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MIKE FERGUSON: MONTANA AVIATION LEGEND

Matt Nelson



Mike Ferguson and Jeanie Ferguson live in a hangar/home at the Townsend, Montana airport (FAA designation 8U8).

There are so many aviation-related items on the walls of the hangar and their apartment upstairs that to view them all is like walking through a flight museum. Mike is 90 years old. Often, Mike and Jeanie host morning coffee sessions at their home, and Jeanie bakes homemade chocolate chip cookies for us airport bums. Mike has so many stories about his aviation adventures that it would take several books to write about them all.

We joke that he placed the wheel chocks at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina after the Wright Brothers completed their first flight in 1903. But he and Jeanie landed there, many years later. He has flown over 13,000 hours in general aviation (GA) aircraft. He and Jeanie both own a 1964 S-35 Beechcraft Bonanza, and she owns a 1946 Air Coupe.

Mike said, "My first flight was in a Piper J-3 Cub at Columbus, Montana. My instructor was Gary Wolterman. That was before I went into the Air Force. I was in the Air Force from 1951 to 1955 and worked as a jet engine mechanic on RB-52s and RB-47s. I was in SAC (Strategic Air Command). I was in the same Wing when the Russians shot down an RB-47 in 1955 off the coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula; I knew the guys on the plane. When that happened, I was in North Africa, in French Morocco. At the time, I had a Top Secret Clearance. I was also in the Air Force Reserves. Once, I went to Edwards Air Force Base in California, and that's where I met Scotty Crossfield, who, on November 20, 1953, became the first man to fly at Mach 2, which is twice the speed of sound. He and I became good friends, and I saw him often at Oshkosh, Wisconsin." [There is an annual fly-in at Oshkosh for pilots who are members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).]

"After I got out of the Air Force I went to school to get my Aircraft and Power Plant (A&P) license at the Northrop Institute of Technology, in Inglewood, California. This license is required for mechanics to work on civilian aircraft. I owned a mechanics shop in Billings for 14 years, and from there I went to Helena to become the Director of Montana Aeronautics. I was there for 27 years, and retired in 2001, which was when we moved here to Townsend."



Mike in front of his 1964 Bonanza. Credit: Matt Nelson.

"I was responsible for all the commercial airports in Montana, and have landed in all of them. I flew a 1975 A-36 Beechcraft for the state. I used to say I knew every GA pilot in the state."

Mike was also the Northwestern Regional Manager for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots' Association (AOPA) serving Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

While at Montana Aeronautics, Mike was a strong advocate of aviation education, and as a result, flew over 1,100 Young Eagles in his plane and the State's A-36 Beechcraft. Often at various aviation events, pilots will give kids called Young Eagles a free flight around the local area. He did it many years in Townsend during the July 4th breakfast fly-ins that used to be held here.

On the wall of Mike and Jeanie's living room, there is a painting by Susan Carlson of Mike's 1953 D model Bonanza, flying to Hawaii and then to Oshkosh from Hawaii.


In 1985 Mike and Brenda Spivey, his girlfriend at the time, flew his Bonanza to Hawaii. Mike's goal was to fly by himself non-stop from Hickman Field in Honolulu, Hawaii to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Mike said, "I flew to Oshkosh from Hickman Field. It took 14 hours,

the United States of America The Federation Aeronautique Internationale awards this Certificate of Record to Michael D. Ferguson For U.S National Speed Record Honolulu, Hawaii to Oshkosh, Wisconsin Class C-1-c, Piston Engine Elapsed Time: 31 hours, 4 minutes, 27 seconds July 26-27, 1985 135.12 mph (217.44 kph)"



Photo Credit: Matt Nelson


"After the fall of Russia in the 1990s," Mike continues, "Brenda, plus one of her girlfriends, and I flew my Bonanza from Nome, Alaska to Provideniya, Russia and back again. We were there about three days. Some



OK, WE HAD TO LET THE LLAMA GO. WE NEED OUR ANNOUNCER! SO WE'VE HIRED SOMEONE WITH SOME STREET CRED TO TRY AND FIND HIM.

Until then we've gotta make do with what we have. Pretend you're hearing the guy who MCs monster truck rallies as you read this: Townsend Hardware is giving away \$250 for the best street activity during Townsend's 2022 Ghost Stroll. Applications online or at the store!

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and 15 minutes going over to Hawaii from Oakland, California. I had to make position reports going over and coming back. I was in Hawaii for 4 or 5 days. I left Hawaii on July 26 and arrived at Oshkosh on July 27, after flying 4497 miles. I had to land at Salt Lake City coming back, because I had a strong headwind, so I had to stop for fuel. I had to tell the people in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower that I was on a world record flight so they would record the official time of landing and takeoff. Brenda flew from Hawaii on commercial airlines to Oshkosh."

The French FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE awards the "Diplôme de l'Record" for those people who break aviation records. Mike was awarded one for his world record flight from Hawaii to Oshkosh. Mike also received a similar award from the National Aeronautic Association which says:

"National Aeronautic Association Representing in

years later, after Jeanie and I married, she and I were invited to Great Falls, Montana by Loren Smith. He hosted two Russian teenagers who were in the Russian equivalent of the U.S. Force auxiliary Civil Air Patrol. They could speak good English, and put on a little show for us."

"Prior to the trip to Great Falls, Brenda and I crash-landed in snow, near Cedar City, Utah. There was icing in the induction system, blocking air to the carburetor. We were there overnight. I made radio contact with a passenger airliner that was flying overhead, so I sent out an SOS. We were rescued by the Cedar City Search and Rescue unit. The plane was totaled. After that, I bought the Bonanza that I have now." However, even before this crash, Mike was instrumental in establishing an annual Winter Survival Course for pilots in his position as Aeronautics Director.

CEDAR STREET DUMPSTER FIRE

Nancy Marks



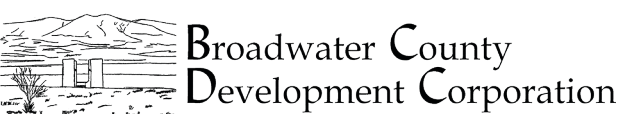
Townsend Rural fighters responded to a fire in one of the Cedar Street dumpsters on Sunday. The call came in at 10:21 a.m. according to Sheriff's Deputy Jamie Buck. Thick black smoke rolled from the metal canister and was contained quickly. The source of the fire was a lawnmower that had been placed in the canister. When the station attendant crushed the load with the front-end loader, the lithium battery in the lawnmower exploded, according to Solid Waste Foreman Brent Beebe.

"We would so appreciate it if people would not put battery-operated equipment such as vacuums or cordless tools such as drills in the dumpsters. The batteries in them are highly flammable and very dangerous for our workers, not to mention the work involved in putting out the fires," he said.

He and Public Works Supervisor Josh Obert will be discussing the best method of disposing of battery-operated items at Monday's meeting.



Broadwater RFD Responds to Cedar Street Dumpster Fire. Credit: Nancy Marks.



BCDC AND YOUR BROADWATER COMMUNITY REVIEW

We are getting closer to the deadline for completing our much-awaited Community Review report. We would really appreciate your participation in this process as we gather your thoughts, concerns and your positive notions as to the way YOU think Broadwater County is headed or should be headed both economically and community-wise. The input we receive from you, the public, will be put to good use to help us guide local government and the way nonprofits utilize their resources and manpower over the next several years. Think of this process as a first step in the ongoing visioning process in your community. From Infrastructure to Housing to Recreation to Solid Waste to Everything in between, we want your ideas. How do you want Broadwater County to look and improve?

On October 12th, we will conduct several Listening Sessions scattered around Broadwater County with sessions in the Wheatland area, Toston, Townsend and Winston areas being targeted to try and get a good representation in the county. (We are not trying to leave out the east side of the lake. We only have so much

time.) We definitely do not want to leave anyone out who wants to be heard. If you can't make it to one of the Listening Sessions during the day, you can still be heard at the Town Hall meeting in Townsend that evening from 6:30 to 8:00. Some of the meeting places have been determined but others have not. We will let you know through the paper and the www.townsendmt.com website as to where and when you can participate. Food and beverages will also be provided. These listening sessions will be from one to one and a half hours long.

Many different groups are being asked to participate in the different Listening Sessions such as teachers and students, businesses, agriculture, nonprofits, Sheriff's Dept., Search and Rescue, Family Services, Senior Citizens, landowners and subdivisions. Each and any of the Broadwater County residents are more than welcome to come. Don't forget the all-important Town Hall meeting in the evening too. The next day the facilitators and the Community Review committee will sit down and debrief what we heard the day before and these people will be the report writers.

Also, we are still looking for more surveys to be turned in. By now, you have probably forgotten you ever got one so if you haven't filled one out, please stop by the MSU Extension office at 417 Broadway, Townsend and ask for help to fill one out. These will help us to focus on the topics that are the most needed to discuss at our meetings. We look forward to hearing from you!

FLU SHOT SIGNUP AVAILABLE AT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Nancy Marks



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Flu vaccines will be available soon at the Broadwater County Health Dept. Director Margaret Ruckey encouraged the public to make appointments at her office. The department will not accept those who might walk in for vaccinations. The Health Department Facebook page will notify the public when the flu shots will be available.

Ruckey said she has some Moderna vaccines available for those people over age 18 who have not yet received their first and second COVID vaccinations. Those who have had their first and second shots must wait two months before receiving the booster vaccination.

Vaccine for the newest strain of COVID will not be available until later this fall. The department is still doing COVID testing in the office, but no longer has test kits available.

As of Aug. 26, Montana had 1,714 active cases of the Omicron variant of COVID 19. Ruckey reported Broadwater County had five active cases as of Sept. 12. To make an appointment please call (406)266-5209.

RY TIMBER IN LIVINGSTON BURNS

Nancy Marks

Two former RY timber employees from Townsend will have their work in the plant in Livingston curtailed as the

Livingston mill lost its planer to a fire. The fire, which started early Monday morning, burned three buildings. One person was severely burned and is at the Salt Lake City burn center, according to resource manager Dennis Davaz. Davaz manages the mill property in Townsend.

Davaz did not know when the planer, which smooths the lumber, would be up and running again. "We have work that can be done in the Livingston mill, so we'll try hard to keep our employees going for the time being," he said. The mill employs 85 people.

RY Timber in Townsend was shut down in 2019 because of a fire. Ninety workers were either furloughed to the Livingston mill or were able to find other jobs.



Photo courtesy The Livingston Enterprise.

NEW FACES, NEW STORIES: HOW DO YOU DO?

Eliza McLaughlin
MT 43 News



Many of us spend our entire lives searching for a purpose, chasing various passions and ultimately choosing a career that we hope will keep us excited, and employed, for the rest of our lives. I have been fortunate enough to identify and fulfill my passion as a writer and journalist early on in life.

I am excited to continue pursuing that passion with the MT 43 News team and you, the residents of Broadwater County.

Montana has, and always will be, the best place for me. I was born and raised only 55 miles down US Highway 287 and Interstate 90 in Belgrade. My family and I spent many weekends hiking, fishing and camping in the Big Sky area as well as traveling around the beautiful state we all call home. Several of our adventures brought us to Broadwater County, including camping on Canyon Ferry and stopping by Goose Bay Hand Blown Glass on a Sunday afternoon.

Not once did it cross my mind that a decade later I would find myself planting roots in that area.

But here I am.

Until recently, becoming a reporter was not included in my meticulously detailed five-year plan. However, after graduating from Brigham Young University-Idaho in December of 2021 with a degree in public policy and administration, I made the decision to reach out to several newspapers in southwestern Montana and pursue writing.

Those papers included the Three Forks Voice, the Broadwater Reporter, the Silver State Post and the Boulder Monitor. Aside from the Broadwater Reporter, I have now had the opportunity to work for each of these news sources.

My journalism career began in January of this year when Jack Smith, the owner of the Three Forks Voice and former editor of the Silver State Post, took a chance on a hopeful writer and hired me as a freelance reporter for both papers.

Four months later, the Boulder Monitor hired me as a part-time staff reporter dedicated to covering towns in North Jefferson County.

Since then I have spoken to and told the stories of incredible local characters, including Sherry Zipperian, a former Broadwater County deputy sheriff and recently published author of "Map of Bones."

As I settle into my new role at MT 43 News, I hope to get the opportunity to share many of your stories.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and sharing your stories. Please feel free to stop me and introduce yourselves as we pass on the street.

You can also reach me at eliza@mt43news.com.

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- Or Contact Emma Spurlock at 439-9523

Thank you for supporting the Broadwater High School Senior Class of 2023!

Correction

Josh Obert reports that we erroneously reported there are 876 roads in Broadwater county. There are, in fact, 876 miles of roads. Thank you, Josh!

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TOWNSEND PATRIOTS DAY PARADE

Nancy Marks

Townsend residents gathered for a parade Sunday to mark the 21st anniversary of the New York, Washington and Pennsylvania September 11, 2001, tragic loss of more than 3,000 Americans. An onlooker would not have observed much sadness as the children laughed and picked up candy, but the solemnity of the moment was evident; people removed their hats and put their hands on their hearts.

The parade included members of the American Legion Auxiliary, first responders, fire trucks and the Broadwater Ambulance. District 70 legislative representative, Julie Dooling paid her respects by walking in the parade.

Carolyn McPheeters of Gallatin Gateway had seen Townsend's parade advertised in the paper. "I came to see the parade and pay my respects. I think it is important to attend these events so people don't forget what happened. And to remember it could happen again. I came too to honor and support first responders all over the nation who head into the fire, not away from it," she said.



Every waving flag,
hand-covered heart,
and deeply felt prayer
asking God to bless
America is a dec-
laration of thanks to
all those who have
served. You've shown
by example what it
truly means to be-
long to the land of the
free and the home
of the brave.—Anonymous

Graymont announces launch of community-focused Carbon Reduction Fund and invites applications for 2022 initiatives

We are proud to announce the launch of the Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund , an innovative, grass-roots initiative designed to support the development of carbon-reduction initiatives in the communities across the globe that we call home.

The fund's role is to support projects focused on:

- Protecting the environment by the responsible use of resources
- Reducing our carbon footprint through increased energy efficiency
- Developing and maintaining natural, biological 'carbon sinks' such as agricultural land, forests or peat bogs that act as a natural offset for carbon

If you have a project idea that relates to any of these topics, the GCRF is looking for you!

For additional information, please contact Steve Bugni at (406) 521-6003 or sbugni@graymont.com

Application deadline is September 30, 2022

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Candidates 2022

MT 43 News is proud to present the candidates for those public offices influencing the citizens of Broadwater County. Candidates are grouped by the office they seek, but are otherwise listed alphabetically by last name. While individual employees and members of the Board of Directors of MT 43 News, Inc. may personally prefer one candidate over another, MT 43 News neither endorses nor censures any candidate. Our thanks go out to the candidates and their staff for accommodating our invitation to participate in this edition.



KIRK FLYNN FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

For the last 8 years, I have been proud to represent Broadwater County as Justice of the Peace and Townsend City Court Judge. This November, I will again be asking for the support of the residents of Broadwater County as I seek re-election. As Justice of the Peace, I will continue to do my best to bring resolution to conflict in civil matters and justice to offenders in criminal matters. I will continue to do this with a level head, without prejudice, and to the best of my ability, all while maintaining the integrity and honor of the position.



As residents of Broadwater County, we are extremely fortunate to live in such a great place. As our county continues to grow, there will be a continuing need for leadership and experience on the bench. I believe my prior experience, the values instilled in me by my parents, my faith, and my reasoning, make me an ideal candidate for this position.

I would like to sincerely thank the residents for their support over the past two terms and I am looking forward to continue to serve Broadwater County.

aren't a chairperson for your first 2 years, but I have been the Chairperson 3 times during my term. The job description is 40 hours a week by statute, but it ends up being a lot more! It's not a hobby!

Currently, we have a focused and cohesive team of Commissioners. We are managing responsible growth for this County and getting the most out of the roughly \$13 million County budget and maximizing other funding sources.

The future is bright for Broadwater County. There are several positive projects underway. I'd say the greatest challenge is the disconnect between the powers and responsibilities of a County Commissioner compared to our constituents' understanding of them! Commissioners have a fiduciary responsibility to protect our citizens' hard-earned tax dollars. As Commissioners, it is our responsibility to not only manage this money but to protect it from any legal liability. This is done by adhering to laws and regulations which sometimes can dictate frustrating results for all of us.

As we continue to move into the future and attempt to maintain our hometown and rural lifestyle, I'd appreciate your support and your vote!!

A quote from one of Mike's nieces: "He looks mean but old dogs and Children seem to like him."



LINDSEY RICHTMYER FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Hello Broadwater County! My name is Lindsey Richtmyer. I am running for District Two Broadwater County Commissioner in the general election in November.

A few months ago, I embarked on this journey to get involved with our local county government. I feel strongly about contributing to the place in which I am raising my child, which is my husband's hometown and a home we now share. Our county simply can't ignore or wish away the record growth happening around us. I know it is possible to manage the changes ahead. Acceptance of this and jumping in with both feet to embrace the challenges facing our community is the only way to maintain the integrity and character of the place we love.

At the hospital, I have the privilege to speak and work with a variety of people that share several ideas, thoughts, issues, and a multitude of suggestions related to our county and state. My husband's family has ranching roots here that reach back over 70 years. I am fortunate to know many of the long-time locals and value their experience, dedication, and commitment to this area. With a school-aged son in a variety of activities, I also meet many families new to Montana or Broadwater County and appreciate the excitement, energy, and hopes for their lives here as well as the perspectives they bring.

Our local government plays a crucial role in shaping how Broadwater County grows and decides on plans that can benefit the broad demographic of residents here. As a friend recently advised, "The most important thing is to always keep in mind the best interests of our county and its residents." To me, this means bridging a gap between old and new - respecting a way of life that has existed here for years while building a framework for the future and our growth that is inevitable.

I greatly value your support on this road to District Two Broadwater County Commissioner and would love your feedback. Please reach out on my commissioner page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LR4BCC> or through private messages. One of my goals as a commissioner is to improve communication between the county government and residents. I invite you to help me begin this process now. I will post more there in the upcoming weeks about some of the primary concerns and issues facing our county. Thank you!



MELISSA FRANKS FOR TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

An article for Ms. Franks was unavailable at press time.



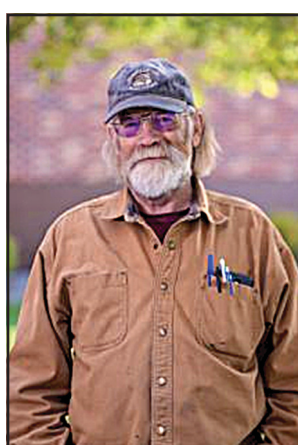
MIKE DELGER FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

To the Broadwater County Voters,

My name is Michael Delger. I am running for re-election in District 2 of the Board of Broadwater County Commission.

I was born and raised in Townsend. Other than 4 years of military service and 2 years of out of state construction, I have worked and lived in Broadwater County. I have been on the City Council and served 6 years as a County Commissioner. I also am a general contracting Builder with my son and partner, Tate Pool. My oldest son, Jordan Basham, works for BNSF in Havre. My daughter, Savanna is a Junior at MSU.

The first 2 years of my term as County Commissioner was spent learning what I couldn't do. It's easy to come into a job like this thinking you can push through pet projects, but the reality is that the major concerns of the County take precedence. Namely: taxes, roads and development. There are three (3) Commissioners on the Board and it takes 2 to form a quorum to get anything done. Some relationships between members have been more quarrels than quorum. Usually, you



ANGIE PAULSEN FOR CLERK AND RECORDER

My friends and fellow residents of Broadwater County, I am asking for your support to continue to serve as your Clerk and Recorder. I am a fifth-generation Montanan, a homeowner in the county for 15 years, and proud to have served you since January when I was appointed upon the retirement of Doug Ellis.



My office retains public records pertaining to land and land ownership as well as birth and death records. Additionally, the Clerk and Recorder oversees the Elections Department. I am blessed with talented, hard-working staff and the citizens of Broadwater County are in good hands.

My earliest memories of Broadwater County are from when I was a little girl and would travel with my grandma and her mother to visit Lowilla Flynn, who is my great-grandmother's sister.

As many of you know, Willy Flynn taught at Broadwater Elementary. I used to visit Willy at her home near the school, where my daughter, Savannah, now attends and is a middle schooler. I will continue Willy's legacy of love and service toward this community.

I graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in Political Science and masters level courses in Public Administration and Public Policy. I also have a master's degree in Theology and doctorate courses in Theology.

My work history includes organization and records management in law and most recently at the Secretary of State's Office on the Executive team, and a deputy for Secretary Jacobsen. We worked hard for the state of Montana. My work history in law and the Secretary of State's office has proven to be highly relevant to the duties of Clerk and Recorder.

I've served in the church for approximately 20 years, and I worked alongside the military community, especially military spouses of active duty soldiers, while their soldiers were deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq. I coached my son's high school basketball team and am now helping with my daughter's basketball and softball teams in Townsend.

Thank you for your consideration and vote to continue as your Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder. I am committed to continuing to serve you honestly and faithfully.

Angie Paulsen
Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder



CORY SWANSON FOR ATTORNEY

Lt. Col. Swanson remains deployed with the 1-163rd Combined Arms Battalion to the Central Command area of operations in the Middle East and Southwest Asia and is unavailable to provide an article at this time. Unless required otherwise by the National Guard, his anticipated nine-month tour of duty concludes on or about election day.



"If you don't want responsibility, don't sit in the big chair."
— Pat Summitt



Candidates 2022



JOSH PETERS FOR SHERIFF

My name is Josh Peters and I am running for your Broadwater County Sheriff. I was born in East Helena Mt in 1981. My parents moved to Townsend in 1991 where my grandparents, Jim and Jenny Roberts, had been living at the time. I attended Broadwater county schools from 4th



grade up until graduation in 2000. Over the years I have worked at Ry Timber out of high school, worked on the pipeline in Alaska moving fiber optics, and many years being an underground mechanic. Throughout all this, I have always considered Broadwater County my home. I am now a father of four, married and have two successful businesses in this county.

My main reason for running for sheriff is to bring a little business sense into the police station. I would like to see if the burden of this mill levy on the taxpayers is necessary. I want to bring back some honesty, and more of the "protect and serve" this county is needing. I am a true believer that Broadwater county's police station needs some new blood in the mix. I have seen firsthand some spending that made me ask questions. Down at DB Auto the police station brought in a cruiser and the complaint was the transmission slips at 150 mph. There was nothing wrong with the car, the mechanic told the officer we could try putting in a better transmission for around \$3500.00. Officer declined and said that they would just buy a new cruiser. I guess in this story my question is what would even be an emergency warranting an officer to have that car going that fast?

I could keep going on, but if anyone in the county has any questions they would like to be answered please feel free to contact me at (406)521-0513 and I'll answer any questions they may have.

I hope to have your vote.

Thanks,
Josh Peters



NICK RAUSER FOR SHERIFF

Dear Editor/Broadwater County Residents, it's been a few months since my last letter and I figured I'd better give an update on how the campaign has been going. I want to thank everyone for the continued support. It's been truly overwhelming. I have been focusing on the parades and talking to as many of you as possible these last couple months. It has been a busy summer trying to balance family, campaigning, enjoying the Montana summer, and of course work.



In June I was surprised with a gift. I want to give a small history lesson first. I reached out to the museum here earlier this year looking for information on my Great Grandfather. In 1934 my Great Grandfather, George Kieckbusch was hired as a Deputy in Broadwater County. In 1938 he was elected as the Sheriff. He served as the Sheriff until 1950. He then went on to work as a livestock detective and as a livestock inspector. His Grandson, Dave Kieckbusch was a cop also. He started in Dillon MT, and eventually ended up working for the Reno Sheriff's Office and the Police Department.

Going back to the gift I was given. Dave Kieckbusch met me and gave me a shadow box that has kept for a long time. It has pictures of my Great Grandfather George, his Broadwater County Sheriff Badge, an old sap that he carried, and a set of handcuffs from Dave. Currently, I have it proudly displayed in my office. I have included a picture of Dave and myself with the shadow box.

I have enjoyed going back and looking into the long history my family has had in Broadwater County. My Great Great Grandfather, Emil Kieckbusch came to Broadwater County in 1908. It makes me extremely proud to be able to serve the community that my Great

Grandfather also served. I hope to be elected as the next Broadwater County Sheriff and continue the family history in Broadwater County.

Once again thank you all for the support. If you would like to donate to the campaign you can send a check to Nick Rauser for Broadwater County Sheriff at 212 N. Oak, Townsend, MT 59644. You can email me at any time with questions at nickrauserforsheriff@gmail.com. You also can get updates on Nick Rauser for Broadwater County Sheriff, on Facebook.



JULIE DOOLING FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 70

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Education

I'm a 4th Generation Montanan, born and raised in the Flathead Valley. My employment background includes 15 years in the Title & Escrow Industry. I attained my securities licenses in 2002 and have been working in financial services ever since. Together with my husband Joe and son Tyler, we own/operate a cattle ranch and farm malt barley and alfalfa hay.

Occupation

Financial Professional/Para-Planner at Sullivan Financial Group and Co-Owner/Operator of Cedar Creek Land & Livestock, our family farm and ranch.

Relevant Experience

On January 7, 2019, I had the incredible honor of being sworn in as the Representative for House District 70, beginning my freshman term in the 66th Legislative Session. I have served 2 terms in the House State Administration, Transportation and Agriculture Committees. I am currently Vice-Chair of the Agriculture committee and serving on the State Administration and Veterans Affairs Interim committee.

Why Am I Running For This Office

I am running for my 3rd term because I want to continue the journey that began in 2019. I feel as if I have made a positive impact in representing the voters House District 70, no matter which political party you are aligned with. For 2 sessions we have passed balanced budgets that fully funded the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund, the Fire Fund and had a solid balance in the General Fund. Without those continued protective measures, our state would not been in the financially positive position to manage the Covid-19 crisis.

I also want to continue to be an Advocate for Agriculture and Natural Resource Development.

Agriculture is the lifeblood of Montana's economy and plays a critical role in the livelihoods of the people in House District 70 and much of rural Montana. I believe the person elected to represent this district should have vested interest in Agriculture.

What Do I Hope To Accomplish In This Office

This next session brings some unique challenges. At present, we have a \$2 Billion dollar surplus. We do not yet know what the economic outlook will be for the 3rd and 4th financial quarters. We need to be diligent and conservative with our attitudes and the State Checkbook and make sure expenditures, if any, are for the greater good and not creating programs that financially burden future generations.

We also need to address the issue of property taxes and affordable housing. Low-income and Seniors cannot be taxed out of their homes. I know there are many solutions being discussed and am confident we will make major changes that benefit those who need the assistance. Will it be magically resolved in one session? Most likely not, but I'll strive to work towards a long-term solution for the best interests of our taxpayers.

What Makes You Stand Out As A Candidate

I know what it takes to make a living in Montana, and I know that it isn't always easy to do — whether you're a single parent, operating a farm or ranch or running a business.

I continue to work full-time and owe so much appreciation to my very generous employer and co-workers who support my legislative endeavors. As a full-time employee, I work with clients, friends and family who have to live with the decisions and laws that we pass every other year. Trust me, if we make a mistake, I get to hear about it real quick! While it is not easy to balance full-time employment with legislative duties, I feel it gives me a unique outlook while in session.

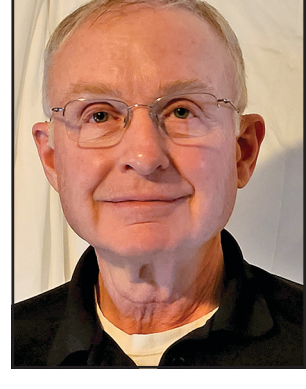
I'm proud of my accomplishments over the last 2 terms. I received the 2019 Medal of Merit from the MT Sheriff & Peace Officers Association, the 2-time Champion of Business from the Montana Chamber, 2-time Silver Windmill Award from Montana Farm Bureau Federation, and the 2019 Chairman's Special Recognition Award from the Helena Area Chamber of Commerce, along with other high recommendations from many other Trade Associations. I want to continue to be a resolute voice and advocate for Rural Montana, defending our Montana values.

I appreciate all the support I received over the last 2 terms. I've gained much knowledge but most importantly, the friendships and connections are truly invaluable! I hope I have earned your continued support and vote in November.



JONATHAN JACKSON FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 70

Jonathan (Jon) R. Jackson
Age: 68
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Education

Graduate of Harrison High School, Harrison, Montana
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education from Montana State University
Master of Science in Agricultural Education with a minor in Counseling from Montana State University
Master of Strategic Studies from United States Army War College

Occupation

Member Relations Specialist for Capital City Health Club in Helena, Montana

Relevant Experience

As a retired member of the United States Army and the Montana Army National Guard with over 39 years of military service, and as an experienced classroom teacher, I have the education, training and experience needed to perform the duties of a Representative. My experience being raised on a ranch, and my current involvement, provides me with insight into the challenges faced by those in production agriculture.

Why are you running for this office?

I want to ensure all residents of House District 70, and the State of Montana, are heard and that their concerns are understood, regardless of Political Party.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

My primary objective is to be the voice of those wanting to be heard - those individuals, who for reasons beyond their control find themselves not being heard and their concerns not being understood.

My primary legislative objectives are (1) education from Pre-K to Graduation, (2) agriculture—the lifeblood of Montana, and (3) sound fiscal responsibility.

What makes you stand out as a candidate?

I am a fourth-generation Montanan whose roots go deep into Montana's soil. I was raised on a ranch outside of Harrison, Montana, and my degree in Agricultural Education, means I know the importance of education and agriculture in Montana. I have leadership and communication skills that I developed as a member of both the United States Army and the Montana Army National Guard. My wife Pam and I have been married for 47 years and we have three children and 10 grandchildren. Our two sons are members of the Montana Army National Guard and are currently deployed to Kuwait.

Candidates 2022

MONTANA



BILL D'ALTON FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SEAT 1

Age: 59

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Campaign Web Address: www.billformontanasupremecourt.com



Education

(1986) University of Montana - Bachelor's Degree in History, (1990) University of Montana Master's Degree in History, (1995) Juris Doctorate, University of Montana School of Law

Occupation

Attorney

Relevant Experience

Over my twenty-seven years of practicing law in Montana, I have represented ranchers, farmers, workers, employers, veterans, and small-business owners. I am an experienced trial attorney. I have represented clients before juries in state and federal courts. I have appeared before the Montana Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Why are you running for office?

First and foremost, I pledge to Montanans I will preserve and protect their rights under the Montana Constitution. Unfortunately, a fair number of Montanans believe their judicial system is not open and transparent as it should be. I will work to correct that image. I believe the people of Montana have a right to know how public officials conduct the people's business. Article II, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution mandates the public has the right to examine documents or to observe the deliberations of public bodies, including the judiciary, except when the needs of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

My civil practice and litigation experience have given me an understanding of how the justice system can be improved, and I will press for those improvements if elected.

I will work with Montanans to make the judiciary more open and accessible to Montanans. Montana is growing and its judiciary is tested by the increasing volume of cases before it. My goal is to help make the judicial system more efficient and more responsive to the needs of Montanans.

What makes you stand out as a candidate?

If elected, I will serve one term. The pressure of running for re-election and raising money is not conducive to preserving and protecting the rights of Montanans. I believe my one-term commitment will allow me to remain an independent jurist. I will not accept any money from potential donors. I believe judges and justices should not only be fair and independent but also maintain that image.

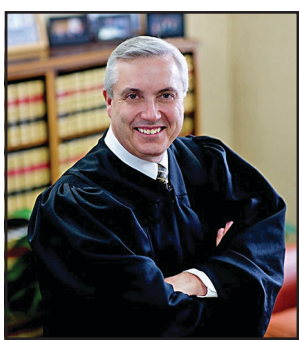
MONTANA



JIM RICE FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SEAT 1

Thank you for this opportunity to discuss my candidacy for reelection to the Montana Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court plays a critical role in our constitutional system of government, resolving



disputes, reviewing criminal convictions, protecting the rights of the citizen, and interpreting our laws and Constitution. The Supreme Court serves our State well, and numerous public surveys have rated the Court highly. For over 20 years, I have worked diligently on the Court to provide a fair and unbiased application of legal principle that our citizens can respect and support, and I am running to continue this work.

We live in uncertain times, and have recently witnessed in our country occasions of civic disruption, resistance to the rule of law, attempts to undermine our institutions, and abrupt policy changes or expansions of government into the life of the citizen. In such times, the Court can help provide stability and predictability for society by the careful resolution of legal disputes in accordance with foundational principles—adhering to precedent, not legislating from the bench or making public policy decisions, and giving proper deference to the Executive and Legislative branches of government except when their actions are clearly unconstitutional. The Court's most important duty is to ensure that constitutional rights are protected, and it is unquestionably the exclusive role of the Supreme Court to determine the constitutionality of actions taken by the other branches.

Notably, the Court has no police force or army to enforce this power. Rather, support for the Court's constitutional authority is drawn directly from the citizenry, whose respect and confidence in the Court must be earned by the Court's impartiality and diligence. We are fortunate that Montanans elect judges on nonpartisan ballots. Although the Montana Constitution does not require that our judicial elections be nonpartisan, I believe we must endeavor to keep that, and to keep politics out of the courts. Judicial decisions should be based upon an impartial application of the law, and nothing else—political platforms and influence should have no part. Public confidence in the judiciary depends upon an assurance that decisions will be made based upon the law, without bias or improper influence. A major daily newspaper wrote, about one of the decisions I authored for the Court, that "Jim Rice's closely-reasoned, 34-page opinion, is a model of letting the law, and not ideology, determine the outcome of the case."

I practiced law in a private practice for 20 years and have been privileged to publicly serve Montanans for over 30 years, first as a legislator, then as executive branch official, and now as a Supreme Court justice. In addition to extensive experience and understanding of our system of government, I offer a proven record of impartiality, fairness, and adherence to principle, have received support from Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, and have been a leading voice in opposition to efforts to undermine the Court and the rule of law.

Biography

Married to Norine Nelson of Hinsdale, Montana. Jim and Norine have three children and ten grandchildren.

Age: 64

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Education: Glasgow High School, 1975

Montana State University-Bozeman (B.A., Pol. Sci.),

1979 University of Montana School of Law, 1982

Internships: Missoula City Attorney and Lewis and Clark County Attorney.

Relevant experience

Private law practice, 1982–2001

Montana State Representative, 1989–1995

Chair, Montana Board of Personnel Appeals, 1995–2000

Montana Supreme Court Justice, 2001–current.

MONTANA



JAMES BROWN FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SEAT 2

An article for Mr. Brown was unavailable at press time.



MONTANA



INGRID GUSTAFSON FOR SUPREME COURT SEAT 2

Education

B.S. Bus, Montana State University; J.D. Law, University of Montana

Occupation

Justice, Montana Supreme Court (MTSC)

Relevant Experience

After graduating from the University of Montana School of Law in 1988, I practiced law for 16 years, representing hard-working Montana citizens who needed my help. This work made me acutely aware how difficult it is for the average Montanan to cope with our legal system, whether facing the challenges experienced in one's business or occupation, as a person injured through the fault or another, as a victim of crime, as one accused of crime, or as someone facing a divorce or challenging family issue. These are lessons I have never forgotten.

In 2004, Republican Governor Judy Martz appointed me district court judge in Yellowstone County, the largest and busiest district court in the State. Over a thousand cases came before me each year, deepening my perspective on how the judiciary can meet the needs of everyday Montanans who need the assistance of our courts. In 2011, I started the county's first felony drug treatment court and also began operating a child abuse and neglect pilot court to successfully reunify families and when that was not possible, to secure permanency and security for affected children sooner.

In 2017, I was honored to be appointed to the Montana Supreme Court, after being selected as a finalist by an independent panel of Montana citizens, lawyers, and judges. Over the past five years, I have participated in nearly 1,100 Montana Supreme Court opinions. During my judicial career, I have accepted many added responsibilities, serving as President of the Montana Judges Association, as a Commissioner on the Montana Commission on Sentencing, a legislatively created commission formed to conduct a comprehensive analysis of Montana's criminal justice system; a member of the National Center for State Courts Evidence Based Sentencing Judicial Peer Group; Montana's Pre-Trial Advisory Committee; the 21st Century Child and Family Well-Being Appellate Collaborative; the Judicial, Court, and Attorney Measures of Performance workgroup; the Court Assessment Program; and the State Bar's Fee Arbitration and Bench-Bar Committees.

I have handled nearly 15,000 cases as a district court judge and another nearly 1,100 cases as a Montana Supreme Court Justice. During my time on the Montana Supreme Court, satisfaction surveys have shown the Court to have a 90% overall confidence rating with 95% of respondents indicating the Court completes its overall work in a timely manner.

Why are you running for this office?

Montanans learned long ago, during the time of the Copper Kings, what it meant to have a judiciary bought and controlled by partisan politicians. Montanans know they deserve an impartial, independent, non-partisan judiciary. A fair and independent judiciary is a cornerstone to preserving our democracy. To provide justice for everyone, maintain our rule of law, and assure our three branches of government work as our Constitution provides, judges must be able to act free of the pressures of partisan politics, special-interest groups, and the other branches of government. I understand the gravity of judicial decisions, the significant impact those decisions have on the individuals involved, and the necessity of the courts operating independent of our partisan politics.

I take very seriously the responsibility and trust voters placed in me and fully understand the Montana Supreme Court's responsibility to provide clear, consistent guidance to trial courts, attorneys, and Montanans. I will continue to work hard, study the law, and strive to make impartial, well-reasoned decisions, and maintain the high professional standards of the Court.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

I intend to continue to engage in the hard work and thoughtful consideration required of each case that

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TOWNSEND CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH NOISE ORDINANCE

Nancy Marks

A city noise ordinance is in the works. The first draft of a plan, developed by City Attorney Peter Simon, came before City Council Members at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 6. According to Simon, the ordinance will cover specific rules about the use of loud speakers, boom boxes and heavy construction equipment at any time of the day. Quiet hours between 10 pm and 6 am will be enforced as well. There will be exemptions for emergency vehicles and athletic events.

The Council discussed penalties for breaking the ordinance up to \$500 and 6 months in jail, which is the statutory penalty. It was also discussed if the city compliance officer Eric Crusch would be tasked with enforcement of the ordinance.

Attorney Simon is also working on a solicitor license ordinance. He will have those ordinances ready for the September 19 meeting.

Laura Obert, Fall Fest representative, asked the council members to finalize the request for Pine Street and B Street closure during Fall Fest beginning Friday, September 30–Sunday, October 02. Obert also requested that the council members put a business license moratorium on out-of-town businesses attempting to take advantage of the Fall Fest event. The moratorium would run from September 23–October 02. Exemptions to limited business licenses would include all local businesses and nonprofits, and events such as Crazy Days in Townsend. Council members voted to institute the moratorium.

Townsend Public Works Supervisor Tim Rauser reported on city water usage this summer in town. He reported the usage is way down and thought the reason was because more homeowners had installed sprinkler systems that take less water than individual hoses for their lawns. Council Member Angie Wintrow questioned Rauser whether the lower usage could be due to the County not using the water hydrant near their shop on Cedar St. The city had issued a bill for the water on May 06 of this year. Broadwater County Commissioners, after discussion with City Council members, decided to stop using the hydrant for county water trucks.



Thank You

The family of Ryan Hamilton would like to send out a huge thank you. We are so grateful to everyone that came over to Twin Bridges on September 3. Each and every one of you helped give Ryan the send-off he deserved. It was great hearing all the stories and meeting new people. Thank you guys for bringing all the yummy food to go with the meat.

Thank you guys again.

Always loved,
Nickie Wells

TOWNSEND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Evans called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Christina Hartmann, Angie Wintrow, Vickie Rauser and Matt West. Ken Urich and Nate Brown were absent. Others present were Clerk, Coleen Ward, Public Works Supervisor, Tim Rauser, Attorney, Peter Simon, Fire Chief, Ed Shindoll, Jessica Crusch, Nancy Marks, Laura Obert and Debbie Blagg.

PLEDGE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING FY23 BUDGET: Mayor Evans asked if the public present had any comments; there were none. Vickie Rauser asked the City Council if they had any concerns or comments on the current budget; none were made. Mayor Evans closed the Budget Hearing and opened the City Council Meeting.

FY23 BUDGET ADOPTION: Vickie Rauser moved to approve Resolution 2022-R06, approving the FY23 Budget. Angie Wintrow seconded. The motion carried with all council members present voting in favor.

MINUTES: Matt West had a few clarification corrections to the Minutes of August 16, 2022. Vickie Rauser moved to approve the Minutes of August 16, 2022, as corrected. Christina Hartmann seconded. The motion carried with all council members present voting in favor.

GUESTS and CORRESPONDANCE: Mayor Evans passed around a newsletter from the Chamber of Commerce to the City Council. Guests present were just observing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Noise Ordinance - Peter Simon distributed a Draft Noise Ordinance for the Council to read. Discussion ensued. Council members will review the Draft and get back to Peter with proposed changes.

Solicitor Committee: The committee will meet again on September 8, 2022, before making a recommendation to the City Council.

Pool Employee Manual: Peter Simon will contact the committee and schedule a meeting.

City Clerk Hiring Committee: Matt West asked if he could be on the committee, there are already 3 council members on the committee, and another would be considered a quorum. Christina Hartmann asked Peter to bring the application envelopes to City Hall at 4:00, Monday, September 19, 2022. Also, if he could date stamp when they were received. He replied yes, however, none have been received.

NEW BUSINESS: Boundary Relocation – Clerk Ward will contact Jeremy Fadness for the next agenda.

Fall Fest Request: Laura Obert, with the Townsend Rotary, has two requests before the City Council. First, the Rotary is asking for a moratorium from selling solicitor licenses during the week of Fall Fest, from September 23 through October 2, 2022. Christina Hartmann moved to approve the request, Matt West seconded, the motion carried with all council members voting in favor.

Second is a request to close on Sunday, October 2, 2022, for the Car Show. Also, S. Pine Street from Broadway to C Street and the alley between Front and S. Pine through S. Spruce Streets for Friday through Sunday, September 30 through October 2, 2022. Christina Hartmann moved to approve the Street Closures for the Fall Fest; Vickie

Rauser seconded the motion carried with all council members present voting in favor.

CLAIMS: After questions were answered, Christina Hartmann moved to approve the claims, Vickie Rauser seconded, the motion carried with all council members voting in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ROUNDTABLE: Matt West inquired about allowing the Pallets next to City Hall, City Compliance Officer determined this to not be a violation of the City Code. Matt then noted streetlights out on 2nd and 3rd streets, Mayor Evans will notify NorthWestern Energy.

Tim Rauser, Public Works Supervisor informed the council that the water usage is way down this year, we have not had to initiate the odd and even watering days as in the past. Some reasons might be more people have installed underground sprinklers and watering at night. Angie asked if he thought since the county quit using water from the hydrant if that could be a contributing factor; yes, that would show an impact on the water usage.

Jessica Crusch informed the council that she has been investigating the donation button on the website, it is going to take a bit longer than she thought and wanted to make sure the council was going to allow her an additional 8 hours. No action could be taken at this time, Clerk Ward will get this on the next agenda.

Angie Wintrow said when she was reviewing the Revenue figures there was only \$700 under donations recorded for the Swimming Pool. Clerk Ward said she was confused when the article came out in the paper stating the Rotary and St. Peters Clinic had donated to the City for Lifeguard Training. She reviewed all entries looking for the \$2,000 to make sure she was not missing something. The only donation received was from the Lions Club for \$700. She has been told by two Rotarians that the donations are in the process, but to date, she has not seen them.

ADJOURN: Angie Wintrow moved to adjourn. Vickie Rauser seconded. The motion carried with all council members present voting in favor.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:30 PM

- CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE
- MINUTES: Minutes of September 6, 2022
- GUESTS and CORRESPONDANCE
 - Chris Daly – Urban Forestry City of Helena (Award for Pat Plantenberg)
 - Sara Baker
 - Jessica Crusch – WEB Donation Button
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - Sewer Ordinance
 - Water Storage
 - Noise Ordinance
 - Law Enforcement Committee
 - Solicitor Committee
 - Pool Employee Manual
 - City Clerk Hiring Committee
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Boundary Relocation
 - Agreements Coming Up for Renewal
 - Montana Internet – Look at 01/2023
 - Blackfoot – Look at 01/2023
 - Joe Nelson AG Lease – Look at 01/2023
 - Airport – Look at 01/2023
 - Judge – Look at 01/2023
 - Law Enforcement – Look at 01/2023
 - Weed Management – Look at 01/2023
- ADJOURN



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TOWNSEND ROTARY FALL FEST

2022 FALL FEST

AUTUMN/HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

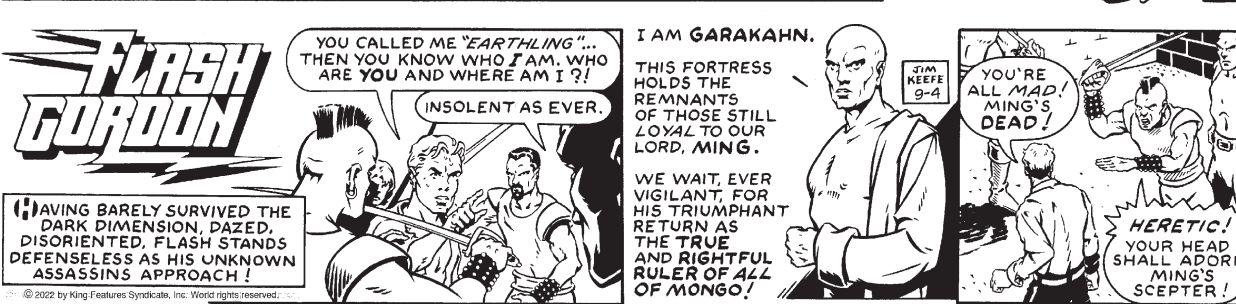
Townsend Rotary is sponsoring a Townsend Fall Fest Business Decorating Contest: a special committee will do the judging and determine First Place (\$100.00), Second Place (\$75.00) and Third place (\$50.00) winners.

The cutoff date for entering the event is September 23rd. The winners will be announced in MT 43 News on September 30th.

Call Ross Johnson at (406) 465-7040 to enter.

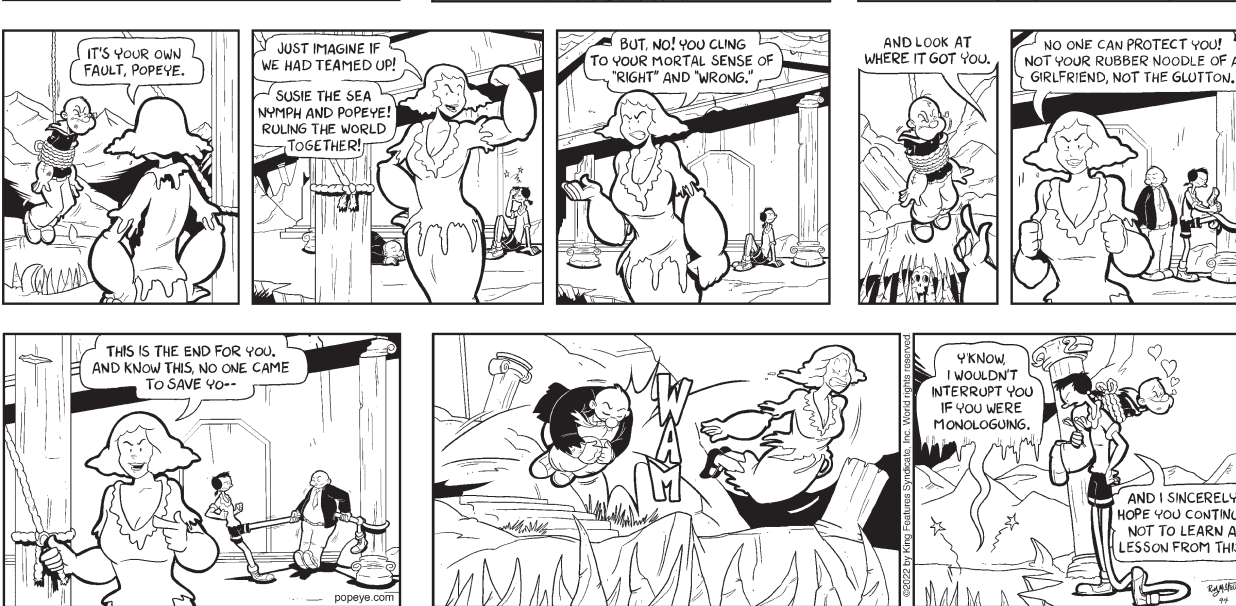
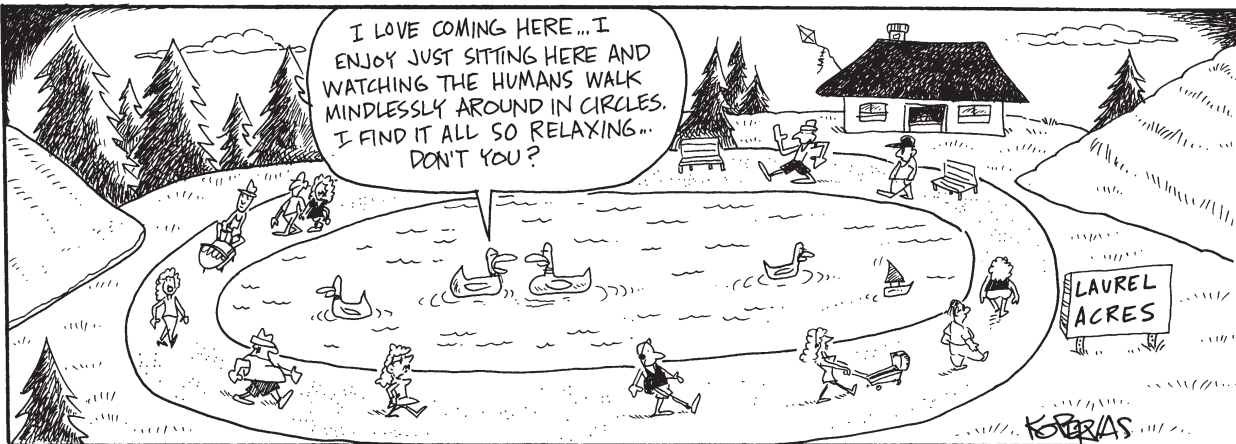
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



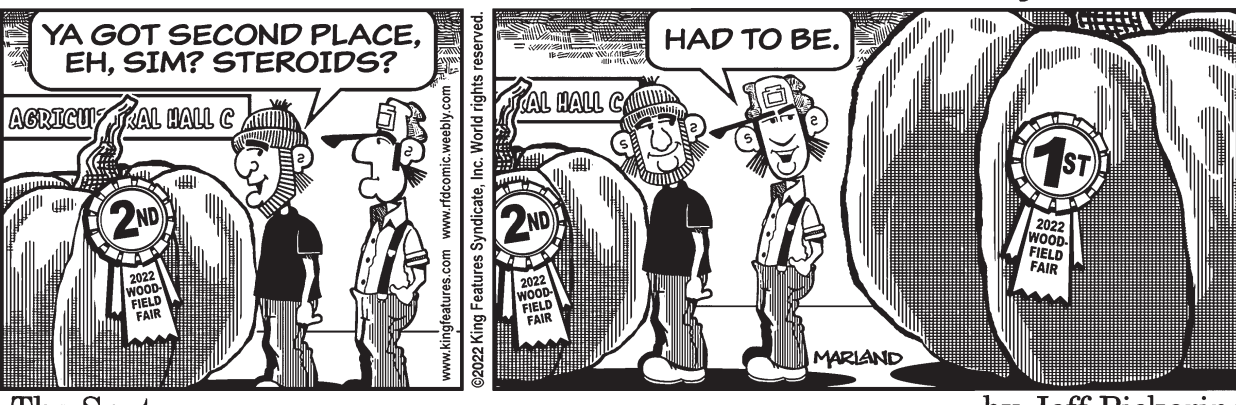
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by Gary Kopervas



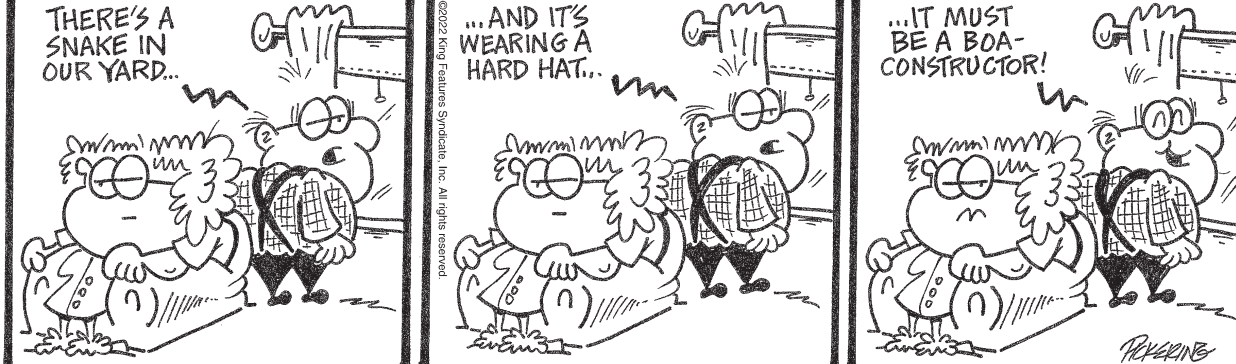
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by Mike Marland

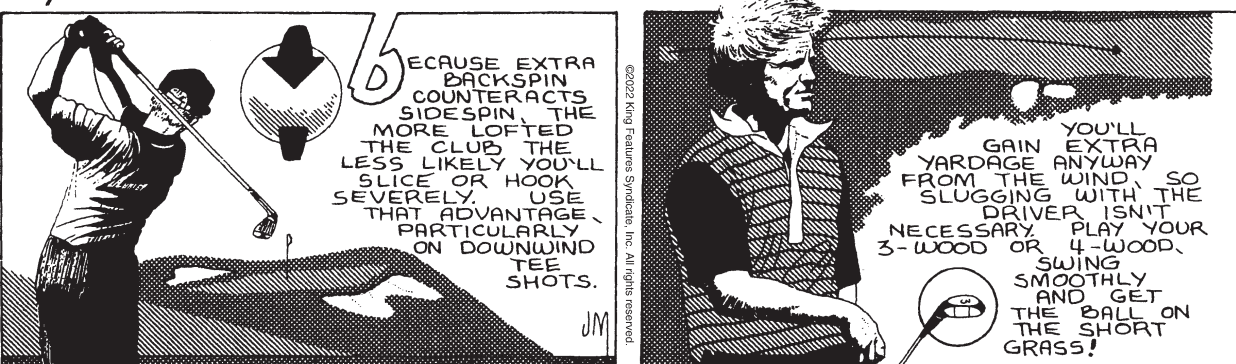


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by Jeff Pickering

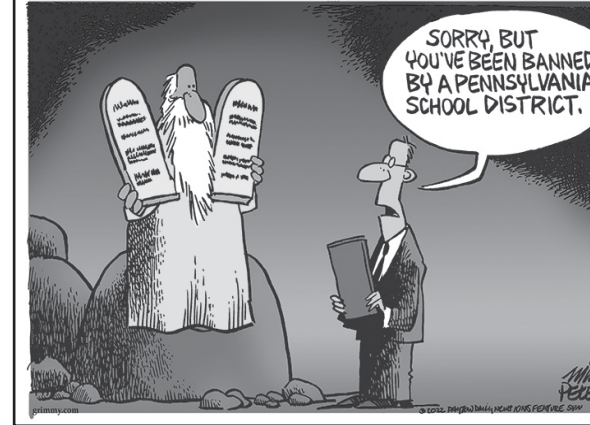


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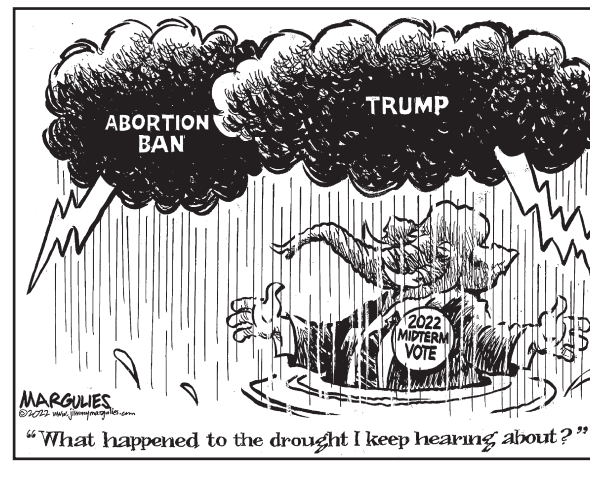


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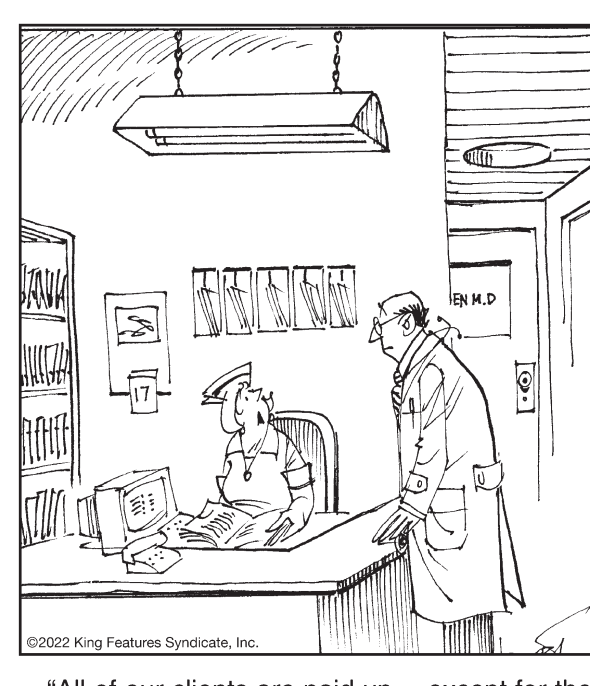
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LAFF-A-DAY





BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

UNOFFICIAL AGENDA FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

NOTICE: There will be no meeting on September 26, 2022. All commissioners will be at a MACO conference the week of September 25th. The next scheduled commission meeting will be October 3, 2022

Meetings may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com/home/pages/board-videos>. Public comment is taken either in writing in advance of the meeting or in person at the meeting. Public comment is not taken by the website.

Working meetings are held in various locations, please review the notice of the working meeting to determine the location. Working meetings are not recorded and as a result are not available on the website.

Agenda, documents, official meeting minutes and videos of past Commission meetings are available at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com>.

Official agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1st floor bulletin board), [Broadwatercountymt.com](https://www.broadwatercountymt.com) and in the window of the Flynn Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The public comment period (items not on the agenda) will be at the beginning of the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change.

10:00 AM Discussion: Intent to proceed with the issuance of revenue bonds pursuant to Title 90 Chapter 5 Part 1 MCA on behalf of Montana Opticom, a Montana LLC, for the purpose of expanding its fiber optic network and calling a hearing on the public interest to be promoted via the project.

10:20 AM Discussion and Decision: Melissa Franks, Superintendent of Schools, Townend School District #1 Budget Report FY 2023 and Trustee Summary.

10:30 AM Discussion and Decision: Nichole Brown, Community Planning and Development Director, Carlson Boundary Relocation.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

9:00 AM–11:00AM Commission working meeting, RID (Rural Improvement District), Road Improvements

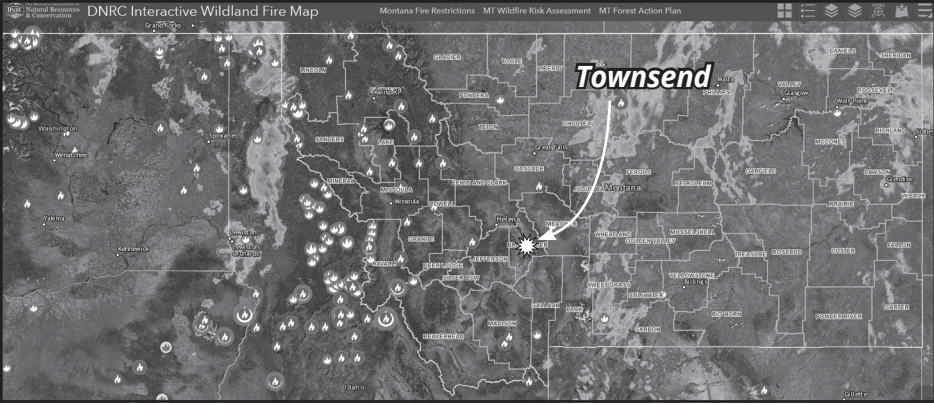
- Items for Discussion, Action, Review or Signature:*
- Certificate of Survey review
 - Management – on-going advisory board appointments
 - Claims/Payroll/minutes
 - County Audit / Budget
 - Mail – ongoing grants
 - Correspondence – support letters

Darrel Folkvord/Chairperson
(406) 266-9272 and (406) 980-1213

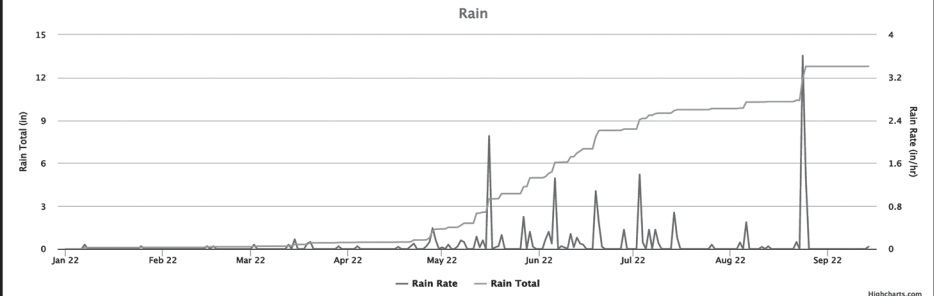
Debi Randolph
(406) 266-9270 and (406) 980-2050

Mike Delger
(406) 266-9271 and (406) 521-0834

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Fri 9/16	Sat 9/17	Sun 9/18	Mon 9/19	Tue 9/20
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COMMUNITY

Chelsea Rauser

There's something to be said about "community." The people that show up for you, encourage you and show their endless support. There's something so special about a community that comes together to ask questions, to tell stories and to share their family trees to draw connections between the land. A community that celebrates the culture and inspires others to continue traditions made long ago. For a story of a cosmos that someone's mother once grew, connecting perfect strangers or a friend of a distant relative to stand in awe of a garden on display.

There's something to be said about "community." Those who come together as strangers and leave as friends. Community is someone you just met, willing to share a favorite book just because it reminds them of you. Community is thousands of acres of ranch land, fields, and generational ranches. Community is those who watch out for each other, who lend a hand and call you neighbor. When everyone is a friend and no one stands alone. Where we respect those who built our town, our lands, and everything we have learned to stand for. Where pride takes a backseat to a helping hand.

There's something to be said about "community." Where we gather in honor of shared beliefs and celebrate the little things. Where we lift each other up and have only the good things to say. Where a garden brings people together, and where a town makes us like family. There is strength in our numbers, no safer place to be than home. Where roots run deep and those who leave, never leave for long.

There's something to be said about "community." We are a community of family and friends, where compassion is never ending and where kindness is ever on display.

We are a community of growers. A community of makers, do-it-yourselfers, and self-sustainers. We strive to keep it authentic and to continue traditions passed down from generations before. Where tomatoes grow like jungles and zucchini might as well be our state vegetable.

I am in awe of the culture of this community. I am inspired by the compassion, the heart, and the generosity of our neighbors.

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." – Helen Keller.

Farm & Table is a homestead, flower farm, and market in the heart of Broadwater County. We strive to honor the culture of our lands and spread its beauty, inspiring in others a desire to grow and harvest.

Farm & Table is hosting an Autumn Community Harvest Dinner, with fresh locally grown produce from growers in our community as well as locally raised beef and lamb. Everything cooked will be locally sourced, from the eggs, to the wheat, the vegetables and the beef. Our carefully crafted menu will consist of hors d'oeuvres, a main course, and dessert around a firepit. Gather with us at the farm as we wine and dine on the splendors of our community growers.

This is our way to give back to the culture that defines us, the community that supports us, and the friends that feel like family.

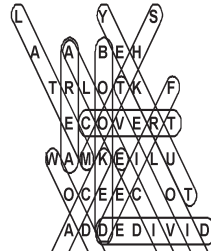
Visit www.montanafarmandtable.com for more information, tickets, and more!

We sincerely look forward to serving you.

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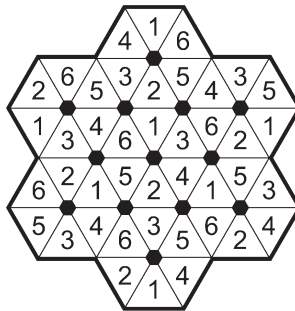
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Sometimes building a newspaper is like making soup from scratch. You start out with a clear picture in your head of what that soup will be, but learn as you go that making soup is its own challenge that requires adjustment and modification during the process. In the end, you have a delicious-tasting soup! But it might not have been what you imagined in the beginning.

MT 43 News has been a wonderful challenge. The paper is growing and while we've had to make a few adjustments along the way, the newspaper is becoming something amazing! Today's paper is no exception. Our decision to have an annual, free, county-wide edition (meaning that a one-year subscription is 53 weeks long! We'll adjust everyone's existing subscriptions.) provides our local, state, and federal political candidates a chance to introduce themselves to every member of the Broadwater County family—and a few more beyond! In only a few instances of U.S. history has the importance of voting been more critical than it is right now and we're proud to take part in that process.

But the annual change of county, state, and federal leadership is not the only change we're experiencing. It is with nearly overwhelming regret that my own time serving as President of MT 43 News, Inc. Board of Directors and the pro tempore Editor in Chief must come to an end. My experience serving my neighbors and friends in Broadwater County has, itself, been amazing. Newspapers (not unlike hardware stores!) get into your blood and soul. But my service came with a price—I was working the equivalent of two and a half full-time jobs, impacting the quality of all and my family. It's been an honor to participate in the birth of a new newspaper, one that I feel confident will continue for many, many years to come.

It is my pleasure to announce that I will be replaced on the Board by Jeff Ross, who will serve as President pro tempore until the Board can fully reorganize itself. If you have interest in the power of the written word and the good it can do for our Broadwater family, I encourage you to submit your name for consideration as a Board member to our administrator, Sarah Tallwhiteman (sarah@MT43News.com or 266-0086).

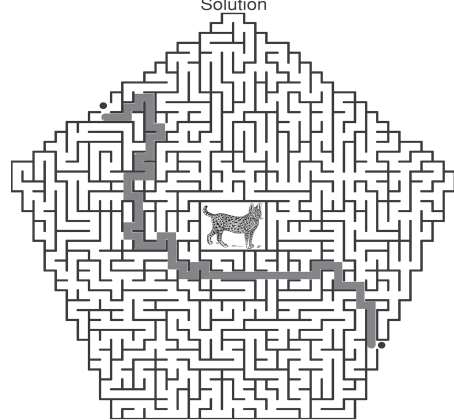
I am also greatly relieved that my duties as Editor in Chief pro tempore will be carried by Laura Cater-Woods, a talented editor and insightful person who I believe will carry the paper to its next milepost. We are still looking for a permanent Editor in Chief, a paid full-time position with the company. If you have that interest, please contact Sarah.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to the MT 43 News team: Board members and dedicated supporters Nancy Marks, Rachael Elliott-Brug, Vic Sample, and Jeff Ross, who suffered the bulk of my volatile personality during this time; our office administrator Sarah Tallwhiteman who has navigated the murky waters of a start-up very well; and our regular contributors including Dee Gannon, Ellie West, Angie Janacaro and Alison Kosto, without whom the paper would have sizable blank spaces. Thank you!

And above all, let me thank you, our readers, for giving us this chance to bring education, inspiration and entertainment into your lives. Your subscription and advertising support is what allow this modern version of the market-square post to thrive. And if you ever have anything to say or a tip for us to know, let me direct you to our masthead on page 2 where you will learn everything you need to know.

Thank you!
JB Howick

Mega Maze



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comes before the Court. I intend to remain consistent in upholding Montana's Constitution and impartially applying the facts of each case to the law. I also intend to continue to engage in the work I have done over the past two decades to improve the lives of children and families.

What makes you stand out as a candidate?

Over the course of my career, I have demonstrated a commitment to the judiciary and the role of the judiciary in our communities. I have evenly applied the law to the facts of each case for nearly 20 years, and devoted substantial time to other efforts to improve the operations of the courts to better meet the needs of our citizens. I have considerable judicial experience and am the only candidate to have actually done the job.



GARY BUCHANAN FOR U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2

Friends and residents of Broadwater County – I'm Gary Buchanan and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to let you know that there is a true Independent choice when you cast your vote for Montana's 2nd Congressional District in the upcoming November election. I am running for Congress because I am tired of the partisan extremism and the childlike bickering in our nation's capital. Montanans are paying the price for Washington's broken politics– in the housing market, at the gas pump, and in the grocery store checkout line. Someone needs to stand up to the two-party machine and politicians that talk and talk but never act.



I am a proud Independent and have spent my entire adult life working with both Republican and Democrat administrations to solve numerous issues and improve the lives of Montanans across this state. As a grandfather, father, and husband, my commitment to public service is personal. My service has led to executive leadership roles including the first Director of the Montana Department of Commerce, Chair of the Montana Board of Crime Control, Chair of the Montana Board of Investments, Chair of the Montana Banking Board, and Chair of the Nature Conservancy. In the private sector, I founded Buchanan Capital and still serve as CEO and a trusted financial advisor to Montana families.

In Congress, my priorities will be:

- Attack rampant inflation by focusing on reducing debt and wasteful spending.
- Work to achieve lower costs for Montana consumers by reducing our dependence on foreign oil imports and continuing our path to energy independence.
- Advocate for Montana's 90,000 veterans to ensure they receive their hard-earned benefits.
- Oppose any attempt to infringe upon the absolute right to privacy enshrined in the Montana Constitution, including a woman's right to make her own medical decisions.
- Support investment in a world class public education system.
- Safeguard public lands by opposing any transfer of federal lands to state or private ownership.

I'm not beholden to party bosses, and you have my word that I will work with anybody to break the gridlock, make progress, and build a better future for Montanans in Broadwater County and the 2nd Congressional District.

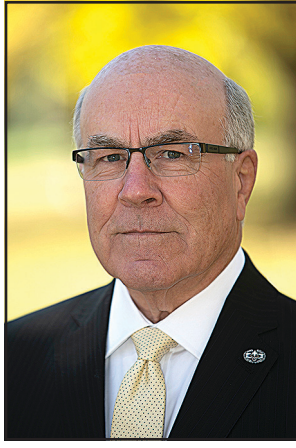
I respectfully ask for your support and vote.

Best regards,
Gary Buchanan



SAM RANKIN FOR U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2

- Born in Billings, 77 years old
- B.A. Eastern Montana College, 1968
- Peace Corps, India 44-A, 1967 (came back early due to sickness)
- Combat Medic, US Army, Vietnam, 1970
- Married for 40 years with adult children
- Montana licensed real estate broker since 1973
- Law Degree from University of North Dakota, 2018
- Montana licensed attorney since 2019
- Married with adult children



I am running because Congress is broken due to corporations, PACs, and lobbyists directing policy decisions by giving politicians large amounts of money. Politicians are not listening to the will of the people. It is why we are all disgusted with Congress! Only someone like me who declines their money and endorsements is able to vote against programs on both the left and right. How can hyper-ego-driven people in Congress not agree on more issues? Because of money! They do not listen to the voters because with enough money they can deceive and deflect from what they are not doing in Congress and still get elected. Think negative ads. So, why should they change? If voters want change, they need to elect someone who does not think money is the end all and be all but who walks the walk, like me.

There are other important issues involving women's rights, small business startups in rural areas, and the environment, to name a few. If you agree with me so far, you can learn more about the other issues by visiting my website: www.rankinforcongress.com
Sincerely, Sam



PENNY RONNING FOR U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2

- Age: 59
- Campaign Address: Penny Ronning for U.S. Congress, PO Box 22445, Billings, MT 59104
- Contact info: campaign@pennyronning.com, (406) 579-9778



Education

- Billings Public Schools
- Billings West High School
- Montana State University. Bachelor of Arts in Film
- University of Mary. MBA

Occupation

Photographer, Nonprofit Co-founder, Community Organizer

Relevant Experience

I have created and led organizations to build economies, provide for the homeless, promote the arts, and conserve our country's wilderness. I put my degree in film to work as a photographer and filmmaker, and my degree in business to work as a business owner and policy maker. As an advocate for victims of human trafficking, I co-founded the largest human trafficking task force in Montana, secured state and municipal funding for increased law enforcement, and co-authored state and municipal legislation to strengthen laws against sexual exploitation and violence. In 2020, I was the lone Montanan invited to attend the White House Summit on Human Trafficking.

As an elected member Billings city council, I led on issues of public safety, economic development, energy

cost savings and conservation, infrastructure, mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness. I worked with Senator Steve Daines to bring home Montanans stranded in eastern Europe at the onset of the pandemic. I sat with Senator Jon Tester on a panel giving voice to issues impacting our tribal nations, and I've worked with the Gianforte Foundation on the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. Working across the aisle to achieve results is what I do.

Why are you running for this office?

Coming from a working-class family, I understand the principles and value of hard work. I landed my first job when I was eight, picking up trash for a quarter from the asphalt parking lot of my dad's restaurant, The Happy Diner, in Billings. Millionaires have done a poor job of representing Montanans in Congress. Millionaires do not live like 99% of the rest of America. It's time for Montanans to be represented by someone who cares about hard-working families.

I'm the daughter of a Republican dad and a Democrat mom who dedicated her life to federal service, working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, FBI, and the military. I've seen government work in a way nothing else can, and I've seen it fail, harming the people it's supposed to serve. That's why I hold tight to this guiding principle: "People Over Politics." It's a basic moral code, something too many have forgotten when we talk about politics. I'm not a politician. I'm a proven solution maker who believes that solutions can be found when the right people are at the table. This is the ethic that needs to be restored to Montana's representation and to bring economic growth back to our state and country. Hard working Montanans deserve representation that will fight for their benefit versus personal or political gain.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

- Put the economy to work for all Montanans
- Protect, strengthen, and build up our family farms and ranches
- Build our economy by investing in the American worker and American productivity
- Ensure housing availability and affordability for Montana families
- Make healthcare and childcare more accessible and affordable
- Establish and ensure our country's energy independence
- Protect female reproductive rights
- Restore dignity and respect to Montana's representation in the U.S. House of Representatives

What makes you stand out as a candidate?

I am the only candidate who has worked to successfully pass legislation at the municipal, state, and federal level. It's time to send someone to Congress who knows how to work for our cities and will work just as fervently for our rural communities. Good government is about working WITH people FOR the benefit of many.

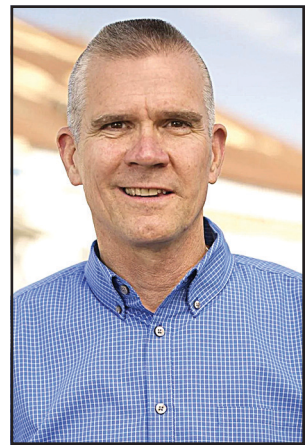
The Constitution says it best: elected officials must come to the table of common ground to "form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for all." Working folks deserve government working as hard to benefit them as some elected officials have worked to benefit the extremely wealthy.

Politics has become a boxing ring in which politicians do nothing but throw jabs at each other. This will never create solutions to real problems and real needs being felt by too many Americans. We need people in Congress with proven track records of working successfully with both parties to create policies that benefit the American people. We can't wait any longer to put people over politics and personal profit.



MATT ROSENDALE FOR U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2

An article for Mr. Rosendale was unavailable at press time.



BULLDOGS TAKE NAMES

Eliza McLaughlin
MT 43 News



Three weeks into the Fall sports season, the Broadwater Bulldogs have certainly made a name for themselves and taken others' along the way.

Volleyball

The Lady Bulldogs nearly swept the Jefferson High Panthers during the teams' showdown on Sept. 8.

As the first to take the court, the C-team started off running with a 25-11 win in the first set. Despite losing the second set 17-25, the team regained its momentum with a third set win of 15-12. Eager to claim the match, the Bulldogs ran away with the fourth set, finishing with a score of 15-5.

The junior varsity team entered their match with the Panthers fired up and eager to continue the winning streak. Overpowered by the Panthers, the Bulldogs dropped three consecutive sets, losing the match 11-25, 17-25 and 10-15.

Following the junior varsity team's loss, the varsity Lady Panthers took to the court backed by the vim of a makeshift student section composed of the C-team and JV players.

In the first set, the Bulldogs and the Panthers battled with each other neck-in-neck. Led by senior Trinity Wilson, the Bulldogs claimed the first set 25-19. Without missing a single step – or point, it would seem – the Bulldogs then secured the second set 25-8.

Although the Panthers scratched back in the third set, the Bulldogs earned their win with a third set score of 25-16.

"It was nice to finally win in this gym, we haven't won in three years," Bulldogs Head Coach Megan Bleile told MT 43 News. "They are a big rival of ours so it was good to come out at the beginning of the season and be able to win."

By the end of the match, Wilson led her team in both offense and defense with four aces, 16 kills, 20 digs and four blocks. Junior Emily Bird set nearly every one of the Bulldog's kills, earning 27 assists throughout the evening.

"We've got good leaders out there, ... they're mentally strong and they're all playing really well together," Bleile said.

Senior Alleigh Burdick was second in defense with 16 digs, two assists, and two aces. Junior Havyn Vandenacre followed closely behind with 10 digs and was the second most successful player in terms of offense with six kills and one ace.

In addition to her setting duties, Bird earned four kills, eight digs and one block.

Junior Reese Wolfgram excelled at the net with three kills and one block. Sophomore Cassidy Flynn helped fend off the Panthers with five digs, two blocks and one kill.

Junior Luci Horne earned one ace and six digs, followed by Senior Sienna Everett with one kill and one dig.

Football

The Broadwater Bulldogs took on the Three Forks Wolves for an all out dog fight on Friday, September 9. After a 2.5-hour-long brawl, the Bulldogs came out

on top with a score of 35-6.

Seven minutes into the first quarter, senior Dawson Sweat ran the ball deep into Three Forks' territory just to have the referee call him out of bounds inches from the end-zone. Senior Ryan Racht completed the run, bringing the score to 6-0. Neither team was able to secure a touchdown in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs entered the third quarter with a 56-yard touchdown pass by Racht to junior Jesus Garcia, followed by a touchdown by the Wolves. Only three minutes later, the Bulldogs scored yet another touchdown, complemented by a two-point conversion caught by Garcia.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs had the lead on Three Forks 20-6, but quickly increased the gap with another touchdown and two-point conversion combination. Six minutes into the final quarter, Racht threw a 45-yard touchdown pass followed by a field goal.

In total, the Bulldogs covered 462 passing yards: 247-yard passing and 215 rushing.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team traveled to Bozeman to run on the Bridger Creek Golf Course with dozens of A and AA schools.

The boys varsity team gathered a total of 549 points, landing in 20th place out of 21 teams. Meanwhile, the girls varsity team placed 14th among 17 teams.

For the boys, senior James Pitassy finished in 18:03.78 claiming 59th place. Sophomore Nolan Flynn followed behind in 104th with a time of 18:56.55.

Sophomore Teagan Martin came in third for the Bulldogs and 142nd overall in 19:54.10. Only 10 places behind Martin was senior William Lynde, finishing in 20:24.27.

Junior Aidan Easter claimed the final placing spot for the Bulldogs in 165th place, with a time of 21:03.10, chased by sophomore Ross MacDonald who finished in 21:09.05.

Senior Kayden Green was the last of the Bulldog boys to complete the 5,000-meter race. Green took 178th overall in 22:24.61.

One hundred and eighty-seven boys participated in the race.

Sophomore Memphis Meier was the first of the Lady Bulldogs to cross the finish line in 21:22.75, taking 42nd out of 156 girls.

Senior Justene Santi trailed in 78th place with a time of 22:35.52, followed by sophomore Abigail Wickens in 101st place in 23:18.44.

Sophomores Kaelyn Sangray and Scarlett McDaniel claimed the last two spots for the team in 23:47.98 and 24:56.58, respectively. Senior Sydney Forrey was the final Lady Bulldog to finish in 148th place with a time of 26:59.44.



Lacie Reed
Townsend Booster Club

We would like to thank Big Sky Horse Leasing for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster member and supporting our Bulldogs!

Here are the players of the week!

Sophomore Nolan Flynn ran a personal best of 18:56.

Sophomore Abigail Wickens ran a season best of 23:18.

Senior, Trinity Wilson: Against Jefferson: 3.5 blocks, 20 digs, 16 kills and 4 aces.

Against Fairfield: 5 blocks, 8 digs, and 19 kills.

Senior quarterback Ryan Racht threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more in Townsend 35 to 6 blowout victory over three forks in the conference opener. He also intercepted two passes on defense.



Trinity Wilson. Photo: Lacie Reed.



Abigail Wickens. Photo: Lacie Reed.



Ryan Racht. Photo: Lacie Reed.



Nolan Flynn. Photo: Alexa O'Dell



In response to Ed Regan's letter of 9/2/22:

If Libertarians can't lose an election is America still a democracy?

If Democrats can't lose an election is America still a democracy?

If Republicans can't lose an election is America still a democracy?

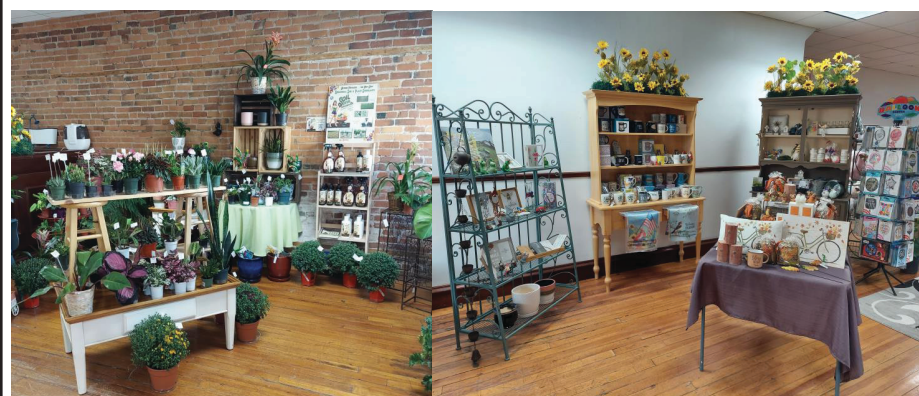
The ranked-choice voting system is fair for all voters. Independents like myself don't have a fair chance in primary elections. We can only vote for one party instead of the best person For the job.

If Donald Trump can't lose an election is America still a democracy?

Doug Purcell
Townsend



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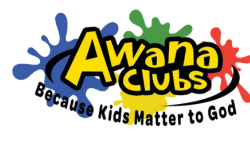
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THE EARLY EVENING SKY

Jeff Ross



Last week on Saturday, September 10, I took my own advice and watched the Full Moon rise. The predicted time of Moon Rise we can all find on the internet assumes we have a totally flat horizon to the East. The only place on Earth I know that to be always true is on a ship in the ocean far from shore. Moon Rise on Saturday the 10th of September was predicted to be at 8:20 p.m. but where we are, out on Ray Creek, the foothills to the east add a good 20 minutes before the Moon is visible.

In Townsend Moon Rise times might be a lot closer to the predicted time. Visually, the Big Belts are just a couple of degrees blip on the horizon.

As I was waiting out on the deck with binoculars I was reminded that it's quite a show overhead after the Sun slips below the Western horizon.

As every hunter here knows, Civil Twilight ends one-half hour after sunset. At that point in time, the Sun has dropped 6 degrees below the horizon. Nautical twilight happens 30 minutes later when the Sun has dropped 12 degrees below the horizon. By the time we hit Nautical twilight there is a lot to look at overhead.

Vega, part of the Summer Triangle mentioned in an earlier column, is almost directly overhead and was the very first celestial object to appear. Polaris, the star nearest the North Celestial Pole, was the next bright star to appear. Not too long after Polaris rose, I could see the 3 main stars of the handle of the Big Dipper.

The Big Dipper is a signpost in the night sky. The handle makes an arc. If you follow that arc you'll end up at Arcturus, the brightest star in the constellation Boötes. Follow the edge of the bowl north and you will find Polaris.

About the time I found Polaris, the Moon was near rising so I took a few minutes to take in that spectacle. It was beautiful, with a great clump of trees silhouetted against the rising Moon and swaying slightly in the evening downslope breeze. A few minutes after the Moon cleared the hill and the trees, Jupiter in all its glory rose in about the same spot.

I saw all of this in the span of about 20 minutes, and you can too.

With clear skies, of course.



ANOTHER SCAM ALERT

Vic Sample



I recently read about another tech scam involving Solid State Disk drives. I have written articles that discussed Solid State Disk (SSDs) drives vs. regular Hard Disk Drives (HDDs). HDDs are the standard mechanical disk drives that have been used in PCs for the last 40 years. SSDs are the newer solid-state drives that do not have moving parts.

SSDs are quite expensive and do not have as much storage capacity as an HDD. It is pretty common to see desktops and laptops offering 1 terabyte (1000 gigabytes) of HDD storage. PCs with SSDs are usually 256 gigabytes (GB) or 512 gigabytes. The PCs with 512 gigabytes are usually quite a bit more expensive than those with 256GB.

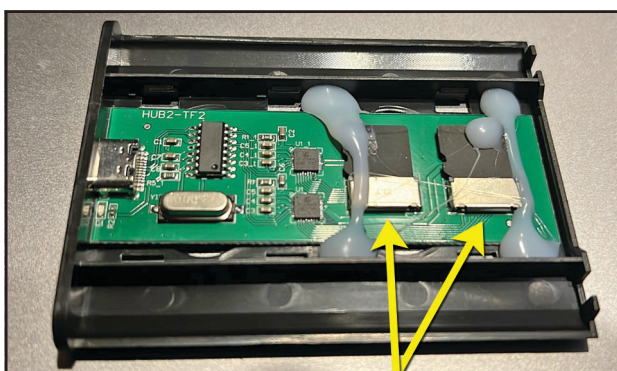
Imagine the surprise an electrical engineer got when he saw a 30-terabyte SSD being sold on a large retailer's online website for only a couple of hundred dollars!

He was so surprised (and skeptical) that he ordered one and took it apart when he received it. He found that instead of a real SSD the device had 2 small storage capacity memory cards (like the ones you could buy for a digital camera) that were modified to report a 30 terabyte capacity instead of their real capacity.

The fake SSD was only available online; it was not available at the store. Like Amazon, the retail store allows 3rd party vendors to sell their products on their website. When the engineer notified the retail store that the 3rd party vendor was selling a fake product, the store immediately took the device off its website.

If you see a large SSD being sold on any online site be very careful! Do not fall for this scam. Do the research to verify the product, and don't just look at product reviews – they can easily be faked as can the product.

Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is too good to be true!



Fake SSD showing two memory cards pretending to be high capacity storage devices. Photo courtesy ARS Technica.



Jimmy Joe Flanigan will be seen for a Change of Plea on September 15, 2022.

James Swan III will have a Change of Plea on October 14, 2022.

Casey Smith was arrested and charged with a Failure to Appear on a Change of Plea and Sentencing on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, and criminal mischief and partner/ family member assault. Whereon January 9, 2022, when allegedly, Smith broke the locking devices on the rear door of the residence occupied by his parents and threatened his father with a broken part of the door jamb. Which had broken when Smith was gaining entrance to the home. According to court documents, Sgt. Jamie Buck responded to the scene. Terry Smith, the plaintiff, told the officer that they had told the defendant, Casey Smith, that he was not welcome at their house. The owners of the home at 200 S. Oak Street, Terry and Melissa Smith, reiterated to Deputy Jamie Buck that Casey Smith was not allowed at their home.

This file is dated January 20, 2022. After a prolonged private hearing, it was decided that Smith pleads Guilty to the Amended count one, criminal endangerment. All other charges are dismissed. He receives a four-year deferred sentence with a follow-up on a chemical dependency evaluation, as well as a mental health evaluation. He is to pay \$80 in fees and surcharges and a \$110 restitution. He is also to comply with all conditions of Adult Probation & Parole and must submit his DNA. He is ordered to not contact the victims or be within 300 feet of their home.



EDGEWATER FARMS CELEBRATES 4TH YEAR

Traci Maughan

Edgewater Farms will open their doors for the fourth year on September 23, 2022. Many residents of Broadwater County and the surrounding areas have made the Farm a fall tradition. Co-owner Nancy Davis says that is what they hoped to create. "We want a place that children can spend 3-4 hours and not want to leave," Davis says, "A place that families can spend time together and never run out of things to keep their interest."

This year, opening weekend is going to be larger than in previous years. If you purchase an entrance ticket on Friday September 23, you receive a free ticket to come back the next day, September 24.

There will be door prizes every hour and a vendor fair Saturday from 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

The new bakery will be open, making the famous chocolate chip cookies for the Sweet Shop and the Grill. This year there will also be a featured cookie of the week!

This year, the corn maze theme is "Keeping it Rural". The maze contains a tractor, the words of the theme, a farmer and even a pig! The jumping pillow, giant slide, games and corn pit will make an appearance once again as will additional games. New this year will be a scavenger hunt for attendees. "There will be clues found throughout the farm," Davis says, "When children find all the clues, they will receive a small prize!"

The maze is open Fridays from 4:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 am–9:00 p.m. throughout the season. Davis says they are always looking for interested employees that want to have a great time while working.

A special event for October 29 is planned, as well as apple shooting, hayrides and simply spending time in a beautiful location. Admission prices have remained the same this year at \$10.00 a person (age 4 and older) and the admission is good for the day!

Nancy Davis says she enjoys running the maze and watching families enjoying time together. Davis ran a maze in 2001 and says even though times have changed the purpose of the maze remains the same, "to allow families a place to go and a place to build traditions."

You can join the fun starting Friday, September 23, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. The location is 6 miles south of Townsend at 8410 Hwy 287.



Dee Gannon

The criminal docket in Judge Michael McMahon's courtroom on Friday, September 9 was as follows:

Angela Kidder appeared by Zoom with her attorney, Victor Bunitsky, for her Pre-Trial Conference. Her charges are the illegal transfer of drugs to a person subject to official detention, illegal transfer of a prohibited article (cell phone) to a person subject to official detention, and driving while her license is suspended or revoked.

According to court documents, Deputy Tony Cordova, after seeing Kidder at Town Pump, running her plate and finding out she was driving without a license, came upon Kidder in the parking lot adjacent to/across from the Broadwater Billings Emergency Room.

Kidder was seen in black pants and a black hoodie as Deputy Cordova was called to escort prisoner Donald McCubbins to the Emergency Room, the evening of April 20, 2021. On the night of April 23, 2021, Prisoner McCubbins again requested to go to the E.R.

TaraLynn Matthews was asked to accompany McCubbins to the E.R. for an unspecified illness. On McCubbins' way back, as he was shackled with his wrists held in front, he fell into a pothole or puddle. Allegedly, he picked up a parcel filled with 3.5 grams of methamphetamine, which he put into his mouth and attempted to hide. During this time, the sheriff's deputies retrieved the contraband. McCubbins chewed on the parcel he was hiding, which proved to be methamphetamine. Later, a cell phone, which is prohibited, was found with Kidder's info in it. Not surprisingly, in her name, with a number that she had given as "contact."

John Simpson appeared for extradition for a charge out of South Dakota for "sexual imposition". Transportation is available until October 10 when, if not answered, he will be released.

The sap of the **Giant Hogweed** plant can cause severe skin and eye irritation, painful blistering, permanent scarring and blindness when combined with sunlight exposure. It is contacted by brushing against the bristles on the stem or breaking the stem or leaves. If you come in contact with the sap, wash it off as soon as possible with soap and water, and keep the affected skin hidden from sunlight for 48 hours. Giant hogweed is listed as a "noxious weed" by the US government.

- Brenda Weaver
Sources: www.dec.ny.gov, wikipedia.org

Edgewater Farms
Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch

Open Sept. 23 to Oct. 29
Fridays: 4 PM - 9 PM
Saturdays: 11 AM - 9 PM

FREE GIFT

Enjoy a free cookie or small kettle corn on us! Just present this coupon to our Sweet Shop to receive your treat!

INSIDE INSPIRATION

STORMS BREWING

Ellie West



“Not all storms come to disrupt your life; some come to clear your path.”—Unknown.

What happens when you see a storm brewing and moving into your area? Do you have a feeling of fear that comes over you as you run for cover and perhaps hide? Some of you may have even been involved in an intense storm or have seen the after-effects of the storm. During a storm, we think about protecting our space, our homes, and our personal effects as we intently watch the clouds turn dark gray and move rather quickly.

But how do you navigate and protect yourself when facing a storm in your life? Life happens, and you will be faced with uncertainties and storms. Storms can be destructive, inconvenient, and fierce by nature. You may even ask yourself what good could come from a storm. Storms can often be disguised as problems, but what if positive change is brought by the storm that serves us with opportunities?

Violent storms make a mess...as the winds pick things up, many things are displaced. Look at the storm with a new lens and as an opportunity for positive change. This is your golden opportunity to rebuild after the storm passes. You may have to unwrap the obstacles to find the possibilities, but you can build something new you have always wanted. Opportunities are on the inside, and you have to move some things around on the outside to see them. By changing your mindset with a bit of optimism, perseverance, and positivity, you can now create the fulfilling life you have always dreamed about.

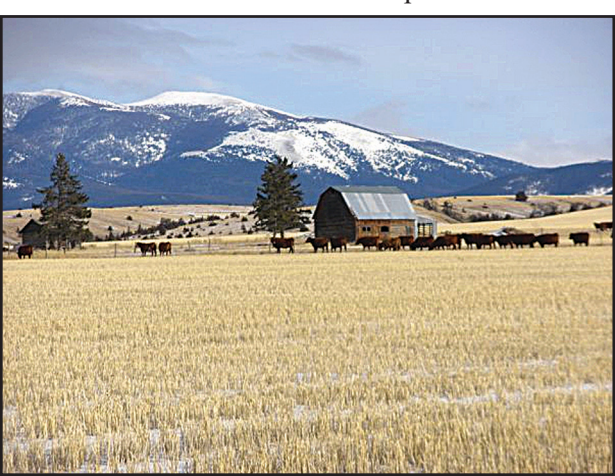
Storms teach us many valuable lessons about ourselves, others, and the life we have created. Isn't it amazing how storms humble us into learning new behavior patterns and skill sets... storms often change our behavior. While some storms are powerful, to survive, you must adjust quickly to your environment. Storms, if viewed as an opportunity for growth and not as setbacks, can change the trajectory of your future. The seasons of a storm constantly shift.

Our world has been in a fierce storm over the last couple of years. Many have adjusted their lives by rediscovering their purpose, tapping into their creativity, and developing their gifts. I am grateful for the storm that I have gone through. The storm has allowed me to pivot and adapt to my new environment. Had I not personally experienced the storm, I would be exactly where I was two and a half years ago, working the same schedule, week after week, month after month, and year after year. The time off I was offered was a rare opportunity for personal growth and self-discovery. It was a beautiful gift, as I have been able to expand and tap into my purpose.

We can learn so much from our surroundings. Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle soars above it. The eagle does not attempt to escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm. We can rise above the storms by setting our minds and beliefs toward God. The storms do not have to overcome us...we can allow God's perfect power to lift us above them. We can soar above the storm! It is not the burdens of life the way you down; it is how you handle them.

Storms are disturbances in your life that break down your foundation and test your flexibility. By re-framing the script and seeing it through a new lens, you can endure your storms as an opportunity to expand your potential and find your purpose.

To connect with Ellie @coachelliewest www.coachinghearttoheart.com. “Soar” How to rise above the turbulence and watch your dreams take flight by Ellie West will launch on Amazon on September 23rd.



OUR WALK IN FAITH

Elkhorn Community Fellowship, 126 N Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Eric Crusch, 949-0183.

Faith Baptist Church, 5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend. Services: Sunday, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Service, 11:00 a.m. Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Mike Wenzel, 266-4219.

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 101 S. Walnut St. Townsend. Mass: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Thursday, 9:00 a.m., Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Adoration: Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturday, 5:15–5:45 p.m. or by appt. Rel. Ed. classes: Pre-K–5th Grade, Wednesday, 5:00–6:30 p.m. Middle & High School grades, Wednesday, 6:15–8:30 p.m. Adult classes, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Father Cody Williams, 266-4811 or office@holycrossmt.org.

Mountain Valley Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA), 110 E Street Townsend. Services: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Kids ministry during Sunday services. Life groups meet during the week. Pastor Eric Krueger, 465-5895. MountainValleyChurch.org. We stream our services on Facebook: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406. (Was Alliance Bible Church.)

Radersburg Baptist Church, 7 Main St. Radersburg. Services: Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Richard Summerlin, 410-0458.

Set Free Christian Fellowship, meets at the Bridge at 107 E street (PO Box 1163), Townsend. Services: Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Set free recovery Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Bible study, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Pastors Bill and Carol Bergstad, (406) 461-0135.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study, 10:30 a.m. Pastor John Witcombe, 594-1710 or 431-2810.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod, 301 N. Cherry St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Women of the ELCA meet second Tuesday every month at 6:00 PM. Bible Studies meet weekly. Call Pastor Anna Viehland for more information, at (406) 272-2352.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 916 Broadway St. Townsend. Choir Practice, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Christian education, Sunday, 10:40 a.m. Youth activities Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Family History Center, Tuesday, 6:00–9:00 p.m. or by appt. (Director Rebecca Mitchell, 980-0270). Bishop Matt Graham, 266-4255.

Townsend United Methodist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Daniel Viehland, 266-3390. TownsendUMC.org.

Trailhead Christian Fellowship, 20 Trailhead View Dr. Townsend (5 mi. north of Townsend). Sunday School and Christian Education, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Services Sunday, 10:00 a.m. 7th–12th grade youth group, Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 p.m. meeting at 407 S. Cherry St., Townsend. Pastor Mark Roelofs, 266-4406 or info@trailheadchristianchurch.com, www.TrailheadChristianChurch.com.



UPCOMING CANYON FERRY ROAD CLOSURE

Eliza McLaughlin
MT 43 News



Canyon Ferry Road, which allows access across the dam, will close on September 26–29 from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. each day for necessary repairs.

According to a September 12 Bureau of Reclamation press release, work includes replacing electrical components in the gantry crane. “Travelers must seek alternate routes, north and south of the dam during the closure period,” states the press release. “However, emergency vehicles and first responders will be allowed to pass over the dam ..., but may face delays of approximately 15 minutes.

For more information, contact the Canyon Ferry Field Office at (406) 475-3310.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To be listed in this calendar send email to News@MT43News.com

<p>September 18 Comedy Night at Canyon Ferry Brewing 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 10 TSD 1st Day of S&D Practice TSD JVFB v. Simms/Flint Creek @ 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>September 19 TSD JVFB vs Manhattan @ 4:00 p.m. TSD JHFB vs Manhattan @ 6:00 p.m. City/County Parks & Recreation Board @ 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 11 TSD HSVB v. Three Forks @ 4:00 p.m. TSD JHFB@Jefferson @ 4:00 p.m. TSD JHVB@Manhattan @ 4:00 p.m. TSD School Board @ 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>September 21 County Airport Board @ 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 13 TSD HSVB@Manhattan @ 4:00 p.m. County Fair Board @ 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>September 22 Townsend Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. TSD HSVB vs Manhattan @ 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 14 TSD HSF@Big Timber @ 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>September 24 TSD HSVB vs Fairfield @ 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 15 TSD CC@Home Rusty Raisalnd @ 10:00 a.m. TSD HSVB@Choteau @ 2:00 p.m. TSD Senior Night!</p>
<p>September 26 TSD JVFB vs Jefferson @ 4:00 p.m. TSD JHFB vs Jefferson @ 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 17 TSD 1st Day of JHBBB Practice TSD HSVB v. Sweet Grass @ 4:00 p.m. TSD Senior Night! City/County Parks & Recreation Board @ 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>September 29 School Picture Day Townsend Farmer's Market 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 18 TSD HSVB@Whitehall @ 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>September 30 <i>Fall Fest</i> TSD Q1 Midterm Senior Night! HSFB vs Whitehall @ 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 19 TSD Picture Retake Day County Board of Health @ 1:00 p.m. County Airport Board @ 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>October 1–2 <i>Fall Fest</i></p>	<p>October 20 TSD PIR-MEA/MFT Days (No School) County Planning Board @ 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>October 3 <i>TSD Homecoming Week!</i> TSD JHFB@Whitehall @ 6:00 p.m. TSD JVFB@Ennis @ 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 21 TSD PIR-MEA/MFT Days (No School)</p>
<p>October 4 TSD 3–12 Parent/Teacher Conference@ 4:00–7:00 p.m. County Planning Board @ 1:00 p.m. County Museum Board @ Unknown TSD JHVB@Whitehall @ 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 22 TSD State CC@Missoula</p>
<p>October 5 Assistance for Business Clinic: Doubletree in Helena, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. \$45.</p>	<p>October 27 TSD District VB@Manhattan</p>
<p>October 6 TSD CC@Helena: 7 on 7 TSD HSVB v. Jefferson @ 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 28 TSD District VB@Manhattan TSD End of Q1</p>
<p>October 7 TSD HSF v. Columbus @ 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>October 29 TSD 1st Round FB Playoffs</p>
<p>October 8 TSD HSVB v. Choteu @ Unknown</p>	<p>October 31 <i>Ghost Stroll</i> TSD Shakespear in the Classroom Chamber Ghost Stroll @ 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>November 1 County Planning Board</p>

SENIOR CENTER

<p>MENU SEPTEMBER 19–23</p>	<p><i>Wednesday, September 21</i> Chef Salad Carrot & Celery Sticks Whole Grain Bread Fresh Fruit</p>
<p><i>Monday, September 19</i> Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles German Vegetables Carrot Raisin Salad Mixed Fruit</p>	<p><i>Thursday, September 22</i> Swedish Meatballs Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Apricot Halves</p>
<p><i>Tuesday, September 20</i> Birthday Dinner Pork Chops Steamed Potatoes Baked Beans Sliced Beets Applesauce Birthday Cake</p>	<p><i>Friday, September 23</i> Fish Patty on a bun Green Peas Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges</p>

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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September 15, 1938

Radersburg News

A birthday party was given in honor of Barbara Jean Barraugh's third birthday by her mother, Mrs. Harvey Barraugh, on September 11. The little Miss received many nice gifts. After an afternoon of play, a delicious lunch was served to the following guests: Mary Louise Popish, Alice and Frank Erickson, Charlotte, Holling, Buddie Holling and Jerry Holling.

The Ohio Keating mine has suspended work

Albert Lee and son of Bozeman and Mr. and Mrs. B. Williams and granddaughter of Townsend were visiting at the home of Mrs. Hattie Doughty and family Sunday.

Bob Harvey of the U.S. Navy arrived home Saturday for a visit at the Bud Poe ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Erickson and daughter, Alice, attended the show in Townsend Friday Night.

Mrs. Jess Knight was a business caller in Townsend Friday.

1949

Clarence Fisher Breaks Ground for New Building

Clarence Fisher, owner and operator of Fisher's Radio Service has construction of a new building well underway. Located beside the post office, he intends to complete a new shop for the use of his business using full 24 feet frontage and 45 feet in depth.

The main material being used in the construction is the new pumice blocks and he plans a glass front.

Plans call for a showroom, workshop and small living quarters in the rear. Mr. Fisher states he believes the building will be ready for occupancy by November 1st. He is now doing business in a small building alongside of Don's Super Mart.

Bud's Billiards Opens for Business after Remodeling

With a bigger and better spread Bud's Billiards reported for business last Saturday after having been closed while extensive remodeling went on.

The new floor and new front of the building are the most noticeable, but Bud reports he has gone all out to revamp and modernize while he was at it.

Rotary Has Several Guests at Weekly Meet

At an interesting meeting of the Townsend Rotary Club held Tuesday evening, members present welcomed guests Eddie Heiser of Portland, Frank Clelland of Missoula, Bob Afterdahl of Ronan, J. Garrison Rains and Charles Tomcheck. Logan Davis was taken in as a new member.

Irving Cohen gave a report on scouts to date announcing an Investiture would be held at 7:30 p.m. September 26 at the Legion Hall.

Dick Bayles gave a report on the experiences and activities of Boys State.

Your Opportunity to Help Veterans Erect Memorial

The opportunity people of this community have been waiting for has arrived. The chance to help erect that Memorial in memory of the departed veterans of all wars is a hand. It came about that the living veterans undertook the task of having the monument erected and those who care to, can help with the finances.

Accordingly, a party has been advertised for this Saturday night at the Legion Hall. Those who cannot attend the party and lend a helping hand that way may still contribute their share by contacting any of the following: Geo. Pennell, Fred Geiser, Frank Hooks, Fred Williams, Les Anders.

The memorial marker will be erected in Memorial Park, Townsend and will be a native polished marble and native copper marker. A steel flagpole and concrete platform will constitute part of the memorial.

It has long been felt that something should be done, but no one seemed to do it. Finally, the Veterans took up the torch. Now let us all give the vets the big hand they deserve.

1955

Grand Opening of Beyers New Highway Bar Announced for Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers wish to announce that they will have the grand opening of their new bar on highway 10N Sunday immediately after the Toston Fish Derby. They will serve complimentary beer for an hour and cordially invite the public to come and inspect their new quarters.

The Bunkhouse was named probably because the building was formerly used at a mine near Radersburg. No one would know it now. The weather-beaten building has been completely redone with knotty pine and modern fireplace inside with complete new modern bar and latest refrigeration. The exterior is finished with the planed log siding. Both inside and outside are finished with clear varnish and is not only attractive, but comfortable as well.

Local News

Miss Gerri Wieferich came out from Helena to spend the weekend with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bucy. Other guests in the Bucy home for Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rider and children of Manhattan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Etwiler and family spent Sunday in Basin visiting.

Several from this community have taken in the Ice Follies in Butte including Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Safley,

Mrs. C.T. Holland and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward and Mr. and Mrs. H.G. White.

Al Dance returned to Townsend Monday from Spokane where he had taken a gander at the races.

Mrs. George Gabisch spent some time the first of the week in Billings.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Kay Kapinos are here visiting the Sergeant's mother, Mrs. Fred Kapinos and sister, Mrs. John Poole and family. They have been in Maryland, but as Sgt. Kapinos is to go overseas service to Japan the fore part of October, they are taking the month off visiting here and in Poplar where Mrs. Kapinos and two children will live for the present. They visited Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Kapinos in Bozeman Saturday and friends in Helena.

There will be a dance at the Deep Creek Pavilion Saturday night.

Mrs. R.J. Nydegger accompanied by her son, Morris, and granddaughter, Paula Plymale, went to Seattle and will be accompanied, on their return trip, by her son, Ray, who has completed his time in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Kipp Kude were out from Helena for the weekend visiting Mrs. Kude's mother Mrs. Al Zipperian, and sister, Mrs. Ray Johnson.

1966

Radersburg News

There has been much more big machinery and equipment moved up on the road job as they are in full swing. There are few places to live here. One or two trailers are located in Toston. Floyd LeBrant, an engineer, has located his office trailer on the school grounds which are not being used this year.

There is quite a little activity at the Dandy and Santa Anita mines, about 17 miles southwest, where new hoist and compressor buildings are being erected by Fred Sneider. He and Frank Spazaele were brief business callers here Thursday.

Mrs. Wayne Miller made a business trip to Helena Tuesday.

Mrs. W.D. Williams and daughter, Janie, transacted business in Bozeman Tuesday.

Friends, relatives and especially his family were happy to welcome home Sammy Harris who arrived last Wednesday. He was delayed because of plane strikes, but is permanently discharged after two years service as a combat engineer in An Khe, Viet Nam. His sister, Sally, and brother, Terry, met him at the Helena airport.

Susie, Sally and Sammy Harris spent Wednesday with friends in Townsend.



THE GREAT SEAL OF MONTANA CONTROVERSY

Vic Sample

Most of the articles I write about the history of Broadwater County contain information from the Broadwater Bygones or Hidden Tales Well Told or from Kelly Flynn's book on the history of Diamond City (all books available at the Broadwater County Museum).

The Broadwater Bygones book is especially useful since it was written by local people about all of Broadwater County. However, it is a recounting of events as remembered by those local people and much of it is their memory of other people's memories. So it inevitably has misinformation. When Linda Huth (curator of the Broadwater County Museum) was doing research for her "A Walk Down Mainstreet" series of talks, she found many inconsistencies in the book that had to be resolved.

One interesting item in the Broadwater Bygones mentions that the current Great Seal of Montana was designed by S.A.D. Hahn who lived in the Bedford area of Broadwater County (the area around the current Cook Mansion).

The first Montana Secretary of State was Louis Rotwitt, who was from Townsend when it was in

Meagher County. S.A.D. Hahn was Louis Rotwitt's Deputy Secretary of State. According to the Broadwater Bygones, Louis Rotwitt had Mr. Hahn draw a design for a new Great Seal of Montana. The Bygones goes on to cite a report of the Secretary of State on November 21st, 1898 that shows S.A.D. Hahn was paid \$65.00 for designing the new Great Seal of Montana.

However, I researched the Great Seal of Montana and could not find any reference to S.A.D. Hahn designing the new seal.

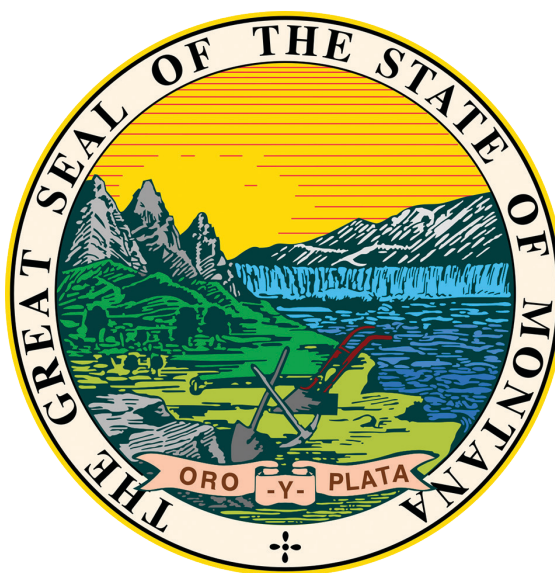
According to the Montana Secretary of State website, the original Territorial Seal of Montana was designed by a legislative committee chaired by Francis McGee Thompson of Bannack (first capital of the Montana Territory). The Territorial Seal of Montana was used until Montana became a state in 1889.

According to the Secretary of State website, in 1891 "legislators debated the design of the seal at length and suggested adding Indians, settlers, miners, horses, sheep, cattle — even a train or stagecoach". The legislature eventually decided to retain the Territorial Seal but changing the word Territory to State.

In 1893 the legislature passed a resolution adopting the basic design of the current Great Seal of Montana and in 1895 House Bill 187 directed payment of \$20.00 to G.R. Metten for his services rendered in 1893 drawing designs for the Great Seal of Montana.

The Secretary of State site (and other sites as well) have no mention of S.A.D. Hahn.

I choose to believe that Louis Rottwitt had Mr. Hahn design changes to the Great Seal of Montana that were adopted in 1898 and that the Secretary of State website just does not include the information about the changes designed by S.A.D. Hahn.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GRANT TAX ABATEMENT TO GALLATIN POWER LLC

Nancy Marks

During Public Comment at the September 12 County Commissioners' meeting, Chairman Darrel Folkvord showed photos of the degradation of one of the piers beneath the Toston Bridge. The photo showed deep cracks in the pier along with large portions of the concrete at the water line missing. He said the Commissioners would have to sign a document guaranteeing the safety of the bridge if it were reopened.

The commissioners approved a 25% tax abatement for a solar ray project to be built by Gallatin Power, LLC of Bozeman. Trident Solar array will be located on a 2,600-acre privately-owned parcel at the southern end of Broadwater County near the I90 Interchange off Old Town Road. Any large project which qualifies may apply for tax relief from the county with certain conditions.

The 25% tax abatement(relief) of taxable value will relieve Gallatin Power for the first five years. The Montana Department of Revenue has evaluated and given projections for the 35-year life of the project. Broadwater County would receive \$43.6 million in taxes. The forgiven amount of taxes would be \$15.9 million.

The solar array will have a "footprint" of 800 acres. It will provide 160 megawatts of energy and will have 80 megawatts of battery storage. When completed the array will consist of 384,332 panels.

According to Jeff Fox, Gallatin Power's vice president of land, the solar array will eventually be hooked into the nearby Northwestern Energy substation. "If we are

able to qualify for the tax abatement, we will be able to sell the energy to Northwestern Energy and will be able to find additional financing for the \$233 million investment to be up and running by 2025."

Commissioner Folkvord said they have a draft road agreement with Gallatin Power to upgrade Old Town Road from Hwy 287 to Eustis Road in front of the Quiet Drive subdivision. Several miles of county road to be upgraded will run the length of their project. Gallatin Power will pay for those road improvements.

Trident Solar will generate as much energy as 25,000 households consume annually when it is up and running. Maintenance, when the project is complete, will involve two or three maintenance workers.

In other business, the commissioners approved Acting County Attorney Jania Hatfield's request to advertise for a second deputy county attorney. Hatfield is working in Broadwater County Cory Swanson's place while he is deployed with the National Guard. He is not being paid by the county at this time. A second Deputy's wages would be \$91,862.

The commissioners gave preliminary approval with conditions for the Bridger Brewing minor subdivision for commercial and industrial lots.

County Public Works Supervisor gave a road upgrade report. He is trying out Perma-Zyme, a non-corrosive polymer that is advertised to harden the roadbed to 981 psi. Use of the product would limit so much grading of gravel roads and save on grader life. "Use of the product would almost double the life of our graders and at about \$476,000 a piece, that amounts to a lot of money saved by the taxpayers," Obert said.

In other comments, both the commissioners and Obert complimented the farmers and ranchers for setting their pivots and sprinklers to not hit the roadbeds.



Mike at the controls of his 1964 Beech S35 Bonanza. Credit: Bob Burns.

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On December 22, 1964, Bob Gilliland became the first test pilot to fly the famous Lockheed Skunk Works SR-71 aircraft. Its speed is listed at Mach 3 plus, and altitude of 85,000 feet plus. Mike was at Oshkosh when Bob flew an SR-71 there in 1995, landing almost exactly 10 years to the day after Mike flew in from Hawaii. They became good friends. Mike and Jeanie have hanging in their living room a large photo that Bob signed, and he also gave them a plaque.

"I also know Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman and space shuttle astronaut Jim Adamson. Frank lives in Montana, and Jim used to live in our state." The Apollo 8 crew flew around the moon during the Christmas season of 1968, and it was during this mission that the famous "Earth Rise" photo was taken. Jim gave Mike a signed picture taken from space when he flew over this area. "Unfortunately, this photo has a lot of glare due to the lights.

Also, on Mike and Jeanie's wall, there is a photo signed by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, who flew the Voyager airplane for the first nonstop GA flight around the world in 1986, departing Edwards AFB on December 14, and arriving back on December 23.

Mike and Jeanie may not have flown completely around the world, but they have made trips to Mexico, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Brazil, the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, Canada, and most of the 50 States, including fly-ins at Sun 'N Fun in Florida, and the Reno Air Races. Once, Mike flew to Germany via Greenland and Iceland with his friend Glenn Larson in Glenn's F33 Bonanza. Mike came back on a commercial flight. Another favorite flight Mike made was from Kalispell to Helena in the co-pilot's seat of a B-17 called Sentimental Journey.

There is an organization for pilots called Quiet Birdmen (QBs) – except that when the beer is free the men are not very quiet! The head person for each location is called the Governor, and each location is called a Hangar. Mike said, "I was Governor for the Helena Hangar, and went to national conventions in San Francisco and Fort Walton Beach, Florida."


Mike has received two FAA awards for Fifty Years of Dedicated Service, one for Master Pilot and one for Master Mechanic, with no violations. He is also a strong Christian. Quite a guy! He does not have blood in his veins, only aviation fuel - avgas!



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