

ROTARY THANKS COMMUNITY! Another Successful Fall Fest

Another successful Fall Fest – thanks to YOU! The Rotary Club of Townsend expresses our deepest appreciation for the community support of this year’s Fall Fest. The three-day, free, family friendly event was full of fun, beer, brats, music, classic cars, arts and crafts, and a sprinkling of Montana weather (maybe more than a sprinkling). We are grateful and extend a special thanks to the neighbors near Heritage Park for your patience and understanding. You are an integral part of this community’s success. This year’s Fall Fest was filled with fun and festivities! The music was FANTASTIC! What a great lineup our music committee put together! It brought out dancers of all ages! There were 111 vendors selling all kinds of food and creative products. The inflatable kid’s toy, blue foam blocks, sand pile treasure hunt, and Snapology were very popular with the younger crowd – some sporting painted faces while they played. The weather on Sunday supported the car show with over 200 antique and classic cars lining Broadway Street.

To get an idea of how far folks travel to attend Fall Fest, Rotary conducted a free raffle to gather attendees’ zip codes. The winning ticket was drawn on Sunday and the \$500 prize winner was a freshman student and member of the local Interact club, Avery Clark. She excitedly said she will use the money to help purchase her first car!

Two key factors make Fall Fest a success: Sponsors and Volunteers. Well ... three if you count the weather. It was reported that Bob’s Thriftway was FULL during the hardest rain on Saturday. Sponsors contribute funds to Rotary to support community projects throughout the year, including Fall Fest. Volunteers donate their time and energy to plan and execute this event. Cooks, kitchen help, beer servers and countless behind-the-scenes work is done by Rotarian and non-Rotarian volunteers donating their time to help create this successful event.

Funds raised during Fall Fest are donated back to the community by awarding scholarships to graduating seniors, having Slice of Summer on the third Thursday of June, July and August, co-sponsoring the Bike Safety Rodeo with the Broadwater County Health Department, sponsoring the Circus, paying for lifeguard training, sponsoring the Speech & Drama Showcase, providing dictionaries to 3rd graders, teaming up with the Lions Club for the annual Senior Dinner & Light Tour, supporting Interact Club activities, and much more!



If you didn't sponsor or volunteer for Fall Fest 2022,, put that on your calendar for next year, October 6, 7 & 8, 2023. Without sponsors and volunteers, the event cannot exist!

Interested in learning more about Rotary – who we are and what we do for the community?

Contact Jeff Langlinais at 406-530-5251 or visit our website: www.townsendrotary.org.

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We apologized and have our clue! It's "Selfie."
(You might need a camera during the Stroll...)

\$250 Activity Contest
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Ghost Stroll

OCT 31
4:30-6:30pm

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Fall Fest Really Is About Food

Nancy Marks

Our diets do really go to pieces during Fall Fest. There are so many good things to eat and drink. One of my favorites is Grandma Rose's Caramels booth. There is no way anyone can pass up free samples of about ten different flavors of caramels.

Rose Golbhahn and Geoff Blanchard of Ft. Benton, Montana have been making and selling caramels for about twenty-five years, along with their other vocations. They also run a Black Angus cow-calf operation out of Ft. Benton. "We keep pretty busy all year long, what with raising cattle and then making and selling caramels every weekend," Rose said.

It started with Rose's Grandmother's recipe. "She made two flavors: plain and pecan. She made them on an old Monarch wood stove. When she passed, we started making them for friends and family. In 2019 we took the show on the road to the Great Falls Farmers Market. We were making about 6,000 pieces. Now we make somewhere near 50,000 pieces," she explained.

Rose and Geoff work as a team. He cuts, and she wraps. The caramels are small-batch cooked with real cream, real butter and lots of time. Flavors include licorice, salted caramel, huckleberry, and cinnamon among others.

This was Rose and Geoff's first time at Townsend Fall Fest. They heard about the event at the Great Falls Farmers' Market. Their booth has been more than successful with buyers stopping regularly, even during the Saturday rainy afternoon. "The organizers have been so friendly. Everyone has been so supportive. Even yesterday (Saturday) we did fantastic sales. We will definitely come back next year," Rose said.



Rose Galbhahn and her husband Geoff Blanchard of Ft. Benton, beside their Grandma Rose's Caramel booth at Fall Fest.



volunteers and kids, images courtesy of Rotary

All-Show winner & Participant's Choice winner 1937 Ford owned by Dan and Camille Seed.



Wet Cars, Great Fun

Dee Gannon

Despite the deluge on Sunday afternoon, skies were kind to the participants and audiences of Rotary's 2022 Fall Fest Car Show, "Five Star Generals." It is reported that over 200 cars were registered. Twelve prizes were awarded to cars from the 20s and 30s, 50s, 60s, 70s: muscle cars, trucks, street rods, imports, most original, all show, and participant's choice.

Throng of people, young and old, were too happy to be splashing in the puddles as oohs and ahhs escaped their mouths. It's hard to say just how many people enjoyed the car show, as all the bars, brewery and distillery were full, as well. Yes, not only was Fall Fest (including the car show) a great success however the weather showed; it was a great success for the businesses downtown. Birdi Kribs, owner of the Bird's Nest, said she had been very busy all weekend. In fact, she reported that she had even sold some furniture and many vendor items. "Life is good," said Birdi, "I'm grateful to have this corner where so many Townsend people can share their talents and skills."



Image below: Brenden Dalin, Lacey Keller and David Poole sell raffle tickets and give away brochures from their nonprofit organization Ability Montana. The group encourages peer networking, and other services for those who have disabilities. Many folks stopped to view their drift boat which was up for raffle at the Fall Fest on Saturday.

Ability Montana: A Nonprofit with a Mission

Nancy Marks

David Poole was paralyzed from the waist down in a skiing accident at Copper Mountain, Colorado in 2006. It changed his life forever. Now he advocates for others who live with disabilities. Poole was helping man the Abilities Montana booth at Fall Fest on Saturday where he and his friend Brenden Dalin, also a paraplegic, from Butte, visited with the crowd about the nonprofit's mission and services. The organization began as Montana Independent Living in 1985. They have offices in Butte, Bozeman and in Helena at 825 Great Northern Blvd. "Our mission is to empower and promote independence for people with disabilities," according to David.

The organization's five core services include self- advocacy, systems-advocacy, transitional services and peer support. "We reach out to people with disabilities to meet them where they are and to show them what other avenues they have for life. We help them find housing, and a support group. We teach them how to navigate the services system. Currently we are planning a fishing program," he explained. The group is raffling off a drift boat on Facebook Live on Oct. 28. They hope to raise \$100,000 to get their fishing advocacy program up and running. The tickets are \$100 and can be purchased through their website as well as from members.

David said his accident and life change has taught him to push barriers that society has set for disabled people. "My family and friends in the community gave me the courage to cut through those barriers." He said he fought depression with a strong will, but mostly with family support and with net-working with others. In 2016 David suffered a broken back during his participation in the X games, skiing for disabled persons. He spent two years in hospitals and nursing homes recovering from the accident. His advice to the newly disabled: "We are the largest group that anyone can join any time. Reach out to peers. We will help." David, who is originally from Townsend, now lives in Bozeman.



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Court Beat 9-30-22

Dee Gannon

The criminal docket in Judge Chris Abbott’s courtroom on Friday, September 30 was as follows: Bobby Jo Price appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs. In his elocution, he stated that on October 6, 2021, he was in possession of meth in Broadwater County. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered.

He has permission to appear by Zoom for Sentencing on November 18. Wayne Kelsay had an Evidentiary Hearing; admitting to the following violations: 1) failing to report from October, 2021; 2) failed to report change of address. Absconded from Adult Probation and Parole (didn’t report); 3) absconded 4) criminal possession of dangerous drugs, criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, and contact with law enforcement. The Petition to Revoke is granted. Kelsay is currently serving a five-year sentence out of Cascade County; and receives a three-year suspended sentence to be served consecutively.

Christopher Jones had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of burglary, criminal mischief, and partner/family member assault. His Omnibus is due by January 7, 2023; Pre-Trial is set for April 18; with the Jury Trial scheduled for May 8, 2023. A Waiver of Extradition is signed; with the added condition that he may not go closer than 300 feet to 124 S. Harrison.

Mathinus Volschenk had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to a charge of assault on a minor. His Omnibus is due by December 9; Pre-Trial is set for May 12, 2023; with the Jury Trial scheduled for June 5.

Tanner Russell had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to criminal possession of dangerous drugs with intent to distribute. In his elocution, he stated that on November 25, 2018, while he was in Broadwater County, he was in possession of meth and tried to sell it. A Pre-Sentence Investigation has been ordered in Lewis and Clark County; so, Broadwater County can use it. He will be Sentenced on November 18.

Robert Brady had a Hearing to keep contact with his wife, who is a witness in his case. He must not discuss the details of the case with her and he must enroll in the 24/7 program.

Jimmie Joe Flanagan did not show for his Change of Plea. Since this is at least the second time he has been a no-show, an arrest warrant for \$10,000 is issued.

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISIONERS

NO REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING ON OCTOBER 10, 2022 DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Unofficial Agenda

- 10:00 AM Public Hearing, Montana Opticom Resolution to issue industrial development bonds
- 10:10 AM Discussion and Decision, Montana Opticom Resolution to issue industrial development bonds
- 10:30 AM Discussion and Decision, Tacy Swanton, Community Development and Planning Assistant, Appointment approval of Tayla Snapp to the Fair Board
- 10:35 AM Discussion and Decision, Tacy Swanton, Community Development and Planning Assistant, COS Grover Exemption for the Gift or Sale to Immediate Family Member.
- 10:40 AM Discussion and Decision, Margaret Ruckey, Public Health Director, Task Order # 23-25-5-01-004-0 Broadwater County Unified Government Master Contract, Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program
- 10:45 AM Discussion and Decision, Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

OFFICAL agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1st floor bulletin board), Broadwatercountymt.com, on the bulletin board on the 1st Floor of the courthouse, and in the window of the Flynn Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

FOR OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE OCT. 3 MEETING, PLEASE SEE PAGE 10.

EARLY VOTING ABOUT TO BEGIN

Hugh Van Sweringen

Early voting in Montana for the Nov. 8 general election is about to begin in what has been an unusually quiet campaign season in Broadwater County. Six county offices are up for grabs, but only two positions are contested. Voters already registered to vote by mail could receive their ballots next week. Angie Paulsen, county elections administrator, says about 80 percent of Broadwater County voters now cast their ballots by mail. As of Oct. 2, the county had 5,413 registered voters.

For those who wish to vote in person on election day, the county will have three polling places for its five precincts: For residents of Precincts 7, 11 and 12, Townsend School Library Community Room; Precinct 1, Winston Fire Hall; Precinct 13, Toston Fire Hall. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Broadwater County race drawing perhaps the most interest is the contest between incumbent Mike Delger and challenger Lindsey Richtmyer for the District 2 seat on the county commission. Delger is seeking his second six-year term on the three-member commission. Richtmyer is a political newcomer.

The only other Broadwater contested race is for county sheriff-coroner. Seeking the post are deputy sheriff Nick Rauser and Townsend businessman Josh Peters. The winner will succeed Wynn Meehan who did not seek re-election.

The other county offices to be filled and the candidates, running without opposition, are:

- * Clerk & Recorder and Election Administrator, Angie Paulsen.
- * Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools, Melissa Franks.
- * County Attorney, incumbent Cory Swanson.
- * Justice of the Peace, incumbent Kirk Flynn.

All county positions are nonpartisan, and all are four-year terms except for six years for commissioner.

Broadwater voters have only one state legislative position on the ballot. Incumbent Republican Julie Dooling, Helena, seeking a third term as state representative in House District 70. She is challenged by Democrat Jon Jackson, East Helena.

At the top of the ballot, is the four-way race for Montana’s Second District seat in the U.S. House. Incumbent Republican Matt Rosendale is running for his second term. Challengers are Democrat Penny Ronning, Billings; Independent Gary Buchanan, Billings, and Libertarian Sam Rankin, Billings.

Two Montana Supreme Court races are on statewide ballots. One pits incumbent Jim Rice against challenger Bill D’Alton. The other has incumbent Ingrid Gustafson meeting James Brown.

In other judicial balloting, voters will decide whether to retain unopposed First Judicial District Court Judge Chris Abbot for another term. The district covers Broadwater and Lewis & Clark counties.

Voters statewide will decide on two ballot measures.

* LR-131, referred to the people by the Legislature, is on the ballot as “The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act.”

* C-48, is a constitutional amendment proposed by the Legislature to protect electronic data and communications from unreasonable

“Larger Than Life Leaders in Montana History” by Mike Castleberry

Crimson Bluffs Chapter, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation on Sept. 28 sponsored a guest speaker, retired Brigadier General Hal Stearns, on the subject: “Larger than Life Leaders in Montana History.” Hal tells stories about Montana’s past leaders to start a discussion about Montana today. Persons reviewed of interest included Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, Chief Sitting Bull, Chief Plenty Coups, Charley Russell, “The Devil’s Brigade” (First Special Service Force), Jeanette Rankin, Father De Smet, Brother Van Orsdel, The Bair Family, pioneer photographer Evelyn Cameron, Betty Babcock, and the Copper Kings, Marcus Daly and William A. Clark, among other notables of Montana history.

Our mission is to preserve, promote and teach the diverse heritage of Lewis and Clark for the benefit of all people. At least once a year we strive to sponsor someone to talk about a subject of Montana history. Presenters typically come from the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau Program.

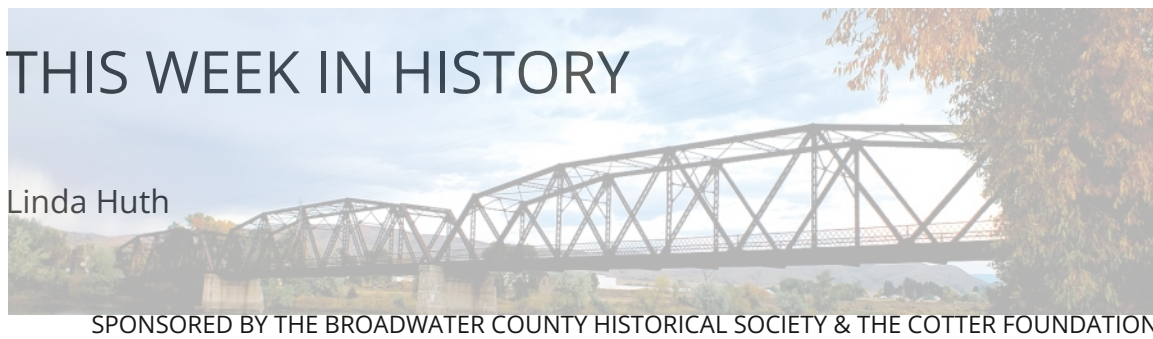
Crimson Bluffs Chapter first organized in 1998. In 2002, chapter members were instrumental in spearheading the Conservation Fund of Virginia to purchasing 50 acres around the Crimson Bluffs on the Missouri River east of Townsend. In turn, immediately following the acquisition, the property was transferred to the Bureau of Land Management. A legacy to be forever cherished! Support was received from the National Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, The Conservation Fund, The River Network and Montana’s Congressional Delegation of Senator Conrad Burns, Senator Max Baucus and Representative Denny Rehberg.

In 1999, an application to name Yorks Islands was submitted to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names to change the name of Deep Dale Fishing Access Site—located four miles south of Townsend—to Yorks Islands Fishing Access Site. William Clark led a small group along the bluffs on the west side of the river ahead of the main party. This is when he passed by and named “Yorks 8 Islands” for his slave. His group camped just south of those islands on July 23, 1805.

A self-guided Auto-Tour brochure of Lewis and Clark sites in Broadwater County printed by Crimson Bluffs Chapter can be found at Townsend City Hall. More information about the Corps of Discovery Expedition in our area can be found at crimsonbluffs.org.

A free-will offer of \$250 was collected from the public who attended the talk which benefitted our speaker’s venue— Post 42 of the American Legion in Townsend. Sharon Doig, representing Crimson Bluffs Chapter, presented Sr. Vice-Commander Mark Smith with the check at their Oct. 3 meeting.





October 13
 1938 - "Canton Valley News" - The rainfall beginning on Saturday evening was one of the heaviest in this section of the county for this season, catching several of the farmers, who were not through threshing their grain crops, also delaying beet hauling. - Five cattle riders from this valley, consisting of Lonnie Merritt, Phil Whaley, Jim McMahon, and Ross Babcock, will ride the Eagle Creek stock range Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week gathering their stock in for winter, they will be assisted by four riders from Crow Creek who also have stock in the same area.
 Mr. and Mrs. Anton Meyer of the Winston valley and their daughter, Josephine, visited one day last week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Weiferich and family near Canton. Chas. Horne is operating the valley school bus this week for the regular driver, Delbert Herron, who is on the sick list. Harvey Keene and Fred Lemons motored to Great Falls Saturday on business. They were accompanied by Miss Mamie Darlington, instructor in the Broadwater High School, who caught the bus from there on to Brady, where she visited friends until Sunday afternoon after which the three parties returned that evening to Townsend.
 1949 - "Crow Creek News" - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slifka and their sons, Richard and Franklin, have returned from a short vacation trip to Danvers, Mont. They were visiting Mrs. Slifka's father, Frank Tucek.
 Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kimpton have returned from a two week trip spent on the west coast.
 Mrs. Verna Hensley was agreeably surprised on Oct. 5 when her daughter Mrs. Lawrence Poe of Townsend and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Woodrow Hensley of the valley entertained in honor of her birthday. The party was held at the Woodrow Hensley home with the following as guests who enjoyed a pleasant afternoon ending with ice cream and cake: Mrs. Earl Webb, Mrs. Ben Webb, Mrs. Chester Nelson, Mrs. Elaine Taylor, Mrs. Don Scoffield, Mrs. Chester Scoffield, Mrs. Frank Slifka, Mrs. Hermia Jelts and the honor guest, Mrs. Verna Hensley.
 Mrs. Herman Moudree entertained on Oct. 8 honoring her son, Gary, on his 2nd birthday. Games were enjoyed by the little folk followed with ice cream and cake. Guests were Charles Meeker, of Bozeman; Carol Lee Antonetti, Tommy and Larry Massa of Townsend and Patricia and Mary Ann Hensley, Jimmie Webb, Richard and Franklin Slifka and Merle Turman of the valley.
 1955 - "Compilation of School Annuals Calls for Help" - Hoping to find all the back numbers of the different annals of Broadwater County High School, Superintendent D.J. Jeffries has started to get together as many as possible as a reference source for the school. The set that was formerly given the school was worn out and evidently done away with before Mr. Jeffries came here, he said. Anyone possessing any of the annuals and wanting to donate them for the collection are invited to get in touch with Mr. Jeffries.
 "Drunkenist Driver of Year Arrested Here" - Not only did Sheriff Jack Foster apprehend a drunken driver, but blood tests revealed he was the drunkenist driver of the year, so far, in Montana. According to Foster, .15 is termed drunk but this one's blood tested .36.
 1966 - "Bulldogs Continue to roll; Shut Out White Sulphur springs 31-0 Last Week" - by Joe Jepson
 The Broadwater Bulldogs rolled to a 31-0 victory over the White Sulphur Springs Hornets here last Friday for their fourth straight victory and first conference win. The Bulldogs will be after their second conference win when they meet Rosary here tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rosary squeaked by Hobson Saturday 37-26 in a non-conference game. The Bulldog's first touchdown came when quarterback, Dale Sprout, went around end for 37 yards and the score on the fourth play of the game. Fullback Paul Harris was the next Bulldog to find daylight when he went around end for 31 yards in the middle of the second quarter, and Brad Tarrant plunged for the extra point. Quarter back Sprout hit Mike Harrigfeld for a 26 yard pass play and left the score at 19-0 at halftime. he Bulldog offense was plagued with fumbles and penalties on the third quarter which halted scoring attempts. In the fourth quarter it was a different story. Harris went 13 yards for a touchdown midway through the period and seconds later end Harrigfeld recovered a fumble on the W.S.S. one yard line and Sprout sneaked it across the next play. Coach Gillespie praised the defensive efforts of guard Cliff O'Hern and linebacker Tarrant and Harris's running. Harris led all rushers with 111 yards in 14 carries. Townsend gained 246 yards rushing and 92 yards passing compared with White Sulphur Springs 62 on the ground and 23 in the air. "Bulldog Day" for the home team is this Friday and I am sure they will appreciate your support. Queen candidates for this event are Bobbie Barhtule, Shirley Page, Debbie Holland and Jo Ann Hunsaker. Halftime entertainment will be furnished by the band and twirlers, followed by the crowning of the queen. That evening there will be a Bulldog dance in the old gym with live music from 9:00 p.m. 'til midnight. Next week the Bulldogs will meet the Belgrade team on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at Belgrade. The Wednesday game is scheduled because of a teacher's convention. This could be our toughest opponent of the season.

Broadwater County Sports Weekly Recap - Eliza McLaughlin

Football
 Broadwater Football hosted the Whitehall Trojans on Friday, Sept. 30 for a conference showdown. The Bulldogs took an early lead with two touchdowns and two PATs. By the end of the first quarter, the Bulldogs had a 14-0 lead on the Trojans. Despite both teams making some big plays in the second quarter, neither was able to make it to the end zone. After a recognition of the team's seniors during halftime, the Bulldogs returned to score 15 points in the third quarter. The Trojans were able to garner some momentum in the fourth earning 14 points, but were unable to beat the Bulldogs. The final score was 35-14. Currently, Bulldog Football is ranked number one in the conference above the Jefferson Panthers. Bulldog Football will return on Oct. 7 for a homecoming, conference game against the Columbus Cougars. The face-off starts at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the game, Bulldogs supporters can enjoy the Senior Steak Fry, which starts at 5:00 p.m.

Volleyball
 The Lady Bulldogs took on the Big Timber Shepherders on Thursday, Sept. 29, once again claiming their territory as a dominant team. The Lady Bulldogs ran away with the lead early on with a first set win of 25-9. Despite the Shepherder's attempts to ward of the team, Townsend came out on top 25-15 and 25-16 to win the match. Junior Emily Bird led the team in stats with 28 assists, five digs, four kills and two aces. Senior Trinity Wilson followed with the most kills on the team: 13 kills, eight digs, four blocks and one ace. Senior Alleigh Burdick led the Lady Bulldogs' defense with 15 digs. Bulldog Volleyball returned on Thursday, Oct. 6 to take on the Jefferson Panthers. Scores and stats will be included in next week's paper. Prepare to watch Townsend's premier volleyball team on Saturday, Oct. 8 against the Choteau Bulldogs. Attendees are encouraged to wear black in celebration of homecoming.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Some Energy Prices Rising, Others Remain Steady

Eliza McLaughlin



With winter just around the corner, NorthWestern Energy customers in Broadwater County and around the state will see an interim increase in their monthly electric and natural gas bills while the Montana Public Service Commission reviews the company's regulated rates and costs associated with providing energy services. The Public Service Commission approved NorthWestern's request to temporarily raise their rates by \$90.5 million for the transmission, distribution and generation of electricity and \$1.7 million for natural gas during its Sept. 27 work session, after reducing it from the company's original request of \$114.7 million for electric services and \$5.8 million for natural gas services. The approved increases were first applied to customers' monthly bills by \$11.19 for electric and \$0.48 for natural gas on Oct. 1. NorthWestern's application stated that the commission should approve a temporary rate increase "because NorthWestern's current rates are no longer just and reasonable and do not allow NorthWestern an opportunity to recover its cost of providing services to customers."

Jo Dee Black, NorthWestern's public relations specialist, told MT43 News that the company's current rates for services are based on cost information from 2015 for natural gas and 2017 for electricity. "If the permanent rates are lower than interim rates that were put in place, then customers get a refund either through a lower rate or some other mechanism, and that refund includes interest," Black said. The Montana Environmental Information Center was the only intervener in the case opposing the approval of an interim rate hike until the commission reviewed all the evidence presented in the regulatory rate review. Gary Duncan, a program manager for the Public Service Commission, informed the commissioners that it would take approximately nine months to collect all the data while reading the staff report which recommended the adjusted interim rate be approved.

Black said the interim rates will allow NorthWestern to recover some of its previous investment costs as the rate review takes place, adding that since the 2015 and 2017 rate reviews, NorthWestern has invested more than \$1 billion on energy infrastructure in Montana. "That billion dollars of investments is not reflected in the rates,"

Vigilante Electric General Manager, Rollie Miller, told MT 43 News that although rising costs have impacted the company, it has no plans to increase its rates. "We're seeing enough growth to absorb those costs," he said. Miller said that inflation in costs has been offset by Vigilante Electric's expansion, adding that the company will host its annual meeting at the Watson Center in Broadwater County in March of 2023. "We have no intention of raising our rates for the upcoming year, and that's through the whole system, Broadwater County included," he said. Miller added that Vigilante Electric has "the lowest rates in the state."

NorthWestern is aware that rising rates could put low-income Montanans in a bind. However, there are options available to help these customers cover their bills. "We know many Montanans are facing challenging times, and no one wants to see rising energy bills," Black told MT43 News. "We care about our customers and want them to know we are here to help." NorthWestern can provide customers in need with energy assistance programs and arrange for flexible payment options. Montanans and residents of other states can also apply for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a federally funded program that helps "reduce the costs associated with home energy bills, energy crises, weatherization, and minor energy-related home repairs," according to the Office of the Administration for Children and Families. NorthWestern customers who qualify for LIHEAP will automatically receive a discounted energy rate, Black said. She also clarified that NorthWestern does not process the applications.

Residents of Broadwater County can contact the Helena - Rocky Mountain Development Council at (406) 447-1625 to apply for LIHEAP and other assistance programs. We really encourage people to apply for that program," Black said.

Contact NorthWestern Energy at (888) 467-2669 or visit northwesternenergy.com for more information.

With Clear Skies

The Carrington Event

Jeff Ross

As I write this, a major sun spot system has rotated toward our Earth and has the potential to send some really big Coronal Mass Ejections our way. Those CME's almost always result in stunning auroral displays if they actually strike the Earth's magnetosphere. I remember one when I was a student at Montana State University in 1975. I was walking home from a study session at the MSU Library at about 10pm. As I left the library and looked up, I was amazed to see the aurora borealis (Northern Lights) completely covering the northern horizon, stretching all the way from the horizon to the zenith overhead and a little beyond.

It was a stunning auroral display. Shifting curtains of green and red accompanied me home that night. Once I got back to the basement apartment that was home I tried to rouse my roommate to come see but he was unwilling to leave a warm bed to see lights in the sky. His loss.

Amazing as these auroral displays are I would not want to diminish the potential that a really strong CME would have.

On September 1 and 2, 1859 one of the largest geomagnetic storms (as recorded by ground-based magnetometers) occurred. Auroras were seen as far south as the Caribbean and in the US the auroral storm was strong enough to start fires from telegraph lines and to burn down the telegraph offices!

Will this current sun spot system spawn a CME that strong? It's certainly capable but let's hope not. Even though most satellites are now "hardened", a Carrington Event type auroral storm could literally bring satellite communications down, taking with it the entire Internet.

While it might be a welcome respite from the never-ending onslaught of disinformation that we internet users now endure, loss of the internet would be a huge blow to the global economy, expanding into areas we can barely imagine.

With luck the CMEs this solar storm sends our way will not that be severe and we'll be rewarded with stunning auroral displays instead.

With clear skies of course.



TECH TALK The Fall of an Empire Vic Sample

My first job as a programmer was with The Montana Power Company in Butte. At that time IBM had a 92% market share of corporate data processing. Most companies would be ecstatic to have a 30% - 40% market share; IBM had a 92% share.

In the late 1970s / early 1980s personal computers started being sold to consumers. Prior to that only hard-core computer hobbyists had "personal computers". Apple was giving computers to elementary schools in the hopes that parents would then buy one for their children or the kids would grow up wanting to use Apple computers. Timex-Sinclair created a very nice computer. Tandy-Radio Shack sold the TRS line of computers.

The very first word processor software was created for these computers. A spreadsheet product called VisiCalc was the first "killer" app that everyone had to have on their personal computer.

IBM decided they needed to get in on this fad and protect their computer dominance. They put a couple of junior executives on the project with the mandate to get an IBM personal computer out quickly - and they did. Rather than have the IBM engineers design a computer, they had the IBM computers manufactured out of "off the shelf" computer parts. Rather than have their software engineers create an IBM operating system they contracted with Bill Gates at Microsoft to provide the PC DOS operating system (another interesting story all by itself).

Up to that point, personal computers were being bought by people for use at home. Companies were not buying personal computers - BUT that all changed when IBM put their name on a personal computer. An IBM branded personal computer meant it was now a Business Computer. The IBM PC was a huge success; IBM could not keep up with demand. They built a huge facility in Boca Raton, Florida with more than 10 buildings and peaked at over 10,000 employees. Based on the strength of the IBM PC, they planned to build a work force of over 1,000,000 employees.

However, there was a huge problem developing - IBM had no strategy for the IBM PC. They had no plan for how an IBM PC fit into their corporate computing strategy. Businesses found their own solutions for how to fit the IBM PC into their computing environment; other hardware/software vendors developed solutions for how to integrate the IBM PC. Since IBM used "off-the-shelf" parts to manufacture the PC, ANY OTHER company could manufacture a computer fully compatible with the IBM PC. Since IBM contracted with Microsoft to create the operating system they had NO control over the operating system.

Companies like Compaq and Dell made PCs fully compatible with IBM PCs but they were able to make them much cheaper. IBM finally decided to create their own operating system - but too late. Microsoft introduced Windows 95 before IBM and the IBM operating system had no chance.

By 1992 IBM had ramped up to over 750,000 employees - and almost went bankrupt. Wall Street told IBM they needed to sell off their individuals business areas and shut down.

IBM did survive but they no longer manufacture PC's; they no longer manufacture any computers except IBM mainframes. They are largely a consulting company now.

It's impossible to know for sure, but if IBM had put together a plan for integrating PCs into their computing environment; if IBM had designed and manufactured their own computer parts; if IBM had created their own PC Operating System they might still have a 92% market share instead of a largely forgotten computer company.



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Super Crossword

FILL IT UP!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cinch — (Hefty brand)
 - 4 Achy feeling
 - 12 Recede
 - 15 Sporty car roof feature
 - 19 "Just — expected!"
 - 20 "Babes in Toyland," e.g.
 - 21 What "U" may mean
 - 22 — Ridge (1972 Kentucky Derby winner)
 - 23 Birds for Yuletide dinners
 - 26 Some Pac-12 players
 - 27 Some antique autos
 - 28 Fr. woman with a halo
 - 29 Cuddly crib toys
 - 31 Letter holders
 - 35 Irritate
 - 36 Post office scale unit
 - 37 It flows in la Lore
 - 38 Vegetable pizza toppings
 - 42 Polling place containers
 - 48 Feels ill
 - 49 Weep audibly
 - 50 Zeno of — (Greek philosopher)
 - 51 Vie for the affection of
 - 52 Lies next to
 - 54 Guessing game for kids
 - 55 Gamishes for martinis
 - 60 Broody rock genre
 - 62 Nonbeliever in God
 - 63 Record half with the hit, usually
 - 65 Forces out
 - 69 Larry and Curly's pal
 - 70 Parts of respiratory systems
 - 75 "Fake-Out" co-star
 - 76 Zac of "The Lorax"
 - 78 "—: Battle Angel" (2019 action film)
 - 79 Grilled corned beef sandwiches
 - 81 "Yes" vote
 - 83 Things hanging from rims
 - 87 Put into a snug spot
 - 90 Base before home
 - 92 Oahu gift
 - 93 As straight as — (totally honest)
 - 94 Year, in Portuguese
 - 95 Speller's clarifying words
 - 96 Sewing kit accessories
 - 100 Chicks awaiting meals have them
 - 104 '16 Olympics host city
 - 105 " — a Letter to My Love"
 - 106 "Milk" director
 - 107 Bellhops' burdens
 - 113 Hard or soft co-star
 - 117 Exhaust
 - 118 Socko review
 - 119 "Sure, sure!"
 - 120 Fact about 12 long answers in this puzzle
 - 125 100%, in Germany
 - 126 Winery cask
 - 127 People prettifying
 - 128 Unit of work
 - 129 Shopkeeper
 - 130 Hi-tech organizer
 - 131 Currently
 - 132 Corcal grass
 - 34 Brit's bar
 - 35 U.S. tax org.
 - 38 An earth sci.
 - 39 Carsick feeling
 - 40 Deep hole
 - 41 Besides that
 - 42 Turned into
 - 43 Numerous
 - 44 Rakish guy
 - 45 Body of water
 - 46 Night hooter
 - 47 Losing row in tic-tac-toe
 - 52 Zipcar owner
 - 53 Hotel stock
 - 54 Debt slip
 - 56 Thin-toned
 - 57 White — sheet
 - 58 "— girl!"
 - 59 "Wicked Game" singer
 - 61 City in Iraq
 - 64 City in India
 - 66 Big name in tight trunks
 - 67 "The Adventures of —" (2011 Spielberg film)
 - 68 Lips off to
 - 71 White rat, say
 - 72 Tale tweaker
 - 73 War vets affliction, for short
 - 74 Jellied fish
 - 77 Sturdy tree
 - 80 — B'rith
 - 82 Website for craft vendors
 - 84 Yalies
 - 85 What "X" may mean
 - 86 Pen choice
 - 87 Papeete native
 - 88 Of no avail
 - 89 Color-sensitive retina part
 - 91 That chap
 - 95 Song and dance
 - 96 Measures of acidity
 - 97 Geller of psychic acts
 - 98 Grab a chair
 - 99 Ad —
 - 101 \$1,000 bills, informally
 - 102 Unpretty
 - 103 From Florence, c.g.
 - 107 Israeli native
 - 108 Overturn
 - 109 Pooch's bark
 - 110 Less perilous
 - 111 Each and —
 - 112 Bog plant
 - 114 URL starter
 - 115 Israel's Barak
 - 116 Singer Home
 - 117 White sheet?
 - 121 Fuss
 - 122 Body of water
 - 123 Give it a go
 - 124 Navy inits.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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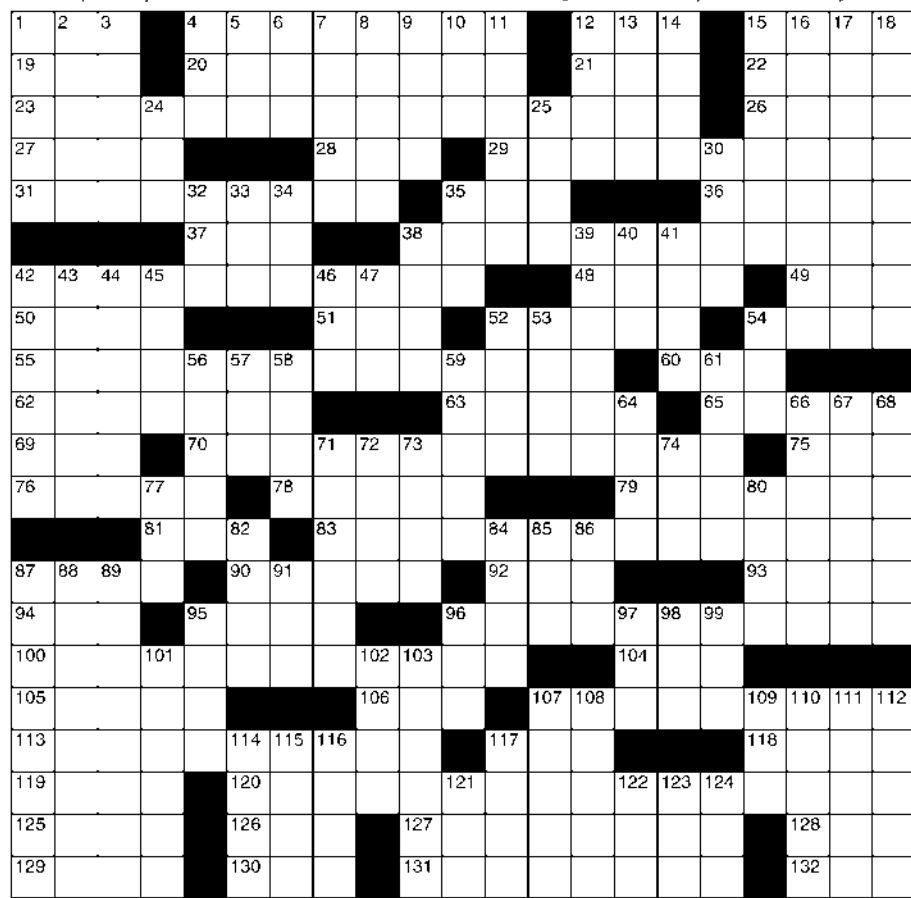
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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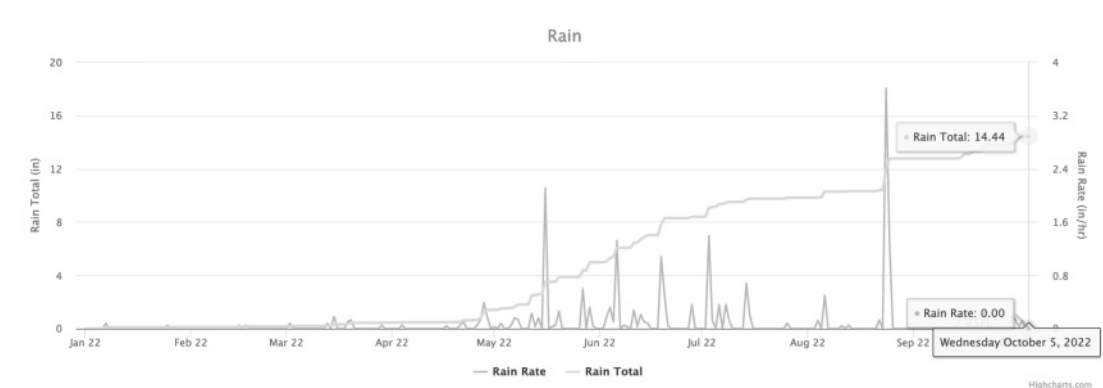
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LAFF - A - DAY

"Our next speaker needs no introduction. He changed his mind and stayed home."

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"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." - Dolly Parton



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

"YES, I REALIZE MY SANDWICH ISN'T THAT HEALTHY. I KINDA FIGURED THAT WHEN A PAPER PLATE COULDN'T SUPPORT IT."

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YesterYear

The Creation of Broadwater County
Vic Sample



Many people, even here in Broadwater County, do not realize that until 1897 Jefferson County went east all the way to the Missouri River including the towns of Radersburg, Hassel, Winston, Springville, Bedford and the "Ems" (Hog'em, Beat'em and Cheat'em). Meagher County went west all the way to the Missouri River and included Townsend, Toston, Canton and Diamond City. At one time Radersburg was the county seat of Jefferson County and Diamond City was the county seat of Meagher County. The creation of Broadwater County is a story of incredible political planning and execution by A. E. Spriggs (former Governor of Montana), Peter J. Meloy and Gordon G. Watt.

The first attempt to create a new county was made by Van H. Fisk from Bedford who introduced a bill in the Montana Legislature in 1885. The bill was easily defeated, never making it out of committee. In 1892, W.E. Tierney, Senator from Meagher County (and an early Townsend leader) introduced a second bill to the Montana Legislature. The bill was strongly opposed by Senator Folsom of Meagher County and Senator Cardwell of Jefferson County. Both were popular, powerful politicians and easily defeated Tierney's bill.

After the defeat of the W.E. Tierney's bill, it was realized that the support of a new Broadwater County needed to have a strong, popular leader of their own that could garner statewide support and they found their man in A.E. Spriggs - a man of integrity and ability. Peter Meloy, A.E. Spriggs, Gordon Watt and Tierney worked hard to get A.E. Spriggs elected as a Representative from Meagher County. Once in the legislature, A.E. Spriggs soon established himself as a popular Representative, well-liked and widely respected for his integrity and ability. In 1895 he introduced another bill to establish Broadwater County. Spriggs knew the bill would not succeed, but he got it out of committee and passed by the Montana House. It was defeated in the Senate on the last day of the session. Even though it did not succeed Spriggs demonstrated strong support for the bill by keeping it alive throughout the entire session.

The next election saw the Republican vote split between Silver Republicans and Populists. Spriggs saw an opportunity to get a slate of candidates that would support the new County elected in the Legislature. At the same time, people from Niehart and Monarch wanted to split from Meagher County and become part of Cascade County. Spriggs joined forces with the Niehart delegation to support each other. Spriggs also ran for and was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State. As Lieutenant Governor Spriggs was the President of the Senate and his duties included appointing committee members and setting the legislative agenda.

In 1897 the bill creating Broadwater County from Jefferson, Meagher and small parts of Gallatin finally passed! Spriggs' leadership and mastery of politics were responsible for the creation of Broadwater County.

The information for this article came from the memoirs of Peter J. Meloy as detailed in the Broadwater Bygones and Hidden Tales Well Told - both books available at the Broadwater County Museum. Visit the Museum to learn the full extent of the political maneuvering it took to create Broadwater County.

MSU EXTENSION CORNER

Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent
Beyond the 4-H Pledge

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health for better living for my club, my community, my country and my world." These are the words of the 4-H pledge that are instilled in the minds and hearts of every person who is or has been in 4-H. They are the words that represent the core beliefs of the 4-H program to give back and make our world a better place. Each of the components of the 4-H pledge has a special meaning.

HEAD
Through 4-H, youth gain many valuable life skills and knowledge providing the pathway for clearer thinking and decision making. Members are involved in 4-H projects. A 4-H project is a hands-on learning experience in a topic area. Members can choose from over sixty different project areas such as robotics, beef, photography, interior design, foods and nutrition, and much more. Through the project work, members set goals, learn new skills and have the opportunity to showcase skills at events like the County Fair. Youth also gain life skills such as communication, problem solving, critical thinking, record keeping and much more.

HEART
4-H members are encouraged to develop strong moral character and personal values. 4-H establishes a supportive environment with a caring adult to create a safe place for youth to learn. Youth learn the value of being loyal to a cause and an allegiance to an organization and a community. They learn concern for others by engaging in service-learning projects such as beautifying public spaces, helping those that are less fortunate and supporting community events.

HANDS
4-H utilizes the experiential learning model which means "learn by doing". This model emphasizes that youth must physically engage in an activity or learning opportunity, reflect on the experience and apply it to future experiences. This is done consistently through 4-H project work as well as in 4-H clubs. A 4-H Club is a group of members from a variety of ages and interests who meet regularly to plan club activities for community service, recreation and learning. A 4-H club is the foundation of the 4-H experience and creates a safe inclusive environment for youth to foster life skill development.

There are currently seven 4-H Clubs in Broadwater County.

HEALTH
Lastly, the 4-H program promotes healthy lifestyles, strong mental health, character and ethics. Competitions such as the County Fair have a long history in the 4-H program. However, there is a strong emphasis on sportsmanship and maintaining ethics at all 4-H events. 4-H members actively engage in helping each other and participate in leadership opportunities. 4-H youth learn many skills that they will carry with them for their rest of their lives.

It's National 4-H Week. This is the time of year when we celebrate the accomplishments of 4-H members from the past year and open our door to new members. If you or your child is interested in joining 4-H, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu or stop by office in the Flynn Building at 416 Broadway (former Opportunity Bank Building). 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension.

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A profile from the Car Show.
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— Albert Einstein

Athletes of the Week Lacie Reed

We would like to thank Cadillac Custom Cabinets for being a 2022-2023 Banner Booster member and supporting our Bulldogs!

Football:
Senior, Jesus Garcia intercepted three passes returning one for a touchdown along with catching seven passes for 127 yards and a touchdown in Townsend 35 to 14 win over Whitehall last Friday.



Girls Cross Country:
Senior, Sydney Forney pr of running a 25:22



Boys Cross Country:
Sophomore, Ross Macdonald running a pr of 20:28



Volleyball:
Junior, Emily Bird with a 3-0 victory over Big Timber: 28 assists, 5 digs, 4 kills, & 2 aces.




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INSIDE INSPIRATION

Limiting Beliefs Ellie West

How often do we ask ourselves this question: Who am I? Am I authentically me, or am I who I think I should be?

Have you identified with what you do for a living and believe that is who you are? I thought that what I did for a living was who I was. What I have learned, it is not who I am.

Being a flight attendant has the unspoken label of a so-called "glamorous life." This is how most of us in this particular field have identified ourselves. We have allowed what we do to become our identity. To think otherwise somehow triggers a grieving process for many, including me.

I recently asked a retired friend, "how is retirement?" She told me that she had lost her identity when she retired. She didn't lose her identity. She had flown for many years. That was how she identified herself. To identify with what you do for a living is a false label. We are so much more. We were created for a purpose for such a time as this. Our lives are made up of millions of moments sewn together with limitless opportunities. It is up to us to decide what kind of legacy we will leave in this world.

We often find ourselves with false labels/beliefs about who we are and were created to be. False labels/beliefs tend to manifest and show up in our lives without us even realizing it. False labels/beliefs are real and intend to choke the truth out of our lives. Eventually, our beliefs/words will share what our heart has believed, whether it is true or not. The sooner you come to terms with the uncomfortable false labels/beliefs you have allowed about yourself, the sooner you will be able to release them. As you become more aware of when that familiar voice starts harassing you, it will be easier to recognize when you are tempted to justify the lies you are telling yourself.

First, we must identify and reflect on those false labels/beliefs and consider the root cause and where they came from... We must ask ourselves this question: am I being honest with myself-really? Have a heart-to-heart with yourself as you are looking in the mirror. Look yourself in the eye and ask yourself out loud (using your name), are you being honest with yourself? Then tell yourself the truth about those false labels/beliefs you have allowed to take hold of your heart and mind. You owe it to yourself. Be curious. Curiosity will keep you focused and aligned with who you are. It is how we learn and gain insight; it's where we catch a glimpse of our narrow-mindedness. When we get uncomfortable and we will, we will be tempted to return to our old ways to what we have always known and what is familiar, but that is fear talking.

I have found myself most recently in that very situation. Before March 2020, I flew in the lead position on International flights. It was what I knew and what I was comfortable with. I had taken a year off from flying, and since returning, I did not want to fly any lead positions Internationally or Domestically. I began to ask myself some of those hard heart-to-heart questions about what was keeping me from flying the positions I enjoyed the most. I had false beliefs about myself as I returned to flying: I am not worthy, I am not enough, and I am not capable. Those are false beliefs/labels that I allowed to stick to myself.

Were they true? Absolutely not! We all develop some false beliefs/labels for many different reasons. However, allowing these beliefs to take root prevents us from fulfilling our deepest purpose. What limiting beliefs or false labels do you have that are keeping you from moving towards your bright future?

"Change your thoughts, and you change your world."

~Norman Vincent Peale



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 Ross Johnson, Council President, for more information, at (406) 465-3791.

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 Mele Moa, 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.

Community Calendar

October 7 TSD HSFB v. Columbus - 7:00 p.m.	October 18 TSD HSVB - Whitehall - 4:00 p.m.
October 8 TSD HSVB v. Choteau - Unknown	October 19 TSD Picture Retake Day County Board of Health - 1:00 p.m. County Airport Board - 7:00 p.m.
October 10 TSD 1st Day of S&D Practice TSD JVFB v. Simms/ Flint Creek - 4:00 p.m.	October 20 TSD PIR-MEA/MFT Days (No School) County Planning Board - 6:00 p.m.
October 11 TSD HSVB v. Three Forks - 4:00 p.m. TSD JHFB at Jefferson - 4:00 p.m. TSD JHVB at Manhattan - 4:00 p.m. TSD School Board - 6:00 p.m.	October 21 TSD PIR-MEA/MFT Days (No School)
October 13 TSD HSVB at Manhattan - 4:00 p.m. County Fair Board - 7:00 p.m.	October 22 TSD State CC - Missoula
October 14 TSD HSFB at Big Timber - 7:00 p.m.	October 27 TSD District VB - Manhattan
October 15 TSD CC at Home Rusty Raisland - 10:00 a.m. TSD HSVB - Choteau - 2:00 p.m. TSD Senior Night!	October 28 TSD District VB - Manhattan TSD End of Q1
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.	October 29 TSD 1st Round FB Playoffs
	October 31 Ghost Stroll TSD Shakespeare in the Classroom Chamber Ghost Stroll - 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Senior Center

MENU OCT. 10--4 Monday, Oct.10 Closed for Columbus Day	Thursday, Oct. 13 Ham & Beans Corn Bread Mixed Vegetables Tossed Salad Baked Apples
Tuesday, Oct. 11 Sweet-N-Sour Pork Fried Brown Rice General Vegetables Four Bean Salad Pineapple	Friday, Oct. 14 Swedish Meatballs Steamed Potatoes Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Apricots
Wednesday, Oct. 12 Roast Beef Dinner Mashed Potatoes Carrot Coins Whole Grain Bread Sweet Peaches Dessert	

Canton Church Restoration Annual Meeting and Dinner



Sunday October 23, 2022
The American Legion Club
Tri-tp Dinner catered by the American Legion
\$30.00 per person
Social Hour 4:00-5:00 with No-Host Bar; Program at 5:00;
Dinner at 6:00.
Linda Huth will present "Outstanding Citizens and Colorful Characters"
The Canton Church Restoration, Inc. Annual Meeting will follow Linda Huth

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Bologna Jerky

For 1 pound of sliced red meat

My husband and I love this jerky, as does everyone we've share it with. Using white pepper instead of black gives it a bit sharper flavor. Then there's the coriander, ginger, mustard and nutmeg. It all makes for a dynamic 'flavor profile' as foodies say whether you use mule deer or whitetail, elk, moose, caribou—any wild red meat. I say it's just darned good. And the brine makes this jerky easy to chew.

This recipe is from my book *Stalking the Wild Jerky* which has over a hundred easy to follow jerky recipes for any game we hunt. Just as important as the spices you add to the meat are the cooking time and temperature. Temperature dictates time and, while I recommend 160F, some newer ovens don't operate that low. So before you overcook your first batch of jerky, check your oven with an oven thermometer. If it operates at 160F, great. If higher, you'll need to shorten the cooking time. How much? That also depends on how thick—or thin—you cut the slices. Thinner pieces are done sooner than thicker ones.

That's the other thing: try to keep your slices about the same thickness. I've tried those jerky slicer gadgets, and found that partially frozen meat works better (and doesn't cost anything) just because it doesn't squirm around under the knife. The meat needs to be thawed enough to get good purchase with the knife blade, but frozen enough to hold firm as you slice. (How deeply thawed? Something between a 1/8 and 1/4-inch of the surface.) A sharp knife helps too.

Finally, brined jerkies tend to look under cooked when they are actually done. So stick with the 3–4-hour cooking time, then let the jerky cool in the turned-off oven. Once cool, jerky should not sag when you hold it by one end, but it should bend fairly easily and not crack and splinter.

Ingredients

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| 1 pound red meat, sliced 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick | 1/2 teaspoon garlic granules or dried minced garlic |
| 1 cup cold water | 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander |
| 2 1/2 teaspoons non-iodized salt* | 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger |
| 1 tablespoon brown sugar | 1/2 teaspoon powdered mustard |
| 1 teaspoon white pepper | 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg |

Preparation

Pat the sliced venison dry with paper towels so it's not drippy when you add it to the brine--and dilute its flavor. Then mix the rest of the ingredients in a resealable plastic bag, add the meat slices and mix them into the brine well. Let sit 48-72 hours in the refrigerator, giving the meat a stir once a day, to let the flavor permeate the meat and fully develop.

Cooking

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

*The salt: if you eat fast food a lot, add a full tablespoon. Otherwise, mix the brine and taste it—before adding the raw meat--and add 2 teaspoons of the salt. Then add more, 1/4 teaspoon at a time, to taste.

Stalking the Wild Jerky and Eileen's other wild game cookbooks, are available at www.riflesandrecipes.com/

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Congressional Candidate Gary Buchanan Visits Townsend
Nancy Marks

Gary Buchanan, Independent candidate for Montana's District 2 seat in the U.S. House, made a campaign stop in Townsend to take the pulse of this community's needs from Congress and to ask for rural residents' votes in the Nov. 8 election. Buchanan, 73, a Billings businessman and financial advisor with a long history in public affairs, talked about the plight of Montana nursing homes and other issues in a Sept. 29 interview with MT 43 News. "Just last week two of our nursing homes in Billings closed," he said. "The only way we can save these critical services is by increasing Medicaid reimbursements. Otherwise, nursing homes will continue to close, leaving desperate residents and families looking for a place to live." He also recommended that regional hospitals lean away from more building expansion and put their money into higher pay for nurses, aides and doctors.



Although Independent candidates rarely win elections, Buchanan is widely viewed as a formidable opponent to incumbent Republican Matt Rosendale who is seeking his second term in the U.S. House. The Democratic party candidate is Penny Ronning, Billings. Also in the race is Libertarian Sam Rankin of Billings. The district covers the central and eastern two-thirds of Montana. This is the first year since 1990 in which Montana has had two congressional districts.

Buchanan says in campaign literature that he is indeed politically independent, has split his votes on Montana politics for almost 45 years and served in state positions under six Montana governors, both Republican and Democratic. Buchanan, who once served as chairman of the State Board of Crime Control, said the same money shortage is hurting Montana prisons. "The Glendive Detention Center houses 144 inmates who are serving time for serious crimes. I have spoken with county commissioners there who predict a 50 per cent chance the facility will have to close because of a lack of funding. What will happen when 144 criminals are let out in the street because the state facility cannot house them?" Buchanan said, "We cannot wait with funding for our police and prisons. I am against the police defunding policy backed by some Democrats and defunding the FBI backed by the Republicans. Whether we bring in the National Guard, or however, we need to keep our prisons open and staffed. The federal government must help with that crisis."

Buchanan pointed out that climate change affects us all, but especially the agricultural community where drought and higher fuel and fertilizer costs change how farmers and ranchers do business. If elected, he will bring to Congress his experience in banking. He supports the Federal Reserve's effort to stop inflation "before it gets to 18 per cent as it was in the 1980's. If we do not get hold of inflation, that is where it will go," he said.

Buchanan also talked in support of the COOL (Country Of Origin Labeling) act to identify meat raised in the United States. He pointed out the Made in Montana label has been successful in identifying and selling Montana made products. Asked his opinion about out-of-state nonprofit organizations and Investors buying up Montana farmland, he said he understands how capitalism works, that a willing buyer and a willing seller make the system work. However, he said he supports better communication between the farmers and the investors.

As to why he decided to run for Congress, Buchanan said: "I was disgusted when Rosendale was against supporting our nation's Capitol police during the January 6 attack on the Capitol. Rosendale was one of three who did not support helping the Ukraine. He voted against supporting our NATO allies. He voted to cancel the 100-year-old Pittman-Robertson Act which provides millions of dollars to recreationists and hunters as well as Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Even the NRA supports the Act. I do not think that is mainstream of Montana political thinking."

Gary Buchanan was in Townsend September 30.

MT 43 News has reached out to the other candidates offering a similar interview opportunity. As of this writing, they have not responded.

Class of '67 Reunion

The class of '67 held its 55th reunion over the Fall Fest weekend. According to Peggy Flynn this year was the fourth time they held class reunions. Eighteen of the original class attended enjoyed a catered dinner put on by the American Legion Auxiliary at the Legion Hall on Friday night. Principal Brad Racht gave the group a tour of the new elementary and high schools. One of their original teachers, Jack Gillespie and wife Judy attended. "They never miss one of our reunions," Peggy said.



Standing: Brad Tarrant, Chuck Hahn, Chuck Sullivan, Gary Flynn, Bill Davis, Jean Berberet Balint, Jerry Kitto, Mary Ellen McNulty Schnur, Diana Biggs Heller, Mike Perry and Dave Scott.

Seated: John Lampman, Bill Duede, Judy and Jack Gillespie, Linda Damuth Hafner, Peggy Christie Flynn, Ailene Goodwin Gribas, Clyde Retterer.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." Dr. Seuss

BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend

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MINUTES Oct. 3

County Commissioners Adds Federal Funds to City Council Water Project

Broadwater County Commissioners voted to distribute the remainder of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds they received to the City of Townsend's water and sewer Infrastructure Projects at their meeting oct. 3 at the Flynn building. The county received \$500,000 of which they spent \$105,000 toward upgrade at the Fairgrounds. Commissioners voted in favor of transferring \$447,124 to the city.

Mayor Mike Evans spoke in favor of the transfer during a public hearing. He and Chris Hayes, engineer from Robert Peccia and Associates explained the city needed to repair and replace water lines in the city to increase water pressure for residents, especially on the south side of Townsend. "Once we set up a new gravity flow system from wells at the Fairgrounds area, we can solve many of our pressure problems," Evans explained. Replacing and upgrading the water system will cost approximately \$10-\$12million when it is finished. The city will use its ARPA monies as well. In the longer term, the City of Townsend will be mandated to meet DEQ standards for a large enough water reserve to meet a multiple building fire in town at a cost of \$1.2million.

County Finance Officer Debbie Kelley presented a budget amendment to reflect a change in the county's valuation which will increase the mill value. The motion to approve passed.

Montana Business Assistance Connection(MBAC) administrator Catherine Anderson presented a budgetary authority resolution to pass \$400,000 County District Block Grant funds to Bridger Brewing for their kitchen at the Jack Rabbit Pub near Three Forks. The CBDG revolving fund comes back to the county to be loaned again to any business which qualifies. The money is borrowed at a low interest rate for five years. There is no cost to the county for processing the funds.

Broadwater County inmates at the Broadwater County Detention Center will have medical and mental health insurance of which the county will pay an average of 98 cents per day per inmate in excess of what is already covered through major medical coverage through Montana Association of County Offices (MACO) according to Sheriff's Department member Brandon Harris. A motion passed to approve the payment.

Public Works Supervisor Josh Obert presented his 2023 budget for the department's road hardening project. The department has received \$79,504 of the state-funded Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (BARSA) program through Montana Department of Transportation. The county match for the grant is \$3,975. "This is a great deal for the county," Folkvord said, "We pay \$1 for every \$20 we receive from MDOT." Discussion followed about the Goose Bay Road not being upgraded. Obert said they had been negotiating with the Bureau of Reclamation concerning the job for seven years. Motion passed to accept the grant.

Community Development Director Nichole Brown presented two boundary Relocation requests which the commission approved.

Claims and minutes were approved and meeting adjourned by Chairman Darrel Folkvord.

October 12 - Commission Meeting October 13 - Fair Board Meeting
October 19 - Board of Heath Meeting October 19 - Airport Meeting

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MACo Annual Conference Overview - Debi Randolph Broadwater County Commissioner District 1



From time to time, you may have seen that the Broadwater County Commissioners are attending a MACo Conference. I wanted to share with you some of the topics discussed in this Conference and how it might apply to you. This past week, I attended the 113th Annual Conference of Montana Association of Counties (MACo) in Billings. Every county in Montana is a member of MACo and there are meetings throughout the year. There is usually a trade show during the conferences with a large variety of businesses. While MACo does have some staff in Helena, it is run by the members, and the Board of Directors are Commissioners from all areas of Montana. Commissioners can be as involved in MACo as they want to be.

I am often asked what happens at a MACo conference. For one, speakers from across Montana, as well as from across the nation, attend these events. In the most recent conference, we heard from experts on topics including ARPA grants, mental health, fire mitigation, energy, among others. As Commissioners, we are assigned to committees based on our location and interests. Personally, I am on the Public Lands, Resolutions and Legislative, and Community Economic Development/Labor Committees. During these sessions, we break out into our committees and discuss topics related to each subject matter. I have found these sessions to be very educational, as there are viewpoints expressed from both the more urban and the more rural counties. It has been interesting to learn about some of the challenges faced by counties with a larger population. I consider us very blessed that Broadwater County doesn't share some of their issues. However, there is a sense that we are all Montanans first and foremost and we all share similar issues like land use, public safety, and employment concerns.

Representative Rosendale and Senator Tester spoke via Zoom on the first day and Governor Gianforte spoke at one of the luncheons. Many of their staff attended all the sessions and were very accessible throughout the day. These folks offer great insights. However, I found the other County Commissioners to provide the most value, as I have learned so much from Commissioners from Missoula County to Treasure County.

One of the most interesting aspects of the Annual Conference are the resolutions. A few weeks ago, the Resolution Committee, of which I am a member, met to discuss and vote on a few presented resolutions. Then, at the conference, the appropriate committees review those resolutions and have the opportunity to propose amendments to them. Finally, all MACo members vote on each resolution. These resolutions come from the district meeting across the state that MACo holds in the summer. The resolutions are a fine example of grassroots action. MACo uses the resolutions to help educate our legislators once the session opens in Helena this winter. We will all now watch and see the results once the legislative session kicks off.

The next conference is in February. I look forward to attending and making sure the needs of Broadwater County get the attention we deserve.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Paul Kroeger

Thursday, October 20th will mark the 5th anniversary of Townsend's annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, hosted by Mayor Mike Evans and Friends in Fellowship Townsend. Past dignitaries have included Attorney General Tim Fox, and YNOP Radio General Manager Roger Lonnquist.

Our featured speaker this year is Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras, who is in full support of Mayor's Prayer Breakfasts spreading throughout the communities of Montana, and has worked to have the Governor's Prayer Breakfast return to the Capitol last session.

Our Bible theme for the year is Truth, as found in 1 Timothy 2:1 ." I urge then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and Thanksgiving be made for all people- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants ALL people to be SAVED and to come to a knowledge of the TRUTH. For there is ONE GOD and one mediator between God and mankind, the man CHRIST JESUS who gave himself as a ransom for ALL people."

Doors open at 6:30, breakfast at 7:00 AM, at the Watson Event Center, 290 Litening Barn Road, Townsend. For more information call Paul Kroeger 406-439-1042. Donations can be made to Joni Carlton, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 1109 Hwy 12 E, Townsend, MT 59644.

All are welcome to hear the Truth at this free event. We are honoring the men and women who serve others within our community.

Seed Potato Harvest in Broadwater County

Nancy Marks

Manager Matt Graham is buzzing around on his four-wheeler checking machinery, talking to workers, keeping trucks lined up on a bright Monday morning at the potato processing plant and cellar on Front Street in Townsend. He keeps a close watch on conveyor belts where hundreds of pounds of seed potatoes are churning up loading chutes. The seed potato harvest in Broadwater County is in full swing, and processing those precious spuds is a complex operation.



Five farms in the county raise seed potatoes for Big Sky Seed, a certified seed processor headquartered in St. Anthony, Idaho. Graham, local operations manager for Big Sky Seed, says the harvest began Sept. 27 and lasts two weeks. "We normally process seed potatoes for commercial growers in Idaho and Washington. Last year was not a good year because of the smoke blocking out the sun. This year we are hoping for a better year despite the fact we had a cold spring, so the potatoes did not sprout as well," he said. The five farmers who raise the potatoes for certification run approximately 1,900 acres in Broadwater County. Each farmer either plants his own acreage or rents acres from surrounding farms. Graham runs 370 acres each year.

Graham explained the seed certification is complicated and important. Throughout the growing season, the seed potatoes are watched for diseases such as those caused by nematodes or an aphid-transmitted PVY virus. The certification process is overseen by Montana State University's Department of Agriculture.

Nina Zidack, the department's director of seed potato certification, explains, "The plants first start in a sterile environment, then are moved to a greenhouse nursery and finally to the field. We watch the plants carefully for any sign of disease." She said most people do not realize a potato starts from a leaf. Once the seed is certified for field planting, farmers protect the plants with herbicides and insecticides. "Farmers are careful to spray only when it is safe to do so, such as one month before harvest," she said. Seed potatoes are safe for the consumer to eat as well. Graham said they are meticulous about keeping the processing plant free of disease. "We continually disinfect our equipment and our cellar walls and floor."

Another disease-control step is not using seed potatoes from the same source more than twice. After using their own seed twice, farmers must buy seed from another certified source. Graham buys his own seed from a Manhattan farm. Still another protection is crop rotation. Certified seed potatoes can be planted in the same field only every other year. Farmers then plant the field in an alternative crop such as small grains or alfalfa.

Before harvest begins, the farmer kills the vine with either acid or a desiccant, a drying agent. Neither of these is dangerous to the consumer. Anyone who drives by a potato field this time of year will see the dead vines. The reason for killing the vines is to help the potato skins to mature so the potato does not bruise so easily.

Graham hires 16 to 18 seasonal workers every year, many of whom return every year for the two-week session. Susan Treaster has been a sorter for seven years. Her job is to sort out baby potatoes for shipment to a Hawaii testing facility. "The hours are long, but the money comes in handy for Christmas extras," she said. Both her sons work potatoes too. The pay is about \$15 per hour. Some high school students work after school. Graham said his crew is complete. Students must be 16 to apply for the job. His other crew consists of three people in the field and six people who drive trucks. His equipment maintenance crew consists of three professional mechanics who come from Mexico on H2-A green card visas. "They have been with us for six years here in Montana, but each has worked twenty years in Idaho," he said.

Graham stocks about 80,000 sacks of spuds over winter and ships them to Washington and Idaho for planting. "I stock four varieties of russets and two varieties of reds," he said. Depending what end product the Washington or Idaho growers are shooting for, such as French fries or powdered potatoes, for example, determines the variety a grower will choose, a potato with more sugar content or less, he said.

Graham has been in the potato business since he was in middle school. "Our schools in Idaho closed down for two weeks so everyone could work in the processing plants," he said. He includes his family of four children here in Townsend in the business as well. "I think it is important that my kids know where the food in the grocery store comes from," he said.

He sells some potatoes in Townsend for home consumption.



Veteran sorter Susan Treaster and a coworker chose baby potatoes for test planting. Loads of baby potatoes are shipped to Hawaii for growing and disease testing.



Trucks dump their field loads into the red tub. The green vacuum pump sucks the potatoes up on to a conveyor belt while separating loose dirt, rocks and vines into a separate box for recycling back to the fields.

RIBBON CUTTING AT BILLINGS CLINIC BROADWATER

Eliza McLaughlin

Billings Clinic Broadwater officials dedicated the recently expanded clinic, rehabilitation department and emergency room during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Sept. 30.

"The increased exam room and ER space will allow for us to be a greater resource for our community," said Dr. Phillip Hess, Billings Clinic Broadwater Chief of Staff and Emergency Medicine physician in an agency press release. "Broadwater County is growing, and we have grown with those needs as a facility."

Those in attendance spoke not only about the hospital's benefit to Townsend and Broadwater County, but also to the state of Montana. Rich Rasmussen, president and CEO of the Montana Hospital Association, said the expansion was a "great day for Montana" explaining that critical access hospitals in Montana are essential to communities like Townsend. Since 2014, hundreds of critical access hospitals have closed throughout the U.S., but none have closed their doors in Montana.

Billings Clinic Broadwater Board Chairman Bill Upthegrove added that the hospital is a major employer in the community. "There's just so many things that a hospital anchors in a community," he said. A number of community members, were recognized for their efforts to save the hospital. Billings Clinic Broadwater CEO Jenny Clowes also praised employees and community members for their support of the project. Clowes said that community members' contributions are an example of their commitment to health care in the community. "This had to happen," Billings Clinic Interim CEO Dr. Clint Seger said, adding that the community wanted to grow and expand its access to healthcare.

The new clinic features nine exam rooms, three new ER bays, and a 1,800 square-foot rehabilitation department relocated above the clinic. Officials in attendance were especially excited about the clinic's front entrance, which was absent prior to the expansion.

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Building a Better Broadwater Community Review Listening Sessions

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

You are invited to participate in listening sessions as part of the community review process. A listening session is facilitated discussion to help better understand the opportunities and challenges in Broadwater County. Information from the listening sessions and survey will be used for a report to set priorities for future community projects. Listening sessions are open to the public, but some focus on specific demographics in the community.



Time	Focus Group	Location
9:00-10:30 am	Business Owners, Agriculture & Natural Resources	Methodist Church 200 N Cedar Street, Townsend
10:00-11:30 am	Property Owners & Subdivisions—Crow Creek	Toston Fire Hall 8856 Hwy 287, Toston
10:30 am—12:00 pm	Property Owners & Subdivisions—Winston Area	Winston Fire Hall 6467 Hwy 287, Winston
12:15-12:50 pm	Youth	Library Community Room
1:00-2:30 pm	Senior Citizens	Senior Center 516 2nd Street, Townsend
3:30-4:30 pm	School Educators, Staff & Administrators	Library Community Room
3:30-5:00 pm	Property Owners & Subdivisions—Wheatland Area	Headwaters Livestock Auction 25 Wheatland Rd, Three Forks
3:30-5:00 pm	Law Enforcement, Nonprofits, Healthcare, Emergency Services & Family Services	Methodist Church 200 N Cedar Street, Townsend
6:30-8:00 pm	Countywide listening for other groups and all county residents.	Methodist Church

A Town Hall Meeting that summarizes the results from the listening sessions will be held on Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 pm at the Methodist Church.

For more information, contact John Hahn at 406.202.1050 or hahnsupply@mt.net or Allison Kosto at 406.266.9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

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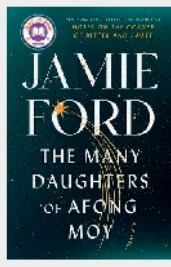
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