Cross Parish SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS

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. City of Townsend is an equal opportunity employer.

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH	
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
APRIL	
Monday 1	4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall
Tuesday 2	1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg 4:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Middle School Book Club 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall
Wednesday 3	4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall
Thursday 4	10:00AM Three Forks Public Library - Story Time 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall 7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Jacob Alexander at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
Friday 5	8:00AM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall 1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Lego Club

SCHOLARSHIP OPORTUNITY!

Broadwater Conservation District Ted Flynn Memorial Scholarship is available to local graduating seniors. The Broadwater Conservation District (BCD) encourages local graduating seniors pursuing a career in Natural Resources, Conservation or Agriculture, to apply for the BCD Ted Flynn Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was set up to honor long time BCD board member and rancher, Ted Flynn, who had a keen interest in all facets of nature and ecology. For more information or if a local graduating senior interested in applying for the scholarship, please contact Mr. Schnittgen, Guidance Counselor at Broadwater High School, Mr. Hossen, Counselor at Three Forks High School, or Denise Donnelly, District Administrator at BCD.

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

APRIL	
Monday 1	11:00am Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)
Tuesday 2	2:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)
Wednesday 3	10:00am Commission Meeting
Thursday 4	5:45pm Parks and Recreation Special Meeting 6:00pm Parks and Recreation Working Board Meeting



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Townsend School District Strategic Planning Session

Susie Hedalen
School District Superintendent



Community members, families, businesses and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend!

April 4th from 4:00-6:00 in the Community Room
Facilitated by Montana School Boards Association

Three Forks School Calendar

APRIL	
Tue 2	HS FCCLA Meeting Lunchtime Softball vs Butte Central
Apr 3	MS FCCLA Meeting at Lunch
Apr 4	Golf Varsity @ Stockfarm (Florence) JV Tennis @ Manhattan MS Book Club at Lunch
Apr 5	Varsity Tennis@ Great Falls
Apr 6	HS Track Location TBD



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
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Sunday 12:00- 5:00PM
Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

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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.

GARAGE AND ESTATE SALE SEASON IS BACK! SHOP LOCAL, BROADWATER COUNTY!

Estate Sale This Weekend!

New and used fishing, camping and hunting gear; horse tack; household and decorative items; home furnishings; upright freezer; generators; bbq and smoker; much more!
33 Valley Drive (5 miles N of town) on Friday, March 29 from 3pm - 8pm; Saturday, March 30 from 9am - 7pm; Sunday, March 31 from 9am - 4pm.

Garage Sale!

Saturday 4/6/24 8AM to 2PM

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Large selection of hand tools & power tools, shelving, tarps, riding lawn mower, desk, 54 bottle wine cooler, upright Walker, small appliances, baking pans, art work and much more.

Estate Sale!

600 N. Oak Townsend, MT
April 6th & 7th
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tools, Fencing materials and equipment, fishing poles, ice fishing gear, lumber, doors, books, furniture, kitchen items, toys, bicycles, skis, clothes etc.

The 8th Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale will be held on July 20, 2024.

If you are planning to hold a yard/garage sale this year, consider joining the County-Wide Yard Sale. We will do all the advertising across our region including Helena, Butte and Bozeman - You keep all the profits!

Three Forks area residents welcome!

Call Pam at (406) 422-7028 for more information or to be included in our yard sale map.

1ST RESPONDER APPRECIATION AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT



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- Letters may discuss any subject, but are expected to deal with only one subject per-letter and be 300 words or less. We reserve the right to edit letters for content and length. We further reserve the right to require documentation or evidence when discussing the behavior, motivation, or lives of other people.
- Letters to the Editor may not be used as a thank-you, sales pitch, or any type of solicitation. These must apply to paid space.
- Letters should be submitted via

email (MT43News@MT43News.com) in plain text. Please do not attach any files.

- Headlines and bylines will be determined by the Editor at the editor's sole discretion.

Political Letters and Editorials
Political candidates are allowed to submit one biographical article during an election year. Additional articles must be paid for or they will be considered only as space allows.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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



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.

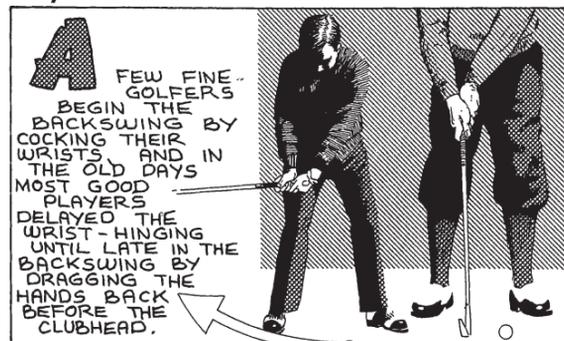
The proposed amendments are posted on the Broadwater County website at www.broadwatercountymt.com. Written comments are also being accepted.

Broadwater County Planning Board.

Published March 22, March 29 and April 5, 2024

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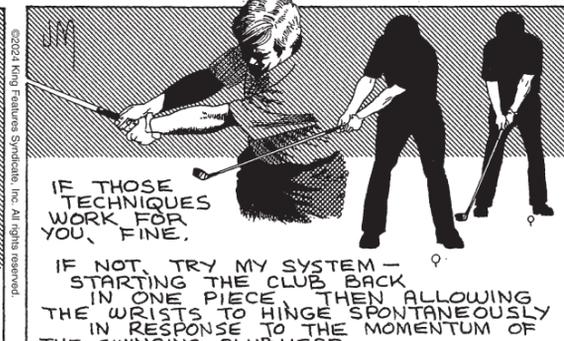
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Neck opening of undershirt is lower. 3. Pocket is different. 4. Cabinet door is wider. 5. Bottle on counter is moved. 6. Watch is added.





Friday, March 22

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott's courtroom on Friday, March 22 is as follows:

Daniel Rowe had a Scheduling Conference. His appeals case came back from the Supreme Court, saying he should be re-tried. His Omnibus is due on May 25; Pre-Trial is set for July 26; with Jury Trial scheduled for August 19.

Jon Thompson had his Jury Trial vacated; the victim (his wife) has passed away from an unrelated illness.

Jeremiah Howe had his Pre-Trial Conference. His Jury Trial will commence on April 8.

Kyler Stewart had his Petition to Revoke continued until May 24.

Justin Henderson had his Pre-Trial Conference continued until March 29.

Ashley Collins had her Pre-Trial Conference continued until April 19.

Everett Mierow's new dates are set; in anticipation of a Change of Plea on a 'global' disposition. Pre-Trial is set for July 26; with the Jury Trial scheduled for August 19.

Margaret Austin had her Sentencing continued until May 24.

Paul Creason was scheduled for Sentencing; although he was not in the courtroom. An arrest warrant is issued. There stands a \$15,000 bond.

Kale Murgel had his Sentencing continued until he could be in court. He will be sentenced on April 26.

Julie Humphries had a Sentencing on a charge of Guilty but mentally ill to two charges of criminal endangerment. She is Sentenced to Ct 1) Seven years DPHHS care, with four suspended. Ct 2) 10 years with five suspended to DPHHS care. There is a stay of Sentence execution of 90 days; in the hopes of her bed date at Galen/Warm Springs within that time period. She must check in to the County Attorney's office or BCSO twice a month until further notice. She must abide by all conditions as amended by the court.

Water Rates, 1

Rauser said the city's engineering firm hoped to have the revised estimates by the end of March. She added that she would advise the council to move forward with rate adjustments as soon as practicable.

Lacking final numbers, the council did not take action on rate changes on March 20. However, it is likely they will revisit the issue at the April 2 meeting.

Also at the March 19 council meeting:

- Al Christopherson of the Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) presented a survey of Broadwater County trails, including those in and around Townsend. Through the mapping process, BCDC was able to identify a set of priorities for development, both for the county and city.

"This is a first shot at getting Townsend connected as a (transportation) system," Christopherson said.

The goal for the work is to create a master trails plan, tied to existing county master plans, including those for the fairgrounds and Silos area, Christopherson said.

While "trails" might imply recreational use, Christopherson said that when it came to trails in Townsend, the group looked at federal grants, particularly those related to access to critical infrastructure, including government, business, health care, schools, and evacuation centers.

As part of the process, Christopherson said he "inventoried all the sidewalks in Townsend. I can tell you there aren't many that go east and west."

That becomes a problem in the event of a disaster requiring the community's evacuation. The nearest evacuation center is at the Townsend Fairgrounds, which has no accessible pedestrian or bike route currently.

Sidewalks themselves were a central question for council members. Howick asked if Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance for sidewalks was included or planned in the review, as ADA does not allow for bicycles to be used on compliant sidewalks.

Christopherson responded that compliance was something to be looked at in a finalized plan.

Council members also inquired about the costs of installing and maintaining sidewalks, as current ordinances require

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Ross Stokes, Bozeman: restricted speed \$65.00
- Robin Schauers, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00
- Stacie Loppie, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Nicholas Lancette, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Dylan Hankinson, Helena: night speed \$70.00
- Richard Wagner, Fountain Valley, CA: night speed \$70.00
- Lindsey Wooten, Great Falls: restricted speed \$55.00
- Madelyn Tesoro, Three Forks: night speed \$20.00
- Jubilee Stearns, Butte: night speed \$120.00
- Zachary Stravitz, Helena: night speed \$20.00
- Thaddeus St. Clair, Boulder: day speed \$120.00
- Erick Ramirez-Diaz, Pasco, WA: day speed \$20.00
- Robert Oconnell, Townsend: careless driving \$85.00
- Sydney Miller, Billings: fail to drive to right of roadway except passing \$85.00
- Cameron Martin, Townsend: day speed \$120.00
- Samuel Mcgee, Forest Grove, OR: night speed \$20.00
- Xue Jing, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
- Kaylee Hauer, East Helena: night speed \$120.00
- Curtis Edlin, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Abigail Dronen, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Jana Christensen, Conrad: day speed \$20.00
- Bridger Boedecker, Boise, ID: day speed \$70.00
- Tyler Ball, San Francisco, CA: night speed \$70.00
- Timothy Bakken, Helena: night speed \$70.00
- Zebediah Adams, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Chalis Tompers – Butte – careless driving, plead guilty, \$45.00 fines and fees and \$1750.00 restitution.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Austin Richard – East Helena – operate vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.02% BAC under 21 years of age-1st offense, plead guilty, \$535.00 fines and fees all but \$185.00 suspended for a period of six months on conditions, enroll and complete Act program.

Bridger Eirich – Townsend – day speed, plead guilty, \$200.00 fine; restricted speed, plead guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees; no motorcycle endorsement, plead guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees; reckless driving, plead guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all but thirty days suspended, \$285.00 fines and fees; fleeing from or eluding peace officer, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but thirty days suspended on conditions, \$575.00 fines and fees; sentences to be run consecutively giving the Court jurisdiction for eighteen months.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Cole Werdal, Choteau: day speed \$70.00
- Joshua Warren, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
- Joshua Reese, Helena: night speed \$70.00
- Tara Radosevich, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
- Jesse Gardner, Corvallis: expired registration \$85.00
- Mark Carpenter, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Garnet Pirre, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Austin Hayes, Helena: night speed \$20.00

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7 am to 5 pm daily

homeowners to be responsible for maintenance. Sidewalk maintenance has been sporadic at best outside of the city's main streets.

Christopherson noted that his group has discussed the possibility of developing endowments for maintenance, adding, "There are answers to do that".

A preliminary list of priorities also includes improving the trail to and from Indian Creek Road Campground, specifically adding a pedestrian river crossing; the six-mile loop on Centerville Road; trails in the Silos area; access to Copper City; and city trails for Townsend.

Christopherson said he would be presenting the survey to several groups before BCDC proceeds with planning, including speaking to county Disaster and Emergency Services, the Broadwater County Commission, and the Prickly Pear Land Trust.

- Owners of the FishTale and Commercial Bar presented an application to close Broadway between Front Street and Spruce for their annual Broadway Block Party, on July 13. The party would begin two hours earlier than last year's event, at 2 p.m., ending an hour earlier, at 1 a.m. After hearing comments from council members Howick and Angie Wintrow that neighboring businesses had not had the opportunity to provide feedback to the sponsors regarding changes to the closure proposal, the council asked the proposal be revised and brought to a later meeting with proof of support from affected business owners.

- Bob Ducker of River Oaks Communications spoke to the council via Zoom about considerations for putting telecommunications franchise ordinances in place for telecom providers using the city's existing right-of-ways and infrastructure for cable lines or other uses. The presentation positioned River Oaks as a potential contractor for negotiating with telecommunications providers in developing any ordinances. The firm would work with City Attorney Peter Simon, leveraging River Oaks' experience in telecommunications law and existing relationships with large telecommunications providers to develop ordinances.

With the county's population continuing to grow as well as existing recreational draws, "There's going to come a point when capacity is going to be maxed," Ducher said. "Planning

ahead for telecommunications companies to expand capacity is "proactive, not reactive."

Developing franchise ordinances should be a "collegial" process, Ducher continued. Franchise ordinances generally include compensation for the use of city right-of-ways and infrastructure.

Mayor Vickie Rauser asked about using a model ordinance from another community instead of going to the expense of hiring counsel.

Ducher noted that, while the council could do that and might find ordinances that met Townsend's needs, the risks of that approach include finding the right model in the first place and ensuring that telecommunications law hasn't changed since it was written. While federal law surrounding cable franchises is fairly settled, Ducher said. Those surrounding telecommunications and internet providers are "really in a state of flux".

"How common is it to have a consortium between a county and a city?" Howick asked.

"It would be ideal," Ducher replied.

Wintrow asked if ordinances could be applied to providers if the cable has already been laid in the city right-of-way.

Ducher indicated that ordinances could not be applied retroactively. However, the city might be in a position to negotiate an agreement with that provider, should there be another provider who wants to compete in the market.

City Attorney Simon will continue to work on the franchise ordinances, and the council took no action on River Oaks' informational presentation.

- The council received five applications for the open position of City Pool Manager. Interviews were planned to be held March 22-25. In order to open the pool, a manager would need to be in place by mid-April.

- Townsend Tree Board member Patrick Plantenberg updated the council regarding the hire of an independent contractor to water city trees. The council approved a contract for Teri Blahnik, who has maintained the city's trees for the past several years. Plantenberg noted that Blahnik's work could begin as early as the end of March, depending on the weather.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Q equals F

WQRGM RNG HWVGXZR XVXSJKR
QJZJKNGE EJSSJZS FH RNWR
IWFVWPVG QXKKJV, NG SWIG
JR RNG PMFKN-XQQ.

KNIGHT MOVES

H	A	E
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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.

"You never used to take me here before we were _____."

SCRAMBLERS

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

- Placid **SNEERE**
- Meld **LEMING**
- Save **TRAINE**
- Block **HERDIN**

TODAY'S WORD

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 3/29 Light Wintry Mix 46° 30° * 0 in ⇒ 4 10 mph	Sat 3/30 Light Wintry Mix 43° 29° ● 37% ⇒ 6 15 mph	Sun 3/31 Light Snow 42° 27° ● 46% ⇒ 8 18 mph	Mon 4/01 Mostly Clear 51° 33° ● 23% ⇒ 7 16 mph	Tue 4/02 Mostly Clear 59° 40° ● 9% ⇒ 7 21 mph
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Precipitation:

October: 0.76"	November 0.398"
December: 0.08"	January: 0.047"
February 0.291"	March 0.209"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 0.547"



Townsend Youth Baseball

John Biele
Townsend Youth Baseball

Good morning! Townsend Youth Baseball wanted to get the word out about Townsend Broadwater High School approving High School Baseball for the 2025 season.

The league has to raise \$20k by July 31st. If you wish to donate to the start-up costs please send your donation to Townsend Youth Baseball attn: High School Baseball Box 975 Townsend, MT 59644. We are a 501C3 and can provide I9 information if needed.

For further questions please don't hesitate to reach out to TYBB President Todd Beatty at 406-490-1361 or Vice President John Biele at 406-491-0986.

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

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Is worthy of
- 9 Ice cream shop treats
- 15 Glaringly sensational
- 20 Clear out of
- 21 Riga's land
- 22 "Naaja" title role player
- 23 Löwensohn
- 25 Fuzz-covered
- 26 Royal
- 27 Inflated head
- 28 Glimpse
- 29 Urge (on)
- 31 It may contain coffee
- 32 — -cone (icy treat)
- 33 More of the riddle
- 38 Chess pieces, e.g.
- 39 Seating tier
- 40 Officer led by
- 41 Equilibrium
- 45 Urge on
- 49 Novelist — Stanley Gardner
- 51 More of the riddle
- 57 Pipe bend
- 58 Prefix with byte

DOWN

- 1 Office fixtures
- 2 Aquafina rival
- 3 — Domingo
- 4 Nero's "Lo!"

ACROSS

- 59 Mardi — (Big Easy bash)
- 60 Hi-tech special FX
- 61 — -rock (music genre)
- 62 — Blu Dipinto di Blu" (1958 hit song)
- 63 Q-tips, e.g.
- 65 Jockeys' garb
- 67 Like Mass officials
- 69 More of the riddle
- 73 Really hungry
- 76 Really high
- 77 Twangy, as a voice
- 81 Yes, to Sartre
- 82 U.S. immigrants' course
- 83 "Gross!"
- 84 Cookbook qlys.
- 87 Subdue with a stun gun
- 88 And the rest: Abbr.
- 89 More of the riddle
- 93 Departs
- 95 "Ad — per aspera"
- 96 Wash and iron
- 97 Attempt to convey

DOWN

- 101 Stephen of "Ondine"
- 104 Hypothetical cases
- 105 End of the riddle
- 110 Cloaked
- 113 Inferior mag
- 114 Tiki bar necklace
- 115 Ending for pay or plug
- 116 Response to "Are you?"
- 117 Roseanne of "Roseanne"
- 118 — Gold" (1997 Peter Fonda film)
- 120 Riddle's answer
- 125 Pasta variety
- 126 — Alex (2005 Belmont Stakes winner)
- 127 Pupil-dilating alkaloid
- 128 Comic Johnson and Angels owner
- 129 Puts it forth as fact
- 130 Tailor

ACROSS

- 5 Regret
- 6 Jumbo tub
- 7 Early anesthetic
- 8 Pete of folk music
- 9 St. Pete loc.
- 10 Ranch rope
- 11 River romper
- 12 With — to (in hopes of)
- 13 It may contain coffee
- 14 Most wise
- 15 Running time
- 16 Ending with form
- 17 Undertow
- 18 Alongside each other
- 19 "Tell It to My Heart" singer
- 24 Chanel of perfumery
- 30 Wildebeest
- 33 Fender flaw
- 34 Disguised, for short
- 35 Small branch
- 36 German for "everyone"
- 37 Be litigious
- 38 Ghastly
- 41 Tiny pieces
- 42 Some
- 43 "The Practice" co-star — Flynn Boyle

DOWN

- 44 Blunder
- 46 Dirt-digging journalist
- 47 Hog haven
- 48 — tu" (Verdi aria)
- 50 — May (one of TV's Clampetts)
- 52 Ship poles
- 53 "Dream on!"
- 54 Deform
- 55 Et — (and others)
- 56 Unyielding
- 64 Muscle power
- 66 Like plunging necklines
- 67 Rival of Coke
- 68 Lipitor and Zocor, e.g.
- 70 "Jiminy!"
- 71 Luau dance
- 72 Jabba the —
- 73 Filmmaker Nicolas
- 74 Salesperson in a car lot
- 75 Deputy ruler
- 78 Anti-DUI gp.
- 79 Tennis great Arthur
- 80 Look of lust
- 83 Mensa stats
- 85 D.C. VIP
- 86 Slowpoke
- 90 Jacques of French film

DOWN

- 91 Delhi dress
- 92 Beer on "The Simpsons"
- 94 Test, as tea
- 98 Triple-time dances, in Paris
- 99 Ending for Siam or Milan
- 100 Big Japanese dogs
- 102 Kuwaiti ruler
- 103 Yoga poses
- 105 Big-band drummer Gene
- 106 In a high-minded manner
- 107 Singers' clubs
- 108 19th U.S. president
- 109 Overlay it
- 110 Custom
- 111 "Fame" singer Cara
- 112 Hair salon fixture
- 117 Conks
- 119 Ethyl ender
- 121 Out — job
- 122 Western tribe
- 123 Song syllable
- 124 "Splash" co-star Hanks

Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod
 301 N Cherry St. Townsend
 Council President Margie 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
APRIL 1 - APRIL 5
516 2nd Street, Townsend MT
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Monday, April 1
 Baked Ham
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Garden Peas
 Whole Grain Bread
 Baked Apples
 Desert

Tuesday, April 2
 Beef Tacos
 Cheese and Sour Cream
 Lettuce and Tomato
 Mexican Corn and Beans
 Zesty Pineapple

Wednesday, April 3
 Baked Chicken
 Rice Pilaf
 Steamed Carrots
 Dinner Salad
 Blushing Pears

Whole Grain Bread
Thursday, April 4
 Carol's Meat Loaf
 Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
 Garden Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Plump Peaches

Friday, April 5
 Deli Sandwich
 Potato Salad
 Pickled Beets
 Fruit Cocktail

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.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

JAMES 1:5,6

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Broadwater High School May Field Baseball Team in 2025

Linda Kent
 MT43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend Schools Board of Trustees gave conditional approval to adding boys baseball as a high school sport during the board's March 12 meeting in a 3-2 vote.

The caveat? Supporters must raise \$20,000 toward start-up costs for the program by July 31.

If the funding goal is met, trustees will contribute an additional \$10,000 for the first year, continuing the program beyond 2025 if it proves both popular and successful.

Trustees and administration agreed that the request to add the program comes at a time when the district is already facing tight budgets, with tighter financial circumstances expected as federal money related to COVID relief is no longer available.

When asked by board member Vanessa Flynn whether next year's budget could absorb the \$10,000 commitment, Superintendent Susie Hedalen replied, "It would require some shuffling. It depends on [certified and classified staff] contract negotiations. Something else might have to give."

"I don't want to commit to something we can't cover," Flynn said.

Board Vice Chair Chase Ragen, who made the initial and amended motions to add the sport, emphasized that adding baseball would provide another avenue for students to engage in school. He noted that it was not likely to draw students already participating in a spring sport, based on a

student interest survey. Like the remainder of the board, however, he expressed concerns about the financial sustainability of the program. "The concern for me is 2026 and on-going," he said. Later he added, "We're going to face some tough, tough decisions."

Long-term financial concerns were underscored in the board's adoption of an amendment to the initial motion, requiring start-up funds be raised by the group spearheading the request to add the support. In the end, trustees Flynn, Ragen, and Jason Kool voted to add the program, with Board Chair Jason Noyes and Daniel Truesdell voting against.

"I'm forever going to be known as the guy who hates baseball," Noyes said. He emphasized that as a board member, he sees his role as focusing on academic achievement. Broadwater High School students have a broad offering of extra-curricular activities currently, Noyes stated. "And we certainly can't keep adding things to an already strained budget."

Speaking in a separate interview, long-time Townsend Youth Baseball coach and leader Gary Bauman said, as the point person for community members supporting the sport's addition, he's confident the group can meet the \$20,000 goal by the deadline. The group is already forming a steering committee and has a relationship in place with a 501(c)3 non-profit which will receive start-up funds (see sidebar for more information).

Start-up costs include uniforms and equipment, among other items. However, fundraising to meet the costs of offering the program is only an option for one year under Montana High School Association (MHSA) rules.

Bauman said the plan would be for games to be played at McCarthy Field, with practices to be held at a to-be-determined location.

Part of Bauman's confidence that his group will meet their financial goal stems from the number of Townsend-area kids already participating in the youth baseball program, which has 184 participants this year. Those numbers have grown consistently year over year, from 122 participants in 2021 to 141 last year.

By comparison, Manhattan, a larger community and school, has 84 youth baseball participants this year.

The Babe Ruth league team Bauman coaches for the local organization will have about 12 boys ages 13-15 this year. Bauman added that a meeting for current high school students interested in playing next year netted around 24 students. Over the age of 15, boys have limited options to continue playing baseball in the region. The primary option, the Gallatin Valley Outlaws American Legion team in Three Forks, costs \$2,700 for boys to participate, Bauman said.

This spring is the second high school baseball season since MHSA approved the sport. Currently, teams are split into four divisions with no distinctions for school size. Townsend would likely compete in MHSA's Eastern Division for the support, playing against teams from Belgrade, East Helena, Lone Peak, and Columbus, among the six teams currently in the division. With several Class AA schools planning to add the sport next year, MHSA may separate the largest schools into their own competitive division. That determination will be made at a later date.

Rocky's Agency on Aging Visits Townsend Senior Center



Anita Linden and Michele Mathot of Rocky's Agency on Aging Visit the Townsend Sr. Center
 Victor Sample Photo

Victor Sample



On March 19, Michele Mathot and Anita Linden from Rocky's Agency on Aging (RMDC) visited the Townsend Senior Center to discuss topics important to Seniors and how Rocky's Agency on Aging can help.

Over 25 seniors came to the Senior Center for a roast turkey lunch and to visit with Michele and Anita. After a short introduction from Michele, both Anita and Michele had lunch with the Seniors and chatted with them about their concerns and how Rocky could help them with their issues.

After lunch, Michele and Anita stayed afterward answering questions and helping Seniors with questions about Medicare.

Area Agencies on Aging are organizations that share information about local resources and support with people who are aging and their caregivers.

"Area Agency on Aging" is a general term so your local agency may have a different name.

Area Agencies on Aging offer local service information to caregivers at little or no cost. They are often the first place that a caregiver should go to find affordable resources near them.

For more information, visit Rocky's Agency on Aging website at: <https://www.opencaregiving.com/local/rocky-mountain-area-iv-agency-on-aging-helena-mt>

Or call (406) 457-7366

Ambassador of Townsend (ret.)

Dee Gannon



A little fuzzball arrived in Townsend via Spokane on Labor Day, 2010. At just 13 weeks, he easily had everyone's "Aww, so cute," as he rested in Dee's hobo bag. Yep, a 'purse puppy' for sure.

He quickly made a daily route of some of the businesses on Broadway, dragging me around to get treats. The Mint, The Bird's Nest (it was where Broadwater Blooms is now), and Townsend Drug are a few of the places that were kind enough to have a little something for him. I think his favorite, was Cheryl, at the Mint. Scooter not only got a treat every morning, but Cheryl was the first one on his daily route to pet and praise him.

Scooter and I lived above the Mint. It allowed us both to get more exercise and to be in the middle of the business district. I had become a member of many committees; Scooter was always welcome. Even when I would go around trying to solicit for fundraisers; Scooter was his notoriously charming self (could he have been so charming that people gave more?).

He was soon appointed (by popularity) to be a self-proclaimed Ambassador. Everyone who met him loved him. I trained him myself as a service dog; getting certified, with a note confirming the status, by our own Doctor Kathleen Trapp. He was a polite, well-trained, charming dog. He went everywhere with me. And no matter where, he was welcome and loved.



Scooter
Dee Gannon Photo

Because of our location, he would get to use the grass at the gazebo park as his not-so-personal bathroom. Don't despair about dog poo; about once a week, I'd be out there with gloves and bags to clean the entire park. Not as many dog owners were as conscientious as I; especially after car shows, dart or pool league.

Well, in 2017, I took a chance, opening a thrift store in Townsend. Helping Hands Townsend was a hit; and Scooter, being the Shop Dawg, was able to fulfill his dream of retaining the title of Ambassador; only this time in a limited theater; that only encouraged him to get all the attention, even to the little people that would visit. Never ever was he put out by any poking and petting him. He hated to be chased, though. No matter what, he would greet everyone. Scooter was slowing down; living for the treats given by his friends.

In 2019 a man came into our lives. Dann Clason courted both of us; showering us with treats and flowers. You can guess who got which. We accepted Dann into our tribe; Scooter relishing 'lap time' consisting of the boy laying on the foot of Dann's recliner. I also loved this time with Dann. We married, and Scooter became his buddy. Since then, we have had a much more laid-back existence; spending time showing our love to one another. The rest of the world seemed chaotic; but here in our little bungalow, life was good. Dann, Scooter, and I; our own bubble. We loved it that way.

2024 brought news that Scooter had diabetes. The cataracts that blinded him, confused him, made him terrified of moving. We couldn't get his insulin under control. Scooter (McGruder) Gannon-Clason left this world on March 15, 2024, surrounded by his 'parents' giving him love until the lights went out.



Scooter
Dee Gannon Photo

Commissioners to Revise Proposed Procedures, Application for Family Transfer Exemptions

Linda Kent
MT 43 News Staff Reporter

County Commission 03202024

In the face of strong public feedback to proposals to revise the county's family transfer exemption procedures and application, Broadwater County Commissioners decided on March 20 to send the documents back to the drawing board. Revised procedures and a streamlined sub-division application will be reviewed at a later meeting, once feedback has been incorporated.

Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor said her intent in making the initial revisions to the documents was to provide more clarity for those considering requesting an exemption from the county's subdivision process and to reinforce that "the county does have an interest in preventing abuses of the family transfer process".

At issue for many of those who spoke during public comment on the proposed documents was the list of potential questions an applicant might be asked during the application process or when a proposal is brought before the commission. Some of those questions ask about late mortgage payments and delinquency. Applicants would also be required to state under oath that they did not intend to evade subdivision regulations through the transfer process.

The list of questions, as well as their phrasing, "assumes nefarious intentions of doing a family transfer," Beth Ries of Triple R Surveying told the commission. Ries's sentiment was echoed by several of those who commented on the proposed procedure.

Bernadette Swenson of Townsend's Schauber Surveying asked the commission, "Is there a problem with people evading subdivision regulations?" She noted research she had done surrounding changes made to the regulations in 2019 that showed the rarity of property sales after family transfer in Broadwater County. "If someone is trying to evade, then [Montana Code Annotated – state law] allows you to prosecute them."

Commissioner Debi Randolph noted several of the questions "could be seen as personal financial questions" individuals might be uncomfortable answering under oath.

"There is no obligation to answer," Minor explained. "The intent is not to embarrass people but to get a holistic and comprehensive" understanding of the circumstances surrounding the transfer.

"Why are they in there as a baseline for you guys to make a decision" if applicants are not required to answer the questions, Jeff Schritz asked in public comment, also recommending those be removed entirely from the procedure.

"The reason these are here are so people can be prepared for questions that may be asked of them," Commission Chair Darrel Folkvord responded. "If they decline to answer it, that's fine."

Rylan Stahly of Helena-based Stahly and Associates surveying recommended several changes, including a pre-application meeting with the commission to determine if an applicant meets the criteria for an exemption before investing in surveying work and utilizing a sworn affidavit to confirm intent to comply with surrounding laws.

Commenters also raised concerns about the suggestion that applicants seek legal counsel prior to submitting an application for exemption.

"It's very unsettling," Swenson said of the change in the commission's tone toward exceptions in recent years. "No landowner should have to have a lawyer come in for every exemption they want to look into."

"We are not requiring anybody to come here with an attorney," Folkvord said.

"What happens often is that when people come here and they haven't talked to an attorney, they ask our legal department questions," Randolph said. "We cannot provide that." Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer withdrew her original motion to approve the changes to the exemption procedure, pending changes based on public comment. "I think there were really good suggestions," she said. "We're walking a really interesting line with everything that has come down regarding subdivisions and water."

Minor also presented a summary of a revised exemption application, which condenses two existing documents. The revised application would include the option of requesting a pre-application meeting. It also requires that applications be made one parcel at a time for one exemption type.

Commissioners took no action on the revised application, asking that it, too, undergo changes as suggested by public comment before being presented for approval.

Also at the March 20 Meeting:

- Al Christopherson with the Broadwater County Development Corporation's (BCDC's) Trails Committee presented a survey of the county's hike- and bike-able trails and transportation routes. The work excludes existing trail systems on U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land.

The committee's goal is to create and implement a hike-bike master plan for the county that focuses on using existing trails to improve connectivity throughout the county, provide access to critical and emergency services, and offer healthy recreation and educational opportunities. It includes continuing a paddler's trail that currently exists from the Missouri River Headwaters to Toston Dam.

Priorities include a pedestrian way across the Missouri River at Indian Creek Road, Centerville Road from Indian Creek Road Campground to Canton Lane, north Harrison to the Fairgrounds, Townsend to Silos Road, including underpasses; Copper City Road, and Silos Road trail.

Other ideas include digitizing the original Lewis and Clark trail and making it available through Global Information

Commissioners to Revise, 11

County Commissioner's Agenda

Melinda Banks
Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend
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Monday, April 1, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Nick Rauser, Broadwater County Sheriff, Compensation Board Recommendation for Elected Officials

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Jeanine Stone, Rotarian, Request to Place Additional Rotary Shed on County Property on 701 North Cedar

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Susie Hedalen, Townsend School District #1 Superintendent, Termination of Disaster and Emergency Services Interlocal Agreement

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Jessica Erickson, Fair Board Manager, Fair Board By-Laws

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Debbie Kelley, Broadwater County Finance Officer, Insurance Review Committee Recommendations for Insurance Premium Increase

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed and Mosquito Coordinator, Purchase of OEQ A1 Utility Ranger 60 Gallon Tank, Vectobac WDG (25 LB Canister), VLX Vectolex WDG (25 LB Canister); \$13, 948.75

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed and Mosquito Coordinator; Purchase of a New or Used Vehicle less than 10 Years Old and Under 50k Miles up to \$37,500 for Noxious Weed Department

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Parks and Recreation Board Liaison, Recommendation to Pay Lite Electric Invoice #6752 for \$1292.55; For Work on Holloway Park Gazebo Project

10:40 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Parks and Recreation Liaison, \$2000.00 Donation to STROKE from the Parks and Recreation Account; Sod, Bricks, and Sprinkler System Installation at the Skate Park

10:45 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Brady BLR #2 (Building for Lease or Rent) Storage Units (Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 1 East)

10:50 AM Discussion/Decision, Kaylan Minor, Broadwater County Deputy County Attorney, Family Transfer Exemption Claim Procedure

10:55 AM Discussion/Decision, Kaylan Minor, Broadwater County Deputy County Attorney, Updated Subdivision Exemption Claim Application and Application Fee Increase to \$400.00

2:00 PM Discussion, Robert Peccia & Associates, Opening Bids; Broadwater County Airport Rehabilitation & Construction Project

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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- Parks and Recreation Meeting on April 4th at 5:30 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on April 9th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting/Public Hearing on April 9th at 2 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on April 9th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health LAC Meeting on April 10th at 2 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on April 11th at 5:30 PM
- Noxious Weed Meeting on April 16th at 7:00 PM
- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on April 29th at 6:00 PM

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

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

I GET AN OVERWHELMING FEELING THAT IN ABOUT 30 SECONDS I WON'T BE AS HAPPY TO SEE YOU.

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GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner

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"I'll tell you the same thing my father told me. ... Go ask your mother."

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CryptoQuip
answer

After the paleontologist finished digging up that valuable fossil, he gave it the brush-off.

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Serene 2. Mingle;
3. Retain; 4. Hinder

Today's Word
MARRIED

KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

H	A	E
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DAUGHTER

Turn that frown upside-down!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

THERE'S TROUBLE ON THE WIND. EVIL IS AFOOT AND I DON'T LIKE IT.

THERE'S A KIND OF EVIL YOU DON'T LIKE? YES, THE KIND I DON'T CAUSE.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS ENUFF'S FISTICUFFS!
PART 2

AFTER YEARS OF HIS BOXERS LOSING TO POPEYE, PROF. KILPH HAS DECIDED TO USE HIS WEALTH TO RUIN THE SAILOR....

PEOPLE OF SWEETHAVEN, YOUR MAYOR, COME TO YOU WITH GREAT NEWS.

AFTER MEETING WITH SWEETHAVEN'S OWN PROF. KILPH, HE HAS AGREED TO A LEAD A ROLE ON A NEW COMMISSION...

THIS TOWN HAS BECOME TOO VIOLENT! FIGHTING IS AN EPIDEMIC! NO ONE IS SPARED, WHETHER IT'S THE COMMON MAN OR AN INNOCENT BILLIONAIRE.

...COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO ANY DONATION TO MY REELECTION.

BUT AS OF NOW, MAYOR SAPPO HAS EMPOWERED ME TO CRACK DOWN ON IT! FROM NOW ON, ALL FIGHTING IS BANNED!

I DON'T CARE IF IT'S STREET FIGHTS OR BOXING! NO PUNCH 'N' JUDY SHOWS! CARTOON MICE AND CATS MUST GET ALONG! ROBOTS WILL NEITHER ROCK 'EM NOR SOCK 'EM! ALL OF IT IS GONE AND THERE WILL BE HEAVY, HEAVY FINES...

"... WITH SPECIAL PENALTIES FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS."

SEE YOU SOON, POPEYE!

HE LITERALLY HAS A JAIL CELL WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. I KNOWS, WHY KIN'T ME OTHER ENEMIES TRY THAT HARD?

Kids' Maze Solution

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

WOW, MOM IS SURE UPSET WITH ME FOR THE MESS I MADE.

I NEED TO THINK OF SOMETHING TO REALLY DISTRACT HER.

I COULD MAKE HER A CARD OR PICK HER SOME PRETTY FLOWERS.

NAH, WITH ANY LUCK DAD WILL DO SOMETHING AND I'LL BE OFF THE HOOK.

Super Crossword
Answers

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The Spats by Jeff Pickering

JEFFY, YOU SHOULD NEVER TALK TO STRANGERS.

GRANDPA, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT

...I DON'T KNOW ANY STRANGERS.

TIGER by BUD BLAKE

GET THE PHONE, FUNKINHEAD

IT'S HUGO

I'LL CALL HIM BACK. GO LET THE DOG IN

DOGS IN

HE NEEDS TO BE FED

OKAY

ALL FED

HOW 'BOUT GETTING ME AN APPLE

HERE'S YOUR APPLE

CLOSE THE WINDOWS

ALL CLOSED

HOW'S THAT PROGRAM?

BORING!

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

BORIS, YOU WERE AHEAD THREE GAMES IN THE FINAL SET, YET LOST TO FELIPE MARTIN. WHAT HAPPENED?

I LOST MY FOCUS.

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OBITUARY

William James Bird

Jim Bird Family



William James Bird
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William James Bird (Jim), 83, of Townsend, MT, passed away in Helena, MT, on March 14, 2024. Son of William Hoyt Bird and Lucille Bird (Carter), he was born February 2, 1941, in Sydney, MT. Jim was number seven among nine children. They lived in Lambert, MT, until he was six months old, then went on to Kalispell, MT, where he attended and graduated from Kalispell High School in 1960.

After high school, Jim directly enlisted in the Army National Guard and was sent to Fort Sill, OK, for basic training. He served in the National Guard for approximately six years in various areas throughout Montana. He was an artillery crew member in the 154 Artillery where he advanced in rank to Staff-Sergeant. During his time in the service, he served in multiple positions. He loved to tell stories about cooking for the men. He said he was chosen often for KP because "Bird" was at the top of the list. He was a Training Sergeant, a CBR Warfare Specialist, a Sergeant of the Guard, a Squad Leader, a Platoon Sergeant, and an Acting First Sergeant. In 1963, Jim attended the University of Montana in

Missoula, completing three years of study in Wildlife Biology. He continued to study and learn all his life. Jim didn't complete his degree because Montana Fish and Wildlife offered him a position with them as Game Warden, including on-the-job training – starting immediately. Jim was a Game Warden for 29 years, and during that time served as Field Training Officer and Firearms Instructor before retiring. He found he wasn't ready to retire, so worked about three years for the Census Bureau and another ten years at the Helena Federal Reserve, before actually retiring.

Because of his position as Game Warden, Jim moved to Townsend, MT, where, through her father, Paul Hahn, he met Beverly Jean Hahn. They were married on September 13, 1969, in the Hahn Family living room. They purchased and ran a small farm. They were married for 54 years. Their children are Cory Bird and Eric Bird.

Jim loved fishing, hunting, fly-tying, gemstone faceting, gunsmithing, woodworking, hiking, playing softball, basketball, and loved living vicariously through his grandkids in sports and music. He loved children, telling stories, teaching the things he loved to others, and just being a good friend. He was a lover of people.

Jim was a Boy Scout leader, baseball coach, and taught Hunter's Safety courses for thirty years. He was a member of Mountain Valley Church, the Lions Club, and Jaycees.

Jim is survived by his wife, Beverly Bird; sons, Cory Bird (wife, Jennilee Bird) and Eric Bird (wife, Sarah Bird); grandchildren, Emily Bird, Tanner Bird, Tyler Bird, Benaiah Bird, Noelle Bird, Eowyn Bird, and Eva Bird. He is also survived by his sisters, Donnadell Sampson and Patty Keeler (husband, Ray Keeler); as well as numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father William Hoyt Bird; mother-Lucille Bird; siblings Eugene Bird, Carol Searle, Marilyn Meyers, Robert Bird, Theodore Bird, and Michael Bird.

A memorial service was held on March 23, 2024, at Mountain Valley Church in Townsend, MT with over 200 friends and family celebrating his life.



The Bird Family left to right: Eric (son) Jim, Bev (wife) and Cory (son)
 Contributed by Bird Family

Commissioners to Revise, 9

System (GIS) feeds, so even boaters on the lake could see where they're at in relation to the trail.

Next steps for the committee include researching grants, developing memoranda of understanding, and finding funding for priority projects, as well as funding for the long-term maintenance of trails throughout the county.

- County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulson gave official notice that, since fewer than three candidates filed Broadwater County Commission District 3 and Broadwater County Clerk of Court, those races would appear only on the November 5 general election ballot. Incumbent Darrel Folkvord and candidate Jesse Swenson filed for commission district three. Audrey Plymale and Kelsi Anderson filed for the open clerk of courts position.
- Representative Jane Gillette informed the commission about a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Survey available on the Montana Department of Commerce website. The survey allows communities the opportunity to provide feedback on how HUD funds are used in the community.
- County Public Works Director T.J. Graveley spoke to the commission about items not accepted at county dump and transfer sites. These include oil, which can be recycled at locations in Helena, and paint, which can only be accepted as a solid. Responding to a question from Randolph, Graveley also said hours at the Cedar St. and Winston stations may be extended in early April.
- A Parks and Recreation board member summarized an email from board president Lacey Forrey to the commission. The committee meets with Great West Engineering on April 4 to begin scoping a master parks and recreation plan. Areas to be reviewed include Centerville, the golf course, and the acreage around Connors Field. The initial meeting hopes to lead to a cost for those priorities.

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March 28

1912

Doings of a Week

C.V. Flynn, one of Toston's progressive farmers, was a business visitor in the county seat Monday.

Fairfax McCarthy returned Wednesday from a business trip to Livingston.

County commissioner Hugh Broderick of Johnson was in Townsend Wednesday.

Chas. B. Cotter and John Graveley, respectively state committeeman and county chairman of the republican clans, were in the capital city Saturday attending a meeting of the republican state committee.

The new hose cart, recently purchased by the fire department, arrived Friday and is ready for commission at the next call of a fire alarm.

Mrs. C.W. Smith returned Wednesday from California where she accompanied the doctor some weeks ago. Her many friends are glad to see her again in Townsend social circles.

1940

Radersburg News

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sullivan of Butte spent Easter Sunday in Radersburg visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and daughter, Roberta Ann, also with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doughty and Miss Betty.

Supt Mrs. Edith B. Fox of Townsend was a business visitor in Radersburg one day this week.

A beautiful Easter program was well given by the school children of Radersburg with Mrs. Pete Mosier as director. The stage was all set with flowers and ferns and right after Sunday school, the Rev. E.J. Mills of Townsend delivered an Easter sermon and baptized five children: Arlene Collins, Ronald, Barbara and Norma Barraugh and Helen Bommer, all of Radersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Roberts and son, Hugh, were visitors in Townsend Sunday evening.

Mrs. Willis Hossfeld and son, Billie, of Radersburg

accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dundas and family of the valley and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tally Jenkins and son of Three Forks to spend Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McGowan and family in Boulder.

1968

Debbie Clark Wins Beef Cook Off Contest

The annual Beef Cook Off, sponsored by the Broadwater County CowBelles was held Friday. First place winner was Debbie Clark of Toston with "Italian Spaghetti Supreme". Second place went to Fonda Myles, "Dan's Sweet and Sour Meatballs", and third place went to Diana Gabisch with "Mexican Meat Loaf". Judges for the cook off were Mrs. Herman Moudree and Ron Remick. Debbie will go to the district cook-off in Butte the first part of April.

Following the cook off members held a spaghetti supper for their husbands and guests in the multipurpose room.

Bob's Superette donated a door prize.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gravage and children of Livingston were weekend guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax McCarthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Heberle and daughter, Jamie, were weekend visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Heberle.

Misses Phyllis and Edwina Neild left Saturday evening by plane for Hawaii where they will visit Gary Kaul, who is stationed at Schofield Barracks with the U.S. Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Marks, Kevin and Rhonda of Garrison were guests over the weekend of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Marks. Robbie Marks who has been visiting the past six weeks with his grandparents returned home with his family. Jerry Marks returned Monday to Montana State University in Bozeman where he is a senior, after enjoying the spring break here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riis of Winston visited one day

this week with Annie Bisby.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hooks have returned after enjoying several days last week in Las Vegas where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anders of Apple Valley, Calif.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Sprout were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore of Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Stevens of Great Falls.

Jim Weinzelt of Billings, student at Western Montana College in Dillon, was visiting friends in town over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Poe and Mrs. Torbett Hensley flew to Richland Sunday with Don Cazier to visit the Poe's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fuchs and to get acquainted with their new granddaughter. It was also the Poe's 28th wedding anniversary and Mrs. Poe said, "and we were still up in the air".

Notice: Anyone wishing to donate eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13, are reminded to take the boiled eggs to the home of Mrs. Dan Sullivan. Sponsors are hoping to achieve a goal of 60 dozen eggs.

1996

"Around Town News" by Mary Pat Martin

Tuesday visitors with Ray and Betty Horne were Carol Dees and Randy Walker, Helena and Clancy Spurlock, Townsend.

Quinn Urich was an overnight guest Friday of Valerie and Dave Middlemas and daughter, Charity.

Nine-year-old Joshua Ross and his friend, Alan, Belgrade, enjoyed traveling by bus to Townsend last week to spend a few days visiting grandma and grandpa, Pat and Carmen Ross.

Curtis and Susan Spatzierath and Melissa hosted a birthday party over the weekend for son, Daniel's, 13th birthday. J.R. Middlemas spent Thursday through Sunday with the family and they all enjoyed roller-skating in Helena on Saturday, Happy birthday, Daniel.

Jean Johnson, Marion Cass, Pearl Barraugh and Tops Ralls were among the many on hand recently to help Lovinnie Sperry celebrate her 97th birthday at the Methodist Church.

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APRIL 12-13



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Weekend Dance Well Attended

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Fans, groupies and Townsend people who like to dance gathered Saturday night to enjoy the music of Helena's Queen City Swing Dance Band. The nine-person band kept couples moving to polkas, waltzes and jitterbug dances throughout the evening.

Queen City Swing Band is sponsored by Broadwater Community Theater (BCT). The group will

be playing at the Lodge throughout the year. Their fans and followers came from Butte, Deer Lodge and Helena, complete with dancing shoes, to enjoy the two hours of dancing. During the evening, Townsend couples who were a little shy, and new to various dance steps, watched the professionals. As the evening progressed, several of the good dancers reached out to teach those interested in learning new dances.

Plans are in the works to incorporate a dance class

for beginners into the program, according to BCT board member and coordinator Carla Amundson.

BCT has been actively seeking sponsorships and memberships for the 2024 year of activities. Included in the events will be the Missoula Children's Theater in May, a children's play during the summer and the gala Christmas dinner and play. BCT also supports two scholarships each year for Townsend school students to attend the Grand Street Theatre summer camp scheduled for July.



Followers of Queen City Swing step out to jitterbug music Saturday night.
Nancy Marks Photo



Jeanette Miller and Gary Campbell enjoy waltzing to the Queen City Swing Band at The Lodge.
Nancy Marks Photo