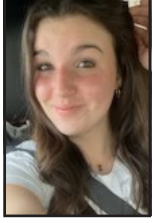


Speech and Drama Team Wins 1st at State Tournament

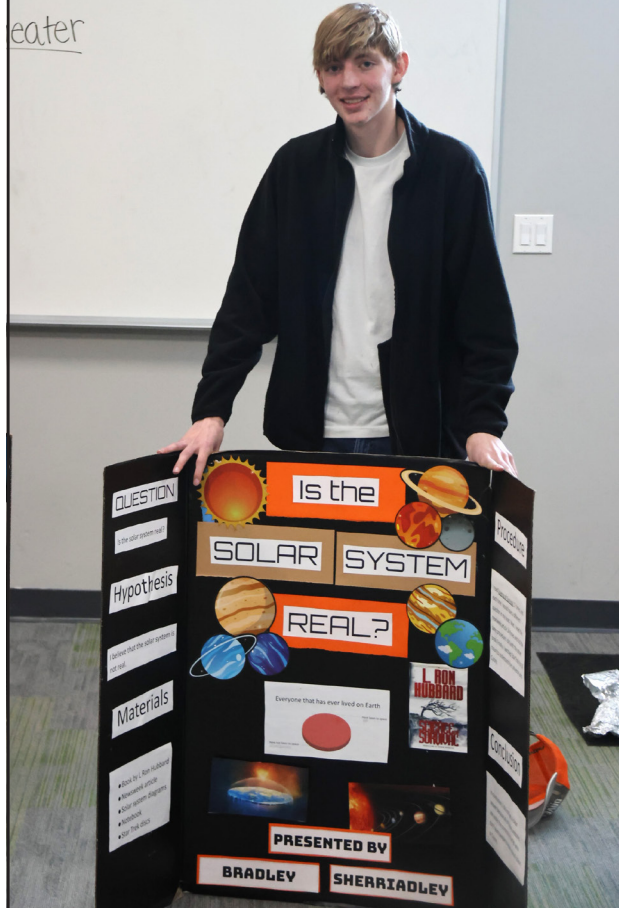
Karsyn Sangray
Broadwater High School Student Intern



BHS Speech and Drama team won the state championship held in Huntley, Montana last weekend. They have taken first for three years in a row. Our Speech and Drama team has always put their best effort into their season and worked hard for this win.

Of the 24 students who attended the meet, Russel Webber, a freshman on the team, placed third at state for his humorous theater piece. He worked along with Haedyn Poe and Amelya Sims. The group was not getting the place level it wanted. The members worked on their piece, which was about a science fair, and made it even better than the original script. The weekend before state the group placed fourth at Divisionals, improving even within a week. This specific group worked through a lot of people. They originally had four in their group and had to rewrite the entire thing to make it work with three members. They learned new lines and did the seemingly impossible task of perfecting their performance. "My favorite part of the season was winning and kicking booty. (Coach Denise) Bakkum was my biggest support. She does coach and helps us improve our piece," he said.

Another humorous piece, this time a solo, was performed by Kyla Meissner. She did incredibly well throughout the season and was able to place first at Divisionals. Working with a senior last year, she took what she learned and applied it to this year. Her piece, "As Seen On TV", was about a salesman trying to sell



Russel Webber gives his "Science Fair" speech at Weekend Tournament in Huntley, Montana. Karsyn Sangray Photo



Kyla Meissner cracked up the crowd with her "As Seen on TV" humorous solo at last week's tournament. Karsyn Sangray Photo

a 'Fix all Product'. Kyla explained in her piece that "It did cause cancer or death, but it was totally worth it...."

Kyla portrayed several characters and the symptoms they faced. She bounced between clients and the salesman and made the audience laugh the whole time. "We've been winning for a while now. It's something like six in

the last seven years. I love Speech and Drama. I'm more confident this year. My favorite thing is team - bonding and coming out of it stronger together," she explained.

Ending their season with a 1st place win for the team, we're excited to see what happens next year with our speech and drama team.

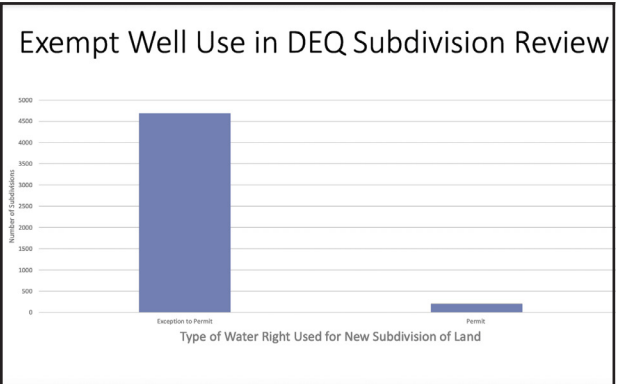
The Great Groundwater Debate Reemerges at Montana Legislature

Amanda Eggert
Montana Free Press

This article by Amanda Eggert was originally published in the Montana Free Press on 1/31/2025. It is published here courtesy of the Montana Free Press.

The Montana Free Press article has great coverage of the Groundwater Debates and includes coverage of the influence of the Horse Creek Hills subdivision court decision here in Broadwater County.

Visit our website to read the full article: <https://mt43news.com>



Between September 2014 and October 2022, the DEQ processed nearly 4,700 subdivision applications featuring exempt wells, compared to 205 that went through the water rights permitting process, according to information provided to the DNRC-convened Comprehensive Water Review Working Group. Graph Provided by Montana Free Press

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Montana Internet Officer Explains Progress on Laying Fiber Optic Cable in Broadwater County



Montana Internet crews head to Townsend to begin the work of plowing fiber cable last Spring. Photo Provided by Montana Internet

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



In the internet provider services world, Montana Internet of Helena is the Little Red Engine that could.

According to Josh Romandia, CEO of Montana Internet, his board made the decision early on to invest the money to lay optic fiber in East Helena and Broadwater County while other providers were waiting to receive grant money. This fall the company completed a 24-mle stretch on Highway 287 and in Townsend from Townsend Elementary School to Spokane Creek Road.

The company allocated \$1 million to invest in the expansion.

In 2023 the federal government established the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program, allocating \$628 million to the Montana Communications Advisory Council to help internet service providers pay for broadband installation service in the state. Currently, the funds have barely been distributed. "Although there was a huge amount of money



Montana Internet crews place poles over the Missouri River leading into Townsend which will connect fiber cable from Townsend Elementary School to Spokane Creek Road. Photo Provided by Montana Internet

available to broadband providers through the American Rescue Plan Act funds, the State of Montana delayed setting up committees to allocate those funds. "The process went on for weeks, months and now years. The large corporations lobbied for the funds and had the time and money to wait for the funds to be allocated before they began laying fiber. As a small business we

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Free Transportation to Helena and Bozeman for Senior Citizens

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Free rides are few and far between these days, but Broadwater County older citizens can ride for free from their homes to Helena or Bozeman beginning February 1st until September 30 of this year. The program is operated by Gogo Grandparents, a ride service out of California.

According to Rocky Mountain Development Council's Agency on Aging Director Jim Marks, the service was a brainchild of Kerrie Reidelbach whose surveys showed one of older people's highest needs was some kind of public transportation. Reidelbach is the director of the Department of Health and Human Services Unit on Aging. The program will be financed from soon-to-be sunseting ARPA funds plus matching grants. "Area IV has \$110,000 to use for this program and we act as a passthrough from the state to the Gogograndparents organization. The service has been available to older adults for a long time in cities such as Helena, but never in rural areas." Marks said.

"People didn't think it was real. I received calls and emails asking if the service was really happening," Marks said, "Broadwater County was second in line for the service. We gave the Broadwater County Health Department a heads-up so people would believe it."

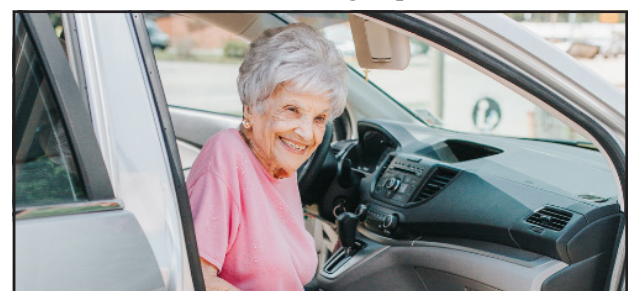
Free private rides for people aged 60 and over can be used for recreation, going to the grocery store and doctors' appointments. The driver will pick up at the person's door and bring them home, Marks said. Each individual is allowed four trips per month. Ride-sharing is encouraged. The program works in the same manner as Uber or Lyft, both private companies in which drivers use their own cars to provide the rides.

Marks' biggest concern is when the money ends on September 30, that will cause a "pall over the program. After that, the program will continue under a "private pay" system. The newly-offered ride service will act as an incentive to install a permanent program for people who have no other way to access shopping or medical care. Marks explained: "This is a vital experiment to prove we need the service in Broadwater County. I strongly recommend people use the service now and

throughout the summer."

Although the startup service is ready to roll out, Marks said he is recruiting drivers who are interested in signing up to help build out the program. Qualified drivers will be paid a wage plus mileage and will be allowed to accept tips.

To book the service please use the telephone number only, he said. Booking through the website puts the customer in a "pay" status. To book the service with Gogograndparent call 1-855-755-2026. To register as a driver, use the website to sign up.



Book a ride to Helena or Bozeman with a qualified driver in his or her own vehicle. The service is available in Townsend through Gogograndparents ride service. Photo Provided

Townsend School Calendar

FEBRUARY



Friday 7
NO SCHOOL
 Divisional High School Wrestling at the Butte Civic Center
 3:00 pm: High School Basketball at Manhattan

Saturday 8
 Divisional High School Wrestling at the Butte Civic Center
 2:30 pm: High School Basketball (Senior Night) vs Lone Peak

Sunday 9
 1:00 pm: BCSO Super Bowl Party - BHS Stage Gym

Monday 10
 TBD: Middle School Wrestling

Tuesday 11
 8:55 am: Pre-K PE in the 63 Gym
 6:00 pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room

Wednesday 12
 8:55 am: Pre-K PE in the 63 Gym
 4:00 pm: Middle School Boys Basketball vs Ennis
 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gym in the 63 Gym
 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Pickleball in the Stage Gym

Thursday 13
 State High School Wrestling @ Billings
 3:00 pm: High School Basketball @ Boulder
 6:30 pm: Old Baldy Adult Ed Museum Tour

Friday 14
NO SCHOOL
 State High School Wrestling @ Billings
 3:00 pm: High School Basketball @ Ennis
 8:00 pm: Big Sky Big Leadership MSU Extension @ Community Room

Saturday 15
 State High School Wrestling @ Billings



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Three Forks School Calendar

FEBRUARY



Friday 7
 Teacher Work Friday
 High School Wrestling Divisionals @ Glendive

Saturday 8
 High School Wrestling Divisionals @ Glendive
 1:00pm: High School Basketball vs Whitehall

Monday 10
 Lunch: High School Academic Olympics
 4:00pm: Junior High Basketball @ Livingston

Tuesday 11
 Lunch: High School Academic Olympics
 3:00pm: High School Basketball @ Lone Peak

Wednesday 12
 3:00pm: High School Basketball vs Manhattan
 6:00pm: Parent Action Council - High School Library

Thursday 13
 State High School Wrestling @ Billings Metra
 Lunch: Middle School Academic Olympics
 12:20pm: NHS Mtg - Large Conference Room
 4:00pm: Junior High Basketball @ Manhattan Christian

Friday 14
 State High School Wrestling @ Billings Metra
 2:00pm: Junior High Basketball vs Manhattan

Saturday 15
 State High School Wrestling @ Billings Metra
 3:00pm: High School Basketball (Boys Only) @ Manhattan Christian

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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 Friday-Saturday -- 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm
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THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 7
 11:00am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club
 1:00pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg
 5:15pm: Three Forks Community Library - Board Meeting

Wednesday 12
 5:30pm: Bozeman Music Night with Jodi and the Woodflowers at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 13
 10:30pm: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
 6:00pm: Three Forks Music Night with August Ore at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 14
 11:00am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 7
 LAST DAY to submit Parks Master Plan Survey
SEE AD WITH QR CODE ON PAGE 11
 10:00am: **Free** Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
 12:00pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
 1:00pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 8
 6:00pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
 7:00PM: "The Chosen" **FREE** Movie Night with Popcorn and Snacks- 2d Saturday each month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Monday 10
 10:00am: Monthly WIC Clinic 1st Monday/month at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar
 1:00pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday
 6:00pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 11
 5:00pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
 5:30pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 12
 9:00am: **FREE** Billings Clinic Transit Bus to Helena- 2nd Wednesday Every Month at Billings Clinic
 1:00pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 every second Wednesday
 1:00pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 13
 4:00pm: 2025 STROKE Cooking Class at The Lodge of Townsend
 7:00pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 14
 10:00am: **FREE** Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
 12:00pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
 1:00pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 5:00pm: 4th Annual STROKE Valentines Day Fundraiser at The Lodge of Townsend **SEE AD ON PAGE 2**

Saturday 15
 11:00am: WINTER MARKET in the Nook Loft at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway, Townsend
 5:00pm: Family Valentines Spaghetti Dinner at Broadwater County Fairgrounds
 6:00pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 16
 6:00pm: **FREE** Family Night at Holy Coss Parish, 101 S Walnut
SEE AD ON THIS PAGE READ MORE ON PAGE 6!

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 11
 6:00pm : Solid Waste Board

Thursday 13
 5:15pm : Fair Board Meeting
 5:30pm : Fair Board Meeting



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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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The Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders is again sponsoring two scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 for graduating seniors planning to attend an IN-STATE SCHOOL. The last day of application acceptance is March 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

Application forms are available at the Clerk and Recorder's office at the courthouse in Townsend, the Guidance Counselors at Three Forks High School, or Townsend High School.

Completed application forms must be returned to the Clerk and Recorder's office located at the Broadwater County courthouse by Friday, March 14, 2025. Applications will be judged based on scholarship, need, school and civic involvement.

The two winners and alternates will be notified after May 1, 2025, and the scholarship will be given directly to the school of the student's choice after the school has accepted the student.

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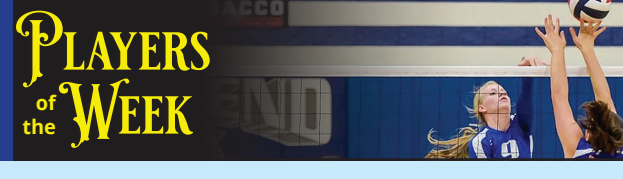


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Townsend Booster Club

Three-Peat Champions!

We are beyond proud to announce that our drama team has won the Class B State Championship for the third year in a row at the state tournament in Huntley Project on Saturday, February 1! This incredible achievement is a testament to the team's hard work, dedication, and passion for performance. Every member contributed to this well-earned victory, and their talent shone on the state stage once again. A huge thank you to our coaches, families, and supporters for being part of this journey. Congratulations to our unstoppable drama team—you've made history!

Wrestling:

Trenton Dales is athlete of the week. Trenton earned this title this week by bumping up a weight class in the Copper Shamrock and winning a big match for the Bulldogs. He has also been working his heart out in practice every day. I can tell he has his eyes set on the podium this weekend in Butte so he can punch his ticket to state.



Trenton Dales
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Girls' Basketball:

Cassidy Flynn. Cassidy is a senior and had a busy week of basketball. First off were the Fairfield Eagles on Tuesday. While Cassidy struggled to hit a shot, she helped the team with hard defense, only giving up one foul and having three defensive rebounds. While the team didn't win against the Eagles, they kept up their intensity. During practice, Cassidy doubled down to



Three-Peat Champions
Townsend Booster Club Photo

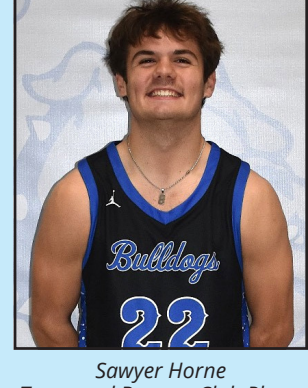
work on her shot and it showed on Thursday against the Three Forks Wolves. Cassidy nailed 11 points, 3 three-pointers and 1 two-pointer. She also played hard defense, with only two fouls and six defensive rebounds, which contributed to the Wolves' defeat. Cassidy didn't stop there, lighting up the three-pointers for a total of 18 points on Saturday against the White Sulphur Springs Hornets. She also contributed two offensive rebounds and three defensive rebounds in the team's win against the Hornets.

Boys' basketball:

Sawyer Horne had an amazing game against the undefeated Fairfield Eagles. There is a lot of strategy going into a game when you have to deal with really good talent from an opposing team, and the coaching staff decided that Sawyer would give us the best chance we had guarding Fairfield's best scorer. Not only did Sawyer guard their best scoring option, he was our



Cassidy Flynn
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Sawyer Horne
Townsend Booster Club Photo

best scoring option! Sawyer had an outstanding game on the offensive end as well, scoring 17 points. Not only did he hit shots all night, he was very clutch at the free throw line when the game mattered the most going 6/6. He is a player that never gives up on any play and is a spark when we need it down the stretch. Congratulations Sawyer!

Bulldog Drama Three-Peats at State

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The Broadwater Bulldogs are 2024-2025 State Class B Drama Champions!! This makes it back-to-back-to-back championships for the Bulldogs and head coach Denise Bakkum. The Bulldogs traveled to Huntley Project for the two-day contest along with 337 Class B/C competitors from 48 schools to compete in 18 events.

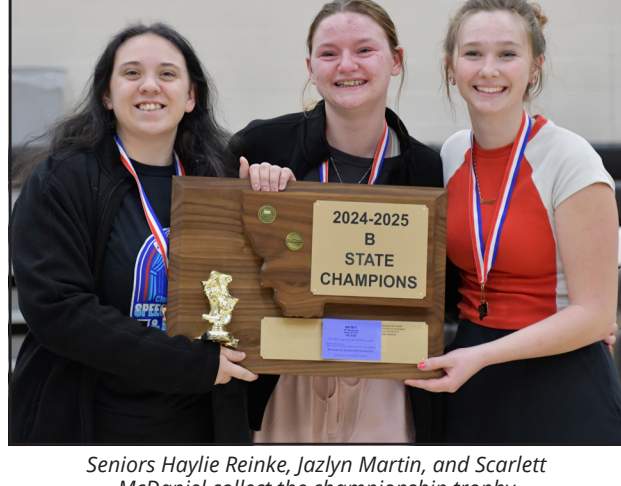
The meet consisted of four rounds of competition followed by (depending on the event) a semi-final and a final round. Single judges score the preliminary rounds, while the subsequent rounds have three judges a piece. Scores from all rounds and judges are totaled to determine the winner of each event. BHS brought a strong team of 24 competitors to the state meet with 21 of them making the final round of eight. When placing in the finals of an individual event, each competitor earns points for their team; therefore, contributing to the team State Championship.

Junior Logan Barkhurst was beginning to find her groove with her Mime piece by winning the home meet. She built on that momentum by winning the Divisional Championship and wrapping up her season with a State Win in Mime with her crazy "Jaws: A Love Story." Congrats Logan!

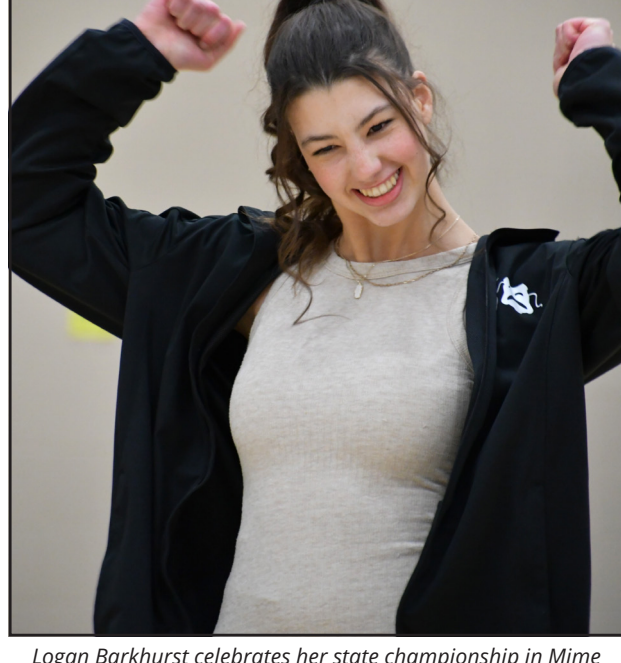
Second-place medals were awarded to two Bulldog entries. Freshman Ava Boaz and sophomore Campbell Kirksey teamed up to present a snippet of "Anne of Green Gables" in the Classical Theater category, where the source material must be at least 75 years old. Sophomore Kyla Meissner followed up her Divisional Championship in Humorous Solo with a second-place finish at state. Her hilarious "As Seen on TV" about Dr. Dib's miracle cure-all will leave you giggling.

Sisters Scarlett and Arabella McDaniel joined forces with junior Noah Borrer for their fun rendition of "Cinderella" in Classical Theater to place 3rd. Also finishing 3rd were a trio of freshmen with their piece about competing students in the "Science Fair" in Humorous Theater. Millie Sims, Haedyn Poe, and Russell Webber looked nervous in the early rounds but found their confidence and finished strong. Also finding their rhythm through the rounds were sisters Aubrey and Savannah Wells, who took 5th place in Dramatic Theater with their take on teen social media use.

Junior Hannah Hall presented the emotional "Funerals are better with tater-tots" for 5th place in Dramatic Solo. Fellow juniors, Jenna Mainwaring placed 7th in Mime, while Creighton Wright and Isaiah Cassiday were "Two Old Men" in Humorous Theater to finish 8th. Seniors Haylie Reinke and Jazlyn Martin teamed up with sophomore Angel Sentinella for "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" in Dramatic Theater, which earned them a Divisional Win and 7th place at state. Sophomore Sarah Morgan and junior Ashley Sanderson competed



Seniors Haylie Reinke, Jazlyn Martin, and Scarlett McDaniel collect the championship trophy
MT43 News Photo



Logan Barkhurst celebrates her state championship in Mime
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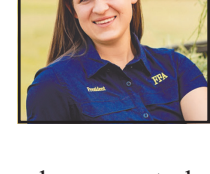
in Humorous and Dramatic Solo, with presentations about flutes and teenage anxiety.

Townsend's speech team was led by senior Addi Kraft, whose Medication Mediocracy placed her 3rd in Original Oratory. Sophomore Shalyn Sentinella's Informative speech on the Rubik's Cube, while simultaneously solving one, landed her in fourth overall. Also, competing for the Bulldogs in Informative was fellow sophomore Kayley Connor with a piece about 3D printing. Speech events do not allow costumes or props and competitors are expected to wear professional attire.

The Broadwater Bulldogs have now won the team Class B State Drama Championship five out of the last six years! An amazing accomplishment, magnified with two additional second-place trophies in the last eight years. Head Coach Denise Bakkum, along with new assistant coaches Destani Spencer and Jemma Loughery have contagious enthusiasm for this sport and their hard work and dedication to it has resulted in a dynasty here in Townsend. Congratulations Bulldogs!

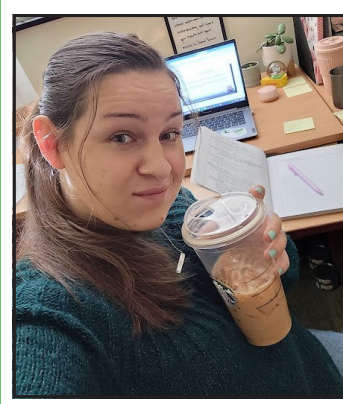
Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



This week felt like it dragged on forever. I had so much homework and so many tasks that I couldn't catch a break, yet each day seemed to stretch endlessly. By the time night rolled around, all I wanted to do was collapse into bed, whether I had unfinished work or not. It's not like my schedule is particularly grueling—my earliest wake-up time is after 7 AM, I attend at most four classes a day, and if I wanted to, I could be in bed by 9 PM. On paper, my routine looks manageable, even easy. But there's a reason I crash from exhaustion every night. To give some context, here's a rundown of my Tuesday.

I woke up at 7 AM, giving myself an hour to get ready in case any unexpected situations came up. With thirty minutes to spare before my first class, I wrapped myself in a blanket and scrolled through social media. My day officially started with Intro to Animal Sciences, after which I speed-walked to the bus stop for a 10-minute ride to Downtown Fargo for my Intro to Entrepreneurship class. The lecture on finance and marketing was engaging, but by the end, my brain felt fried.



Fueling up with coffee and homework!
Mikayla Kraft Photo

Grabbing a salad and a cold brew, I caught a ride back to campus, where I quickly ate and started tackling assignments for one of my online classes. Then it was off to Biology 2, followed immediately by Biology lab. My in-person classes wrapped up at 4 PM, and at that point, I usually take a walk to the dining center and settle into the coffee shop to chip away at more homework. I spent a few hours there, knocked out a few assignments, ate dinner, and eventually returned to my dorm. After a shower, I dove back into homework, finally finishing around 9:30 PM.

Looking at my schedule, it's clear I stay busy. Physically, it's not demanding—I spend most of my time sitting, listening, reading, or writing. But mentally, my brain is constantly running at full speed. When the weeks feel this long, I try to find small ways to make my day more enjoyable. That cold brew, for example, was a fun little treat, especially since I don't often buy coffee instead of making it myself. It doesn't make the week move any faster, but those small joys give me a bit of excitement and motivation to keep pushing forward. No matter how exhausting the week feels, I remind myself that each challenge I overcome is another step toward my goals, even if it takes a quick pick-me-up to keep me working.

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 the General, Urban Forestry, and Capital Water Funds.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday February 18, 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. The 2024 Budget is on file at Townsend's City Hall. For further information, please contact Kari Williams at (406)266-3911,

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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Surrounding Community Newspapers

MT43 News Staff

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

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

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

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Michael Miller, Helena: night speed \$70.00
- Gregory Baldi, Belgrade: night speed \$70.00
- Avril Baines, Bozeman: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00
- Daeryk Zeiger, Three Forks: improper pass \$85.00
- Kelly Widhalm, Valier: day speed \$20.00
- Dusty Weaver, Fort Shaw: day speed \$120.00
- Caden Tew, Townsend: careless driving \$85.00
- Padin Smith, Manhattan: day speed \$120.00
- Fredy Rodriguez, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
- Nathan Perrego, Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Teagan Martin, Townsend: night speed \$200.00
- Pavel Gordey, Spokane, WA: careless driving \$85.00
- Alfredo Castro, Helena: day speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

- William Oelegeschlager – Winston – sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.
- Tanya Isaacs -Airdrie, Ab – careless driving, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fee, enroll and complete Act program.
- Robert Sayler – Helena – fail to carry proof or exhibit insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-2nd offense, found guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees; driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-2nd offense, found guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but fifteen days suspended on conditions, \$275.00 fines and fees.
- Robert Sayler – Helena – driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but fifteen days suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.
- Tyler Plum – Lolo - driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with time suspended on conditions, \$75.00 fines and fees.
- Braxton Murnion – Bozeman – night speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$20.00 fine, must enroll and complete Alive @ 25 within four months.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

- Andrew Jacob Abegglen, Townsend: failure to obtain landowner permission \$285.00
- Donald Ohenley, Bozeman: failure to obtain landowner permission \$285.00
- Zachery Raymond, Helena: failure to obtain landowner permission \$285.00



January 31

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott's courtroom on Friday, January 31 is as follows:

Micheal Gerke had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to a misdemeanor charge of careless driving. His elocution stated that he failed to drive carefully, as he crossed the fog line. He is Sentenced to pay a \$75 fine.

Jessica Guillermo had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to 1) negligent endangerment; 2) aggravated DUI (3rd); and 3) open container. Her elocution stated that as she drove in Broadwater County, she stopped on the railroad tracks, had been driving with a .16 BAC, and had an open container in the vehicle. She is Sentenced to pay a \$5,000 fine. 1) six months suspended; 2) 39 days in County Jail; to pay \$80 in fees and surcharges. She turned herself in at 1pm on January 31, 2025. Her attorney stated that she has been on Soberlink since September 2024.

Andrew Feistner had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to partner/family member assault. His elocution stated that he struck the victim; causing her pain. He received two days credit time served and \$100 fine. He is not to consume alcohol or drugs or go to any casino, with 90 days, suspended. He must pay \$180 to the Office of Public Defender and fees and surcharges of \$80. He must apply for Soberlink.

Ian Blaylock was to be Sentenced, but did not appear. An arrest warrant is filed; including a \$50,000 bond.

Bradley Wright had an Initial Appearance continued until February 7, 2025.

Kamil Szmglewski had an Initial Appearance continued until February 14, 2025.

Andrew Boudour had the Office of Public Defender reappointed to his case.

Todd Van Hee, Helena: violation of comm. Or dept orders or rules \$135.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

- Jacob Lynch – Three Forks – vicious animal, plead no contest, \$250.00 fine.
- Beau Harrell – Toston – disorderly conduct, plead guilty, ten days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees, must enroll and complete eight hours anger management, have no contact with the victim.
- Jay Bahny – Helena – driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$210.00 fines and fees.
- Edward Cocking – Butte – fleeing from or eluding peace officer, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$35.00 surcharge; obstructing a peace officer or other public servant, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$35.00 surcharge.
- Jeffrey Mathews – Winnet – aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fee, enroll and complete Act program.
- Caleb Huff – Helena – careless driving, plead guilty, \$75.00 fine; driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.
- Eduardo Pacheco -Helena – no insurance-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00; driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees; fail to drive to right of roadway except when passing, plead guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Cayla Johnson, Kentwood, MI: night speed \$20.00
 - Alberto Gallardo, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00, Driving without a valid driver's license \$135.00
 - Danny Olmstead, Hutchinson, MN: day speed \$20.00
 - Abigayle Olson, East Helena: day speed \$20.00
 - Johan Hiebert, Bozeman: operating vehicle without license plates \$85.00
 - Shanna Floerchinger, Helena: night speed \$20.00
- MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES
- Joni Javakhishvili, Brooklyn, NY: false log \$285.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

- Brandan Alden – Probation and Parole hold, \$10,000.00 bond
- Sarah Bright – Mt 1st Judicial District, Lewis and Clark County, \$10,000.00 bond
- Sarah Bright – Probation and parole hold, \$50,000.00 bond
- Bruce Beard – Probation and Parole hold, \$25,000.00 bond
- Jesse Surbrugg - Helena municipal court, \$25,000.00 bond
- Jesse Surbrugg – Helena municipal court, \$810.00 bond

City Court Fines and Forfeitures

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

- Jacob Puckett – Bozeman – Disorderly Conduct, plead guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.
- Timothy McCann – White Sulphur Springs – Disorderly Conduct, plead guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.
- Adam Harlan Jr – Belgrade – Theft 1st Offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines, fees, and restitution.
- Douglas Sitton – Townsend – Expired Registration, plead guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.
- James Burgess – Townsend – Disorderly Conduct, plead guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.
- Shawn Zderick – East Helena – Criminal Mischief, plead guilty, 6 months jail suspended on conditions, \$585.00 fines and fees with all but \$85.00 suspended on conditions, ordered to pay \$971.00 in restitution to victim.
- Caleb Hoveland – Belgrade – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs 1st Offense, plead guilty, 6 months jail, all but 1 day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, complete ACT Class and follow any counselor recommendations. No Liability Insurance 1st Offense, plead guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees. Open Alcoholic Beverage Container, plead guilty, \$75.00 fine.
- Anthony Mistek – Townsend – Assault Physical Contact of Insulting or Provoking Nature, plead guilty, 6 months jail suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.
- Jeremaih Stoltzfoos – Ennis – Criminal Mischief, plead guilty, 6 months jail suspended on conditions, \$385.00 fines, fees, and restitution.
- Jack Sangray – Townsend – Disorderly Conduct, plead no contest, deferred 6 months on conditions, \$85.00 fee.
- Vince Boster – Townsend – Theft 2nd Offense, plead guilty, 6 months jail suspended on conditions, ordered to pay fines, fees, and restitution in the amount of \$285.00.
- Vince Boster – Townsend – Theft 1st Offense, plead guilty, ordered to pay fines, fees, and restitution in the amount of \$285.00.
- Christina Moorhouse – Townsend – Unlawful Transactions with Children 1st Offense, plead guilty, ordered to pay fines, fees, and restitution in the amount of \$585.00.

Week Three Legislative Update

Representative Jane Gillette
DDS, MPH (HD 77)



The third week of the 69th Montana Legislative Session saw significant progress on legislation to strengthen accountability and transparency in Montana's government. Key bills included efforts to reform the judiciary, ensure property tax fairness by improving how levies are calculated, and clarify education laws. I, along with others, are working tirelessly to advance policies that bring clarity, integrity, and accountability to the institutions Montanans rely on.

As of this writing, three hundred and eight bills have been introduced to the House of Representatives, including three hundred House Bills, seven Senate Bills, and one House Resolution. This robust legislative activity demonstrates the commitment of House Republicans to addressing the priorities of Montana families and businesses.

This week, I've been working on legislation to provide property tax relief for property owners who complete remodels of their homes which increase the livable area of their homes. Often, people increase the livable space of their homes to make room for an aging parent, an adult child, or even to rent out as a source of income. The dynamics of property taxes are complex. There are several bills being advanced that relieve property taxes for some but dramatically increase property taxes for others. Policies such as these present challenges, since they don't really address the underlying issue: our demand for services outpaces our tolerance for spending.

One of the highlights of my week was drafting a bill to help rebuild our broken mental health system. In 2017, severe budget cuts decimated our already fragile mental health system. The policy I'm working on will enable the development of Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHC) across Montana. CCBHCs are centers of care that provide services to people with mental health and/or substance abuse disorders. They focus on the entire continuum of care from crisis intervention to prevention, treatment, and family supports. No matter which side of the aisle you are on, we can all agree, a person can't be truly healthy without mental health.

As week three comes to a close, I am encouraged by the progress we've made, and the dedication shown by my colleagues in the House. Each day brings new opportunities to serve the people of Montana and uphold the principles that guide our work. I look forward to continuing these efforts in the weeks ahead. I'm always available to you. My personal cell phone is on my website, and I want to hear from you.

Prisons: *Who Am I to Judge?*

Father Cody Williams
Holy Cross Church



When we bring up the topic of prisons and prisoners, the most common first reaction is: they are criminals and deserve what they got? Reactions like this, although carry some truth, cloud our judgment and greatly limit our willingness to meet the person and bring healing and forgiveness. Let me give you some examples of the challenges facing prisons and prisoners. The common adage in America is, “innocent until proven guilty.” Yet, where in the system does this apply? When an accused person makes their plea, the person can only say “guilty” or “not guilty,” which already implies guilt. Yet, we only see one side of the system: the trial. Before the trial takes place, many of those incarcerated sit in jail cells meant for quick release. Since jails don’t have the money of prisons, jails tend to have less sanitary conditions, fewer resources, and little to no support for the inmates. On a much more pernicious scale, society is quick to either condemn or acquit a person before the courts have a chance to review the case. This “quick judgment” by society greatly challenges the judicial system in its process of making a good and just decision on the case at hand. Already the person has been convicted or freed from the crime in the eyes of the public without due process.

Prisons are meant to be institutions of reform. Yet, the most common understanding of the purpose of prison is to “lock people up.” We think of prisons like we think of punishments for unruly children. You do something bad, you get a time-out. Convicted criminals take a “time out” from society for the purpose of reform. The ultimate goal is for the person to understand the gravity of their crime and be able to return to society as a reformed and good person. Several problems hinder this process. First, prisons are not designed for true reform. When a person is given one or more life sentences, what value is reform? When prisons are built to make a profit, why bother setting the prisoners free? The expense associated with reform is largely too high for most governments to invest in and elected officials who propose reform for prisoners are viewed negatively for this suggestion. Thus, how is a person going to change? Second, the transition between prison life and life in the world is immensely harsh. Often a person faces underlying reasons that caused their incarceration such as mental health issues and drug abuse. Around 55% of those released, return to prison. Third, the stigma attached to an ex-convict is damaging. For some offenses, like sex crimes, the crime is attached to their record for life. How can we expect the person to reform if we never allow them to be free of their crime?

The largest issue with prisons and prison reform is the attached stigma. I argue that most people are more willing to convict a person they don’t know than to meet a convict and come to know them. Similarly, like with the rest of our judgments on people, our judgment carries its own sentence and ignores the value of the person. We would rather call someone a convict than a person convicted of a crime. We would rather shun them from society than reach out and work for reform. Our judgments greatly impact the level of success of reform and shape the dignity of the person. We have a greater impact on the well-being of society and the success of reform than we realize. Many factors help keep people from returning to prison including family and friend support, people who believe they can make a positive difference, and programs that help resolve their underlying issues.

I encourage everyone to consider the judgments we make on people who are entering the court system or convicted of a crime. What value does that person have? What hope do we have for their well-being? How willing am I to meet that person? How willing am I to set aside judgment and wait for the court’s decision? The answer to all these questions will teach us about our own judgments and the value we place on human life.

On Monday, February 17th we will explore the issues of prisons and prisoners in greater depth with the goal of understanding the underlying problems with prisons and reform of prisoners. All are welcome to join us at Holy Cross Church at 6 pm for dinner, a discussion on prisons, and an activity to bring light to this issue with a positive way to help bring healing and forgiveness.

Advanced Opportunity Grant Opens School-to-College and Career Paths for BHS Students

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



Participation in Montana’s Advanced Opportunity Grant program is the latest tool in Broadwater High School’s efforts to help students move easily from school to work or college. While the district received \$36,000 in grant funds, which can be used to cover the cost of everything from tuition to tools, the financial benefit to students and their families has been much greater.

Since September, BHS Counselor Mike Schnittgen said, students have saved more than \$160,000 through BHS programs allowing them to participate in dual-credit or early college courses at discounted rates, gain work experience in a variety of fields, and advance towards completing apprenticeships for skilled trades.

The district’s efforts began in part as a way to keep local students in classes at BHS, rather than opting for online high school options. To do that, Heavrin said, her team has focused on ways to smooth the transition to work-life and education beyond the high school classroom.

Currently, around 45 percent of BHS juniors and seniors participate in some form of school-to-work or early college program.

“I only see it growing,” Broadwater High School Principal Sheri Heavrin said.

The grant supports Broadwater High School’s broader strategy to smooth the school-to-college or -work pathway for students and their families. The district has already provided a limited number of low-cost, dual-college-credit courses to students through Helena College of Technology. Students have also been able to participate in the One-Two-Free program, which lets high school students take two college courses at no cost. The district also offers an expanded offering of high school courses through the Montana Digital Academy. Many spend a portion of their week working in the community during the school day.

Heavrin said Gemma Loughery and Clint Watson, the high school’s career and technical education faculty, have worked with a Department of Labor and Industry program to help align the high school’s current course offerings with the apprenticeship requirements of several skilled trades.

She also noted that the grant funds could be used to pay the cost of OSHA certification for a student or to buy a set of tools needed for a pre-apprenticeship. The tools, like the certification, would stay with the student.

“It can save kids a lot of money,” Heavrin said.

Having students take their first steps into a job site for elective credit gives them the opportunity to learn skills like interviewing or the basics of being a good employee that are difficult to teach in a classroom setting.

One student is even utilizing grant funds to design, build, and sell a product, with a portion of the funds returning to the grant program.

“It’s a start,” Heavrin said. “You’ve got to meet kids where they are.”

BLM, USDA Forest Service Announce 2025 Grazing Fees

Brittany Jones
Chief of Communications Montana/Dakotas Office
Bureau of Land Management

WASHINGTON – The federal grazing fee for 2025 remains \$1.35 per animal unit month for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and \$1.35 per head month for lands managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

An animal unit month or head month — treated as equivalent measures for fee purposes — is the use of public lands by one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month. The newly calculated grazing fee takes effect March 1, 2025. The fee will apply to nearly 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by BLM and nearly 6,250 permits administered by the Forest Service.

The formula used for calculating the grazing fee was established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act and has remained in use under a 1986 presidential Executive Order. Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per animal unit month/head month, and any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year’s level.

The annually determined grazing fee is established using a 1966 base value of \$1.23 per animal unit month/head month for livestock grazing on public lands in Western states. The figure is then calculated according to three factors: current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices, and the cost of livestock production. In effect, the fee rises, falls, or stays the same based on market conditions.

BLM and Forest Service are committed to strong relationships with the ranching community and work closely with permittees to ensure public rangelands remain healthy, productive working landscapes. The grazing fee applies in 16 Western states on public lands administered by BLM and the Forest Service.

Permit holders and lessees may contact their local BLM or Forest Service office for additional information.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Daylene Hansen
Executive 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 10, 2025

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

No Commission Meeting

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

- Trust Board Meeting on February 11th at 11:30 AM
- 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
- County Parks & Recreation Meeting on March 4th at 5:00 PM

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

“Happiness is when
what you THINK, what
you SAY and what you
DO are in HARMONY”



~Mahatma Gandhi

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19° 5°	19° 9°	20° 7°	12° -1°	10° -3°
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September: 3.637"	December: 0.000"
October: 0.174"	January: 0.04"
November: 0.079"	February: 0.000"
2024: 10.903"	2025: 0.04"



DINE LOCAL BROADWATER

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



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

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Super Crossword

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- Hindu music pattern
- Captivated
- Kellogg's toaster treat
- Missing GI
- Sprinted competitively, perhaps
- One shunning something
- Best Actor nominee for "Mrs. Miniver"
- Maximal-ebb phenomenon
- Trauma pro in a hosp.
- "Knives Out" actress — de Armas
- No, in File
- Japanese wheat pasta
- Filmed again
- American Ballet Theatre principal dancer beginning in 2015
- Double Stuf cookies
- Look for water with a divining rod
- "Juno and the Paycock" playwright Sean
- He played Otto Octavius in "Spider-Man 2"
- Truth bender
- Shifts body weight against
- Pics to click
- Which person Series-ending abbr.
- "Yes, Yvette"
- "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" poet
- Jeff Bridges sci-fi film
- Glockenspiel relative
- Frosty film
- Planet's path
- Trying Jenny Craig, e.g.
- Stands up
- Midday time
- Treaty result
- Impacts
- Apt retail establishment for 57-Across to own?
- "Kewll!"
- Daddies
- Moose kin
- These, in Spain
- Alternative to laser tag
- buco
- Apt item for 44-Across to keep files in?
- Chief
- Cochise, e.g.
- Garlic mayo
- Principal
- Apt business for 33-Across to have on the stock exchange?
- Mimicking a crow's cry
- Sci-fi princess
- Alias letters
- Pal, to Yves
- Former chief justice Roger
- Carrier based in Tehran
- Apt ingredient for 23-Across to make
- Guevara called "Che"
- Exhibit A, say
- Assistant
- Court period to own?
- Like the Zax and the Lorax
- Gleeful cries
- Less refined
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- Make a gaffe
- California wine valley
- Have — with (be favored by)
- Lady's title
- Assn.
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- IHOP competitor
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- vegetarian
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- Ho-humness
- Cruel Amin
- Many an heir
- Pan Am rival
- Travel origin, generically
- Virtual money
- "— vincit amor"
- Heavy drinker
- Bar brew
- "It's go time!"
- Almanac, in large part
- Ship's diary
- Trent of Mississippi
- Slushy drink
- Rica
- Accessory near a mouse
- Real estate transaction
- Individuals
- "It's too hard for me"
- Brought on
- More crafty
- Comic Idle
- "— I a stinker?"
- "I'd rather — there" ("That topic is off limits")
- A while ago
- Loch —
- Ketchup ingredient
- Belittled, informally
- Study of insects, informally
- Many a monk
- Some unofficial sci-fi stories
- Two-gender pronoun
- Prefix with center
- Camera variety, briefly
- Swiss mount
- Bowled over
- Gas ratings
- Floor cleaner
- Styled after
- Writer Anaïs
- Partners
- Capital of South Dakota
- Laotians and Thais
- Just dandy
- Likenesses
- Leslie of "Lil"
- "The Deep" director Peter
- Delhi's land
- Very poor
- Whirls around
- Short skirt
- Old Peruvian
- "Do — say!"
- Skater Midori
- Adam and —
- Actress Lucy
- TV pitches
- Signing tool

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CELEBRITY ANAGRAMS

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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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!

Facet: CAPSET

Cover: LOCKA

Shrink: ITHREW

Scant: PASSER

TODAY'S WORD

"Attention, everybody! This is our neighbor, Mr. Hinkler, who has a song of _____!"

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: G equals U

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KNIGHT MOVES

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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: FEB 10 - FEB 14	
<i>Wednesday, February 12</i>	Beef and Veggie Stew Fresh Baked Biscuit Tossed Salad Zesty Pineapple Dessert
<i>Monday, February 10</i>	<i>Thursday, February 13</i>
Swedish Meatball Steamed Potatoes Green Beans Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Apricot Halves	Fish Patty Macaroni and Cheese Key Largo Vegetables Dinner Salad with Beans Baked Apples
<i>Tuesday, February 11</i>	<i>Friday, February 14</i>
Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf California Vegetables Carrot Raisin Salad Whole Grain Bread Blushing Pears	Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Carrot Coins Crisp Coleslaw Plump Peaches

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The Cycle of Life!

Many years ago, there was a doctor TV program, at the beginning one of the actors said; "Man, Woman, Birth, Death, Infinity." Meaning the "Cycle of Life" this is what we live with, and through.

Our lives are measured in moments! The moment we first draw breath; we begin to die. This is the way of ALL life, human/animal/plants/things that come about naturally or are created or manufactured. We humans "THINK" that we create things that will exist and work forever. You have all heard the phrase "planned obsolescence." Meaning we create inanimate objects, that are planned to fail! In a Boston firehouse, there is a light that has been turned on since the 1800s. It has been burning steady for over a hundred years, there is a sign by the wall switch: "DO NOT TURN OFF THE LIGHT"! this was before companies learned that whatever they made, it had to fail or their company would be out of business. (IE: not having to make more bulbs.)

Humankind has a shelf life of about 100 years, on average. This number has gone up over the years with better health care, diets etc. but WE are still going to wear out. This is truly the cycle of life, however: (I'm not going to get into religion, much.) think about anyone you know who has passed on to the next adventure, were they quiet, shy, retiring people? OR were they full of life and have strong personalities? Life is energy, ALL people come from the energy at the beginning of life. People, unless they hide under a bridge all their life, LIVE! Truly live people have the energy of living and creating experiences! Their personalities are created by living and working/experiencing life all around them. They build a life with others, and many times create other lives, energy can NOT be lost or destroyed! Only moved from one place to another, we experience this by dying. Religion tells us many things, but they are mostly only there to guide or control us.

GOD, the Creator of the universe (no matter what name you call him) is there to give us life and bring us home when we wear out. (It sounds a lot simpler that it is.) From the energy of the universe are we born, and live. Then when our time comes, we return to the energy we came from. Our emotions, and personalities live on! Although we will miss our loved ones and grieve. We will REMEMBER them and laugh about all the experiences we shared. They never die, life is to be lived to the fullest. Enjoy every minute and BE with friends and relations. "LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE." Be IN life!

OUR WALK IN FAITH

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

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

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

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

Clay Muinzer: New Pastor at Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church

Matt Nelson



Trailhead Christian Church Pastor Mark Roelofs and his wife Beth moved to Iowa in September. Associate Pastor Clay Muinzer has been filling in and doing most of the sermons since that time, along with Elders Levi Van Zee and Tom Eliel. On Sunday, January 26th, the congregation voted Clay to be the new Lead Pastor of the Church.



*Clay Muinzer, New Pastor at Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church
Gray Design Photography*

Clay was born and raised in Lafayette, IN. He started playing the guitar in his church's praise band at age 15. His dad was a firefighter, and Clay went to school to also be a firefighter, getting his bachelor's degree in Fire Science. When he started applying for career jobs, he applied to fire departments but was also encouraged to apply for church worship leader jobs. Although he was more qualified to be a firefighter, he was hired as a worship leader by a large church in the Nashville, TN area at age 23.

Though the job was a valuable overall experience, due to some hard leadership dynamics, it ended poorly. "It was through that season of pain that God started to make a pastor out of me. My love for music started to fade, and my love for the Word started to increase." Clay and his wife, Makinze, stayed in the Nashville area for about five years and enjoyed their time there. Through great church experiences, Clay had a handful of faithful, Godly men who disciplined and mentored him. "We would meet for coffee and read through the Scriptures. They would ask me some good questions and help me see what was there. I am indebted to those guys for who I am as a pastor and a man."

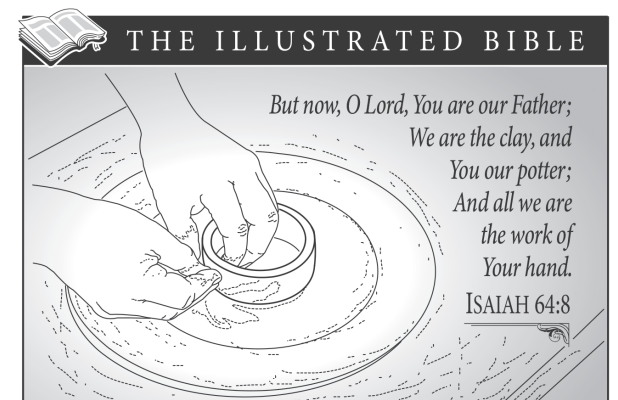
Clay and Makinze came out to Montana on an anniversary trip in 2017. "We had never been out this way before and instantly fell in love with the slower pace of life." They both felt the Lord's leading and made the move to Townsend in their fifth wheel in May of 2019. Clay connected with Pastor Mark right away, and he and Makinze started attending Trailhead shortly after they moved to town.

At the time, Clay was running a non-profit called 13forty4 and was not actively looking for a church job. About six months into Trailhead's search for an Associate Pastor, he was approached by a few men on the search committee about applying for the open position. After thinking and praying about it, he applied and was hired as the Associate Pastor in October of 2020. "I have loved my job as the Associate Pastor here. I have had a chance to do a lot of cool things and experienced a lot of what it means to be a pastor. I've gained a lot of funeral, counseling, preaching, and overall pastoral experience."

Clay has recently finished becoming a certified Biblical counselor through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. He has also been pursuing his Master's Seminary Degree for the last two years, with the goal of finishing that degree by the end of 2026.

When asked if the new role as Lead Pastor intimidated him, he responded, "That is an excellent question. It really doesn't, and the reason why is because it is totally the grace of God that has brought me to where I am now. I don't wake up and think that I have to make this all happen. I have seen time and time again that the Lord provides. The Lord equips. So yes, it is a big job, but I trust in the Lord. And that is not just a Christian answer, that's how I really feel and what I really believe."

Clay, now 34, wants to raise his family here and can fully visualize being at Trailhead for many years to come. He said, "The blessing of this new role is that I am doing it in a church I already love. I am in a town I already love. I am preaching to people who I already know and love. It is really God's grace."



OBITUARIES

Randy Brown

Family of Randy Brown

It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of Randy Brown. Randy passed away as a result of medical complications on Wednesday morning, Jan 29th.



Randy Brown
Photo Provided by Family of Randy Brown

Prior to moving to Montana and starting Big B Ready Mix, Randy spent a majority of his life helping others as a volunteer firefighter in Wisconsin. 12 of those years he was the chief of Wilmot volunteer fire department.

After moving out here to Montana, he and his wife Cathy, who passed away in 2009, lived here in Townsend and continued to be a big part of the community.

Randy also served our country as a veteran of the US Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was also a vital part of his church family for decades, serving the youth of the community and on the church's elder board. You could always count on Randy for a good laugh and a joyful Spirit! Randy is survived by his 2 sons Aaron and Nate.

His celebration of life will be held February 7th at 11am at Mountain Valley Church with a lunch reception to follow.

William Robert Lane

Family of William Robert Lane

March 26, 1940 – January 30, 2025

William Robert "Bill" Lane, age 84, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at home on January 30, 2025.



William Robert Lane
Photo Provided by Family of William Robert Lane

Bill was born in Bozeman, Montana on March 26, 1940, to Alvin "Bud" and Christina (Rohla) Lane.

Bill grew up on the Sam Lane Ranch in Willow Creek, Montana. He attended Willow Creek Elementary, graduated from Three Forks High School, and attended the Butte School of Mines and Carroll College.

He spent his younger years working at his parents' GMC dealership in Three Forks, and then again for Bud Lane and Sons Construction. Bill was an understated but immensely talented businessman, mechanic, welder/fabricator, and heavy equipment operator. He started

Wm. R. Lane Construction in the late 1980s, which has since become one of the premier custom concrete forming businesses in southwestern Montana.

Bill was inquisitive and imaginative. He had numerous hobbies and interests, from beekeeping to building and racing cars. Additionally, he had a passion for the outdoors and couldn't wait for hunting season or the opportunity to go fishing.

Bill married Joyce Johnson in 1964 and were happily married until her untimely passing. He remarried to Marilyn Whitman in 1999.

Bill was a man of great character, integrity, and generosity, and was a patient teacher of wisdom. He was larger than life itself. Words cannot convey the depth of what a wonderful man he was. Bill cherished his family and the people in his life.

He is preceded in death by his parents Alvin "Bud" and Christina Lane, wife Joyce, and brother Ronald Lane.

Bill is survived by his wife Marilyn Lane; brother Edward (Ana) Lane; daughters Nancy (Gary) Martin, Nicole (Steve) Ito; sons Jay (Jennifer) Lane, Jim (Christie) Lane; 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held at 10 am on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 101 S Walnut Street, Townsend, MT 59644. The Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 am. Following the funeral mass, a reception was held at the church. Burial proceeded after the reception at Willow Creek Cemetery, Willow Creek, MT.

In lieu of flowers, donations to an organization of your choice, Holy Cross Cemetery or Willow Creek Cemetery would be greatly appreciated in memory of Bill.

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Broadwater County

Department Update: Noxious Weeds and Mosquito Control

Jessica Bushnell
Broadwater County Noxious Weed Coordinator

This is the first article in a monthly series from the Broadwater County Department Heads. Each month a different Department Head will provide an update regarding their Department. This first article is from Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed Coordinator and Townsend/Three Forks Mosquito Control Director:

As we look ahead to spring, it's important to note that noxious weed season is approaching quickly. The Broadwater County Noxious Weed District is currently accepting applications for its cost-share program. Controlling noxious weeds can be costly, and the Board and the County have developed a plan to help landowners offset these expenses. This program provides reimbursement for landowner efforts and allows them to apply for spring, fall, or both treatments.

The program covers noxious weeds such as Spotted Knapweed, Houndstongue, and Leafy Spurge, as well as all state-designated noxious weeds and county-listed weeds. However, it does not include Kochia, dandelions, or other nuisance weeds. Eligible expenses include herbicides, adjuvants, and biological control agents.



Spotted Knapweed
Photo Provided by Jessica Bushnell

There is no cost to apply, but the program does not cover commercial applications or non-selective herbicides like Roundup (glyphosate). Reimbursements are offered at 50%, up to a maximum of \$500 per landowner.

The application process gathers sufficient information for landowners to join working groups, which could open up additional grant opportunities. The board evaluates each application using a scoring rubric to ensure fairness and objectivity.

The deadline for applications is February 28th, 2025.

Interested individuals can find the application on www.broadwatercountymt.gov under the Noxious Weed Department tab.

For further inquiries, please call 406-266-9243 or email brweed@broadwatercountymt.gov.

Digging into Soil Health: A Broad Overview

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Scientists have studied soil for decades trying to understand the complexities of soil sustainability, conservation and plant growth. During the 2000s, a new term "soil health" emerged as an effort to define the critical importance of soil to maintain a healthy productive environment. The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) was one of the first to put a formal definition to soil health as "The continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals and humans." With this new terminology, the concept of healthy soils has gained traction in the agricultural community and has even had carryover into home gardens. However, soil health is a complex topic that can be hard to dissect and decide which techniques to put into practice.

This is a three-part series that will dig into soil health. In this article, we'll look at soil health broadly. The next article will focus on applying soil health principles in agriculture systems and the last article will provide strategies to improve soil health for home gardeners.

Why are healthy soils important? The benefits of healthy soil are endless. Ultimately, healthy soil creates a more robust ecosystem and sustainable and profitable cropland or rangeland. Specifically, healthy soils have increased water-holding capacity, higher organic matter, less erosion, more earthworms, improved nutrient retention and cycling, less pest issues and more. Additionally, proponents of soil health also suggest that best practices for soil health means less tillage, decreased fuel costs for equipment, less fertilizer and increased crop yields.

Soil has many characteristics that cannot be changed or cannot be changed significantly. This includes texture, parent material and soil formation factors such as climate and topography. These characteristics create a baseline for what you can or cannot do. For example, if

you have to start with a gravelly clay soil, you have a lot more work to do and may have limitations based on the soil type. However, if you start with a fertile loam then you may have more flexibility to build a soil that can meet your needs.

Soil is home to a collection of organisms that are often called the soil food web. These organisms live all or part of their lives in the soil. Microorganisms include bacteria, fungi, actinomycetes and protozoa. Larger organisms include millipedes, springtails, mites, fly larvae, nematodes and burying beetles. They all play a critical role in soil function through aiding in the decomposition of organic matter, nutrient cycling and structure development. Organic matter serves as the primary resource to supply energy and nutrients for plants and organisms. Without organic matter, soil organisms would be minimal or non-existent. This also means that there may be an increased requirement for fertilizer to supply nutrients to plants.

Plants require water and oxygen to survive. Soil plays a critical role in providing space for both water and air which is held in pore spaces between the soil particles. The size of the pores influences how water and gases move and is held in the soil. The larger pores are called macropores and the smaller pores are called micropores. Macropores which can be seen by the naked eye are important for aeration and water infiltration. Micropores help absorb and hold water. A combination of both is needed in a healthy soil. Pores form when soil particles clump together to form aggregates.

This brief description of the complexities of soil doesn't even scratch the surface (pun intended). Soil truly creates the foundation for our ecosystem and food production chain. Paying attention to what goes into the ground and how your soil responds to your management practices is critical. Stay tuned for the next two weeks on how to apply these principles to improve soil health in cropping systems and gardens.

If you have questions, stop by your local MSU Extension Office at 416 Broadway or contact us at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Roses

With over 120 varieties available, roses are a classic and popular option for gift-giving and commemorating special occasions. The colors available to select from range in every shade of red, pink, purple, orange, coral, peach and white. "Tea" roses can bloom up to 4 inches across; stem lengths can be as long as 30 inches. "Spray" roses can have several blooms on a single stem. A bouquet of roses can last up to 5 to 7 days in a vase.

- Brenda Weaver
Source: Society of American Florists

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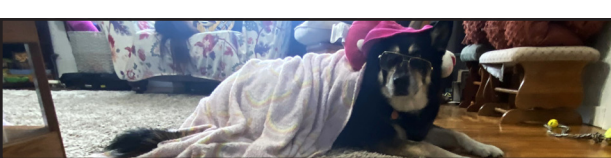
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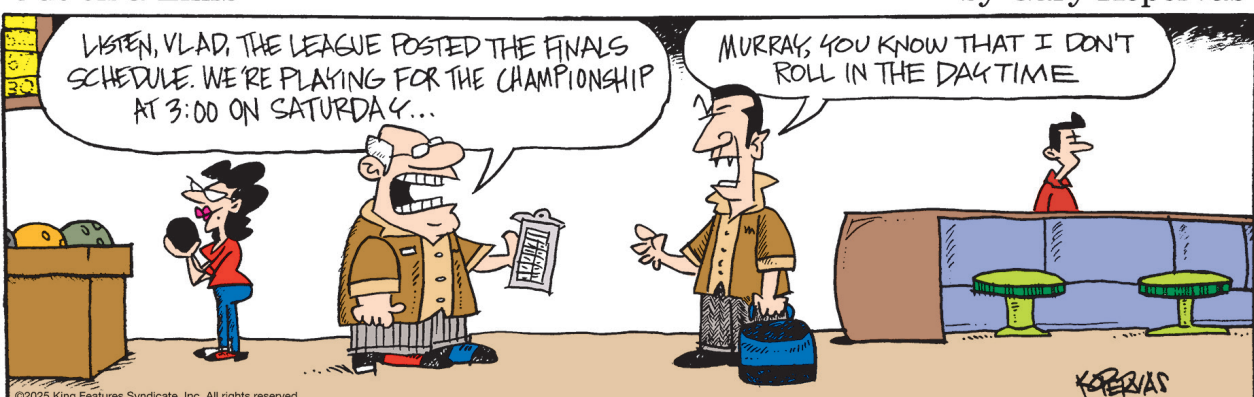
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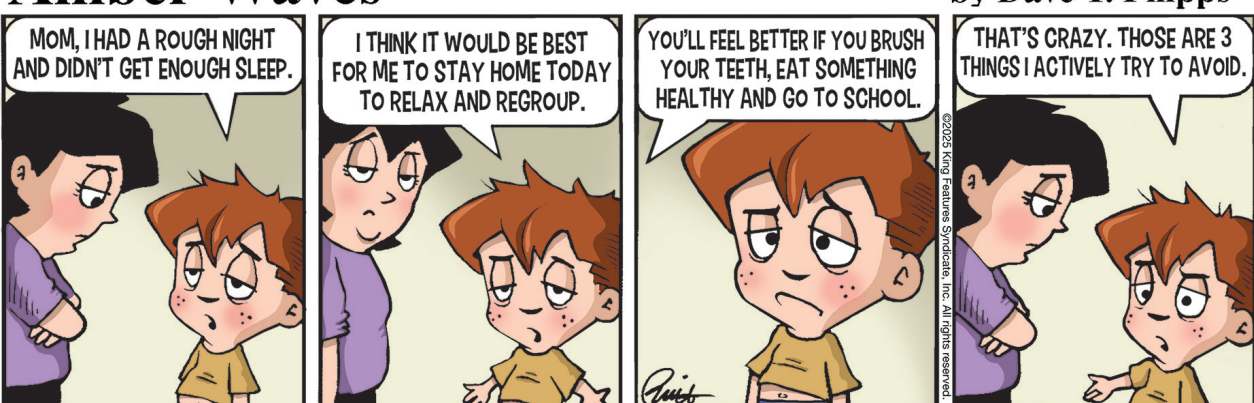


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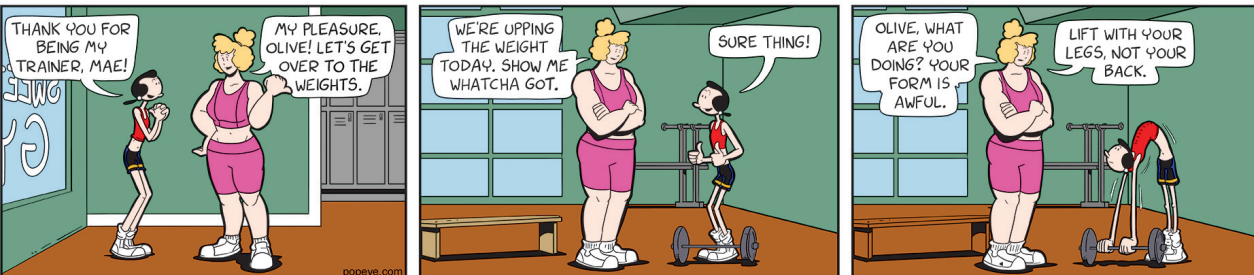
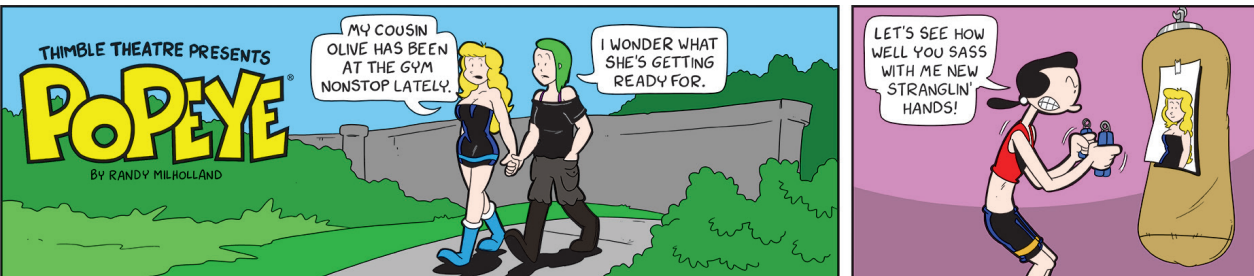


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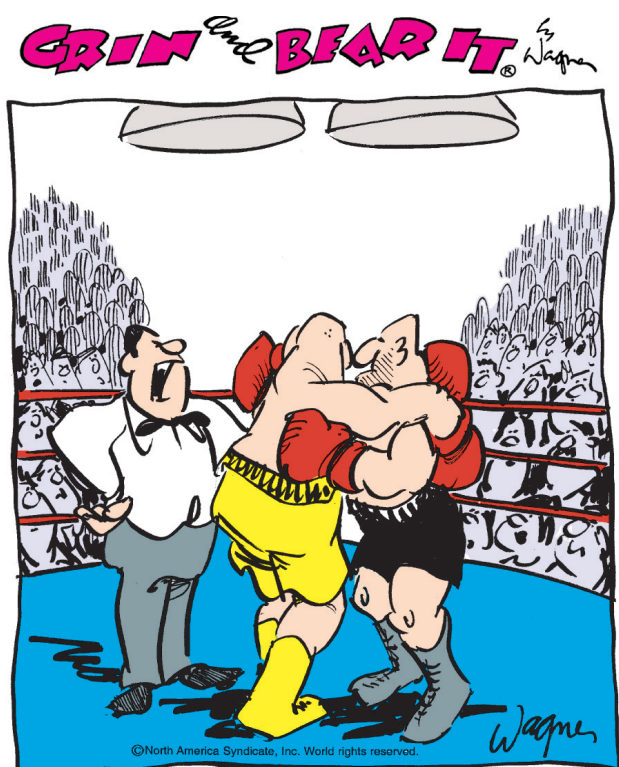
The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



"Your love is the weather of my being — what is an island without the sea?"
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CryptoQuip
answer

Large area of the U.S. where people always put forth tons of effort: The Great Pains region.

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Aspect 2. Cloak; 3. Wither; 4. Sparse

Today's Word
PROTEST

KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

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TRAVESTY

Super Crossword

Answers

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did not have the funds or lobbying capability to compete against the large corporations, so the board decided to invest in laying our own fiber," he said.

The company's fiber optic service has yet to be hooked up to its Townsend-Spokane Creek Road service since workers must connect cables via high poles across the Missouri River bridge. Romandia indicated that work would be finished in 2025. The work is front and center for this year. "As we looked at the economic growth happening between East Helena, Winston and the Silos area, we saw ourselves as positioned to take advantage of that growth, even though we are a small provider," he said.

The East Helena-Spokane Creek road portion of the fiber backbone is already built and "lit up," serving hundreds of customers, he said. Since 2020 the company began expanding its fiber backbone so that now more than half of key towers in Helena, Boulder and Great Falls are fiber-fed. In 2025, the company will connect five towers in Broadwater County to the fiber backbone.

As to when Broadwater County residents can expect to be hooked up to the new fiber optic service, Romandia explained: "While we haven't announced which neighborhoods we're building out first in Broadwater County, I can tell you our last mile phase which includes customer coordination and 'dropping' our line from the street or road to homes and buildings will start at the end of Q2 (June, 2025). We will target neighborhoods along the 287 corridor between Helena and Townsend."

Romandia explained Montana Internet has 1,000 subscribers in Broadwater County currently hooked up to wireless service. Romandia admitted the service provider has had its problems with slow wireless service, but said employees had worked hard to fix problems quickly. Grateful for customer loyalty in the county, he pointed out so many customers have indicated they are willing to wait a little longer for fiber optic service "because they see value in what we're trying to do."

Montana Internet began as a dial-up service in 1994 by owner Chuck Siefert who was able to compete with huge service providers such as AOL and Earthlink because he knew how to listen to the customer. He built his business plan on keeping money in Montana, hiring mostly Montana workers and serving people in this area. "Customer service was and is the basic premise of our business," he explained.

Romandia indicated the company works at being a good employer. The 30 Montana Internet employees include the people who spent hot summer days laying cable along Highway 287. "We are a close-knit group of employees who are cross-trained to do the work in all parts of our business. It's a culture of choice for our team," he said.



Josh Aaron Romandia
Photo Provided by
Montana Internet

Romandia came to the company in 2014 when he and owner Siefert learned they had family connections who lived near each other in Placerville, California. He has a background in engineering as a tech director at Silicon Valley companies. He also worked for Google.

Animated and passionate

when he talks about Montana Internet's present and future plans, he comes across as a leader.

Beginning February 1, Montana Internet will roll out its all-gig fiber service. Romandia urges anyone interested in fast internet to make sure their service address and neighborhood is on the list. by contacting Montana Internet at (406) 443-3347.

Tristen Leslie Taylor, Awarded Degree: Doctor of Philosophy, Analytical Chemistry

Iowa State University

Iowa State honors fall graduates

AMES, Iowa (February 3, 2025) - More than 1,600 graduates received degrees from Iowa State University this fall. Graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held Dec. 20-21 at Hilton Coliseum.

Of the 1,675 students who graduated in December, 1,357 earned undergraduate degrees and 318 earned masters or doctoral degrees.

Following are graduates from your area:

Townsend, Montana- Tristen Leslie Taylor, Doctor of Philosophy, Analytical Chemistry

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Middle Schoolers Battle in Cheer Tournament

Karsyn Sangray
Broadwater High School
Student Intern

On Tuesday, January 28 the Townsend Middle School Cheer Camp put on two performances. During the halftime of the two varsity games the camp danced to a clip from "Glorious", and during the games they had spots in the student section to cheer for the basketball teams. With fourteen girls, three coaches, and only six days of practice, they danced their hearts out and did an incredible job.



Middle School cheerleaders relax after a practice session last week.
Karsyn Sangray BHS News Photographer

Although there is no winter cheer program for high school, some of the fall cheerleaders spent one or two nights helping the group. They helped with the arm sequence and basic movements and stunting. In the last three practices, they were able to go through stunt progressions and successfully got several prep groups. They did not get the opportunity to showcase their new skills, but they did form new bonds and friendships. The middle schoolers are all closer now than ever before. During lunch some of the new cheerleaders did their performance, just to do it one more time together.

Louie Parr, who has a background in ballet and dance, led the group. Her leadership skills and willingness to help went a long way in preparing the team. She remained positive and practiced every night to get the dance perfect. She was strong in everything she did and was phenomenal in her stunt groups. Whether it was a flyer, base or even a backspot, she could be put in any spot and fulfill her duties. "I loved cheer, it was a way to express what I can do with dance. I loved learning the dance by amazing coaches and the roar of the crowd after we finished. It was a great moment for all of us. The coaches Karsyn Sangray,

Mrs. Lampman and Ms. Holly, gave us an opportunity to express our inner selves."

The fourteen girls all improved tremendously by working day and night. Molly Hall was one of the hardest-working girls. Molly would come to practice with a new story of how her practice went. She would perform wherever she could and ask for tips and help frequently. Molly said, "I loved cheer camp. Going into it I was nervous because I hadn't done anything like it since I was little. On the first day, all of the girls were so nice and the coaches were amazing. In less than a month we became a family. It was cool to watch us all support each other and help each other."

At the end of each practice as a coach, I would lead them in stretching and talking. They would go over their roses and thorns-one thing good in their day and one thing that could have gone better. Being able to talk about their days and communicate with each other made the bonds grow stronger and faster. I am so proud of the girls and how much work they put into their performance. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to help them and I'm excited to watch the cheer program continue to grow.

Missoula Children's Theater Audition Set for February 17 at the High School

Amanda Hazlett
Co-Chair Missoula Children's Theater Committee

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of THE PIED PIPER on February 17 at Broadwater High School from 4 pm to 6 pm. All those auditioning should arrive at 3:59 pm and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are the Pied Piper, Sara, the Mayor's Kids, the Mayor's Council, the Hamelin Administrative Team (HAT), Barbers, Cooks, Townkids and the troublesome Rats. Students, in grades K-12 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, and props. MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 4 to 8:15 pm each day.

THE PIED PIPER will be presented on February 22nd at 3 pm and 5 pm at Broadwater High School. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Townsend is brought to you by the Broadwater Community Theater with support from their sponsors.

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.

Your answers will help us improve **YOUR COMMUNITY!**

You can also pick up a hardcopy version at
Broadwater County Courthouse, 515 Broadway St., Townsend, MT

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

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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February 6

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Personal News

Mrs. A.W. Ridgeway returned the latter part of the week from a happy vacation spent in California. She reports besides her vacation occurrences of travel and the meeting of friends and relatives that her son, Dana Bradford, has graduated from Kelly Field and has his "wings". He was commissioned second lieutenant in the army air corps reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weed have been spending the week in Townsend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Weed.

Geo. Rauser of Toston was in Townsend on business Tuesday.

1958

Local News

Mrs. Clarence Fisher entertained at a party for her small son Eddie's 4th birthday Sunday, Feb. 2. The following guests enjoyed the games, cake and ice cream: Carl and Leslie Sherwood, Irene and David Thompson, Tony Grover, Tommy Thompson, Lynn, Trudy and Jay Meyer, Doris and Dennis Arnett. Door prizes were won by Doris Arnett, Irene and David Thompson and Trudy Meyer.

At a no-host luncheon Monday Mrs. Eileen Finnegan was honored and presented with a gift of a piece of luggage by members of the courthouse officers and staff. Mrs. Finnegan has resigned her position as Deputy Clerk and Recorder and Mrs. Betty Riley has commenced her work under Clerk Mrs. Ann Marie Stiner.

Toston Briefs

Well, it has at last been done! A person, or perhaps several persons of unknown identity, attempted to burn the barricades at each end of the old Toston bridge Friday night. When discovered it was thought that the Harold Frey house was on fire and the Townsend fire department was immediately called. Upon learning what was really burning, the call was cancelled before the men left Townsend. The blaze was extinguished but was still smoking the next morning. Now everyone is saying "Who?"

The incident shows the sentiment of the people of the town and valley, too. However, acts of this sort are not going to save the bridge if we are going to lose it. We say "if" because the results of the meeting which was to have taken place in December have not been made public.

1975

Teacher Profiles

The teacher of no other grade has the awesome responsibility and the same sense of fulfillment as does the first grade teacher, according to Mrs. Barbara Foster, who has been teaching for some 15 years. Eleven of these years have been at the District 7 or Townsend school. The child comes to the first grade, often for the first time away from mother, and requires a great deal of patience and understanding to establish the rapport necessary to make his first leaning experience successful. Many later successes and failures are traced back to the start the child received in the first grade.

The first grade teacher must recognize the different levels each child can reach and see that he or she has the satisfaction of attaining them. In return the teacher has the tremendous satisfaction of seeing a

sizable amount of progress from the beginning to the end of the year, more, surely than any other teacher, according to Mrs. Foster.

Mrs. Foster, a native of New Mexico, who earned her degree from Western Montana College, feels the challenge is balanced by the reward.

Winston News

January and February are such nice months in which to have winter, much nicer than April and May. January 25th there was an 80 percent chance of snow. By the time twenty-four inches of the crystalline fluff had blanketed the landscape, we were glad we hadn't gotten a full load. Aside from a few inconveniences, it did no harm and the moisture is welcome.

Mrs. Charlie Masolo's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Paige, of Twin Bridges, spent a day with the Masolo's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robison-Cox at a birthday party honoring Mrs. Cox at the old Governor's Mansion.

Coxes and Clarks took in the Winter Fair Wednesday and Thursday Clarks visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Finn.

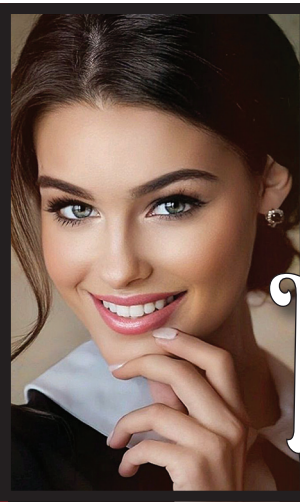
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Around Town News

Pam and Leonard Lambott and Carmen hosted a birthday dinner Sunday for Daughter, Wendy. Guests were Forrest and Mairon Kitto.

Others attending the Centennial dinner were Bill and Grace Berberet, Audrey and William Plymale, Don and Charlotte Lewis, and Chuck and Eleanor Holling.

Monday evening Jack and Doreen Sautter visited with Margaret and Pat Kenney and helped Margaret celebrate her birthday.



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Legacy (Part 5).... Ya Reckon?

Denise Thompson
Rancher and Columnist



Have you ever pondered Qualitative vs Quantitative Capital? Author Jay Hughes, who wrote Family Wealth: Keeping It in the Family, provides the following invaluable insight:

There are 4 qualitative forms of capital; the first is SPIRITUAL CAPITAL. This refers to a common purpose where every member of the family by affinity seeks to enhance the other's journey of happiness. The next is SOCIAL CAPITAL which touches on aspects like: Can you make really good joint decisions together over a long period of time? To make good joint decisions, there has to be INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL, meaning the family has to be a learning system where what is learned is shared. Another form of capital is THRIVING HUMAN CAPITAL which is followed by the only quantitative capital; FINANCIAL CAPITAL. Financial capital is the engine that grows the others and does not simply function as accumulated wealth.

It is critical to understand that the qualitative forms of capital must always be kept in focus above the financial capital that is meant to support them; a family that simply focuses on putting financial capital into consideration is not likely to succeed together.

Standout quotes that can be found in the book:

"The first asset a family owns is its spiritual capital; if it doesn't have it, it better develop it" - [Jay Hughes]

"If we're learning together and we're sharing what we learn, guess what? we're likely to make better joint decisions" - [Jay Hughes]

"A family that's nothing but quantitative capital is toast" - [Jay Hughes]

"You don't have entitled children and you will know how much is enough if you're concentrating on growing

your qualitative capitals" - [Jay Hughes]

"The two great obstacles to adjustment for a human being are sex and money; money is the worst of all because no nice person will speak of it" - [Jay Hughes]

"Every family has ghosts" - [Jay Hughes]

"Almost always, the plan that they have for transition...is a liability" - [Jay Hughes]

One can certainly surmise that for a family business to reach an element of success and longevity, there needs to be spiritual, social, intellectual, and financial aspects woven into that family, which in turn, lays a firm foundation for thriving humans..... ya reckon?

Broadwater Conservation District will be holding a FREE workshop on March 1st from 9:30 to 3:30 at the

4-H Building. Elaine Froese will be taking us through key aspects of: Finding Fairness In Farm Transition. This workshop is definitely worth your time. I encourage you to reach out to Broadwater Conservation District (406-521-3014) (website: broadwatercd.org) to register or go to eventbrite.com and search the name of the workshop and reserve your spot. This workshop will be followed by the Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner at the Watson Event Center that evening. Be sure to get your tickets for that ever-popular event!

For the Love of Ag, From the Heart of a Western Woman.

Denise Thompson



In succession planning our goal should always be thriving humans, ya reckon? Cousins, left to right (Stetson Reynolds, Myla Graveley, Rosyn and Cinch Reynolds, Circa 2017 Denise Thompson Photo