

Speech and Drama Club Members Place in Home Meet



Jenna Mainwaring, right, the genie from the Mountain Dew bottle, poses with her master Gavin Nelson after their performance at the Speech and Drama meet.



Angel Sentinella, Haylie Reinke and Jazlyn Martin perform "The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" at the Speech and Drama meet Saturday at Broadwater High School.

Karsyn Sangray
Broadwater High School Student Intern



to make sure she didn't fall in their performance. It's a darker piece so it's not supposed to be happy, but Haylie tries to keep the mood lighter in practice so they are able to work on it and make it better. This last week the team has been adding suggestions from other people on their team to make their piece even better. Obviously, all this hard work paid off when the team advanced through finals and placed.

In Humorous Theater, Jenna Mainwaring and Gavin Nelson performed a hilarious piece in which a genie comes from a Mountain Dew bottle. With her cartwheels and jumps, Jenna's performance was very energetic. As the years have gone by, Jenna has become better and more competitive. She takes it seriously and works as hard as she can to better herself and her performance. Her personal favorite part of her piece is 'coming out' of the bottle in a

somersault. The best part of Speech and Drama, in Gavin's opinion, is the people. "One piece of advice I would give underclassmen is don't worry about it. I think they put a lot of pressure on themselves."

Not only does the team work together during the weekends to take medals home from meets, but before school began last Fall, they had a retreat at the house of one of the teachers, Mrs. Flynn. They had fun rolling down the hill and working together to build friendships that will last a lifetime. With senior members of the club coming back to judge certain pieces, anyone can see the closeness of the team members. After this week's home meet, they look forward to their senior night and showcase on Saturday, January 18. The Broadwater Community is welcome to watch all of their performances.

Shout Out of Thanks to Townsend Post Office Employees

MT43 News Staff Reporter



The US Post Office folks in Townsend get lots of complaints in their every-day line of work – my package didn't come, I didn't get a letter from my daughter, or why is our mail delivered so late in the day?

We at the newspaper just want to change up the image of the post office. Last week we were unable to deliver your paper because the post office was officially closed for Jimmy Carter's funeral on Thursday. What to do?

Lida at the post office offered to pick up our weekly newspapers at our office, then make sure they got in post office boxes and on mail carriers' routes early Friday morning – 7:00 a.m. and yes we could pay the postage when we came in Friday afternoon.

Let's just say "thanks" wasn't quite enough. The Post Office folks went above and beyond to make sure you received your paper on time. They saved our face – once again. We'll say it again. Thanks so much!

~MT43News delivery person.

Seminar for Communicating with Government to Be Held Jan. 21

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



A seminar focusing on how to effectively reach out to local, county, state and federal government will be held at the Library Community Room from 7-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Titled "Civic Education Beyond Election Day: How to make government listen," the seminar was organized by Audrey Martin.

During the Jan. 8 Broadwater County Commission meeting, Martin explained that the workshop would include discussion of "how to testify before the Legislature, how to reach out to elected officials." She invited members of the commission to attend and share how best to participate in county government.



Audrey Walleser Martin
Photo Provided by Audrey Walleser Martin

"I know many of us have been working on this for years as we hear routinely from the public that they're not connected to the government, they don't feel connected or they don't know how to participate, and then we have

some decorum issues, and it kind of snowballs from there," Martin said.

Martin told the commission that her goal in organizing the workshop was to "be part of the solution."

Martin has extensive experience working and participating in government affairs at the local, state and federal levels. For more information, she can be contacted at 406-281-3533 or by email at alwalleser@yahoo.com.

Sheriff's Department Mill Levy Renewal Coming into View

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser has set public meetings to review the department's budget as financed by a county mill levy to come up for a vote in May 2025.

Rauser said in an interview he feels his department has accomplished a great deal with the 39.3 mill levy that county voters passed in June of 2020. Because his department is now operating smoothly, he feels he probably can lower the proposal amount for the mill levy. The thought behind lowering the mill levy amount slightly is to "Show good faith to voters that we have done a good job using the funds they gave us," he explained.



Sheriff Nick Rauser at his desk, January 8.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Rauser said he will give a rundown on his promises to the community regarding safety and service from his team. In turn, he would like to hear from residents if they have felt the effects of the department's changes, and what they would like to see added or changed in the next five years for the department.

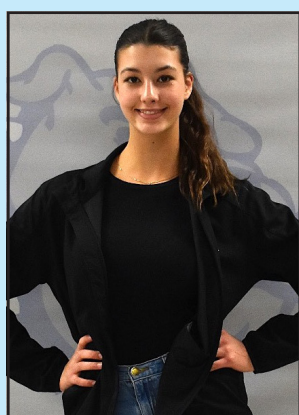
In the three meetings to be held in Winston, Townsend and near Three Forks beginning at the end of January, he will outline the accomplishments of the goals he set in 2020, including hiring more deputies to cover South Broadwater, Winston and the East Side of the Lake. His



Townsend Booster Club

Speech Team:

Logan Barkhurst! A big round of applause for junior Logan Barkhurst, who stole the show at our home meet in Townsend on January 11! Logan's hilarious Mime piece, Jaws: A Love Story, had the audience and judges in stitches, earning her first place in her category. Her exceptional comedic timing, creativity, and physical storytelling make her a standout performer. Congratulations, Logan—you've set the bar high and brought the laughs in waves!



Logan Barkhurst
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Wrestling:

Talon Schulte is the athlete of the week. He wrestled some hard matches under the light at the Harry Hall mixer and had a record of 2-1. I'm excited to see what he will do at the B/C duals and the copper shamrock our last two home events at the end of January.



Talon Schulte
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Girls' Basketball:

Cassidy Flynn is a senior and a power under the basket, as well as one of our outside shooters. Against the Manhattan Tigers, Cassidy contributed 8 points, with 50% accuracy in her three point shots and 100% at the free throw line. She also contributed three defensive rebounds. The next day saw Cassidy really on a roll against the Lone Peak Bighorns. Cassidy contributed 17 of our 61 points, with 40% accuracy for her three point shots, 50% with her two pointers and 50% at the free throw line. Rounding out her game, Cassidy pulled down rebounds, two offensive and one defensive.



Cassidy Flynn Cassidy
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Boys' Basketball:

Deegan Mattson is this week's best player. Deegan works very hard in practice in all aspects of the game. This week against Manhattan and Lone Peak we were all amazed at everything Deegan was doing. From having to guard Manhattan's and Lone Peak's best scorers to rebounding and scoring, Deegan was our leader with 25 points and 18 rebounds. Deegan also led the team with 7 deflections and also 2 steals and 1 block. We know that the earth is 71% covered by water and that Deegan Mattson covers the rest. Congrats Deegan!



Deegan Mattson
Townsend Booster Club Photo

High School Wrestlers Hold Harry Hall Dual

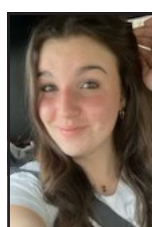


The Bulldogs' Konner Swan gets the pin against East Helena's Reddick
Kelly Morris Photography



The Bulldogs' Hunter Borrer gets an escape against East Helena's Hernandez
Kelly Morris Photography

Karsyn Sangray
Broadwater High School Student Intern



Last week the Bulldogs held their annual Harry Hall meet. Under the spotlight, the Townsend Bulldogs took on the East Helena Vigilantes. Although there was no team score, all of the individuals did their best for the team. Captains Hunter Borrer, Eric Humphreys, Gavin Schmele, and Parker Hunt all had great matches.

Gavin Schmele wrestled two matches, back-to-back, and was able to pin them both. Gavin, a junior, has had a great season so far. He hopes to bring at least half of the team to State and hopes as many teammates as possible advance to the second day of State. He has helped the underclassman throughout this year by answering their questions and pushing them to be the best they can. His favorite move is 'The Butcher' and was able to do this in the Ronan meet on January 3-4. Going into each match he reminds himself that, "Nobody can be as tough as Coach Schnittgen, who wrestled and played football in college, and I have to wrestle him in practice".

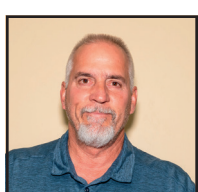
Hunter Borrer, who is one of the two seniors, also

had two matches pinning his first. One of the things he does before every match is get his head in the right place by praying for himself and his opponent. His coaches encourage him by pushing him through the mental battles that come with wrestling. Borrer helps the underclassmen by helping them stay motivated and trying to lighten their load. At the end of the season, he is working towards his goals. "I hope to make it to the state tournament level and finish the year with a winning record."

The Bulldogs took home some hardware at their last meet, in Ronan for the Western Duals. Gabriella Rico, the only girl on the Bulldog wrestling team, placed second. Eric Humphreys, Gavin Schmele, and Jace Wellestein were able to place third, and Parker Hunt placed fifth. Two members of the team placed in the JV Tournament. They are Aiden Mosher and Konner Swan.

All of the Bulldog wrestling team worked hard to perform well. They will wrestle at home again for the B/C Duals on January 24-25. Their senior night, also the Copper Shamrock, is on Friday, January 31. Divisionals will begin the postseason and will be in Butte on February 7-8. The following weekend, February 13-15, State competitions are in Billings.

Highschool Basket Ball Broadwater Bulldogs vs Manhattan Tigers Friday, January 10th Game



The Lady Bulldogs' Bryleigh Erickson goes up for a layup against the Manhattan Tigers
Kelly Morris Photography



The Lady Bulldogs Jazel Ragen drives into the lane last Friday
Kelly Morris Photography



The Bulldogs' Sawyer Horne shoots a 3-pointer against Manhattan
Kelly Morris Photography



Bulldog point guard Ryedan Reed drives in for a layup against the Tigers
Kelly Morris Photography

Rural Mental Health Workshop Hosted by Old Baldy Education

Samantha Ferrat
Montana Farmers Union District Representative

Rural Mental Health Workshop - QPR Training hosted by MFU & Old Baldy Adult Education

What: This will be a virtual satellite training concurrent with the in-person event in Great Falls.

Rural mental health care is critically important. Being trained to recognize the signs of mental health struggles in our friends and family members can save a life. QPR is a suicide prevention training for participants to be able to recognize the warning signs of suicide and question, persuade, and refer people at risk for suicide for help to save lives, reduce suicidal behaviors, and empower individuals to reach out and help someone in need.

When: January 22 @ 12:15 - 2 pm

Where: Library Community Room Townsend Schools 201 S Spruce Townsend, MT 59644

Who: Open to MFU members, friends, and the public.

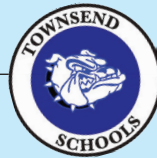
Lunch and beverages provided RSVP needed for food count text/call/email Samantha Ferrat 406-949-0869 sferrat@montanafarmersunion.com



GO BULLDOGS!!

Townsend School Calendar

JANUARY



Friday 17
NO SCHOOL - Teacher PLC Day
 3:00pm: High School Basketball vs Jefferson
 4:00pm: Middle School Boys Basketball at Manhattan
 High School Wrestling at Choteau

Saturday 18
 10:00am: Middle School Boys Basketball vs Three Forks
 High School Wrestling at Choteau
 Speech and Drama Showcase/Senior Night

Monday 20
 7:00pm: Old Baldy Custom Engraved Calendar at Ag/Ed Classroom & Shop
 FFA District Speaking at Three Forks

Tuesday 21
 8:55am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym
 6:30pm: Agate Consulting - Testifying in Government Settings in the Community Room

Wednesday 22
 8:55am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym
 7:00pm: Old Baldy Open Gym - 63 Gym
 7:00pm: Old Baldy Pickleball - Stage Gym

Fri 24- Sat 25
 Divisional Speech and Drama at Manhattan
 High School Wrestling at Home-B/C Duals

Friday 24
NO SCHOOL
 2:30pm: High School Basketball @ Manhattan Christian

Saturday 25
 1:00pm: High School Basketball @ Whitehall

Three Forks School Calendar

JANUARY



Friday 17
NO SCHOOL
 Teacher Work Day
 3:00pm: High School Basketball vs Lone Peak
 High School Wrestling at Cowboy Classic (Miles City)
 Speech and Debate at Fort Benton

Saturday 18
 High School Wrestling at Cowboy Classic (Miles City)
 Speech and Debate at Fort Benton

Monday 20
 4:00pm: FFA District Contests - 5 Classrooms & New Gym
 4:00pm: Junior High Basketball at Ennis

Tuesday 21
 Lunch: High School FCCLA Meeting
 4:00pm: Junior High Basketball - Livingston
 6:30pm: School Board Meeting - Large Conference Room

Thursday 23
 Lunch: Student Council Meeting
 3:00pm: High School Basketball - Boulder
 High School Wrestling Mixer - Hardin & Laurel

Friday 24
 2:00pm: Junior High Basketball at Manhattan
 High School Wrestling Class A Duals at Livingston

Saturday 25
 7:15am: Departure- Speech, Drama and Debate @ Manhattan
 1:00pm: High School Basketball - Ennis
 High School Wrestling Class A Duals at Livingston

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

Correction:

In the January 10, 2025 issue, MT43News inadvertently misspelled the name of new County Attorney Kevin Bratcher in the caption of his being sworn in.

We do apologize to County Attorney Bratcher for the error.

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Friday 17
 11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Tuesday 21
 1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

Wednesday 22
 5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Jack Gilk at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 23
 10:30 am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
 6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Walcrik at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 24
 11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Friday 17
 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 18
 11:00 am: Winter Farmer's Market @ Reading Leaves Bookstore Nook, 401 Broadway
 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 20
 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 21
 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
 6:00 pm: Townsend Seventh-day Adventist Church **FREE** Bible Study at Townsend Methodist Church
CLASSIFIED AD ON THIS PAGE WITH DETAILS
 7:00 pm: **FREE** Civic Engagement Beyond the Polls: How to Make Government Listen Workshop at Townsend Schools Community Room **MORE INFO ON PAGES 1, 6 & 8**

Wednesday 22
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 6:00 pm: Sheriff's Office Mill Levy Meeting - Winston Fire Hall at Winston File Hall **READ ABOUT IT ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 23
 4:00 pm: 2025 Stoke Cooking Class at The Lodge of Townsend
 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

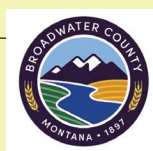
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Saturday 25
 9:00 am: 2025 Radersburg Ramble at Historic Radersburg School **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 8**
 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

Tuesday 21
 6:00pm: Noxious Weed Board Meeting



CLASSIFIEDS

Bible Study



The Townsend Seventh-day Adventist Church will offer bible studies starting on **Tuesday, January 21, beginning at 6:30 PM** at Townsend Methodist Church.

The studies will be based on the book "Step to Christ" by Ellen G. White. Books will be provided to all attendees.

Everyone is welcome to participate! Contact Leota Gormley at 406-431-2810.

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Mill Levy Renewal, 1

department has been able to raise wages to attract and retain deputies. "Rather than hire and train people at lower wages, then have them leave to a higher paying job, these new wage levels have helped us retain good people much better," he said.

Rauser has hired two new reserve deputies who are presently in training positions. He did so by receiving a Community Oriented Policing Services grant from the US Department of Justice so the positions are fully funded. He has a position open since Undersheriff Brandon Harris retired and now has several applications to fill that position, four of whom live in Broadwater County.

The department has replaced two vehicles with newer models well equipped with police packages. "Our equipment is now in good shape, safe for our officers. I can cut back a bit on the amount of the levy and still be able to keep up the level of service we now offer. We have made such strides in our service. I don't want to see that go away," he said.

Rauser is especially proud of hiring a School Resource Officer for Townsend Schools. That permanent position, currently held by Tony Cordova, has reached out to students who need support and connection to an available and constantly present adult they can talk to.

Rauser encouraged citizens to attend one of the meetings beginning Jan. 22 at the Winston Fire Hall, January 28 at the School and Community Room in Townsend, and January 30 at Headwaters Livestock Auction building near Three Forks. All meetings will begin at 6:00 pm. See Sheriff Rauser's announcement in this paper (page 3). For more information, please contact him at the Sheriff's Department or check out the department's website.

Sheriff's Office Mill Levy Meetings

Nick Rauser
 Broadwater County Sheriff



I will be having several meetings regarding the continuation of the Sheriff's Office Mill Levy.

These meetings will be:

- January 22nd at the Winston Fire Hall
- January 28th at the Townsend Community Room
- January 30th at the Headwaters Livestock Auction

These meetings will begin at 6:00 pm. I would love to have as many people as possible at these meetings to discuss what we want to do this spring.

If anyone has any questions, please reach out to me:
 519 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
 Phone: 406.266.9265
 Email: nrauser@co.broadwater.mt.us

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: February 19th, 7:00PM
 At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
 See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

Stoke Robotics Teams Visit Boeing Manufacturing Plant in Helena

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge and Entrepreneurship (STOKE) robotics teams toured the Boeing Manufacturing plant in Helena last week. The Broadwater students got an inside look at what manufacturing and computer coding system jobs might look like for them when they graduate high school.

According to Adam Six, one of the group's coaches, students learned how coding computers guide machines to produce precision titanium parts for Boeing's latest passenger aircraft. The machine work is so precise that the tolerances are slimmer than a human hair, he said.

Tool Fabrication Lead Bobbie McCauley led the tour around the plant showing students how their participation in a robotics program can lead them toward a career in aircraft engineering.



High school level team Broadwater Robotics and middle school teams Broadwater Brainiacs and Broadwater Lego Avengers are preparing for state robotics competitions February 7-8 at MSU by attending the regional meet January 18 and 28 in Helena. Last season high school and middle school teams received recognition at the state level. Coaches are Spencer Sulley, Roger Flynn, Adam Six and Bobbie McCauley. Photo Provided

The Story of the Four Chaplains

Tony Wagner
American Legion Post 42

Every year, the American Legion honors these Four Chaplains whose abridged story is told below. This year the ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 1st at 11 am at the Trailhead Church in Townsend. Please come and attend this important and moving ceremony. A free taco bar lunch will follow the ceremony.

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the crosshairs, an officer aboard U-223 spotted the Dorchester. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire a fan of three torpedoes. The one that hit was decisive and deadly, striking the starboard side, amidship, far below the water line. Alerted that Dorchester was sinking rapidly, Danielsen gave the order to abandon ship. In the midst of the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope to despair and light in darkness: Lt. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister consoled the troops and handed out life jackets. When there were no more life jackets to



2024 - 4 Chaplains
American Legion Post #42 Photo

hand out, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. "It was the finest thing I have ever seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains' selfless act. As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains, braced against the slanting deck, arm in arm. They were heard praying and singing hymns.

To hear the rest of this story and see the ceremony that the American Legion has been doing to honor these brave men ever since that fateful day, please attend the service at 11 am February 1st at the Trailhead Church just outside of Townsend, near the lake.

Stoke Events

Jim Domino
STOKE President

STOKE Hello from STOKE and Happy New Year! We are starting 2025 with some exciting new and ongoing programs and events:

- Save the Date!!!! Friday, February 14 will be our annual Valentine's Day Fundraiser! Dinner, drinks and fun at the Lodge of Townsend. Limited tickets. Tickets will go on sale soon.
- Showdown Ski Area Skiing Club
 - * Open to kids, grade 6 to 12, no skiing experience needed.
 - * Two-hour lesson, rental and lift ticket.
 - * Transportation included.
 - * Adult chaperones will be present.
 - * FREE, limited to 10, first-come, first-serve. Pre-registration is required. See our website for details.
- Game Night at the Lodge of Townsend, Begins Jan 17, 5:30-7, Ping-Pong, Pool, Corn Hole, Chess, Board Games and snacks. Open to all kids and families (children under 10 need to be accompanied by an adult)
- Cooking, Have fun learning how to cook. Starts soon, see website for details and registration.
- Pottery: Learn how to work with clay. See website for details and registration

This is just a sample of what STOKE will be offering kids in 2025. Call our STOKE Coordinator Liz Wishman at 406.980.1965 for more information about STOKE and our programs. Thanks and hope to see you soon!

EAST HELENA NEWS

City of East Helena Loans Star of David Window to Montana Jewish Project

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



East Helena's City Council inked an agreement to loan one of three, historic Star of David windows to the Montana Jewish Project for display at Temple Emanu-El in Helena as part of the temple's historical collection.

Crafted near the turn of the 20th Century and originally installed in the administration building of the American Smelter and Refining Company's (ASARCO's) East Helena smelter, the windows offer a unique glimpse into Montana's past.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Jewish Swiss-emigre Meyer Guggenheim made his fortune in mining in the American West and would eventually own mining ventures from the Southwest to Alaska. The family purchased a controlling interest in ASARCO in 1901. By 1912, the Guggenheims controlled nearly 80 percent of the world's silver, lead, and copper. The East Helena refinery was the world's sixth largest.

The family had the three, hand-crafted Star of David windows installed at the East Helena plant as a nod to their Jewish heritage. The windows remained there after ASARCO's 2005 bankruptcy. The City of East Helena acquired the windows prior to the demolition of the refinery in 2008 and the subsequent Superfund clean up of the area. At the time of their reclamation, the windows had been badly damaged by time and neglect.

According to a brief history of the windows, written by East Helena City Clerk Amy Thorngren, the "Montana History Foundation, ArtPlace America through the Myrna Loy, and the City of East Helena funded the restoration of the three Star of David windows."

Preserve Montana's Restoration Director Mary Webb restored the windows between 2020 and 2021.



The City of East Helena will loan the Montana Jewish Project one of three historic Star of David windows from the ASARCO administration building. Crafted around 1900, the windows were an acknowledgement of the Guggenheim Family's Jewish heritage. Linda Kent Photo

While one of the windows will be on display at Temple Emanu-El, the two others are planned to be installed at the East Helena Volunteer Fireman's Hall, "as a commemoration of historical forces and the generations of East Helenas who spent their working years in operation of the town's lead smelter," Thorngren wrote.

The council's agreement with the Montana Jewish Project put no time frame on how long the window would be displayed at the temple, located at 515 N. Ewing in Helena.

"To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is NOT a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens."

-Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson

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Big Sky Angels- Laura Stevenson

Montana Crafted: Crochet Items- animals, bags, decor and more, Handpainted-Ornamentals and Re-purposed Art

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Handcrafted Cards, Incense and Incense Burners, Beanies and Diamond Painting Kits.

Woodshaper Unique- Pennie Kittilson

Knives: Bowie and folding, Jewelry: earrings, necklaces, real insect jewelry and Artisan Gifts: plaques, boxes, sun catchers, keychains, magnets

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January 10

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal Menahan's courtroom on Friday, January 10, 2025, is as follows:

Richard Karp had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to a 4th or subsequent DUI. In his elocution, he stated, "I drove drunk while I was in Broadwater County." His Sentencing will be on February 7, 2025.

Bobby Ray Jones had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth). A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. He will be sentenced on March 7, 2025.

Evan Welch appeared for a Status Hearing. His new Pre-Trial Conference will be March 28; with the Jury Trial to be on April 28, 2025.

Samuel Cooper had a change of Plea; pleading Guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs. In his elocution, he stated that he was stopped by law enforcement in Broadwater County where he was found with methamphetamine. His sentencing is to be determined.

Charity Lamere had an Initial Appearance on charges of elder exploitation and two charges of identity theft. She will be arraigned on January 24, 2025.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Lucas Lesmes, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Nathan Monteil – Townsend – Aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but fifteen days suspended on conditions, \$2585.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program followed by monthly monitoring for a period of one year.

James Sizemore – Winston – careless driving, plead guilty, \$45.00 fines and fees.

Julie Dooling – Helena – Reckless driving, plead guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Mckenna Naber – Townsend – 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.

Tammie Era – Townsend – operating without liability insurance in effect-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration to the vehicle operated at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.

Stanley Amack – Harrison - 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; careless driving, plead guilty, \$45.00 fines and fees.

Michael Henry – Billings – driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$135.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Kaitlyn Juvik, East Helena: night speed \$20.00

Sheriff's Report: Dec 2024

Nick Rauser
Broadwater County Sheriff



Agency Report

Calls for Service 1281
Traffic Stops 107
Warrant Arrests 7
New Cases Opened 34

Jail Bookings 43
DUI Arrests 8
Theft 3
Partner Family Member Assault 3
Arrests Total 26
Coroner Calls 2

Proactive Patrols

North/LF Baum/ Jimmy Green/ Winston/Silo Area 17
South/ Three Forks Area 47
Toston/Radersburg Area 3

The content of this report does not reflect the full scope of activities conducted by the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Annual Report: 2024

Nick Rauser
Broadwater County Sheriff



Agency Report

Calls for Service 18093
Traffic Stops 1185
Warrant Arrests 75
New Cases Opened 609

Jail Bookings 542
DUI Arrests 79
Theft 45
Sex offenses 11
Fraud 9
Vandalism 9
Trespass 8
Assault/Fight 14
Partner Family Member Assault 34
Deaths 15

Proactive Patrols

North/LF Baum/ Jimmy Green/ Winston/Silo Area 118
South/ Three Forks Area 429
Toston/Radersburg Area 66

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Council Declines Action on Request to Reduce Water Rates for Unoccupied Residences in Multi-family Dwellings

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



Townsend's City Council declined Jan. 7 to take action on a citizen's request to amend the city's water ordinance to allow owners of multi-unit dwellings to pay for city services only for those units that are occupied.

In reviewing the request, council member JB Howick stated that, as the owner of an unoccupied property used for storage, "As I sat back and thought about whether it would be fair for me to ask the city to waive the monthly water bill just because we are using the building for storage and not as an occupied business, the conclusion I came to is this: there is an obligation, in my opinion, for property owners within the boundaries of the city to support the city. . . . I came to the conclusion that I could not support the request."

"I don't know how we can make an exception and open that can of worms for her when you have other people who have buildings that have multiple units of housing in them and, just because they're vacant, they don't get to turn their water off," Council member Vivian Boaz added. She also cited the strong demand for rental housing in the community.

Mayor Vicki Rauser noted that the council had received a similar request around 50 years ago and declined to accommodate the requestor at that time. "This would be consistent with that determination years ago," she said.

The request died without a motion to amend the ordinance.

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.gov>.

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.gov, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Monday, January 20, 2025

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – All County offices closed

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

No Commission Meeting

3:00 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

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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

- Board of Health Meeting on January 27th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on February 5th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on February 6th at 6:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on February 11th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on February 11th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on February 11th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on February 12th at 2:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on February 18th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on February 19th at 6:00 PM

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

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.

Civic Engagement Beyond the Polls: How to Make Government

Listen Workshop

Audrey Walleser Martin
Agate Consulting



Audrey Walleser Martin will present a civic engagement workshop on January 21, 2025, at the Broadwater County School Community Room.

We will discuss:

- How do you engage your government as the Montana Legalure is now in session? Processes, testimony, bill tracking decorum, etc
- We will talk about county and local issues engagement, attending meetings, decorum, how to testify, signing up for updates
- How to engage national elected representatives? When and for what reason?
- And a host of other related topics

This is a free nonpartisan workshop. We will discuss the processes, not the issues themselves.

Bio: Audrey is a Montanan who grew up in the Mission Valley. She has held several positions on Capitol Hill and in Montana politics. She has worked on over 100+ campaigns, from local to presidential races. She has spent time in the Montana Legislature during the last 14 sessions, ranging from staff to citizen lobbyist.

Her career in public service spans over 26 years. In 2021, she earned the Award of Excellence in Service to the State of Montana from Governor Greg Gianforte for her work during the COVID pandemic.

Upon leaving public service in 2023, she now serves as a government analyst, where she made recommendations to government entities at all levels on disaster and emergency services issues and natural resources policy.

She is passionate about building the public's understanding of government and educating people on how to get involved with issues that matter to them and the best ways to be successful with their issues and causes.

Contact Audrey Walleser Martin at: Political Strategy Institute, PO Box 241 – Townsend, MT 59644, 406-281-3533 - office, email: alwalleser@yahoo.com

Tell House Agriculture

Committee to Vote No on HB 119

Alice Miller
Press Relations Specialist, Montana Farmers Union

Bill to Establish MT Cattle Committee creates bureaucracy without benefits

Let legislators know HB 119 - Establish the Montana Cattle Committee - needs to go back to the drawing board because it's unclear how the additional assessment fee would benefit producers.

The bill provides for a politically appointed committee that would collect an assessment fee of \$1 from Montana Cattle producers upon a referendum vote. Montana Farmers Union opposed the bill in committee because:

- It's unclear what goals this second dollar would achieve that can't be achieved by the current beef checkoff.
- If additional funding is truly needed for the purposes outlined in the bill, we should allow the current MT Beef Council to administer it with clearly defined parameters.
- The Montana Beef Council (which predates the national beef checkoff) represents the industry better than what is proposed in HB 119, which asks for a politically appointed committee with no districts or representation requirements.
- The referendum vote needs some requirements and clarifications.
- There should be a restriction in place to prevent funds from going to the NCBA.

Create a public participation account and share your concerns with House Ag Committee members today. Make a call and ask to leave a message for legislators or the committee by dialing (406) 444-4800 to reach the Information Desk.

Richtmyer Elected Chair of Broadwater County Commission

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



The Broadwater County Commissioners elected Lindsey Richtmyer as commission chair during the regular Jan. 8 meeting. Richtmyer, a long-time Montana resident and 10-year resident of Broadwater County, replaces Darrel Folkvord. Folkvord lost his re-election bid to Jesse Swenson in November.

Married to Tory Richtmyer, whose family has ranched in Broadwater County since 1950, Lindsey Richtmyer represents Commission District 2, which includes northeast Broadwater County. The couple and their son split time between the Richtmyer ranch and Lindsey Richtmyer's family ranch in the Castle Mountains of Broadwater County.

"When we moved back to Townsend in 2020, I wanted to be more involved in the community where my husband grew up and where we are raising our son," Richtmyer said of her reasons for running for a commission seat. "Change was happening very quickly, and I saw the collision of traditional, small-town agriculture life with unprecedented growth and development. I believe in being as proactive as possible and saw the opportunity to be involved as the community faced those challenges."

"The commissioners are the closest government to the people," Richtmyer said. "We are the boots-on-the-ground part of government that you can call, meet, and talk with."

When asked what she sees as her biggest accomplishments as a commissioner so far, Richtmyer said, "Developing a successful working relationship with the other two commissioners, elected officials, and department heads. When you're new, it's a baptism by fire, but establishing respectful relationships that function through disagreements, idea sharing, and discussion of difficult topics allow us all to accomplish more and tackle the tough jobs. We have been able to dive into and address items that were previously sidelined as well as complete larger, more demanding projects."

Looking toward the future, Richtmyer said the county has an immediate opportunity to improve communication with the residents of the county. She cited the limitations of using social media as a motivator for the county to explore additional channels, including TextMyGov, print, web, and printed postings. In addition, the county will have a regular update column in MT43 News beginning in February.



*Broadwater County Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer
Linda Kent Photo*

"We want the residents of Broadwater to have a better understanding of what we are working on and why we are making certain decisions," Richtmyer said.

Among the challenges she sees for the future, Richtmyer said working with the legislature to bring relief or reform to the state's property tax system for funding county government will be a priority if the county is to meet the needs of its constituents.

"Land and water use, aging bridges, growing commercial industry for better jobs, solutions to address the housing cost and shortages, and funding emergency services across the county are samples of some of the other challenges we are currently tackling," she said.

Asked for general thoughts, Richtmyer responded, "Be involved and participate! Posting on social media doesn't help solve community problems. Public involvement helps shape policies, processes, and change. The County has several board openings and options for participation. All the commission and county board meetings are live-streamed and recorded. Public comment can be submitted in writing or online and in-person at a meeting. Meetings can be watched at www.youtube.com/@broadwatercounty. The County also has a new website at www.broadwatercountymt.gov. You can find meeting agendas and documents, public notices, and department information on the website. You can also sign up for text message notifications from the County. Send the message BCNOTIFY to 91896 to opt in."

Future Farmers of America

Ashley Sanderson
2024-2025 Broadwater FFA Reporter

December 6th, 2024 - January 4th, 2025



While December wasn't an incredibly busy month for the Broadwater FFA Chapter due to winter break, it was still incredibly successful. We started off the month with the Sweetgrass Showdown on December 9th. Our chapter took teams in livestock evaluation, veterinary science, and floriculture. Veterinary science and floriculture both qualified for state which will be taking place at the beginning of April.

Not only did we have two state-qualifying teams, we also had multiple members who placed in the top 10 individually. Kaitlyn Noyes placed 5th overall in livestock evaluation and 3rd overall in veterinary science. Ashley Sanderson placed 6th overall in veterinary science, and our team secured the 2nd place spot.

Along with our competition, we also had our officer team gift exchange, it was an amazing team-building experience and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We also held the monthly meeting of the Broadwater FFA Chapter. It was the last one for 2024, and it really doesn't seem like the year is already halfway over. Time really does fly.

We still have several events that have yet to compete for their spot at state and I'm looking forward to seeing what everyone does. Keep up the good work!

Townsend FFA Looking for Business Sponsors/ Participants in Career Fair

Jemma Loughery
Agricultural Education Teacher

Broadwater FFA Students are hosting a career fair on Thursday, February 6th from 9:00 - 12:30 as part of Career and Technical Education Month. We are reaching out to you and your business to see if you would be interested in participating in our Career Fair. Ideally, you and your business would be willing and able to hire high school students. The event will allow students and employers to meet, network, and discuss potential job or internship opportunities. We have roughly 200 students in the high school and this career fair will be a way to get them involved in potential opportunities.

When: Thursday, February 6, 2025

Who: Broadwater High School Students and surrounding businesses

What: Broadwater FFA Sponsored Career Fair

Where: Broadwater High School Gym

Please contact Jemma Loughery at jloughery@townsend.k12.mt.us or 406-314-3403 if you have any questions and would like to get your name on the list to participate.

Summer Internships Open from Montana Stockgrowers Association

Cheyenne Leach
Montana Stockgrowers Communications Coordinator



The Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) has opened applications for the 2025 Summer Internship Program and will accept applications until February 15, 2025. The internship duration will be from May – August 2025.

The MSGA Summer Internship Program was created to provide students with a hands-on experience of the various facets of association event planning and execution, policy development, social media engagement and coverage, and member engagement. This internship program is made possible from support of the Montana Stockgrowers Foundation.

"MSGA's summer internship program continues to exceed expectations, and we are excited to work with another bright young professional to help develop their career in the livestock industry," said Raylee Honeycutt, MSGA Executive Vice President.

Successful applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Applicants should be an undergraduate college student at a sophomore or junior level at the time of application submission.
- An agricultural, communications, or marketing degree program or background is preferred, but not required.
- Applicants should possess excellent communication skills with a strong work ethic.
- Applicants should be US residents.
- Applicants must be available to work in the MSGA Helena office during the designation internship duration.

The selected candidate will be responsible for assisting the Director of Marketing & Communications with all formal association communications including public relations, external communications, member communications, and event management.

For more information about the summer internship program or to apply, visit www.mtbeef.org/careers.

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DINE LOCAL BROADWATER

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



American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM Special Event with Food: N/A Bar hours may vary	The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	C Hangin' C Mercantile & Creamery 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Sat 9:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site	Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 7:00PM Menu: https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Mint-100028372015743/
Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Menu available on Facebook Closed Sunday and Monday	Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - Close Grill off at 10:00PM	Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Deep Creek Pizza 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Menu: www.deepcreekpizzaco.com, Facebook and Instagram Closed Sunday	Full Belli Deli 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: 7:30AM - 8:00PM Every Day Menu: fullbellidelimt.com	TB's Diner 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Fri - Tue 7:00AM - 8:00PM Wed - Thu CLOSED Specials: Facebook

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Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 1/17	Sat 1/18	Sun 1/19	Mon 1/20	Tue 1/21
Light Snow	Very Light Snow Showers	Very Light Snow Showers	Mostly Clear	Very Light Snow Showers
21° 4°	9° -2°	4° -14°	8° 3°	22° 14°
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Precipitation:

August: 0.402" November: 0.079"
 September: 3.637" December: 0.000"
 October: 0.174" January: 0.04"
 2024: 10.903" 2025: 0.04"

Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wish-granting spirits
- 7 Greek vowel
- 12 Records file
- 20 Punch combo
- 21 Slotchy GI garb
- 22 He played AI Bundy on TV
- 23 Planners of campus events
- 25 Often-pickled red vegetable
- 26 Atop, in poems
- 27 Lena of "The Reader"
- 28 Latin "I love"
- 30 Patron saint of sailors
- 31 Brotherhood
- 39 Capital of a Mexico state
- 40 Hard to find
- 41 Burdened
- 42 Travail
- 44 Political campaigners for a particular issue
- 50 Wonderment
- 53 Dragon in "The Hobbit"
- 57 Suffix with racket
- 58 Not at all tight
- 59 Medieval protectors of trade
- 63 Icebox
- 65 Boise's state
- 66 Gel in a lab
- 67 By means of
- 68 Claimed psychic gift
- 69 Regulators of a moral code
- 76 Bath fixture
- 79 Printer fluid
- 80 Years on end
- 81 More devious
- 85 Surfs the internet, e.g.
- 88 Fighters of animal cruelty
- 92 Madison Ave. contact
- 93 Sea, in Paris
- 94 Corrective eye surgery
- 95 Pitching star
- 96 It consists of 13-player football teams
- 100 Aspirin target
- 103 Japanese alternative to massage
- 104 "Carpe —!"
- 108 Newspaper of the USSR
- 112 Managers of houses in a subdivision
- 118 SpaceX founder Musk
- 119 Formed a lap
- 120 "Leave — the pros"
- 121 Anna of fashion
- 122 It has Cut and Copy commands
- 126 Apt playing card for this puzzle's theme?
- 131 Company VIP
- 132 Barrymore or Waters of "Pinky"
- 133 Consignment shop deal
- 134 "I have no idea!"
- 135 — Dame
- 136 A whole lot

DOWN

- 1 Become lenient
- 2 Intestine: Prefix
- 3 Of axons and dendrites
- 4 "— be my honor"
- 5 Ram's mate
- 6 Prince, e.g.
- 7 Eye-related
- 8 Philippine capital
- 9 One-sharp musical key
- 10 Sticky gunk
- 11 Hit — (run into some trouble)
- 12 Urbane
- 13 Fruity drink
- 14 Foot part
- 15 Busy crawler
- 16 Artsy cap
- 17 Garlicy mayonnaise
- 18 Replay speed, briefly
- 19 "Your Song" singer John
- 24 Whole lot
- 29 Ice cream drink
- 32 "Tsk!"
- 33 — friendly
- 34 She was Mrs. Gorbachev
- 35 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
- 36 Nuptial oath
- 37 Buddhism branch
- 38 Point of view
- 43 K-O linkup
- 45 Toon frame
- 46 Fish eggs
- 47 Seep out
- 48 Wields
- 49 Crime doer
- 50 French bud
- 51 Join nuptially
- 52 Pitching stat
- 54 Sharp as —
- 55 Popular Aussie boots
- 56 Avocado dip, for short
- 60 Fidel's cohort
- 61 Sweltering
- 62 "... sad and dreary everywhere —": Stephen Foster
- 63 Suitable
- 64 Disloyal sort
- 67 Ivy and kudzu
- 70 Go in haste
- 71 Electees, e.g.
- 72 Diner offering
- 73 "— Lisa"
- 74 PC key
- 75 Gin inventor
- 76 Whitney
- 77 Pakistani language
- 78 Tennis: Björn
- 82 Positive vote
- 83 And so on: Abbr.
- 84 Dark loaf
- 86 Fly trapper
- 87 Jazz's — Gyra
- 88 Mecca-to-Medina flight
- 89 Country east of Arg.
- 90 Little drink
- 91 Giraffe's kin
- 93 Be certain
- 97 Actor Ayres
- 98 A, in Berlin
- 99 Self-help author
- 101 Lyric-penning
- 102 Ballplayer of D.C., in brief
- 105 Apple computer camera
- 106 Bible book before Job
- 107 Mark with multicolored spots
- 109 Optical
- 110 Exact look-alike
- 111 Licorice-like seeds
- 112 Listens to
- 113 Classic song
- 114 Actress Shearer
- 115 PC key
- 116 Dutch painter Jan
- 117 Dove's call
- 123 Roman 1,200
- 124 Biblical verb suffix
- 125 — de plume
- 127 Figure skater
- 128 To's partner of Arg.
- 129 Company VIP
- 130 Timothy Leary's drug

Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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!

Divine

BUSMILE

Notice

GRADER

Steal

PARTIE

Slight

HINT

TODAY'S WORD

"I hope that paint will be dry by _____."

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals N

UQS ZLVFA EQCBW'G BLLGS
 CFECGLN HXWS QCG AVHG
 JNSUUZ GLNS. C ULBW QCH
 "UQCG ULLUQ GQXBB JXGG."

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KNIGHT MOVES

D	Y	E
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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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SR. CENTER MEALS:	Birthday Cake
JAN 20 - JAN 24	<i>Wednesday, January 22</i>
516 2nd Street,	Sloppy Joes on a Bun
Townsend MT	Baked Beans
406-266-3995	Creamy Coleslaw
Monday, January 20	Fresh Fruit
CLOSED	<i>Thursday, January 23</i>
MLK, Jr. Day	Montana Pasties
Tuesday, January 21	Key Largo Vegetables
Happy Birthday!	Tossed Salad
Pork Chops	Whole Grain
Steamed Potatoes	Fruit Cocktail
Sliced Beets	<i>Friday, January 24</i>
Dinner Salad w/Beans	Tuna Noodle Casserole
Whole Grain Bread	Green Peas
Apricots	Carrot Raisin Salad
	Whole Grain Bread
	Sweet Pears

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Who are We?

Time to get back to “reality”. When I ask, "Who are we?" I'm serious, (mostly). As a people- who are we? Hold on!

Most all of you have heard the phrase: “Divide and Conquer”, right? A good place to start. WE ARE: human beings. The collective WE are white, black, brown, red, yellow, and various shades of ALL this. We are Caucasian, African, Asian, Native American, European, Arab, Pacific Islander and various cultures from all over Earth.

We are: Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Mormon, Buddhist, Hindu, Bahai, Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, 7th Day Adventist, Episcopalian, and MANY variations in between! We are male, female, (variations in our own thoughts). We are city folks, town folks, country folks, nomads, those with and those without! We Are: ranchers, farmers, factory workers, small business owners & employees. We are liberals, conservatives, independents, etc.

We are Rotary, Lions Club, Elks, Eagles, Masons, Veterans, civilians, Scouts / Girl Scouts (don't get me started.), etc. We are different sports team's fans. We are healthy, sick, “damaged,” lazy, hardworking, unemployed, on assistance, looking for work. I think you are starting to get the idea!

With ALL this “division” how do we get ANYTHING done? Many times, we do NOT! The “mainstream media” likes it this way; they can CONTROL us. Want to know how moldable we are? In the 1970s one movie had an actor wear a white 3-piece suit, and dance “disco”. All of a sudden people all over were wearing white suits and dancing something like disco. In the 80s an actor in a movie drove a truck and talked to his “good buddies” on the CB radio. All of a sudden there were CBs everywhere. It drove the police nuts! ANY fad that can come down the pike, people will fall in line to buy their merchandise. (Remember the “Pet Rock?”)

NOW, “leaders” of cities have betrayed their people. The far west coast has PLENTY of water, except The Governing body has dumped the fresh water into the ocean, and emptied the reservoirs, the Federal Government even gave them billions a few years ago to build water-holding sheds and reservoirs. Nothing was done! Now, if you watch the news, we all know what has happened, many people who “KNOW” warned them. Greed & Laziness!

With so many divisions in our society, we are just waiting for a takeover! Any “enemy” could literally just walk in and overrun US! Several other countries are looking with greedy eyes at America. Can we come together in time? Do NOT think that it couldn't happen, work together; do NOT be a country divided! America IS a part of all countries; we are the melting pot that works. Stop the hatred of all things/people that are different! You are warned!

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Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

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Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

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MountainValleyChurch.org
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Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

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Trailhead Christian Fellowship
20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
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Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc. Hosts Radersburg Ramble

Karen Walton
Radersburg Ramble Coordinator



On Saturday, January 25, 2025, the Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc. (RHPI) will be hosting the first annual Radersburg Ramble.

This community event will feature a 5K & 10K road race, starting at the Historic Radersburg School and following Crow Creek Road to the north. This event will give participants the opportunity to visit the community of Radersburg while also taking in the beautiful scenery of the surrounding countryside and Elkhorn Mountains rising in the background.

Participants, volunteers, and spectators will be able to experience the rural tight-knit community that was once a thriving mining town, discover the history of Radersburg through the archives inside the school, and interact with the community through conversation and attendance at this event.

The Race Director for this event, Karen Walton, lives on Main Street in Radersburg and is a member of RHPI. An avid runner, outdoor enthusiast, and community-minded local, Karen has always wanted to organize a race. Since running her first 5K at age 11, she has competed in distances up to a marathon, completed a half- Ironman triathlon, and currently supplements

her exercise through Cross Fit classes in Townsend.

Having run winter races in Montana at the half-marathon distance, she recognized that most people do not want to participate in a distance that far. Additionally, the Montana race calendar is quiet in the winter months and the Radersburg Ramble gives people the opportunity to support the community, fulfill a New Year's resolution, or simply have something to look forward to. This event is for people of all ages and in any physical shape. You can decide to run or walk either of the courses.

With only a week left before the event, get registered to participate by visiting www.radersburgramble.org

For those that want to volunteer, reach out to Karen at mtvmontessori@gmail.com

No matter what the weather, the Radersburg Ramble is sure to delight anyone who comes out to be part of this inaugural event!

We want to thank our many sponsors who have helped to make this event possible and RHPI for hosting the event. Every race participant receives a custom beanie and swag bag filled with goodies. Post-race refreshments will recharge you and your supporters as well as give you an opportunity to explore the historic school and surrounding area.

Check out our Facebook page (Radersburg Ramble) for pictures and extras related to the event. We hope to see you there on January 25th!

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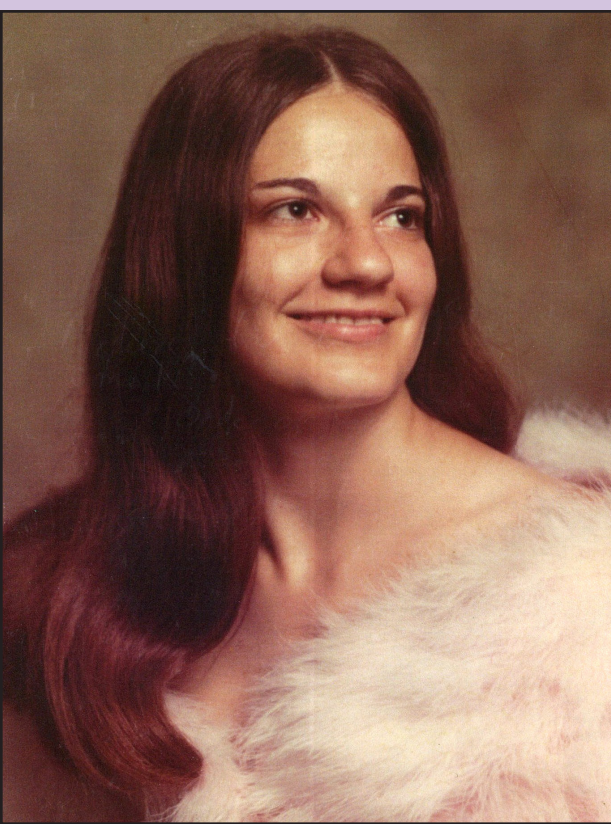
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OBITUARIES

Teresa "Renee" Banks

Family of Teresa Renee Banks

July 17, 1954 – January 10, 2025



Teresa Renee Banks
Photo Provided by Family of Teresa Renee Banks

Teresa Renee Banks was born Teresa Renee Mongolo in Reno, Nevada on July 17, 1954, to Edward F. Mongolo and Mystery Agnes Schneider. She was the oldest of three brothers and four sisters.

She grew up in Reno and graduated from Reno High School in 1972. After graduating she attended beauty college, even though she was already beautiful!

On March 28th, 1975, she married her high school sweetheart, Michael Banks. In 1976 they welcomed their first child Aaron, a beautiful baby boy. Later that year, they joined their best friends, Lyle and Pasty Schwope in Townsend Montana. In 1977 they were blessed with their second child, this time a bubbly little girl they named Rebekah.

Also in 1977, along with special friends, John and Nancy Williams, Gary and Judy Anderon, Diane Johnson, John and Joni Carlton, Lyle and Patsy Schwope, and many others, they started Townsend Christian Fellowship.

In 1979 they welcomed their third child, another perfect little girl, Rachael. Besides raising her own three children, Renee helped raise many others who referred to her as Nae Nae. She was naturally the world's best mom. She also loved animals (except for bugs) and was very talented at many types of crafts but was a master at sewing and crochet. She spent her entire life making things for others. She spent many years making angel gowns, (burial gowns for the Nicu units at the Hospital) from donated wedding gowns. Even after her own diagnosis of cancer, she continued to make hats and lapgans for the oncology unit at St. Peters Hospital. It brought her great joy to be able to bless others. Besides her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the most important things in her life were her kids, grandkids and many wonderful friends. She will not soon be forgotten.

Renee is survived by her husband of fifty years, Mike. Her son Aaron (Melinda, John, Taiyler and Parker) of Townsend. Daughter, Rebekah of Reno Nevada. Daughter Rachael Stubbendeck (Danny, Hayden and Madyson) of Townsend. Sister Tammii (Tony) Gomes of Reno, Nevada. Sister Patti Bright of Portland Oregon. Brother Mark Evans (Sheri and Meghan) of Post Falls, Idaho and Brother Dan (Melanie, Kayla, Courtney, Morgan and Taylor) Evans of Newman Lake Washington. Plus, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Mystery Lincoln, father, Edward F. Mongolo, stepmom, Charlene Mongolo. Brother, Michael Mongolo. Sister Tyais and sister Wendy Bright.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church, 20 Trailhead Drive. A reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall of the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Renee's name may be made to Jude Children's Research Hospital by visiting: www.stjude.org. Please visit www.stevensonwilke.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Renee.

1 Corinthians Chapter 2 Verse 9
But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

Edward Henry Strong

Family of Edward Henry Strong

Edward Henry Strong, age 88, of Winston formerly of Bremerton, WA
March 6, 1936 – December 30, 2024



Edward Henry Strong
Photo Provided by Family of Edward Henry Strong

Edward Henry Strong, age 88, of Winston, Montana died early Monday morning December 30, 2024, in Townsend, Montana.

Edward was born in Waukegan, Illinois, on March 6, 1936, to James Henry and Dorothy A. (Laurent) Strong. Edward, following his high school education, joined the US Army to serve his country on August 22, 1958, and was honorably discharged August 21, 1961. Edward met Veda Ellen Taylor and were married September 15, 1962.

Edward worked many various jobs during his working career. He worked at the Smelter in Great Falls; the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard near Bremerton, WA; he and his wife Veda owned and operated the Ramble Inn Bar in Sun River, Montana; he also worked at Bangor Marine Naval Base in Silverdale, WA; and as a janitor for schools in the Bremerton School District.

Edward was a life member of the American Legion and loved to play cards, do puzzles and go to Buffalo Wild Wings where he loved the people and enjoyed a game of cards in the midafternoon.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife Veda; son, Roger Strong; sister, Mary and brother, James.

Edward is survived by his children, Barbra Weidell, Edward Charles Strong and his wife Carolyn, Richard Michael Strong and his wife Susan and Randy James Strong and his wife Renee; daughter-in-law, Dayna Strong; grandchildren, Michael Strong, Joy Strong, Jamie Bean, Zachary Strong, Sarah Wies, Ryan Strong, Andrea Funderburg, Alisa Bell, Shannon Petersen, Heather Heublein and Matthew Strong; great-grandchildren, Ezekial Strong, Elijah Strong, Emmett Strong, Asher Fujioka, Ayden Fujioka, Shannon Taylor, Jamison Bean, Ronin Bean, Damion Bean, Dante Rodgers, James Weis, Freya Eldridge, Mayah Arnold, Novah Petersen, Lorelai Heublein, Connor Heublein, Jaden Witty, Olivia Witty and Kailey Bell. He is also survived by extended family, Krystal and Alan Rogers.

No formal funeral service will be held at this time. Edward will be buried with military honors at Miller Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bremerton WA at a later date.

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Weed of the Month: Dalmatian Toadflax

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Our Weed of the Month, Toadflax, is debatably one of the "prettiest" weeds on the Montana noxious weed list. However, it is an example of a plant that was introduced to the United States as a garden ornamental and quickly escaped the bounds of the garden to become invasive.

Description & Habitat

Dalmatian toadflax is native to the Mediterranean. It was introduced to North America in 1874 as an ornamental, fabric dye and medicinal plant. It has been reported in nearly all Montana counties. Infestations are particularly heavy in Broadwater, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark and Bighorn Counties. It is a perennial and can be found in a variety of sites but seems particularly fond of dry open grassland and forests.

The plant is easily confused with another noxious weed, yellow toadflax. Both have yellow "snapdragon" like flowers, but different leaf structure. Dalmatian toadflax has a more slender profile and blue-green leaves and stem with a waxy coating. It has a very intensive root system with a tap root that can reach 10 feet long and lateral roots up to 12 feet. The plant can grow up to 4 feet high. Leaves are heart-shaped and clasp the stem. It can reproduce from roots in addition up to 500,000 seeds each year from a single plant. Seeds stay viable in the soil for up to 10 years.

Dalmatian toadflax has a severe negative impact on native rangeland. In areas with dense populations of toadflax, grass production can be 2.5 times lower. The plant is extremely aggressive and highly adaptable. It can outcompete winter annuals and shallow rooted perennials for moisture. Additionally, dalmatian toadflax plants contain a glucoside compound that is poisonous, especially to cattle. However, generally, livestock avoid the plant.



Dalmatian Toadflax
Photo Sourced from Utah State University, Bugwood.org

Management

You can play a role in reducing the spread of seeds. Vehicles are a large spreader of seeds even in dry conditions. If you are on land with weeds, wash vehicles, ATVs and any equipment before taking them home. Do not drive or walk in areas that are heavily infested if possible. Purchase certified noxious weed seed-free hay when possible.

Sheep and goats can be trained to eat dalmatian toadflax to help control seed production. Tilling, mowing, burning and hand pulling alone are typically not effective, but can be effective as part of an integrated weed management plan.

Six insects have been released to control Dalmatian toadflax. However, only one, a stem-boring weevil, has become well established. There have been some issues with winter survival, so it does best where there is significant snow cover or milder temperatures.

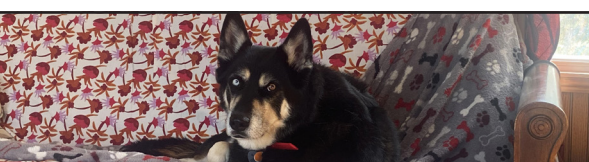
Selective herbicides can provide good control and are often most cost effective in small or new infestations. The best time to spray is at the rosette, early bud/pre-bloom stage or fall regrowth. Commonly used chemicals include Escort, Plateau, Telar or Tordon (restricted use). The thick waxy coating can make herbicide penetration a challenge, so a surfactant is recommended. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but do not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance with weed identification and control, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu. Broadwater County has a cost share program for controlling noxious weeds including dalmatian toadflax. For more information contact the Broadwater County Weed District at 406-266-9243.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

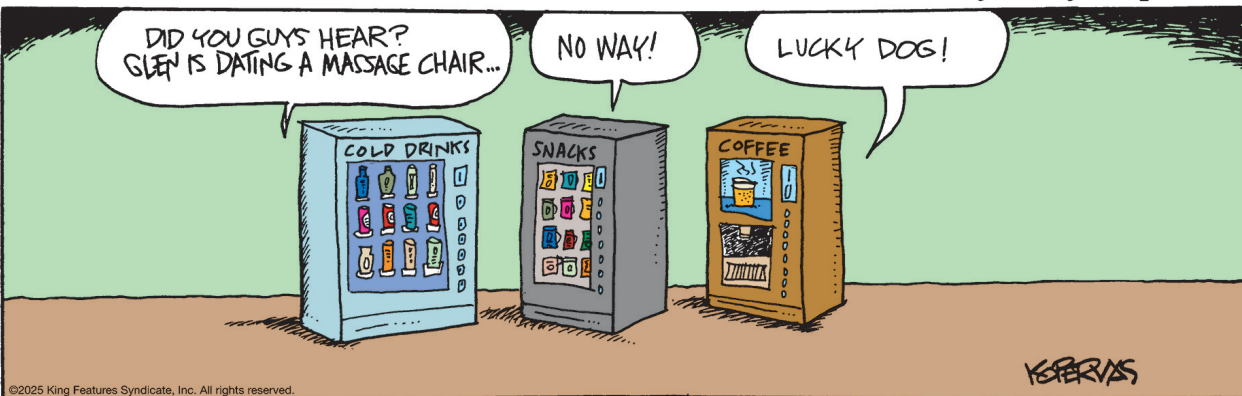


GIVE ME A BREAK. YOU ACTUALLY WANT ME TO PICK SOMETHING GOOD FOR ME IN A GAS STATION? WELL, THIS ONE DOES SAY "SWEET GOODNESS" ON IT.



Out on a Limb

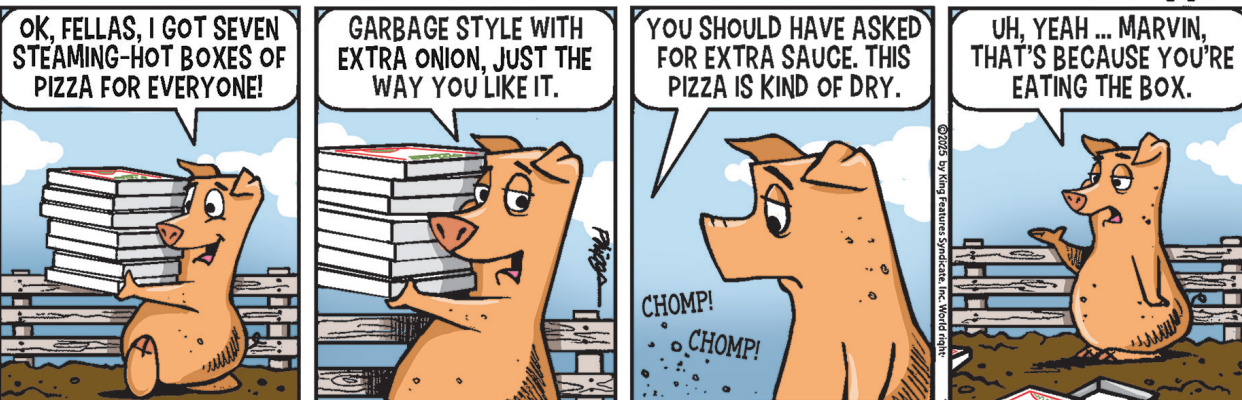
by Gary Kopervas



DID YOU GUYS HEAR? GLEN IS DATING A MASSAGE CHAIR... NO WAY! LUCKY DOG!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



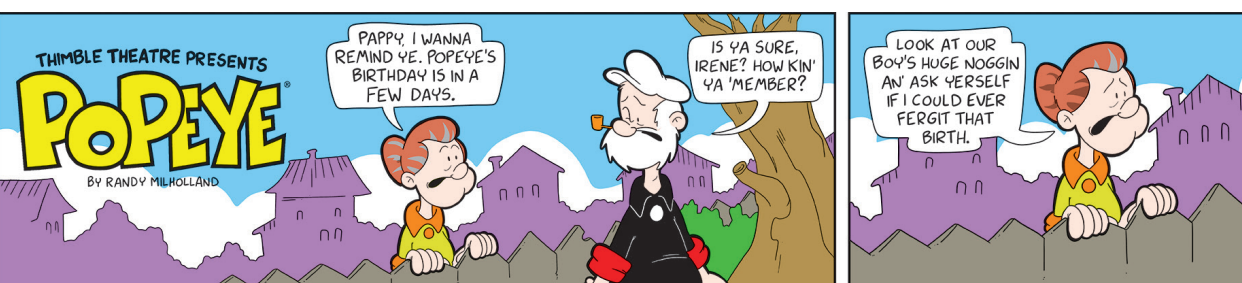
OK, FELLAS, I GOT SEVEN STEAMING-HOT BOXES OF PIZZA FOR EVERYONE! GARBAGE STYLE WITH EXTRA ONION, JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT. YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR EXTRA SAUCE. THIS PIZZA IS KIND OF DRY. UH, YEAH ... MARVIN, THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE EATING THE BOX.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



I'M ADDICTED TO SEAWEED!! MAYBE YOU SHOULD SEEK HELP?



PAPPY, I WANNA REMIND YE. POPEYE'S BIRTHDAY IS IN A FEW DAYS. IS YA SURE, IRENE? HOW KIN' YA 'MEMBER? LOOK AT OUR BOY'S HUGE NOGGIN' AN' ASK VEESELF IF I COULD EVER FERGIT THAT BIRTH.



OLIVE AND POPEYE HAVE DECIDED TO WATCH THE UNOFFICIAL HORROR MOVIE BASED OFF THE SAILOR. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?! YA GOTSTA BE FINISHED... ... CUZ YA STOLE ME SPINICH. THAT WAS DISGUSTPATIN'. I DUNNO, I FEEL THE MOVIE CAPTURED WHO I REALLY AM.



YEAH, THAT'S WHY YA LOVED YER DEPECKSUN. LET ME HAVE THIS. I JUS' DON'TSK GIT WHY ANYONE WOULD WANNA MAKE A MOVIE WHER I YAM A MONSKER. WHO HATE ME THAT MUCH? ELSEWHERE... MAKIN' THAT MOVIE WAS THE BEST MONEY I EVER SPENT. HOW MUCH OF IT BEING THE BEST YOU SPENT COMES FROM IT BEIN' MY SAVINGS YOU STOLE?

Americanisms



"Men are like steel. When They lose their temper, they lose their worth."
— Chuck Norris



"What's this about you refusing to be released into my custody?"

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5	7	9	3	6	8	4	1	2
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CryptoQuip answer

The young child's loose incisor made his gums pretty sore. I told him "This tooth shall pass."

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Sublime 2. Regard; 3. Pirate; 4. Thin

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A Quick Lunch for a Busy Day

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes



My husband John used to be the lunch cook at our house, mostly because he was waking up and eating breakfast at 4 to 5 am and by 9:30 was hungry again, while I was just finishing my second cup of coffee and about half an hour into my morning's work. That meant that I was frequently torn away from my computer by the tantalizing aroma of one of John's delicious tossed-together concoctions--like this. His lunch cooking was always fast and easy to make, but never simple in flavors, which is why this recipe ended up in the Upland Game Bird Cookery book I wrote for Ducks Unlimited. That book includes all the upland birds from pheasant and forest grouse to sharptails and sage grouse to turkeys. The trick to its quickness is to dice the meat into pretty small pieces instead of half-inch chunks, and deleting the browning step, while the addition of smoked polish sausage made it one of my favorite ways to cook a bird whose flavor I'm not particularly fond of: sharptails. Just for the record, I'll add that we once lucked into a bunch of sharptails gorging themselves on buffalo berries. They were sweet and mild tasting, unlike their stronger favored brothers, sisters and cousins we've taken over the years.

No sharptails in the freezer? Pheasant, Hungarian partridge and ruffed, blue or Franklin's grouse will work nicely, too. (Heck, even venison works.)

FYI: John is taking advantage of being semi-retired these days and sleeping in until 6, so lunch is now at a more civilized hour.



John's Ten-Minute Soup
Eileen Clarke Photo

John's Ten-Minute Soup

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 4 cups chicken broth
- 4 ounces lightly smoked polish sausage, diced
- 4 ounces sharptail meat, about 1/2 cup, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 can (15.5 ounce) corn
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Cooking

1. In a medium-sized (3 quart) pot, bring the broth to a boil over high heat. Add the sausage, and boned meat and bring the pot back to a low boil. Turn the heat down to a simmer, and let it cook while you sauté the onions.
2. In a medium-sized skillet, sauté the onion in the oil over medium heat until the onion turns slightly brown, about 5 minutes. Add the onion to the broth. Then add the corn, and black pepper and let simmer about 5-10 minutes until the corn is hot. Serve immediately with hard rolls.

Eileen Clarke's wild game cookbooks are on sale now at www.riflesadrecipes.com/406-521-0273.

New Commissioner Emphasizes Communication as A Priority

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



January 8 was new Commissioner Jesse Swenson's first public meeting at the Flynn Building. By his own admission, it was a lot like first day at school. "I was excited but I was really nervous at the same time because it was everything all at once," he admitted.

Swenson, who defeated incumbent Darrell Folkvord in the November election, has worked with Schaubert Surveying but had no experience working in government; so learning all the different boards, reading the regulations and policies plus studying the county budget has been somewhat overwhelming, he said. From the November election to his swearing-in office, Swenson has worked full time at his surveyor job, plus trying to get up-to-speed on county issues.

Swenson gave his predecessor and his fellow commissioners credit for moving toward better communication with Broadwater County residents. "Hosting meetings at the Headwaters Livestock Auction building in South Broadwater, and in Winston, has really encouraged more ideas and comments by people living in these areas. It makes them feel like they are really part of the Broadwater community," he explained.

He said communication is his number one priority. "My plan is to be open to people's comments and ideas and to listen. I want to make sure everyone is heard. That means making sure everyone knows when items will be on the agenda, and if an item is tabled, people know in advance, rather than coming to the meeting only to find the hearing has been tabled," he said.

During Commission meetings, public comment was limited to time before the formal meeting began. Swenson said that policy

will be changed to allow for better communication at the meetings, so interested parties can comment on an agenda item.

Swenson pointed out the new county website will help county business be available to the public. He feels the new site will help those citizens who formerly did not know where find information.

The commission has come a long way making sure the public knows the county's business. Swenson said printed copies of each meeting agenda will be posted at the City of Townsend building in addition to at the Court House and the Flynn Building. "Changes in ways of communication with the commission, I feel, are all about educating interested people about where and when things are happening in their government," he said.

Swenson will put his feet on the ground as a liaison on several county boards including Mosquito, Fair and Extension, Canyon Ferry Trust and Rocky Mountain Development Council boards. He began familiarizing himself with the Targeted Economic Development District in South Broadwater and Solid Waste Department's activities. "There will be lots of activity coming up for both," he said.

The Emergency Services Building, currently in the review process, is to be built one mile off Interstate 90 on Highway 287. The building will allow the Sheriff's Department, fire departments and county officials to have a presence in South Broadwater County. Swenson said having a place to meet face to face with people in their own space will help with communication as well.



Commissioners Debi Randolph, Jesse Swenson and Lindsey Richtmyer at the first meeting of 2025.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Monthly WIC Clinic Opens in Townsend

Amber Johnson
Communications Dept. Lewis & Clark Public Health Department

The Women, Infant & Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) of Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH) is partnering with Broadwater County Public Health to host a monthly WIC Clinic in Townsend.

Located at 124 N Cedar Street, clinics are scheduled on the first Monday of each month from 10 am – 3 pm. Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome.

WIC is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provides food support for Montana families. One item in the food package is a dollar amount for fresh vegetables and fruits. The amounts are \$26 per month for children up to age five, \$47 for those pregnant, postpartum, or partially breastfeeding, and \$52 for those fully breastfeeding. Other WIC benefits include nutrition counseling, lactation experts, baby food, breastfeeding education and pumps, access to trained staff, and other resources and referrals.

WIC eligibility requires participants to be pregnant,

postpartum, breastfeeding, or have a child younger than five. Participants must make less than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level or qualify for Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, Traditional Best Beginnings, or a free/reduced school meal program. WIC is a voluntary program, and participation does not interfere with SNAP or Medicaid, and new this year, traditional Best Beginnings Scholarship.

"We know that only 55% of eligible families are enrolled statewide, and we also know that many families are struggling to make ends meet this year," said Dawn Sullivan, WIC Clinic Coordinator. "The team here at Helena WIC is here to help families enroll and access all the incredible benefits of WIC. We can help make this season a bit brighter."

WIC in Montana includes 33 local agencies and over 80 clinic sites serving all 56 counties and six tribal reservations. Almost 13,400 women, infants, and children are enrolled which is about 10,000 Montana households.

If Broadwater County families need help enrolling in WIC or accessing their benefits, they can contact the Lewis and Clark Public Health WIC Clinic at 406-457-8912 or email wic@lccountymt.gov.



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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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January 16

1941

Gary Cooper Featured in Weekend Shows

“The Northwest Mounted Police” starring Gary Cooper will be shown in Townsend at the Rex theatre this Friday and Saturday according to announcements made by manager B.F. Sautter.

Mr. Cooper, a Helena born son, is one of the favorite movie actors of the community and the announcement of this showing will be of special interest to them.

Personal News

Miss Althea Hale, who has been convalescing from the flu at the home of her sister, Mrs. R.R. Kimpton has returned to her duties at the Broadwater hospital.

Mrs. Chas. Zimmerman and son, Michael, of Butte have been visiting over the week end with Mrs. Zimmerman’s mother, Mrs. Hadley Rice here.

Miss Ann Whaley returned to Townsend Sunday evening from a six-week vacation trip in California. She returned home in company with her brother, Donald, and Henry and Bill Huth, by car. The boys had had a fine trip and big time doing California’s big cities and seeing the Rose Bowl game on New Years.

1958

Confirmation Services at St. Johns Church

Confirmation services were held at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Townsend Sunday evening for a class of 13 young people. Bishop Sterling of Helena preached at the services.

Confirmed were Coy and Helen Damuth, James and Mary Etwiler, Deena Hollaway, Anthony Krohn, James and Marcia Lots, Thomas Massa, Susan McElravy,

Daniel Neifert and Sharon and Susan Rains.

A reception was held following the services.

Tim Ragen Wins Third Prize in Statewide Contest

Tim Ragen, age 6, of Townsend Elementary school has been selected as 3rd place winner for 1st grade children in the Montana Christmas Seal coloring contest, John H. Casebolt, Executive Director of the Montana Tuberculosis Association has announced.

Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ragen. His first grade teacher at Townsend is Bertha Hanson. More than 150 Broadwater County primary-grade children took part in the coloring contest, designed to aid teachers in stimulating interest in tuberculosis control and good general health habits. The children colored an 8 ½ x 14-inch replica of the 1957 Christmas Seal.

Tim’s entry was selected, along with other state winners by a panel of three Montana artists: Irvin “Shorty” Shope, prominent professional artist; Mrs. Ray O. Bjork, art teacher and accomplished artist; and Shirley Kemp Gannon, national prize-winning designer.

Approximately 17,000 Montana children took part in the state-wide coloring contest.

1975

East of Townsend

Mr. and Ms. Sam Kirksey spent Tuesday through Friday in Billings where Same went through the Clinic.

Catherine McNulty of Wibaux, Paul Kukowski of Beach, North Dakota and Donnie Ross of Chinook were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Schnur and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Bieber and family and LeRoy Bieber and family all of Helena visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber.

Cindy Coonis was an overnight guest Friday of Joann Shindoll. Jody Brown was an overnight guest

Saturday and Sunday.

Winston News

With the help of brother, Tim and big Joe Clark truck, Mr. and Mrs. David Clark bundled wee Bonnie up and moved their house and saddle horses to the Castle Mountain Ranch where David has employment.

Helen Moe’s brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gross of Placerville, California are visiting the Moe’s and being refreshed by our pure mountain air.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Masolo were dinner guests at the birthday dinner at the Larry Sullivan home honoring David Masolo and Larry Sullivan Sunday.

1997

Around Town News

Recent snow and cold makes for a very short list of activities pursued by local residents last week. Most residents opted to stay in their homes over the week end where they could stay warm. I can’t say I blame them because that is exactly what I did. The highlight of the weekend was going out to feed the rabbits.

Lilliam Fisher returned last week following a two-week stay in Havre over the Christmas holiday at the home of her daughter, Carla and Ken Speckman, Amy and Joel.

K.C. and David Johnson, Jill, Eric and Jennifer had Barney and Jean Johnson over for dinner Sunday.

Thursday, Doreen Sautter visited Helen Turcotte. Later she attended the United Methodist Women’s meeting at the church. Attending were Ruby Cox, Doreen Sautter, Martha Schmidt, Gladys Armstrong, Mary Wright, Rene Dagnall, Ione Schwisow, Georgia Meng, Peggy Huth, Ruth Zimmerman, Peggy Kenney, Ann Poynton, Hallie Alexander, Cheryl Russell and Emma, and Rev. Mike Dexter.



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Legacy (part 2).... Ya Reckon?

Denise White Thompson
Rancher and Columnist



Leaving a lasting legacy! “The greatest purpose of life is to live it for something that will last longer than you.” (William James)

Perhaps we should all be asking ourselves: How can I pass down something of lasting value to future generations? This is a very important question for the farming and ranching community, ya reckon? It is vital that we help sustain agriculture for future generations, and one key component to doing so is to have those courageous conversations. Unfortunately, as Elaine Froese, the Farm Family Coach out of Canada, has said, “Procrastination about not having these courageous conversations is killing agriculture!”

Jason Meadows interviewed Elaine Froese a few years ago on his podcast, Ag State of Mind. It is certainly worth a listen. Highlights from Part 1 of his podcast were:

- Find harmony through understanding.
- Transition and change do not have to be hard.
- Work to change mindset.
- Have the Really Courageous Conversations. Ask those hard questions: not selfish or greedy to want to talk, learn, understand, be open, and seek change and security.
- Discuss the emotional factors affecting planning.
- Discuss what the parties believe to be true.
- All parties need to approach this from a place of love, respect, and curiosity.
- All parties need to decide to treat one another as a business partner; go at this shoulder to shoulder.

Needs change based on the age of each party. (ie:

40 yr. old’s and older need security, equity, control, ownership; whereas 60-80 yr. old’s and older need stability, assistance, freedom to work or not, and to ensure they are cared for).

Are key parties getting their needs met? Diversify your identity. Relationships matter. Love does not read minds. Strive to have liquidity of personal wealth separate from ranch. Plant hope. No secrets. Need power and control over your own family. Those transitioning must ask themselves: What is going to be my stream of income? Where am I going to live? How will I be fair to successors? Your health is your

wealth. None of this matters if the parties can’t enjoy the fruits of their labor. Show appreciation. Want elders to finish strong. Elders need to understand that their older adult children can’t be employees anymore. Change is inevitable; growth is optional!

Elaine Froese, the Farm Family Coach, has a tremendous amount of resources for anyone who desires to leave a lasting legacy and to have those courageous conversations. I wish you well.

For the love of Ag from the heart of a western woman,

Denise Thompson



Barbed wire heart (decorated for Christmas) on a fence line in SW Montana
Stephen Simpson Photo, in the Fall of 2024