

Heritage Park Perfect Place for Easter Egg Hunt

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The annual Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt location turned out to be perfect. Organizer Della Chatriand herded several hundred kids and their parents on Saturday to pick up 1,425 eggs at Heritage Park.



Mothers and fathers practice with their excited 2 and 3-year-olds how to grab an Easter Egg Saturday at Heritage Park. Nancy Marks Photo.

“This (Heritage Park) is so much better,” Della remarked, “We have room to spread out the age groups and we don’t have to worry about little kids running between cars on Broadway.”

Historically the hunt took place at Memorial Park across from the Court House. Both the Court House and Memorial Park lawns would be covered with eggs. Last year an incident took place where a small child ran out between two cars to hunt on the other side of Broadway. Fortunately, the Fire Department had the street blocked off. This year, the hunt took place on the roomy lawn of Heritage Park with Pine Street blocked off by the fire trucks. Children had no need to cross the street.

Townsend Lions’ Club began hosting the hunt in 1982, according to Della, who has been organizing the



Two-year-old Sage Rowe shows proudly shows her first egg grab to her mom, Kinsey Anderson(not shown). Nancy Marks Photo



Two local bunnies came in from a nearby farm to pose for pictures at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. Pictured Kennedy and Josie Wilkerson, ages 10 and 7 along with Lydia Schwope, age 5. Nancy Marks Photo

community service event for 10 years. She noted the changes in the event.

Fourteen Lions Club members and helpers work to fill plastic eggs with prizes and candy. In the past, the service group boiled and dyed over 1,000 eggs.

Townsend Schools Principal Christina Hartmann who was enjoying the event from the sidelines, noted the changes in family dynamics. Originally fathers and mothers stood by while 3-year-olds rushed out at the

sound of the bell, then stood helplessly crying, while one 3-year-old scooped up most of the eggs. Now fathers and mothers go out to help their little ones retrieve eggs. When each child has a few eggs, the parents remind them: “Leave some for someone else.”

Della said she would like to thank all the people who worked on making the event such a success. She would also like to thank members of the Townsend Fire Department for helping keep everyone safe.

Boy's Science Fair Project Delivers Surprise Results

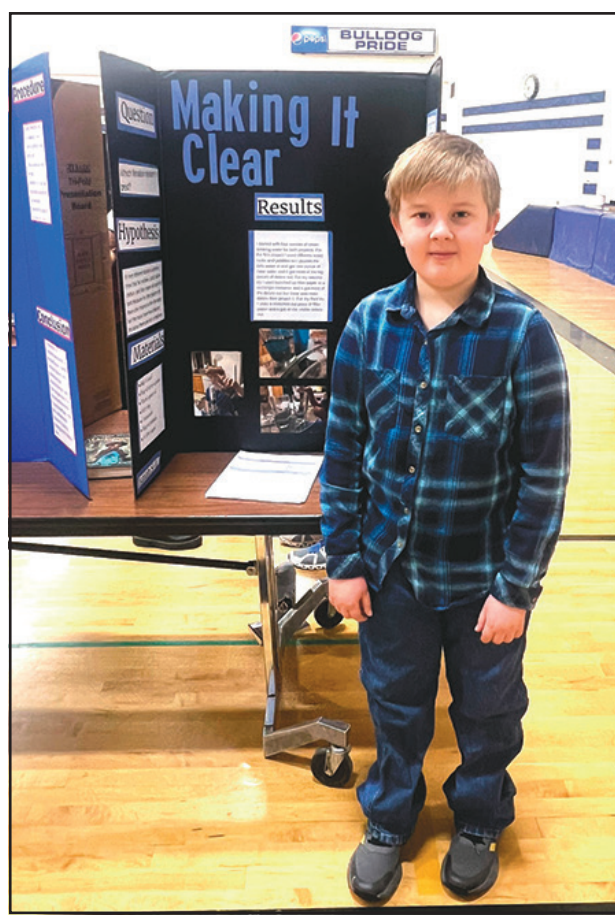
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A 12-year-old Townsend school boy’s science project has triggered special monitoring for arsenic in the city’s water supply.

It all started as a simple experiment on water that sixth grader Isaiah Lowry drew from a school drinking fountain. His experiment started with the hypothesis that water filtered through filter paper and sand and rocks would do a better job of purification than water filtered only through filter paper.

Sure enough. His hypothesis was correct, and Isaiah, a Winston resident, was awarded 38 points out of a possible 40 by the science fair judges.

Isaiah’s samples were tested by the State Department of Health’s environmental laboratory in Helena. Surprisingly, they found an elevated level of arsenic contamination. Arsenic was measured at 10 parts per billion, which the State Department of Environmental Quality said is the maximum allowed by federal standards for drinking water.



Isaiah Lowry shown with his science project at Townsend Elementary School Science Fair March 6. Photo Provided by Family

In an e-mail letter to Mt43 News, DEQ Public Policy Director Rebecca Harbage said, “Repeat samplings at the fountain and at the water source confirmed this detection.” It continued, “At this time, the water does not exceed drinking water standards for arsenic. Therefore, there is no required action for the public water system to reduce arsenic levels.”

Harbage noted that the school is on the Townsend public water system and said that “historically, sampling for arsenic at this water system has not exceeded the drinking water standard. Due to decades of samples below the standard, the system is currently required to sample every three years.” But “out of an abundance

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Headwaters Rest Area to Open

Natalie Stout

Public Involvement Specialist, MDT

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is excited to announce the opening of the Headwaters Rest Area near Three Forks at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 5.

The new rest area is located on US Highway 287 (US 287) near the Interstate 90 (I-90) interchange. It includes modern design features, safety enhancements, and a Law Enforcement Office that will be available for use by the Broadwater County Sheriff, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP), and MDT Motor Carrier Services (MCS).

“MDT appreciates the public's patience as this project took longer than expected,” said MDT Interim Director Larry Flynn. “This has been a long process. We look forward to opening the Headwaters Rest Area to better serve the needs of the traveling public.”

The public is encouraged to contact acting Public Information Officer Kim Vietz at 406-444-6821 with questions or comments about the project.

About MDT:

We are B.U.I.L.D.E.R.S. At MDT, our mission is to plan, build, operate, and maintain a safe and resilient transportation infrastructure to move Montana forward by setting the gold standard for a highly effective, innovative, and people-centric department of transportation. For more information about MDT and the work we do on behalf of Montana's traveling public, visit <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/>.

Bulldog Track Team

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The Broadwater Bulldogs traveled to Frenchtown for the first track meet of the young season on Thursday, March 28th. They were met by seven Class A, seven Class B and nine Class C schools, as well as weather from all four seasons. Each event had a junior varsity and varsity competition, which made for lots of heats and fewer limitations on team entries in events.

The Varsity Lady Bulldogs placed third as a team with 89 points behind Hamilton and Havre, while the JV team notched 15 points. Leading the way for the Bulldogs was senior Havyn Vandenacre winning both the 100-meter hurdles and the javelin throw, while also placing 2nd, 6th and 8th in the 300-meter hurdles, 200-meter dash and 100-meter dash, respectively. Sophomore Kaitlyn Noyes won the triple jump while also placing 4th, 5th and 9th in the high jump, long jump and 100-meter dash, respectively. Freshman Kyla Meissner followed up her inaugural cross-country season with a win in the 3200-meter (2 mile) and finished 4th in the 1600 (1 mile). Fellow freshman Jordyn Pittman had a successful start to her high school track career in the JV runs, placing 3rd and 5th in the 800-meter and 1600-meter runs.



Kaitlyn Noyes wins the triple jump while Kyla Meissner took first in the 3200 at the Frenchtown Invitational. Photos Provided to MT 43 News

100-meter dash: 8th Havyn Vandenacre 13.53, 9th Kaitlyn Noyes 13.57, Reese Wolfgram 14.28, Amanda Pesicka 14.65, Emily Taves 15.97, Sarah Morgan 16.43 and Scarlett McDaniel 16.70. 200-meter dash: 6th Havyn Vandenacre 27.49, Sarah Morgan 34.92 and Scarlett McDaniel 36.08. 400-meter dash: Scarlett McDaniel 1:23 and Sarah Morgan 1:24. 800-meter run: 3rd JV Jordyn Pittman 3:02 and Shalyn Sentinella 3:34. 1600-meter run: 4th Kyla Meissner 5:35, 10th Kaelyn Sangray 6:07, 5th JV Jordyn Pittman 6:52, Shalyn Sentinella 7:57 and Ashley Sanderson 10:04. 3200-meter run: 1st Kyla Meissner 12:08 and 7th Kaelyn Sangray 13:08.

The hurdle races are where the Lady Bulldogs show their speed, agility and depth placing all three Varsity

hurlers in the top 10 at both distances.

Joining Havyn are sophomores Holly Newman and Emmalin Fischer. 100-meter hurdles: 1st Havyn Vandenacre 16:12, 7th Holly Newman 18:39 and 8th Emmalin Fischer 18.48. 300-meter hurdles: 2nd Havyn Vandenacre 47.42, 4th Holly Newman and 8th Emmalin Fischer 55.91.

The core of the ladies' throwing squad are juniors Jazlyn and Karsyn and senior Berlin, with Jazlyn notching 7th place in the discus. It was all seniors in the javelin with Havyn and Luci bringing home 1st and 7th place marks in the varsity javelin and Berlin with a 4th finish in the JV. Shot Put: Jazlyn Martin 25'6", Berlin Korr 21'10" and Karsyn Sangray 21'4". Discus: 7th Jazlyn Martin 101'7", Karsyn Sangray 57'7" and Berlin Korr 53'0". Javelin: 1st Havyn Vandenacre 127'11", 7th Luci Horne 95'6", Jazlyn Martin 69'7", Karsyn Sangray 56'8" and 4th JV Berlin Korr 55'11".

Rounding out the field events are the jumps. In addition to Kaitlyn's finishes, Reese Wolfgram marked a third-place finish in the triple jump. High Jump: 4th Kaitlyn Noyes 4'8". Long Jump: 5th Kaitlyn Noyes 15'9.5", Holly Newman 14'1.5", Reese Wolfgram 14'.25", Emmalin Fischer 12'10.5", Luci Horne 12'6" and Emily Taves 11'4". Triple Jump: 1st Kaitlyn Noyes 33'11.5", 3rd Reese Wolfgram 32'7", Holly Newman 30'0", Emmalin Fischer 28'9.5" and Luci Horne 27'1.5".

The men's varsity scored a total of 26 points for 10th place overall as a team. They were led by junior Deegan Mattson who finished 3rd in the 100-meter hurdles and 7th in the 200-meter dash. Also impressive for the Bulldogs was sophomore Marek Easter with his 4th place in the 400-meter dash and freshmen Jim Tew and Tavyn Anderson placing in both hurdle distances.

100-meter dash: Deegan Mattson 11.99, Colt Bernard 12.67, Logan Johnson 13.37, and Gavin Greene 15.44. 200-meter dash: 7th Deegan Mattson 24.80, Marek Easter 25.67, and Logan Johnson 27.49. 400-meter dash: 4th Marek Easter 55.91. 800-meter run: Gavin Greene 2.39 and Max Sellay 2:42. 1600-meter run: Nolan Flynn 5:08, Rylan Hoveland 5:30 and Max Sellay 5:44. 3200-meter run: Noland Flynn 11:28.

Again, it was the hurdle races where the Bulldogs showed their depth. Deegan was joined by a pair of freshmen speedsters, Jim Tew and Tavyn Anderson, who both placed in the top 10 at both distances. 110-meter hurdles: 3rd Deegan Mattson 17.64, 4th Jim Tew 18.59



Havyn Vandenacre celebrates throwing her personal best of 127'11" on her way to winning the javelin competition on Thursday. Photos Provided to MT 43 News

and 8th Tavyn Anderson 20.09. 300-meter hurdles: 4th Tavyn Anderson 49.88 and 7th Jim Tew 50.64.

The largest contingent on either squad is the group of male Bulldog throwers. Shot Put: Gavin Schmele 39'3", Tanner Bird 27'11", Aidan Kitto 27'4", Trace Giomi 27'0", Crieghton Wright 21'10" and Cooper Hines 19'2". Discus: Gavin Schmele 112'0", Tanner Bird 86'9", Trace Giomi 85'6", Crieghton Wright 81'3", Cooper Hines 78'0" and Tyson Giomi 76'9". Javelin: Marek Easter 121'4", Tanner Bird 96'1", Pat Gossard 84'8", Aidan Kitto 80'4.5", Trace Giomi 77'11", Cooper Hines 52'10" and Crieghton Wright 50'9".

The jumpers for the men's team are all freshmen and sophomores, with Gavin Green earning points for the JV team placing 4th in the triple jump. Long Jump: Jim Tew 18'3", Tavyn Anderson 17'11", Marek Easter 17'11", Logan Johnson 15'3" and Gavin Greene 14'2". Triple Jump: 4th JV Gavin Greene 31'4".

Neither Bulldog team had a long relay, the 4 x 400, but did have entries in the short relay, the 4 x 100. The men's varsity squad was Marek Easter, Colt Bernard, Logan Johnson & Deegan Mattson finishing with a time of 47.76, while the JV team made up of Rylan Hoveland, Gavin Greene, Tavyn Anderson & Jim Tew finished in 54.08. The ladies' squad of Reese Wolfgram, Luci Horne, Kaitlyn Noyes & Amanda Pesicka finished in 55.38 taking 6th place.

The Broadwater Bulldogs will next travel to Laurel for the Red Lodge Classic on Saturday, April 6th competing against up to 33 schools. Good luck Dogs!

MSU Extension Mobile Memory Cafe

Michelle Mathot
Rocky's Agency on Aging

A new MSU Extension Mobile Memory Cafe program will kick off in early spring, bringing social engagement and dementia awareness to communities across Montana.

Developed by MSU Assistant Professor and Gerontology Specialist Dr. Daniel Koltz, the Living Well with Dementia and Mobile Memory Cafe initiative offers free, research-informed resources to caregivers and individuals with early-onset Alzheimer's or dementia. Social engagement for people with dementia is important for "living Well with Dementia." The mobile memory café serves this purpose.

Topics covered include prevention, brain health, nutrition, sleep, social activity, and physical health. The program is supported by sponsors, including the Montana Geriatric Education Center, County and Statewide Area Agencies on Aging, and the Alzheimer's Association Montana Chapter.

The Mobile Memory Cafe has scheduled visits during the first week of each month in various communities as the program begins. There are plans to reach more communities beginning in the fall.

The startup program will commence in April and continue as a pilot project through June.

For further information about the Living Well with Dementia and Mobile Memory Cafe program, contact Dr. Daniel Koltz at 406-994-4351 or daniel.koltz@montana.edu.

Or visit the MSU Extension Healthy Aging webpage. https://www.montana.edu/extension/health/healthy_aging/index.html

Mobile Memory Café Schedule:

MSU's Mobile Health Camper will be parked at these locations:

Helena – Friday April 5th, May 3rd, and June 7th, from 2PM – 3:30PM

Next to the Public Library on S. Park Ave.

Butte – Thursday, April 11th and May 9th, from 10:30 AM – 12PM

Inside the Public Library

Whitehall – Thursday, April 11th, May 9th, and Wed. June 12th, from 2 PM – 3:30 PM.

Inside the Public Library



Mobile Memory Cafe
Photo by MSU Extension

Townsend School Calendar

APRIL

Fri 5	7:30 AM 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
Mon 8	7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room 6:00PM Adult City League Volleyball at 1963 Gym
Tue 9	7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room 6:00PM School Board Meeting at Community Room HS Academic Quiz Bowl @ Frenchtown MS Track @ Livingston 1:00PM Tennis- Choteau/Simms @ Helena
Wed 10	7:30AM D/C College Writing at community room 9:30AM JV Golf-Manhattan @ Bozeman 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym 7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym
Thu 11	7:30 AM D/C College Writing at community room V Golf- Gardiner @ Livingston
Fri 12 - Sat 13	District Music Festival @ Helena
Fri 12	NO SCHOOL 1:00PM Tennis- Three Forks/Red Lodge @ Big Timber
Sat 13	10:30AM Jennifer Pierce DHHS-Assessment at Library Classroom HS Track @ Belgrade V Golf @ Fairfield



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.

Garage Sale!

Saturday 4/6/24 8AM to 2PM

32 Nez Perce Trail, Townsend

NO EARLY BIRDS

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.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!



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. Hessen, Counselor at Three Forks High School, or Denise Donnelly, District Administrator at BCD.

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.



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Three Forks School Calendar

APRIL

Fri 5	Varsity Tennis @ Great Falls
Sat 6	HS Track Location TBD
Tue 9	5:15 - 6:45pm Girls Scouts in the Cafeteria Contact person Christine Sinks 406-871-8304 Softball @ Anaconda
Wed 10	Golf JV @ Cottonwood (Christian)
Thu 11 - Sat 13	District Music Festival
Thu 11	12:20pm NHS Meeting Lunch Break - Large Conference Room Golf Varsity @ Livingston JV Tennis @ Manhattan
Fri 12 - Sat 13	Softball @ Missoula Tournament
Fri 12	Varsity Tennis @ Big Timber
Sat 13	HS Track Gallatin Valley Inv. @ Belgrade Tennis vs. Choteau



APRIL

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 DETAILS ABOVE 5:45 - 7:00PM FREE Family Night Easter Party at Holy Cross SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 4
Saturday 6	8:00AM- 2:00PM Garage Sale DETAILS ABOVE 9:00am- 1:00PM 2024 1st Responder Appreciation and Community Awareness Event at Townsend Fire Hall 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
Monday 8	1:00pm American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
Tuesday 9	5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS 5:30pm Big Sky Culinary Class at The Lodge of Townsend 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 6:00pm Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway
Wednesday 10	1:00pm - 4:00PM Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 ANNOUNCED ON PAGE 8 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
Thursday 11	6:00pm Author Shelley Douthett @ Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
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Friday 19	6:00PM Live Music at The Betsy SportsZone SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS



APRIL

Friday 5	1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Lego Club 8:00AM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall
Saturday 6	11:00AM - 2:00PM Three Forks Public Library Open
Monday 8	4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall 4:30PM AYSO Soccer Practice at City Hall
Tuesday 9	1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg 4:00PM Three Forks Baseball Youth Practices & Games at Bertagnolli Baseball Park 4:00PM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall 4:30PM AYSO Soccer Practice at Helton-Petersen Park
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Thursday 11	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 4:30PM AYSO Soccer Practice at City Hall 6:00PM Youth Soccer Practice at City Hall 7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Roadrunner at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
Friday 12	8:00AM TF High School Tennis Team Practice at City Hall 2:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Crafternoon
Saturday 13	Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

REGULAR HOURS:

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

Broadwater School and Community Library

REGULAR HOURS:

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

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

APRIL

Monday 8	11:00am Commission Working Meeting
Tuesday 9	2:00pm Planning Board Public Hearing & Regular Meeting 6:00pm Solid Waste Board
Wednesday 10	10:00am Commission Meeting




Holy Cross Parish wishes you a blessed Easter!

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE JOY OF JESUS'S RESURRECTION

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

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Author Visit at Reading Leaves Bookstore
Shelley Ann Douthett
 April 11th at 6 pm

READING LEAVES
 401 Broadway
 Townsend, MT

LIVE MUSIC @ THE BETSY
 217 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT

Mabels Rage

7pm April 12th
Phatt Lip

6pm April 19th

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of caution due to the recent sampling result, DEQ is requiring the public water system to start sampling for arsenic on a quarterly basis and reporting the sampling results to DEQ.”


She wrote that under federal regulations, a water system is in violation if the running average over four consecutive quarters exceeds the standard. “Quarterly sampling will allow DEQ and the water system operator to identify whether the system is heading toward a violation so the operator can take voluntary corrective action before a violation occurs.” If there is a violation, “DEQ would require action such as treatment or removing the source of the arsenic contamination.” Although action is not currently required, DEQ is working with the city to proactively identify voluntary options that may bring the arsenic level down, she concluded.

Townsend Public Works Director Eric Crusch confirmed that he has stepped up monitoring for arsenic in cooperation with DEQ. “We are not trying to hide anything from the public about the safety of the water,” he said.

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“He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.”
 — Muhammad Ali

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Fish, Wildlife and Parks to Hold Meeting in Townsend

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Note the Townsend Meeting Date Below.



Preliminary proposals for 2025-2026 fishing regulations available for review

HELENA – If you’re interested in providing input on how Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is crafting fishing regulations for the next two years, now is your chance. FWP is taking public comment and asking for ideas on initial proposals for the 2025-2026 Fishing Regulations.

The initial 64 proposals are online now and available for review and comment. Just go to fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/public-comment-opportunities/fishing-regulations.

FWP is also looking for ideas for regulation changes that aren’t captured in these initial proposals. To answer questions and get feedback on fishing regulations, FWP is hosting public meetings around the state. Staff will use the input to refine the regulation proposals that will go before the Fish and Wildlife Commission in October. The fishing regulations proposals that will be considered by the commission will be available for public comment in August. The commission will adopt, amend or reject the proposals at its October meeting.

Montana’s fishing regulations are split into three districts – west, central and east. Each district has standard regulations. Many of the proposals remove exceptions to district standards that are no longer biologically relevant. Others are intended to increase fishing opportunities, enhance conservation efforts for some species, reduce confusion or improve enforceability. All regulation changes are based on criteria or objectives outlined in the Statewide Fisheries Management Plan.

Specific statewide proposals include improving definitions of different types of hooks and adjusting regulations for cleaning and transporting fish.

In the Western Fishing District, proposals include adjusting northern pike possession limits, adjusting

bag limits on the Blackfoot River and many tributaries, implementing gear restrictions on the Kootenai River below Libby Dam, and removing a lake trout slot limit on Whitefish Lake.

In the Central Fishing District, proposals include allowing spearing for northern pike on Hauser and Holter reservoirs, removing spearing for burbot at Tiber Reservoir and Lake Frances, removing exceptions for walleye in the Missouri River from Toston to Canyon Ferry and reducing walleye bag limits from Holter Dam to Black Eagle Dam.

For the Eastern Fishing District, proposals include clarification of paddlefish regulations because of the new fish bypass channel at Intake, the addition of a tag for paddlefish snagging opportunities in the Missouri River below Fort Peck Dam, regulations to conserve shortnose gar, and conservative crappie limits on Tongue River Reservoir.

Fishing regulations are now under a process like hunting regulations, going through a comprehensive public review every two years. Fishing regulations are printed during odd-numbered years.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Region 1: March 19, 6 p.m., Kalispell, 490 North Meridian Road

Region 2: April 10, 6:30 p.m., Missoula, 201 Spurgin Road

Region 3: March 28, 6 p.m., Bozeman, 1400 South 19th St.

Region 4: April 4, 6 p.m., Great Falls, 4600 Giant Springs Road

Region 5: March 14, 6:30 p.m., Billings, 2300 Lake Elmo Drive

Region 6: March 13, 6 p.m., Glasgow, 1 Airport Road

Region 7: March 21, 6:30 p.m., Miles City, 352 I-94 Business Loop

Region 3: April 16, 6:00 p.m., Townsend; Townsend Schools Community Room (201 N. Spruce).

FWP will be collecting comments through April 26. The department will also host at least one virtual meeting during this comment period.

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American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM Special Event with Food: n/a Bar hours may vary	The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Wed - Sat 3:00PM - 12:00AM Closed Sun, Mon & Tues Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Deep Creek Pizza 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Menu: www.deepcreekpizzaco.com , Facebook and Instagram Closed Sunday	Full Belli Deli 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: 7:30AM - 8:00PM Every Day Menu: fullbellidelimt.com	TB's Diner 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: 7:00AM - 8:00PM Specials: Facebook
Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: 7:00AM- 2:00PM Menu available on Facebook Closed Sunday and Monday	Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Tue & Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Mon & Thur 8:00AM - 8:00PM Fri 8:00AM - 9:00PM Sat 7:00AM - 9:00PM Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM Menu: themintbarandgrill.com/menu	Broadwater Area Restaurants Contact MT 43 News, Monday- Friday 10AM - 2PM, if you would like to talk about how to add your dining location and open hours to our paper! 406.266.0086

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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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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE UPDATE TO THE CITY OF TOWNSEND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The City of Townsend Planning Board has prepared a draft update to the City of Townsend Subdivision Regulations, and we invite you to provide comments on the updates. The subdivision regulation updates consist of revisions to the regulations based on changes in Montana State Law regarding subdivisions.

For additional information, contact Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962. Written comments may be directed to the City of Townsend Planning Board, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644. The public comment period ends on April 19, 2024. Hard copies of the draft Subdivision Regulation Updates can be viewed at Townsend City Hall.

Further, an electronic copy can be requested by contacting Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962. A public hearing on the draft update to the City of Townsend Subdivision Regulations will be conducted by the City of Townsend Planning Board on April 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Townsend City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

Published April 5 and 12, 2024

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AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of Townsend Public Schools has been conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, CPA's, P.C. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Section 27-521, MCA, requires the publication of the following summary of significant findings.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS

The audit report for Townsend Public Schools for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, were unmodified.

The audit report also contained several other auditors' reports. Following is a list of the reports and a summary of the findings included in each. This is only a summary and is not intended to be used as an audit report.

1. Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. This report contained findings in the following matters:

a) 2023-001 Unrecorded Accounts Payable

2. Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance. This report contained findings in the following matters: None were reported in the audit

3. Report on Prior Audit Report Recommendations, This report summarized the findings from the prior audit report, and noted the action taken on them.

a) 2022-001 Cash Balancing (Implemented)

b) 2022-002 Journal Voucher Controls (Implemented)

c) 2022-003 Emergency and Second School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) Cash Requested (Implemented)

d) 2022-004 — Required Supplementary Information (Implemented)

e) 2022-005 -- Budget Overdraft (Implemented)

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF AUDIT REPORT

The complete audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at the Townsend Public Schools Business Office. Kayce Williams — Business Manager, Townsend Public Schools

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Broadwater County Board of Commissioners will be taking comments regarding updates to the Broadwater County Growth Policy Plan. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 10:05 am 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 at planning@wgmgroup.com

Broadwater County Board of Commissioners.

Published April 5, 2024 and April 12, 2024

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March 29

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



Sam Cascaden had his Pre-Trial Conference continued until May 2, on charges of theft. His Jury Trial is scheduled for July 10.

Amber Harms had her Pre-Trial vacated, on charges of theft and embezzlement. She is to call her lawyer on Monday at 3 pm. She is to have a Status Hearing on April 12.

Tanner York had a Pre-Trial Conference. He currently is on furlough from Yellowstone County Detention, in treatment. His Jury Trial is scheduled for June 10. His is a companion case, with charges of burglary, theft and tampering. He will have a hearing on May 31.

Lonnie Pruitt, in a companion case to York, is waiting for Discovery from Billings Police. He will have a status Hearing on April 12.

Francis Pierce has a Change of Plea on April 12., on a charge of accountability for theft.

Steven Barnes is in custody and will be sentenced on May 24.



Three Forks Deli Hours
7 am to 5 pm daily

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Jessica Simmons, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00

Craig Hiltunen, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Shelly Brush, Townsend: night speed \$120.00

Ryan Acker, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00

Dantos Rivas-Diaz, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00

Erik Flink, Kalispell: night speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Sean Penney – Helena- day speed, plead guilty, \$70.00 fine; driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.

Justin Jennings – Townsend – careless driving, plead guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees, \$5,000.00 restitution.

Chad Christiansen – Helena – fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle – owner or operator-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration to vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Michael Hagman – Helena - driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but seventeen (17) days suspended on conditions, \$535.00 fines and fees all but \$335.00 suspended, given credit for jail time served.

Allan Craig – Billings - driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees; operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, plead guilty \$275.00 fines and fees.

Richard Bennett–Townsend – Criminal trespass to property, plead guilty, sentenced to two (2) days in jail.

Nagendra Singh – Bozeman – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs - 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one (1) day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees and enroll and complete ACT program.

Tucker Petty – Helena – night speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six (6) months on conditions, \$20.00 fine and enroll and complete Alive @ 25.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Dallas Stubbs, Missoula: night speed \$20.00

Benjamin Meade, Ormond Beach, FL: day speed \$20.00

Rhylie Martin, East Helena: day speed \$20.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Gabriel Puga- Probation and Parole Hold, \$50,000.00 bond

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Melinda Banks

Administrative Assistant

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, April 8, 2024

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

Wednesday, April 10, 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, Sale of Search and Rescue Van to Townsend School District #1

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Airport By-Laws

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning, MT Crossroads Minor Subdivision (Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 1 East), discussion of a material amendment to the approval of the Preliminary Plat- Amended Traffic Impact Study (TIS)

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Parks and Rec County Liaison, Connors Field Vault Toilet Installation Project, Scope of Work and Timeline

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Albe Minor Subdivision (Section 3, Township 7 North, Range 1 East) Amendment to Findings of Fact and Order

10:35 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)

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

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

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

Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)

- 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)

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City To Consider Cat Ordinance

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Citing a community cat problem and little clear guidance or means to address it, City Animal Control Officer Georgia Wilde addressed Townsend's City Council, April 2.

"There is a very large feral and stray cat population here in town," Wilde told the council. "I would like my role to be to mediate between the community and the resources available to help the community manage the cat population effectively."

Wilde said that since city ordinances do not call out cats specifically, she often has no authority to address concerns. In areas where she does have clear authority – she gave the example of cats that bite – she has no way to impound the animals.

In the absence of city oversight of the cat population, some people are voluntarily trapping cats to take to area humane shelters for spaying, neutering and adoption or re-release, Wilde said. Two community members, Susan Conroy and Savannah Voight, independently told the council of their efforts to address the stray population through trap and transport. Conroy alone has transported around 130 cats in the last year.

Others, Wilde said, are "taking the cat matter into their own hands," shooting, poisoning or capturing cats to use for training hounds.

Citing a pamphlet by Alley Cat Allies, a cat advocacy organization, Wilde said removing or killing cats does little to address the problem long-term. Trapping, spaying or neutering, and returning cats prevents intact cats from moving in to fill the void.

She said she has looked into the potential and costs for offering spay-neuter clinics, as well as working with Elkhorn Veterinary to get the word out about their pets

in need fund, but would need the council's approval to move forward with any formal efforts.

When asked about calls regarding cats, Sheriff Nick Rauser says his department doesn't get any. He also noted that state law does provide penalties for animal cruelty of the kind Wilde described and that his officers had issued citations under those statutes.

Given the potential of any such ordinance to "become a rabbit hole", council member JB Howick moved to table action on the topic until the April 16 meeting.

Also in the April 2 meeting:

- The council approved Townsend Rotary's request to hold this year's Fall Fest at Heritage Park Oct. 4-6, including street closures in the area during the days and hours of the festival, as well as the closure of Broadway during the Oct. 6 car show. The approval came with the caveat that the council will need to review whether the group can enforce a no-dog policy, with the exception of service dogs, at the event, as well as how best to address the club's request for limitations on non-Fall Fest associated street solicitation in city limits during the event

Rotary's Jeff Langlenais also presented the club's request to reserve Heritage Park for Slice of Summer events on July 18 and Aug. 15. The council approved the request, including the club's paying a flat fee for pool use during the events, with coordination of pool usage to be addressed with the to-be-hired pool manager.

- Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser presented the council with his department's quarterly report to the city. Rauser said the department responded to about 1,600 calls in the preceding three months, including a stolen vehicle that was later set on fire. He also commented that the department has seen a handful of DUIs within the city limits.
- A committee consisting of council members

and community representatives will be reviewing the city's firework's ordinance. The review comes after community concerns about legal fireworks being set off near propane tanks and other potential fire hazards. City Public Works Director Eric Crusch commented that the current ordinance is ambiguous about how late fireworks can be ignited on those days when they are legal. Rauser directed the committee, which consists of a council member and two community members from each of the city's three wards, to consider the concerns of a variety of stakeholders, including pet owners, fireworks enthusiasts, those with sensory issue, veterans and those with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), among others.

- The pool committee wraps up interviews for the city pool manager next week, Mayor Vicki Rauser said. They hope to be able to offer the position prior to the next council meeting. In other open city positions, several applications have been received for two open maintenance positions. Interviews will be scheduled once the positions close Friday, April 5.

- The council tabled action on renewing a lease of city property for agricultural use by Joe Nelson. Nelson's 10-year contract on the 64 acre parcel ends April 17, 2024. Nelson suggested increasing the annual amount he pays the city for use of the land, which includes irrigation infrastructure he owns, to \$7,500 per year. He said this would bring his per-acre rate into alignment with similar lease rates. Councilman Howick requested that the contract be tabled to ensure time for public comment and for Mayor Rauser to work with the city attorney to update the contract's terms.

- The council revisited the tree watering contract with Teri Blahnik, approved at the March 19 meeting. The revised contract will pay Blahnik \$20 for vehicle use per watering day, up to \$350 per month. The council approved the change to the contract.

LETTERS to the EDITOR



Todd Devlin
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Hello, my name is Todd Devlin, a 4th generation farmer/rancher in eastern Montana. I have been a Prairie County Commissioner since 1995, and a past President of the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) in 2016 - 2017.

I have been very involved in public land and natural resource issues both at the state and national level for over 30 years. Currently, I am the Chair of the National Association of Counties Public Lands Steering Committee and the executive director of the Montana Natural Resource Coalition of Counties.

After reading the editorial opinion authored by Senator Salomon opposing SB442 that tax revenue from marijuana was distributed unfairly to higher populated counties. We need clarification of the intent of 442. The intent was not to give tax dollars based on population but rather used a formula to put the dollars where hunting, fishing, and recreation existed. Using Senator Salomon's position on SB442 is that only counties that opted to collect the tax can use the tax. Is he also saying that almost all the billion-plus dollars collected in coal tax can only be used in the county where it is extracted?

The formula for SB442 is as follows (est. \$10 million):

- 50% on county road mileage compared to all counties mileage
- 25% on county Block Management Acres (BMA) as compared to all BMA in the state
- 25% on acres of public land in a county as compared to all public land in the state

The formula is simple. It is unambiguous in its formula and its intent. On the third reading, it passed with over 90% of both houses. Is Senator Salomon telling us now that he didn't realize that the formula never took county population into consideration?

Bottom line:

- If more BMA and Public Land were in higher populated counties, they would receive more dollars.
- 32% of the marijuana tax would have and still will go to recreation, parks, and wildlife habitat which is mostly in rural counties
- Hunters, fishermen, and recreationists will still travel from urban to rural for their fun and our rural roads will continue to degrade without these funds.

This governor knew it was against the state constitution not to allow a veto override vote by the legislature. He also knew that he would probably lose in court, but he needed time. He knew by the 3rd reading record on SB442 that his veto most likely would have been overridden if the vote had been taken immediately. He knew that he needed time to muddy the waters on SB442 by spewing false and misleading information along with his political leverage on the legislature, that he just might be able to have a successful veto. Sad but true.

Todd Devlin, Prairie County Commissioner
Terry, Montana

COVID-19, It's Still a Thing

Karen Sullivan

Since the 2023-2024 respiratory season began Oct. 1, 2023, 77 Montanans have died due to COVID, and close to 700 COVID hospitalizations have occurred.

The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, more commonly referred to as SARS-CoV-2, reared its proverbial ugly head in Montana four years ago, in March 2020. We here in Butte-Silver Bow were notified by Montana state officials on March 13, 2020 – Friday the 13th to be precise – that our county had one of the state's first four COVID cases.

We have learned so much since then. One reinforced lesson is COVID-19 has a disproportionately negative impact on older adults and individuals with disabilities.

"Despite previous vaccination efforts, seniors remain at heightened risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19, including hospitalizations and fatalities," according to an article published recently by Medriva (<https://medriva.com/>), a website with a mission to deliver accurate and up-to-date medical news. "This vulnerability is amplified by the fact that immunity, whether from past infection or vaccination, tends to diminish more rapidly in seniors."

And this from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: "People with certain disabilities have a higher risk of getting respiratory virus-related complications ... for example, during the first two COVID-19 pandemic waves, people with intellectual disabilities were equally as likely as other people to become infected but had 3.5 times the risk of death."

And from Tannis Hargrove, of the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative at the University of Montana's Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities: "People with disability experience significant barriers when attempting to access healthcare if the system isn't designed to consider their preferences, needs and disabilities. Ingrained socioeconomic disadvantages and other roadblocks, including transportation to vaccine sites, still exist and are now widely recognized as major contributors to health disparities experienced by people with disabilities and older adults."

Four years on, the original COVID-19 virus has transitioned into new variants many times over, with novel variants, such as the JN.1, continually emerging. In this viral morphing arena, staying protected becomes greatly important, particularly for our vulnerable elderly and disabled populations.

In recognition of the particular threat to the elderly, the CDC recently recommended an additional COVID-19 booster shot this spring for those ages 65 and older.

Fortuitously, an effort is underway in Western Montana to remove common barriers preventing older adults and people with disabilities from getting vaccinated

Still a Thing, 9

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: Y equals X

PZNM AV MZX MXHO EQH
VQOXQWX PZQ'V XYNOAWAWF
MZX UAEX QE CHXVASXWM
FXHNUS? N EQHS XYCUQHXX.

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The Garden Bug

Light needs for plants

Low light	Medium light	High light
Peace lily	Asparagus fern	Cactus
Snake plant	Boston fern	Hibiscus
Philodendron	Spider plant	Ti plant
English ivy	Jade plant	Gardenia
Diffenbachia	African violet	Geraniums

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KNIGHT MOVES

L	G	H
O		A
H	T	U

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 can put my opinions down as just the _____ of his."

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!

Seek

UPUSER

Entry

LOPART

Sniff

HALIEN

Dense

TUBEOS

TODAY'S WORD

Spring Star Gazing Party at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



For thousands of years, humans helped navigate their travels by gazing up at celestial bodies in the night sky. On April 5, First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park is offering a chance for modern-day visitors to recreate that experience by holding a Star Gazing Party from 8 – 10 p.m. at the park's visitor center.

Rangers and staff from the park along with the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center will help visitors explore the night sky through storytelling and identification of celestial objects, and telescopes will be available for use. Red-light headlamps, lawn chairs, and layered clothing are recommended, and participants are asked to bring their own binoculars or a telescope, if available. In partnership with the Lewis and Clark Foundation and Celestron, participants will be entered into a drawing to win a telescope at the conclusion of the evening.

The event is free, but an \$8 entrance fee applies for non-resident vehicles. The program is weather-dependent and may be moved indoors in the event of clouds or poor weather.

First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park is 3.5 miles north of Ulm, just off Interstate 15 at Exit 270. For directions or more information about the park visit: stateparks.mt.gov/first-peoples-buffalo-jump/

For more information about the event, contact Andy Keller at andy.keller@mt.gov or call the park at (406) 866-2217.

1ST RESPONDER APPRECIATION AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT



Connect with and learn from local 1st Responders:

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April 6, 2024
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9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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"All Hashem asks is that on your worst day, you still try to be your best. What a life that would be." ~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 4/05	Sat 4/06	Sun 4/07	Mon 4/08	Tue 4/09
Thunderstorms	Light Wintry Mix	Wintry Mix	Light Wintry Mix	Partly Cloudy
58° 37°	40° 34°	43° 34°	47° 33°	53° 37°
81% 10 27 mph	1 in 11 19 mph	1 in 10 18 mph	0 in 7 15 mph	10% 6 16 mph

Precipitation:	
November: 0.398"	December: 0.08"
January: 0.047"	February: 0.291"
March: 0.209"	April: 0.00"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 0.547"

Super Crossword

PUTTING ON A GOOD FACE

ACROSS

1 Very little bit

5 Large Indian city

10 Discover by chance

15 Elegant

19 Liposuction target

20 Take out — (borrow cash)

21 Journalist — Rogers St. Johns

22 Actor Cronyn

23 Initial impression

25 Printer cartridge contents

27 Still in the future

28 Harsh review

30 Admit defeat

31 Wonder

32 Like bedroom communities

35 Partners of 84-Down

36 Metal sleeve in an engine's piston

40 Slide down a slope

41 Cuts of pork

42 Disney who drew

43 Toot one's own horn

46 Gaius' garb

50 Rand of objectivism

DOWN

1 Not definite

2 "Rolie Polie —" (kids' book)

3 Sour

4 Refrain from drinking

5 Patted lightly

6 Fanning of "Teen Spirit"

7 Baseball's Gehrig

8 Wiends influence

9 Occupy

10 TV's Linden

11 Lupino or Tarbell

12 Actress Thompson of "Creed"

13 Brand of fake 69-Down

14 — a one (zero)

15 Go through the motions

16 1/16 pound

17 Aroma

18 "— Johnny!"

24 Small cities

26 Ankara native

29 Convent sister

32 Span. women

33 Steel support for concrete

34 Grill

36 Dressed (in)

37 "Around-the-world" toy

95 Mem. of the family

97 Annotation in the text of Christian scripture

100 Server overseer, informally

103 Convention speeches

105 "... flaw — feature?"

106 Mixed with cognac, e.g.

108 Flip (out)

109 Clip (out)

113 Something cast at sunset

116 What you have passed when you figure out this puzzle's theme?

118 Hydroxyl compound

119 Cooling, as champagne

120 French gal pals

121 To be, to Livy

122 Really resist

123 Former quarterback

124 French governing body

125 Letters after pis

82 — -chic

83 Pivot point

84 Fishing sticks

86 Devils' org.

87 Dirt Devils, e.g., in brief

91 Nissan car models

92 Reason for extra innings

93 Get — on reality

94 Ceiling coat

96 Terminates

98 Arrow shooter

99 Short-horned grasshopper

100 Differently — (other-skilled)

101 Pilotless craft

102 Lead-in to "the cloth" or "the hour"

103 Cartoonist Bill

104 Comic and actor Murphy

107 Breakfast chain, in brief

109 "I — bad moon rising"

110 Meeting period, slangily

111 — bucco (veal dish)

112 Map nos.

114 Tenth mo.

115 Very little

117 Cousins, e.g.

Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Monday, April 8
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 Whole Grain Bread
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Tuesday, April 9
 Sloppy Joes on a Bun
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 Dessert

Thursday, April 11
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 Baked Apples

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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.

Broadwater County Lions Accept Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids

Bob Brastrup
 Townsend Lions Club



Helen Keller, in 1925, challenged the International Lions organization to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The organization accepted her challenge and for

the last 99 years has made helping individuals with sight and hearing problems a top program priority.

The Broadwater County Lions helps carry out this mission by assisting qualified individuals receive hearing aids and eyeglasses. The club also participates in a program to recycle eyeglasses and hearing aids. The club recently provided 269 pairs of glasses and 10 hearing aids to the program. The glasses and hearing aids are refurbished so they can be used again.

The club is proud to announce that Reading Leaves Books is assisting the club by providing a location for a box where eyeglasses and hearing aids can be donated. Opportunity Bank and Mountie Moose Bakery also accept donated eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Vigilante Electric Cooperative
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As an occupation, line work is ranked as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in the country. The linemen at Vigilante Electric work rain or shine, in often challenging conditions, to ensure you have reliable electricity. This year, we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 8th.

"Electric linemen do not often receive the recognition they deserve," said Rollie Miller, general manager. "They work all hours of the day, often in hazardous conditions, to restore power to our communities. Our linemen, as well as lineworkers from across the nation, truly deserve this special day of recognition."

We would like to thank Tyler Arnio, Clint Begger, Jess Davidson, Andrew English, Vance Forsman, Joe Kidd, Austyn Paulsen, Chuck Romerio, Cody Tarter, Charles Wharton, and Chase White for their service to our membership and our organization.

"Having been a lineman for the better part of my career, I have a different perspective of these men. I know their dedication to each other, their work, and the members they serve is second to none. Being able to work around these guys that have this kind of character wired into them and being able to call them friends makes work the kind of place I want to be." Justin Bair, line superintendent.

Vigilante Electric Cooperative Announces New CEO

Vigilante Electric Cooperative



DILLON, MT – March 19, 2024 –

The board of trustees at Vigilante Electric Cooperative (VEC) is proud to announce the hiring of Trevor Parke as its new chief executive officer. Parke brings more than two decades of experience in utilities to VEC. "We are delighted to welcome Trevor as the next CEO of Vigilante Electric Cooperative," said Andy Johnson, board president. "His extensive background in the electric utility space and his appreciation for the cooperative business model makes him an ideal fit to lead us into the future."

Mr. Parke is a seasoned professional with an impressive history at United Electric Co-op Inc. (Idaho), where he served as the engineering and operations manager. His leadership has been influential in enhancing operations and maintaining system reliability. The cooperative model runs deep in Parke's philosophy of leadership. He understands the importance of a focus on the community and employees and that the heart of any electric cooperative is its people.

Parke's appointment as CEO begins a transformative period for VEC in an industry facing increasing opportunities and challenges. VEC and its board of trustees are confident that under Parke's direction, the cooperative will continue to build on a history of safety, reliability, affordability, and service excellence. Parke will begin his service to VEC on April 1, 2024.

About Vigilante Electric Cooperative: Founded in 1937, VEC provides electrical power in nine Montana counties and one Idaho county. With our main office in Dillon and outposts in Whitehall and Townsend, we provide electrical power to more than 10,400 services and maintain more than 2,700 miles of transmission and distribution line.

OBITUARY

Kim Russell Martinson
August 7, 1951 ~ January 24, 2024

Cindy Martinson

Kim Russell Martinson, age 72, peacefully passed away at his home, with his wife, Cindy, by his side, in Townsend, MT on January 24, 2024, following a courageous three-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Kim was born in the US Army Hospital, Camp Roberts, CA to US Army Private First Class Russell Jonas Martinson and Irene Helene Schilling Martinson. Following his father's deployment, Irene and their infant son returned home to Terry, MT, where Kim would live until his graduation from Terry High School in 1969.

At an early age, Kim worked for his dad on the family ranch & propane company, as well as a hired hand for neighbors' farms and ranches. Not having extra time for participating in extracurricular activities in school, Kim played trombone in the Terry High School Band and Pep Band.

Following his high school graduation, Kim enrolled in Northern MT College, Havre, studying Ag Business. Prior to leaving Havre, Kim met his first wife, Jody Ann Beck, of Kremlin, MT. Kim and Jody married in 1972 in Havre.

Two children were born of this marriage, Rune Erik Martinson and Greta Linn Martinson. Kim and Jody later divorced. After completing two years at Northern, Kim transferred to Montana State University in Bozeman, MT. He earned his degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business in 1975.

Kim was a hard worker all of his life, sometimes having to take a semester off from college to fund upcoming semesters. It was with his determination, dedication and work ethic, that he was a success in all of his jobs and career. During his time in Bozeman, Kim

worked at Little Chief gas station, MSU Ag station, hauled gravel, drove a cement truck, finished concrete, hauled logs, and eventually went to work for Wally Brownell at Peavey Co. in Belgrade as an Ag salesman.

Kim worked for Con-Agra, following Con Agra's purchase of Peavey. Here he began his love of Ag Marketing. After several years, he moved his family to McMinnville, OR and began his career as Area Manager for the JR Simplot Company's Fertilizer Division. His market area included British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Northern California and Idaho.

In 1992, Kim met Cindy McGowan at a wedding in Polson. They dated for two years before being married in Couer d'Alene in 1994. Kim and Cindy built a great life together, making many memories & friends along the way.

Kim went back to work for Con Agra, moving from Tri-Cities, WA to Twin Falls, ID. The move allowed more time with Rune & Greta, also living in ID at the time. At the end of Dec. 1999, Kim moved to Townsend, MT to join Harry Johnson at Townsend Seeds. Kim finished a rewarding career at Townsend Seeds, finally retiring in 2016.

Kim enjoyed fly-fishing with his kids & friends, walleye fishing, golf, camping, riding his 4-wheeler with his dog, and driving a grain truck for the Wilson Ranch during harvest.

Kim is survived by his wife, Cindy of Townsend, mother Irene Martinson of Terry, sister Karri Schliem (Daryl) of Belgrade, brothers Kyle Martinson (Kim) and Kory Martinson (Michele) both of Terry, daughter Greta Frohlich (Will) of Victor, ID, daughter-in-law Patricia Flores of Seattle, along with his grandchildren, Finley Frohlich of Victor, ID, and twins Harriet and Nelsen Martinson of Seattle, along with many nieces



Kim Martinson
Photo Contributed by Cindy Martinson

and nephews, cousins, aunts & uncles, in-laws and good friends. Kim was pre-deceased by his son Rune Martinson and father Russell Martinson.

Kim's Celebration of Life will be Saturday, May 4, 2024, from noon to 4 pm at Watson Event Center, 290 Litening Barn Lane, Townsend, MT.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Justin Thomas, Nurse Wendy, Catherine Walgren, PC, and all of the nurses and volunteers at the Bozeman Cancer Center for their expert care and compassion throughout our cancer journey.

Simple Cremation, Helena, MT, assisted the family with Kim's final arrangements.

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Jenni Hoff
Billings Clinic Broadwater

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Weed of the Month: Yellow Alyssum

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Although not a noxious weed, yellow alyssum, has been on the rise in Broadwater County and other areas of Montana. It is often one of the first forbs to bloom in the spring so watch for it early.

Description & Habitat

Native to Northern Africa and Eurasia, yellow alyssum was brought to the United States as a medicinal plant to cure hiccups, mental illness and rabies. It was first reported in Canada in 1896 but was believed to be in the United States even earlier. It is often grouped together with a sister plant, desert alyssum. Together, these two plants now infect 37 states and seven provinces. Even though yellow alyssum has been around for a while without any problem, it is suspected that the changing climate with intense droughts and mild winters has weakened native plant communities allowing yellow alyssum to expand. It is becoming problematic in rangeland, roadsides and other dry, gravelly areas.

A member of the mustard family, yellow alyssum is most often a winter annual which means the seeds germinate in the fall and then it produces seed and dies the following year. It can grow 3 to 10 inches tall with multi-stems branching from the base. Leaves are very small with tiny hairs invisible to the naked eye. The hairs help the plant retain moisture and give it a pale green color. Yellow alyssum has tiny yellow flowers and blooms in May and June. The flowers leave behind round seed pods along the stem of the plant.

Like other weeds, yellow alyssum can displace native and desired vegetation and decrease forage production and plant diversity. Oftentimes, it will co-exist with native or introduced grasses or forbs until the conditions are right such as a disturbance for it to increase and establish a dense population. It has a shallow-root system which can actually increase soil erosion when it outcompetes deep-rooted species. Yellow alyssum is unpalatable to livestock but is eaten by western harvester ants, rabbits, antelope and sage grouse.

Management

Little research has been done on yellow alyssum. Avoiding disturbance or overgrazing is often effective



Yellow Alyssum
Allison Kosto Photo

in preventing issues with the plant. Typically, full control is not necessary. Reducing the population in high-density sites can allow the desired species to come back but still leave a few plants to benefit wildlife.

As an annual species, yellow alyssum can often be controlled with cultural practices that prevent or limit seed production where practical. Hand pull, dig or hoe in the fall or early spring before flowering. Burning and mowing can also be effective if it prevents the plant from going to seed. However, the plant may still be able to produce seeds below the height of the mower blade. Mulch (at least 3 inches) is effective. Livestock will not graze the plant.

Herbicides can be effective. Fall applications are the most successful. The most commonly used chemicals include 2,4-D, Banvel, Cimarron Max, Escort, Milestone, Opensight and Oust. A mix of herbicides may provide maximum control. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

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

Still a Thing, 6

for COVID-19. The project features vaccine clinics, transportation to and from clinics, in-home vaccinations, and outreach and education. Vaccinations preventing other diseases are also available, including those related to influenza, respiratory syncytial virus, pneumonia and shingles.

The effort is funded by the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative at USAging (<https://usaging.org>), an agency that was funded for a similar national vaccination project by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living.

Because of this funding, the University of Montana's Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities has established its own vaccine collaborative, and is partnering with Western Montana's two centers for independent living, Summit Independent Living and Ability Montana, serving 21 Western Montana counties. Ability Montana and Summit Independent Living are non-profit organizations and two of four centers for independent living in Montana, with a mission to promote independence and advocate for people living with disabilities, including older adults.

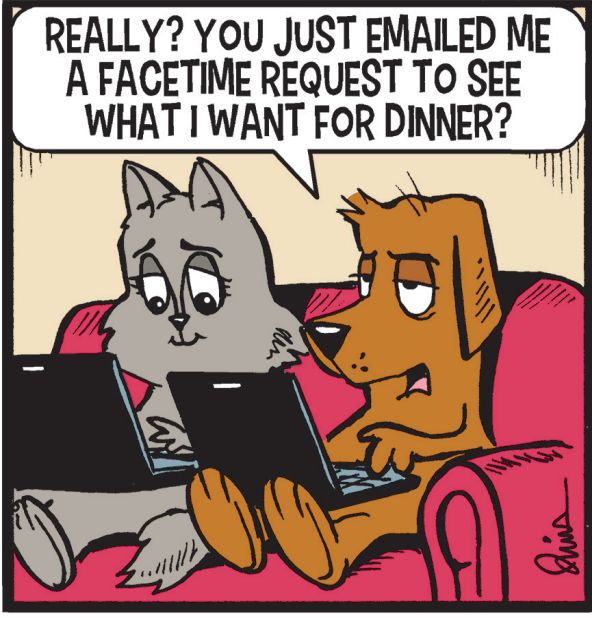
With supervision, UM pharmacy students are administering the project's vaccinations and assisting with outreach. The students are also on hand at various clinics to answer questions, including questions about the efficacy and safety of vaccines, and possible side effects.

Those receiving vaccinations are asked to bring their insurance card to vaccine sites and clinics but are also educated about how to receive various vaccines for free if they are uninsured or underinsured. This includes the CDC's Bridge Access Program (Bridge Access Program | CDC).

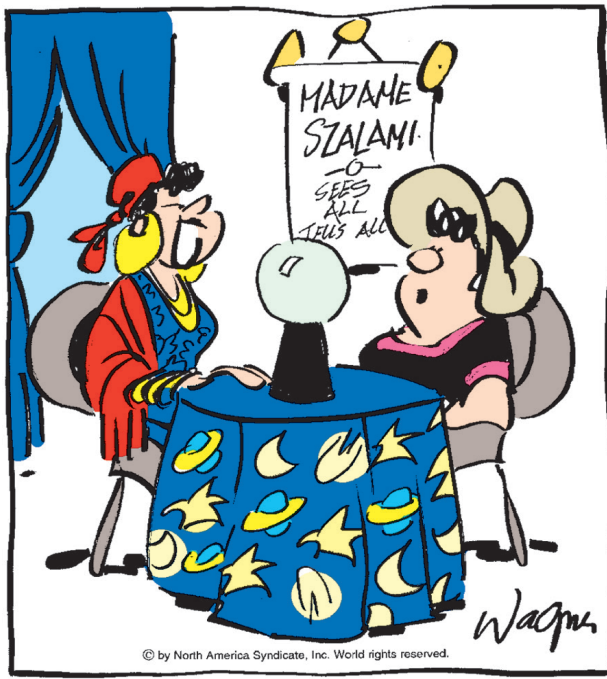
For more information on the project – particularly the value of the spring COVID-19 booster vaccine – or to bring a vaccination clinic to your community, please contact Ms. Hargrove at (406) 243-4860 or 406-539-3645 or at tannis.hargrove@mso.umt.edu.

Karen Sullivan retired in November 2021 as Butte-Silver Bow's public health officer. She is currently working on this effort with the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative at UM's Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

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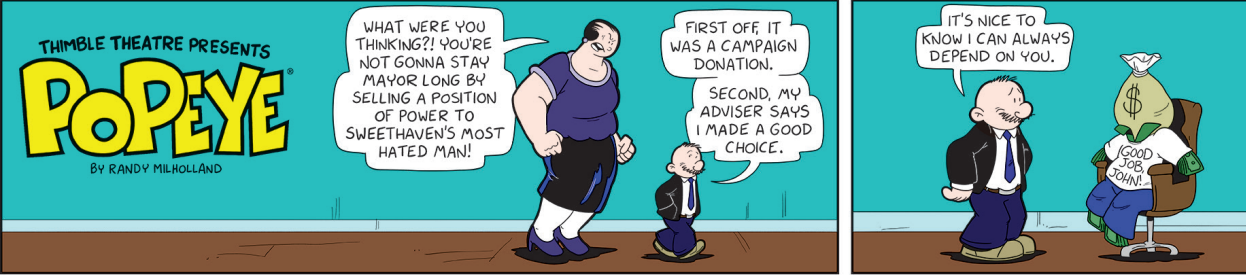
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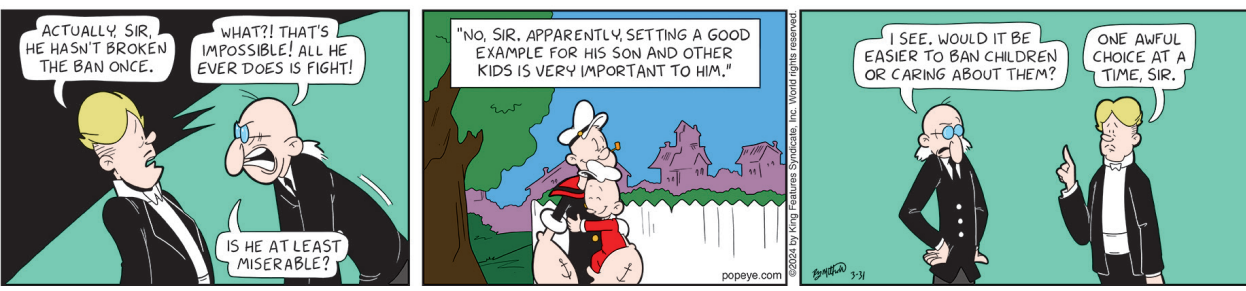
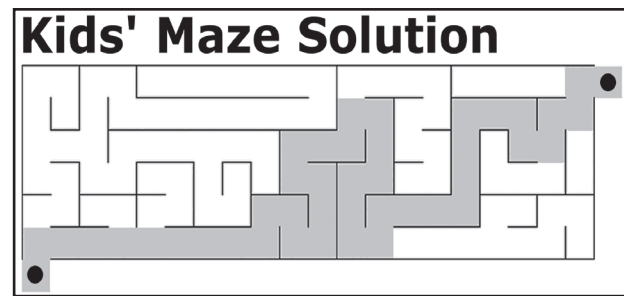
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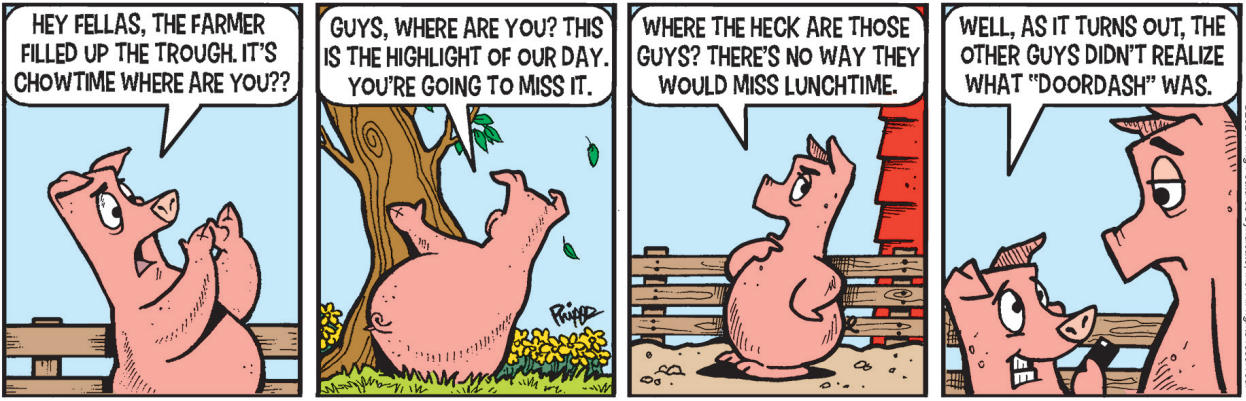


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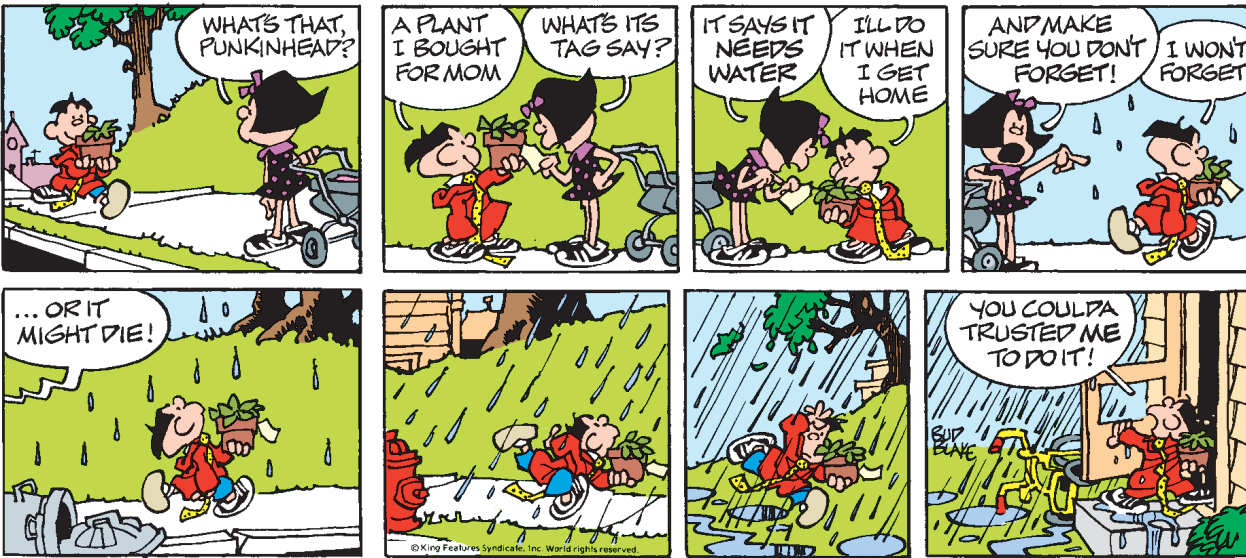
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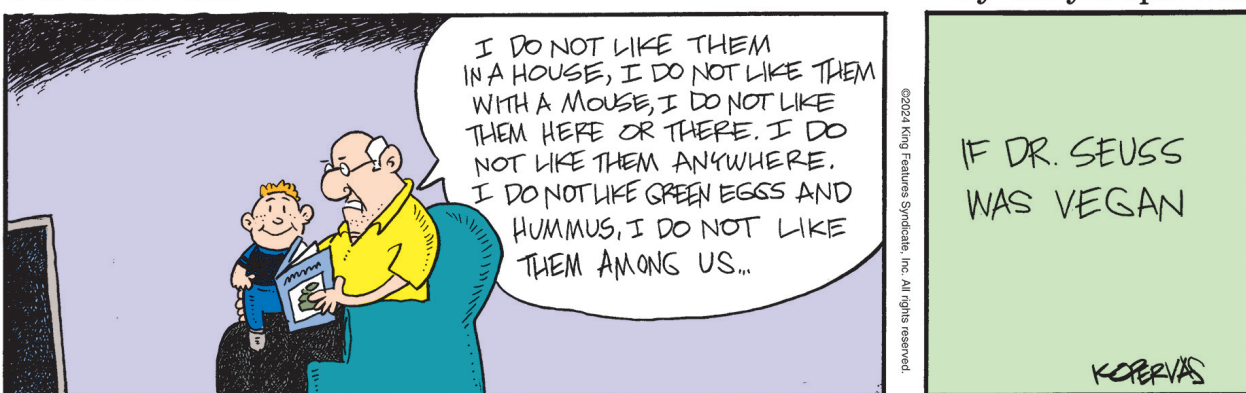
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The Magic of Brining

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Tangy Pheasant Breast

Serves 4-6

Ingredients

For the brine:

- 4 cups cold water
- 2 tablespoons Kosher or non-iodized salt
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- Boned breasts of 3 birds

For the cooking:

- 3 tablespoons oil, in all
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- ½ pound fingerling potatoes, sliced in ½-inch rounds
- 1 teaspoon dried leaf thyme
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- ½ cup Pinot Grigio (or other dry white wine, no oak-aging however)
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons honey

Brining

Combine the water, salt and sugar in a gallon-sized resealable bag and shake until the salt and sugar are diluted. Add the boned breasts and refrigerate for 24 hours before cooking.

Cooking

- After you have brined the pheasant breasts for 24-48 hours

- in the fridge, preheat the oven to 500°F.
- In an 8 to 9-inch cast iron skillet, or baking dish, measure 1½ tablespoons of the oil into the skillet. Dredge the pheasant breasts in the oil, both sides.
- Toss the chopped onion and sliced potatoes in a plastic bag or large bowl with the rest of the oil and the thyme, salt and pepper. Pour that mixture over the pheasant breasts.
- Combine the wine, water, Dijon mustard and honey in a small bowl, and give it a good stir. Pour that over the pheasant breast and potatoes.
- Bake, uncovered, in the preheated oven for 25 minutes, until the pheasant registers 170°F internal temperature on a meat thermometer and the potatoes are tender. Serve immediately with a green salad.

*The 4 cups cold water, 2 tablespoons non-iodized salt and 2 tablespoons brown sugar are enough for this recipe, but if you're feeding a crowd, multiply the brine as many times as you need to make sure all the meat is submerged loosely—more swimming in the brine than sardined into a can. (If you are diabetic, the sugar is optional, but I always feel one thing game meats are missing is the sweetness of good fat. So I add it.)

Going turkey hunting? Check out Eileen's book *Tenderizing the Wild: Marinades, brines and rubs*. And keep the thighs and drumsticks. That book has several suggestions for making every tidbit of that turkey tender and delicious. www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273. (100 recipes, spiral bound for easy reading while cooking.)

Several years ago, brining became a big thing. Every cooking show and magazine was urging us to brine our commercially grown holiday turkeys—so they'd be more moist—for 2-4 hours. Well, I don't see that much anymore, and I don't see that those force-fed, baby turklets needed much brining in the first place. But wild game birds are not turklets tripping over grain-filled troughs. As bad a wing shot as I am, I've still brought home some pretty cool rooster spurs over the years and, while a brine won't do much to tenderize the spurs, brines are pure magic when applied to the flesh of wild game birds. (Not to mention any tough elk, deer or moose meat lurking in the freezer.)



Tangy Pheasant Breast
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The best part is that brining is also simple, but it does take more than the turklet's 2-4 hours to work its alchemy on older, working-class birds. Give wild birds 24-48 hours and they'll be tender, ready to cook them quick and hot and, with all the

extra hydration the brine added, you'll have a little fudge room just in case you overcook them. All good points. As for flavor, despite the sugar in the brine and honey in the sauce, this is not a very sweet recipe and, as long as you don't add more salt before you've tasted the finished dish, I've never found brined meat to be overly salty.

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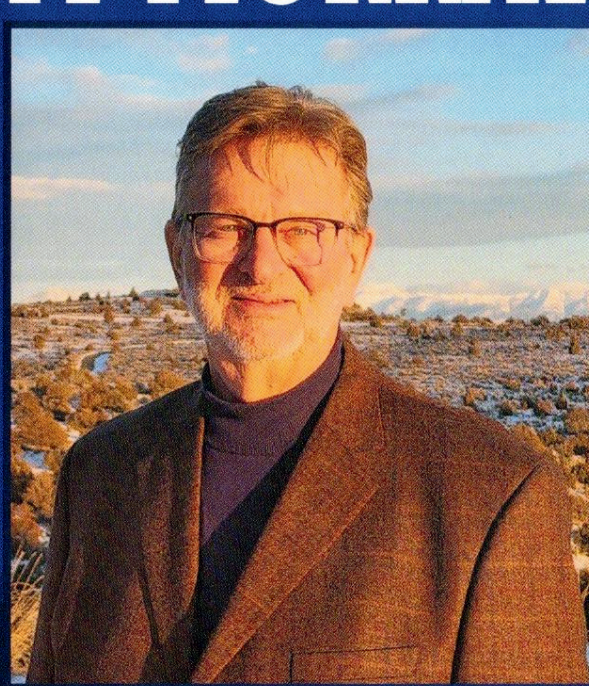
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1912

Local News

The year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Marshman ate some mercury tablets last Tuesday and some fast efforts were made to get the poison out of the little fellow. The doctors happened to all be out of town and Druggist Lasby got into the case and soon had the baby out of danger, Dr. Smith being called later. The little fellow is yet in bad condition, the doctor anticipating that pneumonia may yet develop.

A fine, fat boy arrived Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Maryott of Deep Creek to take up his permanent residence with the family.

The man who pulled off the stabbing stunt one night last week was given his freedom by Sheriff Doggett and he hit the trial for parts unknown. He was a stranger in town and as there was no disposition to prosecute him, he was turned loose.

A force of workmen have been busy this week stringing new wires and moving the local telephone exchange to the new D'Arcy building. An experienced "hello" girl is also here from Helena to start the new operators right, and it is expected that the new system will give much better service under the new arrangement.

1940

Social News

A bridge evening was enjoyed by members of the contract bridge club and their husbands at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Gaab in Canton Tuesday evening. This was the first meeting of the club for several weeks and those attending were Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Doggett, Mr. and Mrs. Ed O. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hooks, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ragen, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hollaway, Mr.

and Mrs. George Zimmerman, Mrs. Gene McCarthy, Mrs. L.W. Doggett and Mr. and Mrs. Gaab. It was a no-host party and in the game of contract bridge, high scores went to Mrs. Howard Doggett, Wallace Hardy and low scores to Mrs. Hollaway and Mr. Hooks.

One of the features of the evening was the spectacle of the northern lights viewed from the clear sweep of the countryside by the guests. The sky was clear for the first time during the week and played strikingly for several hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Perkins were the inspiration for an old-fashioned charivari last Saturday evening, when about thirty-five motored to their country home and spent the evening with a variety of entertainment enjoying the hospitality of the newlyweds. It was a no-host party and after games and dancing refreshments were served.

1968

Grass Mountain Ski Area Closes

Grass Mountain Ski club members participated Sunday in an Interclub Giant Slalom to close another skiing season at the local area. President Alan Lundborg listed prize winners: Tom Ragen won the gold cup for the fastest combined time in the event with 85.4; in the junior boy's event Tom Ragen placed first and Danny Moudree was second; in the senior boy's event Eddie Ulmer was first with a combined time of 87, two seconds off the fastest time. John Rains was second and Tom Perry was third. Candy Whitehead was the only entrant in the girls' event. Other entrants were Robbie Ulmer, Ron Kieckbusch, Mark Rains and Scott Davis.

Ed Sherwood was chief starter, Darroll Harrison, chief timer and Joan Delger was recorder.

With this event the Grass Mountain Area closed for this season, with another successful year of providing skiing to area residents. Townsend residents are fortunate to have a ski area so near and on a paved highway, making it easily accessible.

Andrea Bruce is Four Years Old

Andrea Bruce was four years old Saturday, March 23, and to help her celebrate the occasion her mother, Mrs. Andy Bruce, gave a party in her honor. Assisting Mrs. Bruce were Miss Bonnie Bruce, Miss JoAnn Hunsaker. The afternoon was enjoyed playing games and refreshments of cake and ice cream. Favors were presented to the guests. Invited to join in the festivities were Sandy Herbst,

Dee and Garth Bruce, Carolyn Jappe, Shane, Shawn and Whitney Diehl, Nancy and Georgia Hensley, Lanette and Jan Bingham, Gregg and Darla Harrison, Dana and Eric Swenson, Tonda and Carla Rasmussen, Warren Toombs, Jody Brown, Gay Miller, Heather and David Campbell.

1996

Around Town News

Tex and Yvonne Pate, Winston, visited Edith Alex Sunday. While there they took her out for dinner at the Fireside.

Monday Gregg Sutter joined his cousin, Ben Sautter, for breakfast before leaving for his home in Missoula.

Frances Etwiler and her daughter, Ann Rauser, traveled to Raymond, WA to attend the initiation of Frances' granddaughter, Jennifer Etwiler, into the Eastern Star. During the trip they visited Frances' son, Jim Etwiler, in Seattle; they also visited friends in Chehalis WA and South Bend OR.

Loyd and Shirley Belville, Steve and Colleen Ward, Scott and Geoff and Nicky Holmes and Austin enjoyed a birthday celebration Sunday at the home of Audrey and William Plymale, Lynette, Le Ann and Amanda. The party was in celebration of LeAnn's 8th birthday.

Joyce Lane hosted a birthday party Tuesday for husband Bill. On hand to help Bill celebrate were Judy and Franklin Slifka, Frank Slifka, Jay Lane and friend, Sarah; Jim and Tara Lane, Chandler and Colten, Edna Hensley, Marion Cass, Jean and Barney Johnson and Laura and Grant Nagel, Marcy and Stacy.

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Common Sense Bookstore, the Final Chapter

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Bill Garwood's Common Sense Bookstore is closing for good. He began calling his regular customers last week to let them know. He says some of them cried when he told them. Then they came out in droves to buy up his books.

"It is what it is," he said in an interview on the first day of his half-off sale. "It's time to do something else."



Bill at his bookstore desk before closing down for good. Bill is very proud of his 33 years in the United States Army. His rank was Sergeant 1st Class-E7. Nancy Marks Photo

Bill was euphoric and speaking in his familiar way with shoulders lifting and hands flying. He said people

had come from all over to buy books. Some came from Bozeman, Three Forks and Helena. His collection in the airy, bright space on Broadway Street included all kinds of Bibles, five shelves of the Classics and a shelf of books in various languages. Books of poetry filled an entire shelf. He has a "Son of Tarzan" antique book published in 1917. And of course, cookbooks.

His children's book collection was on display. "You never know what kind of books people want, but they will always buy a children's book, for their grandchildren, you know. They sell the best," he said.

Bill can always find comedy in life. He said an older lady came in when his store was earlier in the Betsy building. He asked if he could help her. Nope. She went through each aisle carefully. "Can I help you find what you are looking for?" Nope again. Finally, she came to the counter. "I told my friends, if I find shelves and shelves of romance books, I'm outta here!" She did not find any romance books.

Bill, who served 33 years in the Army, moved to Townsend with his wife Linda in September of 2011. He said they came from California thinking they might like Colorado. Montana was not an option: Linda hates the cold. But when they got to Montana, they realized it was a dry cold. That was okay.

They were driving through Townsend when the Broadwater High School homecoming parade was happening on the main street. They could not get over how enthusiastic and friendly people were. "Yes, Townsend was the place where we wanted to settle down," he said.



Common Sense Bookstore owner Bill Garwood displays his children's book section. Nancy Marks Photo

Opening the bookstore had been Bill's longtime dream. He said it filled him with joy to see people walk out with a book and a smile on their face.

As to Bill's future, tears came to his eyes. He will miss his beloved bookstore, but he thinks he will look for a part-time job, and maybe spend time collating the columns he wrote for years for the Broadwater Reporter and Broadwater County News. He enjoyed writing the column every week. "Maybe I'll publish them in a book of my own," he considered.