

Tow-Mater Truck Heads Up the Ghost Stroll



Canyon Ferry Mansion Tow-Mater truck guards Ghost Stroll Way, along with Carter Sommer and Sam Smith. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Lyn Zeadow and family show off AdaZ Concrete business. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Rotary members get into the action at their haunted house. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Jesse Chappell and Tanya Klinkenborg show off their two-year-old purebred Great Dane named Murfee. Murfee is dressed as a spider. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Mad Scientist JB Howick of Townsend Hardware entices a boy to play a game of chance at the Ghost Stroll on Thursday. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

There it was: a 1955 Chevy truck parked on Broadway Halloween night all decked out with eyes for windows. According to Eric Sommers, his father-in-law Gerald Knutsen bought the heavy-duty tow truck 18 years ago and named it Tow-Mater, after the truck in the imaginary town of Radiator Springs featured in the animated movie "Cars".

The tow truck was not the only well-done attraction at the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Ghost Stroll. Laura Knaff and family installed a Candyland booth outfitted with not only the game but lots of candy. Rotary goblins manned a haunted house. Mad Scientist JB Howick coaxed children to try their hand at games of chance.

Chamber Chairwoman Jenni Fellenz was pleased with how many families turned out for treats. She thanks all the businesses who took part in the festivities.

Czek Photojournalist Presents Ukrainian Atrocities

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Photojournalist and nonprofit organizer Marketa Vorel spoke last Wednesday to a group of twenty at the Community Room. She was in Townsend by way of a long route via her trips to investigate war crimes in Ukraine. Rancher John Ingalls had read her book "Night Train to Odessa" so he decided to see if she would come to Townsend to speak. She did. Vorel, born in Czechoslovakia, emigrated to the United States when she was 14. She and her sister and parents escaped her home country by way of a rowboat through the Adriatic Sea, lived in a refugee camp, and then were awarded asylum by the United States government in 1984. They lived in Houston and finally ended up in Anacortes, Washington in 1985. In her early fifties, she has her own law practice, speaks perfect English and is married to a former F18 fighter pilot. Her daughter studies at the University of Montana in Missoula. When Vorel saw the atrocities happening in Ukraine on the news, she felt compelled to do something. That was 2023. She had lived under Russian oppression, so

she felt very strongly about war crimes committed by Russian soldiers. She connected with the U.S. Maidan Association, a group that investigates war crimes in Ukraine. After a year of helping with investigations, Vorel decided in 2024 to establish the Sunflower F.U.N.D. to send humanitarian aid to Ukrainian refugees. Vorel's video presentation made three vividly horrifying points: photos of bombed-out buildings with children's teddy bears and toys in the foreground; family photo albums lying in the ruins of bomb shelters specifically bombed to target civilian populations and most poignant, the haggard face of a farmer explaining how he plans to clear his land of anti-tank mines. As Russian armies moved out of his land, they planted anti-tank mines every 10 feet in a pattern. Interspersed they planted anti-personnel mines. What mine would not blow up, the next mine would, if stepped on, Vorel explained: "His chances of being blown up did not deter him. He was determined to replant his fields so he could help feed himself and his countrymen. 'Girlie, what else do I have to be afraid of?'" Vorel's statistics showed that 20 percent of agricultural land is still occupied by Russian troops, and billions of dollars of farm equipment has been destroyed by glide bombs. Vorel's nonprofit, the Sunflower F.U.N.D raised \$200,000 in 18 months with which she and her team have supplied livestock to Ukrainian farmers and built shelters and schools. "We all have a stake in this war. We are not helpless as individuals," she said as she encouraged the group to donate. Rotarian Pat Plantenberg commented that Rotary International had contributed \$ 15 million to the country. Ingalls and Plantenberg sponsored the speaker. The Sunflower F.U.N.D.'s website is www.sunflower-fund.org. Donations may also be sent to P.O. Box 13, Anacortes, WA 98221.



Photojournalist and nonprofit organizer Marketa Vorel at her presentation in the Library Community Room Wednesday. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

County Opts in to State Program for Down Payment Assistance

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



Broadwater County Commissioners approved a resolution Oct. 30 opting-in to the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan (MCRP) and naming Housing Authority Billings (HAB) as the county's Community Resource Organization to administer a down payment assistance to Broadwater County homebuyers. MCRP is a state program created by the 2023 Legislature which will distribute \$50 million to counties in the coming year to help them improve the ability of middle-income homebuyers to purchase a home. Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor, who presented the resolution, said approximately \$170,000 would be available to successful applicants for the program. Mark Taylor, speaking on behalf of HAB, noted that the program requires that state money for the program be matched by other funding sources. HAB has already secured those funds from private investors, requiring no funding from Broadwater County. Taylor explained that the program's \$50 million funding pool, authorized under HB 819, will be distributed to participating counties based on each county's gross domestic product. The bill's sponsor, Paul Green of Big Horn County, Taylor said, felt "It was important that the state's small counties be left behind." Under MCRP, successful applicants would have a 30 percent down payment to purchase a home, with mortgage costs capped at 30 percent of household income. However, the purchaser would only receive up to 1 percent equity in the home for each year they reside there. HAB is currently working with banks to develop a mortgage product that will meet HB 819's requirements, Taylor said. He said he expects that the program will be ready to accept applications in the first three months of 2025, with a community engagement campaign planned when everything is in place. In the meantime, HAB is reaching out to counties, local development organizations, and Chambers of Commerce for input on what is needed on the ground. Taylor also said that the down payment assistance program is only the first phase of a longer-term program to improve home affordability, with future phases looking towards employers in the community. "This is a really exciting way for new homeowners to get into a home," Commissioner Debi Randolph said.

Election Results, 2024

Broadwater County Ballot Results

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Constitutional Initiative No. 126	For Attorney General Ben Alke 998 Austin Knudsen 3,671
Votes For 1,769 Votes Against 2,890	State Auditor James Brown 3,754 John Repke 873
Constitutional Initiative No. 127	State Superintendent of Public Instruction Susie Hedalen 3,700 Shannon O'Brien 948
Votes For 1,399 Votes Against 3,172	Public Service Commissioner District 3 Jeff Welborn 3,724 Leonard "Lenny" Williams 853
Constitutional Initiative No. 128	Clerk of the Supreme Court Erin Farris-Olsen 906 Bowen Greenwood 3,495 Roger Roots 201
Votes For 2,042 Votes Against 2,649	Supreme Court Chief Justice Jeremiah Lynch 1,415 Cory Swanson 3,049 Supreme Court Justice #3 Katherine Bidegaray 1,760 Dan Wilson 2,486
General Election	District Court Judge District 1, Dept. 1 Retain Judge Mike Menahan Yes 3,238 No 979
For President and Vice President	District Court Judge District Judge 1, Dept. 2 Retain Michael F. McMahon Yes 3,354 No 829
Donald J. Trump, JD Vance 3,724 Kamala Harris, Tim Walz 877 Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Nicole Shanahan 105 Chase Oliver, Mike Ter Maat 30 Jill Stein, Rudolph Ware 18	State Senator District 39 E. Wylie Galt 3,644 Bruce Shultz 955
For United States Senator	State Representative District 77 Jeremiah Dawson 915 Jane Gillette 3,686
Jon Tester 1,207 Tim Sheehy 3,462 Sid Daoud 80 Robert Barb 36	Clerk of the District Court Kelsi Anderson 1,646 Audrey Plymale 2,640
United States Representative 2nd Congressional District	County Commissioner Darrel Folkvord 1,922 Jesse Swenson 2,358
Troy Downing 3,789 John B. Driscoll 877	
Governor and Lt. Governor	
Ryan Busse, Raph Graybill 922 Greg Gianforte, Kristen Juras 3,679 Kaiser Leib, Matt Campbell 141	
For Secretary of State	
Christi Jacobsen 3,799 John Lamb 142 Jess James Mullen 753	

Swenson Apparent Winner of County Commissioner Seat

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Jesse Swenson, new County Commissioner for District 3. Photo Provided

In a surprise upset, Candidate for County Commissioner District 3 Jesse Swenson, 37, is showing a total of 55% of votes by Tuesday night's counting, over incumbent Darrel Folkvord, 65. Elections Officer Angie Paulsen reported an unofficial result of Swenson's votes at 2358. Folkvord's votes showed 1922.

Swenson, a new face in Broadwater County politics is a land surveyor with Schauber and Associates. He has campaigned on bringing a new voice to government and promoting new growth in the county. He has served on several boards and has been area chairman of Ducks Unlimited since 2017.

Folkvord, entering his second term as commissioner, has promoted his last six years' experience to his success in reaching out to residents about issues that affect them. He felt he would be a good Broadwater County representative testifying at the next legislative session on such issues as property taxes, water rights and subdivision regulations.

Superintendent Susie Hedalen Leading to Win OPI Position

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Superintendent Susie Hedalen Photos Provided

Townsend School Superintendent Susie Hedalen, 40, is the apparent winner for the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Superintendent position. The Montana Secretary of State's office showed Republican Hedalen ahead of her opponent, Missoula legislator and Democrat Shannon O'Brien, 55, by 18% Tuesday night.

The two veteran public school educators forged a race based on who had more experience in running the office which serves more than 400 public schools and 148,500 students across Montana.

This was Hedalen's first bid for public office. She built her campaign on her 20-year career working as a teacher or administrator in many of Montana's rural schools. She had worked as Deputy Superintendent for OPI and currently sits on the Montana Board of Public Education. Her challenge will be to rein in the poor choices made during Superintendent Elsi Arntzen's administration without further disrupting the current staff. She will deal with current low salaries for new teachers, which hurts schools trying to attract good educators and the vagaries of the 4-day school week in Montana schools. With her experience in working in the office, she feels she can make a difference quickly. "I know the work. I know the job and I can hit the ground running," she said.



Missoula Legislator Shannon O'Brien Photos Provided

O'Brien who had little experience teaching in Montana schools, touted her experience working across the aisles in the State Legislature to obtain funding for education through her work on the education and finance committees. She is very familiar with the work to overhaul the complicated calculation of the Average Number of Pupils Belonging, which determines funding based on attendance and enrollment. This issue is particularly interesting to Broadwater County taxpayers since many county students attend schools in East Helena and Three Forks districts.

O'Brien who is in her second legislative session as representative from Missoula's Senate District 46, said in a Montana Free Press interview she had planned to obtain funds for higher wages for teachers and for their retirement. Her plan was to emphasize early childhood education and to return the office to be a "respected agency that is responsive to school administrators, teachers and parents."

Montana Free Press Source

Voters Choose Plymale for Clerk of District Court

MT43 News Reporter



Audrey Plymale wins Clerk of District Court position. Photo Provided

Veteran Chief Deputy County Clerk of Court Audrey Plymale, 63, is coasting to an easy victory over her opponent Kelsi Anderson, 37, for Broadwater County Clerk of Court. Both women are long-time county residents and have worked in court jobs for some time. In Plymale's case, she has been Deputy for 20 years. Plymale is showing unofficial 61% with Anderson posting a 38% percentage Tuesday

night according to Montana Secretary of State's tally. The final count was tallied by Elections Administrator, Angie Paulsen after this paper goes to press.

Plymale took the opportunity to run for the office when her boss, Valerie Hornsveld decided to retire in December of this year. Plymale said she felt her experience working with judges, lawyers and individuals of the public would be valuable in filling the Clerk of Court position. Plymale, born in Butte, lives on a ranch on the east side of Canyon Ferry Lake with her husband of 39 years William.

Anderson is currently the clerk of Broadwater Justice Court, working for Judge Kirk Flynn. She graduated from Broadwater High School and began her advanced education online for a certificate in criminal justice. She had planned to concentrate on running an efficient office, maintaining accurate financial records and improving communication with judges, prosecutors, the sheriff's office and others who need services.

Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson Ahead for Chief Justice Bid

MT43 News Staff Reporter



County Attorney Cory Swanson Photo Provided

Broadwater County Attorney, Cory Swanson in his first bid for office, is leading Judge Jeremiah Lynch in state-wide totals by 8% at this writing, according to Montana Secretary of State's office.

Swanson, a country lawyer with no experience as a judge, threw his hat in the ring with the hope of bringing a civil approach to the bench that is fair, unbiased and ready to promote harmony between the legislative and judiciary branches. He pushed back on the Republican legislature's recent attacks against the courts.

Swanson, 47, is in his third term as county attorney and has a long career in the Army National Guard, where he has reached the rank of colonel. He graduated from Carroll College and has a law degree from the University of Montana. He served as a deputy attorney general in the Department of Justice under Tim Fox.

The Secretary of State's office posted unofficial and incomplete totals which showed Swanson with 3,049 votes percent of the vote and Lynch 46 percent.

Lynch, 72, is a 13-year veteran of the courts when he retired in 2019. He was on the federal bench where he presided over the courts as a magistrate. He also worked as a mediator which he promised would help with his job in guiding the judicial branch. A candidate from Butte, Lynch ran because of the continuing disputes between the courts and the legislature. His campaign strategy has been to convince voters of the importance of independent courts protecting the Constitution.

Gillette, Galt Apparent Winners in Legislative House and Senate Races

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Representative Jane Gillette Photo Provided

Republican Jane Gillette appears to be victorious over her opponent for the House District 77 race, Democrat Jeremiah Dawson. Early reports show Gillette with 3,686 votes or 80 percent in Broadwater County. Dawson is standing at 915 votes.

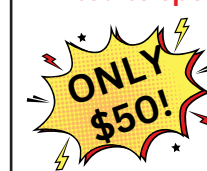
Gillette, a Broadwater County resident who lives near Three Forks, is completing her second term in the Legislature representing House District 64 which was phased out through reapportionment. She campaigned heavily in the county reaching out to rural and Townsend residents. She holds a doctoral degree in dentistry and served in the US Air Force.

Her ads touted her as conservative, pointing out she is a member of the legislature's strong Freedom Caucus. She replaces Julie Dooling who served as representative for Broadwater County in the reapportioned District 69.

In the State Senate race, for District 39 Republican E. Wylie Galt, White Sulphur Springs, with 3,644 votes won against Democrat Bruce Shultz with 79 percent of the county's votes. Shultz with 955 carried 21 percent of the votes.

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- Broadwater Senior Center: Service Available
- Townsend Cat Network: Cat of the Month

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Townsend Booster Club

Football:

Bulldog Football would like to recognize the efforts of our "behind the scenes" teammates. Senior managers, Maddie "Schritzy" Schritz and Anna Beatty have been our go-to for any & everything needed this season. Without complaint, they tackled every task required, from uniforms, filming, stats recording, game day equipment prep., and more. Freshman manager, Weston Harrigfeld, was indispensable at practice all week, keeping the team on time with the scoreboard and prepared with field equipment. During games, Weston recorded, on paper, every play call so our team could review and improve every week.

Volunteer trainer, Cindy Martinson, is a blessing for our team and school. She gave so much of her time, effort, money, and heart into the season for our boys. She made tough calls, lined out rehab treatments, and was ahead of injuries with her "pre-hab" requirements for the team. For all of the commitments made by all of these individuals and the success of the TEAM, we say thank you and we appreciate you! ~ WE ARE 43 ~



Managers Maddie "Schritzy" Schritz, Anna Beatty and Weston Harrigfeld Townsend Booster Club Photo

Cheer:

Karsyn Sangray - Karsyn is loud and proud when cheering for the Bulldogs. During this last, week at Districts, it was really hard to make the gym loud, but Karsyn made sure to bring her powerful voice and her positivity. She also is a super reliable back spot who makes stunts happen!



Karsyn Sangray Townsend Booster Club Photo

Volleyball:

Emmalin Fischer helped lead her team to a second-place finish at districts. Emmalin's ability to read the hitter allows her to be a defensive weapon. Over the course of the district tourney, she accumulated 86 digs and 5 aces.



Emmalin Fischer Townsend Booster Club Photo

TOWNSEND LOSES TO RED LODGE IN FIRST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS

Grady Erickson
MT43 News Sports Reporter



The Townsend Bulldogs came into their first-round playoff game ranked number 4 from the Southern B Division and took on the number 1 seeded Red Lodge Rams from the Eastern Division. The Bulldogs were hoping to pull off an upset win on a windy Saturday afternoon on Red Lodge's home turf field. It didn't happen

The Townsend defense started the game off strong with a Tavyn Anderson interception and a return to the 42-yard line. The Bulldog's offense couldn't capitalize on the turnover and had to punt the ball away to the Rams. The Bulldog defense continued its hot start with another interception by Colt Barnard. The Bulldog offense managed to get going after that and Marek Easter capped off the drive with a rushing touchdown to bring the score to 7-0 after the extra point. The Rams scored on their following possession on some strong running and brought the score to 6-7. The Bulldogs blocked the extra point to keep the lead. The next Bulldog drive was stopped when they turned the ball over on an unfortunate pick-six by the Rams. They were able to convert on the two-point conversion to take the lead 14-7. The Bulldogs continued to struggle throwing the ball in the strong winds and turned it over on another interception to end the first quarter.

The second quarter brought on more of the same tough running from the Rams which led to another rushing touchdown to bring the Red Lodge lead to 21-7. The Bulldogs put together a nice drive behind some good running by Marek Easter. The drive bogged down at the 32-yard line that led to a towering 42-yard field goal by Logan Johnson. The score after the field goal was 10-21 with Red Lodge maintaining the lead. The Bulldog's defense held strong on the next Rams possession and forced them to punt. Deegan Mattson aired out a long pass to Tavyn Anderson down to the 6-yard line on the next Bulldog drive. Marek Easter



Teams line up for Star Spangled Banner at Red Lodge football field last weekend. Grady Erickson, BHS Sports Reporter

punched in the 6-yard touchdown to bring the score to 17-21 after the good extra point. This is where the score stood at half-time with the Bulldogs right in the game.

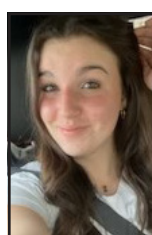
The third quarter found Red Lodge still running the ball effectively which led to another rushing touchdown to bring the score to 17-28. On their next possession, the Bulldogs unfortunately threw another interception in the blowing winds. It really was a struggle to get anything done through the air. The Bulldog defense managed to keep the Rams from moving the ball and the offense got the ball back looking to cut into the Rams lead at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter started with the Bulldogs failing to get anything going on offense and had to punt the ball back to Red Lodge. The Rams broke off a long 70-yard touchdown run to bring their lead to 35-17. The story of the day continued with the Bulldogs turning the ball over one more time to end any chances of a miraculous comeback. The final score was 17-35 with a Red Lodge win.

The Bulldogs had a good season overall, especially in the second half of the year. It was great to watch my fellow seniors finish out their season and stellar football careers at Broadwater County. I know that some of the seniors will get to play again in the future which makes Townsend proud. Go Dawgs!!!

Students Enjoy Game of Clue

Karsyn Sangray
Broadwater High School Student Intern



The Broadwater Student Council recently bought a package for a game of Clue that could be played throughout the high school. During the week of October 28 through October 31, the game of Clue took over the high school. Teachers Mrs. Flynn, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Patrick, and Mr. Thomas all participated in the announcements. They played the parts of their characters, in respect to the names above: Professor Plum, Mr. Peacock, Mr. White, and Colonel Mustard. Mrs. Heavrin played the part of the head detective and had conversations over the intercom with the school "Nighttime Butler" Wadsworth, who was voiced by Mrs. Bakkum. Each morning was started with one or two new riddles. Students were then given until lunch to think about it and put their answers in a box at the

office. The Student Council gave small bags of suckers to the winners. Jazel Ragen was the winner the first day. She said, "I thought it was really fun. It was a good way to entertain everyone throughout the week. I think they should do it again, a lot of people had fun with it. I made a truce with a few older people, and we all worked together to come up with answers for the riddles."



Junior Jazel Ragen solved the riddle for the first day of the game Clue. Karsyn Sangray, Photographer

Not only were small bags of candy handed out to the winners of the riddles, but they also had big prizes for the actual winners. There were two winners, one who was the closest to guessing what actually happened and whoever had the funniest explanation. The winners were announced at the end of Tuesday, November 5. Those who won were awarded with Deep Creek Pizza gift certificates and shirts made by the yearbook staff.

Upcoming for the Student Council is the State Conference. Billings, Laurel, and Lockwood are working together to put on the Montana Association of Student Councils (MASC) annual state meeting. Over three days, the student councils will gather to go over business, vote policies in, and get to know how other policies work in different student organizations. Broadwater is in District Three, which has places such as Drummond, Lima, and White Sulphur Springs. District Three members are excited to see each other. Most of them were friends from last year's state and district meetings. District President, Kate Dryan, from Capital High School in Helena, will lead the District portion of the meeting. The students look forward to meeting new people, doing the workshops, the dance, and having more tips on how to be better leaders in their lives.

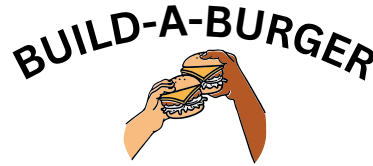
Townsend School District cordially invites you to a

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Monday, November 11th, at 8:30 A.M. in the high school stage gym


ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE PROGRAM, AND FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS.

American Legion Hosts Free Lunch for Veterans



American Legion Post 42 announced they will provide a free lunch on November 11, 2024, to celebrate Veteran's Day.

For more information contact: Janet Wagner 406-498-6951 | wagnerji@gmail.com



FAITH NIGHT

Exploring Cultures

What unites us as the human race?
What can other cultures teach us?

Mon. Nov. 18th
6:00-7:30 pm
Holy Cross Parish Center
Free Event

A special presentation by Judiann McNulty about her travels and work with various countries throughout the world.

Townsend School Calendar

NOVEMBER

Fri 8
NO SCHOOL
6:00pm- 8:00pm Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild

Mon 11
8:30AM All School Veterans Day Assembly @ Stage Gym **SEE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 3**
4:00pm MSGBB @ Three Forks
6:15pm Elkhorn Basketball Practice @ Elementary Gym

Tue 12:
4:00pm MSGBB @ Manhattan
5:30pm XC Banquet @ HS Lobby
6:00pm School Board Meeting @ Community Room
6:15pm Elkhorn Basketball Practice @ Elementary Gym

Wed 13:
6:00pm Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild
6:15pm Elkhorn Basketball Practice @ Elementary Gym
7:00pm Open Gym - Old -Baldy @ 1963 BHS Gym
7:30PM Pickleball-Old Baldy @ Stage GYM

Thu 14 - Sat 16
FFA Ag Expo @ Bozeman
State VB @ MSU Bozeman

Thu 14
6:15pm Elkhorn Basketball Practice @ Elementary Gym
7:00pm Artisan Breadmaking - Old Baldy @ FCCLA Classroom

Fri 15
NO SCHOOL
6:00pm Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild

Sun 17- Tue 19
State Student Council





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Three Forks School Calendar

NOVEMBER

Thu 7- Sat 9
HS Volleyball Divisionals - Colstrip

Mon 11
Picture Retakes
9:00am Veteran's Day Program - New Gym

Tue 12
NHS Blood Drive - Old Gym

Thu 14- Sat 16
HS Volleyball State @ MSU

Thu 14
12:20pm NHS MTG - Large Conference Room

Fri 15
Teacher Friday

Sat 16
4:30am Speech, Drama and Debate - Conrad



THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Friday 8
11:00am Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

Monday 11
Three Forks Public Library - CLOSED for Veterans Day

Tuesday 12
1:00pm Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg
5:15pm Three Forks Public Library - Library Board Meeting

Wednesday 13
5:30pm Bozeman Music Night with Brendan Nolan at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 14
10:30am Three Forks Public Library - Storytime
6:00pm Three Forks Music Night with Brendan Nolan at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 15
11:00am Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club



TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Nov- Tue 15
American Legion Riders Coat Drive- Bring Winter-wear to the Legion, Post 42, 211 Broadway

Nov- Sat 30
Dollar for Dollar Food Pantry Donation Raise **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**

Mon 4- Mon 11
Operation Green Light for Veterans- **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT- LET YOUR GREEN LIGHTS SHINE!**

Friday 8
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 9
5:00pm 2024 Ducks Unlimited Fundraiser Dinner at Watson's Event Center
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
7:00pm The Chosen **FREE** Movie Night with Popcorn and Snacks- 2d Sat Every Month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut

Sunday 10
1:00- 3:00PM Open House at 51 Valley Drive
SEE AD ON PAGE 13

Monday 11
8:30AM All School Veterans Day Assembly @ Stage Gym
SEE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 3
11:11AM Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Legion, 211 Broadway
12:00PM: American Legion Post 42 Hosts Veteran's Day
Free Lunch at American Legion Club
SEE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 3
6:00pm Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 12
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 13
9:00am Billings Clinic Transit Bus to Helena-2nd Wednesday Every Month at Billings Clinic
1:00pm Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42- 2nd Wed of Every Month- ****However, VSO OFFICER UNAVAILABLE THIS MONTH****
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

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Monday 18
6:00- 7:30PM **FREE** Meal & Event: Exploring Cultures at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut
SEE AD ON THIS PAGE AND READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 9
Wine Tasting at The Betsy, 217 Broadway **SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR TICKET INFO**



Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: November 20th, 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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Job Title: Clerk/Business Manager
Location: Townsend School District




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Administrative Assistant, Donna Cutshaw dcutshaw@townsend.k12.mt.us Phone: 406-441-3482

HELP WANTED: Broadwater County Part Time Site Attendant Job Opening



Broadwater County is soliciting qualified applicants to fill the position of a Part Time Site Attendant. The wage is \$13.75/hr. Applicants must have a valid Montana Driver's License and be able to pass a background check. Applications and a copy of the job description can be obtained on the county's website at www.broadwatercountymt.com under Job Openings at the bottom of the page. Resumes and complete applications can be mailed to Misty Masolo at 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to mmasolo@co.broadwater.mt.us. Please contact Misty Masolo at 406-266-9212 if you have any questions. Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

Employment Opportunity – Clerk and Recorder's Election Department



Broadwater County is currently seeking a highly motivated individual for a Full-Time Elections Assistant. The successful candidate must be able to manage and maintain the voter registration system in Broadwater County; assist Election Administrator in organizing and conducting elections in the County to comply with State election laws and statutes; assist in preparing and conducting training for seasonal staff and election judges; assist in setting up for all elections; conduct related work as required; work under the Election Administrator. Understanding of local government entities and experience in elections is preferred. Starting pay is \$19-19.50/hr., with an excellent health benefits package. Full job description and application may be picked up in the Clerk and Recorder Office at the Broadwater County Courthouse; 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644, or by emailing apaulsen@co.broadwater.mt.us. Resumes and other application materials can be sent to the same email. Position is open until filled. Broadwater County is an equal-opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.
Published 11/8/24 11/15/24

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BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Monday 11
2:00pm Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 12
10:00am Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)
1:00pm Planning Board Meeting
6:00pm Solid Waste Board

Wednesday 13
10:00am Commission Meeting
2:00pm Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday 14
5:15pm Fair Board Meeting
5:30pm Fair Board Meeting



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.

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

No. DV-4-2016-0000004-QT SOLSTICE SPIRIT, LTD. Plaintiff, vs. TROY FELLBAUM, and ALIAS SUMMONS FOR FLATHEAD BANK OF BIGFORK, PUBLICATION MONTANA, and THE STATE OF MONTANA and BROADWATER COUNTY, a political subdivision of the STATE OF MONTANA, and Each and all of the unknown owners of the real property or any portion thereof, described in the Complaint in this action, filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court; All of the heirs, devisees, successors or assigns of each of the unknown owners who may be deceased, if any; And all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint, or any portion thereof adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, whether such claim or possible claim be present or contingent, including any claim or possible claims of dower, inchoate or accrued, Defendants.

THE STATE OF MONTANA TO: TROY FELLBAUM, FLATHEAD BANK OF BIGFORK, MONTANA, AND THE ABOVE NAMED UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE SUMMONS OR ANY PART OF THE REAL PROPERTY, DEFENDANTS, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is now served upon you, and to file your written Answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after the last publication of this Summons, exclusive of the last date of publication; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Provided, pursuant to M.R.Civ.P. 12 (a), the state, or any state board or agency shall serve an answer to the complaint within 42 days after service upon the attorney general. You are required to set forth in your Answer what interest or lien, if any, you have in or upon that certain real property or any part of the real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana, particularly described as follows:

Lot 78 of Wheatland Meadows Subdivision, being a part of the East one-half (1/2) of Section 9, and part of the Northeast one-quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 16, all being situated in Township 2 North, Range 1 East, P.M.M., Broadwater County, Montana, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, Montana. (Plat ref: Bk. 2, Pg. 109 - Envelope 260-A). Reference: Document 168491, Records of Broadwater County, Montana.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you appear and answer, the Plaintiff will ask the

Court to enter Judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This is an action to quiet title and remove a cloud from the title of the real property described above.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of said Court, on October 17, 2024.

VALERIE HORNSVELD, Clerk of District Court By: /s/ Desiree Taves, Deputy Clerk of Court Published October 25, November 1 & 8, 2024 MNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application for Air Quality Permit (pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Open Burning), Broadwater County Solid Waste name of applicant(s)

Will file on or about date: November 10th - 16th, 2024 air quality open burning permit from the Air, Energy & Mining Division of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Applicant(s) seeks approval of its/their application to open burn [brief description of type of material to be burned] Branch/limb piles of debris

At 4 miles northwest of Townsend, Sec. 28, 7 north 1 east 4 miles northwest of Townsend, Sec. 28, 7 north 1 east [1] location of proposed operation including a narrative description related to nearby towns, roads, landmarks, etc., and 2) the section, township, and range]

Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to receive notice of the Department's determination, and the location where a copy of the application and the Department's analysis of it can be reviewed, or to submit comments on the application, must contact the Department at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, or phone (406) 444-3490.

Any comments on the application must be submitted to the Department within 20 days after publication of this notice or filing of the application, whichever is later. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application for a conditional open burning permit may be reviewed by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) according to the following procedure:

When the Department approves or denies the application for a conditional open burning permit under this section, a person who is jointly or severally adversely affected by this decision may request, within 15 days after we render our decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefor, a hearing before the Board. A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act.

The decision on the application is not final unless 15 days have elapsed and there is no request for a hearing under this section. The filing of a request for a hearing postpones the effective date of the Department's decision until the conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board. Published November 8, 2024 MNAXLP

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

Case No. DDV-24-56 Dept. No. Judge Abbott In the Matter of the Name Change for Rodolfo Orlamil Silva Rodolfo Orlamil Silva, Petitioner NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Rodolfo Orlamil Silva to Bezalel Naftali Silva.

The hearing will be on 11/22/24 at 10:30 am. The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Broadwater County. Date: October 15, 2024

Valerie J Hornsveld Clerk of District Courthouse Published October 25, November 1, 8 & 15 MNAXLP

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

CHARLES ROBERT MASOLO and GAY ANN MASOLO, TRUSTEES OF THE MASOLO FAMILY TRUST Plaintiffs, vs. NANCY STABLER; BROADWATER COUNTY; Each and all of the unknown owners of the real property or any portion thereof, described in the Complaint in this action, filed in the office of the Clerk of the above-entitled Court; All of the heirs, devisees, successors, or assigns of each of said unknown heirs who may be deceased; And all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent, Defendants.

Cause No. ADV-4-2024-44

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST OR LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED, OR ANY PART THEREOF:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in this action which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your Answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the purpose of quieting title to land situated in Broadwater County, Montana, and described as follows:

The Iron King and Great Western Quartz Lode Mining Claims, No. 10332, situated in Township 9 North, Range One 1 West, of M.P.M., Broadwater County, Montana.

Dated: 10/22/24 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT, Valerie Hornsveld Published November 1, 8 and 15, 2024 MNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Townsend Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, November 14, 2024, at City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a request for variances from the Townsend Municipal Code to allow encroachment of an addition to an existing structure into the required front yard setback on a single residential lot within the Medium Density Residential District.

RMDC Head Start, 503 North Pine Street, Townsend, MT 59644, pursuant to Section 12 "Board of Adjustment" of the Townsend Zoning Ordinance have requested the following variances:

Section 13.12.020.C.2.a (Front Yard Setback)- The Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 20-ft from all street frontages. The existing lot abuts North Pine Street on the east. A 20-ft setback is required from the property line on the east side. The applicant is proposing to construct an addition on the east side of the existing structure. The applicant is requesting a setback of 11-ft from the east lot line to the front of addition. The requested variance would allow for a reduction of 9-ft on front yard setback.

The property is located at 503 North Pine Street within the Medium Density Residential District. The property is legally described as Townsend Original Townsite, Block 50, Lot 29-30.

Maps and related data regarding this application may be reviewed by contacting Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street, Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962. Written comments may be directed to the Deputy City Clerk, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana 59644. Written comments must be received by November 14, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. Interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and make known their views and concerns on the proposed Variance application.

UPON REASONABLE NOTICE, THE CITY OF TOWNSEND WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE PERSONS WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK. Published November 1 and 8, 2024 MNAXLP

LEGAL NOTICE

Broadwater County is soliciting RFPs Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Disposal

The sealed bids will be accepted by the Broadwater County Public Works Department at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644. Proposal Due Date December 6th, 2024, by 4:00p.m. No late bids will be accepted.

Details can be found at http://www.broadwatercountymt.com under Public Notices. Published November 8, 15 and 22 MNALXP



November 1

Dee Gannon MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menahan's courtroom on Friday, November 1, 2024, is as follows:

Dustin Redfox appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to open container. He is under Federal probation, so, the Judge is suspending execution of the sentence for ten days. He receives \$100 fine. For the charge of theft of a motor vehicle, the sentence is deferred for 18 months.

Eric Turk had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to an amended charge of negligent endangerment and DUI (1st), and failure to engage turn signal. In his elocution, he stated that he was driving in Broadwater County when he had a BAC of 0.08 or more and did not slow down for emergency flag. He is sentenced to three days credit time served; he must complete an alcohol assessment and have a probationary driver's license. Ct. 1 comes with a suspended sentence of 112 months. He must pay \$610 fines and complete the 'Prime for Life' program. For ct. 2, he receives a six-month suspended Sentence.

Darcy Roerick appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to an amended charge of partner/family member assault. In her elocution, she stated that while in an argument with her husband, she threw a cell phone at her husband, as well as holding a knife during an argument later, causing reasonable fear of bodily injury. She received a suspended sentence of 18 months, as long as she pays a fine of \$300 (which needs to be paid within 4 months); six days of jail time, plus enroll in anger management. She must not consume alcohol or enter any casino. She must pay fees and surcharges of \$80.

Samuel Cooper had his Change of Plea continued until December 6, 2024.

Richard Karp had his Status Hearing continued until December 6, 2024.

Asad Khan Asks for Release from Supervision

Dee Gannon MT43 News Correspondent



On October 25, Asad Khan came before the Court, asking to be released from probation, citing that he has served eight years of a 12-year suspended sentence. He said it is very hard to support his family (both in Stockton, California and Pakistan) on the jobs he can get, while on probation.

On Monday, March 9, 2015, a semi-truck, driven by Asad Khan, Stockton, CA, was driving east on Highway 12, when it ventured into the oncoming lane of traffic near mile marker 57. The resulting head-on collision killed the driver of a pick-up, Gregory McFerrin, East Helena.

Friday, March 13, Khan appeared before Judge James P. Reynolds. Khan, 33, who is a Pakistani national, speaks and understands very little English, so an interpreter had to be found to ensure that his rights would not be violated and that he understood the charge and the penalty for that charge. Dr. Ruth Vanita, MSU, traveled from Missoula Friday morning to interpret Urdu, the language that Khan speaks.

According to court documents, Khan is charged with Negligent Homicide, which carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison, a fine of \$50,000, or both.

He received a Sentence of 12 years suspended at that time, from Judge James Reynolds (retired). He was able to go back to Stockton, where his immediate family lives, in order to begin a better life.

He has paid all fines and restitution to the McFerrin family: coming to court to have the rest of his sentence forgiven.

Judge Christopher Abbott (who replaced James Reynolds after retirement) agreed that the last four years of his sentence should be deferred...if Khan has a Petition to Revoke; he must serve four years at Montana State Prison.

Surrounding Community Newspapers

MT43 News Staff

We have copies of newspapers from around our area at our office that you can stop by and read.

- The Monitor (from Boulder), Choteau Acantha, Three Forks Voice, The Meagher County News, Whitehall Ledger

Regular business hours are 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

County Board Openings

Broadwater County Commission



Broadwater County has several board positions opening in 2025! The County needs and appreciates all our volunteer board members and encourages resident involvement.

The County is currently accepting letters of interest for positions on the following boards:

- Airport Board
- Broadwater Trust Board
- Tax Appeal Board
- Fair Board
- Museum Board
- Planning Board
- Noxious Weed Board
- County Parks & Recreation Board
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Each board position is a 3-year term. Letters of interest can be addressed to the board and submitted to dhansen@co.broadwater.mt.us by November 30, 2024.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk Broadwater County

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Susan Wesner, Toston: day speed \$120.00
- Bailey Whitehead, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Emily Ramirez, Libby: day speed \$120.00
- Jasmine Fife, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00
- Ashley Taylor, Eastend, SN: restricted speed \$65.00
- Justin Sebastian, Stockett: day speed \$70.00
- Justin Stanfill, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Rohith Ramineni, Bolingbrook, IL: night speed \$20.00
- Jacob Quinn, Clancy: day speed \$70.00
- Gina Piazzola, Sandpoint, ID: day speed \$20.00
- Chad Martin, Townsend: expired registration \$85.00
- Connor Lohss, Bozeman: truck interstate speed \$105.00
- Marley Keeble, Great Falls: day speed \$70.00
- Sean Hustad, Billings: day speed \$20.00
- Kia Frey, Townsend: night speed \$70.00
- Daniel Flynn, Belgrade: night speed \$70.00
- Julie Ellis, Helena: day speed \$200.00
- Brady Corn, Great Falls: night speed \$70.00
- Chase Clausen, Helena: night speed \$20.00
- Connor Bartleson, Missoula: day speed \$70.00
- Torrie Brennan, Helena: day speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

- Len Hadden – Missoula – operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, plead guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees; driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.
- Cael Sell – Townsend – careless driving, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$85.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Alive @ 25.
- Clayton Grewell Jr – Helena – driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.
- Brian Richard – East Helena – restricted speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$85.00 fine, enroll and complete Traffic school.
- Ty Peterson – Three Forks – reckless driving-1st offense, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Alive @ 25.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

- Zachary Sanders, Eagle, AK: fail to wear hunter orange while big game hunting \$55.00
- George Hodgson, Schuylerville, NY: violation of commission or depart. Order or rules \$135.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

- Kennon Perry – Whitehall – operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.
- Kely Krumenacker – Townsend – criminal trespass to property, plead guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Savanna Warden, Placerville, CA: night speed \$20.00
- Cassandra Mance, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
- Isabelle Linder, Helena: night speed \$70.00
- Julie Galinec, Townsend: day speed \$200.00
- Christopher Fanuzzi, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00
- Gail Blair, Townsend: No insurance-1st offense \$285.00
- Joel Ramirez, Great Falls: No insurance-1st offense \$285.00
- Restricted speed \$105.00
- David Lewis, Belgrade: night speed \$20.00
- Oleh Karpoc, Kent, WA: day speed \$120.00
- Aiden Johnson, East Helena: night speed \$70.00
- Franklin Schwartz, Butte: night speed \$20.00

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.

Monday, November 11, 2024

All County offices CLOSED in observance of Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

10:00 AM Working meeting in Commission Office with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Eliel Boundary Relocation exemption request (S2, T6N, R2E)

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Clark Boundary Relocation exemption request (S19, S20, T7N, R3E)

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Frazier Boundary Relocation exemption request (S10, T5N, R1W)

1:00 PM Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, in CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

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

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

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

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

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

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

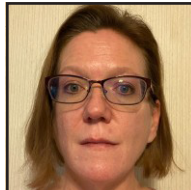
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website

- Planning Board Meeting on November 12th at 1:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on November 13th at 2:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on November 13th at 6:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on November 18th at 6:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on November 19th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on November 20th at 6:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on November 25th at 3:00 PM

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

County Under Budget as of Sept. 30

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki updated Broadwater County Commissioners on the county's fiscal performance for the first three months of Fiscal Year 2024-25 at their regular Oct. 30 meeting. The county established a new budgeting process for the current year.

"The good news is we're about 3.678 percent shy of what we expected for 25 percent expenditures," Jarocki said. "If this were to last for the whole year we'd end up with \$364,000 less spent. Which would be good because that would go against the \$83,000 we're taking out of the cash balance."

The county's budget for the current year is approximately \$15 million. About \$2.5 million of that total, 17 percent, comes from floating property tax mill levies, which are established by the commission under state guidelines.

"Our county does very well with the very small amount of property taxes we raise for ourselves," Jarocki said. "The property tax component of this is very light."

Jarocki and individual commissioners have met with the heads of the county's 25 departments about budget performance. "The performance to date is great," Jarocki said.



Election Day



Election Day was November 5th, and I was preparing to cast my first vote. This milestone had me grappling with a mix of emotions about the election process and the candidates. While some choose not to vote and others are swayed by media narratives, I believe that each of us votes for the candidates we think will best lead our country. Although I don't consider myself an expert, I want to share my journey and insights in hopes they may help others navigate their own voting experiences in the future.

At first glance, the frequent attacks on Trump—the assassination attempts and calls for his prosecution—might push voters in a particular direction. However, the country has become increasingly radicalized, often prioritizing power over the interests of the people, leading me to believe that there is more to it than what may be seen at first glance.

As I explored deeper, I shifted my focus to the numbers and policies that align with my values. I considered crucial issues such as inflation, crime rates, and the impacts of border regulation and trade agreements. After researching, I found a more stable picture during Trump's administration, prompting me toward the candidate supporting the best administration and progression for the country.

I am interested in candidates who advocate for gun rights, uphold anti-abortion stances, and demonstrate strong support for our military and veterans. On the issue of abortion, I hold a firm belief that it should be completely outlawed. While neither Trump nor Kamala Harris aligns perfectly with my views, their positions differ significantly. For instance, Kamala has opposed measures like the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act of 2002, which aims to protect infants born after failed abortions. In contrast, Trump has expressed a desire to limit abortion and grant states more authority in regulating the issue, which I see as a step toward a more balanced approach.

Ultimately, I have decided to vote for Donald Trump after careful consideration. As we look for future leaders—whether presidents, congresspeople, or judges—it's essential to look beyond mainstream narratives. We must choose candidates who can guide our country, state, or community toward a better future. I hope that voters will prioritize informed decision-making over media displays, seeking leaders who genuinely strive to enhance the well-being of our nation. I encourage you to never vote based on what is said about others, but on what the facts hold.

Mikayla Kraft



"If you are ashamed to stand by your colors, you had better seek another flag."
—Author Unknown

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Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 11/08	Sat 11/09	Sun 11/10	Mon 11/11	Tue 11/12
Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Light Wintry Mix	Light Wintry Mix	Light Snow
50° 34°	48° 36°	44° 33°	44° 33°	38° 30°
0% ⇒ 6 12 mph	0% ⇒ 7 14 mph	24% ⇒ 10 18 mph	0 in ⇒ 13 22 mph	0 in ⇒ 9 15 mph

Precipitation:

June: 0.968" September: 3.637"
 July: 0.040" October: 0.174"
 August: 0.402" November: 0.008"
 2023: 13.669" 2024: 10.832"

Super Crossword

ELEMENTAL EXPANSION

ACROSS

1 Legal aide, e.g.: Abbr.
 5 Livestock pen
 11 Legal aide, for short
 15 "Moneytalks" rock band
 19 Arena area
 20 Edenic locale
 21 "... — it just me?"
 22 Dutch South African
 23 "Help yourself," elementally?
 26 Be jealous of
 27 Liqueur akin to sambuca
 28 Dessert, to a Brit
 30 Bro's sibling
 31 Whitewater transports
 32 About to receive something special, elementally?
 37 Afflictions
 39 Madison Ave. products
 40 Canon camera line
 41 Vital vessel
 42 Detective Briscoe on "Law & Order"
 45 Brooks

47 Unpaved road surface
 48 Ontarians' national anthem, elementally?
 50 Bullring cheer
 52 Rx requests
 53 N-R linkup
 54 Cyclotron bit
 55 Upgrade electrically
 58 Committing a basketball infraction
 61 "Not gonna happen," elementally?
 68 Without requiring me to change
 69 Like Columbus, by birth
 70 Weird sort
 71 1998 Spike Lee film, elementally?
 74 Copious, as sweating
 76 Declared it to be true
 77 Pair
 78 — Tin Tin
 79 Ancient Cuzco citizen
 83 ICU staffers
 84 Bill Clinton's veep, elementally?
 90 Like many big grins
 92 Absorb, as spilled ink or gravy
 93 Collect
 94 Skylit lobbies
 95 "— tree falls in the forest ..."
 97 Lass
 98 Surrender, in a way
 99 Puccini opera, elementally?
 103 French painter Edgar
 107 ThinkPad's original co.
 108 Like LeBron James, a record 18 times
 109 Estrange
 111 Baldwin of "It's Complicated"
 113 "You have my word," elementally?
 117 Not far from
 118 Pizza cooker
 119 Insect stages
 120 TV's — May Clampett
 121 Port in Norway
 122 Cruel Roman emperor
 123 Smiles evilly

124 "The Thin Man" dog
 DOWN
 1 Being tried, legally
 2 Tuscan tourist city
 3 Letter stroke
 4 Meeting secretly, in a way
 5 Extremist sect
 6 Ear ailment
 7 French city
 8 Stat of engine speed
 9 Intend (to)
 10 Put down
 11 Low seats with no backs
 12 Rejoinder to "Am not!"
 13 Alarm clock headers
 14 "Ad — per aspera"
 15 Civil War prez
 16 Utilize sparingly
 17 Strayed off course
 18 Ice needles, e.g.
 24 Actress Caron
 25 Whale pod
 29 Asterisk
 33 "Rats!"
 34 Notion
 35 Didn't waste
 36 Gad about
 38 Colleague of Trotsky
 42 Spa scrubber
 43 Unearth
 44 Sedating Vicks product
 45 With 67-Down, kitchen tool
 46 Hoopster — Abdul-Jabbar
 47 Kid's "cootie"
 49 Gear piece
 50 Injury, to a tot
 51 Lucy of "Elementary"
 56 Besides that
 57 Brand of shoes and leather goods
 59 Chou En-
 60 Don of talk radio
 61 Ensnarers
 62 Shot — (ice hockey stat)
 63 Snake type
 64 Dog sound
 65 Cell with an axon
 66 Thirst for
 67 See 45-Down
 69 Thor and Loki
 72 Miss Poppins
 73 Gimlet liquor
 74 "Poultry in motion," e.g.
 75 Red cosmetic
 77 Brief swim
 79 Language of Rome, to its natives
 80 Prominent people
 81 Polenta base
 82 On the job
 85 Company ID
 86 Provo's state
 87 Equine hybrid
 88 Football great John
 89 Gunpowder or matcha
 91 "How funny"
 92 Toddler, in Turin
 95 Smitten romantically
 96 Financial backer
 98 Wine storage locale
 100 "March comes in like ..."

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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

6		9			1		
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3			1		5		
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		4		9			5
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	5				4		7

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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!

Labor
WASTE

Rattle
KEASH

Sincere
DARCON

Affection
EARTH

TODAY'S WORD

"My feet feel better, but now I've got a _____!"

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: X equals L

UE QCXW U ZQBXJ YDHDYKD
 NOD LMJ DEEDZKN NOMN MRUCR
 UK OMHUCR QC FW LQJW. U'F
 EDDXUCR KQ WQBNOXDKK.

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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OUR WALK IN FAITH

Elkhorn Community Fellowship
 126 N Cedar St. Townsend
 Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades
 | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

Faith Baptist Church
 5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
 Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219
Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church
 101 S Walnut St. Townsend
 Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
 email: office@holycrossmt.org
Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
 Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)
 110 E Street Townsend
 Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895
 MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study
 Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
 Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church
 7 Main St. Radersburg
 Pastor Richard Summerlin (406) 410-0458
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship
 318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163

Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 200 N Cedar St. Townsend
 Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod
 301 N Cherry St. Townsend
 Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911
 Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon
 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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Mashed Potatoes	Whole Grain Bread
Sliced Beets	Sweet Peaches
Dinner Salad with Beans	Dessert
Whole Grain Bread	Friday, November 15
Apricots	Roast Beef Dinner
Wednesday, November 13	Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Chicken ALA King	Key Largo Vegetables
	Whole Grain Bread
	Fruit Cocktail

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Common Sense
 BY BILL GARWOOD

This Will Be After The Fact...

This is going out after all the Election craziness, so I am literally a voice from the past. Wow, serious Strangeness

ALL these people running for one office or another are plain old human beings. I don't mean to scare you, but they are "possibly" a bit more knowledgeable about the world than us....Possibly. Then again, they also "mostly" came from the same type of backgrounds that we have, yes some of these folks are from rich, or well-to-do families. Many started out the same ways we did, meaning: Before they went to schools of "higher learning" such as colleges and specialty schools (law schools, medical schools etc.) they went to Elementary School, Jr. High (I refuse to say "Middle School") and High School. Unfortunately, it seems they never grew out of wanting to get back at regular people who tormented them. What better way to hurt folks from your past than to RULE them!

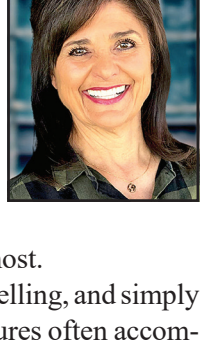
Those who have gotten into positions of power, like it. Unless they are grounded in good Christian values, many of them can be warped into twisted evil people. I'm not talking about religion; I'm talking about God. Basic Christian learning and values can be a blessing to so many people. Basic family and community values help us to keep on the straight and narrow path to becoming good people. Sounds simple, doesn't it? It isn't! You have heard it said: "Money is the root of all evil!" (I know most all of us think, "Yeah, well, let me get a few million dollars and I'll be a great guy".) Maybe, but it seems that the more money we throw at politicians, the more they want.

You can not even run for any "Federal" office unless you have millions of dollars anymore. Old Abe Lincoln wouldn't even make it in the front door in this day and age. Sad...ALL the politicians / public servants NEED to remember where they came from and what their parents are still going through. IF you remember your history, our Senators, and Congress people were NEVER supposed to live in Washington D.C. They were to travel there for voting and bringing the message from THEIR state people about what THEY wanted done in Washington! NOT vote on whatever their parties thought would be good to line their own pockets.

A few years ago, one Congressman started sleeping on the couch in his congressional office, saying "I can't live on the Government salary of ONLY \$170,000. a month, here in D.C." Whoa, slow down there Sparky, go back to your state and see how your people are living. You know, most every state has Military posts with plenty of barracks rooms available that would be a great place to "house" all our Federal civil servants, eh?

Thanksgiving- A Time of Togetherness

Ellie West
 Certified Master Practitioner of NLP, Time Line Therapy, and Hypnosis



It's November, and Thanksgiving week is just around the corner, a time that holds a special place in my heart as my favorite holiday to host.

It's a season of connection, storytelling, and simply being together—free from the pressures often accompanying other gatherings.

I can already feel the nostalgic warmth of family traditions, from the savory aroma of turkey to the sweet scent of desserts baking in the oven—even that beloved Costco pumpkin pie!

As I envision our granddaughters joyfully running through the house, their laughter filling every corner, I'm reminded of the deep joy that comes from these cherished moments.

However, it's essential to acknowledge that this season can bring challenges for some, especially as families come together.

For many, the holidays can highlight past

hurts—unresolved wounds, separations, or even grief. Memories of harsh words or family dysfunction can overshadow the joy we strive to cultivate.

It's essential to recognize this reality and approach our gatherings with sensitivity.

During this time, it's natural to find specific family dynamics challenging. Yet, how we choose to focus our thoughts can profoundly impact our relationships. Instead of dwelling on flaws, let's strive to see the hearts of our loved ones—hearts that, like ours, long for affirmation, worth, and unconditional love.

Let's embrace the courage to release bitterness, burdens, disappointments, and irritations. This season, let us focus on healing, compassion, and kindness. It's not always easy, but the effort to love others as we are loved is a beautiful journey.

Philippians 4:8 (TPT) encourages us: "Keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every wondrous work of God, praising him always." In this spirit, let us consciously reject negative, resentful thoughts and instead cultivate a mindset of gratitude and grace.

As you gather around the table, seek and extend forgiveness and assume the best in one another. What do you see when you look at others? Let's shine a light on the goodness within our families and ourselves.

My hope and prayer for you this Thanksgiving is that you will embrace the beauty of the season by focusing on the positive and letting go of the past. After all, "Dwelling on your problems doesn't fix them; it just makes you an expert at them." ~ Tommy Newberry.

This Thanksgiving, let us consciously create a space of warmth and understanding. Reach out to a family member, share a story that brings joy, or simply offer a smile. Together, let's choose to uplift one another, focusing on love and gratitude.

Remember to take a moment to reflect on what you're thankful for—both in yourself and in those around you. Let's carry this spirit of compassion beyond the holiday, nurturing our relationships throughout the year.

Join me in embracing this beautiful season, which offers the opportunity to heal and celebrate the gift of family. May this beautiful season be filled with warmth, love, and the spirit of connection.

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Faith Night: Exploring Cultures

Fr. Cody Williams

Did you know that in Australia Santa wears a swimsuit and has a surfboard? Do you know why?

Did you know that on the African continent over 3000 languages are spoken? How and why do you think that happened?

Each culture has its own practices that make it unique. In some cultures, eating snails, holding week-long wedding celebrations, taking your shoes off before entering a house, and carrying loads on your head are normal. The amount of food you eat could tell the host whether you liked or disliked the food whereas in other cultures you are expected to eat everything. These differences show the incredible differences and similarities across the people of the world and the joy of experiencing the human family in a new way.

The various cultures of the world are one of the incredible gifts of humanity. Each culture with its traditions, languages, and views of the world and ways of doing things adds color and depth to the human experience. The joy of experiencing another culture or learning another language is to see the world from a different perspective broadening our understanding of the world. We can experience a new way of doing the same thing or find a greater appreciation for our own culture. Regardless, culture helps us understand who we are, guides us to find family and fellowship, aids us in understanding the world around us, and gives us a sense of our origins and family.

This month for Faith Night we will be exploring the topic of culture by exploring cultures throughout the world. Judiann McNulty will give a presentation on her cross-cultural experiences from her many trips living and working in various countries.

Judiann's interest in other places and cultures was stimulated by her history and geography teachers at Broadwater County High School. She started her overseas career with a 4-H exchange trip to Poland and then went to Guatemala where she spent ten years, most of that time at the Diocese of Helena mission. This led to work with international organizations promoting better health and nutrition for women and children in 30 countries.

The night begins at 6 pm on Monday, November 18th with a free dinner. Then Judiann will give her presentation about her travels and work with other countries and cultures. We will end the night with an activity to explore and appreciate different cultures.

DPHHS, OPI Begin Issuing Summer EBT Program Cards

Jon Ebel
DPHHS



More than 75,000 Montana children are expected to receive benefits from the food assistance program.

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Director

Charlie Brereton and Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Superintendent Elsie Arntzen today announced the launch of a new Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT) program, with more than \$9 million in funding reaching qualified families.

"The Summer EBT program helps ensure low-income Montana children have access to healthy and nutritious food, and we appreciate the partnership with OPI to help make this program a reality for communities across our state," Dir. Brereton said.

Families who qualify for Summer EBT will receive a benefit amount of \$120 per child. Card issuance began this week by mail. Families will also receive client education materials and information about how the benefits can be utilized.

DPHHS officials emphasize Summer EBT is a new program for Montana. A list of stores that are accepting Summer EBT is available online on the OPI website. The retailer list will continue to be updated.

One card will be issued per household. The card may contain benefits for multiple children within the household.

"The Summer EBT program focuses on supporting our Montana students," Superintendent Arntzen said. "Montana is leading the nation through our innovative Direct Certification Program, which creates a more efficient process for families. I am thankful for the strong partnership between my agency and DPHHS."

Congress authorized Summer EBT as a permanent program on December 23, 2022, and Montana was among the first states to formally announce intent to participate.

The program provides grocery-buying benefits to low-income families with school-aged children during the summer months of June, July, and August, when schools are closed for the summer break. In this first year of the program, the benefits are being issued after summer with federal approval.

Benefits paid to families are 100% federally funded.

Usage will follow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program rules and benefits may only be used for in-person purchases of eligible items at participating retailers.

Summer EBT is for students who are eligible to receive free and reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) or directly certified.

Summer EBT is an evidence-based policy; research shows that providing families with summer grocery benefits reduces child hunger, supports healthier diets, and prevents adverse health outcomes.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) tested Summer EBT as a demonstration project in select states for several years. Research demonstrated that the program decreased the number of kids with very low food security by about one-third.

DPHHS and OPI share responsibilities for implementing Summer EBT, with DPHHS serving as the lead agency for federal purposes. OPI will manage the application process, validate eligibility, and handle client communications.

DPHHS will issue the EBT cards, manage card usage, investigate client fraud complaints, and oversee budget and program reporting to the USDA.

For more information about the Summer EBT program, visit Summer EBT (mt.gov). Interested Montanans can also call the program hotline at (406) 444-0044 or email S-EBT@mt.gov.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Paul Kroeger

On Thursday, October 17th, several men and women gathered together in Townsend at the Watson Event Center for an early morning breakfast and an opportunity to pray for their community. This was the 7th annual Townsend Mayor's

Prayer Breakfast. Mayor Vickie Rouser was in attendance. The mayor led off the group of speakers with a warm welcome to the twenty-six or so people who came out. Also, there were young people, representing the local 4H and FFA, who assisted with the breakfast service. The gathering that met on that Thursday morning had come together to fellowship, share a meal, and pray.

There were a few uplifting songs sung and then an encouraging keynote message given by pastor at large Steven Bostrom - who shared from the Gospel of Mathew, in chapter 24. Additionally, there were several others from the community who led prayers for America, the state of Montana, Broadwater County and Townsend.

As the holiday season this year quickly approaches, we can look back and be reminded of the earlier times in our nation's history when native people, settlers, and our founding fathers took time to gather in the Fall, to feast, fellowship and to pray. Just as they did, we too should gather in our community; and we should remember to give thanks to God, for all that He has given us, and ask for direction for our leaders, our families and even for the future generations of Montanans. This event is a great reminder for us all.

Stick with Scholarships

Cullen Gilbreath

Reach Higher Montana

Participating students can win one of six \$500 scholarships.

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - November is National Scholarship Month, and nonprofit Reach Higher Montana (RHM) is celebrating all month long with its annual Stick with Scholarships Campaign.

The campaign encourages all Montana high school students to place a student-designed Reach Higher Montana sticker on an appropriate surface, such as a water bottle or book cover, snap a photo, and upload it to woorise.com/reachhighermontana/stick-with-scholarships.

All participating students will be entered into a random drawing for one of six \$500 scholarships. "This is purposefully an easy scholarship application and it is really fun to see the creative photos that students make to enter," says Kelly Cresswell, RHM's Executive Director.

The stickers for this year's campaign are the winning designs from last spring's Design-A-Sticker, Win-A-Scholarship campaign coordinated by Reach Higher Montana. Students from Columbia Falls, Dillon, Eureka, Fairfield, Kalispell, Lima, Red Lodge, and Troy designed this year's stickers, each receiving a scholarship award for their efforts. The winning sticker designs were selected from more than 400 designs submitted by Montana students. All Montana high school counselors have received a supply of stickers to share with students, and anyone who did not receive a sticker can contact Reach Higher Montana to request more (info@reachhighermontana.org).

The Stick with Scholarships campaign is part of Reach Higher Montana's efforts to help students access resources to continue their education. The Reach Higher Montana website provides access to a list of hundreds of scholarships for Montana students, and the organization posts new scholarship opportunities on its Facebook and Instagram pages every Thursday. For more information, please visit Reach Higher Montana's website, www.ReachHigherMontana.org, or follow us on your social media outlet of choice.

AREA DEATH

Fatal Truck Accident on North Fork Road

MT43 News Staff Reporter

A Kennewick, Washington man died of injuries sustained in a truck rollover on a country road in Broadwater County Friday night.

Dakota Lipp, 25, and two passengers, ages 27, were coming down North Fork Road, attempting to turn left onto Lower North Fork Road. The county road is located off of Highway 12 East. His Chevy ZZZ truck missed the turn and rolled off the road, according to a Montana Highway Patrol report. The Broadwater County Sheriff's office, fire department and EMS were called to the scene where Lipp was declared deceased at 11:00 p.m. despite efforts to revive him.

The two passengers sustained minor injuries. In an official report from Sheriff Nick Rauser, both the Montana Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's office continue to investigate the accident.

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CryptoQuip

answer

If only I could reverse the bad effects that aging is having on my body. I'm feeling so youthless.

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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CUDDLING

SCRAMBLERS

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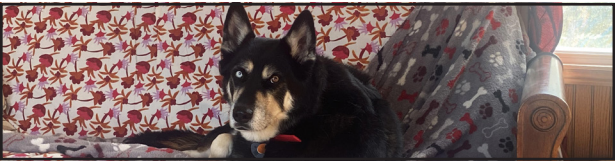
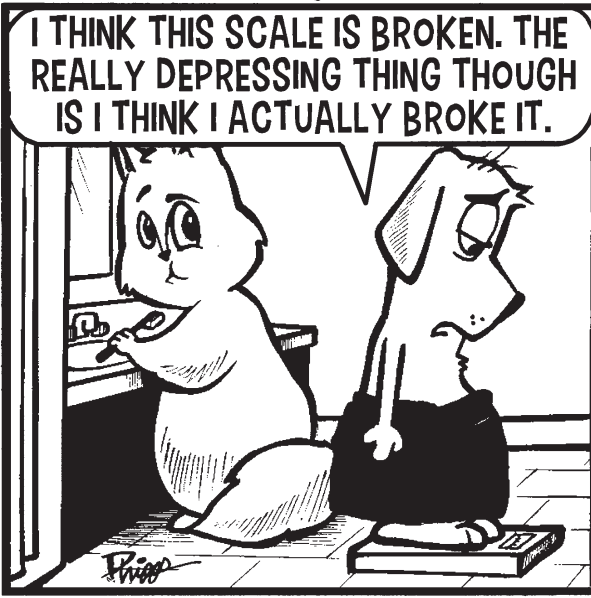
- 1 Grab a sticker from the sticker sheet. Check with your counselor.
- 2 Put it on something. (water bottle, notebook, laptop, etc.)
- 3 Take a picture.
- 4 Upload it here.

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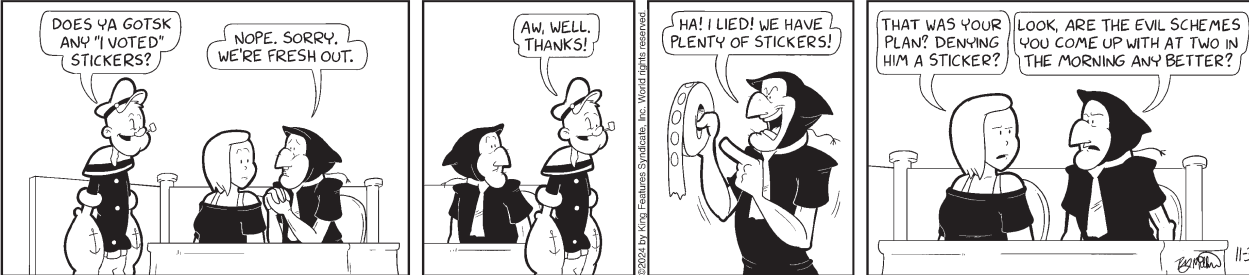
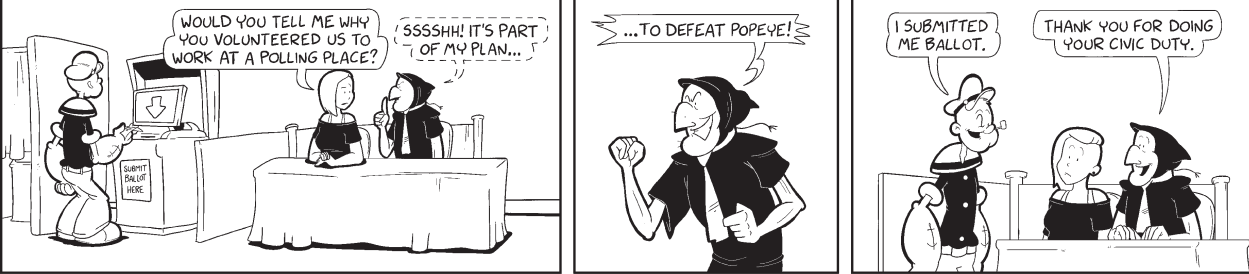
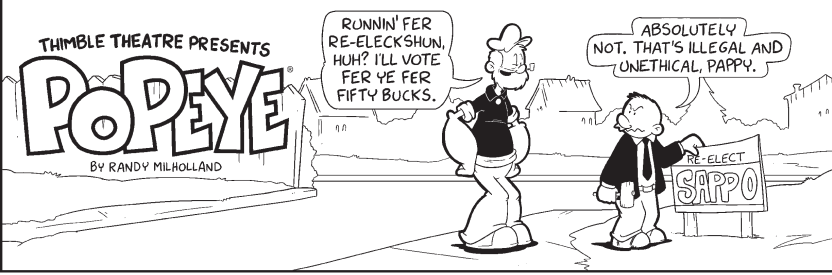
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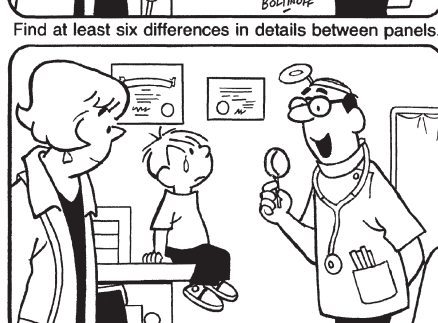


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Chicken Poo Bingo Fundraiser a Success

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension
Agent



Who has ever heard of such a thing as chicken poo bingo?! It's just as silly and fun as it sounds! The Broadwater County Social Service Committee (BCSSC) organized a Chicken Poo Bingo fundraising event during Fall Fest which raised over \$2,000 to support the organization. BCSSC traditionally held Cow Pie Bingo during the Fair, but some logistics made this challenging, so they transitioned to a chicken-based event during the fall.

Chicken Poo Bingo operates nearly identically to the cow version, although obviously with a different animal. Participants purchase tickets for a number on the bingo grid. If the chicken "poos" on that grid square, then the lucky ticket holder is the winner of the cash prize! Members and organizations of BCSSC sold tickets during and leading up to Fall Fest.

The actual chicken poo event took place on the Sunday of Fall Fest during the car show. It gathered quite a crowd and luckily the chickens didn't take long to do their business. The lucky winners of the \$150 jackpot were Sarah Holland and Joi Preston. Winners of the \$75 jackpot were Sheila Heavirland and Siobhan Flynn. Congratulations to the winners! Thank you for supporting BCSSC!

The mission of the Broadwater County Social Services Committee is to promote the well-being of all Broadwater County residents by assisting and developing programs that serve to build a healthy community. They hold monthly meetings that operate as a platform for local organizations to network and collaborate on projects. BCSSC also serves as 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor for several local organizations including the Townsend Farmers Market, Helping Hands and Christmas Connection.

Additionally, BSCCS is actively involved in many local projects and causes. They administer the Kids Count program, which provides school supplies and clothing to school-aged children in need. They also administer the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides free monthly books to children under the age of 5 who reside in the county. BSCCS also works closely with the United Way of the Lewis & Clark Area.

The fundraiser was also made possible thanks to the support of local sponsors which included: Townsend Lions Club, Opportunity Bank, CHanging C Mercantile, J Rock Jewelry, Lewis & Clark Public Health, Bunkhouse Bar & Grill, Townsend Tire, Helping Hands, Bread & Butter Café, The Copy Cup, Bob's Supermarket and Rocky Mountain Supply.

If you'd like to get involved with BSCCS or learn more about what is happening in the community in human services, the group meets the second Thursday of the month at noon in the back of the Mint. The president is LaTasha Wirtz, past president is Karen Noyes, the vice president is Allison Kosto, the secretary is Alex Larson and the treasurer is Jill Flynn. For more information, contact Jill Flynn at jflynn@townsend.k12.mt.us.

Governor's Youth Hunting Story Contest

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



To celebrate our hunting heritage in Montana, Gov. Greg Gianforte launched the third annual Youth Hunting Story Contest in August for Montana youth and apprentice hunters ages 10 to 17. The deadline to enter the contest is Monday, Dec. 2, 2024.

To enter the contest, hunters must submit a story of no more than 500 words and a photo from their 2024 hunt. Hunters must be Montana residents and licensed hunters or apprentice hunters between the ages of 10 and 17. Eligible entries include harvesting any legal game, furbearer animals or birds in Montana.

The governor will select 10 hunters, five aged 10 to 13 and five aged 14 to 17, and announce the winners in late December. The winners will be invited to the Capitol to celebrate with the governor and receive their prizes in January of the new year.

The 2024 contest's prize partners include Sitka, Stone Glacier, Kenetrek Boots, J2 Taxidermy, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Murdochs and the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association.

Learn more and enter at youthhunting.mt.gov.



The Cold-weather Comfort of Homemade Corn Chowder

Jon Bennion
Montana Free Press

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https://montanafreepress.org/2024/09/09/the-cold-weather-comfort-of-homemade-corn-chowder/?mc_cid=fab72c56ed&mc_eid=82c49a73c3



The one thing I love about the arrival of cooler weather is the return of comfort food. We tend to lean into richer, heartier dishes to warm our cores and bring back fond memories. In my opinion, there is no better recipe to inaugurate the arrival of cold temperatures than this corn chowder.

The star of the dish is in the name: corn. Montana may not be the corn capital of the country the same way the state dominates in wheat, barley and pulse crops, but we do have pockets that produce amazing maize. I remember one batch that came out of Park City that was so sweet and so crisp that it put all other corn to shame. Use fresh corn on the cob for this recipe if you have it, or a good frozen brand of your choice.

But the corn here has many co-stars that make this dish so memorable. The unsung hero of this dish is pork, and it comes at you in three tasty ways. First, sizzling chopped bacon brings some fat to the table for the eventual sautéing of the veggies. Second, a ham hock bathes in the broth to impart its smoky goodness throughout the chowder. And finally, I always crown the chowder with a sautéed sausage — a jalapeño cheddar version to spice it up, or a classic smoked sausage to accentuate the ham hock. The choice is yours.

A chowder wouldn't be complete without some hearty cubed potatoes, and this recipe doesn't disappoint in that department. There is also a chunky mirepoix (onion, celery, carrots) that not only provides foundational flavor but also adds texture and color. I'm telling you, this corn chowder has it all.

Make it for a football game, eat some when you get back from hunting in the great outdoors, or spend some time together as a family making new food traditions you'll remember with each passing year. I guarantee that if you make this recipe, it will properly launch your 2024 autumn.

CORN CHOWDER RECIPE

Serves: 4-5 people

- One medium onion, finely diced
- Two carrots, finely diced
- Two celery stalks, finely diced
- Two 14.5 ounce cans low sodium chicken broth
- 4 strips of bacon
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 small to medium russet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 3-4 cups of fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 1 smoked ham hock
- 2-3 links of a spicy or smoky sausage

Optional:

- One tablespoon of freshly chopped parsley
- Two freshly chopped green onions
- Celery leaves

Chop your bacon into 1/2-inch squares. Cook the bacon on medium-low heat in a large pot or Dutch oven to render the fat while you chop the veggies. Finely dice the onion, carrot and celery (the amount of celery and carrots combined should be close to the total amount of onion). Once the bacon has rendered, add the butter, the smoked ham hock, onion, celery and carrot. Sauté for about 15 minutes on medium-low heat, stirring occasionally.

Take your corn off the cob (or skip this step if you are using frozen). Add the two cans of chicken broth and scrape the browned bits off the surface of the pot or Dutch oven. Add the cleaned corn cobs in the pot if you are using fresh corn and bring the pot to a simmer.

Peel and dice your russet potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes. Add the potatoes to the pot and cook for about 15 minutes on a gentle simmer. Now add the corn and cook for about another 10 minutes. You can vigorously stir a bit to help a few of the potatoes break down and thicken the broth. While the potatoes and corn cook, sauté your sliced sausage in a pan.

Add the heavy cream. When your potatoes are soft but not mushy, turn off the heat. Remove the ham hock and corn cobs and add the optional parsley, celery leaves and green onion if you are using them. When you serve the chowder, top with the sautéed sausage slices.

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SIM-MT to Deliver Stroke Simulation Training at Billings Clinic Broadwater

Jamie Herzog
Simulation in Motion

Townsend, MT – November 15, 2024—Simulation in Motion Montana (SIM-MT) is set to conduct a critical stroke simulation training event at Billings Clinic Broadwater in Townsend, Montana. This hands-on training will equip healthcare providers with the vital skills and real-world experience necessary to assess and respond effectively to stroke cases, one of the most urgent medical emergencies and a leading cause of disability in the United States.

Through SIM-MT's mobile high-fidelity simulation lab, participants will encounter realistic stroke scenarios with lifelike mannequins that simulate symptoms and responses. This immersive training environment allows providers to practice rapid assessment, teamwork, and decision-making—skills crucial to reducing response time and improving patient outcomes in stroke situations. "Effective stroke response requires a well-coordinated

team approach and swift action," stated Lee Roberts, Program Director for SIM-MT. "Our simulation-based training offers providers an invaluable, safe environment to build and refine these life-saving skills before facing real emergencies."

This event underscores SIM-MT's mission to bring essential healthcare training directly to Montana's communities. By offering training that addresses common and high-stakes medical events, SIM-MT ensures that healthcare teams are fully prepared to deliver the highest standard of care for stroke patients and beyond. For more information on SIM-MT's simulation



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training programs or to schedule a training, please contact: Lee Roberts, Program Director, Simulation in Motion Montana- Email: lee@simmt.org | Phone: (406)-579-6580

MSF Partners with Montana Cattle Breed Associations for Cattle Drive

Keni Reese
Montana Stock Growers Communications Director



Montana Stockgrowers Association is a grassroots non-profit membership organization with over a 135-year history of advocating on behalf of Montana

cattle ranchers to ensure cattle ranching remains relevant, safe, and a sustainable way of life for generations to come.

MSF Partners with Montana Cattle Breed Associations for Cattle Drive Program

In its largest donation year to date, Montana Stockgrowers Foundation's (MSF's) Cattle Drive Program is upping the "steaks" by partnering with Montana breed associations to provide incentives for the quality cattle genetics raised by Montana producers. Montana Angus, Hereford, Red Angus and Simmental associations have pledged a combined \$20,000 in award money for the program.

This year, in addition to the carcass and gain data that donors receive as part of the program, they will also receive DNA parentage information on their steers. DNA samples will be taken of all donated steers and sent to a licensed testing facility. In cooperation with the breed associations, the parentage of the steer will be determined. If the steer is sired by a bull registered with one of the four participating breeds associations and places in the Cattle Drive contest, the donor stands to receive a financial award.

"We are excited for the breed associations to be partnering with us in this program. We believe this is going to elevate the program and highlight the quality genetics that we have right here in Montana," says Monty Lesh, co-chair of the Cattle Drive Committee.

MSF's Cattle Drive has 83 steers donated to the program this year. After being finished at Yellowstone Cattle Feeders in Shepherd, MT, steers will be sold to local restaurants, processors, and individuals, providing an entire pasture-to-plate process within the state of Montana. The money raised from the sales of these steers supports MSF's mission of investing in Montana's ranching community through education, leadership, and conservation.

Once steers are sold, average daily gain and carcass data are provided back to the donating producer. The top three in each category are recognized at Montana Stockgrowers Annual Convention and Trade Show in December. This year, for the first time in program history, an overall grand champion steer will be awarded based on placements within the categories.

For more information on this program or if you are interested in supporting the Montana Stockgrowers Foundation by purchasing a steer from this program, contact Heidi Kool at foundation@mtbeef.org.



In autumn, stop fertilizing your clivia plant, and place it in a cool room for about 6-8 weeks; this is essential for the flower buds to form. Water very sparingly until flower buds appear. Just as winter enters its bleakest stage, you will be rewarded with a bouquet of lovely bright-colored flowers. These plants bloom better when slightly "potbound." When the flowers fade, cut the stalk at its base to prevent seeding.

- Brenda Weaver

Sources: chicagobotanic.org, worldoffloweringplants.com, gardeningknowhow.com

ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA

Boulder Hot Springs



Boulder Hot Springs set back against the edge of the Peace Valley
Brenda Phillips Photo

Brenda Phillips



We have visited several hot springs in the area around Helena & Bozeman but neither of us had been to Boulder Hot Springs. So, this week's adventure took us to Boulder, MT. Just south of Boulder, set back against the mountains in the Peace Valley, you will find a Spanish Mission-looking building. We enjoyed our dip into the warm waters of the Boulder Hot Springs. It was a very low key and laid-back rustic atmosphere. Since the facility specializes in healthy, active living and luxury, Boulder Hot Springs has chosen to be an alcohol, drug and smoke-free environment. Compared to some of the Hot Springs we have been to, the absence of loud music, big crowds and alcohol was very relaxing for us. I wanted to know more of this historic oasis's history so I found this information on their website.

The Boulder Hot Springs has a long history that started back about 1863. It began as a saloon and bathhouse catering to local miners and ranchers who came here to soak, bathe, and enjoy the amenities. In 1881 the small hotel was enlarged to accommodate 50 people. In 1890, C.K. Kerrick of Minneapolis supervised the construction of a large addition to the old hotel structure, resulting in a Victorian hotel with a veranda surrounding the building. He renamed the hotel the Hotel May after his daughter.

The property changed hands several times after that, and in 1909, James A. Murray, a Butte millionaire miner and banker, purchased the springs. In 1910, the hotel underwent a thorough renovation. Murray hired an interior decorator from New York City who redecorated the card room in a Chinese motif and added fancy fresco work in the huge lobby. Murray also hung the lobby's 12-foot ceiling with light globes of exclusive amber glass reportedly made by Tiffany's of New York. Murray, who frequently visited California, was enamored with the architecture there, and added arches and fountains to the hot springs building plus had stucco added to the exterior. The result was a huge building, resembling a Spanish mission. During the early '30s, gambling was legal, and it was also the time of the "Big Bands," so

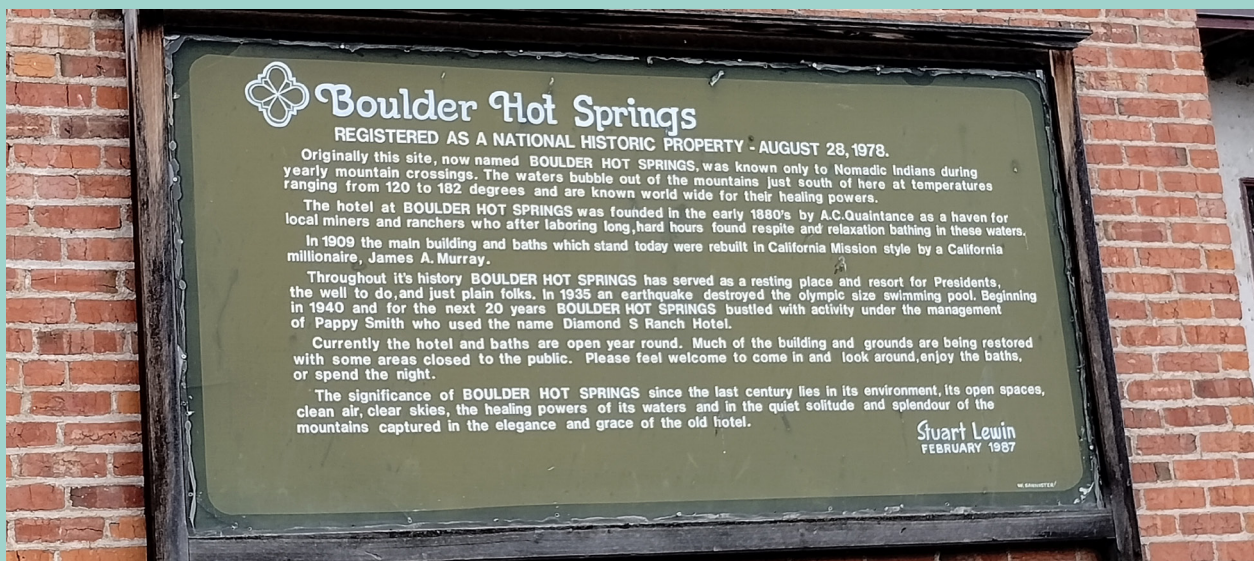
Saturday night in Peace Valley was a big night.

After the death of James A. Murray, the ownership was transferred to his nephew, James E. Murray, who later became a United States Senator. He operated the hotel until 1940, when he sold it to C.L. "Pappy" Smith. Pappy Smith changed the name to the Diamond S Ranchotel by which it was to be known for the next 35 years or so. The ranch was operated as a dude ranch, complete with trail rides and cook-outs. In about 1960, Smith's nephew came to work for him and instituted the tradition of Saturday night smorgasbords. These sumptuous meals, featuring baron of beef were enjoyed by as many as 400 or 500 people.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lane purchased the Diamond S from Smith in late 1960 and the ranch became a functioning cattle ranch. They also operated the guest hotel, bar and dining room. A number of other owners were involved with the ranch/hotel over the years from 1965 through 1972, at which time Willard Mack and Robert Ryan from Billings purchased the property and subdivided the ranch.

The next owner, Stuart Lewin, changed the name back to Boulder Hot Springs and had it placed on the National Historic Register in 1978. Lewin attempted to make a success of the place and made many improvements, but after 11 years he was finally forced to close the Hot Springs in 1989.

In early 1990, the Hot Springs was purchased by world-renowned author and lecturer, Anne Wilson Schaefer. It is now owned by a Limited Partnership. Under the present owners, the plunges were tiled for the first time, the bathhouse was completely renovated, an innovative heating system was installed using the thermal waters, and the East Wing was completely renovated with new heating, plumbing and electricity as well as custom-made, natural-wool carpeting in the hallways and rooms. The rooms have been furnished with antiques and art relating to the history of the hotel. The veranda has been restored with the traditional fifty rocking chairs looking out over Peace Valley. After a great deal of time and money was spent on renovation and repairs, the Boulder Hot Springs again opened in the summer of 1991.



Sign at Boulder Hot Springs
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FYI: Want a bigger casserole? I made this one in an 8.25x8.25 baking dish: that's 68.6 square inches. A 9x12 pan is 108 sq. inches or 40% larger. There was more room in that 8.25x8.25 baking dish. So when I make this for more people in a full 12" long pan, I double the recipe. And have plenty of room.

Low Carb-High Protein Enchilada Casserole

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1½ teaspoons onion powder
- 1½ teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground oregano
- ¼ teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 pound ground venison
- 10 ounce can Rotel (original)
- ½ can (14.75 ounces) of creamed corn
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 flour tortillas (10 inch)
- ¾ pound queso blanco or Monterey Jack cheese

Preparation

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Combine the onion powder, ground cumin, ground oregano and coarse ground black pepper in a small bowl or cup. Set that by the stove.
2. In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium to medium-high heat and, when the oil is hot, add the ground venison to the skillet. As you first break up the meat, sprinkle the spice mixture over it and stir it in.
3. When the meat is lightly browned, add the Rotel and continue cooking until the pan is pretty dry. (There's a ton of liquid in the Rotel which, left as is, would



Winter Kill
 Eileen Clarke Photo

make the casserole very soupy.) Pan pretty dry? Turn it off and stir the creamed corn and brown sugar into the meat/Rotel.

4. Lay the tortillas on a cutting board and slice them into about 6 strips, each 1½ to 2 inches wide. If they were frozen, let them thaw first to make them easier to handle.

Assembly

Are you using queso blanco? Crumble it up. Monterey jack? Cut it into thin slices, about ⅛ inch. (If you don't have enough of each, use some of both.) Now assemble the casserole. Pour half of the meat/Rotel mixture into a 9x9 baking dish. Layer about half the tortilla strips over that, then half the cheese. Repeat. ending with the cheese.

Cooking

Loosely cover the casserole with foil and bake about 30 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for another 30 minutes, until the cheese on top is nicely browned.

Serve with cornbread or a salad. Or both.

This casserole will be in the November issue of Rifle Loony News on online written 4 times a year by Eileen and her husband John Barsness, a longtime columnist for Rifle and Handloader magazines, and Sports Afield. He writes about handloading and all things hunting, while Eileen talks game care and cooking, as well as hunting stories--both successful and royally messed up. Available at www.riflesandrecipes.com \$10 a year. 406-521-0273

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1912

If Dock McCormick, John McCormick, Cy Wells, Mayor Faltermeyer or somebody else who will assume the responsibility would have the piles of dirt with the juice in it removed from the crosswalks in town it would help someone from getting from one side of the street to the other without having to wade a sea of mud. Anyone fortunate enough to own a pair of rubbers in the past few days would lose them before reaching the middle of the street. Of course, this was election week and the election of Woodrow Wilson may be the cause of this downfall of moisture, but as the election is over and we have no use for mud, why not remove it?

1940

Crow Creek News

The marriage of Cleon Cass and Mrs. Edna Maudlin was solemnized at Columbus, Montana on September 30th by a justice of the peace of that city. Mrs. Cass is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Miller and has resided in our valley most of her life. Mr. Cass came here a few years ago from Miles City and has worked for a number of ranchers. At present, he is employed at the W.K. Parker Ranch.

Canton News

Mr. and Mrs. James Hardgrove were business callers in White Sulphur Springs on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weed and daughter, Sharon

Ann, of Helena were Sunday guests at the Chas. Barker home.

On Friday of last week Mrs. John Whaley and daughter, Miss Ann, accompanied her son, Kelly Whaley, to Billings to get Miss Doris Whaley who had been in Billings several days visiting relatives.

1968

Winston Clasoil News

Art Diehl became 90 years old a week ago Sunday and guests at the rest home helped him celebrate his birthday with cake and ice cream. Relatives attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl, Mrs. Alice Diehl, Josie and Judy Guffey of Helena.

Mrs. Fritz Barthule left Thursday to visit her daughter and family in Ontario, Calif. for two weeks.

Sgt. And Mrs. Jim Hohn and young son arrived home Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hohn, and other relatives, and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Madison in Jefferson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cobban made a business trip to Helena Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and Tim and Mr. and Mrs. Ned George helped Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hahn with their fall cattle round-up on Saturday.

Chris Cox spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox, from her studies at MSU in Bozeman.

1996

Around Town News

Norma Smith and her daughter, Sandy Davis,

Helena, visited here Sunday with Norma's mother, Pearl Barraugh.

Steve Berberet, Shayna and Makayla, Lewistown, were weekend visitors at the home of his parents, Bill and Grace Berberet. Joining them for dinner Sunday were Bert and Michelle Berberet and Lane of Belgrade.

Jean Johnson and Barb Roberts were recently honored with a party celebrating their birthdays. Guests were Tops Ralls, Diane Stedman, Claire Boster, and Helen Howard.

The Blue/White Dynamite and the Townsend Stars drill teams traveled to Helena Sunday to perform during the halftime for the Carroll College football game. Members attending were Bree Christensen, Emily Feddes, Hannah Frazier, Elyse Johnson, Jessica Nygard, LeAnn Plymale, Shannon Scofield, Whitney Sjostrom, Claire Stanfill, Jenny Thielsen, DeEtte Torell, Haley Williams, Kelsey Anderson, Rosanna Anderson, Mona Brandon, Emily Carlton, Micha Clarkston, Tara Gillespie, Holly Long, Brittany Marion, Delsey Marion, Lynette Plymale, Nicole Primo, Shadow Robbins, Jennifer Scofield, Emma Spurlock, Katherine Stanfill, Holly Teuscher, Kelly Vogell, Tanya Zindell, Dee Dee Brandon, Melina Bucy, Jenae DeHaan, Elizabeth Dellwo, Jammi Harris, Linsey Jenkins, Charity Middlemas, Breann Murray, Heather Rogelstad, Candy Rogness, Krystal Sjostrom, Amanda Stanfill, Daylene Torell and Becky Weldon. Accompanying the girls were their instructor, Dawn Cordova, and parents, Laura Frazier, Valene Middlemas, Audrey Plymale and Amanda and bus drivers, Ray and Betty Horne.

**We're begging you...
on our hands and knees...
come talk to us first.**



Trick Or Treat So Others May Eat: A Long-standing Townsend Tradition

Kelley Gobbs
Trailhead Church

Over 90 junior high and high school youth group students gathered this past Wednesday evening to take part in a long-standing event in the Townsend area. Trick or Treat So Others May Eat (TOTSOME) is a Townsend tradition dating back over 12 years. It was originally organized by the Townsend Ministerial Association, which included all of the churches and youth groups in Townsend. Apart from the 2020 COVID break, each Wednesday before Halloween Townsend area students go door to door collecting food items for the Broadwater Food Pantry. This year participating churches included the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Church

of Christ of LDS, Elkhorn Community Fellowship, Mountain Valley Church and Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church.

The evening began at the Catholic Church, where everyone enjoyed a delicious chili dinner, with all of the chili, cheese, chips, and yummy desserts donated by members of the churches and Mountain Valley Church. After receiving instruction and dividing the 16 routes, the students and adult chaperones split into groups, which canvassed most all of Townsend. Once the route is complete or the group ran out of time, they bring all of the food back to the pantry, where it is received and weighed by the wonderful volunteer team of Broadwater Food Pantry. The students look forward to finding out how much food they collected on their route, with it always a healthy competition.

In total, the students collected 2,180 pounds of food for the Broadwater Food Pantry, which is a new record for the event. All of this wouldn't be possible without the generous donations from the residents of Townsend and all of the students who go around collecting the food. Also, thank you Bob's for supplying the bags to transport all of the food and the Sheriff's Office for keeping an eye on the students throughout the evening. TOTSOME is an event the youth groups look forward to every year. It's a joy to see them all return to the food pantry, with their bounty collected, telling fun stories, and smiling ear to ear. We live in a great, safe, and generous community where traditions like these can stay alive, even now. Thanks, Townsend! What a blessing it is to serve you all!



Local youth were further motivated by a friendly competition to find out which group gathered the most in donations.
Kelley Gobbs Photo



Over 2,000 pounds of food was gathered in donations to Broadwater Food Pantry!
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