

Beauty Within the Backyards of Broadwater



Patrick Plantenberg giving a demonstration on planting trees. Lynette Dyk is assisting him. Photo Credits: Allison Kosto



Inside The Jim and Terry Gunderson Greenhouse Photo Credits: Allison Kosto

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



On July 27, 2024, over 110 participants soaked in the beauty and bounty hidden within the yards and gardens of Broadwater County. Backyards of Broadwater is an annual event coordinated by the Broadwater County Master Gardeners and MSU Extension in Broadwater County. The first Backyards of Broadwater Tour debuted in August 2014 by Dawn Reynolds with the Townsend Heritage Gardens. After a brief hiatus, it returned in 2017 under the umbrella of MSU Extension and has continued ever since even through the pandemic.

This year, tour-goers enjoyed six yards and gardens stretching from Townend along Highway 284 to Goose Bay. There were 111 tickets sold which is an all-time record for the event. Starting in town, Don and Ginny Schaubert have been on the tour multiple times, but this is likely their last year. Nestled behind their historic 1869 home is a beautiful oasis filled with vegetables, fruit and flowers. There are even grapes, a challenging fruit to grow here. This garden is always a crowd favorite!

New to the tour, Brenda Banks and Mike Philpott

provided another wonderful example of what can be done within city limits. They have transformed their backyard with gardens tucked in every corner and even growing vertically. They even boast a chicken coop, greenhouse and fruit trees in their little haven.

Leaving town, the next stop on the tour was Zach and Lacey Jepson. They made a delightful team that updated their yard and turned it into a beautiful landscape filled with flowers, trees and a well-kept lawn. They also have a large garden and raspberry patch. There was so much to see!

Next stop on the tour was Steve and Donna Haynes along Duck Creek Road. In four short years, they have transformed a neglected property into the landscape of their dreams with more projects in the works. A beautiful greenhouse, raised beds, a creekside picnic area and a quaint chicken coop complete their sprawling property.

At the Haynes home, Patrick Plantenberg, chairman of the Townsend Tree Board, along with his wife Mary, provided a presentation on planting and caring for young trees. During the course of the day, they planted four trees on the property while educating participants on trees.

Continuing up Duck Creek to the next stop which was the home of Shannon and Tony Woodward. Their business, Mountain Man Apples, features an orchard whose

original trees are more than 100 years old. They now have over 400 apple trees along with peaches and plums. Not something you'd expect tucked in this mountain sanctuary!

Last, but certainly not least, the final stop on the tour was Jim and Teri Gunderson, another returning favorite. They have a large greenhouse that is stuffed with vegetables, plants and art from their glass-blowing business. Have you ever seen an artichoke growing in Montana?! Well, you can here! The surprises continued outside where there was even a bathtub serving as a raised bed.

The tour would not be possible without an outstanding committee working behind the scenes. Thank you to Becky Flynn, Terey Artz, Debbie Flynn and Donna Haynes. Also a special thank you to the sponsors: Broadwater Blooms, C Hanging C Mercantile and Creamery, Haynes Ranch, Infinite Hope Counseling, Lane Construction, Most Wanted Reality, Sod Works, and Broadwater County Master Gardeners.

For more information, follow "Backyards of Broadwater" on Facebook and Instagram or visit www.msuextension.org/broadwater/. You can also contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu with questions about the event or to be a tour host for 2025.

School Proposes Brief Closure of N. Pine to Improve Bus Drop-off Safety

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

New Townsend Elementary Principal Steven Cook and Head Custodian Jim Riddle met with Townsend City Mayor Vickie Rauser and Public Works Director Eric Crusch to discuss closing a section of North Pine Street to through traffic. The proposal, Cook said, would close the street for a 15-minute window beginning around 7:45 each morning school is in session around the bus drop-off area adjacent to the Elementary School Entrance.

"It appears that the biggest mess occurs when the buses pull in and start dropping kids off," Cook told Townsend School District Trustees at their regular Aug. 13 meeting. "What happens is there's a traffic jam with dropping and stopping and kids crossing the street, you have back and forth traffic, but the biggest problem is

you have kids running between the buses and the bus drivers can't see it."

The street would be barricaded off and monitored by school staff, Superintendent Susie Hedalen explained. Residents of homes along the closure area and those who need to park in the school lot located just north of the drop-off would be able to use the street during the closure.

Hedalen added that she had received positive feedback from North Pine Street residents. "From our conversations, they would be more than happy to have this occur because they have people pulling in and out of their driveways or even blocking them in when they are trying to leave for work during this time," she said.

Townsend's City Council will hear the proposal during their Aug. 20 meeting. If the full-closure proposal is not approved, Hedalen said, barricades will be set up along the bus parking lane with two crossing guards at each end.



Townsend Schools is proposing a 15-minute closure of N. Pine Street along the bus lane beginning around 7:45 a.m. on school days. Pine Street would be barricaded off, with traffic redirected along Second and Third streets during the closure. Residents of the 200 block of N. Pine would not be affected. Townsend's City Council will hear the proposal Aug. 20. Photo Credits: Linda Kent

Summer Nears End with Final Slice of Summer Event

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The final Slice of Summer last Thursday was about babies and balloons. New mothers rocked infants while their toddlers played on the bouncy toys.



Elk Horn Community Church member helps a child ready for a climb on the rock wall. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

The most popular spot for kids was standing line for a free piece of balloon art. Helena man Neil Sautter of Sautter Balloons spent time making balloon animals, hats, instruments and other interesting balloon forms.

Slice of Summer,



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He blew up long skinny balloons from 3:30 p.m. until long after 5:00 p.m. Kids left the line grinning from ear-to-ear carrying a monkey or an angel or wearing a balloon hat, according to Rotarian Jody Toney.

The weather was perfect for people to lounge in their lawn chairs to listen to acoustic guitarist Travis Yost who provided the music.

Rotarians served up bouncy houses for toddlers and older kids. Everyone went swimming at the pool for free. Lions' burgers went fast as did Rotary booth pizza and ice cream. The mental Health Awareness group manned a booth and Trailhead Church served over 300 snowcones, according to organizer Kelley Gobbs.

Elkhorn Community Church sponsored a climbing wall, according to Jessica Crusch, organizer. The Townsend church had borrowed the climbing wall from The Bridge, a Belgrade church. "We try to support Slice of Summer as a kid event. It gives the kids something to do, and we love talking to with them," she said.

Search and Rescue display was a popular destination for event goers. Board member Steve Wyatt explained their raffle fundraiser: "We try to raise funds by selling tickets for a gift certificate from Rocky Mountain Supply and two cash prizes."

On display were the Seach and Rescue side-by-side four-wheeler donated by Graymont Western Mine and their new snowambulance paid for by an anonymous donor. Wyatt explained money they raised would be used to replace their rescue lake boat and two vehicles they use when they are called out to an emergency.



Kids line up to have Neil Sautter of Sautter Balloons make them a balloon toy.
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Broadwater County Search and Rescue volunteers man a booth to sell raffle tickets for a \$300 gift certificate donated by Rocky Mountain Supply. Raffle tickets are available at Hedstrom Auto or by calling Cindy at (406) 439-3229
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Emili Petty rocks baby girl Mattie, 3 months old, while she visits with her friend and fellow new mom Osheanna Wright. Wright's baby boy Luca is 4 months old.
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Father, Jesse Curtiss, holds his daughter Arya as they enjoy Slice of Summer activities at Heritage Park on Thursday.
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

Townsend Adult Softball League



Barracudas and Badgers
Photo Credits: Tyce Pool

Tyce Pool

The Townsend Adult Softball League ended its season last night with a close game between the Barracudas (Sponsored by the Bunkhouse Bar) and the Badgers (Sponsored by Badger Materials).

The Barracudas took home the trophy with a final score of 8-7.

This year, the Coed Rec. league featured five teams: The Warriors, Swingers, Trailhead, Badgers, and Barracudas, all graciously umpired by Martin Mingay.

The league is in its 4th year, bringing summer fun and friendly competition back to Connor's Field. The league would like to extend a warm welcome to locals who are considering joining or forming a team, all experience levels are welcome (must be 18 years or older). The season typically runs from June to August and games are weekly on Thursday nights.

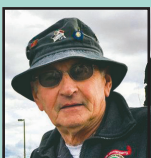
Now is a great time to join the Facebook group: Townsend Adult Softball League to get familiar with the rules and receive updates on schedules, meetings, and the like.



Bunkhouse Bar Barracudas
Photo Credits: Tyce Pool

Townsend Swimming Program Thanks Lifeguard Training Sponsors!

Patrick Plantenberg



In 2021, the Townsend city pool was not open because the city could not find lifeguards. Since then, several organizations have made sure that this will never happen again. The Rotary Club of Townsend, St. Peter's Health, and the Broadwater Area Lions Club kicked in money this year to cover lifeguard training costs and to offer a potential bonus to lifeguards if they stuck it out all season.

If the kids had to pay their own lifeguard training costs, they would not receive a paycheck for the first couple of weeks. Thank you to the funding sponsors. It is all about the kids in Broadwater County. The area needs more kids' activities. Plans are already being made to secure funding for the 2025 season.



Swimming pool lifeguards pose with banner thanking lifeguard training sponsors for 2024
Photo Credits: Patrick Plantenberg

Townsend School Calendar

AUGUST



Fri 23
NO SCHOOL-Teacher PIR

Mon 26
NO SCHOOL-Teacher PIR
1st Day of MS Fall Sports Practice
5:00PM K-5 Ice Cream Social at Main Entrance of the Elementary

Tue 27
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Thu 29 - Sat 31
HSVB @ Choteau Tourney

Fri 30
NO SCHOOL
XC @ Boulder (HS Only)
5:30PM - Lil Dog Cheer Performance Refresher at Stage Gym
7:00PM HSFB vs Cut Bank

2024- 2025 Townsend School Bus Schedule

Contact Jeremy Rice at 406-439-98197 for questions.

#1 WINSTON BUS ROUTE TIMES

A.M.	STOP	P.M.
7:10	Lazy HM Estates	4:30
7:16	County Line Turnaround	4:34
7:23	Spruce Grove	4:43
7:29	Quarter Circle Rd.	4:29
7:35	Winston Store Parking Lot	4:23
7:41	Silos	4:17
7:51	School	3:58

#2 CANYON FERRY/HWY 284 BUS ROUTE TIMES

A.M.	STOP	P.M.
7:00	Goosebay Turnaround	4:43
7:06	Lower Confederate	4:47
7:12	Cameron	4:35
7:15	Duck Creek Rd	4:30
7:18	Chamberlain (3181)	4:28
7:21	Dry Gulch Rd.	4:23
7:22	Lower Canton Church	4:21
7:24	McCaulley	4:20
7:24	Ray Creek Rd	4:19
7:26	Braaten (Sod Works)	4:17
7:27	Cottonwood Rd	4:16
7:28	Anderson	4:15
7:29	Copperdale Rd	4:14
7:30	Windy Meadow Rd	4:13
7:31	Stoney Trail	4:12
7:32	Delger Rd	4:12
7:34	Moos	4:12
7:36	Maughan (250)	4:12
7:40	Sand Hill Ln	4:08
7:41	266 Sand Hill	4:08
7:45	Hughes	4:09
7:46	Sullivan Ridgeway	4:10
7:47	Sharon Loop	4:05
7:48	Fireside Trailer Court	4:04
7:49	Woodchuck Loop	4:02
7:55	School	3:58

#3 DEEP CREEK BUS ROUTE TIMES

A.M.	STOP	P.M.
7:10	Hwy 12 Turnout	4:38
7:16	777 Hwy 12	4:33
7:18	760 Hwy 12	4:33
7:18	733 Hwy 12	4:33
7:18	641 Hwy 12	4:46
7:19	708 Lower Deep Creek	4:29
7:21	Diamond Gulch Rd	4:28
7:22	472 Lower Deep Creek	4:28
7:23	425/431 Lower Deep Creek	4:29
7:25	416 Lower Deep Creek	4:25
7:28	10 Litening Barn	4:12
7:30	Lower Litening Barn (Bird)	4:14
7:35	Flynn/Beatty (Flynn Ln)	4:19
7:40	69 Flynn Lane	4:24
7:47	20 Jack Farm Rd	4:07
7:50	School	3:58

#4 RADERSBURG BUS ROUTE TIMES

A.M.	STOP	P.M.
7:00	Hossfeld	4:43
7:04	Crow Creek Schoolhouse	4:39
7:05	Hensley	4:37
7:05	Kitto	4:37
7:06	Kimpton Lane	4:36
7:08	Sanderson	4:35
7:16	Mill Rd/2nd St	4:30
7:18	Williams Turnaround	4:32
7:22	Parker Loop	4:26
7:31	Lewis/Kitto	4:17
7:34	Bunkhouse	4:12
7:46	School	3:58

#5 TOSTON BUS ROUTE TIMES

A.M.	STOP	P.M.
7:00	Toston Post Office	4:33
7:03	Flynn	4:36
7:12	Diehl	4:40
7:33	Lakeview	4:05
7:36	Antelope	4:08
7:39	Valley	4:10
7:42	Midway	4:13
7:45	Springville	4:16
7:47	School	3:58

Three Forks School Calendar

AUGUST



Mon 26 - Tue 27
Kindergarten Orientation - By Appt- School will call you.

Tue 27
2YK Orientation - By Appt- School will call you.

Wed 28
1st DAY OF SCHOOL- 2YK & Kindergarten Students

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday 23
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
5:00pm Historic Canton Church Presents Linda Huth
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Saturday 24
5:30PM Queen City Swing Dance Lessons at The Lodge
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
7:00PM Broadwater Community Theater presents Queen City Swing music and dance at The Lodge, 131 S Spruce

Monday 26
5:00pm Flynn Bible Camp - Men Only at Flynn's Cabin; Dry Creek
6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
6:30PM Broadwater Democrats Meeting at Heritage Park
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Tuesday 27
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 28
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 29
3:00- 6:00PM FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park
7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 30
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Saturday 31
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1
5:00pm Shakespeare in the Park: The Winter's Tale at Heritage Park; Backup Location at Broadwater High School Stage Gym

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: September 18th, 7:00PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday 23
11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club
6:30PM Back-to-School Block Party feat. Pinky and the Floyd + Dead Sky at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Tuesday 27
1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

Wednesday 28
5:30PM Bozeman Music Night with Jody and the Woodflowers at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 29
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 Jack Gilk at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 30
11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Saturday 31
7:00PM Kitchen Dwellers at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1
4:00PM Kansas Street CLOSED - Wrangler Team Roping Championships at City Hall

LOCAL JOB LISTING

WERE HIRING!

Edgewater Farms Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch

Shifts on Fridays and Saturdays from Sept. 20 to Oct. 26.
Apply at: EdgewaterFarmsMT.com

Ages 14+



BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

Monday 26
2:00pm Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 27
2:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioners' Office)

Wednesday 28
10:00am Commission Meeting



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

BROADWATER DEMOCRATS MEETING

MONDAY, August 26, 6:30PM

Gazebo at Heritage Park, Townsend

Questions: Call (406) 581-8538

THANK YOU

Thank You,
WATSON IRRIGATION, for purchasing my 2024 Market Hog!

~ Tanner Bird

Rotary Tours Grassy Mountain Ranch



On August 13th, the Rotary Clubs of Townsend and White Sulphur Springs met at the newly remodeled Grassy Mountain Ranch. The ranch had a grand opening in June and is open for family reunions, wedding or anniversary celebrations, or corporate retreats.

The cabins have been meticulously renovated with a blend of rustic charm and modern convenience.



Check out their website at: <https://www.grassymountainranch.com/>



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Townsend Cat Network Visits Reading Leaves Bookstore

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Pawesome visitors enjoyed Reading Leaves' Bookstore Romance Day, one of the bookstore's many events open to the community!

These purr-fectly delightful kitties were helping to spread awareness of a local non-profit group that is addressing the stray and feral cat issue in Townsend. The kitties are being cared for and prepared to be loving companions in their new forever home. These kitties are all rescues and they come fully equipped with all the bells and whistles - spay/neutered, chipped and vaccinated. A small adoption fee applies to help cover costs. Almost all of the kitties were spoken for at Reading Leaves on Saturday, but this is an ongoing labor of love by the Townsend Cat Network and Assistance (TCNA) to connect kitties with good homes.



This sweet guy and one other friend are still up for adoption at the time of writing this article!
Photo Provided by Rachael Brug



TCNA Raffle Booth at Reading Leaves Bookstore
Photo Provided by Rachael Brug



Finding these kitties a good home, after much needed care, is our passion
Photo Provided by TCNA

TCNA started when a group of people wanted to help with the care of stray and feral cats in Townsend. They began to see a larger number of stray and feral cats were continuing to have litters of kittens every year. The sad reality is most kittens born to stray and feral mothers do not survive to adulthood.

The group started trying to take these cats to local area humane societies, but quickly realized we would need to find another solution. We don't have an animal shelter in Townsend that accepts cats and nearby shelters don't typically accept animals from outside their city limits. Nearby shelters are currently overwhelmed and TCNA did not want to continue to add to the already overflowing numbers of cats.

TCNA began fostering the cats and kittens themselves and researching spay and neuter clinics. Some of these clinics were as far as four hours away. They began making the drive to the clinics, out of our area, with the stray cats that had been trapped. They have successfully gotten many of these cats and kittens spayed/neutered, and vaccinated. While unsure of the exact number of kitties that have been fixed, vaccinated and found homes, they believe the number to exceed 500!

There are times when TCNA pays for medical care and basic necessities such as food and litter out of their own pockets. Everyone in this group is grateful when kind-hearted people in our community support their efforts, by donating essential items such as dog houses for feral cat shelters, cat food, cat litter, blankets, towels, crates and even live traps.

The mission of The Townsend Cat Network:

Our hope is to get a proper shelter in Townsend, that assists in our efforts to help with the cat population.



Stray and feral cats come in a variety of colors and sizes; these are only a few!
Photo Provided by Townsend Cat Network and Assistance

We want a shelter that is equipped to house dogs and cats safely, especially during the winter months. We also believe many local families would benefit from a spay and neuter clinic here in town that would encourage community members to fix their cats and help cut down on the amount of stray and feral cats in our area. We can never fully be able to stop cats being dumped or feral cats from having kittens. We are confident that what we do has a positive influence on our community, and we will continue to do what we can to provide a better life for these kitties.

TCNA can be contacted through their Facebook page: Townsend Cat Network and Assistance. Follow them for information on adopting a kitty, awareness events, volunteer meetings, fundraising projects and more! Don't forget to check out their current raffle which ends September 1st!

DINE LOCAL BROADWATER

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

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS



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

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 TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on December 13, 2024, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 23 of Maxted's Addition to Townsend, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 516 Elm Street, Townsend, MT 59644.

Darcie A. Bourne who acquired title as Darcie Amelia Bourne, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Attorney Title and Closing Services, LLC, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for American Pacific Mortgage Corporation, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on June 17, 2022, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on June 21, 2022 as Instrument No. 193953, in Book 242, at Page 440, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:
Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Assignment Dated: February 22, 2024
Assignment Recorded: February 22, 2024

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 198235, in Book 258, at Page 497,

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on March 28, 2024 as Instrument No. 198441, in Book 259, at Page 176, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning September 1, 2023, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$324,750.99, interest in the sum of \$17,049.48, escrow advances of \$6,520.54, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$4,091.27 for a total amount owing of \$352,412.28, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

The Beneficiary has elected, and has directed, the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured, the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation for up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2024.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee | 38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601

Telephone: 801-355-2886 | Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)

File No. MT22059

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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

1. 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.
2. The minimum acceptable bid for each parcel is the value indicated.
3. The parcel will be sold to the high bidder.
4. 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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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Broadwater County Commissioners will be taking comments regarding amendments to the Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday August 28th at 10:00am in the Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street, Townsend.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 28, 2024, at 10:15 am in the Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on an increase to the solid waste assessment.

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

The City of Townsend has completed its preliminary annual budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. There will be a public hearing on the budget on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana.

The preliminary budget has been placed on file at the same location and is open to inspection.

For additional information please call City Clerk, Kari Williams at (406)266-3911.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, the Broadwater County Commissioners will be holding a public hearing to adopt a revised resolution, for the Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025. The hearing is set for Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM, located at the Flynn Building, 416 Broadway St.

Any taxpayer or resident may appear and be heard for or against any part of the proposed budget. Budget documents may be viewed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office during regular business hours or on the website at www.broadwatercountymt.com. 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 AUCTION

Wheatland Self Storage will sell at public auction contents of a 10' x 20' storage unit #D31, said by tenant originally to contain mostly dog cages.

Monday, September 2, 2024, at 1:00 pm unit will be sold as a whole unit to the highest bidder.

Lock will be sawed off at time of auction. Potential buyers may look from door at contents but will not be allowed to go inside the unit. Payment required by cash, Mastercard or Visa to be paid at time of sale. Buyer has 72 hours to remove all contents and clean unit after purchase.

(Call Sunday, September 1 after 5:00 pm to verify tenant has not paid her bill which would cancel the auction.)

Auction location: 5 Wheatland Meadows Drive, Three Forks, MT Phone: 406-600-1848

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Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Emma Wickum- Bozeman – careless driving, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of one year, \$45.00 fines and fees.

Kyle Collins – Laurel – fail to carry proof or exhibit insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; seatbelt violation, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine; driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked -1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$175.00 fines and fees.

Deanna Campbell – Townsend – careless driving, pleaded guilty, \$50.00 fines and fees; driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

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Gabriel Puga- Townsend – partner or family member assault, causing reasonable apprehension of bodily injury in partner or family member - 2nd offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but three days suspended on conditions, \$385.00 fines and fees and must enroll and complete 40 hours of Batterers education; cruelty to animals - overworking, beating, torturing, injuring, or killing the animal -1st animal, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$175.00 fines and fees; sentences will run concurrently.

Christian Bautista- Belgrade – reckless driving-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months, \$335.00 fines and fees; night speed, pleaded guilty, \$200.00 fine.

Austin Taylor- Butte – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, must enroll and complete ACT program.

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

Trina Toquero- First Judicial District Court, Lewis and Clark County, \$25,000.00 bond

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

James Paige – Belgrade City Court, \$1,000.00 bond

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August 9

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal McMahon's courtroom on Friday, August 9, 2024, is as follows:

Shadow Robbins appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to a charge of DUI (4+). In her elocution, Robbins related that she was intoxicated as she drove in Broadwater County. Her Sentencing will be on October 11. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered; the defendant is ordered to cooperate with the interview.

Maurice Powers had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of two counts of criminal possession of dangerous drugs and one count of criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. Omnibus is due by September 13; Pre-Trial is set for January 10, 2025; with the Jury Trial scheduled for February 10.

Michael Coyle appeared for Sentencing to the charges of felony sexual assault (when the victim is under 16 years old; and the offender is three or more years older); sexual intercourse without consent (threat of bodily harm). The Court received a Psycho-Sexual Evaluation; as well as a Pre-Sentence Investigation. Victims read their witness statements over Zoom. Coyle is Sentenced to 60 years, in Montana State Prison; 10 years suspended times two, for the second charge. He must comply with and complete the Sex Offenders Treatment Program offered by MSP. All conditions from other Sentencing is to carry over. Sentences will be run concurrently, but consecutive to previous charges.

August 16

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

The criminal docket for judge Kathy Seeley's district court for Friday, Aug. 16, was as follows:

Joel Mullin-Romo had a hearing as a fugitive from justice for probation violation. Mullin-Romo is sought by the State of Wisconsin for two counts of Burglary of Building/Dwelling, Party to a Crime and two counts of Forgery, Party to a Crime. Mullin-Romo was arrested in Broadwater County on July 31, 2024, on charges of Obstructing a Police Officer and Probation Violation. He is currently in the Broadwater County Detention Center. The State of Wisconsin was seeking extradition.

Austin James Leinen made an initial appearance on several charges, including one count Partner/Family Member Assault and one count of Burglary, an Aggravated Felony, following an Aug. 1, 2024 incident in Broadwater County. According to case documents, Leinen allegedly broke into the home of his estranged wife and assaulted her and a man on the premises. A bond hearing has been set for Sept. 13, 2024.

Johnny T. Huffman, Jr., made an initial appearance on charges stemming from a Jan. 1, 2020 incident. He was charged with Assault with a Weapon, Partner/Family Member Assault-First Offense, Partner/Family Member Assault-Second Offense, felony Intimidation, and Tampering. His next hearing will be Oct. 15.

At her plea change hearing, Gerri Ann Lamphier pleaded guilty to Felony Driving Under the Influence, Misdemeanor Resisting Arrest, Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance-First Offense, and Driving while Suspended. The charges stem from a Feb. 24, 2024 incident. Sentencing was set for Oct. 15.

Lynn Sofil pleaded guilty to Criminal Mischief \$1,500, Failure to Stop and Leave ID after Striking an Unattended Vehicle-First Offense, and Failure to Notify Owner after Striking an Unattended Vehicle-First Offense. She was sentenced to fines of \$300, \$100 suspended, and \$400, with \$100 suspended, and her driving license was suspended for 30 days.

Eric Turk was arraigned on charges of Criminal Endangerment, Driving Under the Influence-First Offense, and Failure to Signal. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Sheriff's Office Contracts for Mental Health Support Services

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser informed the Broadwater County Commission Aug. 14 that his office has signed a two-year agreement with Avel, a real-time mental health crisis assistance company. The preliminary contract is funded by a grant from Many Rivers Whole Health at no cost to the county.

"That's one of the struggles: getting someone who's in a mental crisis but they just need help, getting them to the proper resources," Rauser said.

Once the service is active, Rauser said, sheriff's officers dispatched to assist residents experiencing a mental health crisis will be able to contact Avel via their computers or phones. Avel responders will then provide triage.

"The professionals will be able to recommend to us whether that person needs to go to a behavioral health unit or they're going to be OK," Rauser said. "Then they will have the resources in Broadwater County set up in their account. So, they can then set that person up with resources. . . . Then we can just step away, unless they need to go to behavioral health unit because they are still a danger to themselves or someone else."

Officers and department staff who find themselves in need of support can also use the service.

"If we have an employee who's struggling, they can get on there and talk to a professional," Rauser added.

Many Rivers is working to make funding for the service permanent, at no charge to the county, once the two-year trial contract is over, Commissioner Lindsay Richtmyer commented.

"It'll help us out," Rauser said. "Spending less time on-scene and taking individuals to behavioral health. . . . We're not the experts in that, so we usually just err on the side of caution and take them (to Helena)."

Information about Avel services will be added to the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office website (/www.broadwatercountysheriff.org) as well as the county website.



Taxation Out of Whack

Taxation is one of those things that comes with life. Sometimes you just want to know why and how the process works when your taxes have increased by forty percent. I started with the people who should know the Broadwater County Revenue Department. I recommend that people go and sit down with Bill Jarocki in the county courthouse. Bill is very knowledgeable when it comes to our taxes and also with county budgeting. What I found out encouraged me to call our state representative and write a letter to our governor, Greg Gianforte, with my concern of our property tax inequality. After some thought, I called Broadwater County's state legislator, Julie Dooling. Julie indicated our governor was putting together a commission to fix the property tax issue. If the state legislators don't do something radical to fix the way our property taxes are assessed in three years, we will get another major increase in property taxes. One issue with the way the state assesses property taxes is all property owners do not pay the same amount of the tax burden. Another problem is the huge tax increase homeowners were assessed did not go to our schools.

Here is just an idea, stop using assessed property values to stimulate property taxes. When people come to Montana and pay high prices set by greedy sellers, values get out of control. We could go with using the national rate of inflation instead of property assessments of market value, which for the last three years were and are around six percent or less, which is reasonable. After all, our county and school budgets are restricted to half the rate of inflation. We need to stop this injustice of unequal tax burden being imposed on the people of Montana. Why should we let the influx of out-of-state people change our way of life?

I'm a retired resident of Broadwater County with a limited income that increases by one or two percent a year. With inflation at twenty percent and when you add property tax and insurance increases it really hits home. The one thing we have is our voices to encourage change with our legislators.

Thank you,

Richard P. Tramp
Townsend, Montana

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 26, 2024

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

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

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

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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

10:00 AM Public Hearing, 2024 Amended Subdivision Regulations

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, 2024 Amended Subdivision Regulations

10:15 AM Public Hearing, Solid Waste assessment increase

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Solid Waste assessment increase

COMMISSION MEETING BREAK

11:00 AM MACo Tax, Budget, and Finance Committee Zoom meeting, one or more Commissioners may attend

1:00 PM RESUME COMMISSION MEETING

1:00 PM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Bridger Brewing East, Amended Application

1:05 PM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Bridger Brewing East, Request Final Plat approval

Broadwater County Offices are closed Monday Sept 2nd to observe Labor Day

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

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(406) 266-9270 or (406) 980-2050

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

Lindsey Richtmyer
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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)

- Trust Board Meeting on September 10th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on September 10th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on September 10th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on September 11th at 2:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on September 12th at 5:30 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on September 16th at 2:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 16th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on September 17th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on September 17th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on September 17th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on September 18th at 6:00 PM
- LEPC Meeting on September 19th at 1:00 PM

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

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Property Tax Task Force Delivers Recommendations to Governor

Eric Dietrich
Montana Free Press



Gov. Greg Gianforte on Thursday

listened to recommendations for property tax reform presented by members of his appointed task force while offering limited insight into his support or disapproval of specific proposals that will likely be debated in the upcoming legislative session.

During the 20-minute meeting in the governor's wing of the Capitol building in Helena, Gianforte generally praised the group's final report and its efforts since it first convened in February.

"I charged the task force with addressing rising property taxes and to restrain the growth of those taxes to help Montana homeowners. And that's what you've done," Gianforte told task force members on Thursday. "We have good work product."

Gianforte endorsed the pursuit of a "homestead exemption" when the Legislature returns to Helena in January — the only element in the list of recommendations the governor explicitly backed.

The task force's version of that concept, the apparent centerpiece of the group's report, would reduce property taxes for Montana houses that are used as primary residences or long-term rentals while raising taxes on second homes and Airbnb-style short-term rentals in an effort to capture more tax revenue from out-of-state residents.

Specifically, the proposal would adjust the conversion rates that determine how much of a property's appraised market value is translated to taxable value, dialing the conversion rate down for primary residences and up for homes that aren't occupied full-time.

"If adopted, this will provide a 15 to 20% permanent property tax relief, potentially, to 215,000 Montana homeowners,



Gov. Greg Gianforte addresses members of his property tax task force in the State Capitol building Feb. 14, 2024. Photo Credit: Eric Dietrich, MTFP

130,000 long-term renters ... and 32,000 small businesses," said Rep. Llew Jones, R-Conrad, who chairs the task force subcommittee that developed the recommendation. "It will fund itself, in large part, by ensuring that a lot of these folks that don't pay income tax in Montana participate in providing for some of the services that they consume."

At the end of the meeting, Gianforte praised that plank of the group's recommendations.

"I firmly believe that we should move ahead with the homestead exemption to give preference to Montana residents on a primary home," Gianforte said. "That will provide good long-term relief. It will also ensure that out-of-staters who don't live here, don't pay income taxes here, and own second homes here pay their fair share, not only for our schools but law enforcement, roads and bridges,

emergency response."

The task force report also includes other suggestions that would make it harder for local governments to raise taxes by requiring 60% voter approval to pass mill levies and rework a portion of the state's school funding system so property taxes from high-value industrial properties like mines and power plants are apportioned more uniformly.

The governor on Thursday called those proposals "innovative", but did not ask the group questions or offer feedback about specific recommendations. The group did not take questions about the report from members of the media.

A spokesperson for the governor's office, Sean Southard, did not directly answer questions emailed by Montana Free Press Thursday about Gianforte's assessment of other elements of the task force's proposals.

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 8/23	Sat 8/24	Sun 8/25	Mon 8/26	Tue 8/27
Very Light Rain Showers 88° 59° 10% 9 32 mph	Light Rain Showers 74° 53° 22% 11 29 mph	Thunderstorms 67° 49° 39% 10 26 mph	Light Rain Showers 72° 52° 30% 10 22 mph	Mostly Clear 77° 51° 0% 9 23 mph

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March: 0.409"	April: 1.189"
May: 2.721"	June: 0.968"
July: 0.040"	August: 0.390"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 7.001"

"I forget, Johnson, are we paying you by the hour or by the _____!"

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Clue: M equals F

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Super Crossword

CALLING FOR SILENCE

<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1; font-size: x-small;"> <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Human rights org.</p> <p>5 Costa —</p> <p>9 Scored two under par</p> <p>15 Apparel</p> <p>19 Stars and Stripes, e.g.</p> <p>20 Big whoops</p> <p>21 Louisiana cuisine style</p> <p>22 French girlfriend</p> <p>23 Places to buy salmon fillets and such</p> <p>25 Everyday routine</p> <p>26 Metal beam with two flanges</p> <p>27 Brainpower stats</p> <p>28 Actor Bana</p> <p>29 Overnight delivery, say</p> <p>31 Regret deeply</p> <p>32 Nothin' at all</p> <p>33 Lauder of perfumery</p> <p>34 Shutter strip</p> <p>35 Breathable gym bottoms</p> <p>38 Actor Alan</p> <p>40 Vaping devices</p> <p>43 Some tech. inst. grads</p> <p>44 Trio after G</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; font-size: x-small;"> <p>46 They're like lay-ups, but farther from the basket</p> <p>48 Father, to a tiny tot</p> <p>51 Like some artificial body parts</p> <p>54 A snake injecting venom, e.g.</p> <p>55 Become too warm</p> <p>58 Like a bass voice</p> <p>60 Napoleonic marshal</p> <p>61 Coin that was worth 12 pence</p> <p>65 Purvey</p> <p>69 Often-flexed arm muscles</p> <p>70 Paint coat applied to rough plaster</p> <p>71 Brand of snowglobes</p> <p>73 Snow glider</p> <p>74 Informal name for a herding breed</p> <p>76 Congregated</p> <p>78 Concealed</p> <p>79 City development area</p> <p>80 Dangler on a garment in a store</p> <p>85 Most modern</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; font-size: x-small;"> <p>88 Harper of "Far North"</p> <p>89 Top worn on a safari</p> <p>91 Snooze</p> <p>92 Epoch</p> <p>94 Opera solos</p> <p>95 Tomb-raiding</p> <p>97 Resembling a plate</p> <p>103 Turner of the Washington Nationals</p> <p>105 Check recipient</p> <p>107 Tubular snack cake</p> <p>108 Flat-fixing org.</p> <p>109 Guard to keep something dry</p> <p>112 Novelist Kingsley or Martin</p> <p>113 "Despicable Me" villain</p> <p>114 Very dry</p> <p>115 Tiki bar drink</p> <p>116 What nine answers in this puzzle suggest that you do twice?</p> <p>118 Donate</p> <p>119 Peeves</p> <p>120 Les — (French for "some")</p> <p>121 Emend</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; font-size: x-small;"> <p>122 Tomahawks</p> <p>123 Level</p> <p>124 Indiana-to-Ohio direction</p> <p>125 Witty types</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Validate</p> <p>2 In-group</p> <p>3 Maidens</p> <p>4 "Yuck!"</p> <p>5 Pep rally cheers</p> <p>6 Excited response to "Who wants dessert?"</p> <p>7 Police ride</p> <p>8 Horse cousin</p> <p>9 Beige shades</p> <p>10 Sony record label</p> <p>11 Be assisted</p> <p>12 Bungled</p> <p>13 "In the Valley of —" (2007 drama film)</p> <p>14 Slaw sources</p> <p>15 Cold Spanish soup</p> <p>16 Eager desire</p> <p>17 "Knives Out" director</p> <p>18 Arctic hazard</p> <p>24 Gut feeling</p> <p>29 Pine product</p> <p>30 — v. Ferguson (landmark court case)</p> <p>36 Word after big, cold or soft</p> <p>37 Albeit, in brief</p> <p>39 For — (very cheaply)</p> <p>41 Former rival of AT&T</p> <p>42 Former Russ. state</p> <p>45 First lady after Melania Trump</p> <p>47 Move hastily</p> <p>48 Lou formerly of CNN</p> <p>49 Pop rocker</p> <p>50 Rid of frost</p> <p>51 Crank's cry</p> <p>52 "Challenge accepted!"</p> <p>53 Rum mixers</p> <p>56 Clued in</p> <p>57 Lion chaser?</p> <p>59 Hope (for)</p> <p>62 Opposite of 58-Across</p> <p>63 "You Be..." (1986 Run-D.M.C. hit)</p> <p>64 Avian abodes</p> <p>65 Savors Earl Grey, say</p> <p>66 Funny Murphy</p> <p>67 Sacks in war</p> <p>68 Balcony sections</p> <p>71 Use stitches</p> <p>72 Mattel man</p> <p>74 Online biz</p> <p>75 Torrid</p> <p>76 Untidy states</p> <p>77 Afr. country</p> <p>80 Keglers' org.</p> <p>81 Karel Capek sci-fi play</p> <p>82 Question starter in old Memorex ads</p> <p>83 Total shams</p> <p>84 Plotting in math class</p> <p>86 Walked in water</p> <p>87 Dermis or Pen lead-in</p> <p>90 Turncoat</p> <p>92 Most pasty</p> <p>93 Phantom</p> <p>96 "Yes, cap'ni!"</p> <p>98 Reporter on "Parks and Recreation"</p> <p>99 Buds from the hood</p> <p>100 Multi-roof temple</p> <p>101 Winged bug with pincers</p> <p>102 Intimidates</p> <p>104 Sportscaster Rashad</p> <p>106 "Für —" (piano piece)</p> <p>109 Chronicle</p> <p>110 Grand — (annual race)</p> <p>111 Clearheaded</p> <p>116 "— pasa?"</p> <p>117 Dawn drops</p> </div> </div>																	
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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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: 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



SENIOR CENTER

SR. CENTER MEALS
AUGUST 26 - 30

516 2nd Street, Townsend MT
406-266-3995

Monday, August 26
 Baked Ham
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Garden Peas
 Garden Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Cinnamon Applesauce

Tuesday, August 27
 Sloppy Joes on A Bun
 Baked Beans
 Creamy Coleslaw
 Juicy Pears
 Dessert

Wednesday, August 28
 Roasted Turkey

Thursday, August 29
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Carrot Raisin Bread
 Whole Grain Bread
 Plump Peaches

Friday, August 30
 Salisbury Steak
 Steamed Potatoes
 California Blend
 Tossed Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Mandarin Oranges

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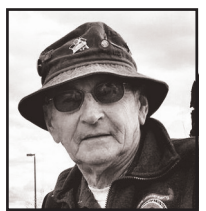


Karoline Nelson
 Operations Manager

The Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is staffing the food pantry during the month of August. Food pantry supplies were distributed to 36 families serving 73 family members on August 17th. The September board meeting will be held on September 5th at 7 pm at the food pantry. Due to our temporary location and lack of space and coolers, we will not be able to accept large amounts of fresh produce this summer. Smaller amounts that can be distributed on a single Saturday will be welcomed. The produce will have to be delivered on Saturday morning between 9 and 10:45. 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; August has a fifth Saturday. Distribution outside of the normal hours are for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs may be distributed by calling Karoline Nelson at 406-438-3981 or Daryl Blumhagen at 406-980-0800. Donations may be dropped off either on the first or third Fridays between 9:30 and 11:00 or on Saturday between 9:00 and 10:45. They will also be received at the same time if there is a fifth weekend. If you are unable to bring your donation during these hours, you can call Karoline or Daryl at the numbers above. For cash donations, there are donation boxes at the checkout counters at Bob's Supermarket or they can mailed to the Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, Mt 59644. We are located at 315 Broadway. Items needed this week are chili, can stew, soups, crackers, peanut butter, Skillet meals or Hamburger Helper. We are also in need of burger. If you or someone you know might either want to donate some or have any available for purchase, please contact Daryl or Karoline at the numbers above.

Townsend Rotarian Receives Paul Harris Fellow

Pat Plantenberg
 Rotarian



On August 17th, Montana Rotary District 5390 celebrated Paul Harris Fellows in Missoula. Townsend Rotarian, Patrick Plantenberg, was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellow from Montana Rotary District Governor, Shawna Secker, for his years of service to District 5390.

WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW?
 Rotary started with the vision of one man, Paul Harris, in 1905. Rotary International now is one of the largest service organizations in the world. The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty through its many service projects. Montana District 5390 contributed \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation in Plantenberg's name, so he could be recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. A Paul Harris Fellow recognizes an individual who contributes \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation or has that amount contributed in his or her name. That is a gift to The Rotary Foundation and an opportunity to do even more in the world through the Foundation. Being named a Paul Harris Fellow is not unique. There are over one million Paul Harris Fellows worldwide. Rotary Club of Townsend members have a long history of giving to the Rotary Foundation and has many Paul Harris Fellows. Twenty-five of the current members are Paul Harris Fellows! Seven deceased members of the club were also Paul Harris Fellows. Eight current members have multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Two additional deceased members are multiple Paul Harris Fellows. For more information about Rotary, please contact Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615.



One Size Does Not Fit All!

Everyone is of a certain size, I'm a short guy which is fine. However, when did "somebody" (that mysterious somebody) decide what was average or normal size for most all people? Granted people USED to be a lot shorter in the 1800s, look at any doorway in an old house and you will see that the doors are set up for folks about 5' 4" even the windows were lower. I have known friends who lived in houses with front windows almost down to the floor. I'm not talking about Hobbits here, (although I think some of them live in the attic.) Strange stuff people who design products for use in homes and especially in department stores are a sadistic lot, when you go into a store restroom the toilet paper is narrower than it has ever been. Not to mention single-ply. ANYONE who uses t.p. KNOWS that, even if it costs a little more, 2-ply paper is needed for your...paperwork. Single-ply is just being used twice as much. (Don't get me started on the incredible ways stores have found for stall door locks) Some places have even done away with the lock altogether! (Oh yeah, that's a nice way to meet new people! OOPS, don't expect me to stand up, do you?) I am not talking about Little People here, but the furniture industry is in a serious rut. They create chairs & sofas for the older people, say from the 1800s. Years ago the then Surgeon General, C. Everett Coup, did a video on nationwide TV. He showed people how bad low furniture was for the average American citizen, that furniture made in America was too low! He showed how getting into and worse getting UP FROM the chairs would throw your back out, hurt your knees and just about any ailment you have was caused by this. I cannot sit in a soft chair; at home I have my chair up on blocks so I can be comfortable. I don't ask much; I just want to be able to relax without injuring myself! The chair that can give you heart attacks, is the "Adirondack" lawn chair. GEEZ, these chairs start out LOW, then go waaay down low, you are maybe 3 inches off the ground. If I wanted to sit on the ground, I would. I might end up flailing around on the ground like a cat who just found the catnip stash. Feel that little chill in the air? YES! Fall/autumn is in the air. We are in the 90s this week but the trees are already starting to turn. The Squirrels (you just knew I could not forget my squirrels, didn't you.) are eating like there is no tomorrow. The birds too, I think they know something we don't. Be ready...Prepare.

WHEAT MONTANA BAKERY & DELI

Three Forks Deli Hours
 7 am to 5 pm daily

ROUTINE RETURNS!
 Don't forget to include your health into yours.

OBITUARY

Curtis Diehl

Family of Curtis Diehl

With bittersweet feelings, we announce the passing of Curtis Clifford Diehl on August 9, 2024.



Curtis Diehl
Photo Provided by Family of Curtis Diehl

Curt was born in Helena, Montana on April 23, 1935, to George and Elizabeth Diehl. He is preceded in death by his wife Zeld, his parents, and three brothers: John, Bill, and Rick. He is survived by his brother Kenny. Curt leaves behind his children Sherry, Shay, (Callie), Shawn, (Deanna), Whitney, (Hector), Lisa, (Rick), and Dallas, (Melissa), along with 40 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Curt spent his childhood on the Spokane Ranch outside of East Helena, Montana. His early days were spent riding horses, working cattle, and driving tractors.

After high school, he married Janet Martin. They had a daughter Sherry. The next few years brought a series of adventures, working for Armor Metal in Helena (where he honed his welding skills), at Sieben Livestock (where he gained a passion for sheep), for various farmers and machinery dealerships (learning farming skills and machinery repair). After a period of significant personal change, including a divorce, Curt was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. That decision brought him deep comfort and fulfillment, and he dedicated the remainder of his life to actively serving others.

Curt pursued higher education at Brigham Young University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science with a Minor in Accounting. While attending summer school in 1962 at Montana State University, Curt caught the eye of Zeld Lee, who had admired him at BYU. Their first date was to visit a church farm, and Curt's perfect pitch quickly won her heart. They married on November 2, 1962, and were sealed in the Alberta Temple. The couple returned to BYU where Curt completed his degree and welcomed 3 children in quick succession. Post-graduation, he worked at the University of Nebraska Beef Cattle Research Station, but the pull of Montana brought the young family back to their beloved home state, where Curt would spend the rest of his life.

With a deep faith in God and His promises, a strong work ethic, and determined resilience, Curt and Zeld spent 54 years weathering the ups and downs of running their 500-acre Diehl Farm south of Townsend. They raised sheep, cows, horses, wheat, alfalfa, and flourishing gardens, but more importantly, they raised six children, foster children, and eventually a growing brood of grandchildren. Their home was a hub of hospitality, where the dinner table always had room for one or even twenty more. Meals began with prayers of thanks and requests for blessings. Curt was known for his lively and entertaining conversations with family, friends, neighbors, missionaries and visitors from all over the world, especially those in need of respite. Everyone who crossed their threshold received love, care, food, and validation.

Curt and Zeld often sang together for weddings, funerals, and parties throughout the community. Curt was deeply devoted to Jesus Christ and together with Zeld, they raised their six children to serve missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Fulfilling their own mission dreams, Curt and Zeld served three missions together. Their example of missionary service influenced 16 of their grandchildren, who have served all over the world.

The funeral and viewing will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Townsend. The viewing will be held Friday, August 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, August 31, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at the Deep Creek Cemetery.

Please join the family and community for a luncheon and celebration of Curt's life at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds following the interment. Please visit www.stevensonwilke.com to offer a condolence to the family, or to share a memory of Curt.

Amanda Harrigfeld

Family of Amanda Harrigfeld

Amanda Lorraine Harrigfeld embarked on her next journey on August 18th, 2024. Born on December 30, 1989, in Bozeman, Montana, Amanda was a beloved daughter, sister, and friend.



Amanda Harrigfeld
Photo provided by Family of Amanda Harrigfeld

She graduated from Broadwater County High School in 2008 and, after graduation, went to work at Westmont working with the animals, gardening, and the flower shop. Amanda played many sports as a 15-year member of the Tri-County Wolves Special Olympic Team!

Amanda's legacy of love, laughter and joy will forever remain in the hearts of those that had the honor to know her!

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 24th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 916 Broadway St. in Townsend. Burial will follow the service at Deep Creek Cemetery. A reception will follow the burial back at the church.

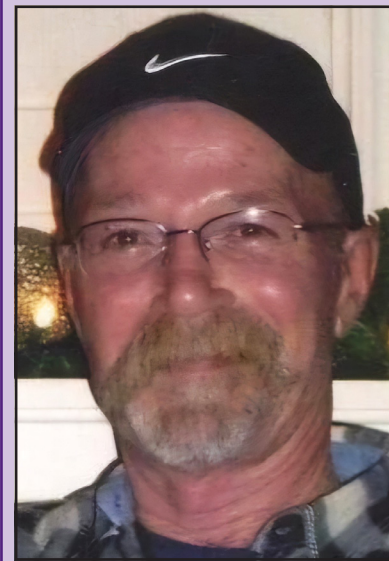
In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Westmont Farm and Gardens, the Westmont Flower Shop, or the Tri-County Wolves Special Olympic Team in honor of Amanda.

Please visit www.stevensonwilke.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Amanda.

Mike Roe

Family of Mike Roe

Born June 17, 1952, to James A. Roe and MaryAnn (Hedberg) Roe in Coeur d'Alene. He passed away from natural causes Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at his home in Clarkston.



Mike Roe
Photo Provided by Family of Mike Roe

His mother encouraged him to be successful at whatever he attempted, his father taught him to embrace human nature and work hard.

Growing up enjoying team sports and motorcycle racing he made many lifetime friends. By the time he reached high school, his father noticed he was quite dedicated to sports through Boys Club and school; so he opened a muffler shop and left Mike to run it after school and weekends to "teach him responsibility, rewards of hard work, so he wouldn't grow up and be a jock that didn't know how to use a tool." He graduated from Lewiston High School with honors in 1970.

After high school, he followed his father to Townsend, Mont., where he "interned" at his restaurant, bar, and hotel. The employees became family and many lifetime friendships were made.

At one point he left for several years to work in the oil fields in Alaska as an equipment operator. He met many new friends with lots of stories to tell.

When his father got sick, he retired from the oil fields and returned to Townsend to manage the family business. He never had any children, but his pets were his children: Atlas, Strohs and Ruby, just to name a few. While in Montana, he met the love of his life, Rosa Pierce. He was impressed by her strength, unselfish demeanor, work ethic and ability to make decisions beyond her years. He remained devoted to her to the end.

He sold the business and moved back to the valley to be with family, but he always missed Montana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Denise (Roe) Welch.

He is survived by a sister Sherry Lyons (husband Ron) of Lewiston; nephew, Brad Lyons; niece, Cindy Sangster; and four great-nieces of which he was very proud. He is also survived by his best friend, Rosa Pierce, of Lewiston.

Mary Alice (Sweeney) Upton

Family of Mary Alice (Sweeney) Upton

Mary Alice (Sweeney) Upton passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 17th at Mount Ascension Transitional Care in Helena.



Mary Alice Upton surrounded by family
Photo Provided by Family of Mary Alice (Sweeney) Upton

She was born in Helena on August 26, 1934, the third child of Cornelius J. and Mary Ellon (May Thomas) Sweeney of Winston.

With her siblings, she attended the Placer School in their Father's field through 3rd grade when the school was closed and the family went one year to the Clasoil school before entering school in Townsend. She graduated from Broadwater County High School as co-valedictorian in 1953.

In April of that year, she began working at the State

Bank of Townsend from which she retired in 2004 as Vice President. In 1961, she married Frank Upton of Butte, they had three sons and divorced in 1970.

Active in community organizations, beginning with the American Legion Auxiliary for over 60 years, she held all Unit and State offices serving as Department President in 1968-69 and Northwest Divisional Vice President in 1988-89. She was Secretary of the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce for over 50 years.

She was active in her local church, serving as a Lector as well as Treasurer for any and all fund raisers and events. Community involvement led to her appointment to the Townsend City Council in 1974 where she served as Council President for six Mayors before becoming Mayor herself in June 1986, continuing until she retired in December 2015, as the longest serving Mayor in Townsend history.

Her parents and two sisters, Margaret Booher and Anne Sitton, her brother Tom Sweeney, and her son Thomas Upton, preceded her in death. She is survived by sons, Steven of Townsend, Daniel (Donna), of Bozeman, daughter-in-law Esmi, of Plano Texas, grandchildren, Matthew, Caitlyn, Andrew, Connor and Reagan, plus numerous nieces, and nephews. Services will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Tuesday, August 27th, starting with a Rosary at 12:30, funeral mass at 1:00 with a reception in the church basement immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Broadwater Unit #42, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Broadwater County Historical Society.

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Celebration of Life for Judy Olsen

Friday, August 30, 2024

Graveside service 11:30 AM at Deep Creek Cemetery

Celebration of Life 12:30 PM at Watson Event Center

Join us to Celebrate Sandra L Turner

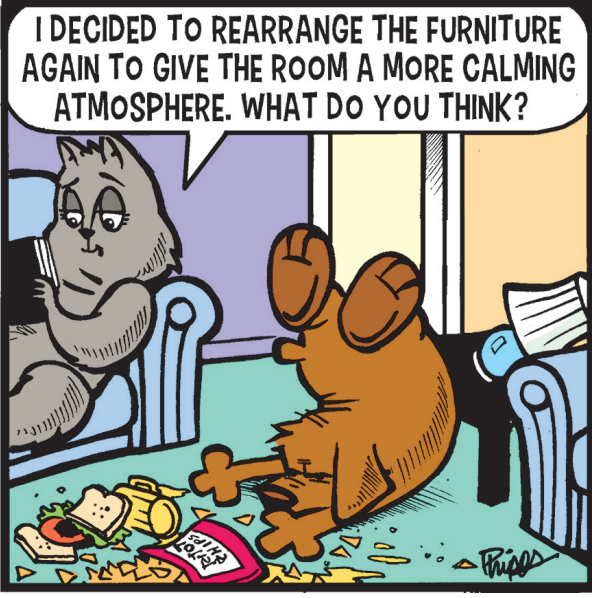
Funeral Service Aug. 29, 2024

10:00 AM Trailhead Church Gathering at Turner Home

12:00-1:00 PM 19 Sagebrush Lane Interment

2:00 PM Fort Harrison Cemetery

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

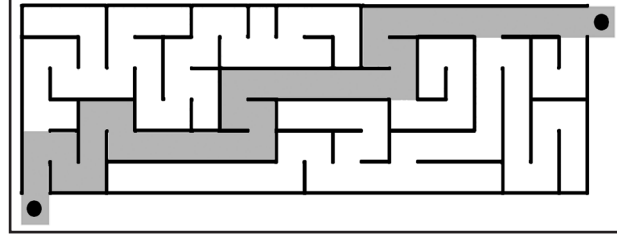


GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"You'd like this slugger, Adele ... he's batting clean-up."

Kids' Maze Solution



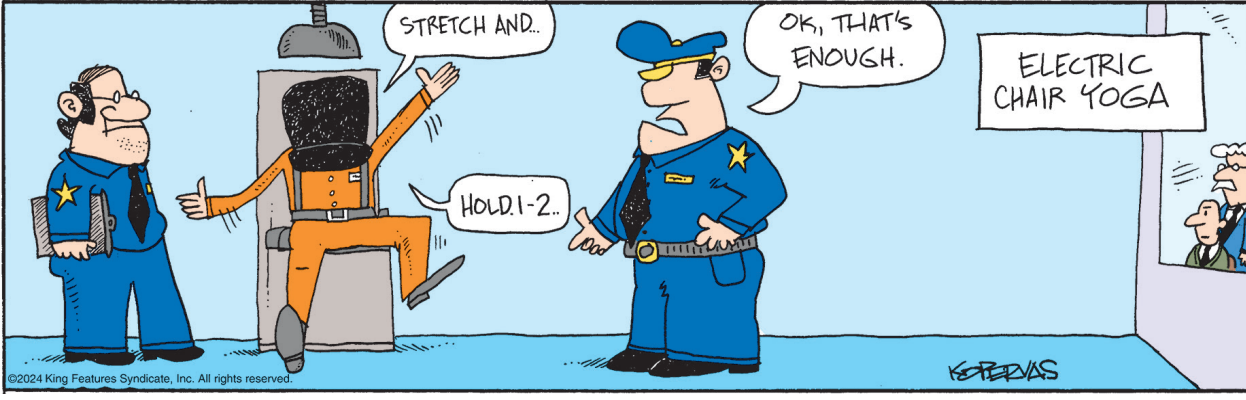
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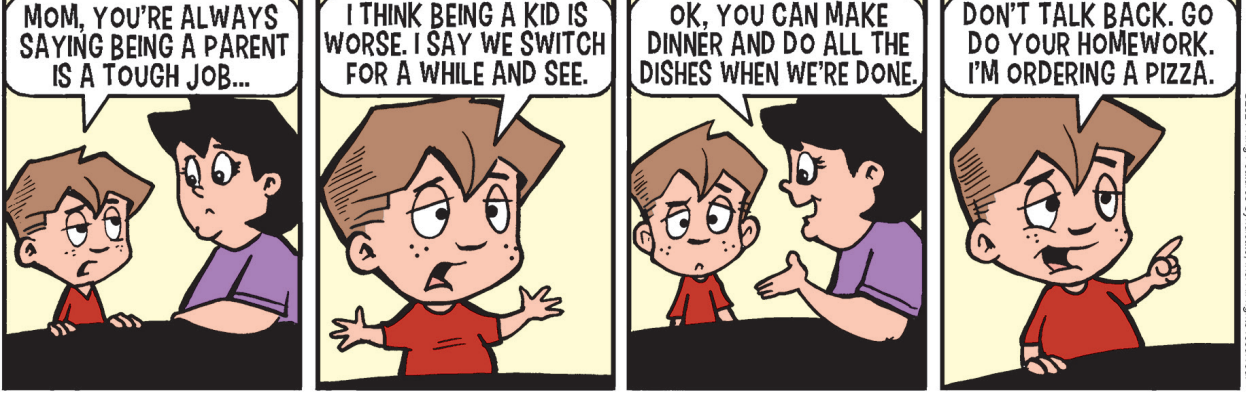
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



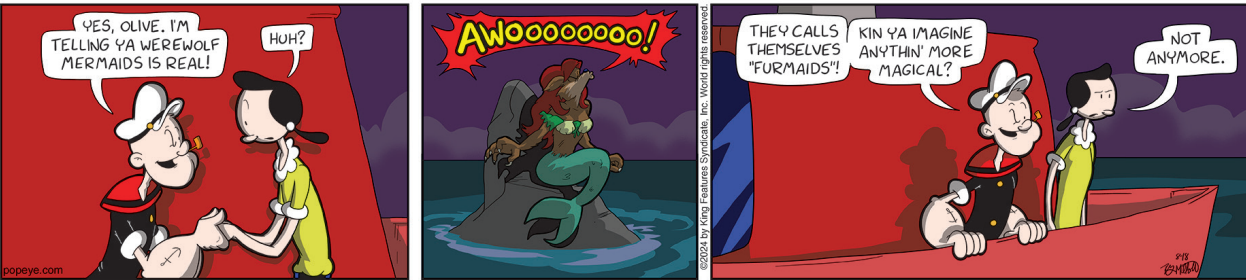
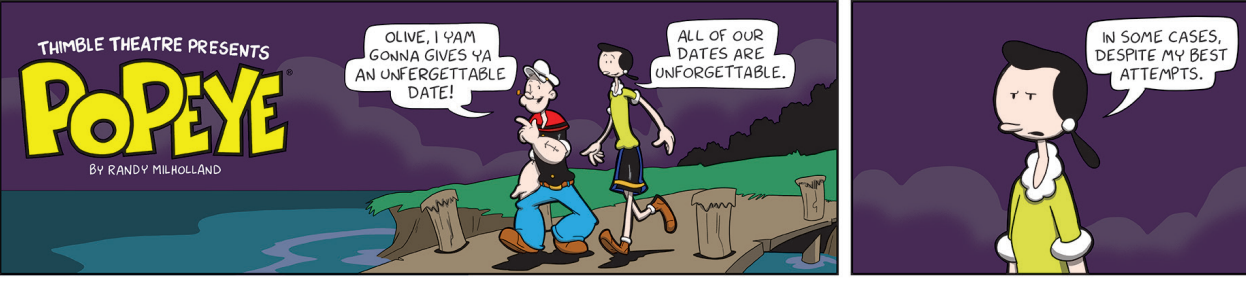
TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



CryptoQuip

answer
When someone affirms that a certain letter is indeed not a consonant, is that a vowel avowel?



— KNIGHT MOVES — Answer

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RECLINED

SCRAMBLERS

solution
1. Bungle; 2. Height; 3. Annoy; 4. Clothes

Today's Word

GALLON

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Apron bow is missing. 2. Faucet is different. 3. Water drop from dish is moved. 4. Cabinet is wider. 5. Doormat is moved. 6. Glove is longer.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Plantenberg Helps Train Big Timber Public Works Employees About Trees

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



Sweetgrass County Public Works employees being taught how to prune young trees.
Photo Contributed by Patrick Plantenberg

The Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association (MUCFA) plans to train public works employees about tree care and management. On August 12, MUCFA Chair and Townsend Tree Board Chair, Patrick Plantenberg, and Sandi Blake, owner of Blake Nursery in Big Timber held a young tree pruning workshop in Big Timber at the Mountain View Cemetery. The caretakers of the Sweetgrass County cemetery and fairgrounds attended as well as three members of the Big Timber Tree Board and a couple members of the public. The young trees in the cemetery had never been pruned since they were planted, and the caregivers had never had any tree pruning lessons. Various pruning tools and techniques were discussed as well as other ways to mulch the trees to allow more water to get to the trees rather than to the grass. About half of the trees were pruned. The rest will, hopefully, be pruned on September 20th when MUCFA will be

coordinating a tree planting workshop and the Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental, and Pest Professionals (AMTOPP) will be pruning and removing large trees at the cemetery as part of the National Saluting Branches Day. Saluting Branches is a National Day of Service where arborists and other volunteers donate a day of tree care at veteran's facilities across the country. If you would like to participate on September 20th, please register at www.salutingbranches.org soon to get a free T-shirt. Last May, Belgrade Parks and Recreation Department employees spent a day in Townsend learning about the Townsend Tree Board tree management program. Patrick Plantenberg plans a November tree pruning class in Belgrade for Belgrade, Manhattan, Townsend, and other local area city's public works employees. Questions? Please call Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615.

Plantenberg Discusses Urban Forestry Issues at Turf to Trees Conference

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



On August 14, Patrick Plantenberg, Chair of the Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association (MUCFA) and Chair of the Townsend Tree Board discussed some of Montana's urban forestry issues with green industry professionals and MSU Extension Agents at the MSU Urban IPM Turf to Trees Conference in Bozeman.

He discussed the historic lack of funding for trees as green infrastructure as most communities consider trees as a liability and not an asset. He also listed the several organizations that deal with urban forestry issues and provide training in Montana. The passage of the Inflation Reduction Act has dumped a once-in-a-lifetime amount of funding for urban forestry into Montana. Patrick stressed the need for communities to actively solicit some of the funding before it runs out.

MUCFA has received some of the funding to do a community training needs assessment. Once completed the results will be used to design training programs and the data will be used to apply for grants. Patrick discussed the need for communities to set up a continuum of tree care. Communities need to set up a tree board, pass a tree ordinance, do or update their urban tree inventory, develop a 5-year tree care and maintenance plan based on the inventory, keep the inventory data current as work is completed, and implement the plan by pruning, removing and planting trees.

Most small communities cannot and will not hire a new employee. So, they must train volunteers, and existing public works employees, and/or hire contractors. MUCFA and its grants will help get some communities to get started or continue with their tree continuum of care.

Another issue is the number of new homes being built in the wildland-urban interface (WUI). MUCFA is maintaining a WUI section on their website at www.mucfa.net/wui-trees. Cities need to consider what parts of their communities are susceptible to forest or rangeland fires.

Modern urban forests need to have climate resiliency. What will be the impact of water restrictions and drought on urban trees? Urban foresters need to use more mulch, develop efficient drip irrigation systems, let lawns dry up and just water trees to the dripline and beyond, and plant drought-resistant trees. Cities need to develop more water collection systems to capture and use stormwater runoff from homes and streets. Cities also need to limit lawns and increase native species landscaping for insects and birds.

Cities need to limit the impact of invasive woody species and noxious weeds on native woody species' stream corridors in communities. Birds need these native corridors like Riverfront Park in Billings. Common woody invaders include Russian olive, common buckthorn, Siberian elm, white cottonwood, Norway maple, and other landscaping escapees. Russian olive has changed the potential wildfire threats in river bottoms formally dominated by cottonwoods and Rocky Mountain juniper. Fires can now reach the cottonwood crowns as the mid-sized Russian olive trees burn.

Fires also have a major impact on utility companies. One large fire can bankrupt a utility company.

As a result, we'll see more clearing around powerlines. We will see temporary power shutoffs during storms, see more underground lines which are five times more expensive than aboveground lines, and finally, we will see higher power bills.

Urban foresters must plan for trees in a warmer Montana with more weather extremes. Most cities have been diversifying urban forest species and planting more Zone 4/5 trees. Some species are working, and some are not. We may be rushing conclusions about zone definitions as the extremes are killing even our hardy trees! Cold hardy trees are still needed. Tree growers need to continue to find and propagate cold hardy selections from Montana communities that have survived the climate extremes seen to date.

What about invasive insects and diseases? First, there was a Chestnut Blight that wiped out the Chestnut trees in the eastern US. Then Dutch Elm disease removed the large canopy of American Elm trees across the US. Now, an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is coming. EAB is already in 36

states and moving west. And more insects, diseases, and invasive plants are coming.

Finally, many of our large first- and second-generation trees planted in our communities need to be replaced. Dutch Elm disease has removed most of our American Elms. Some of the large cottonwoods in communities like Choteau need to be removed at a major expense to the community. Many communities have been planting small stature trees like spring snow crabapple to replace large trees taken down or to increase diversity. These small stature trees are great as a focal point or a specimen tree in a park or as a good tree under a powerline, but they do not provide the canopy and shade that the large first-generation trees provided.

Any questions? Please call Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615.

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2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

DATE	VISITING HOURS	GROUP/SPEAKER	EVENT TIME
JUNE 14	3-6 PM	Mary Bradford <i>See Calamity Jane through the eyes of Dora Dufran</i>	5 PM
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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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August 22

1912

Doings of a Week

Perry Carter of the Johnson Carter Co. is still confined to his home, but the bunch of baseball cranks around town hope to see him out soon even though his other Townsend friends are wishing that the doctor will keep him in bed some longer. It's a four to one bet that Carter won't give up the ghost as long as the baseball season lasts.

W.C. Daniels of Canton was in town the first of the week with a brand new automobile.

Fairfax McCarthy and Ernest McCuin made a trip over to Radersburg Thursday in their buzz wagon.

1940

Mrs. H.L. Sperling Takes Over Job of Mr. J.W. Johnston
J. W Johnston, who has been collector of water accounts for the city for about a year has handed in his resignation to Mayor L.J. Anders. He gave as reason for his resignation ill health. Mr. Johnston had his office in the Horner building.

Miss Carmen Clare is taking care of the work until the first of September when the new appointee, Mrs. H.L. Sperling, will take over the water books to serve as collector.

Cabins for Bum Haven Will Not be Tolerated

Albert LeSage "Black Frenchy" will make himself useful

to city authorities in the next 30 days instead of making himself a public nuisance, if a sentence he received Monday before Judge Charley B. Ross is carried out. Frenchy has rented one of the Doggett cabins near the firehall for a long time. He doesn't work, the officers say, but is accustomed to inviting sheepherder friends to his abode, and by giving them a place to sleep, they furnish the liquid refreshments. Ofttimes the parties get noisy and disgusting and have become so frequent as to be cited as public nuisances.

Saturday night Frenchy was arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. This was the second offense and he was fined \$200 and given 30 days of hard labor.

Erick Erickson who has the second cabin on the lot, was also fined \$7.50 for much the same offense and given a warning by the judge.

1968

Girdler and White Win Belt Buckles for Team Roping
Barry White and Jim Girdler were recipients of the belt buckle offered for the best time in team roping at the recent Townsend Rodeo in the division which included only Meagher and Broadwater County cowboys.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fogland of White Sulphur Springs contributed one of the prizes and the others were furnished by Tony Francisco, Mike Quinn, Ray Doig, Jim Tew and Harry Cartwright.

Winston-Clasoil

The Townsend Toe Tappers will have their monthly

square dance at the Winston Hall Friday, August 23. All square dancers are welcome. John Shadoan of Bozeman will be the caller and refreshments will be served by the Toe Tappers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baum and Clarence visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Campbell in Townsend Friday evening.

Martha Masolo is visiting in Butte with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Masolo.

1996

Gipsy Open to Public

The Townsend Ranger District of the Helena National Forest announced Monday that the Gipsy Lake Campground day-use area is now open for the public use.

Located approximately 30 miles northeast of Townsend, Gipsy Lake, in the Big Belt Mountains, is a new campground and includes five overnight campsites, a scenic overlook trail and a lakeside access trail. The facilities and both connecting trails are accessible to the physically challenged. The day use area, along the north shore of Gipsy Lake has a newly constructed access road and features a boat launch, picnic facilities, toilet, and parking area.

The completion of the recreational facilities was due, in part, to volunteer labor and materials from local businesses, civic organizations and youth organizations. There is no fee for this high mountain recreational facility, open from June 1 until snow closes the road. For more information contact the Townsend Ranger District, 266-3425.

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Montana Army National Guard – Water Purification

Matt Nelson



Members of the Montana Army National Guard, 3rd Platoon Company Alpha 372nd Division Sustainment Support Battalion (DSSB) have the primary purpose of water purification. This unit is based out of Libby. They came to Canyon Ferry Lake for a training exercise to purify the drinking water out of the lake. They were here on Saturday, August 10th and departed on Monday, August 12th. The Company Commander is Captain Daniel Warhank; the 1st Sergeant is Miles Baughman, and Sergeant First Class (SFC) Jacob Teske leads the men and women who perform the purification tasks. Sergeant Morgan Lawson has been working with the 3rd Platoon as a water purification specialist for 7 years. She said that most people don't know about this position that the military has. Captain Warhank mentioned that younger people are needed. SFC Teske explained the operations. "Out here at the Silos/ Canyon Ferry we are doing water purification. This is our first time here. This is Bureau of Reclamation land; we got approved through them to use this area for water purification." He showed the purification equipment. It is a complex setup. "It is a complex system of simplicity. We have a lot of

standards that we have to meet, as for the army and the medical side before we can even give anybody a drink of water. We can be up and running and making clean potable water within an hour from the start of the whole process. For our testing abilities, we have to send it off to Med Det (Medical Detachment). They come out, and they are the ones who check off whether or not we can give people drinking water. Depending on that you are looking at up to 24 hours. At that point we start filling up a bags with water but we can't issue that until we get the clear. Once we get the thumbs up, 'You guys are good!' we can start giving out the water from there."

To get good drink water several steps are required. SFC Teske explained: "We pull the water out which goes into a bag, like a settling bag, then it goes into a machine, and from there it goes into two different sets of filters. One is like a ground water type of filter, after that it gets sent through a high pressure through another set of reverse osmosis filters and it comes out as either waste side or product side. The waste contains everything in the lake, the debris that makes it through; we just want that to get back out. There is an antiscalant to keep everything off of our filters or actually getting in and destroying our filters. Then there is a hyper-chloride which is sodium-bisulfate

bleach like chlorine that gets injected right at the end. We set it so that we either have storage water or drinking water. Those are the only two chemicals we use consistently."

After this he showed a tanker truck called a 'Hippo', which they pump the purified water into. It has a storage tank which has a capacity of 2000 gallons, and two pipes extend from the end that the purified water and fill up jerry cans and canteens for local use, or they can send the truck out to other places that need drinking water. There are hose reels inside; once the pump motors are started, the tank will drain in about five minutes.

All of these people mentioned would like to come back to Canyon Ferry again. Several people showed up and were curious about what was going on. The military personnel were happy to talk to these people, and explain that they were out here for training which is important to them. It is also good for the state emergency side, for as an example, if something happened to the Townsend water supply this fine group of soldiers would be immediately called out. By having their training session at Canyon Ferry Lake, they now know the location where they could immediately pull water, make purified water, make drinking water and get it to the people.



SGT Morgan Lawson, SFC Jacob Teske, CAPT Ben Warhank, 1st SGT Miles Boughman
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Water Extraction and Purification Equipment
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