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Holy Cross Church Spring Bazaar Ends Family Night Series

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Food and fun are a hard combination to beat when it comes to bringing in the community for a social gathering. Holy Cross Church members did a great job serving dinner, putting on a silent auction and generally giving families a place to enjoy games and each other.

Shawna Wickens, who is a busy mom with three teenagers and one grown son, organized the event with the help of her capable crew. She said the church had been planning the event for the end of their Family Night monthly series which gathered community members to learn about themselves and their relationship to God's message. This week was the last in the series. Several of the members of the group's youth have been wearing t-shirts with the logo 'Created with a Purpose'.

Father Cody Williams pastors the local Catholic church. He explained that the next series, called Faith Night, will be about the basics of the theology of the body based on a social justice theme. The new series will begin sometime next fall. Father Cody, who has written the programs, said one of the main events of the next series will



Beau and Amber Earnshaw of Townsend and their children Sterling and Winston enjoy ham dinner with all the trimmings at the Holy Cross Spring Bazaar Saturday. Joining them were Charles and Natalie Ringenberg. Both couples are new to Townsend within the last year. Both men work out-of-town so they look forward to being involved in activities with their families in Townsend. MT 43 News Staff Photographer

include a hunger banquet. Participants will be served rice and beans, some just rice and others a five-course meal, so people can experience what world hunger really looks and feels like. He encourages anyone to come. "The series is interesting and open to everyone", he said.

According to Wickens, the series has been sponsored through grants from the Catholic Diocese of Helena Foundation.



Moutie Moose Cupcakes were featured at the Spring Bazaar bake sale table. MT 43 News Staff Photographer

Noyes and Flynn Re-elected to School Board

MT 43 News Staff Reporter



Jason Noyes, incumbent School Board member is running for a three-year term. Photos Provided by Candidates



Vanessa Flynn, incumbent School Board member is running for a three-year term. Photos Provided by Candidates

Voters have returned Jason Noyes and Vanessa Flynn to the Townsend School District 1 board of trustees. Noyes was elected to his third term on the board with 1,032 votes while Flynn was elected to her second term with 896 votes. Audrey Martin was unsuccessful in the three-way race with 642 votes. Terms are for three years.

Results were reported late Tuesday, May 7, by Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, and Election Administrator. Voting was conducted only by mail. Ballots were mailed to the district's registered voters April 22.

Noyes is a Toston area farmer and father of four children, three of whom attended and graduated from the Townsend school and one a sophomore at Townsend High. Flynn is a stay-at-home mother. She and her rancher husband have four children, ages 10-17. Martin is a Winston resident with one child in school.

BSAP Making an Impact at Statewide MCEC Conference

Krystal Nelson
CCO Big Sky Autism Project



Big Sky Autism Project (BSAP), based in Townsend with board members across the state, was invited to present at the Montana Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC) Conference in Missoula April 3rd - 5th.

This year the MCEC Conference boasted 309 registered attendees, about 15 presenters, and 20 exhibitors. Attendees came from all corners of Montana and included special education teachers, paraprofessionals, speech therapists, occupational therapy practitioners, physical therapists, and more. A few of the exhibitors in attendance included DPHHS Children's Special Health Program, Blazeworks, Montana School for the Deaf & Blind, Montana Special Olympics, MSU Billings, and Montana Empowerment.

BSAP presented two breakout sessions over the course of the conference. Meaningful Adaptive Fitness: Improving Life Through Movement and Hiking, Boxing, & Yoga: Surprisingly Helpful Activities for the Spectrum. BSAP's sessions were one of six that attendees could choose from during the assigned timeslots. Meaningful Adaptive Fitness had 20 eager attendees including a special education teacher from Sidney and another from Culbertson. Hiking, Boxing, & Yoga took place early in the morning on the last day of the conference and had 40 attendees.

Both presentations were received with enthusiasm and multiple requests for BSAP to present at the attendees' schools and host workshops for therapy clients in their hometowns throughout Montana. BSAP hopes to become a regular participant at future MCEC Conferences and provide resources to communities across the state.

If you are interested in donating to BSAP or sponsoring an event, please email BigSkyAutismProject@gmail.com or reach out to us via Facebook @Big Sky Autism Project.

Upcoming Opportunities & Events:

- May 18th - Helena - In-person Autism Fitness Certification
 - June 22nd - Stevensville - 3rd Annual Many Abilities Fun Run & Festival
 - July 29th - Helena - Shape MT Conference
- To learn more about BSAP visit www.BigSkyAutismProject.org. To learn more about MCEC visit www.montanacec.org.

City Council Proposes Rate Increases

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend's City Council proposed a two-phase increase in water rates during its April 30 meeting. The increase would raise revenues in anticipation of opening bids and purchasing bonds to make significant improvements to the city's water system function and capacity.

Assuming the eventual successful bid comes in near or under the estimated price tag for the project, city water users will see increases in the monthly water rate in July 2024 and again in September 2024. The final rate after the second increase is just over \$91 per month, an increase of \$70 from the current rate of \$20.57.

"The proposed increase is based on the current estimates of the project and other funding sources," Townsend Mayor Vickie Rauser said. The fee increase will cover operating costs and debt service, as well as

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Primary Ballots in Mail to Absentee Voters

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Montana's June 4 primary election is already here for people who vote as absentees. If you are on Broadwater County's absentee list, your ballot should arrive in the mail next week. Angie Paulsen, clerk and recorder, and election administrator, said they were to be mailed Friday, May 10, the date set for all counties to do it.

Montana voters this year will get primary ballots for three political parties from which to choose only one: Republican, Democratic or Green. And ballots this year will also ask voters to decide if they want to have commissions study the form of our county government and the form of Townsend's government.

The Republican and Democratic ballots each have candidates for three federal races, seven statehouse posts and two legislative seats. The federal races are for President, U.S. Senate, and District 2 U.S. House. The state races are for Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, Superintendent of

Primary Ballots,

Spring Musical: Dorothy In Wonderland



From left to right; Melania Lambott as The Knave of Hearts, Noah Borrer as the White Rabbit, Clayton Rice as the King of Hearts, Hannah Hall as the Queen of Hearts, Jenna Mainwaring as Lion, Cooper Hines as Scarecrow, Caleb LeLachuer as Tin Man, Jazlyn Martin as Glinda, Kyla Meissner as Dorothy, and Lexi Davies as Alice.
Kelly Morris Photography



From left to right: Caleb LeLachuer as the Tin Man, Kyla Maissner as Dorothy, Lexi Davies as Alice, Jenna Mainwaring as the Lion, and Cooper Hines as the Scarecrow.
Kelly Morris Photography

Mikayla Kraft
School Correspondent



It is safe to say that the students who worked incredibly hard to put on the spring musical did an amazing job. For about six weeks, students from 9 to 12th grade and even a few middle schoolers practiced their cast parts to put on a show that the audience would never forget. On the 29th and 30th of April, the theatre students put on a stunning show called Dorothy in Wonderland. Exactly as it sounds, Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz gets trapped in Wonderland and has to work together with Alice so they can both get back to their homes. The two have many friends who help them on their way such as Glinda the Good Witch, the Mad Hatter, the March Hare, Toto, the Scarecrow, the Lion, and the Tin Man.

Many talented students were involved in the play: Noah Borrer playing the White Rabbit; Ava Tiffany as a rose; Kayley Conner as a tiger lily; Grace Kroeger as a daffodil; Melania Lambott as the Caterpillar; Haylie Reinke as Humpty Dumpty and frog footman; Clayton Rice as the King of Hearts and Toto; Angel Sentinella as a pawn; Aubrey Wells as a rook and Five; Trista Moos as a knight; Scarlett McDaniel as Tweedle Dee and the March Hare; Arabella McDaniel as Tweedle Dum and Seven; Lexi Davies as Alice, Aiden Easter



Angel Sentinella, Trista Moos, Gavin Nelson, Melania Lambott, Kaitlyn Noyes, Hannah Hall, Lexi Davies, Cooper Hines, Kyla Maissner, Caleb LeLachuer, and Jenna Mainwaring.
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as the Mad Hatter and the Wizard; Jasmine Thomas as the Dormouse; Kaitlyn Noyes as a frog footman, the Tornado and Cheshire Cat 3; Logan Barkhurst as Cheshire Cat 1; Jazlyn Martin as Cheshire Cat 2 and Glinda; Hannah Hall as the Queen of Hearts; Melania Lambott as the Knave of Hearts; Kyla Meissner as Dorothy; Cooper Hines as the Scarecrow; Jenna Mainwaring as the Lion; Caleb LeLachuer as the Tin Man; Havyn Vandenacre as the Tornado; Emma Delgado, Cheyenne Douglas, Savannah Sumner, and Kinsley Heggen as the Munchkins; and Uriah Duede and Ayden Thompson as Winkies.

Behind the scenes, some students had to fill last-minute roles, but the audience would not be able to tell. These kids are naturally talented and it was easy to understand that considering these events that took place as the play neared. The laughs and joy were nonstop and the suspense was small but effective. The Spring Musical also served as many seniors' last play (Cooper Hines, Caleb LeLachuer, Havyn Vandenacre, Trista Moos, Aiden Easter, and Melania Lambott) and it was a worthy play to end on. This musical will live on in the hilarious memories of community members for many years to come.

Prom Night

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent

April 27th was a night that gave all high school students the opportunity to dance the night away and the parents to watch proudly as their children walked the Grand March to show off their beautiful dresses and handsome tuxedos. Most of the high school attended and enjoyed jumping to music played by Zach Wickens in the 63 gym.

This year's theme was Tangled In the Memories and the juniors did a spectacular job setting up for it. It was covered in purple and white. The tables each had a floating lantern centerpiece. To add to the beauty of the scene, the aisle was lined with the same floating lanterns, and the archway was filled with beautiful flowers.

The prom went late into the night playing hits like Beautiful Crazy by Luke Combs, Fergalicious by Fergie, and Party in The USA by Miley Cyrus. Unlike many years, the chairs were barely used and the students were all out on the dance floor.

However fun the actual dance was, prom wouldn't be prom without the royalty. The Prom Prince was Eric Humphreys and the Princess was Abby Wickens. They both showed off their crowns and loved representing the junior class. Wyatt Robertson and Emily Bird proudly represented the top dogs of Broadwater High School as the Prom King and Queen. The royalty was chosen by the entire high school and couldn't have been more deserved by these students.

The prom wrapped up that night after most students had left the dance. It will be a memory that will live on in the minds of these students for years to come. We, as a high school, thank all of the parents and community members who supported us, the teachers who stayed out late to chaperone, and the junior class who planned and set up the event.

Let's Get Education Back to Basics

Susie Hedalen



The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) recently released Montana's annual state report card and report cards for individual schools — and the results show a troubling trend. We must take action. We must get education back to basics and improve our students' foundational skills.

A majority of students are not proficient in reading, math, or science. Only 46 percent of Montana students are proficient in reading and only 37 percent in math and science. Meanwhile, we are spending a record \$13,000 each year per student on education.

As a former elementary school teacher and current administrator, I understand the pivotal role of early literacy. During their early years, children learn to read, and from there, they read to learn. I am proud of the work my colleagues and I on the Board of Public Education have accomplished over the past year. We have implemented targeted interventions for early literacy and reduced administrative burdens on schools. By reducing state bureaucracy and focusing on core subjects, we are empowering teachers to teach and students to learn. This will also help ensure that education funding is directed to classrooms and students, not administrative bureaucracy and unnecessary reporting measures.

There is more that can be done at the Office of Public Instruction, though. The state education agency should be customer service-focused, prioritize transparent and understandable information for parents, provide high-quality professional development for teachers,

and reduce administrative burdens on school leaders. That is what parents and educators expect and what taxpayers deserve.

Additionally, the Office of Public Instruction must partner with other state agencies, the college and university system, and private sector leaders to expand student career and technical education opportunities. About half of Montana students who graduate high school each year don't have a plan to go to college or enter the military or job training programs. As a state, our goal should be to have every student graduate high school prepared to succeed in college or with career skills that they can build upon in an on-the-job training program. This can be accomplished through collaborations with colleges and universities to expand dual credit and private sector industries, providing high school students with work-based learning opportunities in the trades and other fields relevant to our students and our Montana industries.

With graduation right around the corner, parents deserve complete confidence that our public school system has prepared their children with the building blocks for lifelong success. I encourage all Montana families to examine how the state and local schools are doing. By getting education back to basics, we can grow student achievement in core subjects and expand individualized learning opportunities. This will prepare Montana students for future success and keep indoctrination out of the classroom. The future of Montana's children and economy depends on it.

Susie Hedalen is a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction. She is also the Vice-Chair of the Montana Board of Public Education and the district superintendent for Townsend public schools.



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Run/walk or just move yourself forward for a total of 43.8 miles in the month of May in memory of Mason Moore.

TAG your miles with #milesformason to keep his legacy going



Three Forks Deli Hours
7 am to 5 pm daily

Townsend School Calendar

MAY

Fri 10 - Sat 11
Tennis Best of the West Tournament @ Missoula

Fri 10
NO SCHOOL

Mon 13 - Wed 15
State Golf @ Shelby

Mon 13
7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room
6:30PM Close-Up Student/Parent Meeting at Bancroft's room

Tue 14
6:00PM School Board Meeting at Community Room
7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room

Wed 15
7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room
7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym
7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym

Thu 16 - Fri 17
Divisional Tennis @ Belgrade

Thu 16
7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room
HS Track Divisionals @ Laurel

Fri 17
NO SCHOOL

Sat 18
8:00AM Broadwater Health Fair at Football Field, Outdoor Concessions Restrooms, Elementary Commons & Elementary Gym as backup for inclement weather



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Three Forks School Calendar

MAY

Fri 10 - Sat 11
Varsity Tennis @ Missoula

Mon 13 - Wed 15
Golf State @ Shelby

Tue 14
2:00PM PK-5 Spring Concert

Wed 15
12:00PM JV Tennis @ Belgrade
MS FCCLA Meeting at Lunch Break

Thu 16 - Sat 18
Softball Divisionals @ Frenchtown
Tennis Divisional @ Belgrade

Thu 16
HS Track Southern BC Divisional @ Laurel
12:30- 3:30PM MS Book Club Field Trip

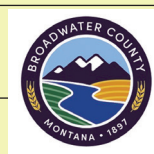


BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

May 13
11:00am Commission Working Meeting

May 14
3:00pm Commission Working Meeting at the Commissioner's Office
6:00pm Solid Waste Board

May 15
10:00am Commission Meeting



Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: May 15th, 2024 7:00 PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

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

Happy Mother's Day from Big Sky Angels!

10% OFF
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purchases through
Saturday, May 18th!

CROCHET BOUQUETS
Because she deserves flowers that will last forever, like your love for her.
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THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Thursday 16
10:00AM Three Forks Public Library - Story Time
7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Chester Floyd at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 17
1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Lego Club
7:00PM Josh Turner at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Mother's Day, May 12th

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WWW.BROADWATERBLOOMS.COM
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HOURS MON-FRI 10-5
SPECIAL HOURS SATURDAY 10-5

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Fri 10- Sat 11
9:00AM- 3:00PM Garage Sale **SEE THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Friday 10
10:00am Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 11
9:00- 11:00AM Annual Mother's Day Fireman's Breakfast **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:00pm FREE Author Event- Marc Beaudin at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 13
4:00PM Jack and the Beanstalk Auditions for K- 8th Grade at The Lodge
6:00pm Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
6:00PM Fireworks Committee at City Hall

Tuesday 14
5:00pm 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 15
1:00pm Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42
1:00- 5:00PM Broadwater County Museum OPEN for 2024, 133 N Walnut St
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
7:00PM Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting, 130 S Cedar

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Saturday 18
10:00am 2024 Billings Clinic Broadwater Health Fair at Broadwater County High School Football Field
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Sunday 19
2:00pm Open House at Broadwater County Museum
SEE AD ON PAGE 4 and ARTICLE ON PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS

LOCAL JOB LISTINGS

Now Hiring!!
Accounting Specialist
Full Time!! Tuesday to Friday in the Townsend Office

Hiring a full time Accounting Specialist to join our team in the Townsend Office, Competitive Pay, Office Hours are Tuesday to Friday days, Paid Time Off, Paid Holidays and more. Previous Accounting experience a plus. QuickBooks knowledge a plus, seeking an independent worker, self-starter with exceptional customer service skills. Basic business skills, basic computer skills with knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, ability to multitask and function in a high paced office environment.

Email resume to Anna at anna@precisionbusinessresources.com or Stop in today Precision Business Resources
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GARAGE SALES

Huge Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday, May 10th and 11th
312 Cherry St, Townsend
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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.

GRATITUDE

The family of Kim Martinson wishes to thank friends, near & far, who attended Kim's Celebration of Life this past Saturday. We thank Reverend Rob Gohl & his wife DeeAnn for coming to Townsend and leading the Celebration.

Special thanks to Gayle & Clay Watson for the use of their beautiful facility, and the amazing luncheon. Thanks to the Commercial Bar, John Fuchs, Nickie Wells and Matt Stephens for their great service and friendship catering the bar.

To Brother Daryl & Sister Karri, we loved your AV expertise and lending of the table centerpieces. Special thanks to Donnie Walters and Shirley Wilson for helping with editing & planning. To every person who couldn't attend, thank you for your condolences, acts of kindness, cards, flowers, messages & calls. Townsend is our home and we love all of you.

Cindy Martinson, Will, Greta & Finley Frohlich, Patricia Flores, Nelsen & Harriet Martinson

Words simply cannot express our sincere appreciation for the outpouring of love, compassion, and support this community has extended to our family during this difficult loss of Judy.

Your cards, letters, phone calls, text messages, and Facebook comments have meant the world to us.

A huge shout out to the Billings Clinic Broadwater staff for their outstanding care for Judy and us. From the kitchen staff, housekeeping, aides, CNAs, office help; all were very caring and professional!!

Feeling very blessed to live in such a compassionate community!! Thanks to all!!

Janet, Mike & Gary Olsen

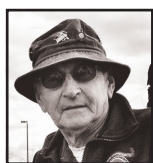
Rotary Needs More Kid's Circus Tickets!

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian

The Rotary Club of Townsend is sponsoring the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus again this year on Wednesday, June 26th at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds. Rotary's goal for 2024 is to provide free \$8 circus tickets for all children ages 2-12 years of age in Broadwater County!

The Rotary Club will match up to \$2,000 for all donations so that \$4,000 can be raised to buy at least 500 kids' tickets to give away. The Canton Valley Women's Club has contributed \$250 to help Rotary achieve this ambitious goal. Thank You. If you can help, please send your donations to Rotary at P. O. Box 1192, Townsend, MT 59644. Rotary will be passing out the tickets to all the school children before school is out in late May.

If you have any questions, please call Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615. Thank you for your support! Rotary-it's about helping our kids!



Missoula Track Meet



Deegan Mattson leans at the line to win the 300-meter hurdles. Photo Credits: MT 43 News Staff Reporter



Kaitlyn Noyes wins outstanding female field athlete at KLH Invite. Photo credit: Karen Noyes



Gavin Schneider adds over eight feet to his best discus throw. Photo Credits: MT 43 News Staff Reporter

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The track and field Broadwater Bulldogs closed out their regular season schedule by traveling to MCPS Stadium at Big Sky High School in Missoula for the KLH Invite hosted by Seeley-Swan. There were over twenty class B and C schools represented with many athletes looking to improve before heading to their respective district tournaments next week.

The Lady Bulldogs topped all teams with a total of 101 points, winning as a team for the first time this season, but that was only one of the headlines from the day's efforts.

The ladies' short relay made up of Reese Wolfgram, Havyn Vandenacre, Aspen Slyker, and Kaitlyn Noyes finished in a time of 50.75, which was fast enough to 1) win the race, 2) qualify them for state, and 3) break the school record! Most impressive ladies!!

Besides her efforts in the sprints, Kaitlyn had an excellent day in the field. She managed three 2nd place finishes, which earned her an extra award, "Outstanding Female Field Event Athlete". What an accomplishment!

Other standout performances include Aspen Slyker, who was a member of that record-setting relay and managed two more 6th place sprint finishes setting a personal and a seasonal record. The distance crew are running their best times of the season with every one of them placing in the top ten at all three distances.

Junior Memphis Meier placed 3rd in both her races, looking strong and recovered from an injury that has plagued her since last season. Freshman Kyla Meissner won both the one- and two-mile races, now having established state-qualifying times at both distances.

100-meter dash: 6th Aspen Slyker 13.70 PR and Amanda Pesicka 14.43. 200-meter dash: 2nd Kaitlyn Noyes 27.13, 6th Aspen Slyker 28.39 SR, Amanda Pesicka 29.56 PR, and Sarah Morgan 34.26. 400-meter dash: Sarah Morgan 1:21 PR. 800-meter run: 3rd Memphis Meier 2:41 SR, 5th Jordyn Pittman 2:56 PR, and 7th Shalyn Sentinella 3:18 PR. 1600-meter run: 1st Kyla Meissner 5:25 PR, 3rd Memphis Meier 5:48 SR, 5th Kaelyn Sangray 5:58 PR, 8th Abby Wickens 6:21, 10th Jordyn Pittman 6:29 PR. 3200-meter run: 1st Kyla Meissner 12:18 and 3rd Kaelyn Sangray 13:07. 100-meter hurdles: 7th Holly Newman 17.24 SR.

4x100-meter relay: 1st Reese Wolfgram, Havyn Vandenacre, Aspen Slyker, & Kaitlyn Noyes 50.75 PR, school record. High jump: Tied for 2nd Kaitlyn Noyes and Holly Newman 5'0" PR. Long Jump: 2nd Kaitlyn Noyes 16'10", 5th Holly Newman 15'10" and Luci Horne 13'10.5". Triple Jump: 2nd Kaitlyn Noyes 34'3.25".

Shot Put: Berlin Korr 25'6", Karsyn Sangray 24", and Jazlyn Martin 23'10". Discus: Jazlyn Martin 79'5", Karsyn Sangray 69'3", and Berlin Korr 54'1". Javelin: 1st Havyn Vandenacre 117'7", 6th Luci Horne 102'9" PR, Aspen Slyker 83'4", Jazlyn Martin 72'1", Karsyn Sangray 49'4".

The gentlemen also had their best finish as a team with 30 points, earning them 6th overall.

The boys' distance squad showed their fitness with junior Nolan Flynn leading the way with two 4th place finishes; taking 9 seconds off his all-time best finish in the 1600-meter run.

Not to be outdone, sophomore Gavin Greene and freshman Rylan Hoveland both managed to set their personal bests at both of their distances. Junior Deegan Mattson and Freshman Jim Tew both established PRs in the long hurdles, with Jim erasing two seconds from his time. Sophomore Gavin Schmele added more than 8 feet to his best discus throw!

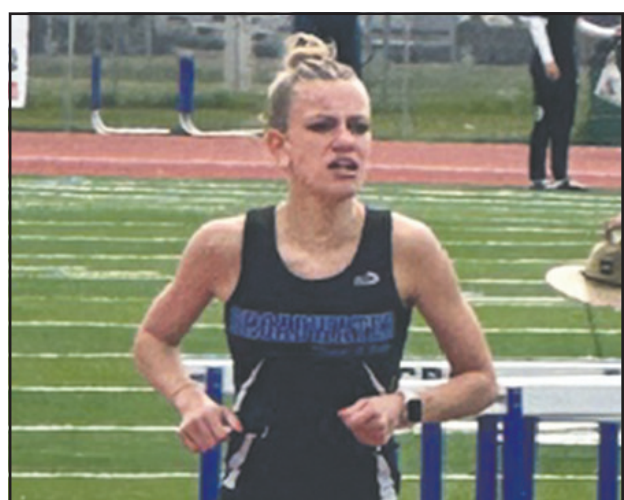
100-meter dash: Colt Barnard 12.16. 200-meter dash: Colt Barnard 24.77. 400-meter dash: 7th Marek Easter 55.46. 800-meter run: Gavin Greene 2:26 PR. 1600-meter run: 4th Nolan Flynn 4:46 PR, Rylan Hoveland 5:28 PR, and Gavin Greene 5:35 PR. 3200-meter run: 4th Nolan Flynn 10:56 SR and Rylan Hoveland 12:10 PR.

110-meter hurdles: 4th Deegan Mattson 17.24 and 5th Jim Tew 18.01. 300-meter hurdles: 1st Deegan Mattson 43.57 PR and Jim Tew 48.36 PR. 4x100-meter relay: 4th Marek Easter, Jim Tew, Colt Barnard & Deegan Mattson 46.14 PR.

Shot put: Gavin Schmele 35'7", Trace Giomi 34'2"



Reese Wolfgram, Havyn Vandenacre, Kaitlyn Noyes and Aspen Slyker establish a new school record in the 4x100-meter relay. Photo Credits: MT 43 News Staff Reporter



Memphis Meier finishes strong in the 800-meter run. Photo Credits: MT 43 News Staff Reporter

PR, Tanner Bird 32'1.5" PR, Pat Gossard 30'3", and Cooper Hines 24'1.5" Discus: 5th Gavin Schmele 117'3" PR, Trace Giomi 101'1.5" PR, Tanner Bird 74'6", and Creighton Wright 60'2.5". Javelin: 10th Marek Easter 136'5", Pat Gossard 119'6" PR, Tanner Bird 106'5", Gavin Schmele 94'8", and Aidan Kitto 88".

Long Jump: 7th Jim Tew 19'2" PR and Marek Easter 17'5.5". Triple Jump: 7th Tavyn Anderson 38'6.5 PR, 9th Jim Tew 37'11", and Gavin Greene 29'6".

The Broadwater Bulldogs will travel to the Belgrade Event Center for the 5B District Meet on Thursday, May 9th. The top six finishers in each event will be awarded ribbons and earn their right to advance to the Divisional Meet in Laurel on Thursday, May 16th. Good luck Dogs!

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Bulldogs sent quite an entourage to the Cascade Top 8 Meet at Memorial Stadium in Great Falls on Tuesday, April 30th.

The Top 8 meet features class B and C athletes from central Montana with the best-established marks this season. Despite the windy conditions, those athletes persevered to establish more than 60 personal best times/distances overall.

Junior, Deegan Mattson managed a pair of 6th-place finishes in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.76 and the 200-meter dash in 24.30. His 110-meter hurdle race ended with a 5th-place finish in 17.33 seconds. Freshman Jim Tew landed a 36'3" effort in the triple

Cascade Top 8 Track Meet

jump which garnered him 8th place.

Sophomore, Holly Newman looked strong in the 100-meter hurdles finishing 4th with a time of 17.25, while her season's best time in the 300-meter hurdles of 51.87 seconds got her another 4th-place finish. Her effort in the long jump was 15'7.5" for 3rd place while her clearing of 4'10" in the high jump landed her in 7th place. Senior, Reese Wolfgram ran the 100-meter dash in 13.95 for 8th position. She landed a 15'2" leap for 5th place in the long jump and a 32'1.5" hop, skip and jump for her best finish of the day at 4th in the triple jump.

Junior, Memphis Meier clocked a time of 5:57 in the 1600-meter run, landing her in 8th place. Fellow juniors, Nolan Flynn, Kaelyn Sangray and Abby Wickens all competed in the grueling 3200-meter run.

Nolan finished in 4th place with a time of 10:56. Kaelyn established a new personal best time of 12:48 (on the heels of an earlier best only three days before in East Helena) which garnered her 3rd place. Abby rounded out the distance trio in 5th place with a time of 13:16.

Junior, Jazlyn Martin managed a throw of 83'11" in the discus for 8th place. The ladies' team took both relays to the top 8 meet with the 4x100-meter squad being: Reese Wolfgram, Luci Horne, Aspen Slyker, and Amanda Pesicka. They finished in 54.61 which was the 5th fastest of the day. Reese, Luci, and Amanda were joined by Memphis Meier in the longer relay, the 4-400-meter relay. They finished in 6th place with a time of 4:34.

Way to represent Bulldogs!

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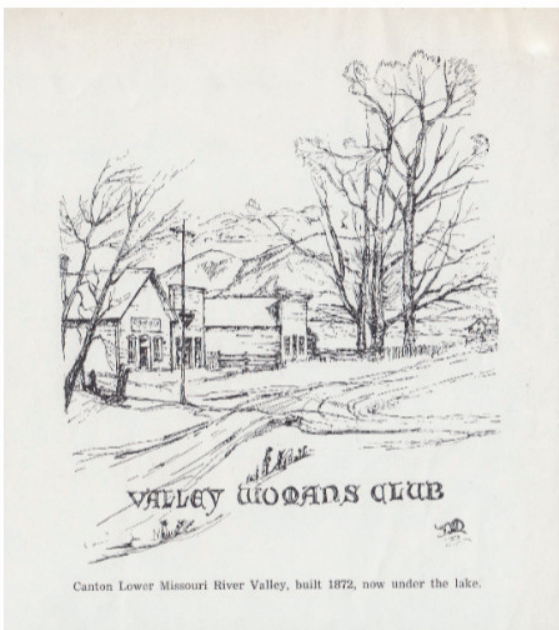
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Canton Lower Missouri River Valley, built 1872, now under the lake.

Sketch of Canton by Ingeborg Merritt

Please join us!

**Broadwater County Museum
Open House
at the Museum
133 North Walnut Street;
Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
There will be a historic talk about
The Canton Valley Woman's Club
with historic photographs.**

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing for proposed amendments to the Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 10:00am in The Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street. A copy of the proposed amendments is available at www.broadwatercountymt.com.

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR MOBILE HOME PROPERTY TAXES

The 2024 MOBILE HOME PROPERTY 1st half taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2024.

After that date the 1st half becomes delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax.

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

Notice of Sale by Public Auction, to be sold at public auction, May 07, 2024 @ 1:00 pm – May 21, 2024 @ 6:00 pm at Pate Auction. (406) 439-8855 or (406) 439-5561, 2814 Billings Ave, Helena, MT 59601, doug@pateauction.com, <https://www.pateauction.com/>, the following goods: 1998 Chevy 1-ton, 2017 Polaris Ranger, 1962 Fruehauf Pup Trailer, 2000 Williamson Dump Box, Propane Tank, Plastic Baler, and Cardboard Balers. Contact the Public Works Office @ 515 Broadway Townsend, MT 59644 (406) 266-9207 for information on the goods to be sold at auction.

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May 3

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menahan's courtroom on Friday, May 3 is as follows:

Dustin Redfox had his Omnibus continued. It is now due on May 10.

Samuel Cooper also had his Omnibus continued. It is now due by May 10, as well.

Pricilla Evans had an Initial Appearance on a Petition to Revoke a suspended sentence. There are allegations that she did not stay in contact with her Adult Probation and Parole Officer. There will be a Status Hearing on June 7. She is currently applying to treatment facilities.

Ward Scow had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) criminal endangerment, 2) DUI (3rd offense) 3) driving while license suspended or revoked. Omnibus is due June 14; Pre-Trial is set for September 13; with the Jury Trial scheduled for October 7.

John Bourn had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) DUI (4th or subsequent offense) and 2) open container. Omnibus is due July 12; Pre-Trial is set for September 13; with the Jury Trial scheduled for October 7.

Robert Reich had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1) assault of a law enforcement officer, 2) partner/family member assault (2nd offense) 3) disorderly conduct 4) resisting arrest, 5) assault 6) assault on a police officer. Omnibus is due June 21; Pre-Trial is set for October 18; Jury Trial is scheduled for November 12.

Joseph Johnson had his Sentencing continued until June 7.

Richard Karp is now under Federal care and will have a Status Hearing on August 2.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Matthew Arts, Gallatin Gateway: day speed \$20.00
- Isai Cervantes, Salt Lake City, UT: day speed \$20.00
- Brock Deshaw, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
- David Garlock, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
- Cody Green, WSS: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00
- Presley Guzynski, Helena: improper pass \$85.00 day speed \$120.00
- Madison Lindberg, Gallatin Gateway: day speed \$20.00
- Deron Lear, Fairfield: day speed \$120.00
- Ana Marrero, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
- Ashlyn Parriman, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Hanna Ramirez, Helena: expired registration \$85.00 night speed \$70.00
- Katherine Somerby, Bozeman: day speed \$200.00
- Jessica Torrión, Kalispell: day speed \$20.00
- Laura Olson, Toston: day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Avery Sanders – Clancy – reckless driving- 1st offense, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of one year on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees and enroll and complete Alive @ 25.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Kelsea Briley, Port Ewen, NY: day speed \$20.00
- Sealtiel Contreras Olmos, Belgrade: day speed \$120.00
- Alexander Marks, San Tan Valley, AZ: driving without valid driver's license \$135.00 day speed \$20.00
- Hamilton McDaniel, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00
- Kyle Rogers, East Helena: night speed \$20.00
- Mickie Simonson, Helena: restricted speed \$55.00
- Jeremiah Zilkoski, Billings: night speed \$120.00
- Anthony Steber, East Helena: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00 displaying fictitious, altered, etc. license plates \$85.00

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Lindsey Richtmyer
Broadwater County Commissioner

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, May 13, 2024

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

9:00 AM Working Meeting with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines. This will be in the Commission Office

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

No Commission Meeting this week

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 May 14th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on May 14th at 1 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on May 14th at 6 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on May 15th at 6 PM
- LEPC Meeting on May 16th at 1 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on May 20th at 2 PM
- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on May 20th at 6 PM
- Townsend & Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on May 21st at 4 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on May 21st at 7 PM

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

City Council, 1

build reserves for future repair and replacement.

Having the increases in place prior to purchasing bonds for the project is necessary, Rauser said, to demonstrate to potential bond companies that the city has the funding mechanisms in place to service bond obligations.

Chris Hayes of Robert Peccia and Associates, the engineering firm contracted by the city to design upgrades to the water system, put estimates for the work at \$17 million Rauser told the council at its April 30 meeting. Bidding for the project will begin after the June 1 deadline for the plans to be approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The 2024 timeline includes two critical milestones for determining the final monthly rate for residents. First, bids are expected to be opened and the project is to be awarded by early July. Second, the council needs to decide on whether it will pursue a 20- or 30-year bond. The former comes with a higher monthly cost but reduces the overall cost to water users. That decision will come later this summer.

The City Council also needs to establish what fraction of the total estimate will be implemented with July 1, 2024, bills. The size of the remaining increase will be by late August.

Rauser said the drive toward improving the system came following a preliminary 2022 engineering report, which found that the city's water system – specifically the iconic 250,000 water tank – lacked capacity to meet the community's needs for fire protection, consistent water pressure for all users, and to support the proposed Copper Springs subdivision planned for a currently undeveloped area in the town's southeast corner.

Work will likely begin this year to replace 43 existing fire hydrants in the community and add seven new hydrants, as well as replacing 33 valves and adding another 16. Rauser said the city also expects to break ground on the transmission lines to and from the city's wells to the site of a new 1 million gallon tank just east of the fairgrounds.

The new tank will be installed in 2025 and will be integrated into the water system in early 2026.

The current tank will be drained and removed from use as part of the water system.

Primary Ballots, 1

Public Instruction, Supreme Court Clerk, and District 3 Public Service Commissioner. The legislative races are for Representative of House District 77, and Senator of Senate District 39.

All ballots, along with that of the Green party, include the judicial nonpartisan races for Supreme Court Chief Justice, Supreme Court Justice #3, and two District Court judgeships.

The only political race on the Green party ballot is that for the U.S. Senate.

The most crowded race is the Republican shootout for the U.S. House with nine candidates. They include two current state officials, Auditor Troy Downing and Public Instruction Superintendent Elsie Arntzen. Also in the running is former Congressman Denny Rehberg, a Billings businessman who represented Montana's at-large seat in the U.S. House from 2001 to 2013. The position opened up when the incumbent Republican, Matt Rosendale, dropped out of the race.

Of special interest to Broadwater County residents are the races involving County Attorney Cory Swanson and Townsend School Superintendent Susie Hedalen. Swanson is running for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court while Hedalen is running for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Not on the primary ballot are contests for two Broadwater County offices. Darrel Folkvord is seeking election to a second term as a county commissioner, challenged by Jesse Swenson. Audrey Plymale and Kelsi Anderson are running for Clerk of the District Court. Those nonpartisan races will be on the November general election ballot.

The primary election will almost certainly result in a November showdown for the U.S. Senate between incumbent Democrat Jon Tester and Republican Tim Sheehy. The two have been slugging it out for months with gazillion-dollar TV ad campaigns. No doubt the viewing public will be treated to more of the same for the next six months. The Green party's entry of candidates only in that race is widely viewed by Democrats as a ploy orchestrated by Republicans to syphon votes away from Tester in the GOP's campaign to gain control of the Senate.

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Strategies For Successfully Growing Strawberries

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



There is something so enjoyable about being about to munch on berries right out of your garden. Growing fruit of any kind in Montana can be challenging, but strawberries are a great option to start and can be highly successful. Gardens can easily produce up to two pounds of berries per square foot under the right conditions.

One of the first considerations is bearing type. There are three options: June bearing, everbearing and day neutral. June-bearing strawberry plants produce one crop per year in early to midsummer. Everbearing plants produce two crops each year. The first in June and July and then another in August and September. Day-neutral strawberries produce fruit throughout the summer. In Montana, June bearing is often the most successful. You may not always get the full harvest from the fall production of everbearing. Day-neutral strawberries tend to winter kill in northern environments and are so often planted as annuals.

The next consideration is site selection. Strawberries prefer fertile soil and full sun, at least 10 hours per day. Don't plant them in low-lying ground as these areas can be subject to frost damage. Strawberries prefer slightly acidic soil (pH of 6.5). Soils in Broadwater County are alkaline

(average of 8.0). In soils above 8.0, strawberry plants are subject to iron chlorosis or yellowing between the veins of the leaves. Strawberries also make excellent candidates for raised beds, but special preparations must be done each fall to prevent winter damage. There are also a variety of specialty planters designed for strawberries that can be used.

Spring is the most common time to plant strawberries. If they arrive before planting conditions are right, hold them in the refrigerator wrapped in moist packing material to reduce drying. If the roots dry out, it will kill the plants. Work fertilizer into the soil prior to planting. A soil test should be done to determine fertilizer needs. However, in general, strawberries need nitrogen and potassium in the greatest qualities.

There are a variety of different planting systems for strawberries including a spaced row system, matted row system or hill system. If you are planting a large number of strawberries and desire to maximum production, spend time researching the systems to determine what would work best for your situation and bearing type. Set plants in the ground with their crowns at soil level with the spacing recommended for the planting system. Keep in mind that strawberries will send out runners, quickly filling in the spaces between the plants. Firm the soil around each plant and water them immediately.

With June-bearing plants, remove all flowering stalks during the first year. This allows the plants to become well-established before producing. For everbearing varieties,

remove the flowers in the spring, but if they are doing well then you can let them develop a fall crop. For day-neutral varieties, pinch flowers off for the first few weeks after planting and then let them produce.

Strawberries produce an excessive amount of runners to produce daughter plants. Depending on the planting system, the runners should be trimmed to maintain the appropriate system. New daughter plants will produce fruit the following year if they have at least 10 leaves by fall.

Harvest berries that are completely red. Birds may be the worst pest for strawberries and can completely remove your entire harvest. Netting may be necessary to keep the birds at bay. After harvest, mow or clip plants to about 4 inches. Removing the leaves helps control pests and weeds. Thin plants if needed. Keep healthy daughter plants and remove old woody plants.

Weeds can be controlled by hand weeding or an organic mulch such as straw. Plastic mulches don't work well because they don't allow daughter plants to root. Common pests include white grub, spittlebugs, millipedes and slugs. Common diseases include verticillium wilt, black root rot and gray mold. Contact your local Extension Office for recommendations on managing pests and diseases along with any other questions about growing strawberries. MSU Extension in Broadwater County in Townsend can be found at 416 Broadway or contact us at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Lobelia

Matthaeus Lobelius (1538-1616) was a Flemish physician and plant enthusiast. Born in Flanders, he studied at the University of Montpellier and became personal physician first to William, Prince of Orange and later to James I. As a member of the Flemish School of Botany, he wrote a series of major treatises on plants, and authored famous publications for botany students. He is credited with the first attempt to classify plants according to their natural affinities, rather than their medicinal uses. The plant genus Lobelia and the botanical family Lobeliaceae are named after him. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: dbpedia.org, prabook.com

Broadwater Community Health Foundation Enhances Hospital's Cardiac Care with New EKG Machines

Joseph Salyer
Billings Clinic



In a remarkable display of generosity, the Broadwater Community Health Foundation has made a significant investment in local health care by providing new electrocardiogram (EKG) machines to Billings Clinic Broadwater.

EKG machines perform a test that records the electrical signals in the heart. They show how the heart is beating. During an EKG, sticky patches called electrodes are placed on the chest and sometimes on the arms or legs. Wires connect the patches to a computer, which prints or displays results. This invaluable contribution will help ensure prompt and accurate diagnoses for patients in need of cardiac care.

The investment of more than \$25,000 is a testament to the foundation's commitment to improving the well-being of community members. By equipping the hospital with the latest

technology, they have empowered healthcare professionals in Townsend to deliver a high standard of care to patients suffering from cardiac conditions. With the addition of these advanced EKG machines, Billings Clinic Broadwater

is better equipped to diagnose cardiac abnormalities swiftly and accurately, enabling timely interventions that can potentially save lives. Moreover, the enhanced capabilities of these machines will streamline the diagnostic process, reducing wait times and ensuring that patients receive the care they need promptly.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Community Health Foundation for their exceptional generosity and dedication to advancing healthcare in our community," said Justin Tiffany, Billings Clinic Broadwater CEO. "Their investment in our hospital's cardiac care capabilities is a testament to their commitment to the well-being of our community."

Thanks to the continued support of the Broadwater Community Health Foundation, Billings Clinic Broadwater is better positioned to continue meeting the healthcare needs of the residents in Townsend and Broadwater County.

Learn more about Billings Clinic Broadwater at www.billingsclinic.com/broadwater.



Please Join Us for Cemetery flag placements



Cemetery flag placements will be conducted at both Deep Creek and Radersburg Cemeteries at 9:00 am on Saturday, 25 May. Fresh fruit, donuts and bottled water will be available at both locations.

Meet at the respective cemeteries by 0900 and with many hands, we should be done fairly quickly as the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H kids will be helping us again this year.

We will be picking flags up at 9:00 am Wednesday, 29 May. Again, meet at the respective cemeteries if you are available to help.

Karen Susag will be leading the group at Radersburg and I will be available at Deep Creek. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning the activities for these two days.

Hope to see many of you at the cemeteries for this solemn tribute to our brothers and sisters in arms.

Blessings,

Jen Dalrymple
Cemetery Flag Coordinator, American Legion Post 42

Elect Kyle McMurray

Dear Editor;

It has been a long time since the 1860s when ambitious men moved to Montana to claim and tame land. Back then, it was a matter of choosing it and then doing the work to make it produce a living. Today it's still doing the work but now a person must be able to afford the taxes every year, and our water rights are being threatened from many angles. The government is coming up with new ways to tell us how to raise our cattle (or not) and whether or not our product is beneficial to the environment. While they say "follow the science," there seems to be different science trails for different people.

I also have concerns about the things schools introduce to my grandchildren. Parents should have a right to know what their kids are doing at school. Kyle McMurray understands Montana values and wants them preserved.

We need people with common sense and who will study the issues to represent us in Helena. Kyle McMurray has lived in the Gallatin Valley his whole life. He understands agriculture people. His father, Russ McMurray worked at Kamp Implement for better than 6 decades.

I believe we should elect Kyle McMurray for House District 77 and let him fight for his friends and neighbors here in the Gallatin Valley. Vote Kyle McMurray June 4.

Sincerely,

Chuck & Carol Feddes

Community Heart & Soul and the Montana Community Foundation Join Forces

Justin Samuel



In a collaboration focused on strengthening small cities and towns in Montana, Community Heart & Soul and the Montana Community Foundation (MCF) are broadening the reach of a proven model for resident-driven community engagement.

Community Heart & Soul engages the entire population of a town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it.

The Montana Community Foundation, a statewide philanthropic organization, shares a similar mission of strengthening communities throughout Montana.

By combining Community Heart & Soul's resident-driven approach to community engagement with the Montana Community Foundation's resources and network, including Montana State University Extension and the West Yellowstone Foundation, the partnership aims to catalyze positive change in towns and cities across the state.

Mary Rutherford, President and CEO of the Montana Community Foundation expressed her excitement about the partnership: "At the Montana Community Foundation, we believe in the power of people. By partnering with Community Heart & Soul, we can bring people

together to create a vision for their community, to help it thrive for generations to come."

Mark Sherman, President of Community Heart & Soul, echoed Rutherford's enthusiasm stating, "We are thrilled to partner with the Montana Community Foundation to support resident engagement in communities in their state."

The Community Heart & Soul process involves the following phases:

Imagine: Heart & Soul teams are formed to build awareness, interest, and commitment in all segments of the community.

Connect: Stories are gathered from residents, leading to the development of Heart & Soul Statements that identify what matters most and reflect what they love about their towns.

Plan: Residents develop action plans to guide future town planning based on the Heart & Soul Statements.

Act: Heart & Soul Statements are adopted, incorporated into plans, and put into action.

Additional information on the Community Heart & Soul program, including general information and timelines, can be found on the MCF website at <https://mtcf.org/about/about-us/local-community-foundations/community-heart-soul>. For questions, please contact Local Community Foundations Program Officer, Taylor Crowl at (406) 603-4913 or taylor@mtcf.org.

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

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Scour
FEARGO [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Sketch
SINGED [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Rush
SLEUTH [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

TODAY'S WORD
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"I don't know how we'd ever manage if George were _____, too."

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: T equals C

RVL TLULDP OKHIKB XDB
 UDEACPW LHTUNDTVVAHI KENH
 RVL WLDUPW TUNEB NO UWL
 DHC XVLDR. LUIN, LUINR.

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Super Crossword

QUALITY COUNTERFEITING

ACROSS

1 Pour drippings on
 6 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
 9 Blocks up
 14 Sailing
 19 Earthy hue
 20 Arsenal for weapons
 22 Limericks, e.g.
 23 Start of a riddle
 25 Color qualities
 26 Drain-clearing chemicals
 27 Forster's "— With a View"
 28 Frequently, to a bard
 30 Unadorned
 31 Brandy fruit
 33 Riddle, part 2
 38 Halt
 40 Everyday worker
 42 Disembarked
 43 Sings
 Alpine-style
 44 "Listen up!"
 46 Vaping device brand
 47 Crafty
 48 Riddle, part 3
 51 Analyze, as an alloy

56 Belgian painter James
 57 Pro photog's camera
 58 Bamboozle
 60 "Pride and Prejudice" actress
 61 Fleming who created Bond
 64 Shaving balm brand
 67 Handheld telescope
 69 Riddle, part 4
 75 Golden-coated horse
 76 "Star Wars" princess
 77 To this point
 78 Uganda's Idi
 79 Side in sports
 81 Pewter metal
 83 Kinds
 88 Certain believer in God
 90 Riddle, part 5
 95 Marina del —, California
 97 Bucks' mates
 98 Car fuel
 99 Walk over
 103 Trig ratio
 104 Uses teeth
 105 Australian state: Abbr.

106 End of the riddle
 109 See 10-Down
 111 Best Picture of 2012
 112 Arbor Day mo.
 113 Poker champion Stu
 115 "Ticklish" doll
 118 Top hats
 127 — Carlo
 128 "Full House" actor Bob
 129 Walk over
 130 Crimson, e.g.
 131 Limerick penner Nash

DOWN

1 Cereal holder
 2 In need of a massage, maybe
 3 Border collies, e.g.
 4 In need of a massage, maybe
 5 History unit
 6 "M*A*S*H" actor Jamie
 7 Small streams
 8 "No more for me"
 9 Federal health agcy.
 10 With
 109-Across, Beatles song or album
 11 Brand of nail polish
 12 Start to melt
 13 Rod's partner
 14 Liable
 15 "It's a shame"
 16 Upper House of Congress
 17 Celebrity chef
 18 Size up
 21 Rikishi's sport
 24 Golfed
 29 "Bye 4 now"
 32 Pithy saying
 34 Membrane enclosing a fetus
 35 Supermodel Heidi
 36 — Olay (face cream brand, formerly)
 37 Boxer Oscar de la —
 38 Additionally
 39 12:00 p.m.
 41 "Either you do it — will"
 45 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1974 hit)
 46 Amount of jelly or olives
 47 Visit casually
 49 Smeltery stuff
 50 Sammy with 609 homers
 52 Part of SASE
 53 — Pei
 54 Additionally
 55 Polite rural assent to a lady
 59 Singer Lovett
 62 Doing the job
 63 A ripe old age
 65 Sports draw
 66 The way things stand
 68 Scrams
 69 Tablet since 2010
 70 Appointment
 71 Livy's 552
 72 Bits in physics
 73 Ark crafter
 74 Alexander of Reagan's Cabinet
 80 Military doc
 82 Match under the stars, maybe
 84 Hooting bird
 85 Bonn's region
 86 Sunbathes
 87 Gumbo, e.g.
 89 Horse gait
 91 The last Mrs. Chaplin
 92 Rod's partner
 93 Not, to Scots
 94 Whirling
 96 "Exile" New Age singer
 99 Noisy kisses
 100 Albanian capital
 101 Yule drink
 102 Singer Snow
 103 One hanging ten
 104 Ember
 107 Eye-teasing paintings
 108 San — Obispo, California
 110 Envelop in haze
 114 In the sack
 116 Put in silent mode
 117 Yaks, e.g.
 119 Former Brit. Airways jet
 121 Corrida shout
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 123 Incensed
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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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OUR WALK IN FAITH

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



SENIOR CENTER

SR. CENTER MEALS *Wednesday, May 15*
MAY 13 - MAY 17
 Roasted Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Carrot Raisin Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Plump Peaches

Monday, May 13
 Baked Ham
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Garden Peas
 Garden Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Plump Peaches

Tuesday, May 14
 Sloppy Joes on a Bun
 Baked Beans
 Creamy Coleslaw
 Juicy Pears
 Dessert

Thursday, May 16
 Sweet-N-Sour Pork
 Fried Brown Rice
 Broccoli Spears
 Four Bean Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Baked Apples

Friday, May 17
 Salisbury Steak
 Steamed Potatoes
 California Blend
 Tossed Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Mandarin Oranges

Billings Clinic Broadwater 2024 Health Fair

Jenni Hoff
 Billings Clinic Broadwater

Billings Clinic Broadwater will be holding the 2024 Annual Health Fair on May 18. If you are interested in participating as a vendor please complete the form at: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43NewsRouter/2024HealthFair>



Why is it that the same folks that talk about staying in shape & working out, are the people who keep wanting EVERYTHING delivered to their house? I remember talking to people that had the local grocery store Deliver their groceries to their home, this was even before my time. That service pretty much went away, but NOW with things like DoorDash and delivery service from places like Walmart, you can get all your food Etc. needs brought right to your door!

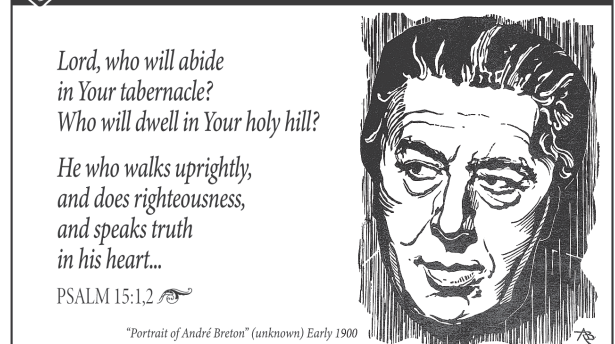
I was watching TV the other night, and it seemed like all the companies were telling us we can order ANYTHING we want from home. Never mind going outside for fresh air; No, No, No anything you could possibly desire will be brought to you. Even medicines, “way back, a doctor would even make house calls” not anymore however, there is a clinic on every corner. Yes, and all those “Special Dispensaries” are right in your neighborhood.

Are all of us that needy? “Oh the store is a few blocks away, I don’t want to go out?”. This is one reason why we are getting so heavy and unhealthy! YES, there are folks who are not as healthy and need help, I’m not talking about those folks. I’m talking about folks, who sit around watch TV all day and do NOT get any exercise. It’s like people who get a knee or hip replaced, we are told to DO your physical therapy or you will never get the mobility back in that limb. TRUE! I know from experience, do the work.

I know I’m a bit different - a long military career can do that to you - I love sitting on the front porch in the morning sun...WHEN it ever gets warm! And relaxing, but after a while, I have to do something, although those mid-day naps are great. Being a bit lazy is nice, especially after busting your hump all your life working, however even then as an old commercial says “movement is life!”. Yep, so get off your rump and walk, or bicycle anything to keep healthy.

I’ve always been a bit hyper - NO not you! - slowing down a bit is good for you; I’m trying to slow down but it doesn’t always work. Go to the store, go have lunch in our fine dining establishments. Just get out and move. Watching the Squirrels relaxes me, except when the little heathens insist on being fed. Live, Laugh & Love, the world is waiting right outside your door, “tell it to wait a minute I have to go to the bathroom.”
 Spring, please hurry!

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Canton Valley Woman’s Club Birthday Celebration

Linda Huth
 Broadwater County Museum Curator

In a recent article I wrote about the Canton Valley Woman’s Club celebrating the club’s 100th birthday. The club was the idea of Mrs. W.C. Whaley, an early Broadwater County family. It was a group of country women in the days of the horse and buggy, who gathered together one or two times a month to become better acquainted, to visit and to exchange ideas. Families in those days were isolated. Because of transportation difficulties, it was not easy to go to the neighbors for socializing. This club provided the opportunity to do so.

Besides Mrs. Whaley, other early-day members included Mesdames Bruce, Merritt, Noble, Kirscher, Smith, Plymale, Meyers, Doggett, Mannix, Weiferich, Broderick, Gaab, Tenneyson and Fuhs.

In the beginning, the meetings were in the members’ homes. Mr. and Mrs. William Gaab donated an old building in Canton to the club. The building had been a boot and shoe shop owned by the Kieckbusch family and when the Canton store was purchased by the Gaabs, the “shoe shop” was part of the deal. The ladies furnished it with a large table, chairs and benches, dishes and a cupboard for them. There was an old cook stove with a large coffee pot on it, a sewing table, and a potbellied stove for use on cold meeting days. There was a huge United States of America flag on the wall and their certification that they were an official affiliated club of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

Wikipedia tells us that the General Federation of Women’s (Woman’s) Clubs (GFWC) was founded in 1890 and it is a federation of approximately 2,300 women’s clubs in the United States which promote civic improvements through volunteer service. Community Service Projects are organized by local clubs for the benefit of their communities. The GFWC maintains nearly 60,000 members throughout the United States and internationally. GFWC is one of the world’s largest and oldest nonpartisan, nondenominational, women’s volunteer service organizations.

Today’s club members are: Bonnie Berglind, President; Roxann Larue, Vice President; Carol McGuire, Secretary/Treasurer; Sharon Gambrel, Linda Huth; Wilma Wortman; Jackie Kynett; and JoAnn Karstetter.

According to President Bonnie Berglind some recent projects include sponsoring a decorated window, at the Creative Closet, for suicide prevention and providing high school students with bracelets with the suicide prevention telephone number and web page address; contributing to elementary school books; to the Christmas Connection; to deserving ladies in the community for gasoline and groceries at Christmas time; and to the food bank.

The Canton Valley Woman’s Club and the Broadwater County Historical Society are partnering to have a celebration of the club’s birthday at the Broadwater County Museum at 133 North Walnut Street in Townsend on Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 with a program about the history of the club with several historic photographs. We hope you will join us.

May Food Pantry

Karoline Nelson
 Operations Manager



The Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church is staffing the food pantry

during the month of May.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 40 families serving 72 people on May 4th.

Starting Mother’s Day, May 12 until Father’s Day, June 16, the Townsend Rotary will be matching funds collected during that time. Funds will be matched one to one.

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

Blumhagen at 406-980-0800.

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

Items needed this week:

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

Tree Board Uses Trees to Teach Students

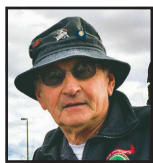


4H Exchange students and their families helped the Tree Board pot over 100 trees on May 4th. Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg



BCHS horticulture class students and Graymont employees help the Tree Board pot the bare-root trees received on April 30th. Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

Patrick Plantenberg Tree Board Chair



The Townsend Tree Board received its annual shipment of trees on April 30th from JF Schmidt Nursery in Oregon.

The Tree Board receives trees to plant in the community each year. The Tree Board considered not getting trees the last two years but decided to do it anyway when approached by Jemma Loughery, Broadwater County High School horticulture class teacher. She wanted her students to have a chance to learn about trees and their care.

Patrick Plantenberg, Tree Board Chair, has been helping teach the class for the last two years. The students learn how to prune and plant trees. The students have done tree surgery bolting trees together that have split in the wind. The students are taught basic landscaping skills like how to design landscape beds to minimize

maintenance.

This has been a great opportunity for the students to learn what it might be like to work at a nursery, garden center, or landscape company. The students also might want to open their own small business as an arborist, landscaper, etc.

This will be the last year that the Tree Board receives a wholesale shipment of trees. The Tree Board will simply purchase retail trees from the local nurseries to do the same work in the coming years.

Tree Board Plans School Campus Clean-up Day on May 17

The Townsend Tree Board is planning a school campus cleanup day on May 17th starting at 8 am. This is an annual event sponsored by the Tree Board, Rotary, and other groups each year to make our school campus look good for graduation. The school is our gathering place for many large events and graduation brings in many people from out of town.

We need to have the campus looking good for everyone. Please help. For more information contact Patrick Plantenberg, Tree Board Chair, at 406-431-4615.

This year, BCBS horticulture class students and 4H Exchange Students will be helping with the event. We will meet on the south side of the high school in the parking lot at 8 am.

4H Exchange Students Help Tree Board

On Saturday, May 4, 4H Exchange students and their families helped the Tree Board finish potting over 100 bareroot trees. Graymont purchased the 4H Exchange Students' labor at the Ag Appreciation Dinner and donated their hours to the Tree Board.

The Tree Board thanks Graymont for donating these hard-working individuals.

The 4H Exchange Students will also be helping the Tree Board clean up the school campus on May 17th. It is so great to see our students helping in the community. Thank you 4H!

5th Grade Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest Award Ceremony and Tree Planting Event

Linda Southall Townsend Tree Board Member

On Thursday, May 2, 2024 excitement was “running high” as 5th graders gathered in Mrs. Kim Gilligan’s classroom on the second floor of the new Townsend Elementary School for the 20th award ceremony and tree planting event of the Broadwater County 5th Grade Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest. The theme for this year’s poster contest was: “For 20 years, pupils’ posters promote trees”. In 2004 the Townsend Tree Board began sponsoring the poster contest for 5th grade students. The Townsend Tree Board wanted a way to have the kids begin thinking about how trees “worked” for them and why the trees should be appreciated by them. All students, who participated in the Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest, received a gift certificate from the Mint Café for a scoop of Ice cream. Their posters will be displayed for viewing at the Broadwater Community Library, in all likelihood.

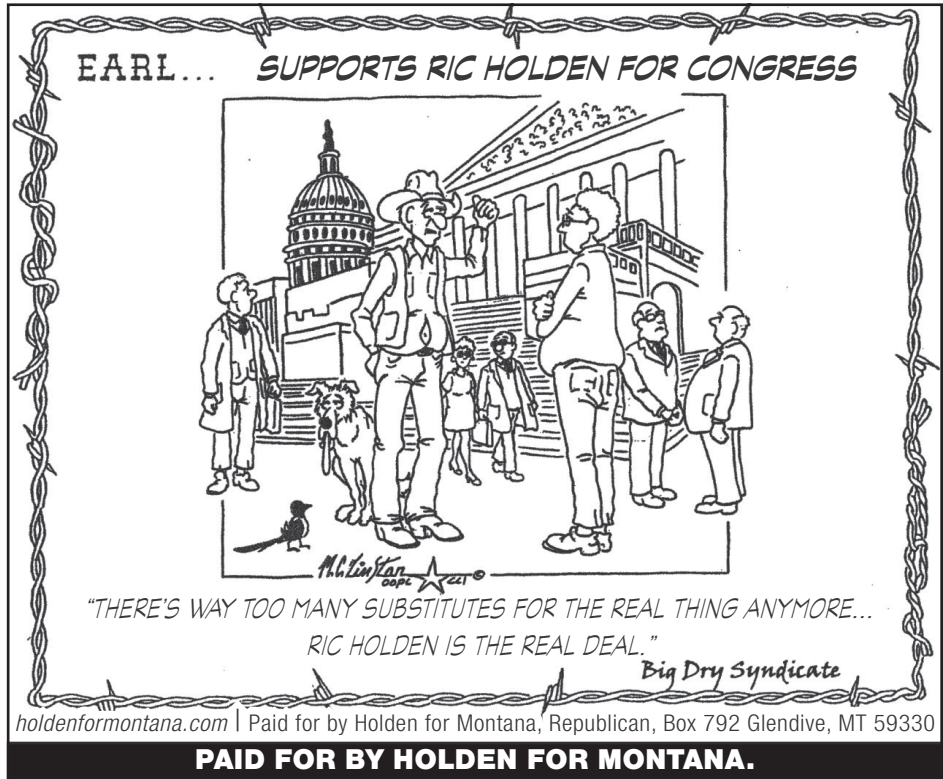
The top prizewinning posters were drawn and awarded to the following Townsend 5th graders:

3rd Place: Rita Campbell from Mrs. Kim Gilligan’s class; received a \$20 check from the City of Townsend. 2nd Place: Myla Graveley from Mr. Tanner Hoff’s class; he received a \$30 check from the City of Townsend. 1st Place: Jolie Ferreira from Mrs. Kim Gilligan’s class; she received a \$50 check from the City of Townsend. As 1st Place winner Miss Jolie will receive 1 framed

poster as a keepsake and a second framed poster will be prominently displayed at the Townsend Elementary School alongside the first-place posters from the past 20 years.

All of the winning posters will be reproduced into a postcard. The three winners will receive copies of the posters and postcards for their own use. Copies of the postcards will be retained by the Tree Board for use in correspondence, thank you notes to the Tree Board benefactors, and for board meeting announcements.

After the announcement of winners and presentation of prizes the students, teachers and guests proceeded outside for a tree-planting event. A new tree was planted near the front of the schoolyard where the old Elementary School stood.



Roast Venison Lunch Meat

#2 Easy Tex-Mex

For 8 ounces cooked venison
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons McCormick Taco Seasoning Mix
2-3 teaspoons Chipotle Tabasco Sauce (or to taste)

Preparation for both spice mixes:

1. Chop the cooked venison into chunks, toss into a food processor and rip it to shreds.
2. Mix the rest of the ingredients in a medium sized bowl until well blended and add it to the processor with the meat.
3. Process the meat and your choice of spice mix together for a second or two so it all looks uniform in color, but not much more.
4. Return that to the bowl, cover and chill for several hours. Now, you can use your sandwich spread on crackers, toast and in sandwiches--including adding it to grilled cheese sandwiches.

Dry Roasting

Generally, dry roasting requires a more tender piece of meat than wet roasting--

but since we’re going to dry roast and THEN purée the meat, don’t waste the tender stuff on this. As for flavor, these two spice mixes are pretty stout, so you can use moderately gamey meat. (Don’t go crazy in that direction though, ‘cause even cumin and chili powder won’t hide a really rank buck.

And while we’re on that, gamey flavors tend to concentrate in the fat, sinew and connective tissue so trim that before cooking.) So, how long to cook it? Take a ruler, and stand it up behind the thawed and oven-ready roast. How ‘tall’ is it? That’s what determines cooking time. (Not weight, or overall size.)

An ‘average’ deer roast is about 2” high, some more, some less. In a 325°F oven, a 2” high roast will be about medium rare in about an hour. (All these ‘abouts’ are a bit of a fudge factor. This is what happens in my gas oven, in Townsend, at 3500 feet above sea level. Just use a meat thermometer, stop cooking at 135°F or so: for this recipe a little more isn’t going to hurt anything.) We roast a lot at our house both in the oven and indirectly on the grill, so I added a Roasting Table to Slice of the Wild: 100 Venison Recipes Wild Game cookbook. (I keep a copy of that page scotch-taped inside a cupboard by the stove. And a 6” ruler with the meat thermometer.)

Once the roast is done, and pretty cool, place it in the fridge, covered with foil. Chill for a few hours and it’s ready to chop, purée, mix—and eat.

Eileen’s Slice of the Wild also has 40 pages of illustrated how-to game care and butchering tips from bullet to fork because it’s never just about the recipes, is it? Find it at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.

Eileen Clarke Rifles and Recipes

Have some leftover roast venison? There are probably more versions of this recipe than stars in the sky. Even on a clear night.



Roast Venison Lunch Meat Photo Credits: Eileen Clark

Why? Because it’s easy and goes on crackers, toast, or in your pocket--as a sandwich to take hunting. The meat can be any big game animal: deer, elk, antelope, moose, caribou, even bison, if that’s

what you have in the freezer. Then if you have never tried dry roasting game (or not done it successfully) check out the short tutorial that follows.

One more thing. If you have more than ½ pound of leftover meat, these spice mixes are easily multiplied.

#1: The Traditional, Improved

For 8 ounces cooked venison
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup sweet relish
2 tablespoons bottled yellow mustard
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons salt

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



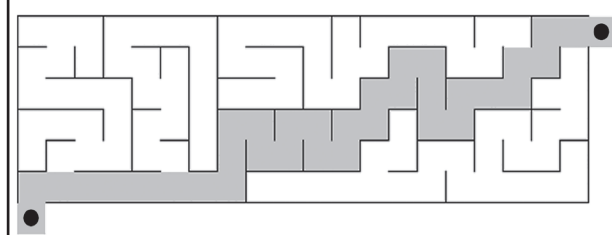
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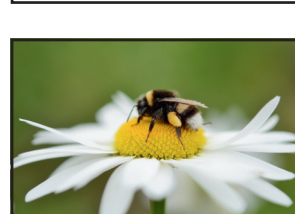


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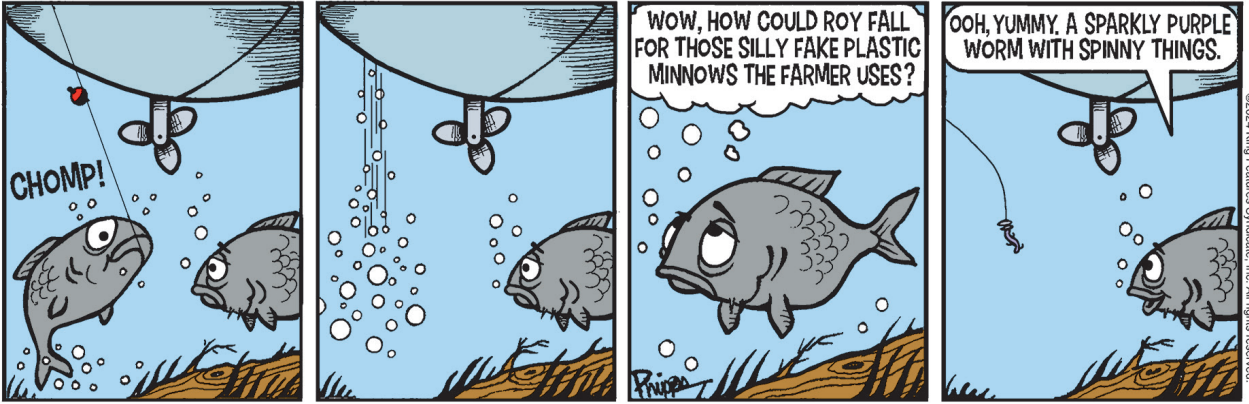


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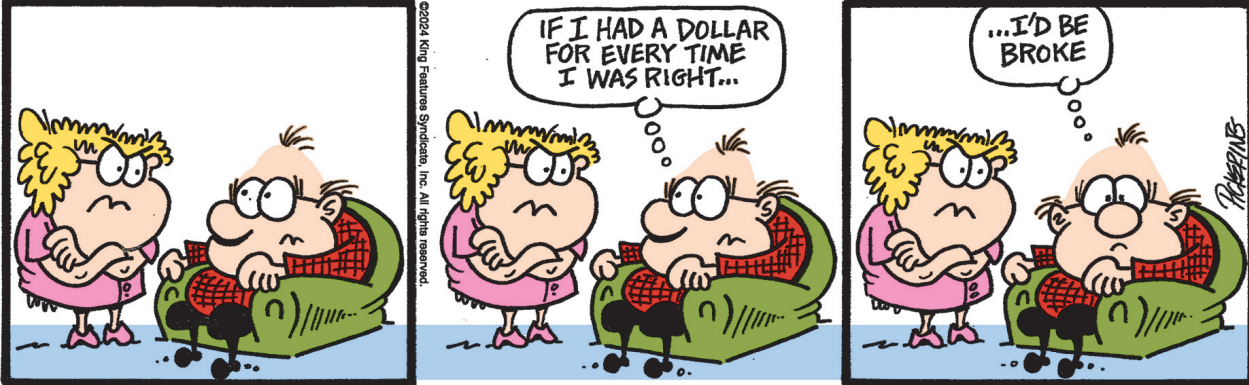
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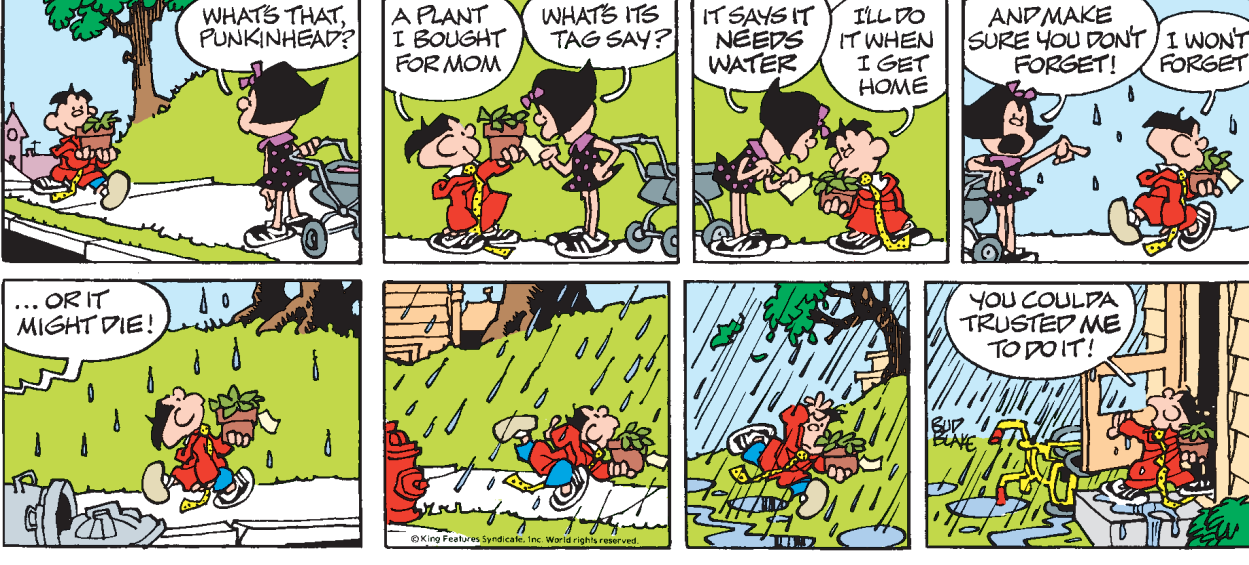
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Americanisms



"If I have done anything in life worth attention, I feel sure that I inherited the disposition from my mother."
— Booker T. Washington

Super Crossword

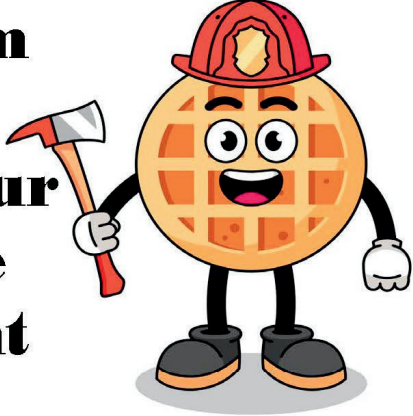
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ANNUAL RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST!!

Honor Mom AND Support Your Rural Fire Department



Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice & Coffee FOR ONLY \$5.00 / Plate

**When: Saturday, May 11
Time: 9 am to 11 am
Where: Fire Station at 130 South Cedar**

RE-ELECT

Julie Dooling

HD84

Paid for by Julie Dooling for HD84, Dave Galt, Treasurer PO Box 1933, Helena, MT 59624

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 5/10	Sat 5/11	Sun 5/12	Mon 5/13	Tue 5/14
Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Light Rain Showers
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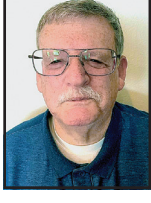
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TECH TALK

Beware The Internet

Victor Sample



The Internet has forever changed the way we live. We shop online; we meet online; we research online; we socialize online....

But everyone knows (or should know) that the Internet can also be a very dangerous place. It is full of scammers trying to scam you or deliver malware to your PCs, tablets and phones.

Misinformation (or just plain lies) are abundant on the Internet. There have even been television commercials making fun of believing everything you read on the internet.

Many of the people who participated in the January 6, 2020 riots at the Capital building in Washington DC have been charged with crimes, found guilty and are serving jail sentences. Many of those people have blamed the internet because they read and believed the lies they found on the internet.

However, we are now entering a new, even more dangerous era of Internet propaganda, deception and lies. Some of you have read previous articles that I wrote making fun of some of the more ludicrous "conversations" I have had with the Microsoft Copilot and Google Bard/Gemini Artificial Intelligence engines; but, I do use artificial intelligence engines all of the time. They are becoming more and more powerful.

I recently read an article about a new capability Microsoft has implemented in their AI engines – the ability to create full-blown videos using a single photograph and a single voice clip.

Why is this so scary?

We all know that people take words out of context or edit videos to create misleading (or just plain false) narratives they attribute to people.

But the ability to create extremely realistic full videos of people talking that are totally fabricated brings the misinformation danger to a whole new level. As the totally fabricated videos become more and more realistic how can you tell the real videos from the manufactured videos?

These types of misleading information are called "deep fakes". For an example of a fully AI created deep fake video visit <https://twitter.com/i/status/1780944431937364001>

I cannot tell the difference from this totally fabricated video and a real video!

ALWAYS BEWARE OF WHAT YOU READ OR SEE ON THE INTERNET!

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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May 9

1912

Doings of a Week

O'Connor, as the undertaker, and Fick McCormick, as the hearse driver, ought to do a slam-banging good business in this neck o' the woods. O'Connor has been doing so much embalming however that he has almost got the same fluid into himself, and Fick is pickled, so there isn't much chance to dig the moss off their backs with a Tillman pitch fork. The only fault this paper has to find with them is that they don't get busy and bury some of the stiffes who are walking around town to save funeral expenses. But as it is if a real live undertaker and driver were to come along both of these boys would fall into his hands.

Teachers Pass Examination

Miss Barker, county School Superintendent, reports the following as successful applicants for certificates to teach school in this county: Misses Edna Simms, Edna Ragen, May Cotter, Susie Cass, Florence Averill, Anna Hazelton, Clara Vaughn and Anna Wilson. One lone male in the person of Clarence Bruce also got by and was given permission to wallop the youngsters.

1940

Personal News

Seven Broadwater county men went to Helena Monday evening to attend a special meeting of Helena Lodge No. 3 A.F. and A.M. In the party were H.E. Balhiser and son Robert, Fred W. Schmitz, Frank Holloway,

Roy Noble, Cleveland Wallace, Howard Wallace, the Rev. Ernest J. Mills and Clifford Mockel.

Mrs. Allan Graveley and three children motored to Boulder Monday to attend the birthday party of her little niece, Miss Trena Lee Holloway. The following day Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Holloway accompanied by Miss Roxy Ray Ward and Miss Marjorie Ward motored to pay respects on the fifth anniversary of their little granddaughter, although a day late.

Several from Townsend attended a Montana Club dinner-dance Saturday evening of last week. They were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Doggett, Mr. and Mrs. Ed O. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Cooley, Dr. Wm McElwee and Miss Jean Junod.

1968

Students Attend State Music Meet

Unless changes are made in policy by the State High School Association, high school music students have attended their last all state festival. Next year five regional festivals will be held to replace the all-state meets held at Missoula and Billings.

The chorus members from western Montana were privileged to work under Mr. Richard Condie, director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The repertoire for this group included eight sacred numbers which were adequately prepared before the students left for Missoula.

The piano quartet, Marcia Moudree, Marilyn Hoffman, Anita Olsen and Wayne Hoffman won a superior rating for their work as did Wayne and Marilyn Hoffman for their piano duet. Dixie Turman and Karen Hudson also received a superior rating for their piano-duo. Anita Olsen and Marilyn Hargrove were awarded a

superior for their duet.

Marilyn Hargrove, Marcia Moudree and Marilyn Hoffman received an excellent rating and Bill Kitto, excellent for his vocal solo.

Good ratings were awarded the piano duet of Patricia Perry and Janet Richardson. Wayne Hoffman received this rating for his piano solo.

Local News

Sally Christie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Christie, was 12 years old Sunday and several guests were invited to a party to help her celebrate the occasion. A hay ride during the afternoon provided entertainment for the group followed by a turkey dinner with a birthday cake. Invited guests were Beverly Page, Susan Hooks, Mary Ragen, Susan Vick, Arlis Schledewitz, Donna Francisco, Cindy Kirksey, Leslie Grossman, Guyla Ewing, Patti Jo Sayer, Laurie Smith, Janet Etwiler and Matthew, Mark and Mike Meyer, cousins of the honored guest.

1996

"Around Town News" by Mary Pat Martin

April 26 Bernice Cartwright was surprised with a birthday party honoring her on her 85th birthday. The party, held at the senior center, was hosted by her daughter, Carol Somers.

Monday Barney Johnson took son, Dale, to the airport at Belgrade where he enplaned for Salena, Kan., where he will be attending a welding school for three weeks.

Sunday Chuck and Eleanor and her mother, Alta Townsley, visited Gary and Judy Olsen.

John and Martha Schmidt returned last Monday from Bismarck, N.D. where they attended the funeral of her sister, Leontin



Happy Mother's Day

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Arbor Day/Week Started May 2!

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



The Townsend Tree Board started its annual Arbor Day/Week Celebration on May 2 at Townsend Elementary School. The fifth-grade students and teachers helped the Tree Board plant a unique tree- a Phellodendron lavallei 'Longenecker' Eye Stopper™ Cork Tree! This is only the second one ever planted in Townsend. It has a brilliant yellow fall color. The tree was planted south of the Community Library. The tree was planted to honor the 2024 Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners.

At the tree planting ceremony, Sheri Steckler, MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Urban Service Forester for eastern Montana, congratulated City of Townsend Mayor Vicki Rauser for Townsend being awarded Tree City USA status for 2023. Townsend qualified for Tree City USA status and has received an \$850 grant to help pay for our Arbor Day/Week activities. Townsend has had a Tree Board since 1990 but has only qualified to be a Tree City USA 24 years out of the 34 years of its existence.

Linda Southall, Townsend Tree Board member,

was also honored by Sheri Steckler for being a Tree Board member for 31 years and for conducting the Arbor Day poster contest for 20 years! Interestingly, the first tree planted for Arbor Day poster contest winner Rachel Cordova in 2004, a Prairie Gem Flowering Pear tree, was less than 70 feet from the 2024 tree. A tree planted in 2008 on Arbor Day during the state Arbor Day celebration hosted in Townsend and named by the students 'Linda the Linden' was less than 200 feet away from the 2024 tree.

Finally, Graymont Plant Manager, Paul Liner, and Steve Bugni, Graymont HSE Specialist, were at the Arbor Day celebration to be honored by the Tree Board for presenting the Townsend Tree



Sheri Steckler, MT DNRC Urban Service Forester, thanks Linda Southall for being a Tree Board member for 31 years and organizing the Arbor Day poster contest for 20 years. Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg

Board with a \$7,500

Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund Grant to help pay for our 2024 trees. Thank you, Graymont!

During the rest of the coming Arbor Week, the Tree Board will be planting more trees around the community.



Graymont employees, Paul Liner (left) and Steve Bugni (right), explain to the 5th grade students why Graymont gave the Tree Board a tree planting grant in 2024. Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg



Patrick Plantenberg, (left in white hat) helps students plant a new tree south of the community library on Arbor Day. Photo Credits: Pat Plantenberg