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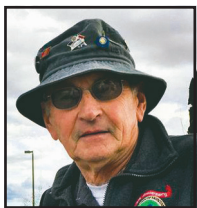
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Rotary Recognizes Bob Chamberlin

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian



The Bob Chamberlin family-owned Bob's Supermarket from 1976 until 2020 and gave so much to the community over the years. In 2020, the Rotary Club of Townsend tried to recognize Bob's Supermarket for those many community contributions, but Bob would never commit to coming to a meeting.

Everyone who knows Bob knows he does not like any attention for those contributions. Well finally, on Saturday, July 27 at Bob's 80th birthday party celebration, Rotary finally was able to corner Bob and present him with the 2020 recognition plaque that they had kept for the past four years.

Thank you so much, Bob, for all you and your family did for the community over those many years.

And remember, Rotary never forgets!



Rotarian Patrick Plantenberg finally presents a thank you plaque to Bob Chamberlin. Photo Provided by Townsend Rotary

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Implemented in Central Montana

Helen Duran
Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

Helena-Great Falls Area Restrictions & Closures



Helena, MT— Interagency fire management officials in central Montana have implemented Stage 1 Restrictions for the entire Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest and the following counties:

Liberty, Glacier, Toole, Teton, Glacier, Meagher, and Jefferson. The purpose of fire restrictions is to reduce the risk of human-caused fires during unusually high fire danger and/or burning conditions.

Fire restrictions affect the following lands within the listed counties: private lands, state lands under the jurisdiction of Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (MT DNRC) and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP), federal lands under the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Tribal lands under the Blackfeet Nation.

Fire restrictions vary across jurisdictions and may change quickly. Contact the agency responsible for management of your area to verify what activities are allowed. It is your responsibility to "know before you go". Visit [MtFireInfo.org](https://www.mtfireinfo.org) to learn more.

STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

The Following Acts Are Prohibited Until Further Notice:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire unless as noted in the exemptions below.
- 2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Stage 1 Exemptions:

- 1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
 - 2. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding materials within three feet of the device.
 - 3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
 - 4. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
- 6. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

Fire professionals analyze several factors when deciding when to enact and rescind fire restrictions. These include: the number of human-caused fires, fire danger ratings, weather conditions, fuel moisture, availability of firefighting resources, and the potential threat to firefighter and public safety.

Active Fires	Year Total
63	1125
▲ 11 Last 24 Hours	▲ 40 This Week

Active MT Wildland Fires; 7/30/24
<https://www.mtfireinfo.org/pages/current-fire-info>

County Residents Receive Notice of Missing Solid Waste Assessments

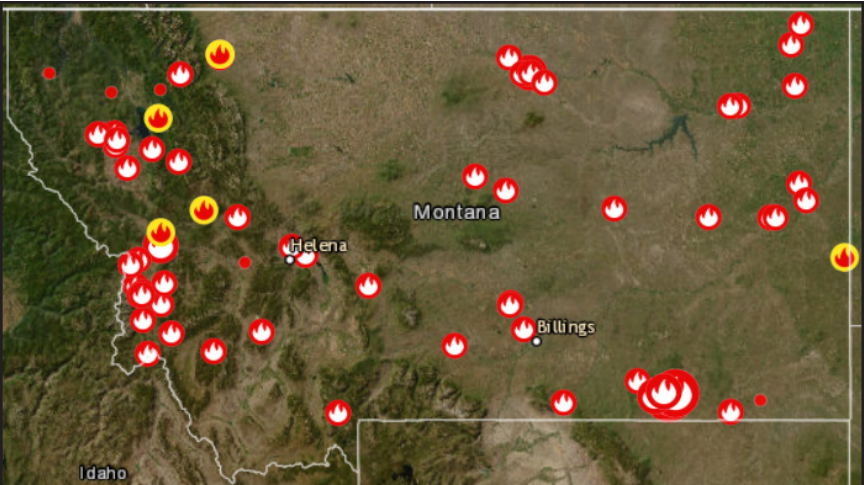
Linda Kent
MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County property taxpayers incorrectly billed for 2022-23 and 2023-24 solid waste assessments received notice of the corrected amounts due in July. Business and residential property owners were underbilled or not billed during those years due to an error in transferring assessment data from one fiscal year to the next in the county's accounting system. The error was discovered during a 2023 county audit.

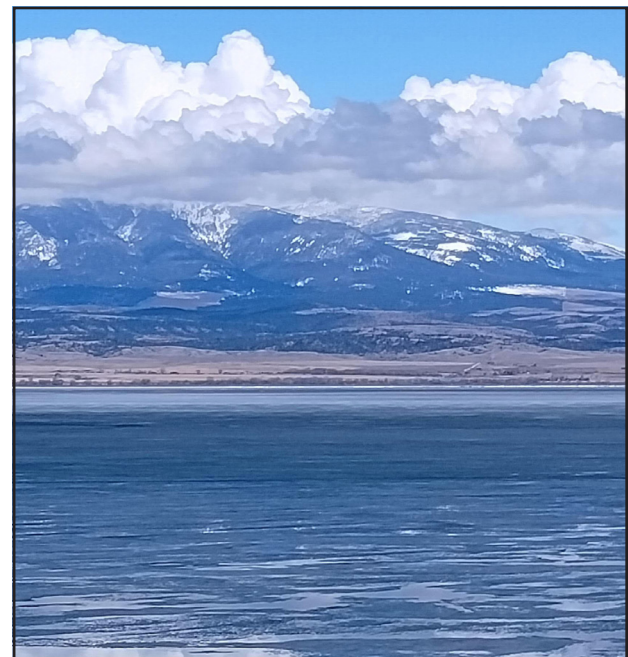
The county put new procedures in place in June 2024 to ensure that similar errors do not occur in the future.

The missing assessments, which will be due May 31, 2025, represent around \$250,000 for the county's solid waste fund. As an enterprise fund of the county, the Solid Waste Department's budget comes solely from the revenue generated by assessments and fees. None of the department's \$1 million budget comes from the county general fund. Money generated from payment of under-billed assessments will cover operating deficits for the fund's previous two budget years.

Taxpayers who receive notice that they were underbilled can pay the full amount due or contact the public works department to make payment arrangements. Once full payment is received, they will receive a window decal which will allow for access to the county's solid waste collection sites.



Active MT Fires Map; 7/30/24
<https://www.mtfireinfo.org/pages/current-fire-info>



Canyon Ferry Lake, Broadwater County
Photot Credit: Brenda Phillips

Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



Everyone tells you that the last game, the last competition, the last performance, or the last pep rally will be difficult, but as a Christian,

I was never warned about what it would feel like to attend church with my church family for the last time. I have been going to the Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church ever since I can remember, and I have grown to love the group of believers and treasure Christ even more. After the church service ended, Mrs. Beth Roelofs came over and gave me a huge hug. That alone was enough to make the tears flow. This was going to be harder than I thought.

I believe that God is present in every place, at every time, and in every person's life, so I know that as I find another church, God will make a way and I will find a church that has the right Jesus. However, I have never known anything outside the comfort of the local church, so the humility that has come with starting over has been overwhelming, and this humility that comes with a lack of comfort is scary but full of realism.

As comfortable as I have been at Trailhead, I also

learned something valuable about growth. Application is arguably the most important part of growth. This isn't only applying basic principles of the faith, but learning about what God believes about issues such as the Trinity, baptisms, and the Resurrection Story, and actively applying the knowledge to my life and searching for other believers and another church that believes the same thing.

This is what I know to be true, and learning everything I can about this foundation takes a heavy weight off of my shoulders. It is going to be hard to find a new church and a group of fellow believers, however, I know what I believe and can make wise decisions about the church I attend and the group of people I hang around.

I prepared myself spiritually as the time to leave came nearer, and it was still extremely difficult. Know where you stand and what you believe. Hold firm to it and don't let go. The physical may get weak and the mind overstimulated, but if the spiritual aspect of your being is abandoned, everything will come tumbling down. John MacArthur put it this way, "Your faith will not fail while God sustains it; you are not strong enough to fall away while God is resolved to hold you," and now more than ever, I and so many other people, especially amidst the college transition, need to cling to the true faith and the road that has been marked out for us.

Montanans Celebrate Statue Unveiling for Governor Judy Martz

Christi Jacobsen
MT Secretary of State



Montana Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen joined hundreds of Montanans at the State Capitol on Monday for a statue unveiling to honor former Governor Judy Martz. Artist Gareth Curtiss created the full-size statue.



Governor Judy Martz Statue
Photo Credits: State of Montana

"May this statue be a constant reminder to all of us to live our best lives, to stick out our necks and make a difference, and to be a blessing to our families, our citizens, and our Montana," Secretary Jacobsen said during Monday's unveiling.

Martz served as Montana's lieutenant governor in 1997 before being elected governor in 2000, beginning her term in January 2001. She was the first female in Montana to serve in each role. Before representing Montanans in the State Capitol, Martz and her family resided in Butte, where she and her husband were business owners and involved in various community roles.

A former Miss Rodeo Montana, Martz was also a world-class speed skater who competed nationally and internationally. She was a member of the U.S. Olympic Speed Skating Team during the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. During the 1,500-meter speed skating race, Martz experienced an unfortunate fall but returned to the race and garnered a 15th-place finish.

"She taught us in that moment to remain focused and not let distractions prevent us from crossing the finish line; that we are human, and sometimes we fall," said Secretary Jacobsen. "She got up and finished that race in 15th place, still higher than many other people she was competing against. This is a great lesson to always get back on our skates, to finish the job, and finish it well."

Secretary Jacobsen was honored to speak during Monday's dedication and joined numerous other elected officials, including the Governor and representatives from Montana's U.S. Congressional delegation, in celebrating Governor Martz's life and accomplishments.

"It's fitting and deserving that Governor Martz has this statue placed in our beautiful Montana Capitol Building and that she be remembered and celebrated, not only as Montana's first female governor but for all of her accomplishments," said Secretary Jacobsen. "She brought common sense to the halls of this Capitol; she was faithful and wise in carrying out her responsibilities, and she shared her great faith and inspirational life with all of us."

The statue of Gov. Martz, which was approved through Senate Bill 275 in the 2019 Legislature, can be viewed in Montana's State Capitol building on the second floor near the Office of the Governor.

Townsend School Calendar

AUGUST

Monday 6
7:00PM Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge

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FINAL BUDGET MEETING

The Final Budgets for Townsend Schools K-12 District #1 will be reviewed for adoption at a meeting of the trustees on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

Trustees may continue the meeting, but shall adopt the final budget no later than August 23rd.

Any taxpayer in the district may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget.

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Mini Free Throw Challenge Winners

Girls 6-8 Division

Brooklyn Peebles - Choteau Schools, Grade 8 - 41 makes out of 60 shots

Honorable mentions:

Eli Cowgill - Fairfield
Leyton Bakken - Greenfield
Jack Rasmussen - Fairfield
Tristan Palmer - Frenchtown
Colton Dahl - Fairfield
Conley Dahl - Fairfield
Timber Pennaccio - Frenchtown

Each of these talented athletes has earned a prize for their impressive performances! I am incredibly proud of their dedication, hard work, and perseverance. Be sure to give them a high five and some mad props when you see them around!

Thanks for all your hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Your efforts have made the Mini Free Throw Challenge a huge success. Let's end the summer on a high note by Shooting in the 8K until August 23!

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For more information or to make an appointment call **406-266-3186.**
Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

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Billingsclinic.com/broadwater



Claire Kenamore, MD
August 8

Billings Clinic Transit Shuttle to Helena

Richard Majszak
Billings Clinic

Billings Clinic Transit Shuttle to Helena on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for appointments and Shopping.

A \$15 donation is suggested.

The Shuttle will leave August 14th at approximately 9:00 AM and returns usually after 5:00 PM.

The transit can accommodate 10 passengers plus 2 wheelchairs.

Contact Richard 406-980-1447 for questions or to schedule a ride.

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday 2	11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club
Saturday 3	11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - OPEN
Sunday 4	11:00AM RESERVED Stevenson Park Gazebo - Murphy Family Reunion 12:00PM Three Forks Antique Fly-In at Pogreba Field Airport
Mon 5 - Wed 7	8:00AM Three Forks Tennis Team - Community Tennis Camp at Anderson Courts
Tuesday 6	1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg 4:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Middle School Book Club
Thursday 8	10:30AM Three Forks Community Library - Storytime 2:00PM Farmer's Market (RESERVED) at John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park 7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Mike Killeen at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
Friday 9	1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Summer Reading Program (Giveaway Drawing) 7:00PM Bridger Brewing's BrewGrass - Night 1 at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
Saturday 10	7:00PM Bridger Brewing's BrewGrass - Night 2 at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

Monday 5	11:00am Commission Working Meeting
Tuesday 6	3:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)
Wednesday 7	10:00am Commission Meeting
Thursday 8	5:30pm Fair Board Meeting



Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: August 21st, 7:00PM
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

SUMMER HOURS (JUNE- AUGUST):

Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 4:00pm
Tuesdays - 10:00am - 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 the website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

Broadwater School and Community Library

SUMMER HOURS:

Monday through Friday 1:00- 7:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Summer Reading Program Starts Monday, June 3rd
Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

July 25: Summer Reading Program Activity- Making Crystals
July 30: READING PROGRAM ENDS- 7:00pm Reading Ticket Deadline!
July 31: Summer Reading Program Prizes awarded

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

Fri 2 - Sun 4	2024 Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo at Broadwater County Fairgrounds SCHEDULE ONLINE AND IN LAST WEEK'S PAPER
Fri 2 & Sat 3	7:00PM NRA Rodeo at Broadwater County Fairgrounds
Friday 2	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 3	6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
Sunday 4	12:00PM Rodeo Parade on Broadway St, Townsend 2:00pm Western Days Rodeo at Broadwater County Fairgrounds
Mon 5- Fri 9	9:00- 11:30am The Great Jungle Journey- Vacation Bible School at Faith Baptist Church
Monday 5	1:00pm American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday every month
Tuesday 6	5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
Wednesday 7	1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
Thursday 8	3:00- 6:00PM FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
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Wednesday 14	9:00AM Billings Clinic Transit Bus to Helena-2nd Wednesday Every Month at Billings Clinic READ MORE ON THIS PAGE
Thursday 15	2:00- 8:00PM Slice of Summer at Heritage Park DETAILS ON PAGE 4

LOCAL VACANCY

Broadwater County Solid Waste Board Vacancy

Daylene Hansen
County Commission Office



Broadwater County Solid Waste Board has a vacancy and is looking for an interested resident who wants to join the board.

The Solid Waste Board meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm.

Please send a letter of interest to: mmsolo@co.broadwater.mt.us.

Hoot-owl Restrictions in Southwest Montana

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Hoot-owl restrictions placed on additional rivers in southwest Montana

Full fishing closure on a stretch of Madison below Ennis Dam

A full angling closure and two new hoot-owl restrictions will go into effect on additional sections of the Madison River in southwest Montana. The full closure will go into effect at midnight tonight. The hoot-owl restrictions went into effect at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 18.

Hoot-owl restrictions prohibit fishing from 2 p.m. to midnight each day. These closures and restrictions, which are due to warming temperatures and low flows, will stay in effect until conditions improve.

Full closure takes effect at midnight tonight on the Madison River:

From Madison Dam at Ennis Reservoir on the lower Madison to the footbridge at NorthWestern Energy powerhouse

Hoot-owl restrictions take effect Thursday, July 18, include:

From the footbridge at NorthWestern Energy powerhouse to the confluence with the Jefferson River

From the Yellowstone National Park boundary to Hebgen Reservoir

Hoot-owl restrictions remain in effect for portions of the Beaverhead, Big Hole, Blackfoot, Clark Fork, East Gallatin, Gallatin, Madison, Ruby and Sun rivers, as well as the Bitterroot, Jefferson and Silver Bow Creeks in their entirety.

FWP's drought policy provides for angling restrictions when flows drop below critical levels for fish, when water quality is diminished or when maximum daily water temperatures reach at least 73 degrees for three consecutive days. Water temperatures of 77 degrees or more can be lethal to trout.

These restrictions are designed to protect fish that become more susceptible to disease and mortality when conditions like this exist. One short-term strategy to address heat-induced stress in Montana's wild trout is to reduce catch-and-release mortality by alerting anglers to fish only in the morning.

Anglers can reduce stress on fish at all times of the year by getting fish to the net or in hand quickly, keeping them in the water and reviving them prior to releasing them back into the river.

If high temperatures and extremely low flows persist, anglers may want to consider fishing areas with less stressful temperatures and conditions, such as larger lakes or reservoirs, or higher elevation waterbodies.

Along with monitoring stream temperatures, FWP also monitors stream flows and in some streams holds instream flow water rights. FWP's water program can issue a call on junior water users, when appropriate, to contribute to stream flows through the late summer and early fall.

For more information go to: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/fwpwaterrestrictions>

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Slice of Summer Heritage Park Thursday August 15 Free Kids Activities 2-8 pm Live Music 'Travis Yost' 5-8 pm Rotary



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State Park Events in Southwestern MT

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



August interpretive events
scheduled at state parks in
southwestern Montana
Free programs highlighting
the culture, history, geography
and wildlife of Montana

Several free events have been scheduled in August at Madison Buffalo Jump, Missouri Headwaters and Lewis & Clark Caverns state parks.

Madison Buffalo Jump State Park Event

On Aug. 4, Madison Buffalo Jump State Park will host its traditional kite festival. This year's kite festival will include kite building and flying, face painting, traditional games, a food truck, and Native American vendors. This family-friendly event will also feature a lecture on bison and a flint knapping demonstration. Kite-building kits will be available for purchase for \$10.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 406-521-5189.

Madison Buffalo Jump State Park is about 7 miles south of Logan along Buffalo Jump Road. For more information about the park, or call 406-285-3610.

Missouri Headwaters State Park Events

On Aug. 3, Missouri Headwaters State Park will host "Poetry In The Park." This event will include an open mic session at noon and a guest speaker—Montana Poet Laureate, author and member of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, Chris La Tray—at 1 p.m. This event will be near the park office, with snacks, tea and lemonade provided. To sign up for the open mic, guests can contact park ranger Sarah Lilly at 406-521-5189 or sarah.lilly@mt.gov.

La Tray will also give a presentation at 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 about the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians and their connection with the Métis people and Montana. This program will discuss how the entire Métis economy and culture was built on their unique relationship with the buffalo from the days when the herds were so large that the whole country was described as "one robe."

On Aug. 10 at 7 p.m., Headwaters will host guest speaker Kevin Underwood as he talks about the history and evolution of firearms in Montana through the 19th Century. Underwood has successfully completed a rigorous three-year gunsmithing school at Yavapai College. He is a member of the Montana Historical Gunmakers Guild and has been gunsmithing for the past nine years, specializing in 19th-century arms.

On Aug. 17, Missouri Headwaters will host a Bat Walk & Talk, where guests can join a park ranger for a bat tour along the Missouri River. This event will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the park office.

On Aug. 18, Missouri Headwaters will host a BARK ranger event for dogs and their owners, designed to help them have safe and fun adventures in the outdoors. Visitors are welcome to bring their leashed dogs for a walk through the park, a talk on the BARK ranger principles, and some giveaway items. The event will begin at 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, call 406-285-3610.

Missouri Headwaters State Park is about 5 miles northeast of Three Forks on Trident Road. For more information about the park, click here or call 406-285-3610.

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park Events

Lewis & Clark Caverns will host events every weekend in August at the campground amphitheater.

On Aug. 2 at 8 p.m., the park will host a program on Crow and Lakota languages. Guest speaker Becky Warner, who is of Ni'kmaq and French-Canadian descent, studies the Lakota and Crow languages. She will give a beginning lesson on the Lakota language.

On Aug. 3 at 8 p.m., park ranger Ramona Radonich will present Six Habitats of Lewis & Clark Caverns. Come learn about these habitats and where to find them.

On Aug. 9 at 8 p.m., join guest speaker Bryce Maxel for a talk on the bats of Montana—an overview of their amazing biology, daily and seasonal routines, the ecological services they provide, and the threats they face.

On Aug. 10 at 8 p.m., join musicians Donna Weldon and Ron Jung for their program, Music Through the Years. This includes music and a singalong of folk, country western, and contemporary music.

On Aug. 16 at 8 p.m., guest speakers Kalon Baughan and Bret Davis will present Ghosts of the High Country: The Elusive Wolverine and Lynx in Montana. In this program, Baughan and Davis will share their experience, research and use of technology to monitor rare and elusive species non-invasively.

On Aug. 17 at 8 p.m., park ranger Ramona Radonich will present Night Skies at Lewis & Clark Caverns. This popular program will highlight the stories of the stars you can see over Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park.

On Aug. 23 at 5 p.m., guest speaker Josie Salois will present Ambassador Raptors! In this program, guests will get to learn about and meet live raptors, or birds of prey, from FWP's Montana WILD Education Center in Helena.

On Aug. 24 at 7 p.m., park ranger Ramona Radonich will present Goodness Snakes Alive! Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park is home to the prairie rattlesnake, the most widespread of all rattlesnakes. Radonich will shed light on these remarkable creatures and how to stay safe when exploring rattlesnake country.

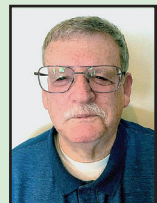
On Aug. 30 at 7 p.m., singer-songwriter Kali Armstrong will present Nature Songs & Trivia, an evening of songs and sing-alongs to teach about the unique wildlife and geology of the park.

On Aug. 31 at 7 p.m., park ranger Ramona Radonich will present This Is Montana! State symbols represent what we love best about this place we call home. Join ranger Ramona for the last summer evening program of the season to learn about these symbols and how they represent this land and the people who live here.

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park is about 15 miles southeast of Whitehall, along Montana Highway 2. For more information about the park, call 406-287-3541.

The Moonshiner Band Shines at the Canton Church

Victor Sample



The Moonshiner Band (Tyler Torgrimson and his brother Luke) performed at the historic Canton Church on Friday, August 26. On a hot, very smoke-filled day, about 35 people attended the event at the Canton Church to listen to The Moonshiner Band.

Tyler Torgrimson (guitar) and his brother Luke (various harmonicas) played a collection of country/bluegrass music. Tyler's grandmother came to the event and at her request, The Moonshiner band played some gospel music.

Tyler said he grew up playing in churches across the state with his father. With the Moonshiner band, he now plays at events throughout the state.

Tyler is an accomplished musician—he plays rhythm/lead guitar, the mandolin and the trombone. He is also a great vocalist. His brother Luke played the harmonica and was a great addition.

Everyone in attendance had a great time and we expect to have The Moonshiner Band play regularly at the Canton Church.



Canton Church
Photo Credits: Canton Church

The Historic Canton Church was built in 1875-1876 and is one of the few surviving buildings from the town of Canton which was flooded during the creation of Canyon Ferry Lake. All our events begin at 5:00 pm but the Canton Church will be open to visitors from 3:00-5:00 pm before events.

Visit our website at WWW.Canton-Church.org for more information about our events, the Historic Canton Church and the Town of Canton.

Canton Church Presents: The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire

Victor Sample

The Historic Canton Church Hosts the Ruby Valley Boys AND Barb Wire



The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire
Photo by Sara Gilman and published in The Madisonian

The Historic Canton Church will continue our Summer Schedule of Events on August 9 at 5:00 pm with the Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire. Our events are always free—although we do accept donations!

The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire is a band made up of Jim and John Anderson, Steve Wilcox and Barb Pearson and they are a popular event at the Canton Church.

John and Jim Anderson own and work the Anderson cattle ranch, on the south end of the Ruby Valley. Steve, the guitarist, manages a ranch as well. Barb is a fine horsewoman who has a Masters in Education and has taught and run a daycare center. They all sing, and they all love their music and take pride in the band.

Wilcox moved back to Madison County and the three boys ran into each other, leading to the formation of the Ruby Valley Boys in the 1990s. "Now we're more like the Ruby Valley Geezers and good ole what's her name," Jim said.

The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire have played at the Canton Church many times. The last time was to a very full Canton Church in 2022. John and Jim Anderson have played there many times with their sister and brother-in-law Joan and Tom Eliel.

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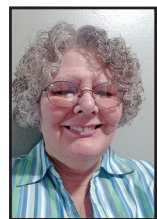
Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.



COURT BEAT

July 26

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



Gabriel Puga had an Evidentiary Hearing on a Petition to Revoke a deferred charge of criminal endangerment. He has four new alleged charges. Counts 1 and 2 were dropped; with him admitting to counts 3) cruelty to animals and 4) partner/family member assault. Sentencing will occur on August 23.

John Borne had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to DUI (4+) a felony; misdemeanor open container. In his elocution, he said that while in Broadwater County he operated a motor vehicle while impaired suspended. Sentencing will be on September 27.

Julie Humphries had a Status Hearing. She is currently seeing a therapist and is seeing a new doctor, who is adjusting her meds. She is scheduled to go to Galen for treatment; and is eighth in line for a bed there. She will have another Status Hearing on September 27.

Joselyn Rogers asked to have her trial vacated; she is attending Behavioral Health Court with Judge McMahon successfully for two months. She will have a Status Hearing on September 27.

Lynn Sofil had his Change of Plea and Sentencing continued until August 18.

Everett Mierow had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs. This is part of a global resolution with Lewis & Clark County. In his elocution, he stated that while in Broadwater County, he knowingly possessed meth. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. He will be sentenced on September 27.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Dawn Taylor, Butte: violation in a work zone \$175.00
Sobolewski Wojciech, Seattle, WA: day speed \$120.00
Madison Chater, Three Forks: day speed \$70.00
Janalee Huffman, Townsend: expired registration \$85.00
Andrew Long, Livingston: day speed \$70.00
Cheyenne Boyles, East Helena: day speed \$120.00
Jacob Cail, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Mason Gustafson, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Joseph Sprekelmeyer, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Lillian Young, Lakewood, CO: day speed \$120.00
Gail Wattum, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Treyden Moga, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Roozario Wiggins, Meridian, ID: day speed \$70.00
Jennifer Weiss, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Michael Winters, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
Randy Watson, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Susan Wesner, Toston: day speed \$70.00
William Thomas, Great Falls: day speed \$70.00
Matthew Thompson, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Lars Thomassen, Rigspolitiet, DK: day speed \$120.00
Daniel Townsley, Townsend: day speed \$120.00
Christopher Seneker, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Blake Stibi, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Aliselina Strong, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Joseph Segna, Butte: day speed \$120.00
Peter Seidenberg, Ridgefield, CT: day speed \$70.00
Andreas Scherer, Henderson, NV: day speed \$70.00
Allen Sostrin Jr, Bozeman: improper pass \$85.00
Philip Schwartz, Glenmont, OH: day speed \$20.00
Leonte Stefan, Rockwall, TX: day speed \$70.00
Joshua Smith, Zephyrhills, FL: day speed \$70.00
Clayton Reynolds, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
David Royer, Massillon, OH: day speed \$70.00
Brenda Pulvirenti, Frenchs Forest, AS: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

James Barragan – Townsend – leave the scene of an accident resulting in property damage over \$1000 w/o permission from LE, plead guilty, \$225.00 fines and fees; reckless driving-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Jennifer Bailey – Townsend – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$1285.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program followed by monthly monitoring for one year.
Easton Held -Townsend – careless driving, plead guilty, \$45.00 fines and fee, enroll and complete Alive @ 25.
Brien Pynn – Helena- driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Kaylee White, Bozeman: expired registration \$85.00, Day speed \$70.00
Zachary Wurtzevach, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00, Fail to signal turn \$85.00
Connor Johnston, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
Ben Bishop, AB: day speed \$120.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Krystal Jacobi- MT 11th Judicial District Court, \$40,000.00 bond

FINAL BUDGET MEETING

The Final Budgets for Townsend Schools K-12 District #1 will be reviewed for adoption at a meeting of the trustees on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

Trustees may continue the meeting, but shall adopt the final budget no later than August 23rd.

Any taxpayer in the district may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 7, 2024, at 10:05 am in the Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on the Canister Rental Agreement and Policy.

Written comments are also being accepted up to 24 hours prior to the hearing and should be sent to: Commissioners, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 7, 2024, at 10:10 am in the Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on the Solid Waste Late Fee Policy.

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SHANE LEON O'BRIEN, Deceased.
Probate No. DDP-24-14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Shawn R. O'Brien has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via his Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated July 26, 2024

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC
Attorney for Personal Representative

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PRESS RELEASE: BROADWATER COUNTY'S NEW CHANNEL



Broadwater County Moves to New Live Streaming and Video Records Platform

Broadwater County is changing video retention and live streaming platforms in an effort to cut costs.

Video recordings and live streaming features will continue to be available to the public on the County's new YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-w8R6AkOTdH5iM-PeCNLmkg>. Videos and live streaming are also accessible through the County website. When clicking on a video link, you will be redirected to the YouTube channel.

Live viewing of meetings begins on July 29.

The County is in the process of transferring previously recorded videos to the new channel. Due to storage parameters, approximately one year of videos will be available once the transfer is complete. Older videos can be requested by contacting Daylene at dhansen@co.broadwater.mt.us or Ken at kbrug@co.broadwater.mt.us.

To make live comment during meetings, viewers should continue to email cmedia@co.broadwater.mt.us.

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MNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

According to MCA 7-6-4021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 14, 2024, at 10:00am, In the Commission Meeting room, located at 416 Broadway St in the Flynn Building. The purpose of the hearing is to adopt by resolution, an amended budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Anyone may appear at the hearing and have their comments heard regarding the amendment.

Copies can be viewed or obtained in the Clerk and Recorders office or on the County website at www.broadwatercountymt.com under the public notices.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Broadwater County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the updated floodplain regulations on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 10:00am. Recently, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) have updated the model floodplain regulations for the State of Montana, and the County intends to adopt the model regulations without any additional higher standards. The draft floodplain regulations have been reviewed by the DNRC as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure that the regulations comply with State and Federal regulations.

The Broadwater County Board of Commissioners will consider public comment and render a decision on the adoption of the floodplain regulations on Wednesday, August 21st at 10:00am. To view the documents please visit www.broadwatercountymt.com. Comments should be directed to the Broadwater County Floodplain Administrator via email to kangland@greatwesteng.com.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF STATE LAND

The Montana Historical Society (MTHS) will offer the following parcel of state land located in Jefferson County, for sale at public auction on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 201 Centennial Street, Boulder, Montana under terms and conditions provided herein.

Acres 326.31

Legal Description Tract 1 of COS 222039, Folio 830A Sec. 24; T2N – R1W

Minimum Bid \$1,110,000

BID PARTICIPATION

A bid packet containing an Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Form and Terms of Sale is available from MTHS upon request, or forms may be downloaded at <https://mhs.mt.gov/about/landsale>. All persons wishing to participate in the auction of any state parcel indicated above must, on or before September 13, 2024, submit a bid deposit in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to Montana Historical Society equal to five (5%) of the minimum bid indicated for the parcel (\$55,500). In addition, an Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Form must be completed and submitted with each bid deposit. Failure to submit the Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Form as provided herein will prohibit participation in the auction. All Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Forms and Payments must be sent to the address shown below.

TERMS OF SALE

- The parcel is not guaranteed legal access by the MTHS and is being sold "as-is/where-is".
Title will be conveyed via a Quitclaim Deed.
- The minimum acceptable bid for each parcel is the value indicated.
- The parcel will be sold to the high bidder.
- In addition to the purchase price for each parcel, the purchaser shall also be responsible for the following costs (if applicable) including, but not limited to: Title Insurance, Filing fees, Water Right Transfers, Cost of Closing.

All inquiries, bid deposits, or requests for forms are to be sent to: Montana Historical Society, Attn: Virginia Sullivan, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201, (406) 444-4013 or virginia.sullivan@mt.gov.

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

In the matter of the Name Change of Molly McClain, Petitioner Cause No.: DDV-2024-42

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Molly Marie McLain to Molly Marie Gardener

The hearing will be on 09/06/2024 at 10:30 AM

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Broadwater County.

Date: 7/26/24

Valerie J Hornsveld, Clerk of District Court

By Audrey Plymale, Deputy Clerk of Court

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 408 Broadway St, Townsend, MT
 Mon - Fri 10:00 - 2:00pm

Or by Appointment
 Contact: Brenda Phillips
 406-231-9752

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Daylene Hansen
 Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, August 5, 2024

2:00 PM Working meeting in Commission Office with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, regarding projects and deadlines

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

2:00 PM Working meeting in Commission Office with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

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

10:05 AM Public Hearing, Solid Waste Canister Rental Agreement and Policy

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Assistant Public Works Director Misty Masolo, Solid Waste Canister Rental Agreement and Policy

10:15 AM Public Hearing, Solid Waste Late Fee Policy

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Assistant Public Works Director Misty Masolo, Solid Waste Late Fee Policy

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Airport Hangar Month-to-Month Tenancy Agreement

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Director of Public Health Ruby Taylor, Task Order #25-07-6-11-005 FY 24/25 PHEP Grant

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, Community Development Director and Planner Nichole Brown, Gingerich-Schrock boundary relocation exemption request

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

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
- Task Orders

Debi Randolph, Vice Chairman
 (406) 266-9270 or (406) 980-2050

Darrel Folkvord, Chairman
 (406) 266-9272 or (406) 980-1213

Lindsey Richtmyer
 (406) 266-9271 or (406) 521-0834

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

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

- Fair Board Meeting on August 8th at 5:30 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on August 13th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on August 13th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on August 13th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on August 14th at 2:00 PM
- County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting on August 19th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on August 20th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on August 20th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on August 20th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on August 21st at 6:00 PM

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



July 19, 2024

Mayor Vicki Rauser and Council Members,

We attended the July 16, 2024, Townsend City Council meeting with particular interest in the Public Hearing for increased water rates as a local business that will be affected. Other local residents were in attendance as well who also spoke up with concerns that focused on not fully understanding the rationale behind the need for a water rate increase, the rationale for the final upgrades chosen, and the concern for potential impacts to their own current budgets. As we have had a few days to reflect on the Public Hearing and the responses to our and other questions, we are providing these following formal comments:

1. It is imperative for the City to make sure that information is readily available and distributed in a digestible form to the common person on issues that financially affect its citizens. This could include fact sheets, mailers, handouts, and/or local newspaper articles that clearly outline the process of decision making, identification of when and how to provide public input, and discussions of key milestones throughout the process. During the meeting, the mayor and council members pointed to lengthy documents/reports available for the public to review in the office and copies were made of a prior summary and handed out. It is concerning that no additional, plain language materials were created to assist the average person in understanding the impacts of decisions that ultimately financially affect them. In good faith, a response of simply pointing to documents was not founded in the intent of helping someone to understand.

2. A city council response was provided that implied not having a full understanding of the increased water rates was due to a lack of participation in civic duty. We were in attendance of this Public Hearing asking questions and providing comments from our concerns with increased water rates. That in and of itself is participation in our civic duty. We are a couple who believes wholeheartedly in being a public servant to both Montanans and Americans. While not only being local business owners, one of us serves in the military and the other has served as a State employee and, currently, serves as a Federal employee. Placing judgment along the lines of civic duty is a disappointing response from fellow public servants.

3. The mayor provided a response that performing an economic assessment of the financially affected citizens that would be impacted by the water rate increases was not part of the process. While not a requirement, it should be an acknowledged responsibility. This response is concerning because the community will ultimately be required to pay for the much-needed upgrades. There is a balance when understanding what your community can reasonably afford when determining a final budget and developing alternatives that meet the needs of the required upgrades. Concessions could be considered on alternatives that are less optimal or aesthetically-pleasing if more affordable in the long term. An understanding of economic impacts should be performed and used as a factor before a final decision is made.

While it remains unclear on the next steps of this process to increase water rates, we request that you take our formal comments into consideration and more generally remember these comments for future decisions.

Sincerely,
Carolina and Jake Balliew

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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ELECTION SPOTLIGHT

Montanans Deserve a State Auditor Who's Looking Out for Them

John Repke



The primary responsibility of the Montana State Auditor, also referred to as the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance is protecting Montana insurance consumers. In most states, the office is appointed based on qualifications. Here in Montana, we elect our State Auditor – and we should elect someone who has the experience, track record and integrity to serve Montana insurance consumers. I am running to put my 40 years of honest business experience to work for Montanans.

My campaign is focused on the job of State Auditor. Unfortunately, my opponent, Jim Brown, is resorting to lies and personal attacks.

It's no surprise that Brown's campaign is political nonsense – he can't stand on his own record. In his attacks he brings up gun control, defunding the police, and men competing in women's sports. What!? None of these have anything to do with the State Auditor.

Brown is blowing smoke, hoping Montanans won't notice his incompetence and lack of interest in fighting for affordable, quality health, home, and auto insurance – interests that I will protect. Brown is a perennial candidate who wants another government job that we all pay for.

But what really rubs me the wrong way – and it should you – is that he claims to represent 'Montana Values'. Since when is lying a 'Montana Value'? He attacked me claiming I have "spent the majority of (my) time in Montana attacking private industry".

Really? I spent my entire career in private industry. It's an outright lie – 100% false. It's slander, it's sleazy – and it reflects Brown's willingness to lie to voters.

Brown's public actions also do not reflect 'Montana Values'. As a lawyer for an out-of-state dark money group that worked to influence Montana elections by attacking moderate Republicans – and refusing to disclose who was behind the money he said: "I don't believe there is too much money in politics, so it should be unlimited." That's not a Montana Value, that's the viewpoint of someone who wants outside, concealed interests to have their way with Montana. Another 'Montana Value', Jim?

And Brown can't be trusted to keep his word. When running for Public Service Commission in 2020, Brown said, "Once elected, I pledge to put the interests of Montana energy consumers ahead of out-of-state corporations." When elected, he stuck those consumers with a 28% rate increase. Great for the out-of-state corporation, not good for the ratepayers. And he hired unqualified political cronies into high-paying jobs at the PSC, so they could, like him, live off the ratepayers they failed to represent. Not a 'Montana Value' in my book. Let's not let him do the same with the Auditor's office and our insurance rates!

If you are like me and are fed-up politicians who don't work for you, I ask for your vote to serve as Montana's next State Auditor. I have no agenda other than to protect Montana insurance consumers and fight financial scammers. I stand by my word and my background. I am the candidate you can trust.



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: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
 Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

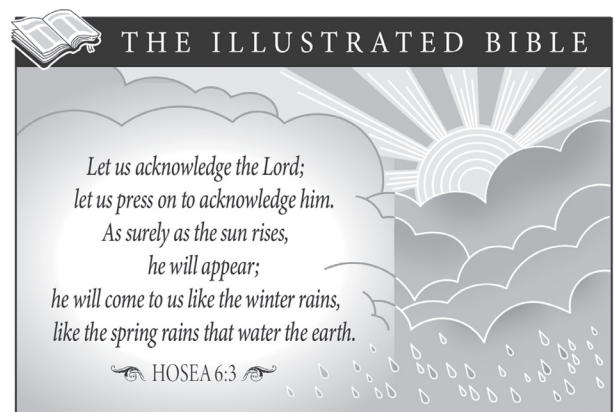
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 916 Broadway St. Townsend
 Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church
 200 N Cedar St. Townsend
 Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
 TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services

Trailhead Christian Fellowship
 20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
 Pastor Mark Roelofs (406) 266-4406
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services
Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th-12th Grades



SR. CENTER MEALS	Baked Apples
AUGUS 5 - 9	Wednesday, August 7
516 2nd Street, Townsend MT 406-266-3995	Turkey ALA King Steamed Potatoes Key Largo Vegetables Tossed Salad With Beans Golden Pears
Monday, August 5	Thursday, August 8
Montana Pasties Broccoli and Cauliflower Tossed Salad Apricots Dessert	Hamburger on a Bun Pea Salad Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges
Tuesday, August 6	Friday, August 9
BBQ Pork Ribs Macaroni Salad Sweet Corn Pickled Beets Whole Grain Bread	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Apricot Halves



OBITUARY

Shirley A. (Wallace) Miller

Family of Shirley A. Miller

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of Shirley A. (Wallace) Miller. She passed away on March 30, 2024, with her family by her side.



Shirley A. (Wallace) Miller
 Photo Provided by Family of Shirley A. Miller

A loving wife of 69 years, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, great-aunt, and friend. We know in our heart's heaven has gained an amazing soul.

She had a passion and love of crocheting, and many of you have been blessed to receive one of her beautiful blankets. You will always have a part of her when you wrap yourself up, feeling the gift of love and warmth.

Shirley touched so many lives in our community by being a part of it. Some of her accolades: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 87 - President, American Legion Auxiliary - District President and Department President, Eastern Star - Worthy Matron, Member of the Eagles and Cattle Women, Local Bowl League team member and Head Start Grandma.

The absence of her infectious smile and kind compassionate heart will truly be missed.

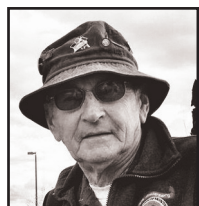
Services will be held at a later date. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com.

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Backyards of Broadwater Tree Planting Surprises

Patrick Plantenberg
 Tree Board Chair



The 2024 Backyards of Broadwater County event on July 27th included an educational tree planting workshop for attendees at Steve and Donna Haynes' home at 147 Duck Creek Road. Patrick Plantenberg, Chair of the Townsend Tree Board and his wife Mary conducted the workshop.

Four containerized trees from a reputable nursery were planted. The most common tree planting mistakes observed by arborists are homeowners and even professional landscapers, planting trees too deep and not breaking the circling roots in the container before planting. If the tree is planted too deep it will not thrive. The first major root should be at the soil surface. If the circling roots are not broken up at planting time, the tree will eventually die 8-12 years later essentially from strangulation.

So, what were the results of the workshop? All the trees had circling roots which were broken up by Patrick

using a large screwdriver. This is extremely common, especially late in the planting season when the trees have been in the pots for several months.

Three of the four trees were planted in the pot at the nursery 2.5 to 4 inches too deep! The attendees were surprised to see Patrick rip the top several inches of the roots apart looking for that first major root. When finally planted, the three trees that were potted too deep ended up being planted only 3.5-6 inches deep surprising everyone. It is no wonder trees are often planted too deep!

The Garden Bug

For your Tuscan-style breads, use rosemary, basil, thyme or oregano; these pair well with garlic and parmesan. The "herbs de Provence" blend includes thyme, oregano, summer savory, and rosemary, which grow abundantly in the hillsides and fields of Provence in southern France. Herbs used in Greek cuisine include oregano, thyme, sage, parsley, dill, mint, spearmint and fennel. - Brenda Weaver

Grow herbs for baking

Sources: davesgarden.com, marthastewart.com, athensfoodonfoot.com



Golden Years?

Maybe IF you find a "Gold" mine, and dig up a fortune then you could have your "Golden Years". But you would still have creaky bones, and aches in places you haven't used in years. It's called getting older! Only folks who are younger, or haven't reached their so-called Golden years think it gets easier. YEAH RIGHT!

We all fight against feeling, thinking, or acting OLD. Multiple vitamins & supplements. Along with exercising, and daily workouts. This all works a bit, but "time marches on". Very true HOWEVER, "WE DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT!" Keeping fit not only helps your body stay feeling younger, it helps your mind feel like you are actually accomplishing something. NOT sitting around in a rocking chair sighing at everything around you.

Interestingly enough I find that small "Pet Peeves", seem to intensify as we get older. Some little nagging sound from your neighborhood, or even from your home can drive you crazy so you have to get up and do something about it. (No, shooting your neighbor's dog is wrong.) No matter how much you REALLY want to. IF you have a dripping faucet or running refrigerator do something about it BEFORE you go to bed! Stand in your house and listen, if you hear something "noisy"

track it down. Then listen again no noise, GOOD. NOW you can sleep better, until the next minor catastrophe.

If you hear some younger person saying you are old, Look at them and GRIN widely. Say to them "Mother Nature is coming for you". Watch their eyes get big and they start to tremble. Now THEY won't sleep well. HAH! I'm still looking for my manual, the one that tells you all about your body & mind as you get older. I think I put it in a place so I'd know where it is....And promptly forgot it.

Nobody warns us about our bodies starting to sound like a haunted house, with all the creaks and snaps. There are the moans that come out of us, without even trying to haunt a house. (That's a great insult also, if someone is bothering you tell them "Aw GO HAUNT A HOUSE"! good fun.) I thought about writing a Human Being Manual, a Male version of course. I don't want to get in trouble for somebody thinking I'm a sexist for mentioning something I know nothing about. I have enough trouble thinking about the Male body and mind. God forbid I should try to understand the Female mind & body. Yikes.

So exercise, start getting to feeling better. Drink Beer...I mean nutrition drinks, hydrate! I want you all, and ME to be around a long time, so we can all sit on our porches and yell at the kids "Get off my lawn!"

Celebrating 50 Years of Rocky's Daily Dinner Club in Townsend!

Steven Ferriter
RMDC Community Outreach Coordinator

Last week marked a significant milestone for the Daily Dinner Club in Townsend, as area seniors and Rocky staff celebrated the 50th anniversary of its operations.

The Daily Dinner Club has always been more than just a place to get lunch. It serves as a local social center for seniors in the area, where seniors can build friendships and create community networks, fulfilling the original vision of its founders half a century ago.

Congregate dining centers for seniors began emerging nationwide after the Federal Government provided funding through the Older Americans Act in the late 1960s. Known as RMDC at the time, Rocky quickly utilized this funding. According to former Rocky Executive Director Gene Leuwer, Rocky's Helena location was one of roughly ten pilot programs in the country when it opened in 1968.

Following the success of the Helena program, Rocky sought to extend congregate dining to rural communities, leveraging additional funding. "Our board and executive director at the time were very keen on making congregate dining, along with Meals on Wheels, available to the more rural communities," Leuwer explained. "As the Senior Nutrition Director, I was tasked with opening locations in Whitehall, Townsend, and Augusta. The community response was very enthusiastic, and within a year, we had meal programs running in all three areas."

Initially, establishing these meal programs involved partnering with local restaurants, which provided meals and space for congregate dining while also providing meals for deliveries. "It was different from today in that we would partner with local restaurants, paying them per meal for congregate dining in their restaurant space and the meals that would get delivered in the community," said Leuwer. Today Rocky rents out the space that the Daily Dinner Club inhabits.

Carol Anderson, the current kitchen manager who began working at the Daily Dinner Club in 1989, values its deep-rooted presence in the community. "It has served the seniors of Townsend as a great place to meet your neighbors and have fellowship. Seniors tend to eat better with friends rather than on their own. I see a lot of positive changes with new attendees to the Daily Dinner Club who no longer eat alone and rely only on themselves for nutrition," Anderson shared.

This sentiment is echoed by regular attendees like Bonnie Berglind, a longtime Townsend resident. "I was always aware of the Daily Dinner Club and started coming for meals around 10 years ago. I enjoy the fellowship here, and for older people who are on their own, being able to come here to eat is very important. The meals are excellent, and Carol and her crew do a fantastic job," Berglind said.

For Susan Ramsey, the Daily Dinner Club has been



From left: Pam Sample, Ruthie Knowles, Carol Anderson
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a source of comfort during a challenging time. "When my husband died amid the COVID pandemic, I realized how lonesome things could become. As soon as the Daily Dinner Club reopened, I decided to start coming down. At first, I didn't know many people, so I brought a menu to church and organized what we now call 'Lutheran Lady's Day' when we meet for lunch once a week. In addition to the ladies who come as a group, I have met new friends, some of whom have also lost their partners, and being able to talk about that challenge we share has been very helpful," Ramsey said.

The joy the Daily Dinner Club provides extends to its volunteers. Pam Sample, who loves her days volunteering, says, "I love working with Carol, Suzy, and Ruth who run the center. They make it so easy and fun. I try to take care of the

little things they might not have time for, like doing dishes or organizing their community boards. Coming in keeps me busy and active, which is so important as you age. I would highly recommend volunteering here to anyone interested."

Are you interested in joining? The Daily Dinner Club is open to the public Monday through Friday from 7 am to 1 pm, with lunch being served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Meals are \$7 for those under 60 and a \$5 donation is requested for those over 60.



Bonnie Berglind
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JUNE 28	3-6 PM	Duane and Lauren Simonich <i>A Townsend Husband and Wife Acoustic Duo</i>	5 PM
JULY 12	3-6 PM	Duane Simonich and Kyle Altman <i>Acoustic Worship, Country, Rock,Folk, Alt Rock</i>	5 PM
JULY 26	3-6 PM	The Moonshiner Band <i>Bluegrass, Gospel, Country, Folk</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 9	3-6 PM	The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire <i>A Canton Church Favorite playing country and folk music</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 23	3-6 PM	Linda Huth <i>Broadwater County Women's Groups through history</i>	5 PM



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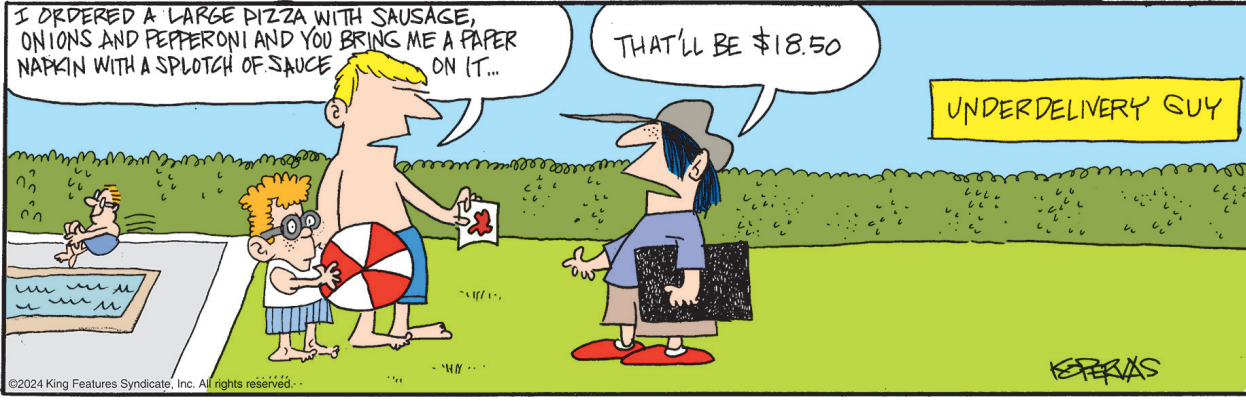
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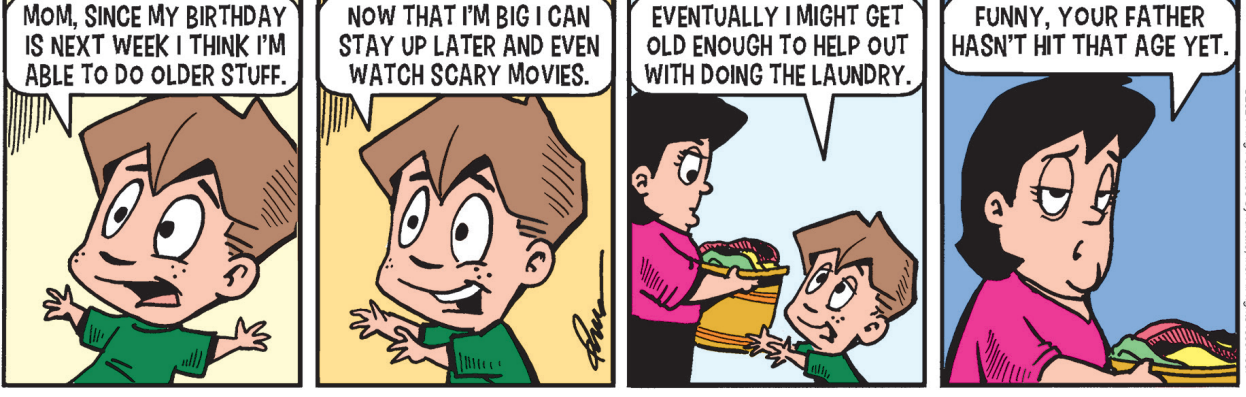
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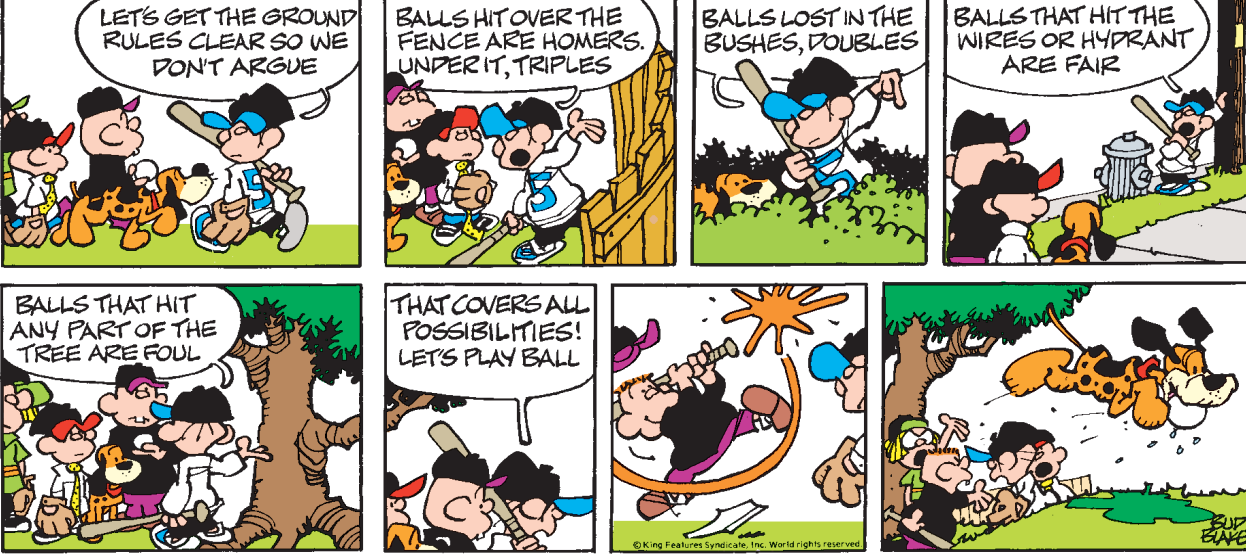
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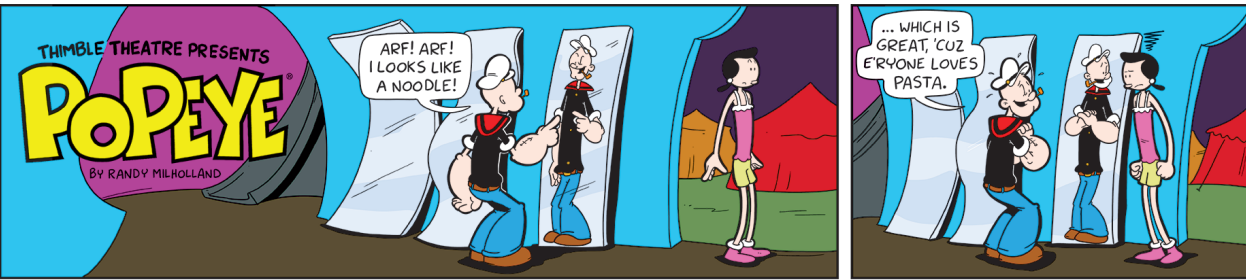
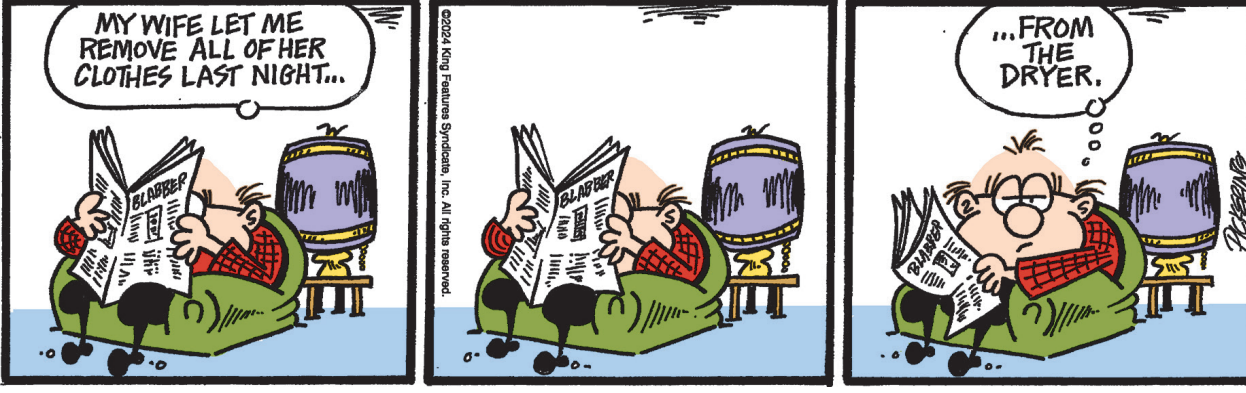
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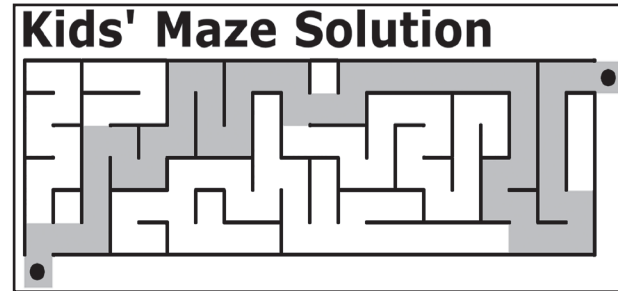
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CryptoQuip answer

North Carolina town with a freakishly high population of particular baby birds of prey: Kiddy Hawk.

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ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA

Butte Copper King Mansion



Copper King Mansion Butte
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Brenda Phillips



There is so much to see in Butte that we went back to visit another historic site. The Copper King Mansion has walk-in tours from May 1st - September 30th at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The tour takes approximately one hour and is truly exceptional. The Mansion operates as a Bed and Breakfast also.

The Copper King Mansion was built by William A. Clark, who was among the most powerful, richest and influential people in the late 1800s and early 1900s. He made a fortune with smelters, electric power companies, newspapers, railroads and mining. He settled in Butte, Montana and is known as one of the three "Copper Kings".

W. A. Clark began construction on the mansion in 1884 and it was completed in 1888. Most of the materials for the home were imported at a cost of around \$260,000. The majority of the home is in its original condition from 1888. You will see frescoed ceilings, stained glass windows, and hand-combed plaster walls. He had gas & electric chandeliers installed in the mansion even before there was electricity available in Butte. There were 9 different imported woods used in the flooring, 9 fireplace mantels and other accents and trim in this home.

William Andrews Clark was born in 1839 in Pennsylvania. He worked on his father's farm until 14, then he went to the Laurel Hill Academy and attended two years of law school. He taught school in Missouri from 1859 to 1860. In 1862, he headed to Colorado with a small grubstake. He heard of a gold strike in Bannack so he moved north to the Montana Territory with a friend and together they staked a claim on Jefferson Davis Gulch near Bannack. They worked the claim for two years and sold it for \$1,500.



Sitting room fireplace with a picture of William Clark. Notice the beautiful flooring!
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Formal Dining room table set for dinner for the B & B guests
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Clark decided that he was better at helping miners manage their findings than he was at being a miner. He bought a wagon team and traveled to Salt Lake City, and began hauling supplies to the mining camps. He also began recording claims for miners and making loans based on their claims. His wealth quickly grew through his many mining and banking ventures. At one point his income was recorded at about \$17 million dollars a month. By 1900, his personal fortune was estimated at \$50,000,000 and he was considered one of the wealthiest men in the world. His mining business started by foreclosing on silver mines. He went to the Columbia School of Mines in New York for a year to better understand mining. He built the first smelter and stamp mill, established the water company, the first commercial electric light company and an electric railway in Butte.

He built Butte's beloved Columbia Gardens, a 68-acre playground and amusement park. Clark had mansions in New York, Santa Barbara, California, and Washington, DC and Paris, France. The Mansion in Butte was the smallest.

He lived with his wife, Katherine, and six kids in a one-room house until the mansion was complete. None of his 6 kids lived in the mansion, as they were all adults by the time he finished the mansion. In 1901, Clark married Anna LaChapelle and they had two daughters. Clark had a passion for collecting European art. His art collection is in the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, DC.

Clark was a MT US Senator from 1901 to 1907. I found it interesting that he owned newspapers in Butte, Great Falls and Salt Lake City. He owned the biggest sugar plantation in CA, an oil company in Long Beach CA, a copper wire company in New Jersey and Bronze company in New York City. He personally financed an 1100-mile railroad to haul products from his personal businesses. He owned land in southern NV that he later sold and it later became Las Vegas - which is in Clark County NV.

That same day we also took in some of the Butte Folk Festival music and enjoyed the experience of the Historic Pekin Noodle parlor. There is so much history in Butte, that we will be going back - Stay tuned for more Butte adventures.



Stained glass window in stairwell
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Chili on a Stick
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This is one of my favorite dinners, perfect for a hot summer night. Since kabob chunks tend to vary in size, it's best to group larger chunks on one skewer, smaller

ones on another so they all end up safely cooked at the same time. Then test for doneness by slicing into the end piece. As for a side dish, this Tex-Mex Potato Salad that follows makes a great companion.

Chili On a Stick

Serves 6-8

Ingredients

- 2 pounds venison steaks, in 2-inch chunks
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 6 whole fresh jalapeno peppers
- 12 green onions
- 1 pound cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup mesquite wood chips (optional)

Preparation

Trim and dry the steaks. In a re-sealable plastic bag mix the vinegar, apple juice, oil, onion, garlic, chili powder, cilantro, salt, and pepper. Add the steaks and let them marinate in the refrigerator for 12 to 24 hours.

Cooking

1. Soak the mesquite chips in water for 30 minutes. Prepare the vegetables for the skewers: split and seed the jalapenos, then cut them in half lengthwise. Trim the green onions. Drain the meat from the marinade and arrange on the skewers, alternating meat with the vegetables.
2. Preheat the grill to medium-hot; place the mesquite on the coals.
3. When the fire is ready, place the kabobs on the grill. Cover and cook about 4 minutes, turn, then continue cooking another 4 minutes. Serve with lots of Tex-Mex Potato Salad, corn chips, fresh salsa, and ice cold beer.

Tex-Mex Potato Salad

Serves 6

This is essentially a classic potato salad, it's just the spices that are different. And you'll notice the 'chili vinegar.' It's nothing special. Just pour off a tablespoon and a half of the juice from the pickled peppers in your fridge.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chili vinegar
- 1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 yellow onion
- 1 1/2 pounds potatoes, boiled till fork-tender and chilled
- 2 eggs, hard-boiled and chilled

Assembly

Combine the mayo, chili vinegar, cilantro, chili powder and cumin in a large bowl and give it a good stir. Chop the onions, chilled potatoes and hard boiled eggs, then gently toss them all into the mayo mixture in the bowl.

Both of these recipes come from Eileen's game cookbook, *Slice of the Wild: 100 venison recipes*, and over 40 side dishes to pair them with. Those side dishes and the many cooking tips throughout the book are why this wild game cookbook is different. It's actually a normal COOK book, that just happens to be all about wild game. www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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August 1

1912

Doings of a Week

The Townsend House served a special dinner last Sunday, all of the vegetables being from the Confederate Creek Farm. Mine Host Cloy also added other specialties to the menu, all of which were heartily enjoyed by the guests.

Dr. Gilham and his son, Ralph, of Radersburg, and Wm. Ragen left Wednesday on a trip through the Big Belt range of mountains where they will put in time fishing, prospecting and having a general good time. They expect to take at least a couple of weeks outing.

Jim Moore is having his drink emporium repapered, repainted and otherwise put in shipshape condition this week.

Lost – on Deep Creek last Sunday, four pairs of hip gum boots, one fish basket and two fish. Reward for return to this office.

Dr. Gilham acted in the capacity of stork at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Plymale Tuesday and a nice little daughter is the result of his visit.

John Hammer of Lombard was a visitor in town over Sunday. John is still doing a little mining work and brought in with him some nice specimens of the yellow metal.

1940

Personal News

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wallace were in the city Monday. They had just returned from a tour of Yellowstone Park and Mr. Wallace is making preparations to attend the North Montana Fair at Great Falls and exhibit his Hereford prize winners. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grimm

and Mrs. Alta Olsen were with the Wallaces on their trip through the park.

Miss Betty Joe Peters is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. H.L. Sperling, here from her home in Shelby. She expects to spend the month of August here.

Miss Peggy Graveley, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Graveley, returned home Saturday after spending a week at Boulder. Mrs. Graveley met her daughter in Helena

1968

Barry White in First Place in State Bulldogging

Barry White is currently in first place in the Montana Rodeo Association competition for a beautiful saddle in bulldogging division. With only a few rodeos left in the season, Barry stands a very good chance of winning the event. He placed third in the Whitehall rodeo last Sunday with a time of 6.1.

Pete Greaves Has First Wheat to Montana Elevator

Pete Greaves of Toston delivered a load of wheat to Montana Elevator in Townsend Saturday to become the first one in with 1968 crop harvested. Jim Vick, elevator manager, says the wheat weighed 61 pounds and according to Greaves, the field was making 30 to 35 bushels per acre.

Radersburg News

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Edenfield were water skiing and fishing on Lake Townsend Monday.

David Castleberry left Thursday by plane for Camp San Onofre, R.I., for eleven weeks training at Naval Justice School after visiting his family here for two weeks.

Mrs. Grace Hollaway, Mrs. Carrie McCormick and Mrs. Anna Moudree of Townsend were brief visitors in the Burg Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lavender and family of Westby visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hough. Bill came to attend his class reunion, held at the Legion Club in Townsend.

Jerry Williams of Great Falls visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Tom Sunday.

Mrs. George Harris, Paul, Ronnie and Patti Price visited with friends and relatives in Butte Thursday.

1996

Townsend Appreciation Day

The Montana Army National Guard extended a warm welcome to Townsend-area residents with an appreciation day July 24 at the Limestone Hills Training Facility. More than 50 residents toured the firing range and got first-hand looks at the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle. The top three Bradley teams who qualified on the vehicle during the two-week training session leading up to last Wednesday's demonstration showed their skills by firing TOW missiles at mid-range stationary targets on the range. The National Guard provided lunch for the local visitors, whose tour completed a summer of training at the site west of Townsend. A Bradley, as well as one of the National Guard's Black Hawk helicopters, will be on display this week end at the Broadwater County Fair.

1996 Rodeo Parade

Longtime Broadwater Rodeo Association Treasurer Mel Pottruff, is the grand marshal for the Western Days Parade, which begins Sunday at noon.

"Mel's been involved with the rodeo association in the same capacity since the rodeo began 33 years ago," said Broadwater Rodeo Association Secretary, Elaine Graveley. "Mel was chosen as grand marshal to honor him."

Helena Could Be Passed Up by Passenger Rail Route

Jovonne Wagner
Montana Free Press



The North Coast Hiawatha route could bypass Helena without the county's support.

A passenger railroad project connecting Seattle to Chicago could potentially bypass Helena without the support of Lewis and Clark County, according to county and railroad project officials.

The Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority, along with the Federal Railroad Administration, is leading the project to restore the North Coast Hiawatha route and has garnered the support of route-affected counties across southern Montana. Lewis and Clark County is not one of them, despite giving \$10,000 to the effort in both 2021 and 2022.

Although the rail authority lists Helena as a preferred stop for the project, an alternate route would bring the railway south to Butte before continuing west through

Missoula and east through Billings.

"Worst-case scenario ... it happens, and they decide to go through Butte. That's it. It's a missed opportunity for Helena," Lewis and Clark County Commission Chair Andy Hunthausen told Montana Free Press. "They're in. They're really advocating that 'Hey, open this line through Butte. We want it. We'll do whatever you want.' That's great, but my wonder is why aren't we doing the same thing?"

Hunthausen said he was in favor of the county joining the rail authority in 2021. But when the county considered a formal resolution to join the project, former commissioners Susan Good Geise and Jim McCormick



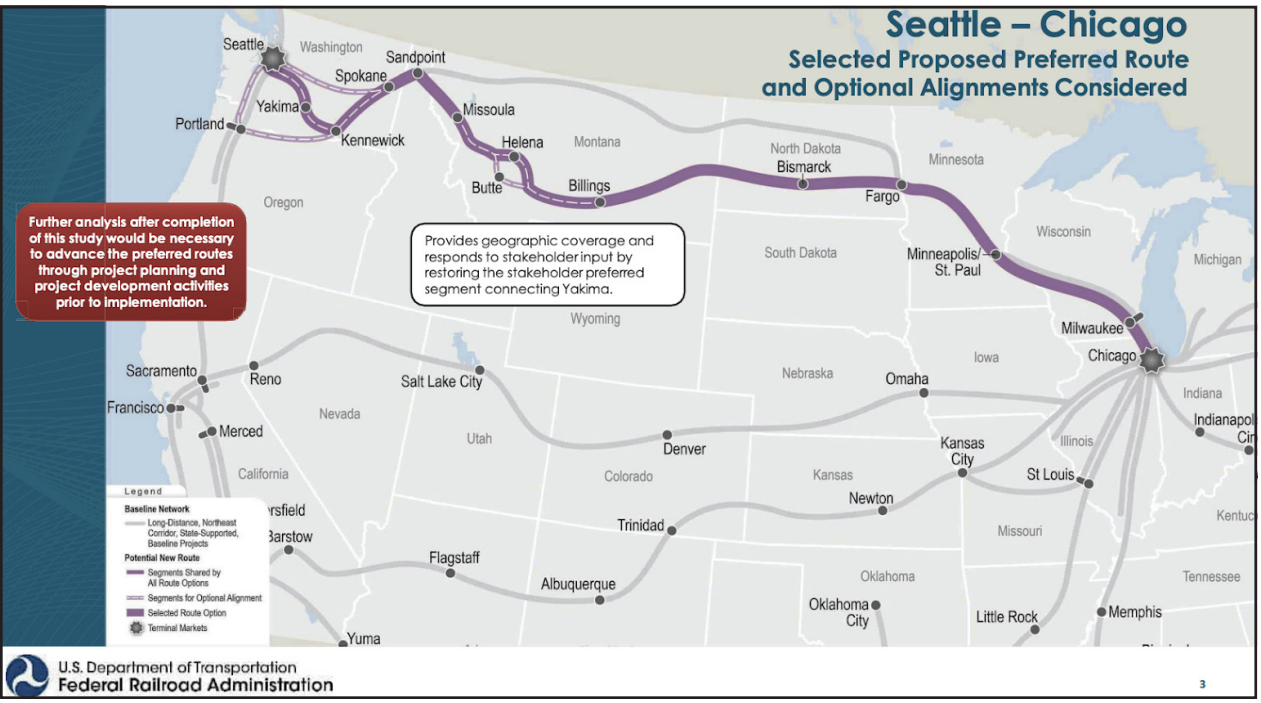
Two of Amtrak's new ALC-42 locomotives lead the Empire Builder near Whitefish on Feb. 13, 2022. Photo Credit: Justin Franz, MTFP

opposed the idea, Hunthausen said. Instead, the county pledged \$20,000 to the rail authority to support the project's feasibility study.

"[They] were a little bit worried that it could come, some of it could come back on the local taxpayer, and at the time, at the very outset, there was not a clear way of leaving the authority," Hunthausen said. Those concerns were addressed, he added, after the authority added into its bylaws that counties can leave at any time and that the project would be federally funded through Amtrak.

However, when commissioners Tom Rolf and Candace Payne were elected to the Lewis and Clark County Commission, they also opposed the project, with Payne sharing the former commissioner's worries about the local tax impact.

"There are things that I think it is appropriate for the county to help with. We've got other things that are way more important to us," Payne told MTFP recently. "If they want people to invest in railroads, fine. But that doesn't mean I should take money out of the taxpayer's pocket. The people who trust me, they know that we need to fix our roads. We need to be prepared to fight fires. We need to have law enforcement. All those things. It takes money, and that's a priority."



Preferred Route Map
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