

Rotary Holiday Light Contest



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Parks and Recreation

Jen Dalrymple
Chairman Parks and Rec Board

The County Parks and Recreation Board wants to facilitate recreational planning and development opportunities on the County's 10-acre property at Mill Road and Centerville Lane, and the 82-acre property along Canton Lane that encompasses Connors Field, the Rod and Gun Club, and the golf course. To plan for projects that represent community needs, we needed to hear from the public. Their feedback will guide the development of a master plan that enables the County and its non-profit partners to target and apply for grant monies to build the parks and facilities on the land. Parks and Recreation partnered with Great West

Engineering, the County's on-call engineering firm, to develop a public survey which was promoted on flyers, to local committees and email listservs, and at the Christmas Stroll. We truly appreciate the public response and input regarding their hopes for recreational opportunities in the county, especially on these two pieces of land. There were over 200 respondents during the two-week survey period and Parks and Rec especially wants to thank Jeannie Steele, who allowed board members to set up a table and materials at her office during the Christmas Stroll. Board members were able to canvass a large amount of people as they passed through the food lines. The results showed that there is a desire by the public to make the land available for recreational use.

Respondents also confirmed the Board's priority should be planning and facilitating the County's development of recreational facilities for the community. *The top three requests were for*

- more multipurpose fields
- indoor courts for year-round play
- graveled or paved walking paths

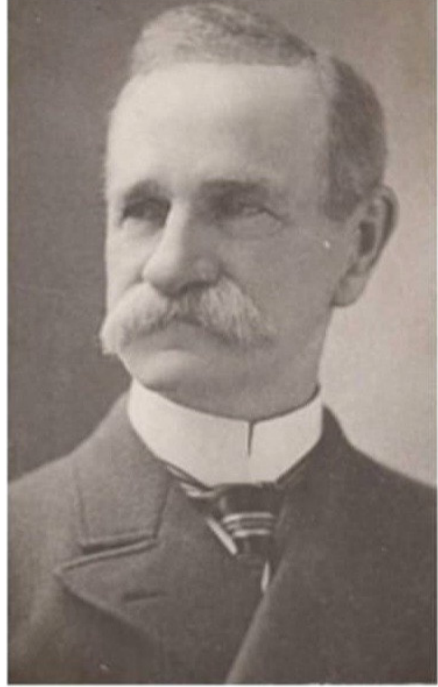
Our next steps for the master plan are to further analyze survey results, draw up visionary drafts for the properties, and host public hearings to get additional input for designs. Stay tuned for further information and details about how you can be involved in this process. Thank you to those who graciously responded to the survey.

Old Baldy Adult Education *Night at the Museum*

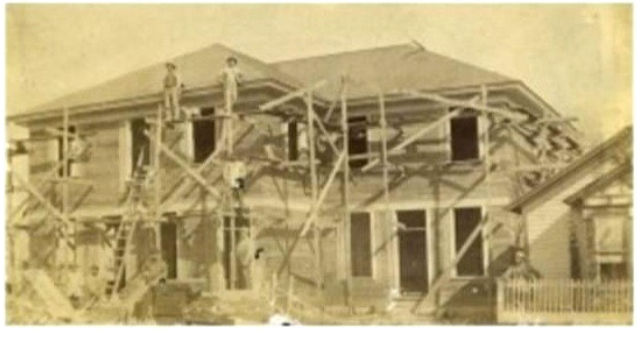
Dawn Reynolds and Linda Huth
Broadwater County Museum

Mark your calendars for January 13th, to attend a special Night tour at the Broadwater County Museum with Museum Curator, Linda Huth. Linda is the Author of the entertaining Broadwater County column 'This Week in History' and an expert in local history. This event is sponsored by The Old Baldy Adult Education Program. Whether you are a fifth-generation Townsend family or new to the area, this tour will reveal interesting tidbits about our local history. Registration information will be coming soon.

Who is this?



What building is this?



Museum Tour

Sponsored by: Old Baldy Education

Learn the answers to these questions and much more at the Broadwater County Museum Tour at 122 North Walnut Street; Townsend, Mont.

Monday, January 13, 2025 ; 6:30 p.m.

Registration Information Coming Soon!

What is this?



Where is this?



Montana State to Host National Mathematics Competition for Middle Schoolers

Olivia Firth
Montana State University Communications Specialist



Montana middle school students interested in advanced mathematics

are invited to register for a free mathematics competition to be held in January at Montana State University.

The American Mathematics Competition 8, or AMC 8, is a competitive mathematics exam, hosted by the Science Math Resource Center in the MSU College of Education, Health and Human Development. The AMC 8 is part of the American Mathematics Competition series developed by the Mathematical Association of America. The exam offers the opportunity for middle school students to challenge themselves in advanced math concepts and test their problem-solving skills. The 40-minute online exam will be administered on the MSU campus in Bozeman beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23.

Results from the exam are measured against a national pool of competitors and are designed to foster enthusiasm for advanced mathematics. The exam is free for Montana middle schoolers thanks, in part, to support from the MSU College of Education, Health and Human Development.

Similar exams for high schoolers, the American Mathematics Competition 10 and 12 competitions, were held in November. Matthew Watson, a sophomore from Gallatin High School in Bozeman, placed first in both the AMC 10 and 12 exams. Madeline Welsh, a senior at Bozeman High School, placed second on the AMC 12 exam, while Eli Gage, a sophomore at Laurel High School, placed second on the AMC 10 exam. The AMC 8 helps to prepare students for the AMC 10 and 12 exams.

To learn more and to register for the AMC 8, visit American Mathematics Competitions or contact the Science Math Resource Center at smrc@montana.edu or 406-994-7476.

Civil Discussion – Good for What Ails Us in Broadwater County

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



Government meetings are a dime a dozen when you are a newspaper reporter. Some are interesting, some are boring, but they are all important.

The most important meeting I've attended since I started writing for the paper was the monthly meeting of Broadwater County Development Corporation at the Lodge recently.

BCDC Co-Chairmen John Hahn and Craig Vietz arranged a members' meeting to include an open discussion with newly-elected District 77 Republican Legislator Jane Gillette to ask her questions which are high priority on the minds of Broadwater County residents. Broadwater is the second fastest-growing county in Montana, according to World Media, Inc. so questions about population growth were front and center.

Many of the county's stakeholders quizzed Gillette. The mayor attended as well as a county commissioner. Business owners, representatives from the Silos subdivision and individuals who were very educated in development attended.

Hahn and Vietz had spent hours and thought compiling a list of six questions pertinent to our county. Some included current policy about the kinds of structures developers can build on their property asking her how new legislation could give county governments the tools they need to control building and requirements for developers to address future infrastructure.

Questions addressed the lack of housing in the county, tax relief, and housing for senior citizens transitioning out of their long-time homes. Other questions dealt with laws that might be enacted around water conservation and water resource protection; and re-establishing county mill levy funds for nonprofit organizations.

Gillette's heart is in health legislation since her background is in dentistry. She served in the 2023 legislature session. By her own admission, she is very new to the needs of Broadwater and admitted she was not familiar with many of the laws surrounding subdivision and water resources, but will do research to educate herself on those subjects.

I was very impressed with the people who turned out to learn Gillette's stand on issues. I was more impressed with the work Veitz and Hahn did on the questions for her.

I would ask BCDC officers to set up another PUBLIC meeting so others can learn more about what ails our community and how to fix some of those problems. It would be great if Representative Gillette and Senator Wylie Galt could attend.

Townsend's 2nd Annual Festival of Trees Proved to Be a Heartwarming Success

Rachael Elliott-Brug



Townsend's 2nd Annual Festival of Trees proved to be a heartwarming success, bringing together local residents in support of two worthy causes. Organized by Reading Leaves Books, the event aimed to spread holiday cheer while raising funds for local nonprofits. This year, Broadwater 4-H provided 15 trees for the community to decorate and donate for auction during the town's Christmas Stroll.

The trees were adorned with a variety of unique themes, ranging from traditional Christmas ornaments to more quirky touches, like dog toys and treats, pizza gift cards, school supplies, stuffed animals, coffee beans, Hot Wheels, and even a Nightmare Before Christmas tree. The creativity on display was truly impressive, and the festive spirit was contagious.

In total, the event raised \$1,150, which will be split between local 4-H programs and Townsend's Family Promise. Organizers are already looking forward to next year's event, which they hope will continue to support

4-H as well as a new nonprofit each year.

A big thank you goes out to all the businesses, citizens, and organizations who decorated trees, donated items, and placed bids. Your generosity made this year's Festival of Trees one to remember! Keep an eye out next year for your chance to participate in this fun community event.

Swing by and join us for some epic board game fun!

All the games on the back wall are on the house—FREE to play while you're soaking up the vibes in the bookstore!

The Second Fallacy of School Choice

Editorial Voice
Mary Sheehy Moe



Whenever I hear school choice advocates tout the virtues of some educational innovation they say public schools don't provide, I have a stock response. "Sounds intriguing. Have you run it by your local school board?"

The answer is always no. And the excuses are always the same: Public schools just aren't flexible. School boards are too mired in regulations to innovate.

Hogwash. A sampling of refuting evidence?

Fifty-five years ago, some Great Falls folks saw a need for an alternative school for pregnant teenagers. (Pregnant girls couldn't attend high school back then.) Over time they joined forces with folks espousing a more self-paced path students could pursue to high school graduation. Today, Paris Gibson Education Center (PGEC) awards diplomas to about 120 students annually using an open-entry, open-exit, self-directed learning model that also offers an immersion program for Native American students.

PGEC began as an innovation and has been innovating ever since. So has the Billings Career Center, established by the Billings school board 49 years ago to allow students to spend half the day taking high school core subjects and the other half building skills in the trades. Today, roughly 1,000 students annually pursue contextualized learning in career-technical education there.

Forty-five years ago, a few teachers in Montana convinced their school boards to authorize college-level coursework in their high schools, meeting the districts' requirements for graduation and, if students passed the test administered by the College Board, earning college credits too. Today hundreds of Montana students take Advanced Placement (AP) courses, reducing the time and money required to complete college degrees.

Thirty-five years ago, a group of Helena parents convinced their school board to institute the "Montessori method" in one of the elementary schools, where students engage in self-directed, hands-on learning with the teacher as a guide. Today, the Montessori option is available in three Helena schools.

For over twenty years, the Flathead County school board, in partnership with Flathead Valley Community College, has offered "Running Start," a program allowing students to complete both high school and college requirements simultaneously. It's not unusual for Kalispell-area students to earn high school diplomas and associate degrees at the same time.

Fifteen years ago, building on the efforts of local school districts, the Montana Digital Academy set up shop at the University of Montana, offering schools throughout Montana access to middle school, high school and AP coursework whenever their students want it. Particularly impressive are the courses in Indigenous studies and languages uniquely offered there.

That's just a snapshot of innovations continually being undertaken by Montana's public schools. The moral of these stories? If you have an innovative educational idea, build a coalition of interested parties, develop a plan that will pencil, and present it to your school board. (Frankly, boards should be more vigilant about conditioning approval and regular re-approvals on whether the innovation is truly available to all qualified students.)

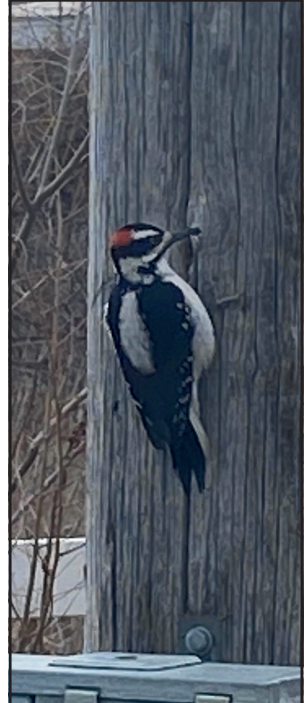
But school choice advocates don't even ask. Bypassing the elected body constitutionally vested with the supervision and control of schools in their district — the school board — and shrugging off the objection of Montana's Board of Public Education, constitutionally charged with long-term oversight of all public education, in 2023 the advocates just made an end-run to a legislature ever-dismissive of any power but its own.

It's the equivalent of your daughter bypassing you, shrugging off your spouse's firm No, and convincing your banker she really needs her own car — yours is so one-size-fits-all, so un-innovative. And your banker hands her the dough — YOUR dough!

You'd be giving that banker an earful, wouldn't you? Give the 2025 Legislature the same thing.

Mary Sheehy Moe is a retired educator and former state senator, school board trustee, and city commissioner from Great Falls. Now living in Missoula, she writes a weekly column for Lee Montana.

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Hairy Woodpecker
 Sarah Tallwhiteman Photo

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Townsend School Calendar

JANUARY



Fri 3
High School Wrestling @ Ronan

Sat 4
High School Wrestling @ Ronan
Speech and Drama Workshop

Mon 6
FFA Greenhand Night

Tue 7
8:55 am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym
7:00 pm: Bulldog Booster Club Meeting - The Bridge

Wed 8
8:55 am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym
7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gym - 63 Gym
7:00 pm: Old Baldy Pickleball - Stage Gym

Thu 9
6:00 pm: High School Wrestling Harry Hall Mixer

Fri 10
3:00 pm: High School Basketball vs. Manhattan

Sat 11
1:00 pm: High School Basketball at Big Sky
Middle School Basketball at Sheridan Tourney
Speech and Drama Townsend Meet




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Three Forks School Calendar

JANUARY



Fri 3
HS Wrestling at Bozeman Tournament
TBA: JV Boys Basketball at Petra

Sat 4
HS Wrestling at Bozeman Tournament
10:00am: Little Wolves Basketball Player / Parent Meeting
2:30pm: HS Basketball at West Yellowstone

Mon 6
6th Grade Ski Trip
JV GB/JV-C BB vs GV Homeschool

Tue 7
Lunch Time: High School FCCLA Meeting

Wed 8
6:00pm: Parent Action Council - High School Library


Thu 9
12:20pm: NHS Mtg - Large Conference Room
TBD: High School Wrestling at Manhattan Mixer

Fri 10
3:00pm: High School Basketball at Whitehall
TBD: High School Wrestling @ Bozeman Mixer

Sat 11
1:00pm: High School Basketball at Lodge Grass
7:00am: Speech, Drama and Debate at Townsend
TBD: High School Wrestling @ Bozeman Mixer

Broadwater County Government Calendar

JANUARY



Wednesday 8
10:00 am: Commission Meeting
2:00 pm: Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday 9
5:15 pm: Fair Board Meeting
5:30 pm: Fair Board Meeting

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

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Friday 3
10:00 AM: **FREE** Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 4
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 6
1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday

Tuesday 7
5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 8
1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42, every second Wednesday of the month
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
9:00 AM: Billings Clinic Transit Bus to Helena- 2nd Wednesday Every Month at Billings Clinic

Thursday 9
4:00 pm: 2025 Stoke Cooking Classes at The Lodge of Townsend
7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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

Saturday 11
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
7:00 PM: The Chosen **FREE** Movie Night with Popcorn and Snacks- 2d Sat/Month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Friday 3
11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

Monday 6
10:00 am - 5:00 pm: Three Forks Public Library - Tiny Art Show
Kits available for pickup

Tuesday 7
1:00 pm: Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg

Thursday 9
10:30 am: Three Forks Public Library - Storytime

Friday 10
11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

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Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting


3rd Wednesday each month.
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See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>


Broadwater County Public Health Department Survey Regarding Mental Health Trainings

Please take the short survey to help the Public Health Department create Mental Health Training classes.
Click on this link or scan the QR code below:
<https://form.jotform.com/243164542207047>


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COOKING SOMETHING UP!

Leftover Cranberry Sauce? You Might Need More

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

As I was walking through Bob's Thriftway on Christmas Eve, I was checking out what was on the shelves, and what wasn't. (It's a sign of what's important to cook and share during the holidays.) First aisle I visited was baking: the brown, powdered and white sugars, flour and nut shelves had been hard hit. Cookies! Probably a variation of the ones my mom always made this time of year. She called them 'crescent cookies' but most of us know them as Mexican Christmas cookies. You know, round and covered in powdered sugar. And incredibly easy to throw together.

Then there was the cranberry sauce; not a lot left there either. I grabbed two cans. One whole berry, one jellied. Then, thinking ahead to New Year's Day, I headed straight for the black-eyed peas. Despite being raised by Northerners, I, long ago, learned the South's good luck dish—Hoppin' John. I make it every January 1, every year. Share it with my best friends. And, apparently, I'm not the only one. Bob's black-eyed peas' shelf gets pretty empty the closer the new year comes. (Even had to make a quick trip to Helena one late December afternoon.)

But, you may ask, why two cans of cranberry sauce? I'm not feeding a crowd. There's just the two of us, our families are scattered all over the US and, truth is, neither of us are really wild about the stuff. But it keeps forever in the fridge, the holidays will soon be behind us, and cranberry sauce adds a delightfully bright flavor to venison soups.

Maybe I should have picked up three cans. Give this recipe a try and see what you think. (PS: The jellied stuff works better here.)

Better Burger Soup

Makes about 8 cups/2 quarts; for the ground red meat, use any big game animal you have: deer, elk, antelope, caribou...bear... just don't use your big rank, gamy buck.



A successful hunt
Eileen Clarke Photo

Ingredients

½ pound bacon, chopped
1 pound ground red meat
½ yellow onion, chopped
6 mini sweet bell peppers
3 tablespoons BTB reduced sodium beef base
3 cups water
½ cup jellied cranberry sauce (the stuff in the can, no whole berries)
1 medium potato, chopped (about 1 cup)
1 tablespoon dried leaf marjoram
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Cooking

1. In a large skillet, over medium heat, lightly brown the bacon. As it starts to release its fat, add the ground meat and lightly brown it too. Spoon the meat out of the pan and sauté the onions and peppers in the remaining bacon grease.

2. Start a 3-quart Dutch oven or soup pot on another burner, over high heat with the beef bouillon paste, water, cranberry sauce, potatoes, marjoram, salt and pepper. As the meat and veggies brown, add them to the soup.

3. Bring the soup to a low boil, then turn down to a simmer and cover it. Simmer 40 minutes or so until the potatoes are fork-tender. Serve with toast or crackers.

Eileen Clarke was game cooking columnist for *Field & Stream* and *Successful Hunter* magazines for many years, and has written a dozen game cookbooks, including two wild bird cookbooks for *Ducks Unlimited*. This recipe is from *The Wild Bowl: 100 wild game soups, stews & chilies* available at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273. They're all on sale now, 40% off through January 15th.

A Treat Worth Sipping

Jon Bennion
Montana Free Press



Wide Open Table is a bi-monthly Montana Free Press column on all things food and cooking.

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Closing out the year with candy cane marshmallows.

We all indulge a bit more than usual during the holiday season, and I support that 100%. There are so many special dishes and treats that we save for this time of year because they are tied to fun memories and traditions we hold dear.

In this gift-giving season, we are also more inclined to share something sweet with our close friends, family, and neighbors to let them know we are thinking of them. My favorite is the one I shared with you last year — pistachio brittle — which I reserve exclusively for the month of December.

This holiday season, I have another recipe that could end up being a favorite for any age celebrant: colorful homemade marshmallows that include a slightly minty flavor thanks to a cameo of crushed candy canes. They are delightfully spongy and have great flavor. Top your mug of piping hot chocolate with these holiday marshmallows and make instant memories.

If you've never made marshmallows from scratch, you might be surprised at how simple they are. The only special equipment required is a candy thermometer. A stand mixer with a whisk attachment also comes in handy. Anytime you are pouring and mixing a hot sugar substance, you don't want any to touch your bare skin. Use a hand mixer only if you wear protective gloves.

If you're not keen on the flavor of mint, this

recipe works wonderfully without it. The great taste of vanilla from the extract will still make these special, and you can even use them to make some holiday s'mores. The food coloring is only for appearance, so feel free to leave that out as well. But the hint of peppermint flavor is hardly overpowering in this recipe. Give it a try to really pull in the Christmas flavor.

We package these in small tins and hand-deliver them to our neighbors, who will not soon forget these special marshmallows.

CANDY CANE MARSHMALLOW RECIPE

1/4 cup finely crushed mint candy canes
3/4 ounce gelatin (3 small 1/4 oz. packets)
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
1 cup corn syrup
1 cup water
2 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 tsp kosher salt
powdered sugar
vegetable cooking spray
optional: red and green food coloring

In your stand mixer bowl, add 1/2 cup cold water and gelatin and allow to sit for 10 minutes.

In a medium sauce pan, add 1/2 cup water, 1 cup corn syrup, 1/4 tsp kosher salt, and 1 1/2 cups of granulated sugar. On medium-low heat, allow the sugar to dissolve while stirring. Once that is dissolved, raise the heat to high and allow the mixture to boil without stirring. It needs to get to 240-245 degrees F, so use a candy thermometer. It can take up to 15 minutes, so be patient and watch it closely.

When it reaches the appropriate temperature, slowly add the hot sugary contents to the stand mixer bowl with the bloomed gelatin. Use your whisk attachment to mix. The candy mixture is hot, so start your mixer on low and then gradually raise the speed to high after a minute or two. Allow to mix for 15 minutes total. In the final minute, add



Candy Cane Marshmallows
Jon Bennion Photo

the crushed candy canes and vanilla extract.

Using an 8'x8' or 9'x9' pan lined with plastic wrap and sprayed very lightly with cooking spray, place the marshmallow mixture into the pan and flatten it out. A plastic spatula lightly coated with cooking spray will help you get it out of the bowl and spread evenly. Add a few dots of green and red food coloring over the top of the marshmallow and swirl with a metal skewer or knife to create a fun pattern. Dust the top with a bit of powdered sugar. Let sit at least six hours or overnight.

When you are ready to cut the marshmallows, take it out of the pan and remove the plastic wrap. Dust the bottom and sides with powdered sugar. On a cutting board, use a knife coated with a bit of cooking spray to cut the marshmallows into your desired size. Toss with more powdered sugar on the newly cut sides to prevent sticking. The marshmallows will stay good for two weeks in an airtight container.

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

In the matter of the Name Change of Scarlet Mureen Budreau:
Scarlet Mureen Budreau, Petitioner
Case No.: DDV-2024-668

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from (your name now) Scarlet Mureen Budreau To (name you want) Scarlet Mureen Gunter
The hearing will be on (date) 01/31/2025 at (time) 10:30 AM
The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.

Filed Date 12/09/24

Valerie J Hornveld, Clerk of District Court

By Desiree' Taves, Deputy Clerk of Court

Published December 20, 27, 2024 and January 3 and 10, 2025

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

RYAN COUNTS and TESSA COUNTS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RAMPART EQUIPMENT, INC., a Domestic Profit Corporation;

and ARYAAN SYED, an Individual,

Defendant.

Cause No. CDV-4-2004-0000047-BC

Honorable Kathy Steeley

SUMMONS

TO: RAMPART EQUIPMENT, INC:

A lawsuit has been filed against you. The nature of this action is a civil action involving the sale of 2013 CASE TV 380 Skid Steer. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you, you must serve on the Plaintiff an answer to the attached Complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure. Do not include the day you were served in your calculation of time. The answer or motion must be served on the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are listed above. If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You must also file your answer or motion with the court.

DATED this 29 day of October, 2024.

Audrey Plymale, Clerk of District Court

Published December 20, 27, 2024 and January 3, 2025

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LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR COUNCIL POSITION

The City of Townsend is accepting letters of interest for an open council position in Ward I.

Ward 1 includes the territory north of Broadway and east of Cedar St. If you reside in Ward I, please submit a letter of interest to City Hall 110 Broadway Townsend, MT by 5:00 p.m. on January 6th, and then plan to attend the City Council Meeting on January 7th at 6:30 p.m.

For further information, please contact Kari Williams at (406)266-3911.

Published January 3, 2025

MNAXLP

ANIMAL CONTROL/COMPLIANCE OFFICER POSITION OPEN

The City of Townsend is seeking a part-time employee for the Animal Control/Compliance Officer position.

This position will answer directly to the mayor. The primary objective of this position is to enforce compliance with City Codes and State Laws governing animals, along with other City Codes. Must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, a valid MT Driver's License, and successfully pass a Criminal Justice Information Network background check. Must possess an Animal Control Basic Certification or have the ability to become certified within one year of employment.

Other essential job functions and experience requirements along with the full job description can be found with the application packet at Townsend's City Hall located at 110 Broadway.

An application along with a resume must be submitted in a sealed envelope to Mayor Rauser, 110 Broadway St, Townsend, Montana 59644.

Position is open until filled.

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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)
- The Cascade Courier
- Choteau Acantha
- Three Forks Voice
- The Meagher County News
- Whitehall Ledger

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

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Chester Campbell – Three Forks – fail to carry proof or exhibit insurance in vehicle -owner or operator-3rd of sub. Offense, plead guilty, \$535.00 fines and fees; driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$385.00 fines and fees.

Flor Sanchez – Belgrade – driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$150.00 fines and fees; day speed, plead guilty, \$120.00 fine.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Ryan Bradford – Townsend- violation of commission or department orders or rules, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

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

James Paige – Three Forks – criminal trespass to property, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.

Mckayla Troxell – Billings – 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 but one day suspended on conditions, \$885.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

Parker Moody – Manhattan- driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$1285.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program followed by monthly monitoring for one year.

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

William Weatherwax- MT 20th Judicial District Court, \$25,000.00 bond

My Name is Mildred but I Like Millie

Mildred Sullivan

Helena Columnist



My Name is Mildred. But I like Millie. It is friendlier sounding.

I am 89 years old and a handicapped stroke victim.

I am a mother of a wonderful family – a grandmother, a great grandmother.

I was a wife of 69 years, until my husband died in 2021.

I was a librarian for 20 years.

I am a writer, a poet and a thinker.

Luckily the stroke did not affect my brain – for I am smart. I remember back to my growing up in sharecropper housing in my Louisiana Red River delta country. I remember the big wars and the other wars up until now. I read and I am always trying to figure out all the reasons to decipher what is happening in our world. I remember Roosevelt's time when Daddy got work on the WPA program and we had good food at home.

I am alive today because Huey Long built hospitals in Louisiana.

I love to study. I learned that archeologists often find sites of ancient battlefields with swords in and among the bones.

It has never ended.

I know I have a very, very smart, educated family who today celebrate their 'victories'. They are not smart enough to look behind the hatred, propaganda, to recognize lies and grasp the encroachment of modern media into our thinking and the evil it can spread. But the swords of the ancients are now replaced with incredibly destructive weapons and mostly – the ability to destroy the planet.

There is a race on who can more quickly use these weapons when one of the leaders in our world starts it off over his desire to grab nearby land or enhance his view of himself. This is a daily fact we live with in this precarious time. As we are crying over our shattered view of who we thought we were, we may assure ourselves that wars and this kind of upheaval have happened before so we will accept it better.

Soon my tears will dry and I will be called home.

Because I am old.

You will still be here with the reality.

(Millie Belgard Sullivan lived with her husband Thomas in Townsend for twenty years where they retired to be closer to their children. Millie now lives in Helena.)

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.

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Monday, January 6, 2025

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

3:00 PM Working meeting in Commission Office with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Canister Rental Agreement

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Resolution for Annual Temporary Closure of Designated County Roads in Broadwater County

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Resolutions and Policies for 2025

a. Resolution Establishing Mileage, Lodging, and Per Diem Rates for Broadwater County Business Travel

b. Resolution Establishing Hours of Operation

c. Resolution Establishing Regular Meeting Dates and Times of Broadwater Commission

d. Resolution Establishing Meeting Agenda and Open Meetings Policy

e. Resolution Establishing Broadwater County Public Process Policy

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

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

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

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

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

- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on January 8th at 2:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on January 9th at 5:15 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on January 13th at 3:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on January 14th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on January 14th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on January 14th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on January 15th at 6:00 PM
- County Parks & Recreations Meeting on January 20th at 6:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on January 21st at 6:00 PM

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

Nine States Poised to End Coverage for Millions if Medicaid Funding Cut

Phil Galewitz
KFF Health News



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With Donald Trump's return to the White House and Republicans taking full control of Congress in 2025, the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion is back on the chopping block.

More than 3 million adults in nine states would be at immediate risk of losing their health coverage should the GOP reduce the extra federal Medicaid funding that's enabled states to widen eligibility, according to KFF, a health information nonprofit that includes KFF Health News, and the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families. That's because the states have trigger laws that would swiftly end their Medicaid expansions if federal funding falls.

The states are Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

Which States Have Medicaid-Expansion Trigger Laws?

If federal funding is cut, these nine states would automatically or nearly automatically end their Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansions. As of early 2024, their expansion programs covered more than 3.7 million low-income people.

The 2010 Affordable Care Act encouraged states to expand Medicaid programs to cover more low-income Americans who didn't get health insurance through their jobs. Forty states and the District of Columbia agreed, extending health insurance since 2014 to an estimated 21 million people and helping drive the U.S. uninsured rate to record lows.

In exchange, the federal government pays 90% of the cost to cover the expanded population. That's far higher than the federal match for other Medicaid beneficiaries, which averages about 57% nationwide.

Conservative policy groups, which generally have opposed the ACA, say the program costs too much and covers too many people. Democrats say the Medicaid expansion has saved lives and helped communities by widening coverage to people who could not afford

private insurance.

If Congress cuts federal funding, Medicaid expansion would be at risk in all states that have opted into it — even those without trigger laws — because state legislatures would be forced to make up the difference, said Renuka Tipirneni, an associate professor at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health.

Decisions to keep or roll back the expansion "would depend on the politics at the state level," Tipirneni said.

For instance, Michigan approved a trigger as part of its Medicaid expansion in 2013, when it was controlled by a Republican governor and legislature. Last year, with the government controlled by Democrats, the state eliminated its funding trigger.

Six of the nine states with trigger laws — Arizona, Arkansas, Indiana, Montana, North Carolina, and Utah — went for Trump in the 2024 election.

Most of the nine states' triggers kick in if federal funding falls below the 90% threshold. Arizona's trigger would eliminate its expansion if funding falls below 80%.

Montana's law rolls back expansion below 90% funding but allows it to continue if lawmakers identify additional funding. Under state law, Montana lawmakers must reauthorize its Medicaid expansion in 2025 or the expansion will end.

Across the states with triggers, between 3.1 million and 3.7 million people would swiftly lose their coverage, researchers at KFF and the Georgetown center estimate. The difference depends on how states treat people who were added to Medicaid before the ACA expansion; they may continue to qualify even if the expansion ends.

Three other states — Iowa, Idaho, and New Mexico — have laws that require their governments to mitigate the financial impact of losing federal Medicaid expansion funding but would not automatically end expansions. With those three states included, about 4.3 million Medicaid expansion enrollees would be at risk of losing coverage, according to KFF.

The ACA allowed Medicaid expansions to adults with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level, or about \$20,783 for an individual in 2024.

Nearly a quarter of the 81 million people enrolled in Medicaid nationally are in the program due to expansions.

"With a reduction in the expansion match rate, it is likely that all states would need to evaluate whether to continue expansion coverage because it would require a significant increase in state spending," said Robin Rudowitz, vice president and director of the Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured at KFF. "If states drop

coverage, it is likely that there would be an increase in the number of uninsured, and that would limit access to care across red and blue states that have adopted expansion."

States rarely cut eligibility for social programs such as Medicaid once it's been granted.

The triggers make it politically easier for state lawmakers to end Medicaid expansion because they would not have to take any new action to cut coverage, said Edwin Park, a research professor at the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families.

To see the impact of trigger laws, consider what happened after the Supreme Court in 2022 struck down *Roe v. Wade* and, with it, the constitutional right to an abortion. Conservative lawmakers in 13 states had crafted trigger laws that would automatically implement bans in the event a national right to abortion were struck down. Those state laws resulted in restrictions taking effect immediately after the court ruling, or shortly thereafter.

States adopted triggers as part of Medicaid expansion to win over lawmakers skeptical of putting state dollars on the hook for a federal program unpopular with most Republicans.

It's unclear what Trump and congressional Republicans will do with Medicaid after he takes office in January, but one indicator could be a recent recommendation from the Paragon Health Institute, a leading conservative policy organization led by former Trump health adviser Brian Blase.

Paragon has proposed that starting in 2026 the federal government would phase down the 90% federal match for expansion until 2034, when it would reach parity with each state's federal match for its traditional enrollees. Under that plan, states could still get ACA Medicaid expansion funding but restrict coverage to enrollees with incomes up to the federal poverty level. Currently, to receive expansion funding, states must offer coverage to everyone up to 138% of the poverty level.

Daniel Derksen, director of the Center for Rural Health at the University of Arizona, said it's unlikely Arizona would move to eliminate its trigger and make up for lost federal funds. "It would be a tough sell right now as it would put a big strain on the budget," he said.

Medicaid has been in the crosshairs of Republicans in Washington before. Republican congressional leaders in 2017 proposed legislation to cut federal expansion funding, a move that would have shifted billions in costs to states. That plan, part of a strategy to repeal Obamacare, ultimately failed.

Moving Forward: St. Peter's Health Announces of Second Oncologist and Oncology Nurse Practitioner, Completes Cancer Care Team

Jacquelyn Tescher
Saint Peter's Health Supervisor of Public Relations

St. Peter's Health HELENA, Mont., Dec. 4, 2024 – St. Peter's Health is pleased to announce the

addition of two providers to its Cancer Care team: triple Board Certified Oncologist and Hematologist Dr. Karine Darbinyan, and Oncology and Hematology Nurse Practitioner Jamie Wilcox. Onboarding Dr. Darbinyan and Jamie marks a significant milestone for Cancer Care at St. Peter's, as the team is now fully staffed with five permanent specialty providers, including Medical Oncologist and Hematologist Dr. Elizabeth Bigger, Oncology and Hematology Nurse Practitioner Melissa Cotner, and Radiation Oncologist Dr. Andrew Cupino.

Dr. Karine Darbinyan joins St. Peter's as a highly skilled Oncologist and Hematologist. She earned her medical degree from the Russian National Research Medical University. Dr. Darbinyan completed her internal medicine residencies at RNRMU and Jacobi Medical Center in New York, followed by a fellowship in hematology and oncology at Montefiore Medical Center. She is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer, and she brings a wealth of knowledge surrounding lung, head, and neck cancers, as well as supportive cancer care.

Dr. Darbinyan says she's honored to join a practice that is well-equipped to care for its community, offering

best-in-class technology and treatment options. "The team is incredibly collaborative, ensuring that patients receive comprehensive care and personalized treatment plans catered to their unique needs," said Dr. Darbinyan. "We all share the vision of treating the whole person, including their physical and emotional needs, not just the disease."

Former Army Nurse Corps officer Jamie Wilcox, DNP, joined St. Peter's in 2012 as a Cancer Care Oncology Nurse and has served in various capacities over the years, including as a Nurse Navigator and Infusion Nurse. Jamie now joins the team as a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Oncology and Hematology after receiving her Doctor of Nursing Practice-FNP from Montana State University. She also holds a national certification with the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and brings extensive experience in oncology nursing.

When asked why she wanted to continue her career at St. Peter's, she said it is because of her colleagues and patients. "Working in Oncology has been my passion for almost two decades," said Wilcox. "The prospect of continuing my advanced practice career with the fantastic staff in Cancer Care, and deepening my relationships with our patients, was an opportunity I could not pass on."

For the past few years, St. Peter's Cancer Care has contracted with locum tenens physicians while recruitment efforts were underway for additional permanent oncology providers. According to President of the St. Peter's Health Medical Group and Family Practice

Physician Dr. Todd Wampler, these temporary physicians are invaluable in supporting patient care efforts during times of need, such as a position vacancy or extended provider vacation.

"We'd like to extend our appreciation to one locum physician in particular, Dr. Robert Lemon, who has provided excellent care over the last year to many in our community," said Wampler. "We are deeply grateful for his willingness to contract with us long-term, providing great service and stability for our patients." With Dr. Lemon's assistance, his patients will be transitioning under the care of Dr. Darbinyan and Wilcox.

Wampler also highlights the vast expertise St. Peter's Cancer Care offers in-house as well as through expanded reach through affiliation with the Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah. One major benefit of the partnership includes how the two organizations collaborate and review patient diagnoses and treatment plans.

"Our patients feel a great sense of comfort and confidence knowing their care teams are working alongside the nation's best oncology physicians and that they have access to the latest cutting-edge treatments and clinical trials thanks to our affiliation with Huntsman," said Dr. Wampler. "We have been working tirelessly to build our Cancer Care program and with our team now complete, I'd say the future is brighter than ever. We look forward to serving our community and continuing to provide the care they trust us to deliver."

Dr. Darbinyan is now accepting new patients.

The Garden Bug
Burning Christmas trees

Real pine, spruce, or fir Christmas trees are NOT appropriate fuel for an indoor fireplace. They have a high amount of sap in their trunks and branches, which can create intense, unpredictable blazes that are difficult to control. Their needles burn quickly and produce lots of sparks, which are dangerous, and these trees also produce creosote when burning, which is a respiratory hazard. It's better to compost a real tree in the garden. - Brenda Weaver
Source: www.advantagechimney.com

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He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the service of man, that he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine that makes glad the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart.

PSALM 104:14,15



SR. CENTER MEALS: JAN 6 - JAN 10	
Monday, January 6	Wednesday, January 8
Swedish Meatballs	Fish Patty
Steamed Potatoes	Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans	Carrot Coins
Tossed Salad	Crisp Coleslaw
Whole Grain Bread	Plump Peaches
Apricot Halves	
Tuesday, January 7	Thursday, January 9
Baked Chicken	Roast Pork
Rice Pilaf	Mashed Potatoes
California Vegetables	Key Largo Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread	Dinner Salad with Beans
Blushing Pears	Whole Grain Bread
	Baked Apples
	Friday, January 10
	Chili Con Carne
	Fresh Baked Biscuit
	Golden Corn
	Tossed Salad
	Zesty Pineapple
	Dessert

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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Rehash of this Year / Prepare for New Year!

So much of 2024 was pure craziness, especially political mindlessness. (Any story you could think up in Science Fiction would never come close to the madness of 2024!) Things take time to work, so hold on for the new year. On to local news: Townsend, MT seems to have run out of steam for the holidays. Our usual Christmas decorations, and stroll went off without a hitch. However, does anyone feel like there just wasn't the drive or enthusiasm for getting in the holiday mood this year? (Put your hands down...I didn't say Simon says. Got ya!) I do a lot of walking around town and looking at the stores etc. Also talking with all our local vendors. People seemed just plain TIRED, this season.

The decorations on Broadway are very nice. I'd love to see many more of them. Bigger brighter, more Holiday celebration-ish. I will help anyway I can, to prepare for next year. Let's get Townsend set up for a MAGNIFICENT Christmas celebration!

First: Relax, it's a year away. Rest from this year, but keep in mind energetic 2025 Holidays. Speaking of, we saw so many dark and undecorated homes in town. Please think about decorating even a little bit next year. While driving around town in the evenings, many people were out and about looking at the lights.

For now, after the new year's bashes, go out and really look at our town. We have a great downtown area, several stores that draw tourists, and local shoppers. I know from experience the people around our area are looking for a place to search for that special item that even they don't know what it is.

Some things to watch for: if a bar / restaurant has butt buckets outside their doors, USE THEM! Nothing makes a town look crappier than cigarette butts all over in front of the stores. If the trash cans are getting full either in front of OR behind businesses, call and have the city empty them! AND if your business gathers lots of trash, talk to city about getting ANOTHER can. We have a whole row of bars and restaurants. Play nice, share / use YOUR garbage can.

Remember BREAK BOXES DOWN FLAT! This needs to happen, so people can use the trash receptacles. Be good neighbors.

These thoughts have been brought to you by, the old Sarge who watches over our town. Play Nice. Until the cold comes sweeping down from our northern neighbor, stay well.

FWP Conducting A Survey On Resident Waterfowl Hunters' Preferences

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is conducting a survey to better understand resident waterfowl hunters' preferences for waterfowl hunting seasons in Montana. Hunters with a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number were sent an email from fwp-wld@mt.gov with a survey inquiring about season and zone preferences. Please be sure to check your spam and junk folders.

Your participation is important, and it should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete the linked questionnaire. This is a unique opportunity for you to provide information that will be used by FWP and the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission to help manage waterfowl hunting in Montana. If you have any questions about this survey, please feel free to contact FWP at 406-444-2612.

Deadline for 2025 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp Contest Submissions is Jan. 31

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Submissions for the 2025 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp contest are due by Jan. 31. This is the second year of the new Montana Migratory Bird Stamp program. Details on contest rules and entry information can be found at <https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Ffwp.mt.gov%2Fmigratory-bird-stamp/1/010101940406c551-90223a9e-7054-46a3-9e79-da6b83002714-000000/e0cSCNRooigAeWl-zhA96IweJNezGhTwjIVFTv4w5eJk=385>

The winning artist will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and be featured on promotional materials throughout 2025. Last year, the first year of the contest, Florida artist John Nelson Harris won with his painting of a pintail. His painting was one of 70 submissions from

AREA DEATH

Lois Saylor Allen

Jason George
Silver Springs Assisted Living

Lois Saylor Allen was born in Cook County IL on March 20th, 1944 and recently passed away December 22nd, 2024.

Ms. Allen lived a full life traveling the United States as an over the road trucker who held a Bachelor's degree in Recreation Management. Lois had always wanted to see the United States and thought being a truck driver was a great way to get paid to visit all the States.

Throughout her life she spent years helping youth find their way and was a part of many different youth programs as a mentor.

Lois is survived by her son, Lance Allen, and many friends she made along the way.

artists around the country.

The 2025 Montana Migratory Bird Stamp will not be required to hunt migratory birds in Montana. To hunt migratory birds, hunters will need a current Montana migratory bird license and their federal duck stamp, the same as in years past.

Those who purchase a Montana migratory bird license will receive a free, collectible sticker showing the winning artwork and information about Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Migratory Bird Wetland Program. The program helps landowners and other conservation partners develop and fund projects that protect, conserve, enhance or create high-quality wetland habitat.

The Wetlands Protection Advisory Council will select the winning art in early February. For more information on the contest, contact Greg Lemon at glemon@mt.gov. For more information on the Migratory Bird Wetland Program, click here.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Layton

Family of Ruth Layton

With family at her side, on December 14, died at age 81, from Alzheimer's, cremation has taken place.



Ruth Layton
Family of Ruth Layton

Born in 1943 to Walt & Ruth Powers one of six children, who dairy farmed in Pine Bush NY area, mom was proudly raised hard working at an early age. Mom met the love of her life, John, when he & his family came hunting on her property in 1959, married in 1961, they welcomed 3 children.

They called Toston MT home since 1992. Over 62 years of adventures ensued, saltwater fishing, camping, boating, hunting, rafting, backpacking, hiking, snowmobiling, traveling to 48 states, via the "most direct route" (only missing Kentucky & Tennessee), with only an Atlas, the interesting points on the map have led to a lifetime of memories.

Mom was accomplished at everything she set her mind to. If Dad could dream it Mom could "zip, zip it" together, from canvas boat covers to beautiful quilts. She enjoyed donating quilts to veterans & victims as a member of the Quaking Quilters in Townsend.

Mom always had numerous flower & vegetable gardens. She obtained her Master Gardener certificate through MSU & loved passing her green thumb knowledge. She joined the Townsend Garden club, became the local President, and the state President participating in many national conventions while representing the state of Montana.

She was instrumental in placing the Blue Star Memorial Marker & planting roses in Townsend at Memorial Veteran Park.

Mom was a lifelong learner, who achieved everything she tried. She created, commissioned & sold stained glass in the fall, and quilted during the winter, until the seed catalogs arrived in the mail, when spring would find her planting seedlings in her house, transferring to the greenhouse, and finally her gardens.

As a vendor at Townsend Famers' Market, she sold hundreds of pies, vegetables, flowers and was delighted when her Granddaughter Amanda joined selling her own cupcakes.

Mom was a firm, tough, no-nonsense type of woman who respected hard work. She loved the outdoors teaching her grandkids to fish, shoot, and would relish a phone call from them or time spent relaxing on the porch.

She is survived by her husband, John, daughter Deborah Layton of OH, son Glenn (Kelly) Layton of NJ, daughter Donna (Cody) of Toston, 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 2 siblings & numerous nieces & nephews.

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Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Ever find a great sale where you want to buy a large quantity of food?! It's a great feeling to save a little money! Plus the rural nature of our life in Montana provides incentive to have staple products on hand over the convenience of a quick trip to the grocery store. However, it can be difficult to figure out what to do with a large quantity of food and continue to balance safety and quality. Having an understanding of food storage recommendations may allow you to extend the shelf life of food products.

Not all food can be treated equally when it comes to storage. There are two thresholds that are important to consider. The first is quality. Even when stored properly, food will deteriorate in quality before it becomes unsafe to eat. The next important threshold is safety. Both of these thresholds depend on the type of food, length of time in storage, temperature of storage area and packaging. Some of these factors are out of our control while others can be strategically addressed.

When considering length of time, it is important to recognize that food has been stored in other places before coming to your home. It sat in distribution and transportation for a period of time as well as the store. Most packaging comes with a date, but different terminology is used. "Sell by" is the date the store is required to sell the product. However, the consumer can still safely eat the product after this date. A great example is milk. Montana has a unique milk law that requires that milk be sold within 12 days of pasteurization. However, the industry standard is 14 to 21 days. This means milk in Montana is very fresh and allows for flexibility after the "sell by" date to continue to drink or use the milk at home. If you need milk stored even longer, you can freeze it for up to three months. It is important to note that freezing can affect milk's flavor and consistency, but it still works great for cooking.

Other times you may see a "best if used by" date which indicates a date for best quality and flavor. This date has nothing to do with product safety. Another date label is "use by." Similar to the "best by" date, you will notice a deterioration in quality after this date. Some products such as baby food or formula are considered unsafe after this date and should be thrown out. If you are considering long-term storage of any food product, then make sure it has not passed the expiration date because the quality is already decreasing.

The best food storage space is cool and dry. If possible, keep in an airtight container. Placing it in a fridge or freezer will typically further extend the shelf life but can result in changes in the quality for some products. Using containers or materials designed for freezer storage is important. Charts exist that provide detailed recommendations for specific products.

Another reason to store food is to be prepared in case of an emergency. It is recommended to have at least three days' food and water on hand for an emergency. This is because in an emergency, it will take an average of 72 hours for government officials to set up relief efforts. In some areas, especially hurricane zones, it may be advisable to have several weeks' worth of food and water saved. The 3-day emergency supply should be portable so that you could grab it if you asked to evacuate quickly. A portion of these foods should be ready to eat with no cooking. Commercially canned products are a great option for this. Bulk foods such as grains, beans and dried milk are also good additions. Don't worry about nutrient or vitamin deficiencies in a short-term situation. For water, plan for at least 1 gallon of water per person a day. To save time, you can also purchase prepared containers that have emergency food supplies ready to go.

Some organizations advocate for a long-term food supply for an emergency that may impact the food supply chain for one or more years. This obviously takes up a lot more storage space and there are only certain foods that can be stored safely for this long. Long-term food storage is limited to canned goods and low-moisture foods. A year's supply of basic foods for one person is about 400 lbs. wheat, 60 lbs. dry beans, 60 lbs. sugar, 15 lbs. powdered milk, 10 qts. oil and 8 lbs. salt. This selection of food products lacks several nutrients and vitamins that could be found in canned fruits, vegetables or meats. Other long-term food options are meat jerky, instant potatoes, rice, dry pasta, applesauce and powdered drinks. Also don't forget to store the equipment needed for cooking and be sure to rotate food and water every 6 to 12 months to ensure you keep a safe and quality food supply.

No matter your rationale behind food storage, it takes time and effort to store food successfully and safely for the short, medium or long term. For more information on food storage and safety, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Smith River Permit Applications Available Beginning Jan. 2, 2025

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Applications for a permit to float the Smith River will be available beginning on Jan. 2, 2025, and will be accepted through Feb. 15, 2025. The permit drawing will be held on Feb. 19, 2025.

Celebrated for its spectacular scenery, remote location and excellent fishing, floating the Smith River is one of Montana's most sought-after outdoor recreation experiences. Permits are required to float the 59-mile section of river between Camp Baker and Eden Bridge and are issued each year through a lottery drawing. Parties of up to 15 people can float with one permit. A person applying for a Smith River permit must be a minimum of 12 years of age at the time they submit their permit application. There is no age restriction to participate on a Smith River float trip.



Smith River Float
Fish, Wildlife and Parks Photo

Applicants can apply for a Smith River float permit online beginning Jan. 2 through the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Automated Licensing System, and pay a \$15 non-refundable permit application fee. Successful Smith River applicants will be notified via email shortly after the permit drawing is conducted on Feb. 19, 2025.

Links within the notification email to successful applicants will allow them to download and print their float permit, as well as access vital and detailed information regarding their upcoming Smith River float. Results will also be available online at stateparks.mt.gov. Those who receive a permit will be contacted by phone two days prior to their scheduled launch date to complete the registration process, which includes declaring boat camps and paying the appropriate float fees.

In addition to the permit drawing, the public may purchase as many \$5 Super Permit chances as they wish. Montana State Parks issues one Super Permit each year through a separate lottery. The recipient of the Super Permit will be allowed to launch on any date of their choosing for that float season.

The opportunity to purchase chances for the Smith River Super Permit will be available from Jan. 2 through April 1, 2025. The Super Permit drawing will take place on April 4, 2025. Super permit chances may be purchased online through FWP's Automated Licensing System.

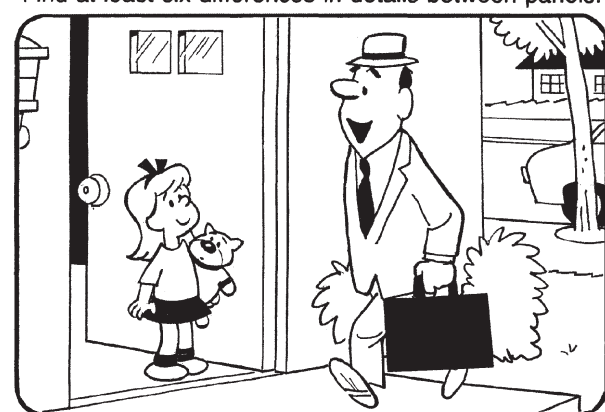
As a reminder, all float parties, private and commercial, will be required to pack out their human waste from the Smith River corridor, and floaters will need to pack portable toilet systems. To see a list of FWP-approved, portable, hard-sided toilets that will be allowed click here. Alternative waste disposal systems, including bag systems, such as Clean Waste and RESTOP2, will not be allowed. Floaters can clean and sanitize their portable toilet system with a SCAT (Sanitizing Containers with Alternative Technology) machine, which has been installed at the Eden Bridge take-out.

For more information about Smith River State Park visit: stateparks.mt.gov/smith-river/

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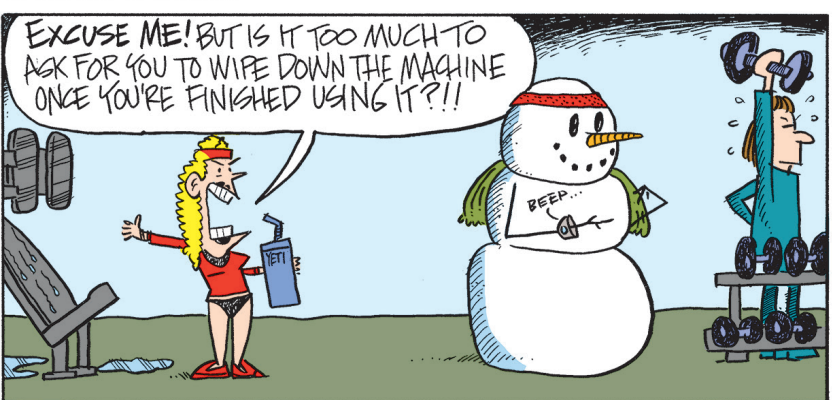
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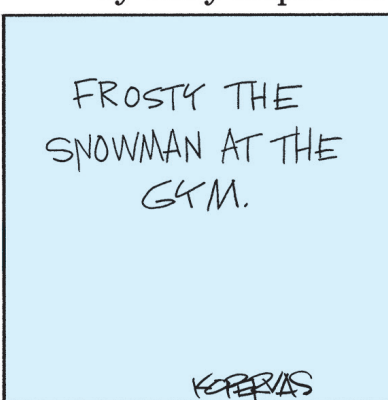
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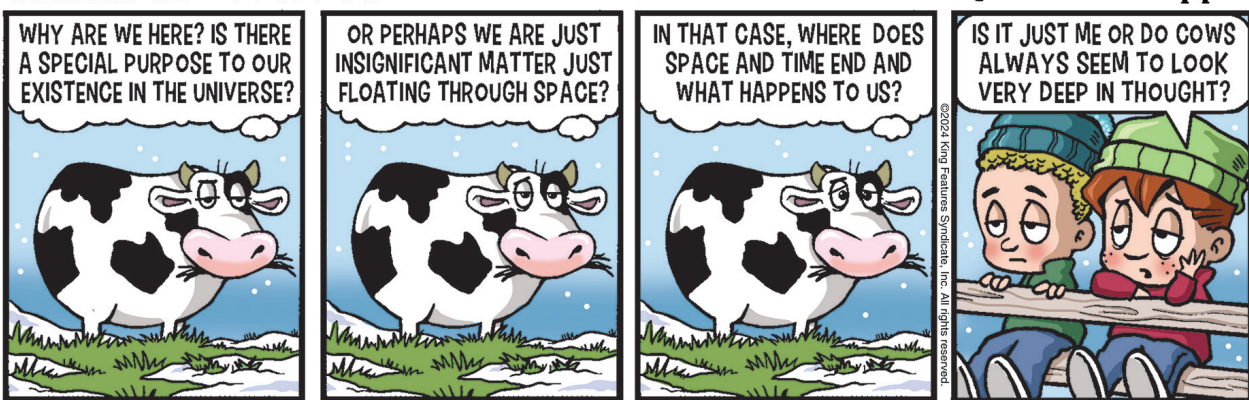
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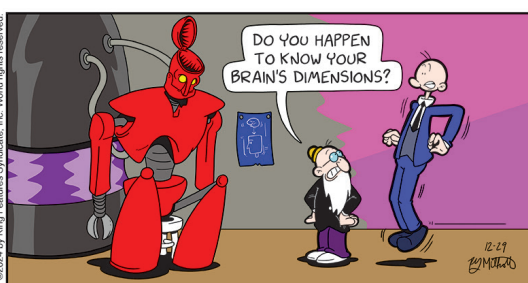
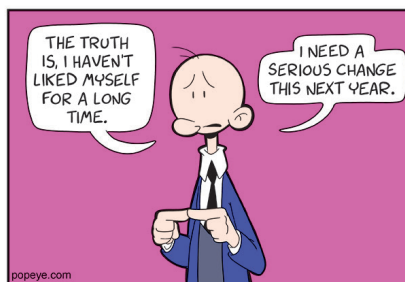
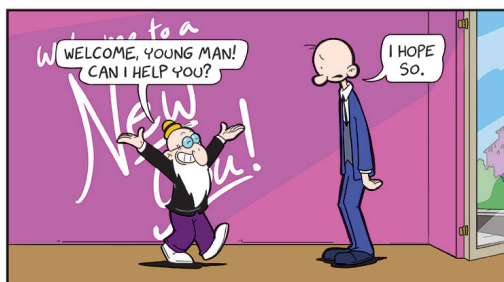
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Workday of a CWD Technician

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



If you ask Yvette Bonney to describe the grossest thing she's seen during her job, she talks about the time she removed an abscessed lymph node from the neck of a mule deer, which Montana Fish, Wildlife

& Parks staff occasionally sees in deer.

"All this green stuff oozed out," Bonney says.

She'll also tell you about other times when she examined tick-infested heads, deer with injuries or heads that were no longer fresh but still sampleable.

The job of a wildlife technician who samples dead animals for chronic wasting disease (CWD) isn't always a glamorous one. But Bonney says she likes it. She arrives at her job site, which is an old Globestar camper with a folding table outside, before 8 each morning, takes out her tools and waits for the first hunter of the day.

When he or she arrives with a deer, elk or moose, Bonney works with the hunter to get the sample information, such as the location of the kill, and taps it into a tablet that sometimes freezes when the temperature drops. She then starts cutting and digging into the neck to find the animal's retropharyngeal lymph nodes, which are needed to test the animal for CWD.

She performs the dissection quickly. On a busy day, Bonney collects samples from about 30 animals. If a hunter brings in a frozen head, she can't take samples until the head thaws.

When she locates and removes the nodes, she puts them in a small, sealable baggie along with a piece of the animal's neck muscle and a tooth. The tissues are then shipped to the Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Lab in Bozeman, where they are tested for CWD. The teeth are sent to another lab where they are aged. Hunters are notified of the CWD results about a week later.

As she does her work, Bonney hears all kinds of hunting stories, which she might find more interesting if she wasn't a vegetarian. If she did eat meat, she says she'd rather eat something that was hunted.

Still, Bonney says she enjoys chatting with the hunters who stop by. Sometimes they give her a chuckle.

"One guy brought in a deer head, and on his first shot he shot off one of the antlers," Bonney says and laughs. "He joked that it would have been a really nice buck, too."

Another guy stopped by to ask Bonney what all she needed to take a sample. She told him the head and a few inches of the neck. He told her he'd be back. She didn't expect to see him for a couple of days, but he returned in a couple of hours.

"He said, 'I ran in to get this,'" Bonney says. "He comes back with this huge head and the whole neck! His wife had timed him. 'It only took him 10 minutes,' the wife said."

"I respect that dedication," Bonney adds.

She also hears from hunters about the reasons they want their animal tested. She says it's about a half-and-half split between those who want to know if their meat is CWD positive before consuming it and those who want to help FWP collect data on CWD.

Bonney is one of about 40 CWD technicians across the state this hunting season. The number of technicians has increased each of the last four years as FWP works to get more animals sampled. The techs start two weeks before the general hunting season and wrap up their work



Yvette Bonney at her CWD Station
Fish, Wildlife and Parks Photo

the week after Thanksgiving.

So far this season, about 6,743 samples have been collected. That's significantly higher than the 4,769 samples collected last year during the same time frame.

"These technicians are so important because they are the main ones across the state collecting these samples," says Sam Treece, FWP's wildlife technician supervisor for CWD. "They provide us a majority of the data we need to be able to know what is going on with CWD, and they provide a public health service by allowing hunters to be knowledgeable about the CWD status of their animal. They are also very important in conversing with the public on how important this testing is to the entire state and encouraging hunters to get animals tested."

According to Treece, being a CWD tech is the first step in a wildlife career for some people. For many of these technicians, this is their first wildlife job, and they hit the ground running, excited to expand their skills, such as species identification.

"These techs can move on to work other jobs that they now qualify for after working with us," Treece says. "We have a few folks each year that move up to the CWD coordinator positions, which is extremely useful for our program."

Bonney, 23, has a degree in environmental science. She has experience in forestry and fisheries and says she wanted to expand that to wildlife.

"The research studies I did before were great; I had fun," she says. "But the data I collected wouldn't be useful for about a decade later. CWD is an active disease. Based on what they find, it can help with management decisions for next year."

Tips for hunters:

Hunters play an important part in helping FWP learn where CWD is and how it spreads. When hunters have their harvested deer, elk and moose tested for CWD,

they provide key insights into the effectiveness of CWD management, the disease's prevalence and its presence.

Hunters can have their animals tested at CWD sampling stations or most FWP offices. It's best to call ahead to check on availability. Hunters can also take the samples themselves, fill out the online hunter submission form and mail the samples to the Wildlife Health Lab in Bozeman.

To submit a sample at an FWP regional office or CWD sampling station, bring the following items:

- Animal's head: Leave 2 to 4 inches of the neck below the lower jawbone and base of the skull to ensure lymph nodes are present and not inadvertently left with the carcass. Samples cannot be collected from frozen heads.
- Location of harvest: GPS coordinates (lat/long) of where you harvested your animal.

Testing is voluntary, except for in some HDs near Libby, and free. There are CWD testing requirements in HDs 100, 103 and 104; please review the 2024 hunting regulations to determine if testing requirements apply.

If an animal tests positive, public health agencies recommend that people do not consume the meat. If the hunter chooses not to consume the meat, they can request a new license for this year or next year. To request a new license and coordinate next steps, hunters should call the local FWP regional office or the licensing call center at 406-444-2950. The carcass will need to be disposed of in a Class II landfill and antlers will need to be turned in to FWP.

For more information on how to take your own samples, or the location of sampling stations visit fwp.mt.gov/conservation/chronic-wasting-disease/get-your-animal-sampled.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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December 31 - Part 1

1940

1912

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Miller of Diamond spent a few days in town this week.

James Kitto of Radersburg paid Townsend a brief visit Saturday of last week.

Geo. Hossfeld of Crow Creek paid Townsend a short visit Monday.

Wm. Prosser and niece of Deep Creek paid Townsend a visit last Saturday.

Dr. C.W. Smith paid Helena a professional visit Monday.

The Supper New Year Night will be served by the Catholic ladies.

The Ball at the rink Christmas night was well attended and very enjoyable.

Those Townsendites who attended the Christmas dance given by Radersburg I.O.O.F. Lodge, report royal treatment by the several committees and a grand time. Radersburg people have a happy faculty of giving visitors to all social functions treatment that lingers in memory.

Broadway will be a pretty classy street when all the electric light and telephone poles are removed to the alleys – a job nearing completion. The painting of the poles is another scheme of embellishment that meets the approval of artistically inclined residents.

Canton News

Eddie Daniels, who is home on his Christmas vacation, motored to Belgrade Saturday night to assist in playing for a dance. He was accompanied by his mother Mrs. C.E. Daniels. Eddie and three other boys from M.S.C. furnish music each Saturday night for the dances at Belgrade. He will return to Bozeman on January 1st again to resume his studies.

Misses Dorothy Gill, Geraldine Hardgrove and Lillian Daniels, all employees in Helena, arrived in Townsend Tuesday evening to spend New Years with their families in Canton Valley and on Cottonwood Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith entertained at dinner on Sunday. Mr. John G. Plymale and daughters, Miss Audra and Doris Plymale and sons, Wayne, Hubert, Laird and Fred Plymale; Mr. and Mrs. Gray P. Keene; Mr. and Mrs. H C. Plymale and son, Paul; Wm. Franklin and F. Loen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Richardson of Fromberg arrived at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weiferich, on Christmas Eve and remained until Friday when accompanied by Mrs. Weiferich returned to Fromberg and on Monday of this week they all returned to this valley. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson will spend the New Year holidays with relatives.

1996

Coloring Contest Winners

On Christmas Eve, children gathered for an awards

ceremony at the Creamery, where they were given certificates and ice cream for placing in a Christmas coloring contest. Placing first in their age categories were Siobahn Flynn, Elishya Konkler, Joshua Bean, Tory Gillespie, Amber Thomas and Kelli Dailey. Second-place winners included Alexis Krueger, Carrie Myers, Slaid Smith, Stephen Wright, Shanno Flynn and Heidi Myers. Judged third in the contest were Laura Bean, Katie Dailey, Jon Thompson, Jacob Little and Matthew Wright. First-place winners were awarded a free ice cream cone a week for a year, and second-place finishers were each given a box of ice cream bars or sandwiches. A panel of independent judges unassociated with the restaurant made the selections.

“Around Town News”

KC and David Johnson, David, Jill and Eric, hosted Christmas dinner for Jean and Barney Johnson and Dale.

Jim and Rusty Etwiler, Seattle, Wash. Spent a week over Christmas here visiting his mother, Frances Etwiler. Joining them for Christmas dinner were Ann and Wally Rauser, Mary Debelak and Morgan Michalski Townsend; Nicki Rauser, Helena and Connie Rauser, Tucson, Ariz.

Harry Buckingham, Fort Benton, is here visiting his parents Dick and Jean Buckingham.

Christmas dinner guests of Lynn and Donna Colby were Dorothy Colby; Butch and Diane Colby; Donetta Clark, Kylie and Cody, all of Townsend and Jason and Sara Colby Asherville, N.C.

January 2- Part 2

1919

Local News

Ship your hides, pelts, fur and junk to B. Leopold, Helena Mont. He pays cash market prices and all charges.

Miss Rosmary Averill who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. N.S. Poole, at Chicago for several months, returned home Monday evening.

C.B. Doggett of Diamond spent Christmas with Townsend relatives and friends.

This is the time of year most trying on those inclined to be constipated. Many dread winter because of it. Don't worry, just take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, nature's gift of wondrous herbs, so scientifically blended, results guaranteed. Townsend Drug. Co.

After the restrictions on sugar and wheat were relaxed and we might reasonably hope to have a piece of cake, just see what has happened to the price of eggs!

Mr. John Gravely of the lower valley transacted business in Townsend the fore part of the week.

Miss Nellie Reardon of Clasoil is visiting her aunts Mesdames J.P. Marks and Ernest Zimmerman for a few days.

Quite a number of people attended the ball at Winston Christmas night.

Mrs. E.H. Goodman and her daughter, Zeberna, have traced their family lineage back to the early days of this country's history therefore have the satisfactory distinction of being Daughters of the Revolution.

1958

Grade School Winners in Poster Contest Announced
Broadwater County primary grade classroom winners in the Montana Tuberculosis Association's (MTA) Christmas Seal coloring contest have been announced by Mrs. Mary Johnson, Broadwater

County seal sale chairman.

Mrs. Johnson said more than 150 Broadwater County primary grade (1,2, & 3) children had taken part in the health education program designed to stimulate interest in tuberculosis control and aid primary grade teachers in creating interest in good health habits.

Classroom winners were selected by the teachers and forwarded to the Montana Tuberculosis Association for the determination of county winners.

The MTA will award cash prizes to state winners, to be selected by three prominent Montana artists, Irvin Shope, Mrs. Ray O. Bjork and Shirley Kemp Gannon.

The children colored an 8 ½ by 15-inch replica of the 1957 Christmas seal.

Broadwater County classroom winners announced today are from the Townsend school: Ricky Guffey, Jim Valentine, Gregory Toney, Leann Todd, Carol Ann Geisser and Tim Ragen; 1st grade.

Linda Huth, Freddie Noyd, Roberta Whitten, Shelley Iverson, Sandy Ewing and Lisa Lanning; 2nd grade.

Nancy Fryhling, Pamela Leanhart, Alan Freebury, Louie Stiles, Linda Schwisow, Susan Wallace; 3rd grade.

In the Radersburg school winners were: Marsha Miller; 2nd grade; Paul Harris, Susan Webb, and Jane Williams; 3rd grade.

1986

East of Townsend News

Christmas Eve dinner guests at the home of Keith and Robin Kirscher and family were Vivianne and Audie Anderson, Ken and Marie Romo and family, and Barbara Kirscher, Billings. Christmas day the whole family gathered for dinner at the home of Ken and Marie Romo and family. After spending the holidays visiting her children and grandchildren, Barbara returned to Billings Sunday.

Betty McArthur and daughter, Sandy Copeland, spent Thursday to Saturday visiting Joe and Linda Wickens and family in Kalispell. Lisa and Frank McArthur, Jr. were Christmas dinner guests at the

home of Frank and Betty McArthur. Christmas Eve Frank and Betty were dinner guests at the home of Al and Sandy Copeland.

Sewell and Alma Marks spent a few days over Christmas visiting with their sons and families. Ron and Phyllis Marks, Garrison and Jerry and Sharon Marks, Missoula.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Luke and Rene Dagnall were Mike and Felicity McFerron and Greg, Canyon Ferry; Rick and Julie Diehl, Winston; and Rob and Vicky Dagnall, Kate and Raymond.

Curtis and Susan Spatzierath and children were dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Curtis' mother, Adelheid Spatzierath and his sisters. Also, there were his grandmother and aunt, Marie Nuss and Doris Nuss, Butte. Kellie Goodwin, Helena, visited Saturday with her aunt, Susan Spatzierath. Kellie was on vacation from her studies at Missoula.

2003

Around Town News

Ann and Wally Rauser hosted dinner Christmas for James and Beverly Schneider, Christopher and Marissa, Great Falls; Vicki Rauser, Helena; Connie Rauser, Tucson, Ariz.; Jeremy and Erin Rauser, Butte; Rob and Vanessa Rauser, Madison, Ashley and Kayle, Bozeman, John and Missy Rauser, Rachelle Samantha, Rachelle and Magedline, Toston; and Frances Etwiler, Townsend.

Christmas Even dinner guests at the home of Chris and Lillian Arden were their son and family Douglas and Jodi Arden, Brittany and Kaitlyn, Toston, and Alan, Austin and Andy, Townsend.

Craig and Vicki Biggs, Albany, Ore. visited here over the weekend at the home of his parents, Lela and Kenney Biggs. Sunday they were business callers in Helena.

Christmas Day Eleanor Holling and her son, Spencer were dinner guests at the home of Mary and Pat Plantenberg. Joining them for dinner were Frances and Mike Koehnke and Elmer Simons.

Public Service Reminder!

Without snow on the ground, your trees must still be watered. They may look dormant, but not as much as you think. To avoid dead trees and shrubs in the spring, give them a good watering now.

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