

Broadwater County Clerk of Court Retires After 41 Years

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

A civil servant is charged with upholding the laws and regulations of a county without bias or prejudice. He or she typically serves from one elected government to another. Valerie Hornsveld has met those requirements for 41 years in Broadwater County's Clerk of Court office. Twenty-two of those years were as Clerk of Court. Her term will end on December 31st of this year.

Valerie began her career in July of 1983. "My son JR was six months old. I was looking for a part-time job and this one came open. Judy Doggett was the Clerk of Court at the time. It fit perfectly for our lives at the time," she said.

Challenges for Valerie came up over the years. She



Valerie celebrated her birthday with her family including back row: JR Middlemas, Robert Middlemas; second row: Val and Ray Hornsveld, Susan Middlemas, Charity Krebs, Tracey Middlemas, Kyle Spaulding and grandchildren James, Hogan and Harrison. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



County Clerk of Court Valerie Hornsveld helps a couple apply for a marriage license. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

said personnel changes were hardest since she made close relationships with judges for example but, when they left, those bonds were no longer there. "We promised to keep in touch, but usually it never happened," she explained.

Her biggest joy was winning the election for the position in 2002. She ran against four other people in the primary and won a spot to move up to the general election where she ran against Barbara Shipman. "I was thrilled to win the election because I realized the voters had confidence in me so that reassured me I could do

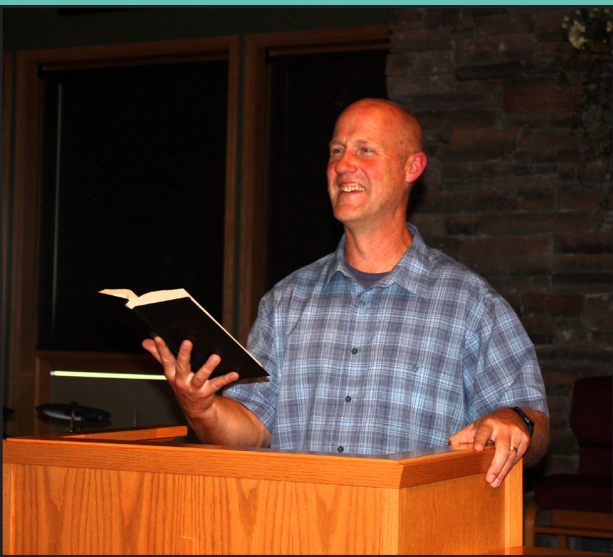
the job," she said.

Valerie's spirit of service to Broadwater County comes easily: her grandfather, Abe Fandrich, served Townsend Schools as a janitor for most of his career. The school football field is named after Fandrich. Her parents, Betty and Ray Horne drove the school buses for 40 years.

She and her husband Roy plan to travel to Texas to visit family after she retires, "and just hang out," she said at her birthday party at the Betsy on Saturday. They have seven grandchildren.

Trailhead Church Pastor to Leave for Job in Iowa

MT 43 News Staff Reporter



Pastor Mark Roelofs preaching at Trailhead Church. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

Pastor Mark Roelofs preached his last sermon on Sunday, September 8 at Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church. He leaves a thriving church congregation of around 300 people along with a \$ 1 million new addition to the church building.

In an interview, Pastor Mark said he and his wife, Beth, thought long and hard about leaving but felt it was a calling they could not ignore. They will be leading a newly-started Southern Baptist church in Manchester, Iowa. Located about two hours northeast of Des Moines, Manchester has about the same population
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Blue Skies Not in the Forecast Soon

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

You just cannot ignore it any longer: smoke from the Idaho and California fires is terrible.



Kris Maloney, who lives east of town, hit the nail on the head: "The smoke is the worst it has been since we moved here!"

Monday's weather report from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality showed us "unhealthy" air quality: that is, they issued an alert for Broadwater County along with most of Montana. The smoke, carried by the wind, from fires in those states was forecast to last through Tuesday, and into Wednesday when a wide-spread front might bring much-needed rain.

The department warns people with respiratory or heart diseases, or those over age 65 and children to refrain from being outside for any length of time due to the high particulate in the air when the department issues an air quality alert.

According to our local weather person, Jeff Ross, many areas of the county have had a little over seven inches of rain, compared to more than 13 inches in 2023. On the east side of the lake, he said, they have received only six inches of rain.

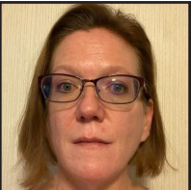
Still, we are lucky we have had few fires in the county and that our emergency service people have been able to put those fires out quickly.



Dense smoke hid the mountains while giving the sun an ominous red glow in Townsend Monday morning. Photo by Sarah Tallwhiteman

County to Sell Family Medical Clinic Building

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



The Family Medical Clinic Building, which has sat unoccupied on the corner of Oak and Broadway streets since 2022, will be sold to the highest bidder willing to remove it from county property, the Broadwater County Commission resolved Sept. 9.

Commissioners adopted a resolution declaring the building surplus property and authorizing its disposal. Commission Chairman Darrel Folkvord said the move came after having the building appraised.

According to the resolution, the modular home's value is estimated at less than \$2,500 and needs major repairs, including repairs to the roof and installation of a new HVAC system.



The former Family Medical Clinic building is in need of major repairs to the roof, siding, skirting, and HVAC and will be sold to the highest bidder willing to remove the building from county property. Photo by Linda Kent

The county purchased the building in 2017. It has been in its current location for more than 25 years.

"This is our last option," Folkvord said of the decision to have the building sold and removed. After an initial attempt to sell the building, Folkvord said the county contacted an engineering firm to estimate the cost of refurbishing it. "We decided it was not worth putting that type of money into that building."

The successful bidder must be willing to remove the building from the property. Public notice of the bidding window will be posted in MT43 News.

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Dominating the Net

Karsyn Sangray
MT43 News High School Intern

The Lady Bulldogs come out strong, easily winning their first two games. On September 5, they faced the Three Forks Wolves and showed how hard they had worked over the summer—being able to secure a win in just three sets. Their winning streak continued when on September 7, they beat the Choteau Bulldogs. The girls played hard and took it to four sets winning the dogfight.

In their opener against Three Forks, the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and C Squad teams all achieved victories, demonstrating the strength of the entire program. The second game against Choteau was a hard fight from all teams, but only Varsity could dominate over the other Bulldogs.

Captains, Cassidy Flynn, Emmalin Fisher, Kaitlyn Noyes, and Aspen Slyker helped lead the team to victory in both games. Cassidy Flynn touches on the importance of team chemistry and communication, especially with a few new faces added to the roster. “Against Choteau, our communication was good for the first two sets. We didn’t talk as much in the third set and lost. In the fourth game, we beat them when we were talking more. I think team chemistry is really important this year because our

team is really young and we lost a lot of seniors last year. We have to work together and form new bonds with each other,” Flynn states.

To get in the mood before each game, the girls play the ‘Volleyball Playlist’ on the bus ride to the games and in the locker room while they finish getting ready. Mentally the girls, who learned from Cassidy, try to stay calm and not panic. Staying calm not only for themselves but for the rest of their team. Feeding off of the crowds—whether it is our fans or the opposing team’s student section—making sure they are the loudest on the court. Remaining energized throughout the sets is a key component of how the Ladies play. With each pass, set and hit our Lady Bulldogs are making us proud by dominating the nets of their opponents.

The Broadwater community is excited for another great season from the Lady Bulldogs and anxiously awaits each game. The next game will be on September Friday 13th against the Lone Peak Big Horns. With such a strong start to their season, the home crowd will only give the girls more energy to beat the Big Horns.



Broadwater High School Volleyball Co-Captain Cassidy Flynn
Karsyn Sangray Photo

PLAYERS of the WEEK

Townsend Boosters Club

We would like to thank Townsend Marine for being a 2024-2025 Banner Booster member this year and for their support of our Bulldogs!

Here are this week’s athletes of the week!

Cheer:

This week’s player of the week is Cheyenne Douglas. They spent almost two weeks in a sling with an elbow injury, which meant she had to learn everything one-handed. Now that she is back full steam, she has had to relearn every cheer and dance with two hands. She did a great job of continually working on her choreography and worked especially hard on relearning kicks and jumps with correct balance. They was also able to finally get up in stunts this week and now has a solid shoulder sit and a proper front pop-off. Keep working hard, Cheyenne!



Cheyenne Douglas
Townsend Boosters Club Photo

Football:

Bulldog Football player of the week vs Florence is #9 Trace Giomi. Trace had 2 tackles for loss and a hurry defensively and played great defense beyond the stat lines. On the offensive side he stepped up BIG for his teammates after losing a player to injury. Great job #9.

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Trace Giomi
Townsend Boosters Club Photo

Volleyball:

Cassidy Flynn: she helped lead her team to two wins this past week. She is a consistent player that we can always depend on. Against Three Forks she had 3 digs and 3 kills. Against Choteau, she had 1 block, 11 digs, 11 kills and 3 aces.



Cassidy Flynn
Townsend Boosters Club Photo

Cross Country:

The athletes for the week are Elaine McDonald and Ryan Hoveland. Elaine was 21st out of 162 runners at the Belgrade invite, with a time of 22:02. Rylan was 79th out of 188 with a time of 20:50.

Congratulations Bulldogs!



Elaine McDonald
Townsend Boosters Club Photo



Ryan Hoveland
Townsend Boosters Club Photo

Cross Country - Jefferson Opener in Boulder

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Broadwater cross-country team began their 2024 campaign on Friday, August 30th at the Jefferson Opener in Boulder. The Bulldogs kicked off the season at Coach Dolan’s alma mater alongside six other schools: Helena Capital, Beaverhead County, Anaconda, Ennis, Manhattan, Three Forks and Jefferson.

Every week the runners compete on a 5-kilometer course (3.1 miles), which, in Boulder, is a one-loop trek with plenty of hills and various running surfaces. Competitors start through town uphill along the highway before taking a dirt two-track around the cemetery, and finally reentering town, finishing at Veteran’s Park. A mighty challenge for the first meet of the season!

The Junior Varsity teams took to the course with a combined men’s and women’s race to start the morning. The JV men were a squad of all juniors, a trio of whom are new to running: Patrick Gossard placed 18th with a time of 22:37 followed by Samuel Flesch (24:01) and Alex Johnson (25:53), who finished 24th and 29th. Keaton Cavasos took more than five minutes off last season’s time to finish in 24:12 and place 25th. Sophomore, Shalyn Sentinella, who is new to cross-country after running distance for the Bulldog track team last spring, completed her first 5K race with a time of 27:15 in 12th position. Senior, Grace Kroeger, in her second year of XC, took 15th in 28:24.

The Varsity Ladies were next. Sophomore, Kyla Meissner crossed the line first with a time of 20:42 successfully defending her win on the same course last year. Freshman, Elaine MacDonald was impressive in her first-ever high school race placing 6th with a time of 21:41. Senior, Kaelyn Sangray placed 10th at 22:23, her fastest time ever at the



Team starts the season in Boulder. Back row: Patrick Gossard, Keaton Cavasos, Alex Johnson, Samuel Flesch, Luke Tullios, Fiona Nelson, Elaine MacDonald, Shalyn Sentinella. Front row: Nolan Flynn, Rylan Hoveland, Gavin Green, Kaelyn Sangray, Kyla Meissner, Grace Kroeger.
MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo

Boulder meet.

The last race of the day was the Men’s Varsity. Senior Nolan Flynn clocked a blistering time of 17:33, placing 2nd to Jefferson’s McKenon Boyd by one one-hundredth of a second, especially impressive considering he lost a shoe with about one hundred meters left in the race. Junior Gavin Green was next for the Bulldogs in 10th position with a time of 18:59, an improvement of 3:04 from 2023. Sophomores Rylan Hoveland (20:39) and Luke Tullios (22:08, 5:51 faster than 2023!) were 21st and 30th.

Coaches Brooke Dolan (15th year) and Louis Ingalls (2nd year) clearly have their squad ready for the season, as every Bulldog that took to the course clocked a state-qualifying time. Looks like it is going to be quite a year!

Belgrade XC Invitational



Shalyn Sentinella smiles despite the heat and challenging course at Belgrade XC Invite
MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo



Senior, Nolan Flynn, rounds Kendena Lake on his way to his fastest finish at the Belgrade XC Invite.
MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo

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The Belgrade XC Invitational on Friday, September 1st was the Bulldogs’ second meet of the season and it was a tough one. The 5K course is a true cross-country course with two and a half loops around the trails of Gallatin County Regional Park including a steep hill the runners must traverse twice. The Junior Varsity and Varsity runners were on the course simultaneously with no cap on the number of runners, as host Belgrade chose to have a separate race for the incoming freshman.

The ladies were up first on a hot day with a late morning starting time, persevering with a team score placing them 7th out of 24 teams.

Sophomore Kyla Meissner came in 10th place with a time of 21:32, followed by freshman Elaine MacDonald in 21st in 22:02. Kaelyn Sangray (22:30) in 32nd improved her time at the same course last year by 43 seconds. Sophomores Arabella McDaniel (26:01) and Shalyn Sentinella (28:11) ran

the tough course for the first time placing 100th and 126th respectively. Rounding out the female runners were Grace Kroeger (30:15) in 141st, improving her course record by more than two minutes, and Fiona Nelson (41:24) in 162rd.

The men were up next with senior Nolan Flynn leading the way in 23rd place with a time of 18:31. Rylan Hoveland (20:50, 2:08 faster than 2023) and Gavin Green (20:51) gave the crowd something to cheer about sprinting against each other to the line to finish in 79th and 80th. Luke Tullios (23:12, 5:05 faster than 2023) in 144th and Patrick Gossard (23:25) in 148th completed the Varsity score landing them as a team in 13th place. Rounding out the men’s runners were: Sam Flesch (23:44) 150th, Keaton Cavasos (23:55, 6:31 faster than 2023) 153rd, Alex Johnson (27:08) 177th and Ross MacDonald (27:31) 181st.

The Bulldogs will run next on Saturday, September 14th at the Bozeman XC Invite located at Bridger Creek Golf Course. Always a gorgeous venue with stiff competition from all over the region including 40 teams from all classes and Wyoming.

Townsend School Calendar

SEPTEMBER



Fri 13
NO SCHOOL
5:30PM HSVB vs Lone Peak

Sat 14
HSVB @ Boulder (Jefferson)
MSVB @ Belgrade Tourney
XC @ Bozeman (HS Only)

Mon 16
MSVB @ Three Forks


Tue 17
MSXC @ Montana City-TBD

Wed 18
7:00PM Open Gym - Old Baldy - 1963 BHS Gym at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St, Townsend, MT 59644, USA
7:00PM Pickleball - Old Baldy - Stage Gym

Thu 19
4:00PM Cheer Practice at 63 Gym
4:00PM MSFB @ Monforton
HSVB @ Ennis
MSVB @ Belgrade
7:00PM Artisan Breadmaking - Old Baldy - FCCLA Classroom

Fri 20
NO SCHOOL
XC @ Lewistown (HS Only)
7:00PM HSFB @ Whitehall

Sat 21
HSVB @ Huntley Tourney
MSVB @ Manhattan Christian




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Three Forks School Calendar

SEPTEMBER



Fri 13
7:00PM HS Football @ Whitehall

Sat 14
1:00PM HS Volleyball @ Whitehall
6:00PM Girls Flag Football Jamboree @ Jefferson
HS Cross Country @ Bozeman TBD
JH Football Jamboree @ Manhattan TBD

Mon 16
4:00PM JH Football vs Whitehall
4:00PM JH Volleyball vs Townsend
6:00PM JV Football vs Whitehall

Tue 17
HS FCCLA Meeting During Lunch
6:30PM Board Meeting- Large Conference Room

Wed 18
MS FCCLA Meeting Lunch Break

Thu 19
4:00PM HS Volleyball vs Jefferson (Homecoming)
MS Book Club at Lunch

Fri 20
HS Cross Country @ Butte TBD
7:00PM HS Football vs Anaconda (Homecoming)

Sat 21
Girls Flag Football Jamboree Divisionals @ East Helena TBD
JH Volleyball Manhattan Christian Tourney TBD

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>

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

FALL HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm
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

FALL HOURS:
Monday-Thursday -- 4:00 - 7:00pm
Friday-Saturday -- 9:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm
Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Friday 13
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
6:00- 9:00PM FREE Live Music and Street Dance at 131 S Spruce St **AD ON PAGE 4**

Saturday 14
Broadwater County High School Class of 1974 - 50 Year Reunion at TBD
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 16
5:00pm Flynn Bible Camp - Surf and Turf - Adults, Couples and Singles at Flynn's Cabin; Dry Creek **RSVP INFO ON PAGE 4**
6:00pm Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 17
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 18
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
7:00PM Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting at the Townsend Fire Station, 130 S Cedar St **AD ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 19
Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch- Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081
3:00- 600pm FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park
7:00 pm: AI-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 20
10:00am Billings Clinic: Townsend Community Blood Drive at Billings Clinic Broadwater
10:00am Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 21
6:00pm Dinner with Chef Heather Hatwan at The Lodge of Townsend
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Sunday 22
4:30PM Canton Church Restoration's Annual Meeting and Dinner **RSVP AND OTHER INFO ON THIS PAGE**

Monday 23
6:00- 7:30PM Faith Night- FREE EVENT- explore and respond to the issue of Hunger, at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut **READ ALL ABOUT IT ON PAGE 9; INFO AD ON THIS PAGE**

Wednesday 25
4:25- 5:50PM Awana at Trailhead Church, 20 Trailhead View Dr **SEE AD ON PAGE 4**
6:15- 8:15PM Youth Group at Trailhead Church, 20 Trailhead View Dr **SEE AD ON PAGE 4**

Fri 27- Sun 29
Last Chance Community Powwow in Exhibit Hall at Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds in Helena- FREE Admission

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Friday 13
11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

September 15
4:00PM Kansas Street Closed - Bridger Mountain Junior & High School Rodeo at City Hall

Tuesday 17
1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg
4:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Teen Book Club

Wednesday 18
5:30PM Bozeman Music Night with Trygh at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 19
7:00PM Zoning and Planning Board at City Hall
7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Walcrick at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 20
11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club



ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR
ANGIE PAULSEN

Broadwater County Courthouse - 315 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
broadwatercountymt.com - 406.266.3405

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

NOTICE is hereby given that regular registration for the **FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION** to be held on **NOVEMBER 5, 2024**, will close at **5:00 PM** on **OCTOBER 7, 2024**.

*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election, in person, at the county election office at 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644, up to **NOON THE DAY BEFORE ELECTION**. All active and inactive electors are entitled to vote at said location.


Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current residence in the county.

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by submitting a form for registration by mail or by appearing before the County Election Administrator. If you have moved, it is necessary to have your registration transferred to your present address.
DATED this 9th day of September 2024.
/s/ANGIE PAULSEN

BROADWATER COUNTY
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BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER



Monday 16
2:00pm Commission Working Meeting
6:00pm Parks and Recreation

Tuesday 17
2:00pm: Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)
7:00pm Noxious Weed Board Meeting

Wednesday 18
6:00pm Airport Board Meeting



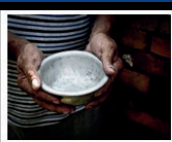
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FAITH NIGHT



Mon. Sept. 23rd
6:00-7:30 pm
Holy Cross Parish Center
Free Event

Hunger

- ◆ Hunger Banquet to experience hunger
- ◆ Explore foods from other cultures and understand the issue of hunger.
- ◆ Respond to the issue of hunger by bringing canned foods for the Food Bank or donating to World Food Programme.

Canton Church Restoration Annual Meeting and Dinner



Vic Sample will present "Broadwater County and the Copper Kings" during our annual meeting Sunday, September 22.

The Lodge of Townsend

The public is invited and encouraged to join us for our no-host dinner.

Annual Meeting 4:30-5:00
Happy Hour 5:00 to 6:00 (no-host)
Buffett Dinner 6:00 with:
Appetizers
Roasted Pork Loin with vegetable and salad
Dessert

Entertainment 6:00 - 7:00

Price per person is \$27.00
Reservations needed by September 15-
RSVP to Robin Kirscher at 406-459-2548

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and farming culture as Townsend. Roelofs are both from northwest Iowa.

Pastor Mark came to Trailhead Church in 2018 from a Spokane church where he was a pastoral resident in training. He had previously served in two other churches. He has a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from the Christian school University of Northwestern Minnesota in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Pastor Mark said his greatest accomplishment at Trailhead Church has been to put in place three elders, men who serve as part-time preachers and full-time counselors and advisors to the pastor. This arrangement, which was voted on by the full membership, has allowed the church to grow with leadership, he explained. Assistant Pastor Clay Muinzer will take over the pulpit for a period of time. Levi VanZee and Tom Eliel serve in the other two positions.

Trailhead Church was formed around the idea of being a nondenominational church in 2001 by Nelson and Suzie Wert and friends. Pastor Mike Dexter led the church for several years. When Pastor Mark began serving, he said his biggest challenge was helping the congregation to stay unified around the gospel. "We all have different beliefs and come from so many different backgrounds and religions, so it was hard sometimes to stay focused on Bible-based teachings," he said.

Pastor Mark elaborated on the strength of the church's core membership. "I know the core group of the congregation will stay strong in this transition, as they have before. I feel the congregation will grow even more with the opening of the addition. The leadership is there to keep welcoming elementary, middle school and high school youth groups to use the new gym and social spaces. The sky will be the limit with these important ministries in Townsend."

Pastor Mark's wife, Beth, served as a music teacher for Townsend Elementary School for one year. "She loves getting the kids to sing and loved going to high school sports!"

2024 Hunting Forecasts

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



It's fall and hunting season is upon us. Soon the mornings will be crisp and cold and the leaves will be turning. Under the Big Sky, this is the season many of us spend the whole year looking forward to. In the following forecasts, FWP outlines what hunters can expect for deer, elk and pronghorn seasons around the state. We also have a fairly in-depth upland game bird forecast. Along with this great information, we have some tips on being safe in bear country and the importance of being good stewards when hunting on private lands.

Hunting Forecasts for Southwest Montana: As in other areas of the state, big game herds in this region are still rebounding from the tough winter of 2022-2023.

Elk

Elk numbers are strong in the Bozeman, Butte, Dillon, Helena, Sheridan and Livingston areas. A mild winter last year helped with recruitment.

In the Townsend area, elk numbers vary, with what appear to be still-high numbers on private lands, but not on public.

Like always, make sure to be familiar with the regulations as you plan your hunt.

Mule deer

Mule deer numbers are a mixed bag in this region. In some areas, like around Bozeman, Sheridan and Helena, numbers are looking better. However, around Butte, Dillon, Livingston and the public lands near Townsend, numbers are down. The mild winter last year appears to have had a broad positive impact on mule deer numbers, which is good.

Within this region, there have been several regulation changes hunters should be familiar with. Before you go out, please make sure and look through the hunting regulations for the hunting district you plan to hunt and note any potential changes.

White-tailed deer

White-tailed deer in southwest Montana are generally still down in numbers following the winter of 2022-2023. But biologists are seeing improvement in many areas.

Of particular note is the Ruby Valley, where populations have been reduced in response to high prevalence of chronic wasting disease (CWD). Outside of the Ruby Valley, whitetail populations throughout southwest Montana remain stable or increasing. CWD continues to spread among white-tailed deer throughout the Ruby River watershed. Outside of the lower portion of the Ruby Valley, prevalence remains relatively low but is increasing. Hunters concerned about consuming deer with chronic wasting disease should have white-tailed deer from anywhere in southwestern Montana tested prior to consuming.

Also, some of the best white-tailed concentrations in this region are on private lands. Hunter success can often depend on getting access to these lands.

Pronghorn (Antelope)

The winter of 2022-2023 was hard on pronghorn across the region. Numbers continue to remain down in most hunting districts but are showing some improvement. In the Butte area, some hunting districts are showing some robust counts, but with the majority of animals on private lands. This is a theme for the entire region—getting access to private land is critical for pronghorn success.

Note on CWD

Biologists in southwestern Montana are interested in data from hunter-submitted samples for CWD testing. These sampling efforts help FWP understand the prevalence and distribution of the disease through time, which informs wildlife management for healthy herds. If you harvest a deer, elk or moose, please consider submitting samples for CWD testing. Learn more at fwp.mt.gov/cwd.

Hunters should also remember to check the regulations before heading afield for potential changes to what and where they're used to hunting.

Writing Montana' Workshop to Be Held at Pictograph Cave State Park

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Dave Caserio, local writer and educator, is leading a writing workshop at Pictograph Cave State Park on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pictograph Cave State Park is located just outside of Billings at 3401 Coburn Road.

Participants will use observations of the natural world and explorations of the historical, cultural, and geological background of the area to create works in any genre of writing. This is a recurring, seasonal workshop for both writers and non-writers. The outdoor workshop will include a brief tour of the state park, a discussion of the writing process, independent exploration and writing time, and an opportunity to share and discuss pieces.

Caserio has authored multiple books of poetry and has contributed to a variety of anthologies. He works locally in Billings and across the region with community outreach organizations.

The workshop will be outside. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring their own writing gear and camp chair. Space is limited. To reserve your space, please contact Pictograph Cave State Park at 406-254-7342.

Surf & Turf Night! Monday, September 16th

Flynn Bible Camp

Couples/Adults Bible Camp

\$40 per person

Sponsored by Graymont and Russ & Kat Nolen

Please RSVP by texting Warren Flynn at 406-949-3613. Please include the names of your party so we do not duplicate your reservation.

We want to send a special thank you to this summer's benevolent sponsors - Watson Irrigation, 406 Cleanup.com, Graymont, and the Nolen's!

We are so grateful for all of your donations and appreciate your support over the years. Thank you!

The William Flynn Memorial Scholarship Association, Inc. dba Flynn Bible Camp a 509(a)(2) non-profit corporation, c/o Warren Flynn, 669 Flynn Ln, Townsend MT 59644

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 CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

NOTICE is hereby given that regular registration for the FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION to be held on NOVEMBER 5, 2024, will close at 5:00 PM on OCTOBER 7, 2024.

*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election, in person, at the county election office at 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644, up to NOON THE DAY BEFORE ELECTION. All active and inactive electors are entitled to vote at said location.

Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector's current residence in the county.

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by submitting a form for registration by mail or by appearing before the County Election Administrator. If you have moved, it is necessary to have your registration transferred to your present address.

DATED this 9th day of September 2024.

/s/ANGIE PAULSEN

BROADWATER COUNTY

CLERK AND RECORDER | ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

Published September 13, 20 and 27, 2024

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of

JUDITH ANN REYNOLDS, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to KIMBERLEE KAREN PERRY, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o HANNA WARHANK, Jackson, Murdo & Grant, P.C., 203 N. Ewing St, Helena, MT 59601, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

JACKSON, MURDO & GRANT, P. C.

KIMBERLEE KAREN PERRY, Personal Representative

Published September 6, 13 and 20, 2024

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COURT BEAT



September 6

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menchan's courtroom on Friday, September 6 is as follows:

Eliu Arely Guevara Batres had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of criminal endangerment and aggravated DUI. Through his interpreter, he understood that his presence was required at all hearings. His Omnibus is due by October 25; Pre-Trial is set for November 22; with the Jury Trial scheduled for January 20, 2025. If he is bonded out, he must enroll in Pre-Trial Services.

John Hansson appeared for a Petition to Revoke a previous sentence. He allegedly had more than one blood alcohol test over .07 and a failure to reappear after leaving a court appearance before he was excused. His lawyer argued that he left because of a family death. He did not report the death or the subsequent funeral to his probation officer or lawyer. He has two pending DUI charges in Justice Court. He will return to court on September 13, to face the presiding judge in his case.

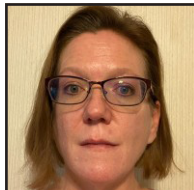
Andrew Cohn had an Initial Appearance on a fugitive complaint. There is a felony warrant in Utah for Cohn, for enticing a child on the internet and by text. Utah is to come get him within 10 days.

John Bourne appeared for Sentencing on charges of 4+ DUIs. He is sentenced to serve 13 months in a Treatment Center. He is to be screened for the WATCH program. His Sentence continues with five years probation. He pays a \$5,000 fine with credit for time served from April 22, 2024, until September 6; which will probably negate the fine. Mandatory fees and surcharges must be paid of \$80. He must pay a fine of \$75 for a conviction of open container. He must abide by all standard conditions.

City Approves Budget, Mill Levy for Fiscal 2024-25

Linda Kent

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Townsend's City Council approved its budget for the current fiscal year on Sept. 2. The general fund expense total for the coming year was set at \$871,170, with expected general fund budget revenues expected at \$961,850, with an ending cash reserve of \$345,802.

Costs related to the implementation of upgrades to the city water system are not detailed in the budget, other than a line item for engineering expenses. While the first increase in city water rates needed to repay the expected \$13 million in bonds for the project went into effect Sept. 1, bids for the project have not been let and no bonds have been sold.

Mayor Vickie Rauser told the council that the city's permit application for the project had been submitted. She also shared that the city was notified it is eligible for \$5 million in loan forgiveness for the project. That's \$2 million more than the council originally thought it would receive.

Approximately \$187,000 of the city's general fund budget – around 20 percent – comes from property tax levies. Mayor Vickie Rauser explained that the city's mill levy is limited by state law at 56.51 mills. For the upcoming year, the city will levy 52.92 mills, 3.59 mills less than it is authorized to. A "mill" is one one-thousandth of a dollar of the taxable property value available to the city council, or \$3,452.287.

"In the grand scheme of things, 3.59 mills is not a lot of money," Rauser said. "But we don't need it, so we're not going to levy it."

GUEST EDITORIAL

Guest Editorials reflect the views of the author and not MT43 NEWS

Montana's Top Cop Has Failed

Ben Alke

MT Attorney General Candidate

The Attorney General is Montana's chief law enforcement officer and leads the Montana Highway Patrol. The person who holds that position should know how to protect Montanans, support officers and understand our constitutional rights.

Austin Knudsen has proved, once again, that he is not the right person for the job.

An internal survey of the Highway Patrol revealed serious problems with Knudsen's leadership. Montana is in the middle of a drug crisis and almost half the troopers are not optimistic about the leadership or direction of the agency. According to one trooper, the "organization is a sinking ship caused by the Attorney General micromanaging the MHP." Another commented that Knudsen "has no clue how to run the agency". The report made several recommendations to improve leadership and performance.

An effective leader would have implemented those recommendations and made the document available to the public. The report was paid for with public funds, does not contain sensitive personal information and is a public document under Article II, § 9 of the Montana Constitution, which provides:

No person shall be deprived of the right to examine documents or to observe the deliberations of all public bodies or agencies of state government and its subdivisions, except in cases in which the demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure.

But Knudsen is not an effective leader. He responded by ignoring the recommendations and trying to cover up the report. He even terminated a respected highway trooper for sharing the report with colleagues.

The Attorney General is now trying to bully the press in a clumsy effort to hide his incompetence. The Daily Montanan, an online news outlet dedicated to fair and independent news coverage, published a copy of the report on its website. The Attorney General's office recently sent a "cease and desist" letter to the Daily Montanan, threatening it with legal action for making a public document available.

Knudsen's conduct is embarrassing and dangerous. The Attorney General cannot use his position to silence or intimidate reporters. In addition to Montanans' constitutional right to examine public documents, the First Amendment protects the freedom of the press, which helps ensure the government is held accountable to the people. The people of Montana have a right to know that the Attorney General is mismanaging the Highway Patrol.

The Attorney General should defend our constitutional rights—not violate them. Our upcoming election will afford Montana voters the chance to go in a different direction. Let's turn the page from Knudsen, away from the culture war nonsense and toward a serious commitment to common sense government with a focus on the issues that matter, like protecting the safety of Montanans and promoting access to public lands.

I'm a husband, father of four, fourth-generation Montanan, and an experienced attorney committed to fighting crime, supporting law enforcement and taking on drug traffickers. And I promise you, if I receive recommendations about improving law enforcement and supporting the highway patrol, I will not try to hide the report from the public or threaten the press.

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.broadwater-countymt.com, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

NO COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioners will be attending MACo Annual Conference September 15th- 18th

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

10:00 AM Regular Commission Meeting – agenda will be posted September 18th

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

6:00 PM Evening Commission Meeting, Headwaters Livestock Auction –

Agenda will be posted September 25th

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

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

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

Debi Randolph, Vice Chairman

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

Darrel Folkvord, Chairman

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Lindsey Richtmyer

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

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

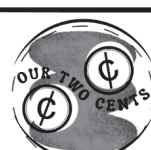
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on September 17th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on September 18th at 6:00 PM
- LEPC Meeting on September 19th at 1:00 PM
- County Parks & Recreation Meeting on September 23rd at 6:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on October 8th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on October 8th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on October 8th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Meeting on October 9th at 2:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on October 10th at 5:30 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on October 15th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on October 15th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on October 15th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on October 16th at 6:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on October 21st at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on October 21st at 6:00 PM

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

Need advice?

Our Two Cents

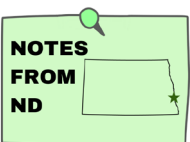
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Scan the QR code provided if you would like to ask your own anonymous questions.. or even "ask for a friend".

Notes From ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



If I plan to shop at Walmart, I must leave at approximately 12:30 p.m. to arrive at 12:45 p.m. I need to get beef, rice, scissors, lightbulbs, and ziploc bags. Then, I need to leave by 1:15 so I can go back to my dorm to spend the rest of the afternoon studying a, b, and c. This is the way my brain processes every scenario possible. I need to know every single detail and follow the perfect time spans. However, I have realized in these first few weeks of college that that is utterly absurd, and I have to do less extreme planning on my simple day-to-day activities, and instead take the day as it passes.

For example, this week I got my fuel pump fixed, it didn't go my way and I couldn't fix it, but I met a construction management major who knew exactly how to fix a fuel pump and did it for me. I took it out for a test drive, and it started sputtering and leaking fuel everywhere, but I looked at the situation, took a deep breath and thought, and put an adapter on the fuel line, fixing the situation. I was in a rush to get back to the dorm after Chi Alpha, but instead, I ran into a new friend and talked to him about cowboy boots and his nursing major. Even though I was in a hurry, I was so incredibly grateful to meet a new friend. And lastly, that same new friend hung out with me today when I had nothing better to do and we discussed every little and large detail about our lives.

In life, not everything can go your way, as much as we wish that to be true. Instead, life is going to throw many curveballs in your direction. The only constant within my day-to-day routine is my sleep schedule and my classes. Everything else is decided on a whim. I usually dedicate time between classes and until 5 pm for homework. My evenings then, are usually spent hanging out with friends, attending Chi Alpha small groups or worship services, reading a book, or working on something else that needs to be done on my own time.

Written on paper, a schedule like this seems simple and easily adaptable. However, it is extremely stressful and full of difficult changes. This is the time to give yourself some grace. Whenever trials such as this happen, it is important to sit back, make a wise decision, and then enjoy the moment. Life is too short to worry about the little things that happen daily, and the college experience is only a blip concerning a lifespan, but this small window full of opportunities you could experience are those that will live on for the rest of your life. Take advantage of the opportunities that come your way and step into an adventure that will last a lifetime.

August Future Farmers of America

Ashley Sanderson
Broadwater FFA Reporter



August is always the month when everything really starts coming together for the Broadwater FFA Chapter. It starts with our officer retreat at the beginning of the month where we set our goals and plan all of our activities for the coming year. We then host our Welcome Back BBQ and Ag Olympics, a fun activity to encourage new members to join our chapter.

Our officer retreat lasted from August 6th - August 8th, 2024. This year, it was very successful as we completed our Program of Activities at one time. Now that it's finished, we can start acting on everything we've planned. Not only did we complete our Program of Activities, but we also set goals for ourselves and our chapter as well as some team building. After all, the officer team is the group that the general FFA members look up to, so being good role models is an important part of our officer duties.

Our first big event of the year, once we completed our officer retreat, was the Welcome Back BBQ and Ag Olympics on August 20th, 2024. Announcements went out on social media to encourage general members and students who are interested in our chapter to attend. We also sent invitations to all of the advisors in our district to encourage participation from other chapters. We were joined by the Belgrade FFA Chapter and our chapters, as well as a team of advisors, competed to see "Who's the Best in the Southwest". It was exciting to have another chapter attend, and we plan on inviting other chapters again in future years.

Overall, I think August was a successful month for our chapter, and I'm looking forward to the activities we have planned for the rest of the year.

Water Smart Landscaping: The Big Picture

Allison Kosto
Broadwater County Extension Agent



Something about a lush green lawn is as American as apple pie. It's a tradition that built a whole industry dedicated to green spaces.

In some neighborhoods, it's seen as a status symbol where neighbors are counting the dandelions while peeking through the curtains. However, did you know that the average home landscape uses as much as 50 percent more of the water than the household?! Earlier in the summer, I wrote an article on water-smart landscaping focusing on turf grass. The purpose of this article is to look at other areas of the landscape to improve the water-smart design.

Now, what is Water Smart Landscaping again? This is a strategy that utilizes techniques for smart water use in the landscape to reduce the overall amount of water needed. Xeriscape is another term that is often used interchangeably with Water Smart Landscaping. However, the primary difference is that Xeriscaping refers to a specific landscape technique that requires zero supplemental watering. On the other hand, Water Smart strategically uses water to make the system more efficient and effective and reduce the overall water used.

One strategy in water-smart design is to strategically choose native plants or drought-tolerant species. However, it's very important to note that some native plants do need a lot of supplemental watering so don't assume that just because it's native it needs less water. A perfect example is the quaking aspen tree. In its native environment, it is a riparian tree which means it grows along waterways or areas with high water tables. This means it needs a lot of water to survive in a typical Montana yard. Do research to determine which plants will most effectively work in your specific yard environment to meet your desired goals.

Next, group plants according to their water needs. This is especially important if you have an automatic water system, so you can create specific "hydrozones" to water based on the plant's needs. Turf grass, trees and shrubs should always be in separate hydrozones.

Mulch provides multiple benefits on the landscape. One of which is that it improves water retention by reducing evaporation and moderating soil temperature which reduces the amount and frequency of watering. It also provides other benefits including reducing weed growth and improving organic matter in the soil when organic mulches are used. There are many options for mulch including wood chips, grass clippings or landscape fabric. The use of rock mulches should be avoided though, especially in sunny areas, because they can radiate a large amount of heat and increase moisture loss. Some mulches need to be replaced yearly so consider that in your maintenance plan.

Even though the first article focused entirely on turfgrass, I think it's important to mention it again because turfgrass is the main user of landscape water. Be targeted about where and how you utilize turfgrass. There are a variety of turfgrass alternatives and drought-tolerant turfgrass species that require less water.

When you water your lawn or landscape, do it in the coolest part of the day. Typically early morning is best. This helps reduce the transpiration and evaporation of water. It's best to water deep and less frequently. Established lawns need 1 to 2 inches of water every 3 to 5 days. If you have a lower maintenance grass, then it can be even less frequent. This technique teaches the roots to go deeper into the soil profile and be better able to withstand drought. Drip irrigation is a highly effective and water-smart option for trees, shrubs and even many perennial forbs. Slow-release water bags for trees are another great option, especially for young trees.

Another option, if it's in the budget, is to install (or upgrade) a WaterSense automatic irrigation system. This is different than a clock-based system that automatically turns on when programmed. WaterSense irrigation is controlled using weather or soil moisture data to schedule irrigation only when needed. Even clock-based irrigation systems can be adjusted though. For example, irrigation systems should be adjusted in the spring and fall to account for cooler temperatures and rainfall. Also make sure your water systems are not hitting the driveway, streets or alleys.

For more ideas or resources for WaterSmart Landscaping, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Correction to Mountains Silos Article

The Mountain Silos article published in the Sept. 6 issue of Mt43 News incorrectly credited Ron Salladay as making and installing the cupboards and cabinets.

In fact, they were designed, built and installed by Dan Harrigfeld (Cadillac Custom Cabinets).

MT43 News Editor

Circle 100 Club: Making a Difference in Our Community

Sharon Potenza
Circle 100 Club

Did you see the good news about the bus with a wheelchair lift that we helped purchase for residents of our Long-Term Care facility at Billings Clinic Broadwater? The previous bus was no longer dependable or accommodating. We are fortunate to have doctors within our facility but there are times when residents need to get to appointments out of town. The bus is also used for short outings and on special occasions such as taking the Rotary tour of the beautiful Christmas lights around town.

You may remember that The Circle 100 Club was formed 12 years ago for the sole purpose of giving support to our local medical facility. Our rural hospital and long-term care facility went through some rough financial times. But through the hard work of dedicated people, like you, our facility was saved and is a shining example of a robust and beautiful medical facility and home for those who can no longer live on their own.

The Billings Clinic Broadwater is a thriving Critical Access Hospital. It is currently updating the H-VAC as well as the Nurse Call System for the entire building. The Long-Term Care wing of the clinic reaps the benefits of all these investments.

Over the years you/we have purchased many items that meet pressing needs. Among those items are a washing machine, bath lift, roll-on scale, automatic handicap doors, lab equipment, ventilator, bladder scanner, blood warmer, kitchen equipment and a BUS. Our mission is the same today - to make a difference in the lives of those needing care and assistance.

We want to share this message with as many people as possible. There are many new residents of Broadwater County who would help if they knew the need. Long-term care facilities like ours are closing in small towns everywhere. It is up to us to keep ours open!

A tax-deductible contribution of \$100 comes with no other obligations. You can send your check made payable to: The Circle 100 Club, Box 1215, Townsend, MT 59644.

To celebrate our good work and to plan, we are happy to invite you to join us on Friday, September 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Clinic Dining Room for refreshments. This was a lovely tradition before Covid happened. We look forward to gathering with you once again. If you can join us, Please RSVP via text or phone message us by Friday, September 13.

Judy Gillespie: 406-266-3861, Sharon Potenza: 617-953-7637, Sherry Scofield: 406-980-1591 or Helen Turcotte: 406-521-0934

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Specializing in 3D printed articulated animals, dice towers and home decor. Custom orders are always welcome.

Big Sky Angels- Laura Stevenson
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Touch of Twyla's Greeting Cards
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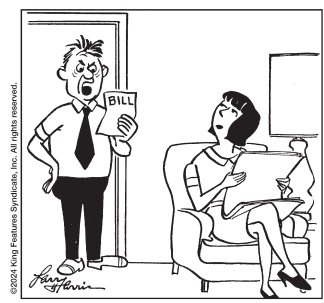
Woodshaper Unique- Pennie Kittilson
Knives: Bowie and folding, Jewelry: earrings, necklaces, real insect jewelry and Artisan Gifts: plaques, boxes, sun catchers, keychains, magnets.

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 9/13	Sat 9/14	Sun 9/15	Mon 9/16	Tue 9/17
Light Rain Showers 62° 46° 69%	Partly Cloudy 71° 50° 0%	Partly Cloudy 74° 51° 4%	Very Light Rain Showers 68° 50° 27%	Light Rain Showers 61° 49° 66%

Precipitation:

April: 1.189"	July: 0.040"
May: 2.721"	August: 0.402"
June: 0.968"	September: 0.039"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 7.052"



"That painter you hired to re-do the living room... was he, by any chance, named _____?"

SCRAMBLERS

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

Calm
SOEPER [] [] [] []

Nest
TOROS [] [] [] []

Title
CLAMI [] [] [] []

Smudge
REAMS [] [] [] []

TODAY'S WORD [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals K

ZV Z FLRX ENHR BDMRO VNOFE
AQG KRRL GZEYQIBARG, Z
XNMOG YDNKQKOW BDW
"IAR KDMIZEA QDR BNHZLU!"

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KNIGHT MOVES

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C		E
N	E	A

Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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DINE LOCAL BROADWATER

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

American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM Special Event with Food: N/A Bar hours may vary	The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Wed - Sat 3:00PM - 12:00AM Closed Sun, Mon & Tues Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	C Hangin' C Mercantile & Creamery 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Sat 9:00AM - 8:00PM Sun 9:00AM - 7:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site	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 Menu: Closed Sunday	Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM Menu: themintbarandgrill.com/menu
Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Menu available on Facebook Closed Sunday and Monday	Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - Close Grill off at 10:00PM	Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Deep Creek Pizza 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Menu: www.deepcreekpizzaco.com, Facebook and Instagram Closed Sunday	Full Belli Deli 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: 7:30AM - 8:00PM Every Day Menu: fullbellidelimt.com	TB's Diner 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Mn, Fri & Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Tue - Thu 11:00AM - 8:00PM Specials: Facebook

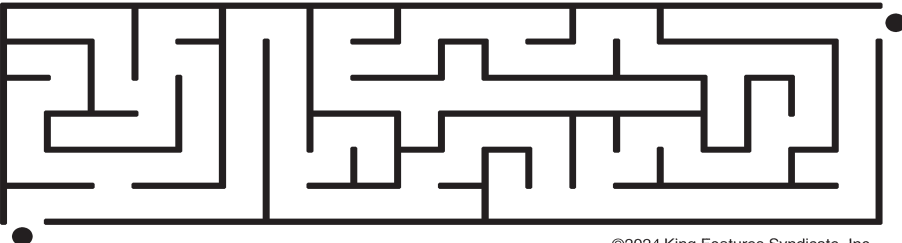
Super Crossword

DEFINITELY NOT DICKENS

ACROSS

- 1 Lethal snake
- 6 Racecar sticker
- 11 "T.N.T." rock band
- 19 Basic truth
- 20 Cheap, in adspeak
- 21 Letter carriers carry it
- 22 Eurasian border river
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 26 Harden by heat
- 27 Negating word
- 28 Ellipses
- 29 Wide foot-wear spec
- 30 Take off silent mode
- 32 Goofs up
- 34 "Time — great healer"
- 35 Pitcher Hideki —
- 37 Deep red
- 39 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Mommies
- 44 Hwy. felony
- 45 Easy throw
- 46 Shooters' org.
- 47 Showy feather
- 50 Good buddy
- 52 Univ. lecturer
- 54 Underdog's win
- 56 Riddle, part 3
- 61 Served perfectly
- 62 On in years
- 63 Set straight
- 64 Slander
- 68 Broadway's — Manuel
- 69 Begin litigation against
- 70 Parenthetical comment
- 71 Gave grub to
- 72 Issa of HBO's "Insecure"
- 73 Kooky guy
- 75 Dunne of film
- 76 With
- 86-Across, totally wrong
- 77 Indication
- 78 Riddle, part 4
- 82 Cynically callous
- 85 Young lady
- 86 See
- 76-Across
- 87 Dentist's filler
- 88 Enzyme name suffix
- 89 Pre-1991 world power
- 91 Antinarcotics org.
- 93 "Umami" taste source
- 94 End of the riddle
- 102 "Oh! Carol" singer Neil
- 103 Leaks slowly
- 104 Objective
- 105 Biz bigwig
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Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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



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Beef Stroganoff	Applesauce
Egg Noodles	Cabbage Rolls
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Whole Grain Bread	Whole Grain Bread
Fruit Cocktail	Apricot Halves
Birthday Cake	

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Poison Tongues

I know you have all heard about the "Poison Pen" that old story about someone who writes vicious letters, notes, etc. All about how "some" people are bad actors or just plain horrible people. But ARE THEY? Folks around here are pretty tolerant of others. We can't all be perfect; however, a few just are NEVER happy with some other people! Sorry about that, have you tried to actually TALK with these people?

Human beings get miffed at folks who just DO NOT do things the way others would like them to, well BOO, FLAMIN HOO! People are ALL different, we do things differently. IF you have written rules, posted on a job site then OK, people need to adhere to those rules. IF, again, they don't agree with these rules, there needs to be a time where they can TALK with the bosses and see if the rules can be changed. OR why the rules are the way they are, so ALL people can understand. Seems simple, doesn't it?

Then we have the "malcontents" (wild word, eh?) Who just WILL NOT adjust or work with others, that's why there are backhoes....I mean councilors or H.R.s (Human Resources) people. What happens when a person decides to quit, and then spew nasty things about a former employer? You can only ignore them so long before legal authorities are called after vicious rumors and lies are spread.

We never want things to get to this point, but sometimes they do. Most times these people have their actions come back to haunt them, as they should! People spewing nothing but hatred, and venom need to be TOLD what they are doing is WRONG, and to SHUT UP! Or they will be out of MANY jobs, this we have all seen several times around here. Some folks are just plain unhappy in life, hopefully, they can find a new path forward. Or LEAVE!

Most of us are happy with our small town, visitors from many other states, even countries are amazed with how wonderful our village is. Let's NOT poison the well so to speak, IF you are unhappy with other people, TALK to them. Maybe there could have been a Misunderstanding! (I know this first hand.)

I know there are rumors and lies being spread from a known source heading out of town, people who seem angry all the time mostly don't have anyone but themselves to blame. This is NOT a stop-and-smell-the-roses kind of moment, and yet maybe that wouldn't hurt. The seasons are changing; gear down, relax, and try to talk with others about how you feel. Before you poison the whole holiday season.

Stay well.

Three Forks Area Ambulance: August 2024

Barbara Mutter
 Three Forks Ambulance Service



August 2024 saw a decrease in call volume for Three Forks Ambulance compared to July when we responded to 53 calls. This month, we handled 28 emergency calls, transporting 11 patients to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Our team also responded to 8 calls where patients declined transport after evaluation. Additionally, we backed up Gallatin County Search and Rescue on a water rescue, responded to a Medical Alarm call, and managed one call for a deceased person.

Our crew recently underwent training on Human Trafficking, an increasingly pressing issue. Staying vigilant on this is crucial as I-90 is recognized as a major area for this. Dr. Bret Birrer, our Medical Director, visited our station to train on the latest protocols for using backboards and determining when to call for helicopter transport. We also refreshed our skills on administering NARCAN for opioid overdose cases.

We are excited to introduce 3 new EMTs and 2 new drivers to our team. One of our EMTs completed a 3-day Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor course in Helena, a vital step for ensuring safe driving and instruction for our crew and patients.

The new grant-funded ambulance we received in October 2021 has arrived, and we are in the process of equipping it with essential medical supplies. We are finalizing the project with the last 10% match payment to the Department of Transportation.

As a non-profit organization, Three Forks Area Ambulance operates without tax levies. Our service is supported solely through insurance billing, donations, and some grants. over the past five years. we have averaged over 320 calls annually, and we expect to surpass this number this year. As of August 31, 2024, we have responded to over 235 calls.

Our dedicated volunteer EMTs and drivers continue to work tirelessly to meet our community's emergency medical needs. We appreciate your ongoing support.
 Thank you!



Karoline Nelson
 Operations Manager

September

The Townsend United Methodist and Faith Baptist Churches will be staffing the food pantry during the month of September.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 36 families serving 71 family members on September 7th.

From now until the end of November, Town Pump will be matching all money donations 1 to 1. You may donate at our booth during the Fall Fest, drop it by the food pantry on Friday or Saturday mornings between 9 and 11 or mail donations to P.O Box 1164, Townsend Mt. You may also use the wooden boxes located at the checkout lines at Bob's Market.

On Saturday, September 21, we will begin signing up those who would like a Thanksgiving meal. Signups will be on that Saturday and the 5th and 19th of October. Our order has to be in early so the order at Bob's can be filled. The meals will be distributed on November 23 between 1 and 3 pm.

The food pantry will be open for the distribution of food on the first and third Saturday of the month (Sept. 7 and 21) between 9:00 and 10:45. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also. Distribution outside of the normal hours is for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs may be distributed by calling Karoline Nelson at 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 may know might either want to donate some or have any available for purchase, please contact Daryl or Karoline at the numbers above.

OBITUARIES

George Harmon Kinnick, Jr.

Family of George Kinnick

George Kinnick was born on April 12, 1937, in White Sulphur Springs, MT, and passed away on September 1, 2024.



George Harmon Kinnick, Jr.
Photo Provided by Family of George Kinnick

At an early age, up on the Horse Prairie Kinnick homestead, he learned a love for the land and farming. Childhood was a true testament to wagon rides and learning the tricks of the trade. School didn't agree with him much, but George was never shy of hard work and commitment. He shared many memories of shoveling coal into the basement of the old Ringling house, the poor farm and working various jobs as a young adult where he mastered the mower in a hay field. George spent many years working on the Crabtree Ranch.

At the Crabtree Ranch, George met the love of his life, Diana "Dee." George loved his wife more than anything and loved having her kids, Jason and Lara, be such a large part of his life. George and Dee were married for 18 wonderful and happy years before Dee passed away in 2012.

George loved the land, his old Farmall tractors, anything mechanical, a good Hereford cow, a good 'ole cheese sandwich, as well as an adventurous road trip. Most of all he loved helping his many friends and neighbors along with his wonderful church family! He will be greatly missed by anyone who knew him.

George was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lois Kinnick; nephews James Horne and Bruce Horne; niece Shalina Kinnick; and his brother-in-law Jay Horne. He is survived by his brothers Jeff Kinnick of White Sulphur Springs, MT and James (Vanda) Kinnick of Townsend, MT; sisters Marion Horne of Great Falls, MT and Merle Kinnick of Billings, MT; stepson Jason (Tina) Stroh and their son Benjamin of Leonardtown, MD; stepdaughter Lara Stroh of Port Orchard, WA; and numerous nieces and nephews. Anyone who knew George was met with a big smile no matter what!

A funeral service for George will be held at 2 pm on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 403 Houston St. W., White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645. Burial will take place at Mayn Cemetery, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645 following the funeral service. A reception to follow will be held back at the church. Condolences in memory of George can be shared at www.stevensonwilke.com.

Donna Mae Latka

Family of Donna Mae Latka

We bid farewell to Donna Mae Latka of Townsend, Montana, born in Beach, North Dakota, whose journey of life gracefully concluded on August 25, 2024, at the age of 81.

Donna Mae touched countless lives with warmth and kindness, leaving behind cherished memories that will forever echo in hearts. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Donna Mae Latka to pay them a last tribute.

As we bid farewell to this cherished soul, solace is taken in the memories held dear — the laughter shared, the wisdom imparted, the moments of quiet reflection in their presence. Though Donna Mae may no longer walk among us, her spirit lives on in the echoes of her kindness, the warmth of her embrace, and the light of her enduring love.

She was loved and cherished by many people including her parents, George Lardy and Victoria Lardy; her husband Paul Latka; and her children, Paul, Donna and Barb.

A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, September 16th, 2024 at 11:30 AM at the Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church (120 W Riggs St, East Helena, MT 59635). A burial will be held on Monday, September 16th, 2024, at St. Anne's Cemetery (3600 US-12, East Helena, MT 59635).

In place of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

Building Solidarity with the Hungry

Father Cody Williams

Holy Cross Church

"It is impossible to be "local" in a healthy way without being sincerely open to the universal, without feeling challenged by what is happening in other places, without openness to enrichment by other cultures, and without solidarity and concern for the tragedies affecting other peoples," says Pope Francis. This year I am embarking on a new opportunity for the people of Townsend to enrich their sense of global issues and find concrete actions to change the world. Too often today, as indicated by the quote by Pope Francis, we live our quiet comfortable lives without realizing the real challenges of the world. Once we open our horizons beyond the scope of our immediate concerns, the world becomes a place of wonder and fascination, a place of hope and charity, and a place of a common shared humanity. Often the phrase "social justice" gets mixed with ideologies. The true ideal of social justice is to bring the peoples of the world together into mutual understanding and solidarity. Only by broadening our mental borders and allowing ourselves to experience humanity on a global scale, do we grow in compassion, charity and a greater sense of our own human dignity.

This year Holy Cross Church is hosting a series of social justice-oriented events to help us engage with the challenges and joys of humanity on a global scale. Each month we will host an event centered on one of the social justice themes with both interactive events, dinner, and an outreach effort to put our theme into action. These events are open to all people and all ages.

Hunger affects more people than we realize. Access to health care, economic opportunities, resources, changes to weather patterns, and violence are all factors contributing to hunger. A few years ago a drought in East Africa caused an estimated

10.7 million people to severe famine. The number of people who experience severe hunger increases each year with 783 million in 2022. Often in the US, we consider ourselves wealthy by the standards of other nations. We convince ourselves that hunger is not a major issue for a prosperous and developed country like the US. Statistics indicate that roughly 1 in 5 children suffer from hunger in the US. Hunger is a prevailing issue for all the countries of the world.

On Monday, September 23rd starting at 6 pm in the Holy Cross Parish Center we are going to explore the topic of hunger through a variety of activities. The night will start with a hunger banquet to make real the inequality of food availability and distribution. Following our banquet, we will discuss the issues of hunger on a local and global scale with the goal of finding practical solutions that we can all participate in. Often, we picture events like this one as a shaming event or one to make us feel like we are part of the problem. The goal of solidarity and events like this one is to find productive ways to become part of the solution and guide us to greater thankfulness for the gifts we have, as well as recognize and respect the dignity of all. I encourage everyone to come and attend this event as a way of experiencing and educating yourselves on the issues of global hunger. You are welcome to bring canned foods which will be donated to the Townsend Food Bank or monetary donations for either the Food Bank or the World Food Programme, an international program to help end world hunger. May we all desire a greater experience of our shared humanity with those within and outside our community and grow in love for our neighbor.

Estate Planning Basics

Peter Simon, Esq.

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Chapter 1: "I Need a Will"

I know and have worked with many of you already, but for those who don't know me, I am the only private practice attorney in Townsend currently, as well as the contracted City Attorney for civil matters. My office is right next to the Mint, the building on the west end next to the gazebo. I have been practicing law out of that office for just over 6 years now, with a focus on providing quality estate planning and probate services for the average Montanan at a reasonable rate with a quick turnaround.

This article is the first in a series that will discuss some of the common questions, issues, and topics that come up regularly in my main practice areas. I'll start with one of the more common phrases that potential customers say when they leave a voicemail or we speak for the first time: "I need a will." The client who utters this phrase often believes that completing a will is the first and last step needed for an estate plan. To be sure, having a properly executed, witnessed, and notarized will – one which sets forth your intent for distribution of your property after you die and numerous other common post-death decisions – is certainly better than doing nothing. However, many of these clients don't realize that a will is the most basic estate planning tool available, and its use without other documents and mechanisms generally leads to the same outcome as doing nothing at all: probate.

When I ask these clients if they are familiar with probate, many of them shake their heads warily and appear to brace themselves for a sermon of legalese. But probate at its core is actually very simple to explain: it's the judicial process to transfer the assets of a deceased person to the persons who are supposed to receive them. Who gets what though during a probate proceeding depends on the existence of a valid will. If a valid will does not exist or cannot be found, assets are

distributed according to state law: basically, some or all to the surviving spouse, depending on the surviving children; or, if the deceased person was unmarried, to children or other relatives. If a valid will is found and submitted to the court, then its written instructions must be carried out by the person(s) authorized by law to do so. Many clients refer to this person using the more archaic term, executor, but Montana law defines this person as a "personal representative". Regardless of the term, a personal representative may only legally administer the estate after an appointment by the local district court. In other words, whether you die without a will, or with a will but without putting other estate planning documents or mechanisms in place, most likely someone is going to have to file the appropriate paperwork with the court, follow Montana probate laws, and wind up your affairs over a minimum of 6 months up to a maximum of two years with few exceptions.

So yes, you do need a will, if: you intend your property to be distributed differently from the default state law scheme; you want to control who handles your estate; and/or you want to give many other common instructions such as guardianship of minors, what happens with your pets, etc. But a will, by itself, does not avoid probate; in fact, it only has legal power after submission to the correct court along with the appropriate paperwork. If your goal is to create an estate plan that transfers your property how you want, without involving the court, you will almost always need more than just a will.

In the next chapter, I will discuss the different types of probate proceedings, and how and when to avoid probate. If you have any questions or want to discuss representation for estate planning or probate, please contact me at 406.577.2292 or psimon.law@gmail.com. I meet by appointment only, as I am a solo practitioner with no administrative staff and am quite busy with existing clients and work.

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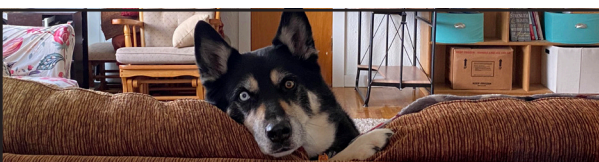
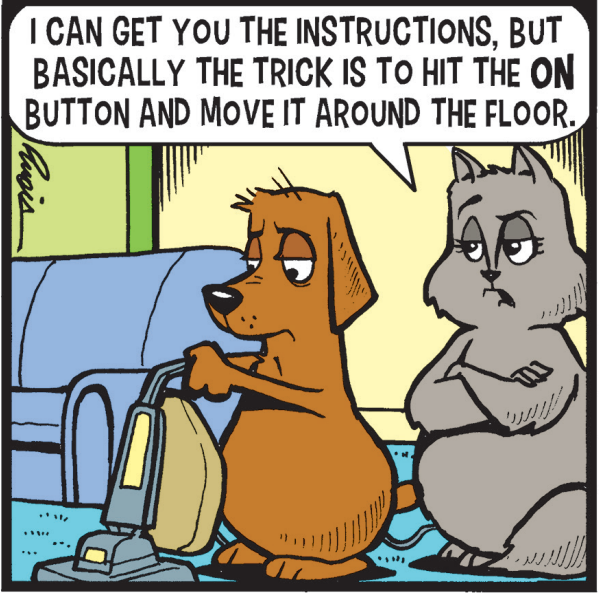
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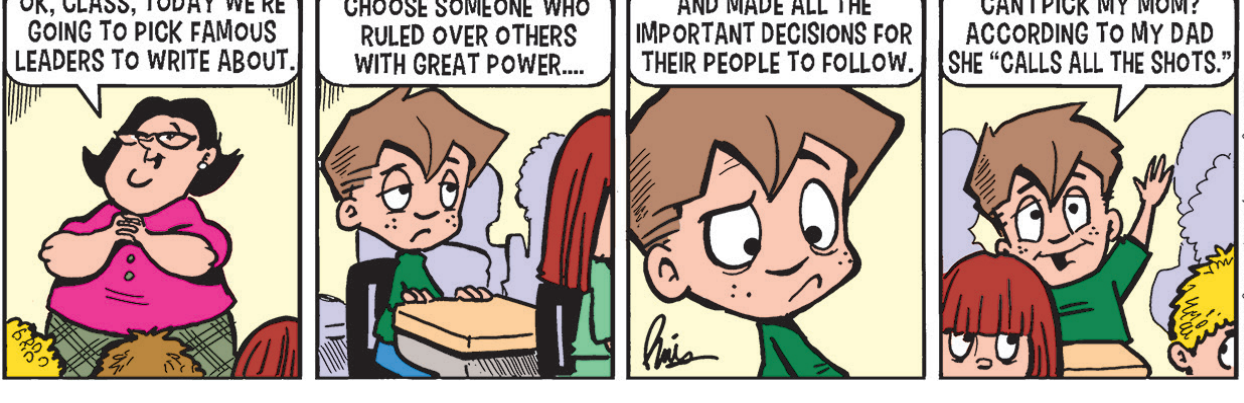
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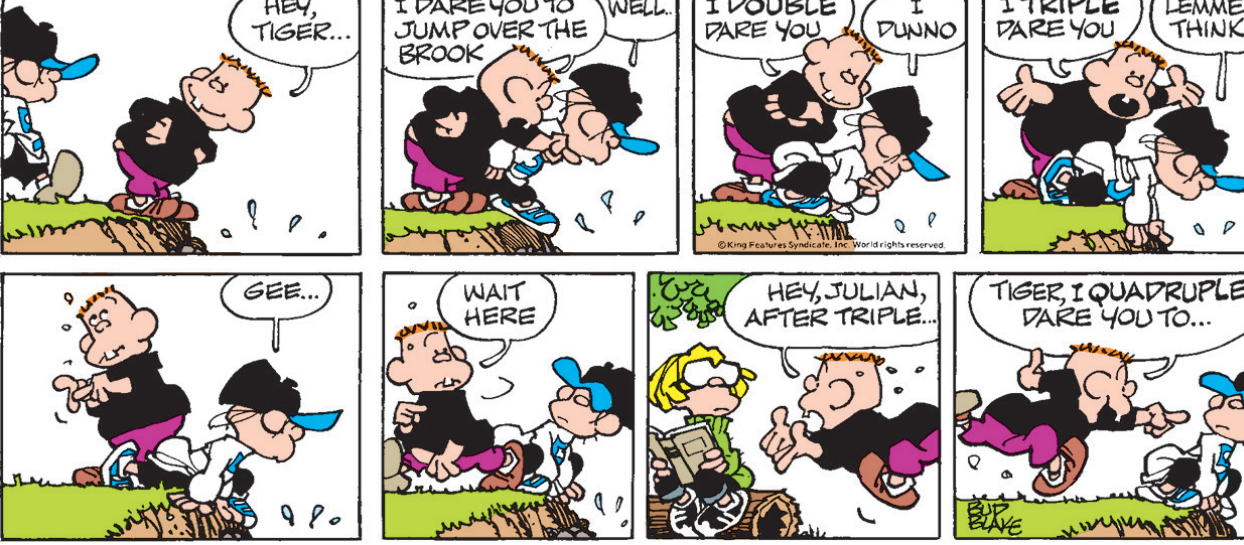
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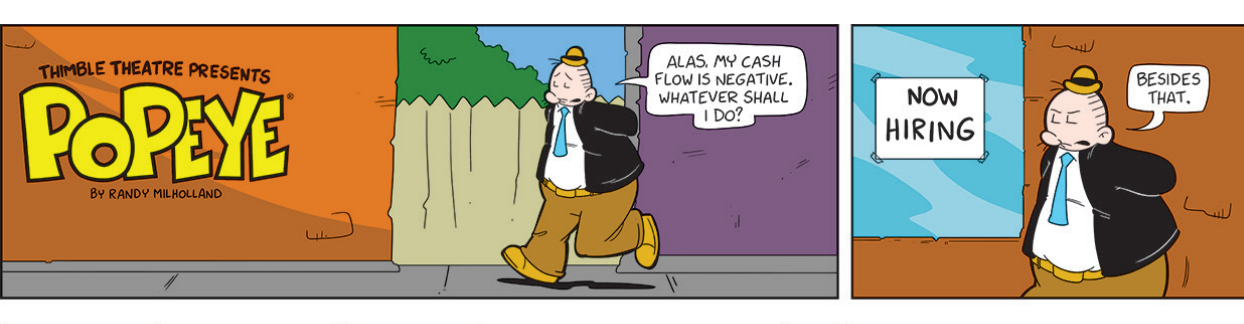
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— KNIGHT MOVES —
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Class Of 1964 Reunites for A Weekend of Nostalgia and Cow Ears



Back row: Merle Turman, Mitzi Jones, Joyce Castleberry Hughes, Bonnie Wallace, Dave Campbell, Barbara Moudree Jones, Chris Grover, Cathy Ouren Sutton, Bill Goodwin.
 Standing row/middle: Tom Williams, Lana Plummer Finch, Richard Thompson, Diana Wallace Roberts, Wayne Chambers, Sharon Rains Potenza, Judy Duede Arensmeyer, Beverly Hahn Bird, Edwina Nield Hankinson
 Seated: Kathy Iverson Toombs, Randy Hunter, Mary Jay Steiner Kitt
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Sharon Rains Potenza and Mary Jay Kitt

The Broadwater County High School Class of 1964 came together September 6-8, 2024, to reconnect and celebrate the fact that we are still standing 60 years after we graduated. Every ten years we plan a long weekend together here in Townsend. As usual, our first gathering was at Heritage Park for burgers and dogs grilled by our keeper of the contact sheet, Steve Kitt. He and Mary Jay had created a notebook that commemorated 12 in our class who have passed away. We spent time sharing memories of those old friends. Altogether 23 classmates out of 48 graduates were in attendance. We were a chatty gang of 32 including generous spouses!

The next day found us at the Broadwater County History Museum. The Sullivan sisters, Gay Ann Masola and Terry Love, started us on the path to remembering the building of the Canyon Ferry Dam (1949-1954) which resulted in the flooding of one of the most fertile Missouri River valleys in Montana, including the town of Canton. Many of our classmates were displaced from farms and houses. Memories of being uprooted and starting over were also shared by classmates Kathy Iverson Toombs, Beverly Hahn Bird and Edwina Nield Hankinson. Houses were either moved to town or burned, which was quite traumatic to see, even if it wasn't your own home!

Many also took advantage of a tour of Billings Clinic Broadwater as that beautiful structure was not in place the last time we gathered. We all remember the old white hospital.

The Lodge provided a lovely space for a very tasty dinner of chicken piccata prepared by "downhome catering". You will note that our group picture includes the "cow ears" that we graciously wore to promote the fun of the clever cow songs created by Judy Williams of Devine Bovines. Our classmate Tom was right there on stage helping with the equipment.

A smaller gathering for Sunday breakfast at Sharon Potenza's home gave us a chance to have quiet conversations and reflections. Some of us served in Vietnam, at least one was affected by the First Gulf War. We remember the signing of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 as well as the arrival of the Beatles on our shores! We



Everyone enjoying the reunion
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Three Wallace cousins at breakfast: Bonnie, Richard and Diana
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Sharon Rains Potenza and Jim Lots
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Merle Turman singing with Judy Williams playing
 Photo Credits: Sharon Rains Potenza

came from far and wide to celebrate our milestone: South Carolina, Missouri, Oregon, Colorado and Idaho. Our Oregon friend, Diana Wallace Roberts, moved away after 8th grade but often makes it back to Townsend for this reunion of old friends, and local cousins, she has known since First Grade.

Exclamations such as "Townsend is really such a pretty place now" were heard. I gave credit to Patrick Plantenberg and his energy in rounding up helpers and financing to make it so. We were all grateful to be able to be together again after 60 years!! It is very hard to believe that number. We shall continue to have lunch together before another 10 years roll past. Big Bull can accommodate us very well and often!

Welcome to Townsend

Dr. Paul Engstrom

Family & Emergency Medicine



Paul Engstrom, MD

Welcome Family Medicine physician, Paul Engstrom, MD, to Billings Clinic Broadwater. Dr. Engstrom was raised on a wheat farm outside of the tiny town of Reserve, Montana, located about twenty miles from Canada and twenty miles from North Dakota. He attended the University of Montana Tech in Butte and studied organismal biology while playing all five years of basketball for the Orediggers. After graduation, he began working as a CNA in Missoula, MT, while he applied for medical school. This taught him more compassion and empathy than he could have learned anywhere else and remains one of his best experiences to this day. The next four years were spent at the University of Washington School of

Medicine, in Seattle Washington, and he bounced back and forth between Montana and Seattle before arriving in Grand Junction, Colorado. He completed his residency at Saint Mary's Hospital. While Colorado treated him well, he continued to miss his home state. When the job presented itself in Townsend at Billings Clinic Broadwater, he jumped at the opportunity. His special interests are re emergency medicine and the full spectrum of family medicine.

Dr. Engstrom enjoys skiing, mountain biking, hiking, and working out. He is looking forward to serving the people of Townsend, while taking advantage of all the wonderful outdoor activities Western Montana has to offer.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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September 12

1912

Doings of a Week

Fick McCormick shipped a carload of horses to Miles City Friday.

Miss Sadie Doggett left Saturday for Boulder where she has a position in the public schools.

Telephone your orders to No. 24 for groceries, fruits and vegetables. Prompt service. Townsend Merc. Co.

Ed O'Connell, proprietor of Eddy's Cafe in Helena, was among the bunch of boosters from Helena today. The Opinion acknowledges a pleasant call both from O'Connell and Fred Naegle of the Naegle Printing Co., another good booster.

1940

Personal News

Richard Williams, transient, was given a 30-day suspended sentence in police court Monday by Justice of the Peace Charley B. Ross on a charge of disturbing the peace. Williams agreed to leave town.

Mrs. Thos. Swift has been enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Mike Gurnett this week. Mr. and Mrs. Gurnett and their daughter, Gertrude, arrived here from their home in Jordan last week for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kapinos accompanied their daughter, Gloria, to Great Falls Sunday. Miss Gloria has enrolled in the Columbia Hospital School for Nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duede and son, Bill, have gone to Clayton, Iowa, where they will spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ross have rented their home in

their absence.

Tom Ellis who has been attending a CCC camp is having a vacation at home with the intention of registering for college at Montana State this fall.

1968

Local Serviceman Helps Rescue 260 in Earthquake
Construction Electrician Constructionman Thomas W. Massa, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Massa of Townsend has received a Letter of Commendation from the Commander of Naval Forces in the Philippines.

He received the commendation for helping rescue 260 people from the ruins of a six-story apartment building that collapsed in Manila's Chinatown District during an earthquake in which there were more than 300 reported casualties.

Boy Scouts Make Conservation Tour

Townsend Boy Scouts enjoyed a very interesting conservation tour last Saturday conducted by assistant Scoutmasters, Dave Fischer and Dave Wing.

Before leaving for the forest the words conservation and environment were discussed so that the Scouts would better understand what they saw.

The tour consisted of going up Sulphur Bar, then to Cabin Gulch and down North Fork. Different forms of plant life were pointed out. How they related to wildlife and soils was the main topic of discussion.

All Boy Scouts must make a field trip of this nature or take part in a conservation project before becoming a Star Scout.

Those making the trip were Dave Brammer, Brent Helmick, Wade Wing, Bill Kirley, Greg Sautter and Buddy Horne.

Local News

Miss Gloria Fryhling left last week for Sacramento,

Calif., where she will be teaching in the junior high school.

Miss Susan Sautter celebrated her 12th birthday at her home Saturday evening with a lawn party and dance. Guests were Kim and Jamie Poole, Jim and Susan Foster, Tom Ragen, Mike Copeland, Kelly Harrigfeld, Phil Ryan, John Huth, Sandy Rains, Susan Hooks, Arliss Schledewitz, Marta and Bradley Scoffield, Kathy Evans, Wade Wing, Deborah Burtch, Tina Leanhart, Robert Geisser and Debbie Sautter of Helena.

Dana Stiner, son of Mrs. Ann Marie Stiner of Helena, arrived last Friday to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Ridgeway, who has been a patient in Broadwater Hospital. Dana will return soon to the University of Washington Medical School in Seattle.

1996

Senior News

On Sept. 4, we honored people 90-years old and over. We had Olive Middleton, Myrtle Russell, Katherine Sencal and George Brammer in the center to celebrate with us.

T.J. Banks played a lot of wonderful music, various waltzes and polkas that made you want to kick up your heels.

Also celebrating 90+ years were Mrs. Lovonnie Sperry and Mrs. Geneva Morford, both on home delivery.

Lucky Chair Day is Sept 13.

The Senior Club will be having a potluck and business meeting on Monday, Sept. 16. The potluck starts at 6 p.m. with the business meeting at 7 p.m.

Birthday dinner is Sept. 17.

The center will be closed Friday, Sept. 20, so Carol and Carla may go to Rocky Mountain's yearly all-staff meeting.

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Duck, Duck, Goose

Eileen Clarke

Rifles and Recipes

There are at least two things I love about waterfowl hunting. One is the way the birds set their wings to come in for a landing. Weather permitting, I could sit and watch that all day long. The second is just sitting quietly, watching animals move where land and water meet. On the other hand, I do like to amend its flavor for the table. Sometimes it's just wrapping a mallard breast around a jalapeno pepper with a length of bacon to hold it together on the grill. Sometimes a dry rub, marinade, or brine. This recipe has both a brine (which not only amends flavor, but tenderizes), but an after-cooking dollop of delicious Sweet Slaw. Both of these recipes are in Tenderize the Wild, along with over 100 more.

PS: As written, this is for 4 tacos but can easily be doubled, tripled or more depending on how many birds you have on hand.

Goose Tacos with Sweet Slaw

Makes 4 tacos

The Brine Ingredients

36-48 hours ahead

1 cup thinly sliced duck or goose meat (about 8 ounces)

2 cups cold water

1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 tablespoon non-iodized salt

1 ½ teaspoons ground cumin

1 teaspoon chili powder

½ teaspoon dried leaf marjoram

½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

Mix brine ingredients in a re-sealable plastic bag. Shake it up to dissolve the dry ingredients, add the goose slices, then place in the refrigerator 36-48 hours.

Rest of the Ingredients

4 corn tortillas

2 tablespoons oil



Eileen with her geese
Photo Credits: Eileen Clarke

Preparation

2-3 hours ahead, combine all the ingredients of the Sweet Slaw below. Cover and chill until ready to use.

Cooking

1. Prepare the tortillas: Heat 4 hard corn tortillas, already folded, in the oven, or heat a small amount of oil in a skillet over medium heat and lightly fry soft corn tortillas. Keep warm until you're ready to assemble the tacos.

2. Discard the brine and pour the goose slices into a sieve or colander and let them drain a few minutes. (Removing the excess brine liquid will let the meat brown more easily without having a pan full of gray foam.)

2. In a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the goose strips until both sides are lightly browned and transfer them to a large plate.

3. To assemble, divide the sautéed goose meat and sweet slaw among the tortillas and serve with cold cerveza.

Ingredients for the Sweet Slaw

Make the slaw 2 hours ahead so it can chill.

2 ½ cups prepared cole slaw mix (half a 14-ounce bag)

1 carrot, julienned (sliced thin and long like a mini French fry)

1 tablespoon dry mustard

½ teaspoon celery salt

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

3 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon mayonnaise

Combine all, cover and chill for at least 2-3 hours before serving.

Eileen Clarke was game cooking columnist for Field & Stream and Successful Hunter for many years, and has written a dozen wild game cookbooks. They're available at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273. Tenderize the Wild, 208 pages, color photos, spiral bound, over 100 recipes for wild game.