

Bulldogs Capture Divisional Drama Championship



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MT43 News Photo



Logan Barkhurst, Jazlyn Martin, Kyla Meissner, Haylie Reinke, and Angel Sentinella
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MT43 News Staff Reporter

The Broadwater Bulldogs brought home the Class B Drama Championship trophy from their Divisional Tournament in Manhattan over the past weekend. The Southern BC Divisional Tournament featured 18 schools with 189 individual competitors representing 154 entries in 18 different events.

Head coach Denise Bakkum was overhead stating this was the most individual champions Townsend has ever had at a divisional meet with three. First-place medals went to Jazlyn Martin, Haylie Reinke and Angel Sentinella for their Dramatic Theatre take on “Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.” A division title in Humorous Solo was awarded to Kyla Meissner with “As Seen on TV,” a crazy spin on an infomercial for a cure-all. Junior Logan Barkhurst followed up her hometown meet win in Mime with a divisional first-place medal for “Jaws: A Love Story.”

Second place medals were awarded to two Broadwater entries. Ava Boaz and Campbell Kirksey continued their season in Classical Theater with their interpretation of “Anne of Green Gables.” Hannah Hall placed second in Dramatic Solo, her signature event which will leave you emotional.

Sisters Aubrey and Savannah Wells joined forces to place 3rd in Dramatic Theater. Creighton Wright and Isaiah Cassidy teamed up as two old men for their entry in Humorous Theater, earning them 3rd. Their teammates in the Humorous Theatre category placed 4th with “Science Fair” featuring Millie Sims, Russell Webber and Haedyn Poe. Two more 4th places were secured by Jenna Mainwaring in Mime and the trio of Scarlett McDaniel, Arabella McDaniel and Noah Borrer in Classical Theater, with their “Cinderella” piece.

Rounding out the drama team were Sarah Morgan in Humorous Solo in 5th place and Ashley Sanderson in Dramatic Solo in 6th. Every member of the Drama team advanced to their event finals earning them each a trip to

the state meet and contributed to the team Class B Drama Divisional Championship Trophy!

The smaller speech team also had excellent results. Despite being a senior, Addi Kraft is in her first season on the speech team and placed 3rd in Original Oratory. Shalyn Sentinella’s speech about the Rubik’s Cube (while simultaneously solving one) earned her 5th place, while teammate Kayley Conner’s speech about 3D printing landed her in 7th. Both compete in Informative. Ayden Thompson just missed the final round in Dramatic Oral Interpretation.

The State Speech, Debate & Drama Class B/C Competition will be underway at Huntley Project on January 31st. The entries will compete in four preliminary rounds over two days, hopefully advancing to the semi-final round of 16 and then the final round of 8 competitors. Broadwater Bulldogs are taking 24 competitors to the state competition and hope to repeat as State Class B Champions.

Good luck to all!

Cub Scouts Volunteer for Public Service

Laure Cysewski

Last evening, January 22, Jason Cysewski invited his Cub Scouts to participate in a community service. They chipped, scraped, shoveled, and swept sidewalks clear along a route that schoolchildren use on Pine street intersecting with Broadway. All five boys along with 3 adults showed up to work in the cold for an hour, followed by a warm up cup of hot chocolate. It's nice to see that involvement!



Cub Scouts brave the cold for the safety of their peers
Photo Credits: Laure Cysewski



Cub Scouts going above and beyond, chipping through the frozen walkway
Photo Credits: Laure Cysewski

Water System Work Begins



CK May of Belgrade began work to replace valves in the city's water system last week as part of the first phase of repairs, replacements and improvements included in Townsend's large water system improvement project. Work will continue at various points throughout the community over the coming months. Residents who may be affected by short term shutdowns will be notified by letter posted to their homes the day prior to any shutoffs.
Linda Kent, MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater Lego Robotics Teams Excel at Helena Competition



Broadwater Robotics Team, from left to right back row: Max Sellay, Spencer Sellay, Dr. Lisa Brown, Kathryn Six, Skylar Sellay, Titus Kirksey, Jayden Flynn, Nik Toney, Sam Smith, Anthony Grandy, Trenton Essary, Dr. Adam Six, Bobbie McCauley, Roger Flynn. From left to right front row: Kay Crusch, Eriyl Strait, Calvin McCauley, Everett Kirksey, Cade Culbreth, Liam Wells, Karter Schmaus.
Photos Provided by STOKE

Roger Flynn STOKE

On January 25, Broadwater Robotics’ middle school LEGO robotics teams, the Broadwater Avengineers and Broadwater Brainiacs, competed at Helena College, showcasing their innovation, teamwork, building and programming skills. Out of 18 teams, both Broadwater teams delivered exceptional performances, earning top honors and advancing to the state competition in Bozeman on February 8. Only 7 of the 18 teams in Helena qualified for state, making this achievement

even more exciting. The Broadwater Brainiacs earned 2nd place overall out of 18 teams and 2nd best game score in the robot challenge where they solve puzzles in a 2-minute and 30-second match. Their team members included Skylar Sellay, Kathryn Six, Titus Kirksey, Everett Kirksey, Kay Crusch, Calvin McCauley, Eriyl Strait and Jayden Flynn. The Brainiacs’ well-rounded performance highlighted their success in robot design, core values, the robot challenge, and their innovation project.

The Broadwater Avengineers achieved an impressive

Robotics Teams, 100



Townsend Booster Club

Speech and Drama:

A big congratulations to Kyla Meissner, the Southern BC Divisional Champion in Humorous Solo! Her performance of As Seen on TV was a stand-out, featuring a variety of hilarious characters brought to life! Kyla's exceptional performance also played a key role in helping the team bring home the Class B Drama trophy. We're so proud of her hard work and success—way to go, Kyla!



Kyla Meissner
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Wrestling:

Colter Schaible had an exciting weekend at the B/C Duals and came out with his first win of the season in front of the hometown crowd. I am excited to see if he can get his second win and help his team bring back the Copper Shamrock to Townsend.



Colter Schaible
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Boys Basketball:

Ryedan Reed had a fantastic week against great opponents Manhattan Christian and Whitehall. Ryedan does a lot of things for our team that lead to our success as a whole. MHC has a very good press, and Ryedan did a great job of not turning the ball over and making sure our guys were in the right places to be able to score.



Ryedan Reed
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Ryedan's basketball IQ is phenomenal, his vision on the court offensively helps our team score at a high volume. His unselfishness does not go unnoticed by the coaching staff. Defensively he has been incredible at taking charges and always being in help defense. Ryedan recorded 5 charges in our two games last week. Bruised up, and with a bloody lip, Ryedan would be the first to tell you with a smile that he would do it again in order for our team to succeed. Congratulations Ryedan!

Girls Basketball:

Kaitlyn Noyes, a junior and one of the team's fastest players, brings positivity both on and off the bench, motivating herself and her teammates to perform at their best. In the game against Manhattan Christian, Kaitlyn's speed was instrumental in helping the team secure a victory over the Eagles. She contributed four defensive rebounds, one offensive rebound, and one steal while scoring an impressive 21 points. She achieved 75% accuracy on two-point shots (9 of 12 attempts) and 27% accuracy on free throws (3 of 12 attempts). Unsatisfied with her free throw performance, Kaitlyn dedicated time to improving this skill before the following day's game against the Whitehall Trojans. Her hard work paid off. Against the Trojans, Kaitlyn's free throw percentage climbed to 75% (3 of 4 attempts). She also contributed 6 points from two-point shots, two steals, three offensive rebounds, and eight defensive rebounds, playing a pivotal role in the team's win. Kaitlyn's dedication to improvement and her impactful performances make her a deserving recipient of Player of the Week.



Kaitlyn Noyes
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Holloway Ice Rink: Just Add Water



Townsend's city crew and volunteers set up the foundation of what will be an ice-skating rink in Holloway Park last week. The rink will be filled and allowed to freeze in the coming days before it's ready for skaters. Linda Kent, MT43 News Staff Reporter

Speech and Drama Club Looking Forward to Divisional Tournament

Karsyn Sangray
BHS MT43 News Intern



Speech and Drama Club members have wrapped up their season and will go into their post-season. Starting with Divisional competition, held Friday and Saturday, January 24-25, our team did exceptionally well and most of the groups and solos placed. The team had the most Divisional champions in their history. Three teams were rewarded - one in mime, one in humorous solo and one in dramatic theater. They are taking 24 entries to State next weekend.

One solo performer, who has always done phenomenally well, especially this season, is Hannah Hall. Her piece, 'Funerals are Better with Tater Tots', is heart-wrenching. Those in the audience or judging can't help tear up as she delivers. During the performance, she is talking to her little brother, who is in the hospital. While she talks she relates things from their past, whether it was their Grandma's funeral, how their mom was doing, or just random tidbits from the duo's childhood. Hannah placed second during the Divisional Tournament held in Manhattan. Her biggest support through these

three years has been coach Denise Bakkum. Bakkum has pushed Hannah and refined her piece countless times to help improve the performer's placement every weekend. She has high hopes for next weekend saying, "I know I could have done better. I look forward to going to State and hope to get first place."

Logan Barkhurst, who performs 'Jaws a Love Story', placed first and is advancing to State. Logan has worked hard throughout the season to improve her piece, which is a mime presentation. She has several characters she portrays throughout the piece. Some of the characters are a shark, the lady, a lifeguard, and a guy who is in love with the girl. The girl swims out and has her leg eaten by the shark. The lifeguard has the classic slow-motion run out in the water. She ends it by limping off stage with one leg, as her 'man' is helping her off. Every part of her piece has the audience in tears from laughing so hard. The team expects great things from her at State.

State will be held in Huntley January 31 through February 1st. The team will perform their hearts out and hopefully bring home some hardware. This has been a successful season for many of the groups and they are looking forward to end on a high note.



GO BULLDOGS!!

Broadwater Community Theater Offers Theater Scholarships

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater Community Theater will again offer two summer camp scholarships to Grand Street Theatre summer camp July 14-25. The scholarships are for students entering third through 8th grades in September, 2025.

Two Townsend Elementary School students will learn and expand their theatrical skills through workshops with professional artists, play games and make friends. The camp will conclude with a final showcase performance on the final Friday of the camp. Marianne Adams, education director, emphasizes: No previous theatrical experience is necessary, just a desire to play and to try!

Grand Street staff and other cool people teach stage combat, theatre sports, costume hat making, sidewalk chalk, lighting and theater technology. Students receive a tee shirt and two free tickets to the showcase on Friday. Scholarship applications are due April 1, 2025.

While the camp is paid for in full, the student's parents or guardians must be responsible for transportation to and from the camp throughout the two weeks the camp is in session.

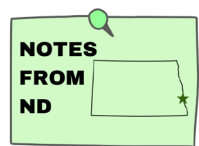
For further information or application form, email mtskydog@mt.net or call (406) 980-0592.



Left to Right: Ava Boaz and Harper Hazlette, winners of Broadwater Community Theater scholarships, at Grand Street Theater in July of 2024. MT43 News Staff Reporter Photo

Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



How many people walk into a project or task believing everything needs to go according to plan? If we were honest, it would be the majority of us. Why? We mix up the definitions of success and diligence. We measure success as the minimal amount of failure we experience. However, through this past week of studies and reflections, I want to propose a different idea. We succeed through failure, and we can only succeed if that failure is accompanied by persistence.

There is a stigma over failure in society. Failure means you are a loser, and losers can't make it in the world. However, society puts the two types of failure in a huge bowl where we should be separating them: failure by giving up and failure through persistence. Failure by giving up obviously doesn't lead to success, but why does failure through persistence lead to success? As we persist through trials, tasks, and projects, we actively try, and we try hard, wanting a positive

outcome. Through this lens, failure doesn't make you a loser. Failure makes improvements.

James Dyson made the Dyson vacuum that is widely used today. However, it was only through failure that he did this. Dyson made 5,127 different prototypes, became broke because of all his efforts, and was rejected by many manufacturers. It wasn't until he took it into his own hands, sold it in Japan, and used his profits to start a store in England, that he revolutionized the vacuuming world. He failed over and over and over again. He improvised and changed things, and made an even better product in the end.

By no means do I actively plan to invent things and nearly go broke by doing it, but I take Dyson's story as encouragement when I fail at my schoolwork, my goals for the day, or when I think I just won't make it until the end of the year. I can't run away from this failure, so why not embrace it and use it to my advantage? I can finish each semester with all A's, I can manage my money well, I can wisely balance my school and personal life, and so much more, but only through persistence, even when failure strikes. As I challenge myself to look through this lens every day, I encourage you to do the same. Success comes through failure, and we can only succeed if it is accompanied by failure.

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Townsend School Calendar

JANUARY

Friday 31

NO SCHOOL

6:00 pm: High School Wrestling - Copper Shamrock / Senior Night

Middle School Boys Basketball @ Three Forks Tournament

State Speech and Drama @ Huntley

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1

2:30 pm: High School Basketball @ White Sulphur Springs

Middle School Boys Basketball @ Three Forks Tournament

State Speech and Drama @ Huntley

Monday 3

4:00 pm: Middle School Boys Basketball vs. Livingston

4:30 pm: Superintendent Interviews - Community room in the elementary commons

FFA ACTE at the Capital Rotunda in Helena

Tuesday 4

8:55 am: Pre-K PE in the 63 Gym

4:00 pm: FB Signing

7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge

Wednesday 5

8:55 am: Pre-K PE in the 63 Gym

7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gym in the 63 Gym

7:00 pm: Old Baldy Pickleball in the Stage Gym

Friday 7

NO SCHOOL

3:00 pm: High School Basketball at Manhattan

Divisional High School Wrestling at the Butte Civic Center

Saturday 8

2:30 pm: High School Basketball (Senior Night) vs Lone Peak

Divisional High School Wrestling at the Butte Civic Center

Sunday 9

1:00 pm: BCSO Super Bowl Party - BHS Stage Gym

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Three Forks School Calendar

JANUARY

Friday 31

Jazz Festival for Band and Choir @ MSU Billings

State Speech and Drama @ Huntley Project

Junior High Basketball - Three Forks Tourney

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1

4:00 pm: High School Basketball (C & JV only) @ Sheridan

Jazz Festival for Band and Choir @ MSU Billings

State Speech and Drama @ Huntley Project

TBD: High School Wrestling @ Hardin Invitational

Junior High Basketball - Three Forks Tourney

Monday 3

LUNCH: High School Academic Olympics

4:30 pm: Junior High Basketball @ Whitehall

Tuesday 4

Lunch: High School FCCLA Meeting

Lunch: Middle School Academic Olympics

3:00 pm: High School Basketball vs Manhattan Christian

4:00 pm: Junior High Basketball @ Monforton

Wednesday 5

7th Grade Ski Trip

Lunch: High School Academic Olympics

Lunch: Middle School FCCLA meeting

Thursday 6

Lunch: Middle School Academic Olympics

Lunch: Middle School Book Club

4:00 pm: Junior High Basketball vs Ennis

Friday 7

High School Wrestling Divisionals @ Glendive

8:00 am: Teacher Work Friday

Saturday 8

High School Wrestling Divisionals @ Glendive

1:00 pm: High School Basketball vs Whitehall

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Friday 31

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

FEBRUARY

Sat 1 - Fri 14

Three Forks Community Library - Make A Valentine's Day Card (art supplies available)

Sat 1 - Fri 28

Three Forks Community Library - Tiny Art Show on Display

Saturday 1

11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library Open

Tuesday 4

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

Wednesday 5

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Dustin Tucker at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 6

10:30 am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime

6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Mercedes Carroll at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 7

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

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Friday 31

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

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1

11:00 am: 2025 Four Chaplains Ceremony at Trailhead Church

7:00 am: Broadwater County Lions Perch Derby at Silos KOA

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

Sunday 2

8:30 am: Broadwater County Lions Perch Derby at Silos KOA

Monday 3

10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic at 1st Monday/month at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar

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

Tuesday 4

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 5

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 6

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

Friday 7

LAST DAY to submit Parks Master Plan Survey **SEE ARTICLE AND AD ON PAGE 4**

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Saturday 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

7:00 pm: The Chosen **FREE** Movie Night with Popcorn and Snacks- 2d Saturday every Month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut

Friday 14

5:00 pm: STROKE Valentine's Day Fund Raiser **SEE ARTICLE AND AD ON PAGE 4**

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

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Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm

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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>

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BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5

6:00 pm: Parks and Recreation

EAST HELENA NEWS

Wastewater Tops East Helena Council Agenda

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



East Helena's City Council moved forward with an interlocal agreement with the East Clark Street Sewer District that would allow reinstatement of the district to good standing. The agreement would tie 107 existing sewer connections back into the city's wastewater treatment system.

The city ended a previous interlocal agreement, inked in 2017 when the East Clark Street sewer infrastructure was completed, in May of 2024 due to nonpayment of monthly usage charges. The outstanding balance of more than \$22,000 was paid in June 2024.

East Helena resident Dave Jensen raised concerns that the reinstatement would place an additional financial burden on city residents outside of the district if connecting the district would necessitate expansion of the city's wastewater treatment facilities.

Jensen objected to the 7.8 percent rate increase for the district on the grounds that city residents have already seen significantly higher increases to their wastewater bills for treatment plant expansion and improvement.

City Attorney Pete Elverum had told the council during the regular Jan. 7 meeting, that East Clark Street District residents would generally be paying the same rates as all other residents. Mayor Kelly Harris confirmed that during the Jan. 21 meeting.

The council approved the reinstatement agreement, with the recommendation of Montana Department of Natural Resources Conservation's Bob Murdo, who worked with the city and sewer district on the agreement. The East Clark Street Sewer District Board will also need to approve the agreement before it goes into effect.

As East Helena continues to grow, the East Clark Street District is just one new burden on the city's wastewater treatment capacity.

City Public Works Director Kevin Ore provided the council with a draft schedule outlining plans to improve and upgrade the city's water treatment plant through 2032. The plan includes work in 2025 to repair the facility's headworks and repair piping at the plant. Also beginning this year are planning for the wastewater treatment plant improvements and groundwater disposal. Ore emphasized that the schedule was presented only to give a general picture of work to come over the coming years, rather than something set-in-stone.

East Helena and Helena High School Students Compete in Annual Welding Event

Thom Bridge
Independent Record Reporter and Photographer

It was a head-to-head matchup between Helena High and East Helena High in the 13th annual Crosstown Weld-Off on Thursday hosted by the Helena High School American Welding Society Club.

Students dug through scrap metal, chose pieces that would work for their project, then designed and welded the project in four hours. This year's theme was Native American culture.

"The students showed great creativity and sportsmanship," Cindy Galbavy, welding instructor at Helena High, said in a news release. "Congratulations to all the students and the winning teams from Helena High and East Helena High School. Thank you for making the 'Weld-Off' such a great success."

The winning teams were:

1. HHS - RJ Berndt, Corey Rule, Collin Ries,

- Casey Rule
2. HHS -Nolan Jerome, Bridger Mayhew, Conner Tabbert, Kadin Gazelka
3. HHS - Ryker Kumpula, Jolisa Murfitt, Izaik Murfitt, Sabrina Braden
4. EHHS - Ryder Finstad, Sawyer Finstad, Caleb Queen, Mikeal Wolfe
5. EHHS - Cooper Larson, Reid Larson, Dylan Burger, Karsen Bushnell

This year's judges were from Pacific Steel, Dick Anderson Construction, General Distributing, Iron Workers Union Local 732 and the Wyatt Winfield "Be Tough" Memorial Foundation.

The prizes and gear students received were donated from these local businesses: Pacific Steel & Recycling, Dick Anderson Construction, General Distributing, Northside Welding, Rock Hand Hardware, Iron Workers Union Local 732, Home Depot, Costco, Power Townsend, McDantim, Pepsi and Murdoch's.

Broadwater Parks and Rec Extends the Recreation Survey Time

Jen Dalrymple
Broadwater County Parks and Rec Board

The County Parks and Recreation Board is working with Great West Engineering on a master plan for two major pieces of county property: Conners Field area and Mill and Centerville Rds.

We have decided to extend the recreation survey closing date to February 7 and are trying to reach a broader audience.

Plans for parks, fields, and recreation on the county property are especially pertinent to our citizens.

The survey will be followed up by two, open house design workshops for the public to view ideas, and designs, and give input on Tuesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 13 from 5-7pm at the school community room.

BROADWATER COUNTY Parks Master Plan Survey

The Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board is beginning the process of creating a master plan for the development of recreational facilities on two pieces of property that the County owns. The properties are located just north of the City of Townsend. In order to help the Board understand the recreational needs of its residents, please take a moment to complete this survey.

SCAN THIS CODE:

Please provide your input on the project by completing an online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CountyParkPlan>

Please submit the survey by February 7, 2025

THINGS WE ASK ABOUT:

- What type of parks and recreation development does the County need the most?
- What should the County's parks planning priorities be?

THINGS TO KNOW:

- The survey will take less than 5 minutes.
- Your answers will be private and anonymous.
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For more information please contact, Nichole Brown, Broadwater County Community Development and Planning Director, at 406-266-9211 or at planning@co.broadwater.mt.us

See our ad for more information and the QR code to the survey.

John Hahn
STOKE

First, tickets are now on sale for our annual Valentine's Day Dinner Fundraiser, on February 14th in The Lodge. (See the flyer in this week's paper). We are still working out the details, but we will be proudly showcasing presentations from the STOKE kids on their projects, serving a catered, full-course New York beef roast dinner, a cuisine fit for Valentine's Day, holding a silent and live auction, and other fun events.

Last year was another banner year for our STOKE kids with our programs expanding with new vitality and content. We hired Liz Wishman as our DC (Development Coordinator) who hit the ground running, giving our programs cohesion while researching much needed grants. She's made many good contacts and continues to enhance our board with her skills, experience, and enthusiasm.

One program that has produced some astonishing results is our robotics program. We now have two FIRST Lego League teams and a more rounded FIRST Tech Challenge team. The coaches (Spencer Sellay, Dr. Lisa Brown, Roger Flynn, Adam Six, Bobbie McCauley, and BHS Senior Max Sellay) are really excited, as are the kids, to compete statewide. The teams recently toured the Boeing plant in Helena, showing them an avenue for employment after graduation. These high-tech jobs are really in demand and the skills the kids are learning in STOKE should really improve their employment possibilities. Check out the article on their Helena competition this weekend. Three trophies!

Board member, Scott Gossard, stepped up and volunteered to instruct and keep herd on the Lego Tech classes we had this fall (3rd - 5th grade). This robotics class replaced the Snapology program we ran for a couple of years. The operator of Snapology gave up the franchise so we went off on our own to manage the newly named Lego Tech program. We are in the process of upgrading the kits and equipment and hope to run another session or two before the end of the school year.

We now have a "Ski Club" with several youth participating this year. This started last year with a few kids joining but we now have close to twenty kids and several volunteers to move this club along. The Showdown MT

Stoke Kids Rock

Ski area people have really been generous to us, especially Hannah Patrick, sponsoring several youths with full ski packages. This year we are adding a view into the different parts of ski hill operations, showing the kids what their employment could look like there. Our club plans on doing trips every other Friday and Sunday to the ski hill until the end of the ski season.

Pottery has been progressing well with Teddy Lewis instructing both our STOKE kids, adults, and some after-school kids signed up through the 21st-century afterschool program. We are partnering with the school on this program for the benefit of the students. The high school arts and ceramics classes have made some unique and interesting wall pieces that adorn the wall behind the kilns, jazzing up the white wall space. We appreciate the work these kids and instructor Jeremy Bartlett have done for us. This is another example of the partnership we have with the school. The pottery kids also participated in The Christmas Stroll, showcasing some of the great work they had done. We are hoping to complete our extensive equipment list with a pug mill which will save us money by reclaiming the discarded clay. The cost is \$6732 so we are looking for funds to purchase this.

Laura Frazier retired from our Sewing Sisters Club, but we were able to find Jeanne Mainwaring to instruct and mentor the young seamstresses for a 6-week stint last year. Jeanne is very talented and is guiding the class through different avenues of crafting. We were also fortunate to find another space for this in the United Methodist church. Thank you to the Methodist people, especially Evelyn Alley, for allowing us to utilize this

space.

The cooking class has started again in the commercial kitchen in The Lodge. The kids love this class and have been repeat apprentices over the years. Our instructors for this class are Rachael Alexander and Simone Dominguez, both talented cooks and chefs themselves. This class has just started another session.

We are hoping to offer our "Fly-Tying" class, Chris Christensen instructing, again this year and start a photojournalism-media class too. If you or your kids have an interest in any program not currently offered, we would be willing to explore that request.

Don't forget to check in often on our website at stokemt.org. We have an amazing video the kids produced with the guidance of the MAPS Media Institute that you can check out. The website also contains the signup sheets for our current programs and can be submitted online.

STOKE 4th Annual Valentine's Day Fund Raiser

Friday Feb 14th 5:00 to 8:00 At The Lodge, 131 S. Spruce, Townsend, MT

The night will be filled with Student Presentations and a New York Beef Roast full course dinner catered by the Bunk House Bar & Restaurant. A really special night! Don't miss it!

Tickets Available at Reading Leaves and our website: stokemt.org

\$40/person Only 60 Tickets Available

50-50 Silent Auction Youth Presentations 5:00-6:00 Come meet the Kids

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.



Public Hearing: BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2024-2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council for the City of Townsend, Montana, has proposed to amend the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget in two of its funds, Urban Forestry and Capital Water Projects.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 110 Broadway Townsend, MT. Members of the public may appear and be heard for or against any part of said budget.

After hearing public comment, the Council will review and make the necessary changes, if needed, to pass the budget amendments. The Council will act on the proposed budget amendments at the regular council meeting, immediately following the Public Hearing.

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Public Auction

Wheatland Self Storage will sell at public auction contents of one 10'x20' unit containing household goods according to tenant on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Wheatland Self Storage, 5 Wheatland Meadows Dr, Three Forks, MT.

Unit will be sold as a whole to highest bidder. Potential buyers may look from door at contents but will not be allowed to go inside unit. Cash or credit card required for payment at time of sale. Buyer has 72 hours to remove all contents and clean unit after purchase.

Call Karen at 406-600-1848 with questions and to confirm auction is still on before coming.

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OPEN POSITIONS

HELPWANTED: Broadwater County PT Site Attendant

Broadwater County is soliciting qualified applicants to fill the position of a PT Site Attendant. The wage is \$13.75/hr. Applicants must have a valid Montana Driver's License and be able to pass a background check. Applications and a copy of the job description can be obtained on the county's website at www.broadwatercountymt.gov under Job Openings at the bottom of the page.

Resumes and complete applications can be mailed to Misty Masolo at 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to mmasolo@broadwatercountymt.gov. Please contact Misty Masolo at

406-266-9212 if you have any questions.

Broadwater County is an equal-opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

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NOTICE FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

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 3:00 p.m. on February 3, 2025.

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

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January 24

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom (via Zoom) on Friday, January 24 is as follows:

Charity Lamere had an Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of exploitation of an elderly person and two counts of identity theft. Omnibus is due by March 21; Pre-Trial Conference is set for June 20; with the Jury Trial scheduled on July 20. She asked permission to move to Great Falls, to live with her mother. The judge agreed; as long as the court has an appropriate address for her.

City Seeks Appointee for Ward I Council Seat

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



Townsend's City Council is still seeking letters of interest from residents of Townsend's Ward I City Council seat, which has been vacant for the last several months.

Heather Healea, who was appointed to fill the council seat vacated by Valerie Baraza last summer, moved from the ward in late 2024 and resigned her post.

Ward I extends north of Broadway from the east side of North Cedar Street east to Harrison Avenue. Potential appointees must reside within those boundaries in order to be eligible for appointment.

Those interested can contact the city office in person or at 406-266-3911 for more information. Townsend's City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Council members also participate in subcommittees focusing on topics from fireworks to city ordinance review.

More Wrong Way Drivers to Start 2025

Jack H. Smith
Publisher Three Forks Voice

In 2024, a string of wrong-way driving incidents on Interstate 90 in the Gallatin Valley, including a fatal accident near Three Forks, sent shockwaves through the community. Just days into 2025, things have not gotten any better.

According to Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) Sergeant John Metcalfe, there have been six reports of wrong-way drivers in Gallatin County since January 1.

Metcalfe said one motorist was arrested for DUI, one was arrested on dangerous drug charges, and in three instances, MHP and/or local law enforcement attempted to locate the motorist and were unable to do so.

Metcalfe added one motorist was stopped, corrected, and has been submitted for a reexamination by the Motor Vehicle Division.

One of the six incidents in 2025 occurred on January 6, when the MHP received reports of a vehicle driving the wrong way on I-90 near Three Forks.

According to court documents, initial reports at 3:40 p.m. stated a red Dodge with Idaho plates was traveling westbound in the eastbound lane, exiting on the Logan-Trident Interchange, and later reported as going westbound in the westbound lane.

In the documents, MHP Trooper Philip Rhodes states he drove westbound through Gallatin County and Broadwater County all the way to the Jefferson County line and was unable to locate the vehicle.

After stopping to refuel his patrol car at the Town Pump at the US 287 Interchange, the documents state Rhodes found the vehicle and made contact with 50-year-old Troy Shutter of Washington state.

According to the documents, Rhodes asked Shutter how the vehicle made it to Town Pump and received the response, "I drove it here to get it off the road".

"I told Shutter that reports were saying that he drove the wrong way on the Interstate on the shoulder, and he said, 'Yes sir, I did; I ain't going to lie about that'".

Rhodes reported he then arrested Shutter for criminal endangerment and transported him to the Gallatin County Detention Center, where staff found a baggie of methamphetamine in his pocket.

Rhodes said in the documents he later tested the crystal substance and confirmed it was methamphetamine.

Shutter, who appeared in Gallatin County Justice Court on January 7, has been charged with felony counts of Criminal Endangerment and Possession of Dangerous Drugs. He has also been charged with Misdemeanor charges of Driving without a Valid driver's License, Operating Without Liability Insurance, and Operating a Vehicle That Has Not Been Properly Registered. Shutter's bail was set at \$35,000.

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.

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

Monday, February 3, 2025

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

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

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Airport hangar lease for Adam MacDonald

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, purchase of 2 snowplows from Lewis & Clark County, \$50,000

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Resolution Updating Broadwater County Subdivision Fees

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Nick Rauser, Broadwater County Sheriff, Sheriff Mill Levy

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Board of Health Bylaws Approval

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

- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on February 5th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Special 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
- Fair Board Meeting on February 26th at 5:00 PM

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

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Rats, Mice and Voles...

Oh My!

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



What's your best story about rats, mice and voles? I know you have one! Let me tell you about mine. I once rented a building for a class with known mice issues. I had everything set up so ran to the restroom before everyone arrived. I was about to sit and do my business when I glanced back at the toilet. Much to my surprise (followed by a loud shriek) I saw two eyes staring back at me from the bowl! Upon investigation I discovered a mouse, very much still alive, clinging to his dead friend in the toilet bowl. My class setup just took a slight deviation...

Rodents are a very common problem. And whether your story is about a new discovery or an unfortunate encounter, I have no doubt it was unpleasant. Controlling rodents can be tricky and often takes multiple strategies to successfully accomplish.

Control of rodents starts by correctly identifying the species. There are two species of rats in Montana. The Bushy-tailed Woodrat, also known as the pack rat, is a native species. The Brown Rat, also known as the Norway Rat, is an invasive species which spread with human expansion of North America. The Woodrat is more common. Its native habitat is timber and rocky areas, but it will inhabit cabins or abandoned buildings. It's known for stockpiling large amounts of sticks, leaves and other debris to build nests. The Brown Rat has not gained a major foothold in Montana except in isolated cases, primarily in major cities. The Brown Rat is known for spreading disease and inhabiting areas occupied by humans.

Fortunately, in Montana, we don't have a large problem with rats. However, if you discover one in a garage or old building, there are a few techniques you can use. Trapping can be successful and there are a large variety of traps on the market. However, rats are neophobic, meaning they tend to avoid anything new in their environment. This means it may take a couple of weeks to catch a rat in a trap. Rodenticides (baits) and fumigants are also commercially available for rats.

Mice and voles are easily confused. Mice are typically larger than voles, but not always. Mice have long tails and slim bodies while voles have short tails and stockier bodies. Mice have a pointy nose and big ears while voles a blunt nose and small ears. Mice can be found indoors and outdoors while voles primarily live outdoors. There are five known species of mice in Montana and eight species of voles.

Mice and voles are more of a problem in Montana. Mice can be highly destructive in a home and can harbor diseases including salmonella and Hantavirus. The most effective strategy for mice in a home is to determine how they are getting in and exclude them through habitat modification. Keep the space close to the home open because mice are less likely to cross an area without cover. Close all gaps that are larger than 3/16 of an inch. Small openings should be sealed with a silicone sealant. Expandable foam products stop air flow, but mice will get through them. Large openings should be closed with wood, aluminum or wire mesh. Mice can chew so products such as latex, plastic, rubber or even wood less than 1/2 thick is not enough.

For mice that are already in the home, there are a variety of solutions. Trapping is often the preferred method. Mice are not as smart as rats so are easy to catch in traps, and there are many products on the market. Rodenticides are a last resort or used in areas where toxic baits are not accessible to humans or other animals.

As the snow melts, we can see the first evidence of voles and the damage left in their wake. Voles work hard all winter creating a maze of runways underneath the snow and removing revegetation. They are busy in the summer too. They eat a variety of plants, but most frequently grasses and forbs. They typically take the vegetation below ground to store in their vast tunnel system and eat it later. Voles can cause issues in the garden by munching on leaves, stems and pods and are also known for girdling trees and damaging roots.

Because of their high production rate, control of voles is difficult, and eradication is virtually impossible. Using multiple methods is recommended for best control. Remove litter and ground cover to reduce food sources. Leaving a tilled area around your garden may discourage them. Tillage also destroys tunnels. Cut the lawn short prior to snow to reduce winter damage. Trapping can be effective with small populations and traps should be placed in their runways. Cats will kill voles but are usually not effective at controlling the population. Wrapping the base of trees or shrubs with hardware cloth can help prevent girdling. Fumigants do not work on voles, but baits can be effective, especially on larger populations.

If you need assistance with control options for these or other vertebrate pests such as ground squirrels or pocket gophers, contact MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406.266.9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Montana Stockgrowers Announces Scholarship

Applications due February 28, 2025

Cheyenne Leach

Montana Stockgrowers Communications Coordinator



The Montana Stockgrowers Foundation (MSF) is now accepting applications for the Dr. Raymond Anstotegui Overeducated Cowboy Scholarship. After his passing in 2023, the Anstotegui family established a memorial fund through MSF to honor Ray's passion of combining education and the ranching lifestyle. MSF and the Anstotegui family will award two \$2,000 scholarships in 2025.

Dr. Raymond "Ray" P. Anstotegui was the consummate ambassador to the cowboy way of life. He supported the future of ranching by balancing the best of tradition with the newest research. For Anstotegui, it was of the utmost importance that students not just learn "book facts", but came away with directly applicable knowledge, skills, and a healthy dose of common sense. Having students get a 'hands-on' taste of ranching was a top priority. His contributions to ranching in Montana and beyond are unquantifiable.

Applicants must be seeking a profession in the field of animal husbandry, such as Animal Science, AgBusiness,

Ag Education, Ag Technology, Ag Production, Farm & Ranch Management or Ranching Systems. If an applicant has another major or field of study, they must be able to explain why it would be beneficial to the field of animal husbandry.

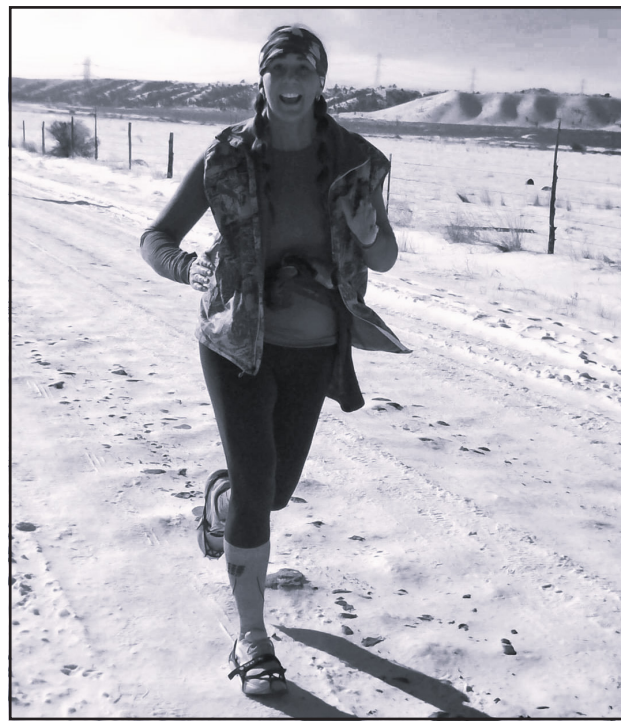
Other requirements for the scholarship include demonstrating a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and be a member of Montana Stockgrowers Association or have at least one parent/guardian who is a member.

Applicants must complete the online application form, include a copy of their current transcript, and write a 250-600 word essay on one of the following topics:

- Describe a current/future challenge in the Agriculture Industry you hope to impact and how?
- When and what made you decide this was the industry for you?
- Share a story that helped define who you are.
- What part of the world do you believe has the greatest need for agricultural innovation and why?

Applications are due February 28, 2025. Students can apply online at www.mtbeefoundation.org. For questions, please contact MSGA office at (406) 442-3420.

1st Annual Radersburg Ramble a Success



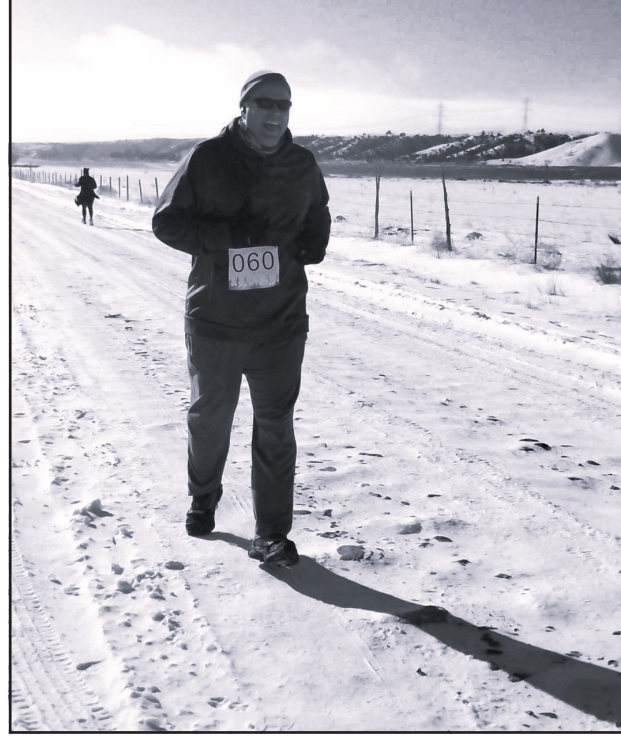
Jenny Clowes running the 5K race
Zack Walton Photo

Karen Walton

Radersburg Ramble Director

The Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc. held the first annual Radersburg Ramble on Saturday, January 25th. The 10K (6.2 mile) distance had ten registered runners and the 5K (3.1 mile) distance had twenty-four participants. The morning was beautiful and crisp, with freezing fog rolling in just after the start of the 5K. Check-in was inside the Radersburg Historic School, where volunteers gathered before heading out on the course to man the aid stations, record finisher times; others stayed inside and prepared post-race refreshments. The energy was high and people were in good spirits as each race commenced by the ringing of the school bell.

The first 10K finisher was Grayson Murphy of Bozeman, with a time of 38:40 (female division). The first place male 10K finisher was Steven Crawford of Helena with a time of 57:20. The first 5K finisher for the female division was Becky Lang with a time of 29:42 and Josh Pfund (male division) with a time of 30:13. Some participants ran with their dogs, others with friends, and some with a significant other. There were smiles and relief as everyone came across the finish line in front of the school after taking in the scenery of the surrounding Elkhorn Mountains. The



Doug Longfellow from Townsend on the 5K course heads up Crow Creek Road.
Zack Walton Photo



Volunteer, Natalie Ross, hands out a 1st place medal to Becky Lang of Townsend.
Zack Walton Photo

racers saw participants from areas around Montana. Locally, participants represented Townsend, Toston, Three Forks, Bozeman, Belgrade, Helena, and Elliston as well as from further away (Boulder, Livingston, Miles City, Phillipsburg).

The race would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors, donors, and advertising platforms. Those donors/sponsors included: Bob's Market in Townsend, Rocky Mountain Supply in Townsend, Pintail Salon, Bunkhouse Bar, JR Tonjum Realtor, Montana Economic & Tourism Grant, Leachman Angus Ranch, Elkhorn Tiny Homes, ACE Hardware Belgrade, and the Mays-Walton Families. Those who helped with advertising were: Outside Bozeman, Bunkhouse Bar, and V-42 Fitness in Townsend & Three Forks.

A special thank you to our volunteers who helped with the event prior to and on race day by providing support on the course, checking in participants, and providing post-race refreshments: Victor Sample, Broadwater County Sheriff, Judy Seiler, Matz Family, Georgia Bobo, Savannah Emge, Jayne Mays, Doris Wile, Natalie Ross.

We look forward to the 2026 Radersburg Ramble and hope you will consider participating or supporting this event in some way! The next Ramble will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026.

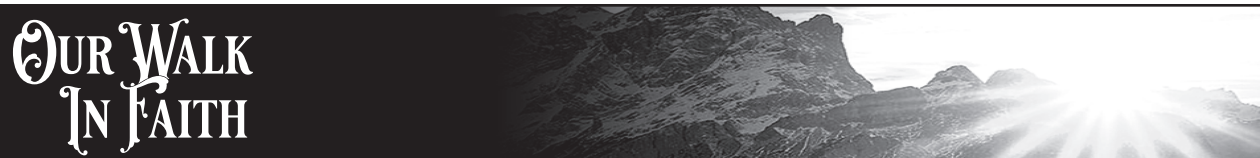
Check out our full library of photos on the Radersburg Ramble website (www.radersburgramble.org) or the Radersburg Ramble Facebook page.



10K runners Brook Dolan (Townsend), Maria Pace (Boulder), and Kristina Pritchard (Helena) - make their way back to Radersburg.
Zack Walton Photo



SR. CENTER MEALS:	
FEB 3 - FEB 7	Wednesday, February 5
516 2nd Street, Townsend MT 406-266-3995	Chicken ALA King Steamed Potatoes Purple Beets Carrot Raisin Salad Whole Grain Bread Sweet Peaches
Monday, February 3	Thursday, February 6
Hamburger on a Bun Potato Triangles Carrot Coins Crisp Coleslaw Juicy Pears Dessert	Ham and Beans Corn Bread German Vegetables Tossed Salad Apricots
Tuesday, February 4	Friday, February 7
Sweet-N-Sour Pork Fried Brown Rice Oriental Vegetables Four Bean Salad Whole Grain Bread Baked Apples	Tater Tot Casserole Garden Peas Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Pineapple



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](https://www.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 Clay Muinzer (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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406-231-9752



Climate Change? Yeah, Every 20 Minutes!

Now I'm a reasonable guy, (mostly) however I know from extensive study over the years, that the seasons follow one another. Yes, and they all have their own time of year, this I have come to understand over 7 decades of watching nature and experiencing the seasons. Until now, I have always accepted that some seasons are hot, some cold. In between they are warm and cool...I am writing this article Sunday the 26th of January, so I "KNOW" it should be cold out, especially here in Montana...RIGHT?

(This is where that invisible gameshow host, presses the buzzer.) BUZZZ and yells "Wrong answer, but thank you for playing!" From Friday morning Townsend has experienced: early winter, late fall, and deep winter. Saturday through today, we have had late fall, winter and DEEP winter. THIS afternoon we have a bright blue sky, incredible sunshine, and COLD! No matter how beautiful the ice-covered trees are, the air is freezing! Now I have made jokes about Mother Nature being off her meds before, but this is just plain insane. There have been a few days where Nature decides I'm tired of waiting for the other seasons to catch up, I'm going to make ALL 4 seasons fight it out! Let the ice and snow, battle with the blazing sun and rain. The wind has its own agenda, (that's why around here it's just called the "W".)

Consequences of different weather are: not enough snow/rain? Fires. Too much of either, are flooding and crops ruined. Hmmm, maybe that's why Mom Nature is a bit cranky? She can't get a break from ALL us human being-type people griping about the weather. Well, "EXCUSE ME!" can't we get a little bit of... MELLOW? (Nobody ever says, "It's too medium out.")

For the most part, I enjoy the weather around here, (again: we can all do without the "W") When you step out of your home, look up at the mountains. Mount Baldy (named after Me.) is covered with a beautiful cap of snow, the sky is bright blue and the Squirrels are chasing each other around the nut box. After a while, there will be GREEN peeking out all over, but still beautiful snow in the mountains. THAT is something to behold!

I guess as long as Mom Nature gives us scenery like this, we can tolerate a bit of "multi-polar actions". Go enjoy the cool and snowy weather, stay warm and well-fed. Tis the time to pig out, uh I mean eat comfort foods and stay well.

Ellie West
Master Certified Practitioner NLP, TLT, & Hypnotherapy & Certified Enneagram Coach



The first of the New Year is usually a time for decluttering—clearing out the past year. This might include organizing your thoughts and feelings while getting rid of items you no longer need or that no longer serve you.

When we declutter, we become open to new ideas, experience greater joy in our hearts, and our homes feel lighter. Decluttering is like pulling back heavy curtains in a dark room, allowing sunlight to stream in. Suddenly, we see everything more clearly, and the space feels warm and inviting.

Decluttering is similar to pruning a tree. Initially, it might feel like you're removing too much, but before long, you'll witness new blooms—bringing unexpected beauty and growth into your life.

Most things we chase, collect, and obsess over ultimately hold little meaning. We invest so much energy into acquiring them, working long hours, worrying about upgrades, and filling our spaces with items we believe will bring us joy or status.

We even create, build, or rent storage space to hold items we rarely or never use. Yet, in the end, nothing goes with us. Everything will be left behind, sorted by others, boxed up, donated, or discarded. What we worked so hard to accumulate will become someone else's burden.

The actual value of life isn't found in material possessions; it's found in the memories we create, the love we share, and the impact we have on the hearts of those around us. Things can be replaced, but shared moments, laughter, and genuine connections are irreplaceable. Those are the treasures that genuinely matter.

When people reflect on your life, they won't discuss how many shoes you owned or how large your house was. They'll remember how you made them feel. One of my favorite quotes is from Maya Angelou: "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel".

They'll recall the moments you supported them, how you made them laugh, and the memories of adventures, kindness, and love. That's your true legacy—what you contribute to the lives of others.

It can be challenging to let go of items that carry memories. I have experienced this myself, but as I continue to purge and organize each item, I realize that releasing the clutter feels like shedding a weight I didn't know I was carrying.

While guiding women through a week's intensive

Decluttering- Travel Light

discussion about decluttering, a few clients went home and began decluttering their spaces, sorting through closets, drawers, and spare rooms. One client, in particular, was amazed at how much energy she felt purging items that no longer served her. This is a beautiful testament to bringing calm to your environment.

Recently, I watched a video of an airplane that made an emergency landing. As I watched the video, I was struck by the passengers who slid down the emergency escape slides. Many took their belongings with them, even though it's clear that, in such a scenario, one should leave everything behind. Your life is what truly matters, not the possessions you carry.

Imagine shifting our focus from acquiring possessions to gathering experiences and meaningful connections. What if we spent less time working for things and more time nurturing relationships, sharing laughter, exploring the world, and simply being present? Those are the moments that truly matter.

Start small—clear one drawer, donate one bag, or write down one thought holding you back. Each small act of release creates room for joy and clarity. As you let go, ask yourself: What is the purpose of keeping this? What could I gain by letting this go? What beauty and freedom might fill this space? There is peace in simplifying.

As I age, I value the importance of shared experiences, meaningful conversations, and the freedom to be genuine and authentic. Life is not defined by what you own but by how fully you live.

Spend quality time with your loved ones. Share your stories and create memories that bring joy to your soul and theirs. Ultimately, it's not the material possessions that matter—it's the moments that count. Let's prioritize what truly lasts.

Ultimately, our lives aren't defined by what we keep BUT by what we gave, who we loved, and the memories we created. Let's travel light, making room for what truly matters.

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...Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 57,58

Detail of "Praying Girl" by Kathie Kollwitz (1892)

OBITUARIES

Dana Banks

Family of Dana Banks

Following thirteen years of battling cancer Dana Banks Amsk passed away January 21, 2025.



Dana Banks
Family of Dana Banks

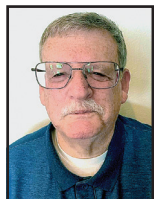
She was born in Billings, Montana September 12, 1959 to Sandra Halvorson Branstetter and Daniel Branstetter. She graduated from Billings Senior High School. She married Boyd Banks in Billings and they moved to Libby, Montana. They had two children, Matthew Banks and Brandy Banks. They divorced years later and Dana and her children moved to Townsend where she met Billy Amsk. They had a son Keanu Daniel Amsk. She worked at the hospital and then at State Bank. She also worked for the State of Montana. She and her husband Billy ran the Floral Connection for several years. Survivors include her husband Bill Amsk, her children Matthew and Brandy, her mother Sandy Vanover (Ted) and sister Cindy Beaulieu; nephews Justin Moore, Dylan Beaulieu. She was preceded in death by son Keanu Daniel Amsk, brother Daniel Branstetter, Jr, father Daniel Branstetter, Sr, brother-in-law Kim Moore, grandparents Art and Elsie Halvorson, Aunt Nancy Ballou and Uncle David Halvorson.

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Townsend Locals Elected as Southwest Montana Tourism Board Officers

Victor Sample



Southwest Montana is a designated regional non-profit

organization that receives bed-tax money to promote tourism in the 9 County area (Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Granite, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Madison, Powell and Silver Bow).

Officer elections were held on January 23 at the Southwest Montana meeting in Butte. Local resident and owner of the Reading Leaves Bookstore, Rachael Brug was elected as President of the Board. Victor Sample was elected as Board Secretary.

Chiara Shoher of Whitehall was elected Vice President and Jeanette Kopf of Butte as Treasurer.

Broadwater County is also represented by Board Members Mary Ellen Schnur and Pam Sample.

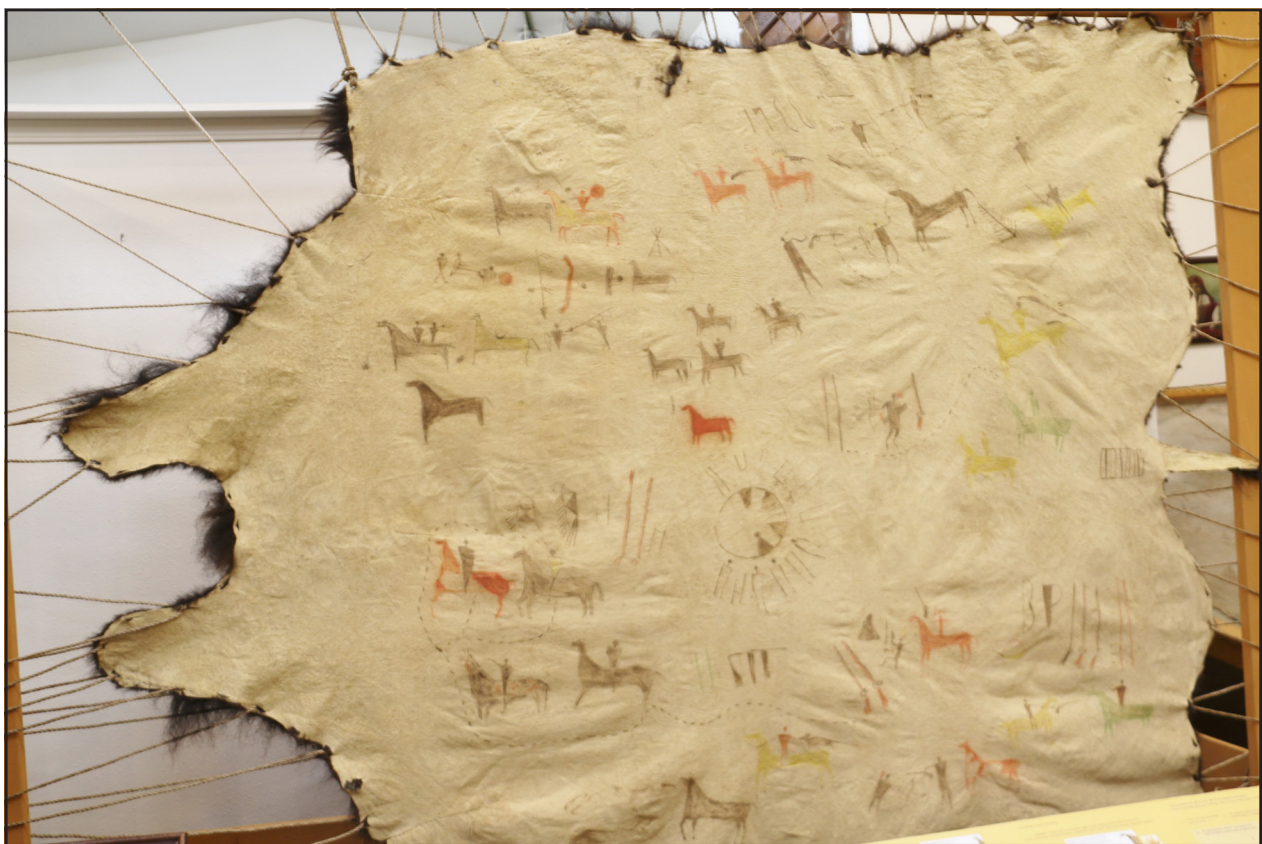
Southwest Montana has done a great job of promoting and working with local businesses in Broadwater County. In the past few years, Southwest Montana has created promotional videos for Fall Fest, Edgewater Farms, Canyon Ferry Brewing and Stonehouse Brewery.

Southwest Montana Executive Director Sarah Bannon, PR Manager Maria Porchervina and Office Administrator Julie Schroder work hard at promoting all of the Southwest Montana region.

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"Night at the Museum" a Big Success



The entire duplicated buffalo robe.
Matt Nelson Photo

Matt Nelson



Old Baldy Adult Education sponsored the Night at the Museum on Monday evening, January 13th. Broadwater County Museum curator Linda Huth led a group of people on a very good tour of the museum, during which time she answered the four questions about four photos published in the MT43 News on January 3rd and 10th in the advertisements about the Night at the Museum. Much of the information in this article was extracted from the Broadwater ByGones, published in 1977. A copy may be purchased at the museum.

Question 1 asked "Who is this?" and showed an old photograph of a man, Question 2 asked "What building is this?" with a photograph of a building under construction, Question 3 asked "What is this?" about a drawing that looked like a pictograph of two horsemen, and Question 4 asked, "Where is this?" with a photograph that showed an old town located somewhere in Broadwater County.

W.E. Tierney is the answer to the 1st question, "Who is this?" In the Broadwater ByGones, there is a photo similar to the one that Linda is standing near, with a caption that says, "W.E. Tierney, founder of Canton Store, about 1875." The photo above the portrait of Mr. Tierney is of the Townsend Mercantile Co. and the one behind Linda is of the Remodeled Mercantile, 1905 (China Department). Quoting from the Broadwater ByGones,

"Mr. Tierney was born in Ireland but came to Confederate Gulch from Virginia City in 1865. Mr. Tierney had many and varied interests. He also had interests in Canton, Hassel and other locations. He and his partners, J.R. Marks and Dan D. McCarthy built the W.E. Tierney & co. and the Townsend House Hotel. Mr. Marks was manager of the Townsend House and Mr. McCarthy was the manager of the store.

He was a familiar figure around Townsend in his declining years and held in universal esteem. Broadwater County owes much to him. He died in the D'Arcy Block, which had the nicest rooms in Townsend at that time, and are now the rooms of the Gamble Store. He is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery."



Broadwater County Museum Curator Linda Huth is talking about W.E Tierney
Matt Nelson Photo

Linda is holding a photograph of The Commercial Hotel, the answer to question 2, "What building is this?" Again, quoting from the Broadwater ByGones, "The Commercial Hotel, Billie Pierce's hotel came five years after Townsend's first, The Townsend House, and gave the new town two large and fine hotels. The Commercial was built by William (Billie) Pierce in 1889 and has weathered time in a remarkable way. Although renovated and enlarged from time to time during the 136 years since the main part of the building was constructed it still stands."

Inside the museum there is a buffalo robe with Native American-style paintings that has been duplicated from the original. The museum has had the original robe



Linda is holding a photograph of the Commercial Hotel
Matt Nelson Photo

for many years and a few years ago had it replicated, which is the one in the photographs. The photo of the two horsemen is similar to the one in the MT43 News asking, "What is this?" and there is another photo of the entire buffalo robe.



This is a close-up photo of two Native American horsemen on the duplicated buffalo robe, located in the museum
Matt Nelson Photo

The Hassel, Montana Mining Camp is the answer to Question 4, asking "Where is this?" Quoting from Kathy Weiser© (<https://www.legendsofamerica.com/hassel-montana/>) and last updated in February 2000, "Situated near Indian Creek in Broadwater County, Montana, Hassel was first called Saint Louis when it got its start in 1869 after gold had been discovered in the nearby (Indian) creek.

The camp was most famous for its huge Diamond Hill 120-Stamp Mill which operated from 1898 to 1900.



The Hassel, Montana Mining Camp
Matt Nelson Photo

Although the Broadwater County Museum is only open from May 15th to September 15th, with the exception of July 4, it is highly suggested that you visit it, either for the first time or again, even if you have visited it many times before. If you are lucky, you will have Linda Huth as your guide. Also, if you don't have a copy of the Broadwater ByGones, buy one. There is so much information about Broadwater County in it.

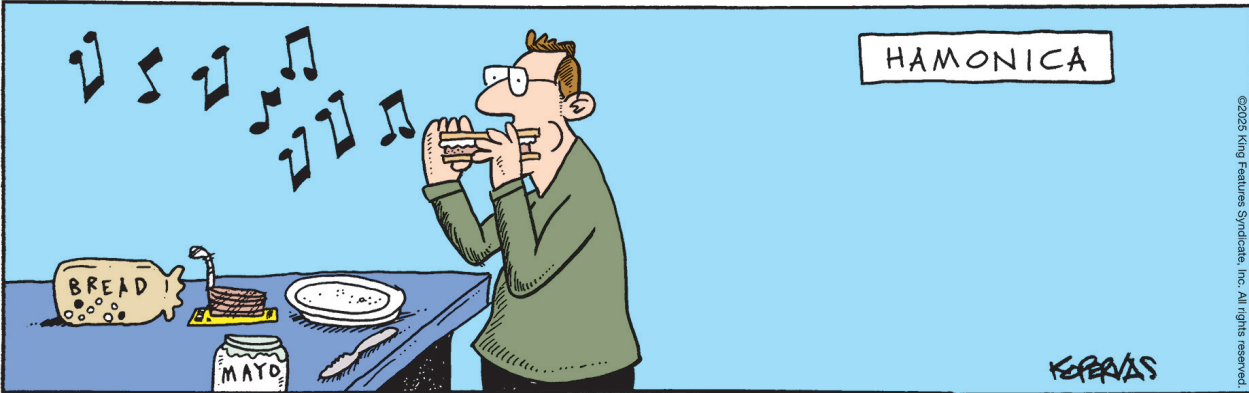
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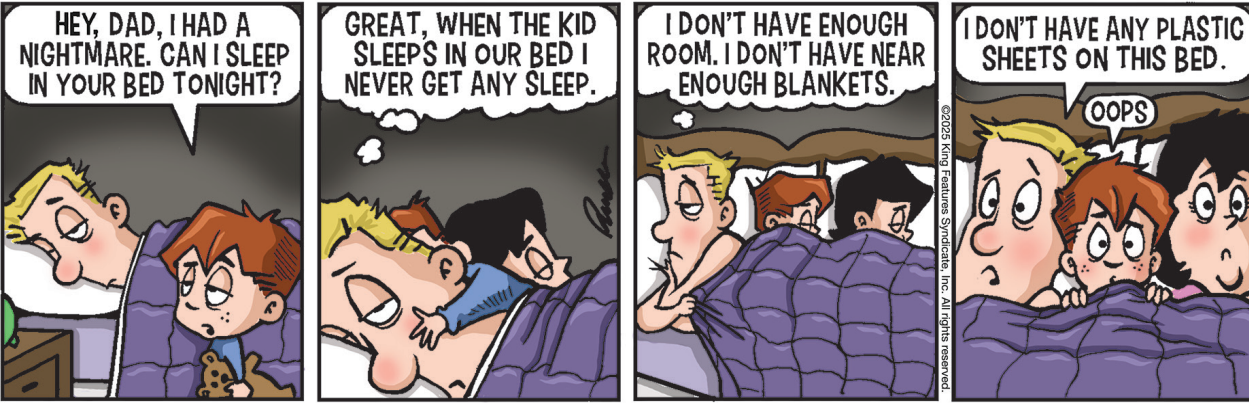
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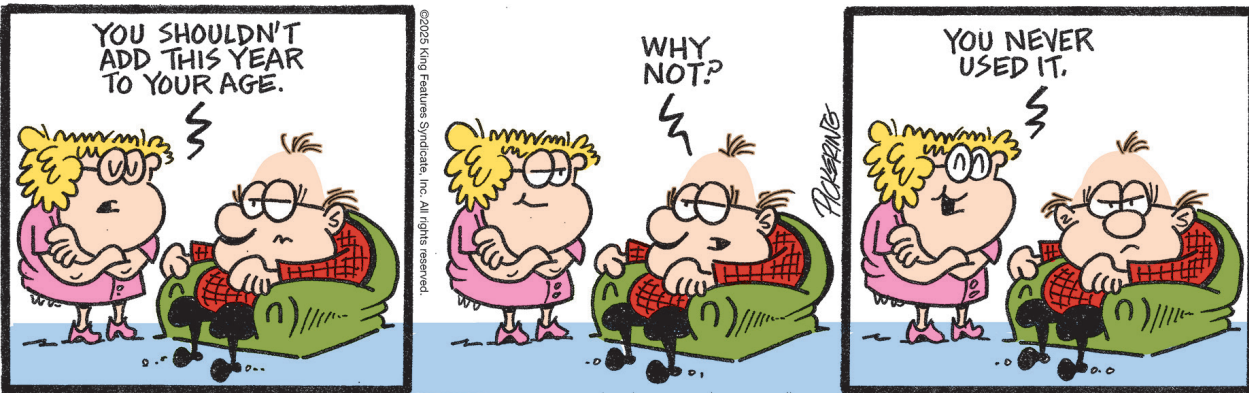
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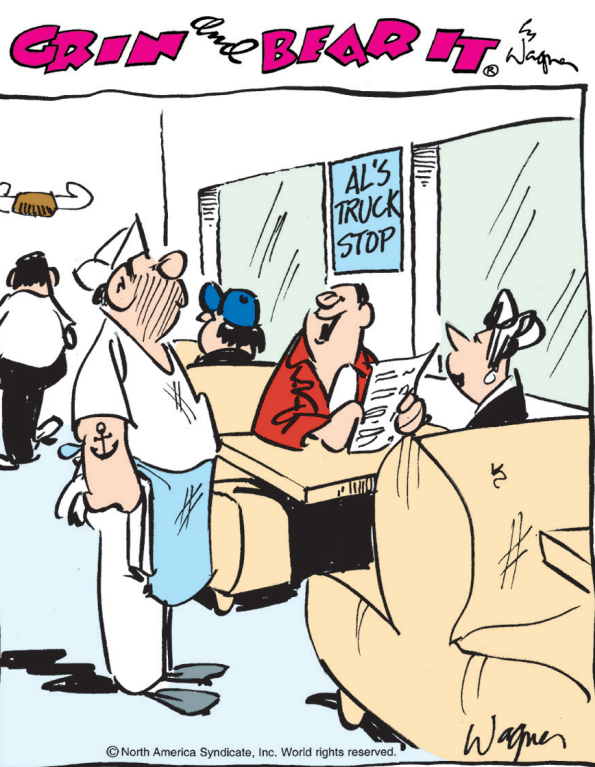
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"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."
— Margaret Mead



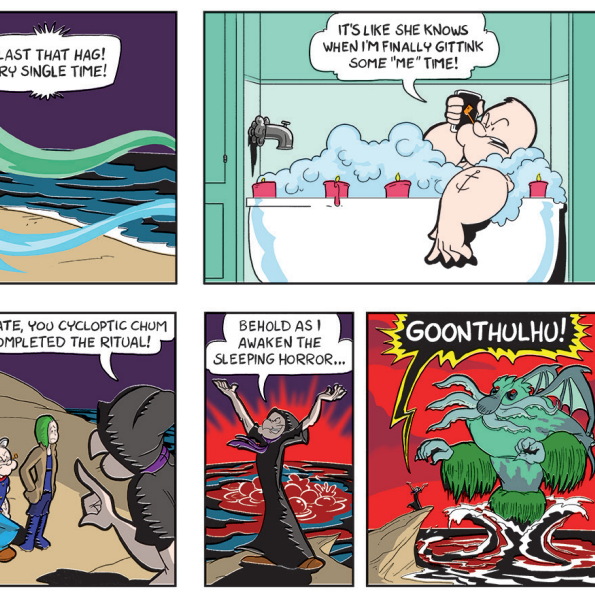
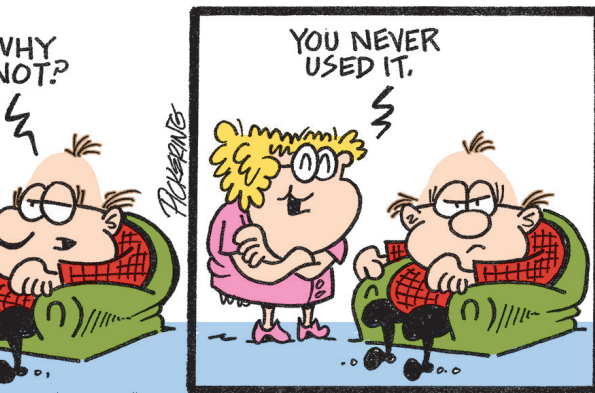
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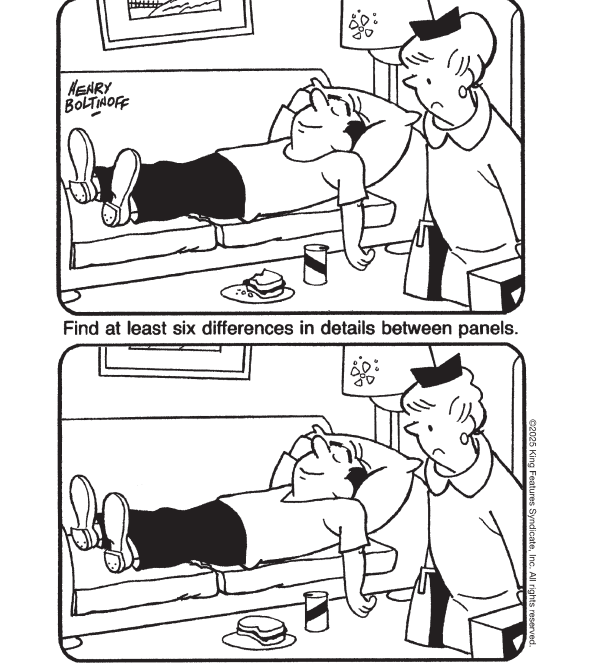
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As homework, I'm supposed to read this book by writer Dahl in one day. Time to hit the Road!

KNIGHT MOVES
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Robotics Teams, 1



Broadwater Brainiac team preparing to run their last match of the day. Pictured from left to right: Calvin McCauley, Everett Kirksey, Skylar Sellay, and Eilyn Strait. Photos Provided by STOKE



Broadwater Brainiacs with their 2nd place Champion's Award and 2nd place Robot Performance award. From left to right: Jayden Flynn, Everett Kirksey, Kathryn Six, Kay Crusch, Calvin McCauley, Titus Kirksey, Skylar Sellay, Eilyn Strait. Photos Provided by STOKE

3rd place in the robot challenge and won 1st place in the Innovation Project category for their impactful work addressing mercury contamination in Canyon Ferry Lake. Their innovation project stood out for its depth, creativity, and real-world potential. The Avengers' team members included Anthony Grandy, Karter Schmaus, Sam Smith, Trenton Essary, Liam Wells, Cade Culbreth, and Nik Toney.

Both teams' success at Helena exemplifies the values of FIRST LEGO League, emphasizing teamwork, innovation, and STEM problem-solving. As the Avengers and Brainiacs prepare for the state competition in Bozeman, their hard work continues to inspire STEM

programs in the Broadwater community.

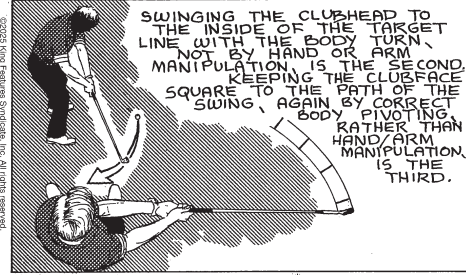
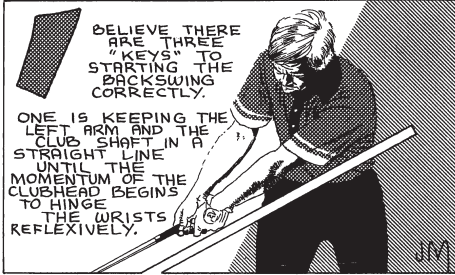
The Broadwater Robotics program is coached by Spencer Sellay, Dr. Lisa Brown, Dr. Adam Six, Bobbie McCauley, Roger Flynn, and BHS senior Max Sellay. Broadwater Robotics is generously supported by STOKE, Townsend Rotary, Schneider Electric, Opportunity Bank, The Lodge of Townsend, Green Wing Excavation, Flynn Hay and Grain, Infinite Hope Counseling, Skreens, Broadwater Family Chiropractic, Wild Pine Creative, Lazy RM Beef, Gianforte Family Foundation, and Department of Defense (DoD) STEM

Congratulations to both teams on their outstanding achievements, and best of luck at state!

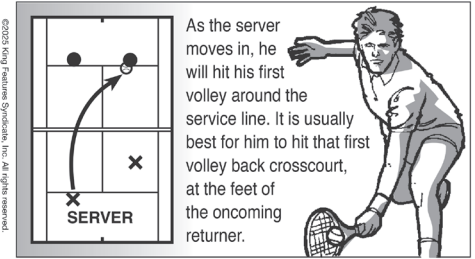
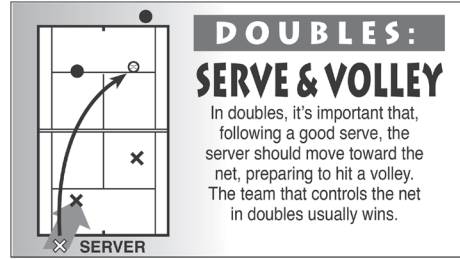


Broadwater Avengers with their 1st place Innovation Project award. From left to right back: Liam Wells, Sam Smith, Nik Toney, Karter Schmaus, Anthony Grandy, Trenton Essary. Front: Cade Culbreth. Photos Provided by STOKE

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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes



Winter is a wonderful time to make jerky for several reasons. For one thing, hunting season is all but done. Second, if you're going to turn the oven on and leave it on a while, winter's better than summer. Duh. Finally, homemade jerky is a great snack while you relax in the recliner with your feet up watching the best football teams fight it out. (Personally, I'd love to see KC threeppeat.)

That brings me to the 100-plus jerky recipes in my book, Stalking the Wild Jerky and this one in particular. Despite the good dose of Worcestershire Sauce and black pepper, this one is kind of subtle with a peppery finish. Two more things: it's equally good when used on waterfowl slices, and is very close in

Warming the Kitchen - Jerky

flavor to most 'traditionally flavored' store-bought jerkies without adding any chemical preservatives.

In Stalking the Wild Jerky, the recipe on the previous page unabashedly adds nitrates: that's what gives store-bought jerky, and commercially prepared jerky 'spice' mixes, the reddish color and chemically sweet tang. Perhaps you can't live without the chemicals and heavy dose of salt, but this recipe (and almost every other recipe in this book) proves you don't need nitrates to have great jerky flavor.

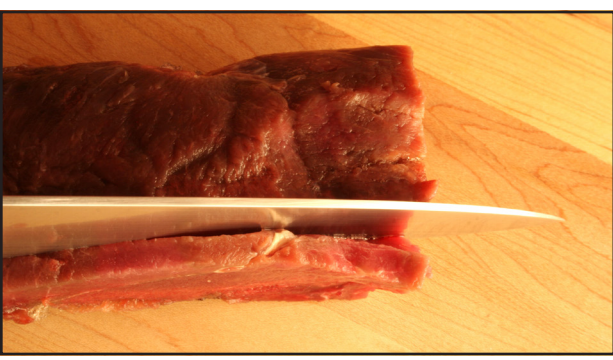
One more thing: It's much easier to get uniformly sliced meat if you start slicing while the meat is about 3/4 frozen. And having uniform thickness makes timing the cooking much easier.

Honey-Worcestershire Jerky

For 1 pound sliced red meat

Ingredients

- 1 pound red meat, sliced 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick
- 1/2 cup Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/4 cup honey mustard
- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 teaspoons instant beef bouillon granules
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon non-iodized salt
- 2 teaspoons coarse ground black pepper



Slicing for jerky
Eileen Clark Photo

Preparation

Once the meat is sliced, pat it dry with paper towels so it's not drippy when you add it to the marinade--and dilute its flavor. Then mix the rest of the ingredients in a resealable plastic bag, add the meat slices, seal the bag and knead the contents, getting the wet rub all over the meat surfaces. Let sit 48-72 hours in the refrigerator to let the flavor fully develop and tenderize the meat.

Cooking

Preheat the oven to 160°F. Arrange the meat strips on wire mesh grids over a foil-lined pan. Cook at 160°F for 3-4 hours (the time depends on the thickness: 1/2" takes 4 hours, thinner less), turn the oven off and let the jerky cool in the closed oven. When done, there should be no pink inside but still be bendable. However, after it cools, you should be able to hold it by one end and not have the strip of jerky sag. Overdone, the jerky gets brittle and cracks and, at the edges the meat is white and thready.

*Worcestershire jerky tends to look undercooked when it's actually done. So stick with the 3-4 hour cooking time, check for doneness, then let the strips cool in the turned-off oven overnight. Once cool, store the jerky in a resealable plastic bag in the fridge for up to a week. If you've multiplied this recipe for a bigger batch, store what you won't eat right away in the freezer.

Stalking the Wild Jerky with over 100 wild game jerky recipes is now on sale for \$17 at Eileen's website: www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.

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January 30

1941

Sewer Work is Progressing Fine

Progress on trenching for the laying of the pipe in the new sewerage system for Townsend is advancing at a better rate in the last few days of digging. The large cat used in trenching the trunk line is working within earshot of the Star today; just alongside of the rear door of the Townsend Mercantile company and Ruth's place. Men are laying the pipe as fast as is possible and blocks are laid and covered in sections. With good luck the street in front of the high school gymnasium will be covered and partly smoothed out by the time the big Charity Ball is pulled off on February 15th.

Winston News

Among those from Winston who attended the Birthday Ball at Townsend were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Muffly, Mr. Ralph Locowich, Mr. Leslie Miles and Miss Violet Miles.

Henry Meyer and Mr. Morris Miles made a business transaction, and Mrs. Morris Miles is now the manager of Hank's place in Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kelly and Mr. Lowell Mires and Miss Viola Walters of Townsend called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.N. Mires and Miss Rosella Mires on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Diehl attended the show in Townsend on Sunday evening.

1958

Radersburg News

Mrs. Dick Buckingham of Townsend spent Thursday here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Allen, brother, Harry Allen and sisters Mrs. George and Mrs. Bud Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and son, Tommy, were Helena visitors Thursday and Friday, remaining as overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greaves and David.

Mrs. Jack Ralls was a business caller in Three Forks and Townsend Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lavinder escorted a group of young people on a

skating party Saturday. Those enjoying the fun were Lenny Harris, Terry, Sammy, Sally and Susie Harris, Billy and Paul Harris, Mary Jane Puttin, Alberta Thurston, Frankie Romer, Phyllis Smith, Merrilee, Devin and Marsha Miller.

Sunday dinner guests at the Bud Harris home in celebration of Terry Harris' 15th birthday included Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Seaman, Barry and Lois Seaman, George Rollings, the honor guest, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris, brother, Sammy and sisters, Sally, Susie and Rita.

Toston Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans motored to Dillon Sunday and spent the day with Richard's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McCracken, and his mother. It was the birthday of the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slifka and son, Richie, were Helena visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marks and daughter, Nancy, and Mrs. Moody visited Mrs. Marks' mother, Mrs. Hattie Hargrove, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greaves returned home Thursday from a month's visit with relatives in California.

1975

Teacher Profiles

This is the first of a series of teacher profiles to be published in the Townsend Star. Each profile will tell a little about one of the teachers in our schools. Principal Herb Sprout is the first 'profile'.

The principal is the key man in the school, according to Herb Sprout, "he has the key to the janitors room, the front door, the sick room..." The sense of humor thus expressed is one of the reasons Mr. Sprout is a favorite among the students of the grade school. A second reason would be his attitude towards his profession.

"What makes a teacher tick?" After 20 years of teaching, 19 of them in Townsend, Herb Sprout, says it's the rewards; not only the monetary reward (though that's nice too) but the comradeship and feeling that you have the students' confidence, that you can be of some help towards their ultimate success. This must balance the disappointment of seeing students who do not avail themselves of the opportunity offered them to prepare themselves for this competitive society.

Herb, a native of Ennis, is active in community

affairs, presently serving as chairman of the City-County Planning Board, Vice-president of the P.T.A. and is active in Rotary and various other groups.

1997

Southall Honored with BHC's Fern Kirley Award

Linda Southall – winner of this year's Fern Kirley Award for volunteerism – brings inspiration to Broadwater Health Center's Nursing Home in more ways than one.

The 32-year-old Townsend woman routinely travels seven city blocks on a battery-powered scooter named "Herbier" to share interdenominational Bible study with residents of the nursing home. "She started coming to our nursing home three or four years ago because her grandmother was here," said Jaque Swenson, director of nursing at BHC. "And when she visited her grandmother, she visited with everyone else, too."

She has always been willing to lend a hand to help residents, Swenson explained, noting that never once has she heard a word of complaint from her.

"Her example is such an inspiration because she is out doing things for others," Swenson said. "She stops and encourages people to do the best they can with their disabilities."

"Ever since I was 2 months old, my mom always wanted me to be independent, despite my disability," Southall said after receiving the award and a bouquet of roses. Southall also volunteers as a tutor for the school district, where she urges younger people in the community to visit their elders in the nursing home.

Turcotte Now a Captain

Michelle H. Turcotte has been selected for a promotion in the Air Force the rank of Captain.

She is the daughter of Helen Turcotte of Townsend, a 1988 graduate of Broadwater High School, and a 1992 graduate of Montana Tech. Capt. Turcotte earned her master's degree from the University in Nebraska – Lincoln in 1996.

Flynn Makes Honor Roll

Kyle F. Flynn of Townsend is among the 301 students named to the Fall Semester 1996 Honor Roll at Western Montana College of the University of Montana.

To achieve the honor, students must carry a 3.33 grade-point average in 12 or more semesters.

Legacy (part 4).... Ya Reckon?

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What is the difference between Estate Planning vs. Succession Planning and does it really matter?

A couple of years ago the US Small Business Administration shared some staggering and rather disheartening data: A productive business sold to non-family has a 70% chance to succeed. The success rate drops to 30% for a business that heirs/family inherit and operate. This article (Estate vs Succession Plan: Know difference) by Wesley Tucker in Farm Progress (2.28.22) also went on to say that for farms the difference in success rate can partially be attributed to operators mistaking estate planning for succession planning. Instead of thinking through how to prepare the next generation to run the business they only divide assets.

Estate Planning focuses on divvying up assets, which is sufficient if a farmer is only concerned with how to pass land and things on to the next generation. Here, there is a transfer title of assets put in motion upon death.

Succession Planning, on the other hand, focuses on a very clear plan put in place when one wishes to see the farm/ranch business stay alive and succeed financially and otherwise, both during and after the transition. This

is a process...not an event! There needs to be incremental goals, with a transition from one generation to next; with stops along the way where successor gains more experience in management, responsibility and decision making. Here, the parent goes from chief decision maker to chief supporter, with a true willingness and desire to see the successor thrive.

Developing this plan is more difficult and MUST be started early to be successful. Do not wait for a tragic event (such as a death), otherwise the successor(s), who has been involved in the business, risks not being adequately compensated for his/her efforts if anything happens to go wrong before that event! The parties should hope to prevent lasting and dire consequences.

People avoid the hard conversations to "keep the peace." But peace isn't the goal of a relationship. Love is. And when we love someone, we have the hard conversations in service of that love. – Jillian Turecki

On March 1, 2025, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, the Broadwater Conservation District will be hosting a FREE WORKSHOP at the 4-H Building called

FINDING FAIRNESS IN FARM TRANSITION by Elaine Froese. Elaine is a skilled speaker and facilitator and is well known and respected around Canada and the United States. This is the first time Elaine has presented in SW Montana. It is such an honor to bring her skilled services to the folks of Broadwater County and the surrounding region. Spread the word.

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

Denise Thompson



Maybe we weren't born in the wrong generation but were instead put here to keep the old one alive.
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