

Townsend Students Strut Their Talents in Pied Piper Play

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Angelina Wirtz stole the show Saturday at the Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) production of Pied Piper. The littlest rat, Angelina, felt her baggy pants begin to slip during the rats' song and dance number. She carefully wriggled them up, never missing a beat of her part. The crowd of parents and grandparents laughed out loud at what they thought was part of the show.

Students who performed in the production were Blair Taylor, Tia Tallwhiteman, Ayden Thompson, Kianna Tallwhiteman, Roxy Burns, Angel Sentinella, Tessie Hughes, Aurora Toney, Sevigne Flynn, Kaylee Flynn, Izzy Sentinella, Madelyne Truesdell, Harper Hazlett, Paisley Daniel, River Spurlock, Weslyn Spurlock, Angelina Wirtz, Remi Smith and Harper Smith.

The show was the culmination of five days of hard work for nineteen grade school and high school students, some of whom had never acted. They learned to sing, dance and act, thanks to the professional coaching of Raven Whitefawn and Dylan Hearley of Missoula Children's Theater Productions of Missoula.

Whitefawn and Hearley are part of a 64-member troupe who tour all over the United States, Canada and 16 countries, to bring the fine art of acting to school children. The program reaches 65,000 children annually and has been touring for over 50 years. Hearley, from Wisconsin, graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Steven's Point. Whitefawn graduated from Wilkes University. The newly minted actors joined MCT in May 2024 and will serve out their contracts by traveling throughout this year. They drive to a destination, stay in people's homes, put up the set out of their truck, train the children, provide the costumes,



Pied Piper actors celebrate after giving a successful performance last Saturday. Photo Credit: Sarah Tallwhiteman

produce the show, then take it all down and travel to the next school. "I did a few Missoula shows growing up so when the company reached out and expressed interest, I knew it was a perfect match. I want to share everything performing has taught me, with the kids - confidence, quick thinking, honesty and so much more," Hearley said.

Committee Co-Chairman Amanda Hazlett lined up housing for the actors and generally put together programs, lined up the high school stage auditorium and filled in the details for the production.

Hazlett would like to thank Broadwater High School for the use of the auditorium, head janitor Jim Riddle, piano accompanist Lori Morris and Ann Inghram and Nancy Marks for hosting the directors. She thanks Broadwater Community Theater sponsors who help



The Hamelin rats act their scariest as the littlest rat does her best to keep her pants from falling down. From left: Remi Smith, Harper Smith, Weslyn Spurlock and Angelina Wirtz. Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

bring fine arts programs to Townsend. Another MCT production is planned for next year.

Kaylan Minor named Chief Deputy County Attorney

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



Broadwater County Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of current Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor to the post of Chief Deputy County Attorney.

"She dedicated her heart and soul to the county," Broadwater County Attorney Kevin Bratcher told the commission of her work in the absence of a second deputy during former county attorney Cory Swanson's successful bid for the role of Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme County. "I think she has earned this title of Chief Deputy County Attorney."

Minor, who brings with her a dozen years' experience as an attorney, joined the Broadwater County Attorney's Office in 2024. During that time her focus has been primarily on civil cases, with coverage of criminal cases following the departure of Jania Hatfield, now the Sanders County Attorney.

"Deputy Attorney Minor, you have been a saving grace for us, especially on the civil side," Commission Chair Lindsay Richtmyer said.

Bratcher noted that he will be interviewing a current law student for the vacant deputy attorney county position. He recommended Minor receive a 10 percent market increase in her salary, which is in line with market surveys conducted by Swanson and himself. The increase, Bratcher said, is available in his office's budget.

Commissioner Debi Randolph asked about potential changes in Minor's workload. Bratcher responded that Minor will continue to focus on civil cases.

"With how the county is growing, the workload is only going to increase," Bratcher said, adding that the county is currently seeing two new felony cases per week.

Lions Purchase Swing for School Playground

Bob Brastrup
Townsend Lions Club



Destiny Grandy demonstrates, for Elementary Principal Steven Cook and Jim Riddle, how to use the new swing. Photo Credit: Bob Brastrup

A different style of swing, with the ability to accommodate a wheelchair, was required for a Townsend Elementary School student to be able to experience the thrill of riding a swing. The student does not have to be lifted from a wheelchair to the swing as the wheelchair is hooked safely to the swing.

Former Elementary Principal, Christina Hartmann approached the Lions about purchasing the swing, which they were happy to do.

The task of assembling the \$1,900 swing was handed to Jim Riddle. Following the easy-to-assemble instructions was like learning two different languages as it was hard to understand what the written instructions were trying to communicate. It took a while, but Jim was up to the task and the assembled swing was installed on the school playground. A huge smile was displayed when the student took the first ride.

The Lions are happy to contribute to the enjoyment experienced by those who need this style of swing.

Extended Water Shut-off Raises Questions at Townsend City Council

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Unexpected issues with a valve replacement adjacent to the 200 Block of Broadway closed several businesses for the day Feb. 18 and led to questions about improving communication and procedures as the city's water system improvement project moves forward.

"Today proved to be very disruptive," Councilman JB Howick, owner of Townsend Hardware, said during the regular City Council meeting that evening. He estimated that restaurants, bars, and other businesses along the affected stretch of Broadway lost \$20,000 in revenue from the need to close all day, when several business owners told Howick they anticipated water being off only for 2-4 hours. "How can we better manage this moving forward?"

Chris Hayes with Robert Peccia and Associates told the council that contractor CK May is already

providing businesses with 48-hour written notice on their doors when water service may be disrupted. He added that the notices set the expectation that water will be unavailable for eight hours.

Councilwoman Angie Wintour, who owns Mountie Moose Bakery, said she took the opportunity to call the project contact person listed on the notice she received in advance of the shut-off. He was able to answer most of her questions immediately, which she said gave her the information she needed to make a decision about her business.

"All of us had the same opportunity," she added. "There are a lot of unknowns out there," Hayes had told the council during his update on the project.

Construction workers encountered one of those unknowns at Spruce and Broadway, which required a full day to resolve.

"This is the biggest project Townsend's had since

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Townsend School Calendar

FEBRUARY



Friday 28
NO SCHOOL
 Library Book Fair
 High School Basketball District Tournament at Manhattan Christian

MARCH

Saturday 1
 High School Basketball District Tournament at Manhattan Christian

Monday 3
 6:00 pm: Spring Sports Parent Meeting
 6:30 pm: Old Baldy - Welding and Woodshop - Shop Classroom

Tuesday 4
 Middle School Science Fair
 8:55 am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym
 3:00 pm: Middle School Wrestling at Deer Lodge
 5:00 pm: Parks and Recreation Public Meeting - Community Room
 7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting

Wednesday 5
 8:55 am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym
 5:30 pm: Public Meeting regarding Sheriff's Office Mill Levy - Community Room
 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gym - 63 Gym
 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Pickleball - Stage Gym

Thursday 6
 High School Basketball Divisional Tournament at Billings

Friday 7
NO SCHOOL
 High School Basketball Divisional Tournament at Billings

Saturday 8
 High School Basketball Divisional Tournament at Billings
 9:00 am: Middle School Wrestling @ Dillon Tourney

Sunday 9
 12:00 pm: J. Hoppe Birthday Party - Elementary Commons Area



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Three Forks School Calendar

FEBRUARY



Friday 28
 High School Basketball District Tournament at Manhattan Christian

MARCH

Saturday 1
 High School Basketball District Tournament at Manhattan Christian

Monday 3
 LUNCH: High School Olympics

Tuesday 4
 LUNCH: High School FCCLA Meeting
 LUNCH: Middle School Academic Olympics

Wednesday 5
 High School Basketball Divisionals @ Billings Metra
 LUNCH: High School Academic Olympics
 LUNCH: Middle School FCCLA Meeting

Thursday 6
 High School Basketball Divisionals @ Billings Metra
 LUNCH: Middle School Academic Olympics
 LUNCH: Middle School Book Club

Friday 7
 High School Basketball Divisionals @ Billings Metra

Saturday 8
 High School Basketball Divisionals @ Billings Metra

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

FALL HOURS:
 Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm
 Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm
 1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm
 Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

Broadwater School and Community Library

FALL HOURS:
 Monday-Thursday -- 4:00 - 7:00pm
 Friday-Saturday -- 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm
 Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461

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 Keynote Speaker: Farm Family Coach, Elaine Froese
 Topic: Culture Beats Strategy



Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from Conservation District (CD) Supervisors and at the CD Office at 415 S Front St in Townsend.
 Tickets can also be purchased from FFA Students, at the MSU Extension Office or at Rocky Mountain Supply

Mill Levy Meetings Scheduled

Nick Rauser
 Sheriff



The next two meeting dates are scheduled for the Mill Levy.

They are as follows:
 March 5th, 6 pm: Townsend Community Room
 March 12th 6 pm: Headwaters Livestock

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 28
 11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

MARCH

Tuesday 4
 1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

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

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

Friday 7
 11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 28
 10:00 AM: **FREE** Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
 1:00pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

MARCH

Saturday 1
 9:30 am: **FREE** Workshop- Finding Fairness in Farm Transition with Elaine Froese **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 4**
 5:00 pm: 2025 Ag Appreciation Dinner at Watson's Event Center **SEE AD ABOVE**
 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
 6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 3
 10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic 1st Monday/month at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar
 1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday every month

Tuesday 4
 5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
 5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 5
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 6
 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 7
 10:00 am: **FREE** Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
 11:30 am: American Red Cross Blood Drive at American Legion Club
 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

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

Chosen Movie Night

2nd Saturday of each month
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 Next showing: Sat. March 8th
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THE TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSACTIONS, THURSDAY MARCH 13 AND FRIDAY MARCH 14. THE OFFICE WILL ALSO CLOSE EARLY, AT 1PM ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 12.

THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS RECEIVING A NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND HAS DIRECTED ALL COUNTIES TO NOT PROCESS ANY MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSACTIONS MARCH 13 & 14, ALL COUNTY OFFICES MUST CLOSE OUT OF THE CURRENT MOTOR VEHICLE SYSTEM BY CLOSE OF DAY MARCH 12. THIS INCLUDES REGISTRATION RENEWALS, PROCESSING NEW TITLE AND REGISTRATION TRANSACTIONS AS WELL AS REPRINTING RECEIPTS. NO PERSONALIZED PLATE CAN BE ORDERED FROM MARCH 8th - MARCH 16th. BUSINESS WILL RESUME ON MONDAY MARCH 17th AT 8:00 AM.




WHEN REQUESTING MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSACTIONS PLEASE BRING YOUR PLATE NUMBER, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR RENEWAL CARD WITH YOU AS THESE ITEMS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE NEW SYSTEM.

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

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

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE!

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS & RECORDERS



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.

/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN
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Free Workshop!

Denise Donnelly

District Administrator Broadwater Conservation District

Free Workshop: Finding Fairness in Farm Transition – Elaine Froese

A farm is not a piece of pie. In today’s agricultural reality, farm families cannot make all of their children economically equal. Equality is no longer part of the transition language.

Elaine’s presentation will give you a new language to manage expectations and navigate finding fairness in farm transition so that everyone will be successful.

Broadwater County Conservation District with generous funding from Montana Department of Natural Resources, Montana Stockgrowers, Montana Farmers Union, Northwestern Energy and MSU Extension, is hosting a Finding Fairness in Farm Transition workshop led by Elaine Froese Farm Family Coach.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 1st from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in the 4-H building at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds. Please register for this event at Eventbrite.com and search for Finding Fairness in Farm Transition. You can also find a link on our website: broadwatercd.org or contact Denise at the Broadwater Conservation District 406.521.3014 or by email at broadwatercd@gmail.com.

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they paved the roads, and it’s not going to be easy. There are going to be bumps in the road,” Councilman Doug Sitton said. “They’re going to do everything they can, but you’re dealing with old, old pipes, old, old stuff. . . .”

Eric Crusch, City Public Works Director, gave the example of work that took place that same week to replace a valve at E Street and Front, where the old valve had been encased in concrete, requiring significantly more excavation to remove it and install a replacement.

“Nothing about this thing is as simple as Legos,” Crusch said. “We’re trying to figure this out as we go.”

Howick emphasized that his intent was to see what could be learned from Tuesday’s full-workday outage, rather than criticism. He also noted that an earlier notice might help businesses better adapt.

“Every job’s different,” Councilman Nate Brown added, supporting the idea that earlier notification may not be possible given the tight scheduling of the water project and the unpredictability of what crews will find once they get to the valves and pipes to be replaced.

Work to replace 103 fire hydrants and 47 isolation valves will continue throughout the spring and summer, with work expected to be completed on this phase of the water system project by Sept. 10.

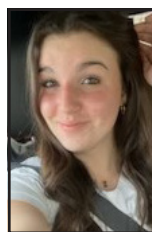
District Student Council Meeting Held in East Helena



Townsend School students at the District Student Council meeting in East Helena. Back row left: Karsyn Sangray, Taylor Cartwright, Allie Lampman, Shalyn Sentinella, Kathryn Six, Louie Parr, Addy Mosher and Jaydon Johnson. Front row left: Emma Delgado, Haedyn Poe, Harley Cox, Alex Weiss and Gabriel Krueger. Photo Provided by Karsyn Sangray

Karsyn Sangray

Broadwater High School Student Intern



The annual District Student Council meeting was held in East Helena on Friday, February 21. Executive officers Kate Drynan (president), Idil Birgul (secretary) and Karsyn Sangray (vice president) opened the meeting. Drynan and Birgul are from Capital High, Helena. Karsyn Sangray is from Townsend.

The meeting started with an icebreaker before getting into the recap of the year. High school students from Helena, Capital, East Helena, and Broadwater attended. Middle school students from Townsend, Montana City, East Helena, and CR Anderson also attended. The schools went over activities that have happened in their own student councils throughout the past year. Many schools voiced their concerns and discussed what did or didn't work in the other areas.

After the open session, the meeting addressed new business. At the end of this section, there was an election for the new officers. This is by far the most diverse board in a long time. For the past several years there have only been two schools represented on the board. The 2025-26 year will have four schools on the board. President Idil Birgul from Capital, Vice President Lauren Richardson from East Helena, Secretary Ella Carlson from Helena, Treasurer Louie Parr from Broadwater, and Historian Taylor Larsen who is also from Helena. After nominations, speeches, and elections Helena's Mayor Collins spoke.

New treasurer Louie Parr is an eighth grader from Townsend. Louie was one of the seven middle schoolers from Townsend in attendance. She took the opportunity to build experience for positions later in her Student Council years. She plans to continue to build her leadership skills and is excited about what this next year will bring. Louie said, “I do Student Council because it is a great way to know people. I love helping at school and other people around me. Even just being a representative at my school makes me happy. I bring ideas to the table so that our group has great ideas for the upcoming future.”

Another Broadwater High School student Haedyn Poe, who serves as her freshman class president, was one of the five high schoolers from Broadwater. Her favorite part of student council is seeing how other schools operate, so she was excited to attend this event. She listened intently to members of other schools who gave advice and tips on how to create a better environment for the students. As a class president, Haedyn has had the opportunity to lead some committees throughout the year. So far her favorite committee was the winter dance committee. She loves the creative ideas that her group came up with and was able to put them together to pull off a successful dance. Haedyn said, “I joined student council to better my leadership skills and for my future education.”

This meeting was a great opportunity for the district's individual schools to obtain ideas and learn what works for them. We wish good luck to the new officers and are looking forward to what they plan on doing in the next year.

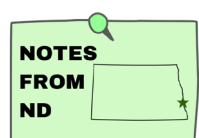
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Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
 MT43 News Correspondent



At the beginning of the year, I prayed for a Word of The Year. I knew mine was going to be biblically

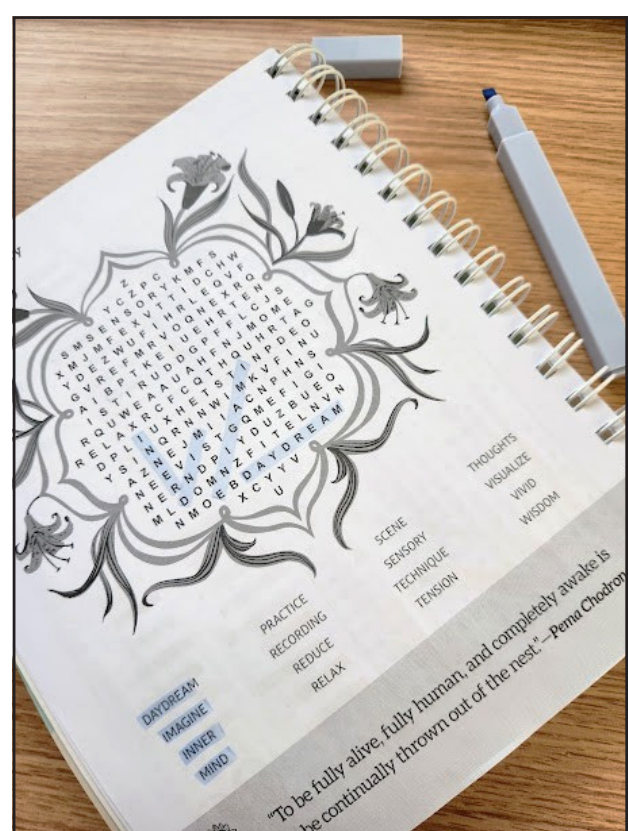
based and directly from God, spoken over me. Instead of going through the year with very specific New Year resolutions, I decided to just grow in certain areas of my life. As mentioned in a previous article, I wanted to become a better steward of my money. However, I want to elaborate on one of the most important resolutions I have been working on. My word is attentive - paying close attention.

It took me two hours of sitting in silence with my friend group, lots of scripture reading, and a lot of reflection on the areas in my life that I struggle with. I chose this word because I realize that I go through every day with a task list, and as long as I check them off and I do them well, then it doesn't need to be thought of anymore. As I have walked through this habit, I realize that I take for granted a lot of activities or simple things that I do daily. I knew that my attempt at becoming more attentive would require me to be intentional with it (Matthew 6:7) and that as I walked through this journey I realized that I would change for the better as well (Joshua 1:8; Proverbs 1:5; Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 5:8). As a Christian I know that being attentive can help us to grow closer to God (Hebrews 2:1), that it will not be perfect, but God will respond to our attempt (Jeremiah 29:13; Exodus 15:26). I also know that because the Word of God is reliable (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and our primary focus should not be on ourselves, but to God and others (Romans 8:5-8; Philippians 2:3-5), that as I pay attention to the details of what is around me and what I am studying, I can pursue this calling to attentive with as much effort as I can.

So far, I have been taking more notes in and outside

of Church, taking in the beauty of creation, and listening and respecting those around me better, completely aligning with the verse speaking over the Bible's reliability. For example, even though I have a great circle of friends, I have felt so lonely lately. As I have been attentive, I immediately recognized that my time in North Dakota is leaving me with so many memories that I am so grateful for and that this whole college experience is worth it.

My foundation is in Christ, so my Word of The Year may look different than others. However, I believe that if we all implemented a thoroughly thought-out word into our daily lives and our year, we could see growth in our lives and community, and maybe we can learn something new. No one is perfect, and therefore, everyone can find a way to grow in their season of life.



Attentiveness - my eyes are on the words, but my mind is on the meaning. Photo Credit: Mikayla Kraft

Farmers and Ranchers Right to Repair Bill Still in Limbo

Karli Johnson and Nichole Rolf
Montana Farm Bureau Federation

House Business and Labor had an extensive conversation on Thursday on HB 390: Provide for Montana Right to Repair Agriculture Equipment Act sponsored by Paul Tuss (D) HD 27. MFBF, along with numerous agricultural equipment dealers, rose in opposition to the bill. Montana Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) shared that this controversial subject has been discussed extensively by our members on the state and federal level. After thorough discussions, our members nationwide concluded that the best way to fix right to repair controversy is through a comprehensive, free market solution, rather than having a state-by-state patchwork of right to repair legislation. Based on this policy, Farm Bureau moved forward in working toward a solution that meets the needs of our members by entering into agreements with the major equipment manufacturers. This process resulted in Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements with six of the major manufacturers, and more are in the works. These MOUs were created based on satisfying the needs of our members and are reviewed biannually to ensure these needs are met.

Since the beginning of the MOU agreements, around two years ago, AFBF has found that they are effectively working and cover three quarters of the machinery sold in the U.S. Discussion was also brought up on how these highly detailed MOUs are more capable of keeping up with modernization than legislation can be. Along with this, private sector solutions will not have the unattended consequences of a price flux in parts or potential out-of-stock items when farmers need it most. The bottom line is our MOUs do far more to give equipment owners the right to repair than this legislation ever would. Our members asked for a private market solution and Farm Bureau has delivered. This legislation is unnecessary at best and harmful at worst.

Broadwater FFA Alumni Chapter

Samantha Ferrat
Montana Farmers Union

Broadwater Future Farmers of America (FFA) Alumni & Supporters would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Bake Sale, Dessert Auction and pork sandwich meals during the high school basketball games vs. Three Forks on January 30th!

This was our 9th annual event and we can barely believe how much it has grown in terms of donations and support. We THANK all of those who donated items to the bake sale and dessert auction - we couldn't have done it without YOU! A big THANK YOU to all of the buyers, bidders and winners of the dessert auction! And again, THANK YOU to our community and the Three Forks community for purchasing baked goods and pork sandwich meals!

The FFA Alumni & Supporters raises funds for FFA Scholarships for eligible graduating seniors in the AgEd/FFA programs. The Alumni also utilize funds to assist students with travel expenses to FFA CDE and LDE contests as well as travel to State FFA Convention and National FFA Convention.

Broadwater FFA Alumni & Supporters is a nationally recognized organization, paying annual dues to National FFA Alumni & Supporters. Broadwater HS FFA & Agriculture Education was established in 2015, with the Alumni group establishing in 2016. The purpose of the Alumni & Supporters chapter is to help further agriculture career opportunities and ag literacy in our community. There are a few people who are true FFA Alumni, but most of us are parents of current and/or past FFA members as well as community members with agricultural ties.

Anyone in Broadwater County can join the FFA Alumni & Supporters chapter. We would love to have even more folks who are passionate about ag education and supporting the next generation of agriculturists. Reach out to any of the officers listed below if interested or want to learn more.

Hugh Braaten, President; John Ferrat, Vice President; Karen Noyes, Treasurer; Samantha Ferrat, Secretary; Jemma Loughery, AgEd Teacher/FFA Advisor

Thank you to this year's Dessert Auction Winners! Devon Zeadow, Steer in Trailer Sales, Daniel Truesdell, Big Sky Foot & Ankle, Cadillac Custom Cabinets, Ferrat Ranch, Veltkamp Shop, Milligan Canyon Meats, Kitto Ranch, Chuteside Vet Service, Flynn Ranch, Taves Consulting, Phillip Knaub.

THANK YOU

The family of Dana Banks Amsk would like to Thank all of you that sent cards, flowers, called and expressed condolences during the loss of our daughter, wife, mother and sister Dana Banks Amsk after her courageous fight with cancer since 2012.

A special Thank You to the Red Hat Crimson Gals.



Sincerely,
Ted & Sandy Vanover,
Bill Amsk, Matt Banks,
Brandy Banks and
Cindy Beaulieu

EAST HELENA NEWS

Habitat for Humanity Reaches Out to East Helena Homeowners

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



Helena Area Habitat for Humanity staffers knocked on around 300 doors in East Helena in early February hoping to educate residents about Habitat's programs to help with small and large home repair needs, Habitat's Executive Director Jacob Kuntz told East Helena's City Council February 18.

Perhaps best known for its efforts to build homes for low-income individuals through volunteer labor and future homeowner sweat equity, the organization also offers existing homeowners help with small, "honey-do" repairs, Kuntz explained. Currently, Helena Area Habitat also receives grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Rural Development programs to assist with low-interest loans for critical home repairs, such as roof replacements or accessibility renovations, ranging from \$10,000-50,000.

"A lot of people are reticent to come forward" to request assistance, Kuntz told the council. He added that the programs would benefit from having advocates in the community to spread the word.

Kuntz said the organization is also working to meet with the state to underscore the pace of East Helena's growth and the accompanying need for affordable housing.

Individuals wanting to learn more about Habitat's Critical Home Repair or Helping Hands programs can reach out to Helena Area Habitat for Humanity or stop by the East Helena City office.

York's Islands Fishing Access Site Closed Due to Flooding

Fish Wildlife and Parks Communications Specialist



TOWNSEND – York's Islands Fishing Access Site near Townsend has closed due to flooding and unsafe access conditions.

An ice jam on a section of the Missouri River has caused ice and water to flood the site's boat ramp, campground and other areas. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will lift the closure when conditions allow.

Additional site closures are in effect or may be required later for other sites around the state, depending on weather and river flows.

Recreationists are encouraged to use caution when visiting rivers because of unseen hazards, as well as flow and ice conditions that can change suddenly.

Contract Negotiations with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

Justin Tiffany
Billings Clinic - Broadwater CEO

Many of you might have received a letter or postcard about the future of your health insurance coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana. I want to assure you that Billings Clinic Broadwater in Townsend will not be impacted by these current negotiations. It's important to clarify that these discussions are specific to hospital facility services at the downtown Billings hospital and do not affect the professional services of physicians, APPs, and other professionals. Furthermore, services at Billings Clinic Bozeman and other Billings Clinic branch locations remain unaffected.

Additionally, providers who outreach to Billings Clinic Broadwater are not impacted by these contract negotiations. Rest assured, our hospital and providers here in Townsend continue to remain in-network with our own contract.

Romance Scams on the Rise

James Brown
Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance



The Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) is urgently warning residents about the growing

threat of romance scams in the state.

The Rising Threat of Romance Scams

Romance scams, which involve deceptive online relationships often initiated through dating websites, apps, or social media, have become increasingly prevalent. Scammers create fake profiles to lure unsuspecting individuals seeking companionship, ultimately asking for or stealing money once they've gained the victim's trust. According to the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel Data Book, a staggering \$823 million was lost to romance scams through September 2024.

The CSI encourages Montanans to report fraud because these scams thrive in silence. "We can only help if we know about it," emphasized Commissioner James Brown. "It's crucial to report any suspected fraud to protect yourself and others from falling victim to these scams. The CSI reminds Montanans to celebrate love responsibly and remain vigilant against potential romance scams."

Montana's Unique Vulnerability

Montana faces challenges when it comes to these scams:

- Geographical isolation in many communities can lead to social isolation
- Montanans' reputation for being caring and neighborly may increase susceptibility
- The state ranked seventh highest in per capita internet crime losses nationwide in 2023, as reported by the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

Protecting Yourself from Romance Scams

The CSI offers the following tips to help Montanans avoid falling victim to romance or investment scams:

- Be Skeptical: Exercise caution if an online acquaintance refuses to meet in person or requests money
- Seek Trusted Advice: Consult with friends or family members who can offer an outside perspective on the situation
- Avoid Money Requests: Never send money to someone you haven't met in person, regardless of professed feelings

Reporting Fraud

The CSI urges Montanans to report any suspected fraud. Complaints can be filed at csimt.gov/file-a-complaint-2 or by calling 406-444-3815.

The Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, regulates the insurance and securities industries in Montana. The State Auditor is also an ex officio member of the Montana Board of Land Commissioners. James Brown was elected Montana State Auditor in 2024.

"If you're always trying to be normal, you'll never know how amazing you can be."

~Maya Angelou

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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.



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on June 27, 2025, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 11 of Kolczak Subdivision, Phase 2, recorded in Book 1 of Plats, Page 972, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 201 Kolczak Ln, Townsend, MT 59644-3229.

Tylor Castona, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title Guaranty, LLC, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Primelending, a Plainscapital Company, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on September 3, 2021, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on September 3, 2021 as Instrument No. 191124, in Book 229, at Page 1052, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was re-recorded in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on December 9, 2021 as Instrument No. 192111 of Official Records.

THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSIGNED FOR VALUE AS FOLLOWS:
Assignee: Montana Board of Housing
Assignment Dated: November 25, 2024
Assignment Recorded: January 15, 2025
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 200739, in Book 267, at Page 690,

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on January 28, 2025 as Instrument No. 200811, in Book 268, at Page 1, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning January 1, 2024, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$296,468.37, interest in the sum of \$8,975.27, escrow advances of \$8,591.23, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$2,043.93 for a total amount owing of \$316,078.80, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

The Beneficiary has elected, and has directed, the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured, the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation for up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Dated this 7th day of February, 2025.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee
38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601, Telephone: 801-355-2886, Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)
File No. MT2256
Published February 28, March 7 and 14, 2025

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on May 16, 2025, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 22 of Price Hills Major Subdivision, also known as The Village at Elk Ridge Major Subdivision, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 65 Rolling Prairie, Three Forks, MT 59752.

Alisa Sea Kopp and Darren Edward Kopp, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to First American Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for [Lender], Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on April 28, 2022, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on April 28, 2022 as Instrument No. 193428, in Book 240, at Page 282, of Official Records.

THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSIGNED FOR VALUE AS FOLLOWS:
Assignee: Servis One, Inc. DBA BSI Financial Services
Assignment Dated: January 11, 2024
Assignment Recorded: January 16, 2024
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 198054, in Book 257, at Page 946

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on December 3, 2024, as Instrument No. 200407, in Book 266, at Page 461, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning November 1, 2023, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$557,225.46, interest in the sum of \$34,635.07, escrow advances of \$8,117.23, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$3,636.39 for a total amount owing of \$603,614.15, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

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Dated this 8th day of January, 2025.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee
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OPEN POSITIONS

Rodeo Board Liaison

The Broadwater County Fair Board is looking to fill an open position for their Rodeo Board Liaison member, term expiring 12/31/25.

This board member is expected to attend both the monthly meetings of the Broadwater County Fair Board and the Broadwater Rodeo Club in order to keep an open line of communication between the two entities.

Letters of interest can be emailed to fair@broadwatercountymt.gov.

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NOTICE FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

The City of Townsend is accepting letters of interest for an open council position in Ward I, which includes the territory north of Broadway and east of Cedar Street.

This position is an appointment and will serve from the time of appointment until the election in November 2025, at which time, the appointed person may run for election of the position.

If you reside in Ward I, please submit a letter of interest to City Hall 110 Broadway Townsend, MT by 1:00 p.m. on March 14, 2025, by 1:00 p.m.

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

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Montana First Judicial District Court, Broadwater County

In the matter of the Name Change of Micheal Forest Farmer: Micheal Forest Farmer, Petitioner
Case No.: DDV-2025-12

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the district Court for a change of name from (your name now) Micheal Forest Farmer

To (name you want) Michael A Graham

The hearing will be on (date) 04/04/2025 at (time) 10:30 AM

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.

Filed Date 2/14/25

Audrey Plymale, Clerk of District Court

By Desiree' Taves, Deputy Clerk of Court

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDY LEE BROWN, Deceased.

Probate No. DDP-25-01

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Nathan A. Brown has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via his Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated February 21, 2025.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC

Attorney for Personal Representative

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE EDWARD HERRINGTON, Deceased.

Probate No. DDP-25-02

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Lillian I. Arden has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via her Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated February 21, 2025.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC

Attorney for Personal Representative

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TOSTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2025 Annual Meeting and Election of Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner for Division 2 (All lands West of Highway 287 and North of Lone Mountain Road) will be held at the Toston Irrigation District Office, 8711 US Highway 287 Thursday March 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE UPDATE TO THE TOWNSEND GROWTH POLICY

The City of Townsend Planning Board has prepared a draft update to the Townsend Growth Policy and we invite you to help shape the City's future by providing comments on the future growth and needs of the City of Townsend. Your opinions are important to this process to identify needs for the City. An electronic copy of the draft Growth Policy can be found on the Townsend website at <https://townsendmontana.net/> and a hard copy can be viewed at Townsend City Hall. The Townsend Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on March 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Townsend City Hall, 110 Broadway in Townsend, to gather public input on the future needs of the City of Townsend.

Requests for information and questions on the draft Growth Policy may be directed to the Townsend Contract Planner Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, (406)-443-3962. Written comments may be directed to the City Clerk, Kari Williams, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

ADA Notice: The City of Townsend is committed to providing access to persons with disabilities for its meetings in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Montana Human Rights Act. The City will not exclude persons with disabilities from participation at its meetings or otherwise deny them the City's services, programs, or activities. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in the City's meetings, services, programs or activities should contact the City Clerk as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to arrange for the requested accommodation, at any of the following:

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COURT BEAT

February 21

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley's courtroom on Friday, February 21 is as follows:

Taylor Castona had a Pre-Trial Conference on multiple charges. Tampering with or fabricating physical evidence; tampering with witnesses or informants; two counts of hunting without a license; four counts of unlawful possession of a game animal restitution, \$1000 each; four counts of hunting or killing game over limit; two counts of using artificial means (lights, etc.) to hunt; two counts of licensing/tag offenses; waste of a game animal and failure to get landowner's permission. A Change of Plea is scheduled for March 21.

Michael Kamps appeared for a Pre-Trial Conference on charges of DUI (1st), Strangulation and partner/family member assault, causing threat of bodily injury. A Change of Plea is scheduled for March 21.

James Normand appeared for a Pre-Trial Conference on charges of DUI (4th or subsequent); failure to use a turn signal; driving without a license and failure to use headlights. A Change of Plea is scheduled for May 16.

Darcie Roerick had an Initial Appearance on an arrest warrant to two charges of partner/family member assault causing injury with a weapon. The bond is set at \$15,000. A bond hearing will be on March 7.

Elijah Ticknor had an Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to DUI (4th or subsequent); criminal child endangerment and reckless driving. Omnibus is due by April 18; Pre-Trial is set for October 17; with the Jury Trial scheduled for November 17.

Riley Lacey was scheduled for a Pre-Trial Conference, which has been continued. New dates: Pre-Trial is set for October 17; with the Jury Trial scheduled for November 17.

Correction to February 14 Public Safety Mill Levy Renewal Article

Nick Rauser
Broadwater County Sheriff



The February 14 issue of MT43News reported in its Sheriff's Department Mill Levy page 1 story that the Sheriff's Department received 34.4 percent of the county's floating property mills last approved by voters in 2020. The story should have read: County Commissioners provide the sheriff's department with 34.4 percent of all floating mills allocated to the county. The levy is for 39.93 mills, the same amount as the 2020 levy. The Sheriff's Department's current allocation is \$ 1.1 million. It would remain the same under this renewal.

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ATTENTION Airline Travelers and People Who Access Federal Buildings

May 7 will be the last day to obtain your REAL ID on your driver's license.

Airline passengers and people who want to go to Social Security Office or Internal Revenue Service will need to show a valid passport, or certified birth to go through security points.



For more information: REAL ID may be obtained through Montana Motor Vehicle Division at mtmvd.gov or by calling (406) 444-3933.

From the Broadwater County Commissioners

Broadwater County Commissioners



It is said March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, but as things currently stand, the beginning of March looks like it may be some of the mildest weather so far this winter.

This allows the hardworking county road crew a moment of pause to catch their breaths after some of the most consistent snow accumulation we've seen in this area for several years. In what could be considered ironic timing, the county is receiving two new-to-us snowplows from Lewis and Clark County this week. The plows, sold to Broadwater County through the authority of Montana Code Annotated 7-8-101, and procured according to Broadwater County's Procurement Policy, will help the road crew reach critical areas like school bus and mail routes faster. The County's current plow is unable to clear gravel roads due to how the plow is mounted, so slower graders are used. Both of the plows from Lewis and Clark are frame mounted and will be able to plow on the gravel roads. And while many may be hoping for the first signs of spring, Mother Nature may call for the use of those plows before the 2025 winter is all said and done.

Speaking of vehicles and motorized equipment, the Montana Department of Motor Vehicles is receiving a new motor vehicle registration system. The update requires ALL MVD OFFICES CLOSE TEMPORARILY FROM 1 PM ON MARCH 12, THROUGH MARCH 14TH as data is moved onto the new system. OFFICES WILL REOPEN MARCH 17TH AT 8 AM. This includes registration renewals, processing title and registration transactions as well as reprinting receipts. NO PERSONALIZED PLATES CAN BE ORDERED FROM MARCH 8TH THROUGH MARCH 16TH.

The Montana Department of Justice is part of the CARS (Customer Access, Registration, and Services) project, and is rolling out this second phase on March 17th. Phase one of the CARS project launched in October 2022 with online appointment scheduling. This update will overhaul the state's title and registration process with the goal of improving functionality for law enforcement, car dealerships, and insurance companies, and is expected to simplify county MVD operations. THE TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN DURING THIS TIME FOR ALL OTHER BUSINESS SUCH AS TAX PAYMENTS, OTHER TAX INQUIRIES, AND RECEIVING MONIES FOR THE COUNTY AND HOMESCHOOL INQUIRIES. Please call 406.266.3445 with questions.

As spring hangs on the horizon, the discussion of outdoor recreation is again picking up. To be fair, the Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board has been working diligently through the winter months with Great West Engineering, the county's on-call engineering firm, on a masterplan project for two county-owned pieces of property at Centerville Road and the second on Canton Lane. Over 500 residents responded to the board's survey that was physically distributed and available online in December, January, and into February. Using the survey responses for their concepts, the board and Great West are hosting two design workshops for the public. These are informal, open-house style events with the goals of sharing preliminary concepts for the property and gathering ideas and suggestions from the public. Both workshops will be held at the community room next to the library. THE FIRST WORKSHOP IS TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH, 5-7PM AND THE SECOND IS THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, 5-7PM. Anyone with an interest in the future of recreation in Broadwater County is encouraged to attend.

As a reminder, all Commission meetings and nearly all county board meetings are live streamed, and the recording can be found at: www.youtube.com/@broadwatercounty. Any of the commissioners can also be reached by phone or email:

- Lindsey Richtmyer, Chair:
406-266-9271, lrichtmyer@broadwatercountymt.gov
- Debi Randolph, Vice Chair:
406-266-9270, drandolph@broadwatercountymt.gov
- Jesse Swenson
406-266-9272, jswenson@broadwatercountymt.gov

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Daylene Hansen
Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

515 Broadway, Townsend
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting.

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwatercountymt.gov, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Monday, March 3, 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, March 4, 2025

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

10:05 AM Discussion, TJ Gravely, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Business Assessments

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Amended Lot 44 Wheatland Meadows Subsequent Minor Subdivision request final plat approval, S9, T2N, R1E

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Mostad Family Transfer exemption request, S5, T6N, R2E

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Weaver Boundary Relocation exemption request, S5, T5N, R2E

1:30 PM Working meeting in Public Works Office with Solid Waste Board and Public Works Administration, regarding Resolution for Business Assessment Fee Schedule

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 March 11th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on March 11th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on March 11th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on March 12th at 2:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on March 13th at 5:30 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on March 17th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks & Recreation Meeting on March 17th at 6:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on March 18th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on March 19th at 6:00 PM

To be held at the Community Room at Townsend Schools (201 North Spruce)

- County Parks & Recreation Masterplan Design Workshops
 - o Tuesday, March 4th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
 - o Thursday, March 13th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
- The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 2/28	Sat 3/01	Sun 3/02	Mon 3/03	Tue 3/04
Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Light Wintry Mix	Light Snow
45° 31°	44° 31°	44° 34°	37° 31°	33° 26°
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6 12 mph	5 11 mph	4 8 mph	8 22 mph	8 14 mph

Precipitation:

September: 3.637"	December: 0.000"
October: 0.174"	January: 0.04"
November: 0.079"	February: 0.05"
2024: 10.903"	2025: 0.09"



DINE LOCAL BROADWATER

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



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SONG TITLES

ACROSS

- 1 Teenage witch played by Melissa Joan Hart
- 8 Breakwater embankment
- 15 Nintendo title plumber
- 20 Germ-free
- 21 Singer with the 2018 hit "Boo'd Up"
- 22 Put up, as a building
- 23 Patti Smith
- 25 Flat, as cola
- 26 One of the two Pro Bowl gps.
- 27 Frankle
- 28 Notices
- 30 Hero type
- 31 Nina Simone
- 39 Napoli's nation
- 41 Alien-seeking proj.
- 42 City near Disney World
- 43 Manicure tool
- 46 Oxidizes
- 49 Put the kibosh on
- 50 Missy Elliott
- 53 Dir. from Miss. to Mich.
- 56 Pre-CIA gp.
- 57 Ad featuring Smokey Bear, e.g.
- 58 "Science Guy" with multiple Emmys
- 59 Honorable
- 60 Busy airport
- 63 George Strait
- 69 World capital in the Andes
- 74 '60s war zone
- 75 2010-14 Mets member
- 76 Britney Spears
- 79 Plane ticket detail
- 80 Large musical disk
- 81 Encyc. unit
- 82 Tosses out of the game, for short
- 85 "Law & Order" spinoff, in brief
- 88 Busy insect
- 89 Bessie Smith
- 97 Plane ticket detail, for short
- 98 Mafioso John
- 99 Narrates
- 100 Running rather quickly
- 104 "This Is Life" journalist
- 106 Totally in favor of
- 107 Chuck Berry
- 112 "Casablanca" woman
- 113 "Dies—" (Latin hymn)
- 114 — Schwarz
- 115 Peculiar
- 118 Just making, with "out"
- 120 Liza Minnelli
- 127 Roaring cat crossbreed
- 128 Remove loose coverings from
- 129 "Tartuffe" playwright
- 130 Thick
- 131 Ancient Jewish ascetics
- 132 Slung mud at
- DOWN**
- 1 Very long tale
- 2 Dating from
- 3 Furniture pieces for lying or sitting
- 4 Tach abbr.
- 5 Judge Lance
- 6 Petty peeve
- 7 Have — on one's shoulder
- 8 "Black Panther" actor Andy
- 9 "Xanadu" gp.
- 10 Sitcom ET
- 11 "679" rapper
- 12 Make laugh
- 13 Thin streets
- 14 "In this way"
- 15 Spanish for "month"
- 16 Skilled crafter
- 17 Go further in the book, say
- 18 Apple digital storage service
- 19 Verdi opera
- 24 Mess up
- 29 Hercules player Kevin
- 32 Afflictions
- 33 Natural
- 34 Greet loudly
- 35 Architect
- 36 Double — (Oreo option)
- 37 Wife on "The Addams Family," casually
- 38 Big to-do
- 39 Lowdown
- 40 Mai — (rum drinks)
- 44 Track circuit
- 45 Mag staffers
- 47 Ex-Yankee
- 48 James Bond genre, in brief
- 51 Ox of Tibet
- 52 "Doggone it!"
- 53 Punishment for a tube watcher
- 54 "Me neither"
- 55 Rival of Ben & Jerry's
- 59 Nibble (on)
- 60 Suspend
- 61 Scanned market ID
- 62 Busy insect
- 64 With one flat, musically
- 65 Brief snooze
- 66 Biotech-created food
- 67 Atop, in verse
- 68 Japanese salad green
- 69 Links gp. for women
- 70 Club for a 69-Down member
- 71 Small fortune
- 72 Letters of invitation?
- 73 American assn.
- 77 Margarine, quaintly
- 78 Adobe Acrobat suffix
- 83 Fourth of a yr.
- 84 That girl in sonnets
- 85 Large yellow bloom
- 86 Put the kibosh on
- 87 KGB's land
- 89 Paree "to be"
- 90 Native New Zealander
- 91 WWII battle town in France
- 92 Glue — (brand of adhesive in a tube)
- 93 Hog sound musically
- 94 Tesla auto, e.g.
- 95 String necktie
- 96 Quiet stretch
- 97 Fuel gases
- 100 Off-track
- 101 New film type in the 1920s
- 102 What "@ " is
- 103 Rotational force
- 105 Big blunders
- 108 Man-goat deities
- 109 Marsh plants
- 110 Capture
- 111 Campus buildings
- 116 Have the guts
- 117 Made blond, maybe
- 119 Test for college srs.
- 121 Prior to, in sonnets
- 122 Indian flatbread
- 123 Not closed, in verse
- 124 — -pah band
- 125 Heady brew
- 126 Day, to Diego

Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Despair

MOGOL

Amuse

ASLEEP

Dent

LIMPED

Anger

HAWRT

TODAY'S WORD

"Honestly Daddy! You complain about the power bill, now you complain when the _____ are off!"

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: E equals X

CGVL DSB'KV HL VEMVKI PL
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 DSB YHD DSB YMVFPHRPOV PL?
 QHEPQ-POPLZ.

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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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Monday, March 3	Thursday, March 6
Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes California Vegetables Whole Grain Bread Mandarin Oranges	BBQ Chicken Breast Wild Rice Key Largo Vegetables Purple Beets Whole Grain Bread Sweet Peaches
Tuesday, March 4	Friday, March 7
Baked Cod Rice Pilaf Carrot Coins Bean Medley Whole Grain Bread Fruit Cocktail	Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Steamed Potatoes Broccoli Spears Whole Grain Roll Cinnamon Applesauce
Wednesday, March 5	
Spaghetti with Meat	

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Just Folks!

(No "celebrities" or politicians were offended by this article!)

I have an interesting theory. I know (Big surprise, eh?) I want to talk about US; just US folks. We all have our interests and things we do well. This does NOT set us apart, or worse "above" others. If you wish to consider yourself a celebrity, go for it. Look in that mirror and preen and dance, even sing. Nobody will stop you, (except maybe nearby neighbors who get upset with all the squalling that sounds like cats fighting.)

I'm sure all of us are celebrities in our own minds, that's actually a healthy attitude to stay positive. Keeping yourself in a positive state of mind is healthy! HOWEVER, (you knew this was coming, didn't you?) have you noticed that when you turn on the idiot box....I mean the television or computer, the first thing that comes up is: "Oh what a beautiful dress Taylor wore to the Emmies or Oscars. Oh, look at how UNDER DRESSED so and so was, with their see-through gown. WHO CARES? Unless you have designed a dress that one of these celebrity brats are wearing, you should have zero interest in what the newest "Hollywood" diva, or as I call them "Dancing Monkeys" do.

They have not even the slightest interest or care about any of "US" average, regular people. UNLESS their toilet plugs up with too many makeup brushes being thrown into it. Or the electricity shorts out in their mansion because too many blow dryers are on at once. They NEED average folks, the blue-collar people who actually have a job, and a great vocation. After the problem is fixed, they'll say "here is an autographed photo for you". (You don't actually expect me to pay you, do you?) Oh yeah, nothing but class.

In a place like our town, we are loaded with "Just Folks". We see them every day. They pour our coffee, (in my case Pepsi). They serve up our lunches, check our "ribs," (That's Montanan for trucks/cars/etc.) Regular folks who are always around and taking care of our town people. These are our neighbors and friends. The average American town people, you know "US". Yep, we are everywhere. We ARE the town folks you hear about in song and story. The people you see, as "extras" in movies that are trying to portray average "citizens" you know.....Just Folks! And we are darned glad to be. *(No Squirrels were harmed in the writing of this article.)*



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.

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Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church
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Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

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Council President Margie Urich (406) 599-9848
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Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church
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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

Cancer Support Community Montana is Now Accepting Applications for Family Camp

Chris Darnell
CEO, Cancer Support Community

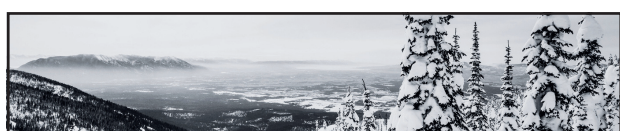
Bozeman, Montana — February 20, 2025 — Cancer Support Community Montana (CSCMT) welcomes applications for its annual For One Another Family Camp which is scheduled this summer for June 26 – June 29. This is an annual 4-day retreat available free of charge to families in Montana affected by a cancer diagnosis.

When a child or parent is diagnosed with cancer, the entire family is impacted. This program offers solace and a reprieve. Not only are there fun activities like swimming, zip lining, volleyball, basketball, arts and crafts, and much more, but also there are licensed mental health professionals and others qualified to create supportive programs and activities focused on empowering and enhancing the whole family.

The evidence-based program provides benefits including improved inter-family communication, better coping skills for children and caregivers, and healthier ways to process changes in the family dynamic. There is also a strong focus on helping children regain a sense of normalcy. For One Another Family Camp's unique combination of education, recreation, and relaxation activities are designed to enhance community and relationships and offer a FUN-FILLED agenda for ALL AGES.

"This is an opportunity for families from across the state to come together, connect, learn, support, and have fun with others who are impacted by cancer," said Mari Youngquist, the Associate Director of Programs and the individual who leads Family Camp. She also added that this event "equips parents and children with tools for coping with and talking about the challenges of life when faced with a cancer diagnosis. Through building community and sharing experiences, we become stronger and more resilient!"

For One Another Family Camp is proud to be recognized with Gold Ribbon Accreditation by the Children's Oncology Camping Association (COCA). Applications are being accepted until May 20th. For more information, go to <https://cancersupportmontana.org/find-support/retreats/>.



Take Control of Your Health Care Decisions

Nanette Whitman-Holmes
Hospice Care Consultant, Compassus Hospice

As we begin a new year, many of us embrace January as a time for fresh starts and meaningful resolutions.

However, there's one resolution that's often overlooked but incredibly valuable, developing or updating your advance directives. As a hospice professional, I've seen firsthand how this important step can provide peace of mind for individuals and their families.

Advance directives, including living wills and health care proxies, ensure that your wishes are respected should you face serious illness or injury. They allow you to communicate your preferences for medical treatment, sparing your loved ones from the burden of making difficult decisions on your behalf without guidance. In my experience, families experience far less stress and uncertainty when they have clear instructions to follow.

January, with its quiet pace and sense of new beginnings, is an ideal time to reflect on your values and discuss them with loved ones. Establishing your advance directives now can be a compassionate gift to yourself and those closest to you.

While these conversations can feel challenging, the comfort they bring is well worth it.

I urge everyone to consider this January as the perfect opportunity to take control of your healthcare decisions and ensure your voice is heard.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

An evil man seeks only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger will be sent against him.

Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than a fool in his folly.

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OBITUARIES

William Donald (Don) Lewis

Nick Rauser, on behalf of the Lewis Family

William Donald (Don) Lewis went home to his savior's arms on February 19th, 2025.



William Donald (Don) Lewis
Photo Provided

Don was born on February 21st, 1941 to Clinton and Josephine Lewis in Townsend Mt. On March 4, 1961 he married the love of his life Charlotte Norwood. Together they made a home for 4 children. He so loved each of his children and loved hauling them around to rodeo after rodeo. He spent many hours in the saddle himself teaching his kids how to team rope which was his passion. He also loved his mules and the many times packing in hunting camp and into the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

He worked on ranches in his very early working years. Drove lumber truck for Neifert and White Company. Eventually, he ended his career in construction building many Buttler silos, buildings and homes around the county. He was instrumental in building the roping barn and 4-H building at the fairgrounds.

Don never knew a stranger and had many friends. He leaves behind his beautiful wife of almost 64 years Charlotte, and his 4 precious children, Tammy & Dana Rauser, Tracy & Edwin Spatzierath, Shawn Lewis, and Trina & Kelly Liscum. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the highlight of his life. Nick, Blake, Brandy, Brittney, Dylan, Ashley, Raeann, Melissa & Andy; Trey, Trenton, Clyde, Blaine, Riley, Harper, Paxton, George, Olive, Aleigha, Briella, & Camden. His sisters are Gerry Koleczak and Doris Mingay.

He is preceded in death by his parents Clinton and Josephine Lewis, brother Charles, sister Mary Joe and granddaughter Melissa Hope.

Don will be missed by us all but we know he is in the arms of Jesus.

Cremation has taken place and at his request ashes will be taken to a special place. There will be no service at this time. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer your condolences to the family.

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Livestock Producers Invited to Join Young Cattlemen's Conference

Cheyenne Leach
Montana Stockgrowers Communications Coordinator

Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) is accepting applications for its Young Cattlemen's Conference program. The conference will take place May 29 – June 6, 2025, and applications are due March 15, 2025.

The Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) is an opportunity for cattlemen and cattlemen between the ages of 25 and 50 to visit segments of the beef industry across the nation with young cattlemen from other states. Facilitated by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), participants will travel with national attendees to Colorado, Ohio, Iowa, and Washington D.C.

St. Peter's Health Celebrates and Unveils New, State-of-the-Art Nephrology and Dialysis Clinic

Jacquelyn Tescher
Saint Peter's Health Supervisor of Public Relations

Helena, MT – St. Peter's Health is proud to announce the grand opening of its new \$5M nephrology and dialysis clinic at the Regional Medical Center. Construction of this state-of-the-art facility, located on the west side of the hospital near the Emergency Room entrance, began in March 2024. Today, the clinic is fully operational, providing care to 40 patients. An open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 20, to celebrate this significant milestone.

The new clinic boasts ten advanced outpatient hemodialysis stations and cutting-edge equipment designed to deliver the highest quality care for patients with end-stage kidney failure. Additionally, the facility includes two spacious home therapy rooms, tailored to facilitate patient education and support for those who are eligible and wish to dialyze at home.

Helena resident Ben Juvan has been on dialysis at St. Peter's for nearly five years after being diagnosed with kidney failure in May 2020. Ineligible for a kidney transplant, he spends about five hours a day, three days a week, dialyzing in the clinic—a procedure that removes waste products and excess fluid from the blood when the kidneys stop functioning properly. As one of the first patients to transition to the new space, he describes it as “beautiful” and “comforting.”

“It's bright, wide-open, and the chairs in here are so comfortable,” said Juvan. “This is ‘it’ for me, you know? And I just find the space to be really relaxing. I'm especially happy for the nurses. You could not replace them with any amount of money in town.”

St. Peter's is the only hospital-based dialysis program in Montana to offer specialized treatment plans that allow eligible patients to receive care in the comfort of their homes while awaiting an organ transplant. According to St. Peter's Nephrologist and the unit's Medical Director, Dr. Robert LaClair, St. Peter's also leads the nation with nearly half of its patients managing their dialysis at home, compared to the national average of about 13%, and leads Montana in the most successful kidney transplants per capita.

“I am incredibly proud of our organization's commitment to providing the highest quality care for our patients. Our goal is to make transplants a reality, allowing individuals to live their lives free from the constraints of dialysis,” said LaClair. “And until that rare opportunity comes along, providing this new, vibrant space where patients can spend up to 15 hours a week for treatment is a testament to that commitment. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the donors whose generosity has made this project a reality. Your support is invaluable in helping us continue our mission to improve lives.”

St. Peter's is deeply appreciative of the support from St. Peter's Health Foundation donors who have been instrumental in funding the new clinic, including the “Greatest Need Fund” of the St. Peter's Health Foundation and lead donors David J. Haviland Estate, M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Otto Bremer Trust, Anonymous donor, Elizabeth Vercellin Dialysis Endowment, Nancy and William Pierce, Melanie and Robert LaClair, MD, Alice and Gary Luehr, Seligman Family in Memory of Jay Seligman, Dee and Mike Trombetta. Project construction was managed by long-time partner Dick Anderson Construction, with designs curated by Slate Architecture.



Weed of the Month: Cattail

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Like many native species, cattail has many positive qualities but given the right environmental conditions, it also has the ability to take over and cause concern.

Description & Habitat

Native throughout North America, cattails are found in wetland areas such as along ponds, marshes and slow-moving waterways. They prefer shallow water that is 1.5 feet or less. Cattails have a long, slender grass-like stalk that can grow up to 10 feet in height. In the late summer, they form the brown seedhead that most of us associate with cattails. In small quantities, cattails are often desirable, creating habitat for fish and wildlife and shelter for birds. Cattails help prevent streambank erosion and can slow the movement of water to trap sediment and silt. Research has also shown that cattails can remove pollutants from the water through their roots.

However, cattails are also notorious for taking over a pond and forming thick stands. They have a rhizomatous root system which allows the plant to spread under water in addition to fluffy seedheads. If the water isn't too deep, cattails will continue to spread along the edge and into the body of water. Once cattails have taken over, it becomes difficult to access the water for recreation, livestock or wildlife. Additionally, cattails can reduce the diversity of other wetland plant species and cause the waterway to lose its aesthetic appeal.



Cattail Bugwood
Photo Credit: Doug Doohan, Ohio State University

Management

Typically, full control is not necessary. Reducing the population in high-density sites can allow for the appropriate blend of benefits for wetlands and wildlife but still maintaining access and plant diversity. The exact amount of acceptable cattails is up to the landowner to decide. However, a good rule of thumb is to limit cattails to about 10% of the shoreline.

Physically removing cattails may be an option in some situations either by hand or machine. Remove as much of the root system as possible because the plants can regrow from the root fragments. Repeated cutting can also reduce cattails and will eventually reduce the root reserves of the plant causing it to die. It's best to cut in late summer.

Although not always feasible, a more permanent solution to remove cattails is to dredge the pond to increase the depth. Cattails are unlikely to grow back if the water depth is greater than 18 inches.

Herbicides can be effective but need to be used cautiously in the water. Only aquatic herbicides can be used. Most commonly used chemicals include Reward and Rodeo. Make sure to read the label so that the product does not have any adverse effects on fish. Common chemical names are used for clarity but do not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and management, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242.



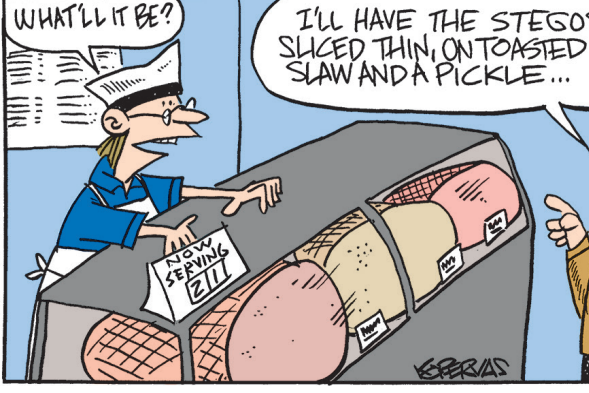
Bring a few cups of water to a boil, then pour carefully into a large heat-safe bowl. Gather some fresh herbs such as basil, chamomile, eucalyptus, lavender, mullein leaf, oregano, mint, rosemary, sage, thyme, tea tree or yarrow, and place directly into the bowl of steaming water. Cover the bowl and let it steep for 10 minutes; then, being cautious of the hot steam, place your face over the bowl and cover your head with a towel to keep the steam in. Close your eyes and slowly breathe in the herbal steam, then gently breathe out. This helps moisturize the nasal passageways and loosen up any mucus in the chest and sinuses. – Brenda Weaver

Source: www.herbalreality.com

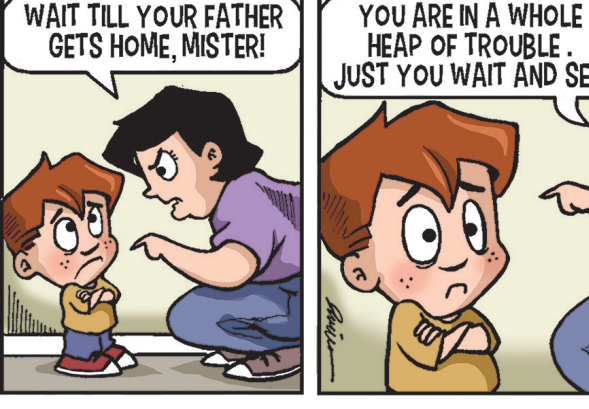
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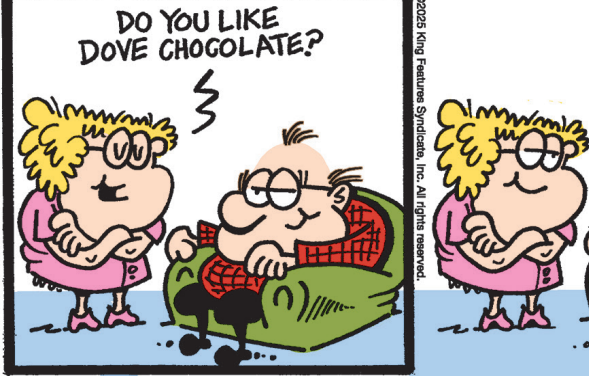
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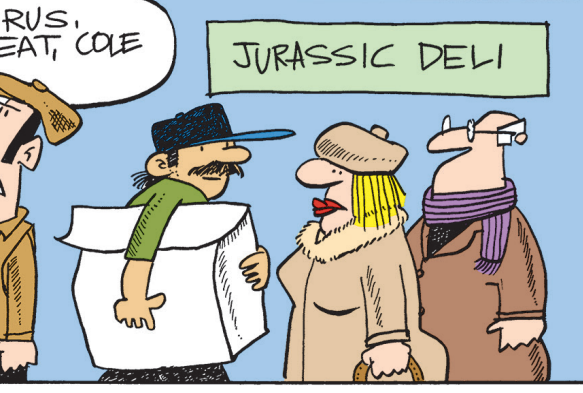


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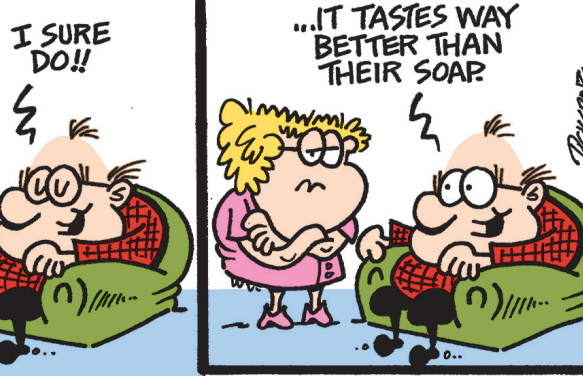
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CryptoQuip
answer

When you're an expert in coining adages, what could you say you specialize in? Maxim-izing.

SCRAMBLERS
solution

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Today's Word
LIGHTS

KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

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REMEMBER

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

IT'S NOT FAIR! WHY DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO SUFFER?

ALL I SAID WAS CONSIDER OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS.

I DO. THAT'S HOW I KNOW WHICH ONES TO HURT.

BRUTO'S GOING THROUGH A LOT, SO TRY TO BE SYMPATHETIC.

WOW, BRUTO. YOU LOOK LIKE CRAP!

YEAH. DIVORCE WILL DO THAT.

HOW'S OUR FAVORITE BIG BROTHER?

OH FINE. JUST GREAT.

EXCEPT FOR THE "MY HUSBAND OF TEN YEARS LEFT ME" PART.

SAY SOMETHING.

I KNOW YOU'RE HURTING BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF FISH IN THE SEA.

BUT THERE ARE ALSO UNSPEAKABLE HORRORS WAITING TO DRAG YOU BENEATH THE WAVES.

I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS, SKIP LOVE AND FILL THE VOID WITH FIGHTING.

I WANNA THANK YOU FOR TRYING... SO PLEASE TRY!

Super Crossword

Answers

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— Leonard Bernstein

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Lazy Day Jerky

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes



There are only two things I'll say about this recipe: first, while it seems like a terrible waste of whiskey, it's an amazing jerky and I wouldn't use any delicate Irish whiskey. It needs the punch of an in-your-face Canadian whiskey. Second, despite being cooked for 4-6 hours, very little of the alcohol cooks off. In fact, next to none.

Curious people have actually tested alcohol levels on people eating foods cooked with alcohol using an official Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) monitor. The results are simple. Very little alcohol evaporates and, when you consume enough of alcohol-laced food, you'll be impaired. I know, there's the myth that alcohol evaporates in cooking, but that takes a ton of cooking, and by the time the alcohol is gone the flavor is too.

So no alcohol and firearms, no alcohol and driving, please.

True Blue Fall Jerky

For 1 pound of sliced red meat

Starting with a marinade--a vibrant combo of Canadian whiskey and cloves softened with a bit with brown sugar--this jerky is a burst of great flavor in your mouth. (It might even warm your body a few

degrees.) As much as I'd like to use Irish whiskey, it's too smooth; a Canadian, like Pendleton, stands up to the meat and cloves.

Ingredients

- 1 pound red meat, sliced 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick
- 1 cup Pendleton Canadian whiskey
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 teaspoons ground cloves

Preparation

Pat the sliced venison with paper towels so it's not drippy when you add it to the marinade--and dilute its flavor. Then mix the rest of the ingredients in a resealable plastic bag, add the meat slices and mix them into the marinade well. Let sit overnight in the refrigerator.

Cooking

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

*Cloves. Don't you stick whole cloves in an orange?



Lazy Day Jerky
Photo Credit: Eileen Clarke

Or a baked ham? Yes, but they can do a lot more than that. When you think of spices that really heat things up, cloves don't get much respect. Used right, they have just as much heat capability as cayenne, white and black pepper--and red tabasco sauce. (Same with cinnamon and curry powder.) You just need to not be chintzy. And believe me, 4 teaspoons of ground cloves will do the job.

Stalking the Wild Jerky: 101 wild game jerky recipes, offers strip and ground meat recipes, for venison, turkey, waterfowl, and bear, with tips on oven and dehydrator cooking, how well is done, and how to get even slices without buying more stuff. Available at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273 for \$22.

A Bowl of Sunshine for Soup Season

Jon Bennion
Montana Free Press



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and concentrates its taste as the spices bake into it. I always save some of the smaller bits that get the most browning for garnishing the soup.

This recipe uses a generic curry powder you can find in any grocery store's spice aisle. It isn't very hot, and it brings good flavor and color to the equation. But if you feel comfortable experimenting, you can substitute any one of a variety of masala blends that bring their own unique flavor profiles. Just don't use spices that have been sitting in your cabinet for longer than you can remember. The fresher the better when it comes to spices.

And don't forgo the lemon. It adds a splash of brightness you'll appreciate on a gray winter day.

Curried Cauliflower Soup Recipe

Serves 4-6

- half a large head of cauliflower (roughly 20 oz.)
- 1 1/2 tbsp curry powder
- 1 lemon
- 1 medium onion
- 1 tbsp fresh minced garlic
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 32 oz. vegetable or chicken broth
- 1/2 cup yellow lentils
- 1 1/2 cups water
- kosher salt and black pepper
- olive or vegetable oil
- Optional for topping:
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup cream

Line a baking sheet with foil and preheat your oven to 425 degrees. Slice your half-head of cauliflower into pieces no larger than 3-4 inches. Some smaller bits will break off, which is fine. Place the cauliflower pieces in a large bowl.

Toss and evenly coat the cauliflower in 2 tbsp of oil, 1 tbsp of curry powder, 1 tsp kosher salt, and some freshly cracked black pepper. Place the pieces on the baking tray and roast for 20 minutes. Remove the tray and use tongs to flip the cauliflower pieces. Roast another 15-20 minutes, until the edges begin to brown. Reserve a few of the smallest, crunchiest bits for garnish.

While the cauliflower is roasting, chop your onion and mince your fresh garlic. Preheat a large saucepan or Dutch oven on medium heat. In 2 tbsp of oil, sauté the onions until soft, stirring occasionally. After 7-8 minutes, add the garlic, turmeric, 1/2 tbsp of curry powder, and cook for another 2 minutes while stirring.

Add your broth, lentils, roasted cauliflower, and water, and bring to a boil. Once it reaches a boil, lower the temperature to simmer the soup with the lid on (but slightly cracked) for 20-30 minutes, until the lentils are cooked and the cauliflower is tender. Use an immersion blender to make the soup smooth. Add the juice of half a lemon and taste to see if you need to adjust with more salt, pepper, or lemon juice.

If you opt to go with the creamy topping, combine the cream and sour cream and put little dollops on top of your plated soup or use a squeeze bottle to spread it around. Finally, place any of the leftover roasted cauliflower bits on top.

Montana can have abnormally long soup seasons. I remember a Labor Day when a 48-hour deep freeze zapped all the leaves off the trees, skipping fall and going straight into winter. I also recall a time growing up in Billings when we got snow during the last week of school in June. Longtime residents know we should always be prepared for a visit from Jack Frost, no matter the date.

In the final few months of 2024, we didn't see a lot of big snowfalls or crisp temperatures. But the start of 2025 has provided ample reasons to ramp up soup season as the snowflakes fly and trekking outside requires bundling up tight. Soup can warm our core on a frigid day, nourish a sick body, and provide our taste buds with some salty, savory, seasonal fun. Seriously, what's not to like about soup?

I like to keep several recipes in my soup arsenal so I can make large batches and freeze leftovers for later. This curried cauliflower soup is a delicious option to slurp today or stash in your icebox for later.

This recipe uses quick-cooking Montana-grown yellow lentils that give the dish good viscosity, sunshiny color, and lovely flavor. And for a vegetarian soup (that's also gluten-free), the lentils provide a nutritious protein bump.

One key to enhancing the flavor is roasting the cauliflower in the oven before adding it to the soup. That slight browning process softens the cauliflower

Secretary Christi Jacobsen Advocates for Repeal of Small Business Regulations



Christi Jacobsen gets sworn in Montana Secretary of State Photo

Christi Jacobsen
Montana Secretary of State

HELENA, Mont. — Montana Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen joined colleagues across the country urging President Trump to repeal confusing and burdensome small business regulations. Secretary Jacobsen was one of 20 Secretaries of State nationwide to pen a letter to President Trump requesting he repeal the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA).

"The Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) component of the CTA serves as yet another burden on our small businesses operating in the United States by forcing them to report extraneous information," the letter stated. "Implementation of the Act by the Biden administration has been an absolute train wreck. ... Our offices have received frequent communication from constituents expressing concerns."

Secretary Jacobsen previously called on the federal government and Montana's Congressional delegation to stand up for Montana businesses. Secretary Jacobsen expressed concerns regarding the implementation of the CTA, including widespread confusion and lack of awareness, communication, and resources.

"This new law affects nearly every business in Montana, and confusion over compliance is obvious," Secretary Jacobsen wrote. "The unnecessary complexity that has fueled confusion by the Biden Administration's disastrous rollout is completely unacceptable."

"As Montana's Secretary of State, I am proud to have eliminated unnecessary government obstacles, making it easier to conduct business in Montana," Secretary Jacobsen added in a letter to Montana's Congressional delegation. "I urge Congress to follow our example and eliminate excessive layers of bureaucracy."

On Thursday, Montana's largest and leading small business association thanked Secretary Jacobsen for standing up for Montana's small businesses.

"Montana small businesses applaud Secretary Jacobsen's bold stand on behalf of the law-abiding mom-and-pop enterprises lining our state's Main Streets," said Ronda Wiggers, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in Montana. "The reporting requirement is intrusive, an unnecessary regulation and carries huge penalties for not making future changes that will be easily forgotten by small business owners."

The letter from Secretary Jacobsen and her 19 colleagues nationwide can be viewed through the link below. The press release from Montana's small businesses can also be viewed through the link below.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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February 27

1941

Bobette Beauty Solon Has New Manager

Miss Doris Whaley, daughter of Mrs. John Whaley of Townsend has taken over the management of the Bobette Beauty Solon. Miss Whaley commenced her work on Monday of this week and Miss Mary Jane Houde who had been taking charge of the shop left for her home in Shelby where she will be with her mother who is convalescing following an operation.

Miss Whaley is a trained operator, having received her work in Helena and for the past several months has been taking a vacation owing to her health. She says she will run the shop much along the same lines as her predecessors but intends to make a few changes for her own convenience and those of her patrons.

1958

Local News

"Card of Thanks"

We wish to thank all who have been so cooperative during our move to the new store, especially do we thank DeVon Domer, Laird Plymale, Lyle Chamberlain and Jack Huth who volunteered in helping move tables, and Tony Francisco for lending us his truck.

-Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fryhling

"Brownie Troop No. 2"

On February 18, we made puppets. After we were through we sang our goodnight song and went home.

On Feb. 25 we made get well cards for Marie Kirscher. Before we did that we had treats which were brought by Barbara Gabisch.

-Trudi Bucy, reporter

"Girl Scouts"

We met February 20th with Mrs. Rains with all Brownies

present. Refreshments were brought by Laura LeMire.

We read "Manners Can be Fun" and learned to set a table.

We decided to go on a penny hike at the next meeting.

-Nancy Fryhling, reporter

"Blue Ribbon 4-H Club"

The fifth meeting of the Blue Ribbon 4-H club was held Feb. 12.

The club decided to get three blankets for the old folks' home and to try to find some furniture for the home.

We discussed the 4-H judging tour and means of transportation to it.

We decided to have our annual bake sale March 1 at Gambles. The time will be 1:30.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Hunsaker.

-Dick Berberet, reporter.

1975

Teacher Profiles

Beverly Sample chose teaching because it is just about the most important job in the world today and because she likes kids. She feels that in the past, our whole economy has been based on an increasing population and use of natural resources, now we have come to realize that this can't go on. "We are on a spaceship," Mrs. Sample says, "with all the limitations this implies, and we have to completely change our thinking. And what does this leave but education?"

Mrs. Sample, who is in her 10th year of teaching, nine of them in Broadwater County, likes the lower grades (she teaches the second) because they are so enthusiastic and so honest. "They haven't yet learned to tell you what they think you want to hear," she says, "and you had better not ask a question unless you want an honest answer, because that is what you are going to get."

The Butte native, who received her degree from

Western, says it is a very gratifying experience to "see the lights come on" in a youngster's eyes when they suddenly realize they have learned something. She does not believe in having them compete against one another, but has each compete against himself, trying to better his previous work. "It is a thrill to see them so thrilled when they have excelled at something that formerly gave them trouble," she enthused.

One of the most amusing experiences which she recalls occurred the year that each child's favorite saying was "I don't get it". She heard this until she was almost ill and tried to correct them, one day telling a young fellow who said, "I don't get it". "No, I don't understand," He replied, "I don't understand either."

1997

Around Town News

Saturday Helen Burmaster, Pearl Vestre, Sig Wood, Maxine Reoh and Helen Irely were guests at the home of Irene Nielsen.

Lonnie and Deena Gobbs hosted a party last week honoring son, Lane, on his ninth birthday. Guests were Tory Gillespie, Andrew Sanderson, Nathan Cox, Jessica Nygard, Brittany Urich, J.R. and Charity Middlemas, Casey Gobbs, Betty and Ray Horne, Karen Horne and Vallerie and Dave Middlemas.

Wednesday, Ruth Zimmerman and Doreen Sautter attended the Women's club meeting at Mildred Neild's. Also attending were Helen Barrow, Helen Burmaster, Anna Plymale, Rene Dagnall, Lillian McCammon, Helen Irely, Helen Kleffner, Ione Schwisow, Clara Davis, Ruth Vlaseg, Barbara Teller, Mary Oleson, Neila Neilson.

Thursday evening the Creative Homemakers met at Elaine Vogel's. Attending were Maxine Reoh, Donna Mostad, Felcia Head, Shirley Helmick, Judy Wright, Ruth Zimmerman, Doreen Sautter, Barbara Shaffer and Joan Neiting. Joan showed the ladies how to make raviolis.

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Legacy (Part 8).... Ya Reckon?

Denise Thompson
MT43 News Correspondent



I venture to say you've heard the idiom, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink." Likewise, "You can lead a human to knowledge, but you can't make him think."

Undoubtedly, we have all faced situations in our lives where we have tried desperately to help another, to perhaps, instill some wisdom or knowledge or insight regarding something of great importance. We have done everything in our power, but we can't force another to accept our support, no matter how much we are convinced that "it" will be of benefit in some way.

One thing that sets the world of agriculture and those generational farms and ranches apart from other vocations is the tremendously deep family roots and invaluable connection with the land. To an outsider, the devotion of a farmer or rancher, although admirable, is perhaps on the spectrum of strange. It's nearly impossible to explain that commitment. The land and the lifestyle; engrained in the taproot of tradition and family and longevity and this undeniable bond all become part of you.....part of your soul. Perhaps, the beauty and the curse of such a legacy.

I have spent the last couple of months attempting to thoughtfully convey the importance of transition planning within a multi-generation family business, its connection to a family's legacy, and the tremendous blessings that arise from the tough conversations, transparency, honesty, respect and the overwhelming desire to see another shine oh so bright, in your honor.

What a legacy, ya reckon? Most would agree!

"That's how it should be, each generation shouldn't start where the previous one died, it should get easier. Why would you borrow all that money and do all

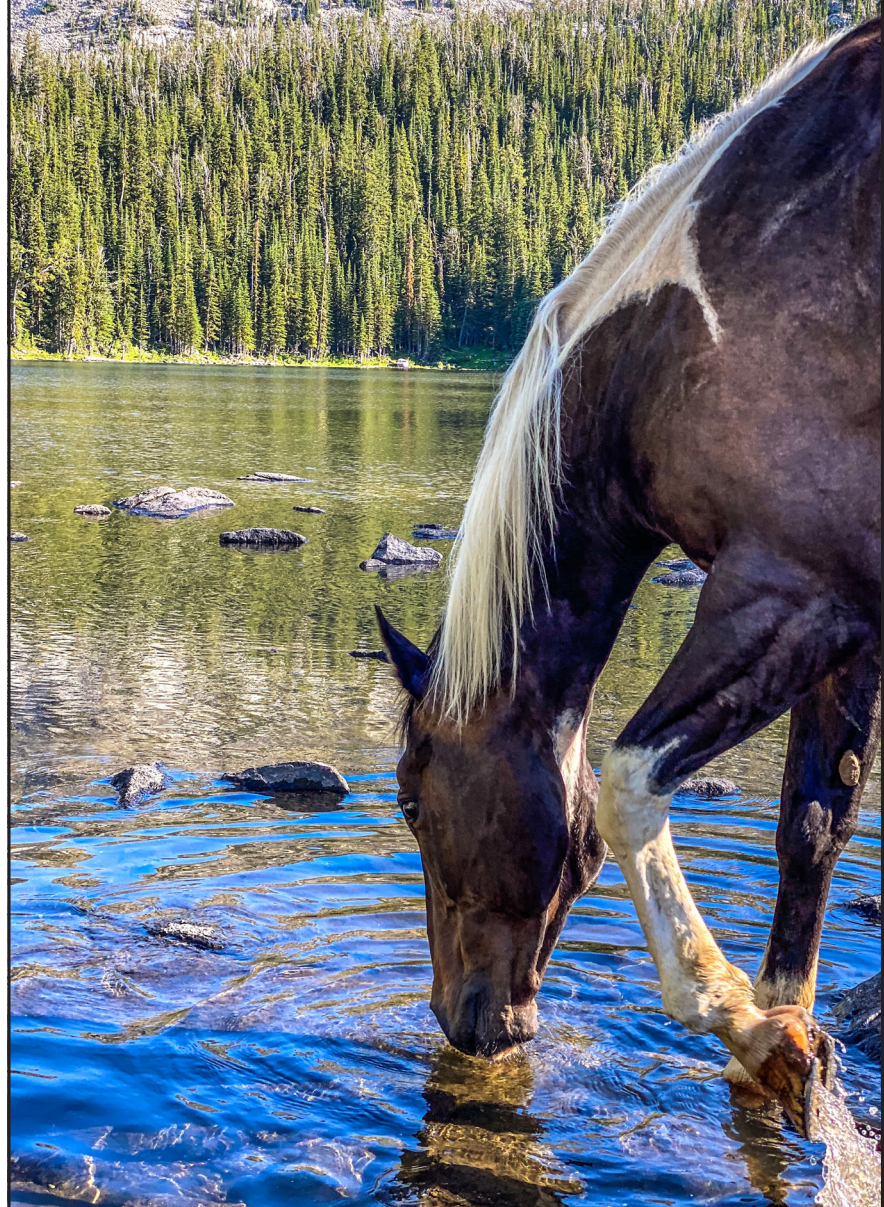
the work if you couldn't pass this along?" Gene Taber, 3rd Generation Rancher, Shawmut, Montana.

It is said that "a good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous." (Proverbs 13:22)

I hope what I have shared, if nothing else, has led you to ponder some things and take a proactive step toward preserving a legacy you can be proud of. Remember to check out Elaine Froese, the Farm Family Coach. I wish you well.

This Saturday, March 1st, from 9:30 to 3:30 at the 4-H Building, Elaine Froese will be leading a powerful and impactful workshop, called Finding Fairness in Farm Transition. Yes, it is focused on generational farms and ranches, but it will certainly be a help to anyone who needs assistance with their family business and ensuring it and your legacy continues. Register through Broadwater Conservation District (406-521-3014) (website: broadwatercd.org) or go to eventbrite.com and search the name of the workshop and reserve your spot. Also, don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner at the Watson Event Center, also taking place March 1st at the Watson Event Center, with Social Hour starting at 5pm.

See you there!



"You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink." So too, "you can lead a human to knowledge, but you can't make him think." Photo Credits: Denise Thompson

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