

Three Candidates Vie for Two Seats on School Board

Voting Only by Mailed Ballots

Nancy Marks

MT43 News Reporter

Jason Noyes and Vanessa Flynn are seeking re-election to three-year terms on the Townsend School District No.1 board of trustees, challenged by newcomer Audrey Martin. Ballots are to be mailed to the district’s registered voters



next Monday, April 22.

Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County clerk and recorder, and election administrator, served notice that the election will be conducted by mailed ballots only. Regular polling places will not be open. Ballots must be returned by mail or be dropped off at her office, 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, to arrive no later than 8 p.m. on the official election day of May 7.

Paulsen said that if you do not receive a ballot and believe you should, a ballot may be obtained at her office.

Daniel Truesdell, currently serving by appointment to the five-member school board, is unopposed in his bid for election to a one-year term. As an unopposed candidate, he will be elected by acclamation and his name will not be on the ballot.

Holdover members of the board are Chase Ragen and Jason Kool.

Candidates for School Board Election



Vanessa Flynn, incumbent School Board member is running for a three-year term.
Photos Provided by Candidates

Hello! I am Vanessa Flynn. My family moved to Main Street Townsend at the end of 1991, where my younger brothers and I subsequently enrolled at Cecelia Hazelton Elementary. I later went on to earn an Associate of Arts degree from Crown College, came back to Townsend, and married a sixth-generation farmer in 2004. I am currently a stay-at-home mom to our 4 children, ages 10-17. Being a homemaker, I felt I had the time to serve on the school board that many other working parents do not. It’s important to me that the school board has a mom’s perspective, which has been my privilege to provide for the last 6 years. I’m grateful for the opportunity to be involved in the most important part of our fantastic community: our children!

Vanessa Flynn

I grew up in Livingston, MT, and attended Montana State University where I received my bachelor's degree. I met my wife Karen, a Broadwater High School graduate while attending MSU. We were married in the summer of 1997 and moved to Toston right after college. We soon decided that Broadwater County would be our permanent home and farming would be our career. We set our roots in the Townsend community and raised our family on the farm. We have four children, three of whom have attended and graduated from Townsend, and our youngest, Kaitlyn, is a sophomore at Broadwater High School. My oldest son Tyler is an Agriculture Education teacher in Three Forks, my daughter Taylor is currently working in Texas involved with embryo transfer work in the cattle industry, and my son Colton is a sophomore at MSU studying Plant Science.



Jason Noyes, incumbent School Board member is running for a three-year term.
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Being a part of the Townsend school board had long been an interest of mine. My involvement with the Broadwater County 4-H program ignited a desire to play a larger role in the growth and development of Townsend’s students. In 2018, I was visiting with a current trustee who indicated that his term was expiring, and he was ready to be finished if someone else was willing to step up. That conversation set things in motion for placing my name on the ballot. In May of 2018, I was elected for my first 3-year term.

I learned quickly that the involvement and time commitment of being on the board was significantly greater than I had anticipated. However, the reward and sense of accomplishment have also been greater. As trustees, we are there to help develop a long-range vision and set the direction of the district through careful development of policies. I have spent the last 6 years trying to learn and understand every aspect of how our public school systems operate. From examining the annual budget to studying several hundred policies, there is a great deal to know and understand. The learning never stops, even for a trustee.

Why am I running again? I know this important work will never end and I am confident that I can work collectively with the board to guide and direct education in this community. There are challenges facing public education right now and having a strong, informed board of trustees is essential to meeting the goals of our community. Our job is to hire the right personnel, set the right goals, and determine the best practices to help every student achieve individual success. We have incredible students, amazing staff members, and a supportive community, all key components to a successful Montana school district.

As a trustee, I have always tried to listen to the concerns and suggestions from all angles. If re-elected, I will continue to approach each decision in the board room with an open mind, accurate information, and a desire to see each student reach their full potential. I want to thank everyone who has continued to support and encourage me to continue in this role.

Jason Noyes



Winston resident Audrey Martin is running for School Board member
Photos Provided by Candidates

I have lived in Broadwater County for over five years and am originally from Northwest Montana. The opportunities afforded by my public education allowed me to be the first person in my family to attend college and earn a master's degree. I want to ensure all students have the same opportunity to pursue their passions. As a mom of a student, I have watched the school board struggle, from failing to connect with the community and providing an environment where everyone feels heard and understood to making decisions without thoughtful debate in meetings. With increased property taxes and the implementation of HB 203, Montana's rural public education is forever changed. Townsend needs a trustee who understands not only budgets, policy, and the community but is also not afraid to listen to all perspectives, broker tough decisions, and explain them publicly. My reason for running is this:

- Over 36% of all Property tax dollars go to schools. All Taxpayers have a right to hear and understand the district's needs firsthand. The communities, parents, educators, and students frequently feel disconnected from the school or unwanted at meetings; they ALL need a seat at the table. Educators, extracurricular leaders, and students must have a space to express their needs and frustrations without fearing retaliation.
- With the implementation of Montana House Bill 203 in July 2024, Broadwater County Schools' dynamics will change. We need trustees who will work with students, parents, educators, and the community to achieve the best possible outcomes.
- Students need to have opportunities provided for them to meet their dreams and aspirations, whether in higher education, vocational training, employment, or entrepreneurship. A wide range of educational options must be at the district's forefront of priorities.

Audrey Martin



Correction Lincoln-Reagen Dinner Flier

MT 43 News

In the April 12, 2024, issue of MT43 News (Volume 2, Edition 40) we inadvertently ran an incorrect flier for the Lincoln-Reagen Dinner.

The date and the location of the event were correct,

but the speaker information was not correct.

Please see the corrected announcement of the event in this issue.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience our mistake may have created.

Corrected flier can be found on Page 11.

Two Townsend Middle School Students Win Gold Ribbons at State Science Fair

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Six Graders Rigo Delgado and Zandria Bancroft earned gold ribbons and a second round of judging at the State Science Fair in Missoula on April 6, according to advisor Anna Shearer in an email last week.

Twenty-one sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students from Townsend qualified for the State Science Fair with various science projects. They won their chance to attend the State Science Fair after careful judging by 43 judges who volunteered their time to judge 180 middle school student fair projects on March 6th at the high school auditorium gym.

Shearer congratulated all the hardworking middle school students and sent thanks to the 43 judges who gave their time to select the winners of the project competition.



Eighth grade qualifiers left to right: Claire Swanson, Kylee Warburton, Gracely Ragen, Kymber McCartney, Emma Delgado, Kinsely Heggen and Bryce Lessley. Seventh-grade qualifiers left to right: Harley Cox, Abigail McCauley, Clayton Rice, Gunner Cox and Gavin Begger. Anna Shearer Photo

Gallatin Valley Invitational

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The Broadwater Bulldogs traveled to Belgrade for the Gallatin Valley Invitational on Saturday, April 13th. It was a gorgeous sunshine day for a track meet and a great way to end the week. Many Bulldogs had a jam-packed week, balancing not only their academic studies and family life but many other extra-curriculars. Our student-athletes balanced FFA, Skills USA, Academic Olympics, and Music Festival along with their practice schedule this week.

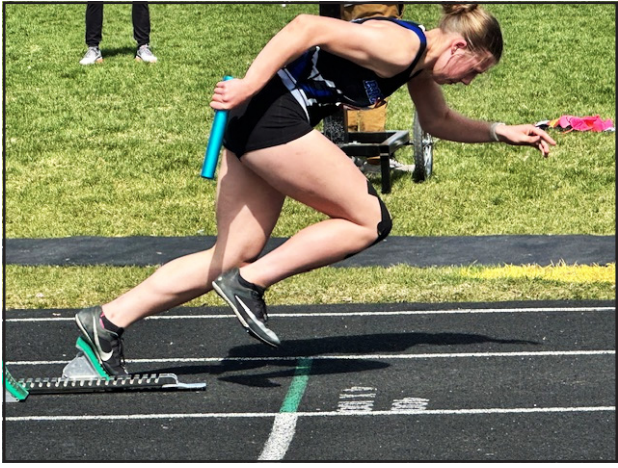
The Varsity Lady Bulldogs placed second as a team with 118 points behind Belgrade, while the JV squad tallied 26 points for 10th. The heat on the track helped the lady speedsters establish their season-best times almost universally across the team. Sometimes that same heat can be a deterrent for distance runners, but the Bulldogs persisted. Every distance runner, whether they be varsity or JV, placed in the top 8 of their respective runs. Junior Jazlyn Martin started her day in Bozeman earning two Superior ratings at the District Music Festival and ended her day by throwing her personal best distance in the javelin.

Sophomore Holly Newman had a standout day in her field events; establishing her personal best (PR) in both the long jump and javelin, while also having her season’s best (SR) at the high jump. Holly Newman was joined by Kaitlyn Noyes & senior Reese Wolfgram in the long jump. The trio of ladies not only all PR-ed, but they all placed in the top 8 at the Invitational. Additionally, all three ladies marked a distance long enough to surpass the State Class B Qualifying standards, which automatically qualifies them for the state meet in Laurel this Memorial Day.

These qualifying standards are different for each class and allow for an athlete to advance to the state meet without having to compete in the district and divisional meets. Havyn Vandenacre has already state-qualified in all five of her events: the 100- and 200-meter dashes, 100- and 300-meter hurdles, and the javelin. Kaitlyn Noyes has state-qualified (so far) in the 200-meter dash and triple jump, in addition to the aforementioned long jump. Kyla Meissner brings the number of state-qualified Lady Bulldogs to six with her two-mile time.



Getting Ready for the Run Photo Credits: Staff Reporter



Ready, Set, Go! Photo Credits: Staff Reporter

Kyla Meissner 5:39, 3rd Memphis Meier 5:54, 8th Abby Wickens 6:14, 3rd JV Jordyn Pittman 6:44 and 6th JV Shalyn Sentinella 8:01. 3200-meter run: 8th Abby Wickens 13:57.

100-meter hurdles: 1st Havyn Vandenacre 15:63 and Emmalin Fischer 18.94. 300-meter hurdles: Holly Newman 54.09 and Emmalin Fischer 59.37. The ladies’ squad of Reese Wolfgram, Kaitlyn Noyes, Aspen Slyker & Amanda Pesicka finished the 4 x 100-meter relay in 53.54 taking 8th place. Joining Aspen Slyker for the long relay (4 x 400-meter) were Memphis Meier, Abby Wickens and Kyla Meissner finishing 7th place with a time of 4:46.

Shot Put: Jazlyn Martin 25’3” and Berlin Korr 23’10.5”. Discus: Jazlyn Martin 80’5”, Karsyn Sangray 60’2” and Berlin Korr 46’11”. Javelin: 1st Havyn Vandenacre 126’5”, Jazlyn Martin 86’3” and Berlin Korr 52’4”.

High Jump: 7th Holly Newman 4’10” and Kaitlyn Noyes 4’6”. Long Jump: 2nd Kaitlyn Noyes 16’7.25”, 7th Holly Newman 16’0.5”, 8th Holly Newman 15’10”, Emmalin Fischer 15’5”, and Emily Taves 12’9.5”. Triple Jump: 3rd Kaitlyn Noyes 34’4” and 9th Holly Newman 31’8.75”.

The men’s team did not score a bunch of points as a team, but that does not mean that it was not a successful day for the Bulldogs. The men’s throwing squad is certainly finding their sweet spot! Sophomores Pat Gossard, Trace Giomi and Aidan Kitto threw their best distances (PR) at all three throwing events. Senior Cooper Hines also PR-ed in both the shot put and javelin, while sophomores Tanner Bird and Creighton Wright PR-ed in the javelin throw. Jim Tew’s 39’4.25” effort in the triple jump not only placed 6th at the Invitational, but was the 10th longest jump overall in Class B this year. Deegan Mattson and Nolan Flynn both added a pair of top-10 finishes in their respective distances.

100-meter dash: 7th Deegan Mattson 11.88, Marek Easter 12.26, Colt Bernard 12.36, and Gavin Greene 15.09. 200-meter dash: Marek Easter 24.98 and Colt Barnard 25.24. 800-meter run: Max Sellay 2:28. 1600-meter run: 10th Nolan Flynn 5:04 and Rylan Hoveland 5:37. 3200-meter run: 9th Noland Flynn 10:57 and Rylan Hoveland 12:15

110-meter hurdles: 6th Deegan Mattson 17.23, Jim Tew 18.68, and Tavyn Anderson 20.11. 300-meter hurdles: Tavyn Anderson 48.29 and Jim Tew 50.36. 4 x 100-meter Relay: 9th Deegan Mattson, Colt Barnard, Tavyn Anderson & Jim Tew 47.38. Long Jump: Tavyn Anderson 18’0.25” and Jim Tew 17’4”. Triple Jump: 6th Jim Tew 39’4.25”, Tavyn Anderson 37’2.5”, and Gavin Greene 30’1.5”.

Shot Put: Gavin Schmele 35’11.5”, Pat Gossard 30’8.5”, Trace Giomi 30’5.75”, Aidan Kitto 28’1.75”, Crieghton Wright 25’6.5”, and Cooper Hines 25’4.5”. Discus: Gavin Schmele 102’9”, Pat Gossard 79’8”, 10th JV Trace Giomi 86’3”, Aidan Kitto 79’6”, Cooper Hines 69’8” and Crieghton Wright 68’. Javelin: Pat Gossard 118’9”, Tanner Bird 108’, Aidan Kitto 98’, Marek Easter 96’1”, Trace Giomi 84’3” and Creighton Wright 77’.

The Broadwater Bulldogs head back to the Gallatin Valley for the Manhattan Christian Invitational held at Gallatin High School in Bozeman on Saturday, April 20th. Good luck Dogs!

Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest Deadline

Linda Southall

2024 Arbor Day Tree Poster contest for 5th Graders in Broadwater County.

Deadline is April 25, 2024. Please submit your posters to the Elementary Principal's office by noon on April 25th.

The award ceremony will be May 2nd. For questions contact Linda Southall, 406-266-3863

High School Seniors Learn About Elections

Angie Paulsen
Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder



Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen visited Broadwater High School’s civics class this past January and aided approximately 47 seniors in registering to vote in this upcoming historical election. She also instructed the class on political parties, and federal, state and county government.

A photo of Angie Paulsen standing in a classroom. She is wearing a red jacket and is smiling. Behind her is a large American flag and a map of the United States on a wall. There is a whiteboard to the left of the flag.

County Clerk and Recorder explains in a high school class how elections work. Photo Credits: Angie Paulsen

Paulsen was carrying out a long-standing tradition to help educate seniors on their civic responsibility to vote and participate in the democratic process, emphasizing the power of one vote. Paulsen’s undergraduate degree in Political Science, with an emphasis on Public Policy and Public Administration, along with her experience working in state and county government, was the catalyst for her sharing her knowledge of bureaucracy and government with Townsend seniors. The class is taught by Lindsey Moldenhauer.



Broadwater High School seniors learn about elections. Photo Credits: Angie Paulsen

“Mrs. Moldenhauer did a great job prepping the class on topics surrounding political parties, so I asked some questions and expanded the students’ understanding of how the offices of County Government, particularly County Government and County Elected Officials, can affect their everyday lives, from elections, sheriff, roads, and treasurer offices,” according to Paulsen.

Paulsen went on to say that she was pleasantly surprised at the end of each class in which students expressed interest in running for office someday. “One of the highlights after our political and government discussion was to hear students inquire about running for county offices in the future.”

Townsend is designated as Tree City USA for the 24th Year!
Read about it on page 8!

Townsend School Calendar

APRIL

Fri 19

NO SCHOOL

Fri 19 - Sat 20

12:00PM Election Judge Training at Community Room
READ ARTICLE ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS
Tennis Fort Benton/Choteau/Conrad @ Great Falls
V Golf @ Home

Sat 20

9:00AM HS Track @ Bozeman

Mon 22 - Sat 27

Safe as a Bulldog Week!!

Mon 22

V Golf @ Shelby
7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room
2:00PM MS Track @ East Helena
5:30PM Master Gardener Class at Community Room
6:00PM Adult City League Volleyball at 1963 Gym

Tue 23

1:00PM Tennis- Anaconda/Granite @ Anaconda
3:45PM HS Track Top 10 @ Missoula
6:00PM Affordable Housing Community Meeting at Community Room
7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room

Wed 24

12:00PM MS Golf @ Townsend
7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym
7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym
7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room

Thu 25 - Fri 26

Kindergarten Roundup at Community Room/Library/Community Classroom/ Library Classroom
SEE DETAILED ARTICLE ON PAGE 4

Thu 25

7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room
1:00PM JV Tennis @ Helena
3:30PM HS Track @ Helena
MS Track @ Manhattan Christian
Q4 Midterm
V Golf @ Ennis

Fri 26 - Sat 27


Tennis @ Billings Invite

Fri 26

NO SCHOOL Teacher PLC Day
JV Golf @ Home

Sat 27

10:00AM HS Track @ East Helena



Full-Time Job Opening

Executive Administrative Assistant - Commission - Broadwater County
Broadwater County is seeking qualified applicants to fill the position of Executive Administrative Assistant. This is a permanent, full-time position working 40 hours per week for the Commission and supporting departments under commission supervision.
Duties and responsibilities include answering phones, livestreaming county board meetings, drafting minutes and weekly agendas, processing mail, responding to walk-in inquiries, filing, and other clerical duties.
Attention to detail, ability to work on deadline, proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, discretion, and customer service skills are essential. Occasional evening hours may be required. GIS and soils knowledge is helpful. A valid driver’s license is required.
The wage is \$16-\$19/hr, DOE. Includes health insurance and other benefits.
Applications and a copy of the job description can be found online at www.broadwatercountymt.com or by emailing envhealth@co.broadwater.mt.us. Position is open until filled.
Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities.

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

Friday 19

1:00 PM Three Forks Library - LEGO Club

Tuesday 23

1:00 PM Three Forks Library - Mah Jongg

Thursday 25

10:00 AM Three Forks Library - Story Time
7:00 PM Three Forks Music Night with Mike Killen at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Sunday 28

4:00 PM Kansas Street Closed - Three Forks Junior & High School Rodeo at City Hall

Medicare 101: *Get your Medicare Questions Answered!*

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April 25th, 6 pm -7pm @ Reading Leaves Book Store 401 Broadway, Townsend MT

RSVP 406-438-7315 or mtleyland@yahoo.com



The 8th Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale

will be held on July 20, 2024.
If you are planning to hold a yard/garage sale this year, consider joining the County-Wide Yard Sale. We will do all the advertising across our region including Helena, Butte and Bozeman - You keep all the profits!
Three Forks area residents welcome!
Call Pam at (406) 422-7028 for more information or to be included in our yard sale map.

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

REGULAR HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm
Tuesday - 9:00am - 7:00pm
1st Saturday of the month: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit their website: three-forkslibrary.weebly.com

Broadwater School and Community Library

REGULAR HOURS:
Monday through Thursday 4:00- 7:00PM
Friday through Saturday 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Sunday 12:00- 5:00PM
Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

APRIL

Monday 22


11:00am Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 23

3:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioners' Office)

Wednesday 24

10:00am Commission Meeting



The Rotary Club of Townsend is Already Planning for Fall Fest 2024!
Turn to page 6 to read more!

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

Do you feel called to serve your community?
BROADWATER COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE Wants YOU as an ELECTION JUDGE for all Precincts and Parties.
AN ELECTION JUDGE TRAINING IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024, 3-6 P.M. at the Community Room of the Library, 201 N. Spruce, Townsend.

WHAT IS AN ELECTION JUDGE?
During an election, election judges sign in voters, hand out ballots, and implement election laws to protect the privacy and the privileges of voters. If you are 18 years or older, a registered voter, enjoy working with people, do not mind working a long day and want to be paid for having fun, then you will enjoy being an election judge. All former judges must attend this meeting to continue serving as an election judge.
Please RSVP via PHONE 406-266-3405, email ELECTIONS@CO.BROADWATER.MT.US, or mail below form to notify Broadwater County Election’s Office that you are attending the training.

I am interested in being an election judge for Broadwater County and plan to attend the election judge training FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024, 3-6 P.M.
Mail or email RSVP to Election Office, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.
Name: _____ PH: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

Friday 19

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

Saturday 20

12:00PM Out of the Darkness Walk to Prevent Suicide, East Helena High School, 2760 Valley Drive, East Helena; Contact Karen Snow:406.214.5675
ksnow@afsp.org or Register at afsp.org/TriCounty
(READ ABOUT IT IN OUR 3/22/24, EDITION 37, PAGE 4)
5:00pm 2024 Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner at Watson’s Event Center **SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS**
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 22

6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 23

5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
6:00pm Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway

Wednesday 24

3:30 - 5:30PM Meet McMurray Family Sunday Fun Day
SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive at United Methodist Church
5:30pm Ryan Busse Candidate for Governor Visits Townsend at Canyon Ferry Brewing
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 25

6:00pm Medicare 101: Free Medicare Seminar at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway in Townsend
(RSVP INFO ON THIS PAGE)
7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 26

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

Saturday 27

5:00PM Special Community Ham Dinner at American Legion Post 42 Club
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway



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Vigilante Electric Cooperative Celebrates Administrative Professionals Day

On April 24th, we join businesses across the country in celebration of Administrative Professionals Day. The day in the life of an administrative professional varies from moment to moment. While organization is key to their success, their flexibility and ability to manage the unexpected make them valuable to any business.

“I am very happy and proud to be working with all the administrative professionals in our office,” states Rollie Miller. “I am immensely proud of the accomplishments we have made as a team over the previous year. I hope you take time to thank these people when you see them next.”

“When it comes to keeping an office running smoothly and efficiently, I couldn’t think of any other people who do it quite as well as our crew at Vigilante Electric. The innovation, dedication and humor this group of women bring to our office is second to none. Thank you for all you do day in and day out.” Raquel Reno-Morast Office Manager

We would like to recognize Jackie Clark, Paige Garrison, Chelsey Hutchison, and Emily May for their devotion and valuable work for our organization.

Follow New County Resident's Lead VOLUNTEER

MT 43 News Staff Reporter



Volunteer Teri Blahnik began watering trees in street boulevards last week.
MT 43 News Photographer

Teri Blahnik moved to Townsend in 2019. It didn’t take her long to find a job. A Hamilton native, Teri had just retired from her career. Her time in her new home in Townsend found her looking for something to do. The Townsend Tree Board sounded interesting, she said, so she attended a meeting. Before she knew it she had volunteered to water the boulevard trees in Townsend. She was recruited by Pat Plantenberg, the tree guy.

“I just so admire Patrick, for all the work he has done putting in trees in town. It’s an honor to water those trees he and others have worked so hard planting.” She remarked as she watered trees on ‘D’ Street near Bob’s Supermarket Saturday.



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Library Open House Creates New Doors for Readers

Big Sky, Big Leadership at Work

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Latasha Wirtz loves her program at the Community Library called “Books and Babies.” At the Open House Saturday, Latasha, a Tennessee native, said she delights in reading aloud to Moms and their babies on Friday mornings. She bubbled over talking about her work with little ones and older kids who come to the library on Fridays when there is no regular school.

“It is a teaching moment with older kids. I call it my 'kindness planning' where the students learn to read about kind deeds, then plan how to implement them", she said. Latasha earlier in her life had a serious auto-immune disease and was healed suddenly. She felt it was a ‘god’ moment, so she began looking for ways to pass on her miracle.

“‘Kindness planning' was a great way to reach little ones, so I went with that idea.”



Latasha Wirtz is ready to explain her "Books and Babies" reading program to Open House attendees.
Photo Credits: Staff Photographer

The Open House on Saturday at the Library was coordinated by a group from the Big Sky, Big Leadership Class, a nine-month class offered through MSU Extension agent, Alison Kosto. Monique Previl, Hannah Rauser, Tycece Pool, Traci Maughn and TJ Graveley planned the Library Open House as part of their class studies.



Big Sky, Big Leadership class members made a special banner for sponsors of the Open House. From left: Monique Prevel, Tycece Pool and Hannah Rauser.
Photo Credits: Staff Photographer

They worked with the Library Board. The event was a good way to interest the public in the services available at the Community Library.

Hannah explained besides being able to check out books, the public has access to a movie library, use of the computer lab and can have copies made for a small charge. Head Librarian Angie Juno said her office can order books from other libraries, and has the LIBBY program, which gives access to books on various devices, such as Kindle or Apple phone.

“For county residents who may sign up for a library card, we have free WIFI, the Montana Library to Go program, Audio Books, and e-books. There is no charge for our services,” Angie emphasized.

When asked about the Old Baldy Education program, Angie said the program was now led by Superintendent Susie Hedalen as no coordinator has been appointed. Some of the programs are still running, but it has been difficult to find instructors.

According to Monique, several businesses in town helped sponsor the Open House with prizes and food. They are Reading Leaves Bookstore, Jeannie Steele Realty, Townsend Hardware, Townsend Tire, Townsend Drug, the Parent Teachers Association, Mt43News, and Christiansen Homes, Inc. She thanked them for their support.

Library hours currently for adults are Monday-Thursday 4 p.m. To 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 12 noon to 5 p.m. Summer hours will begin June 1. For more information please call (406) 441-3461.

Kindergarten Round-Up

REGISTRATION OPENS

When:

Starting February 1st, 2024, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where:

Townsend Elementary School Office @ 210 N Pine
Please bring immunization and birth certificate along with registration packet (available at office) to schedule a time slot for kindergarten roundup.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

When:

April 25, 2024

It will take approximately 45-60 minutes to complete

the developmental screener and will be held in the community room near the library.

Please note: Townsend School District is exploring HB352 which is an early literacy program, PreK program, designed to provide targeted interventions. The PreK program will be eligible to children who are 4 years of age or older on or before September 10, 2024, have not completed Kindergarten, and will not be proficient in reading by the completion of 3rd grade based on a development trajectory supported by a research-based assessment. If your student qualifies for kindergarten based on age but may not be ready, please register for kindergarten. Following Kindergarten Roundup, the district will be able to provide further information on the early literacy program, PreK, and if it will be available.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR BROADWATER COUNTY GROWTH POLICY PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Broadwater County Planning Board will be taking comments regarding updates to the Broadwater County Growth Policy Plan.

A public hearing will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 2:00pm in the Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street, Townsend.

The proposed amendments are posted on the Broadwater County website at www.broadwatercountymt.com. Written comments are also being accepted.

Broadwater County Planning Board.

Published April 12 and April 19, 2024

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NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE UPDATE TO THE CITY OF TOWNSEND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The City of Townsend Planning Board has prepared a draft update to the City of Townsend Subdivision Regulations and has recommended approval of the regulations to the City Council. The subdivision regulation updates consist of revisions to the regulations based on changes in Montana State Law regarding subdivisions.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on April 30, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Townsend City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 to take public comment on the draft updates to the Townsend Subdivision Regulations.

For additional information, contact Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962.

Written comments may be directed to the City of Townsend, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644. The public comment period ends on April 30, 2024.

Hard copies of the draft Subdivision Regulation Updates can be viewed at Townsend City Hall. Further, an electronic copy can be requested by contacting Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962.

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Developing Financially Attainable Housing in Broadwater County

J B Howick



April 23, 2024, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Broadwater School District Community Room

The housing committee group of the Broadwater Community Review invites local governments; financial, construction, real estate, and housing assistance leaders; and members of the public to join us for a discussion of, and public input concerning, the group's efforts to develop a plan to meet the needs of Broadwater County residents who work and live in the area but cannot afford housing. Skyrocketing housing prices have created a substantial difference between our area's average family house-buying power (\$8.90/hour) and the cost of housing (\$16.87/hour). This event will discuss how our community benefits from acting to provide attainable housing for the many employees we depend on without harming our community's rich heritage. Community input regarding attainable housing is sought and encouraged concerning the nature of this housing and where it could be located. A light meal is planned and we ask all interested people to please RSVP to BroadwaterAffordableHousingGroup@EmailDodo.com. Any questions about the event may be sent to the same email address or call JB Howick at (801) 690-5462.

COURT BEAT



April 12

Dee Gannon

MT 43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal McMahon's courtroom on Friday, April 12 is as follows:

Gabriel Puga had an Admit/Denial Hearing on a Petition to Revoke a suspended sentence; denying the allegations of failing to remain law-abiding. He will have an Evidentiary Hearing on April 26.

Troy Sharrette had his Sentencing. He was recently sentenced in Lewis & Clark County to 10 years D.O.C., with five years suspended. In this court, he is sentenced in two cases. In the first, he has five years suspended to run concurrent to his Lewis & Clark sentence. In the second, he receives five years suspended to run consecutive to his Lewis & Clark sentence. He receives credit time served from August 8, 2022 to July 17 2023; October 22, 2023 to October 25,2023 and January 1, 2024 to April 12, 2024. He is to be screened for appropriate treatment. All conditions are re-imposed; including new conditions set forth in his Pre-Sentence Investigation.

Ashley Lage had her Sentencing. Her Missoula Adult Probation and Parole Officer, Brett Gordon appeared via

Zoom, as did Miss Lage. Mr. Gordon stated how proud he was of the defendant; how she had gotten a job and housing as soon as she returned to Missoula and that she begins SMART Treatment Court on Monday, April 15. In Yellowstone County, her sentence was 15 years with five suspended. She will be on Probation until 2033. Her sentence in this court is five years suspended, to run concurrent with her Yellowstone matter, under the condition that she graduate the 18 month-long SMART Treatment Court.

Savanah Goodman had her Sentencing. Her Missoula County case granted her 6 years, DOC. She has been in Passages Treatment for one month. After she leaves there, she will be going to Elkhorn Treatment Center for 9 months. Her Sentence in this court is five years D.O.C., to run concurrent to her Missoula matter.

Lonnie Pruitt had a Status Hearing. His Jury Trial will be on June 10.

Amber Harms had a Status Hearing her June 10 Jury Trial is continued until October 7. Her Pre-Trial Conference is set for September 13. She must apply/enroll in Behavioral Health Treatment Court.

Shadow Robbins had a Status Hearing. Her Jury Trial is continued until October 7. Her Pre-Trial Conference is set for September 13. She is to apply to Treatment Court. She stated that she has already completed Intensive Outpatient, as well as Prime for Life.

Justice of Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk Broadwater County

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Joey Walton, Gallatin Gateway: day speed \$20.00
Natalea Totten, Mcallister: day speed \$70.00
Tyler Santoro, Post Falls, ID: MT resident operate w/ foreign DL \$85.00, No insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Matthew Sellers, Broken Arrow, OK: interstate day speed \$40.00
Alexa Ruane, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00
Maximilian Norton, Pony: interstate day speed \$40.00
William Johnson, Missoula: day speed \$20.00
Steven Garcia, Billings: day speed \$20.00
John Fulmer, Harrison: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Jaime Deltiempo, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
Isaac Bendon, Kalispell: night speed \$120.00
Rachel Burright, Helena: interstate day speed \$40.00
Jacob Aguilar, Missoula: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Donald Clark - Townsend - driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.
Kimo Kalawaia - Townsend – night speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Clinton Crawford - Townsend - driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees all but

\$685.00 suspended, enroll and complete Act program, restricted probationary license granted after payment of reinstatement fee to DMV.

Dillon Jensen - Helena - driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees all but \$685.00 suspended, enroll and complete Act program, restricted probationary license granted after payment of reinstatement fee to DMV.

Daniel Simmons - Toston – operate vehicle with THC concentration of 5ng/ml or greater- 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all six months suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees all but \$685.00 suspended, enroll and complete Act program, restricted probationary license granted after payment of reinstatement fee to DMV.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Dustin Allen, Polson restricted speed \$85.00
Roger Scruggs, Helena: night speed \$20.00
Stephen Smith, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
Caleb Luce, Oakland, ME: day speed \$120.00
Dagim Degaro, Helena: night speed \$70.00
Janet Brooke, Helena: day speed \$20.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

Richard Karp - US District Court, No Bond
Kurt Roper - 13th Judicial District Court, no bond

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Nathaniel Sparks - Probation and Parole, \$75,000.00 bond
Shannon Masterson - Flathead Co. Justice Court, \$5000.00
Shannon Masterson - L & C Co. Justice Court, \$10,000.00 bond
Shannon Masterson - Helena Muni Court, \$1205.00 bond
Shannon Masterson - L & C Co. Justice Court, \$605.00 bond
Shannon Masterson - Helena Muni Court, \$10,000.00 bond
Shannon Masterson - L & C Co. Justice Court, \$5000.00 bond

2024 Broadwater County Farm Bureau Scholarships

Missy Cox

Broadwater Farm Bureau, Women's chair

This year the Broadwater County Farm Bureau is offering ONE (1) \$1500.00 Scholarship and ONE (1) \$1000.00 Scholarship to all graduating seniors from Broadwater County. The winner(s) will be selected on the following criteria: scholastic achievement, leadership, school and community activities, and financial need. However, Broadwater County Farm Bureau will give extra points (in the scholarship judging) to seniors whose families are Farm Bureau members, whose family's primary income comes from agriculture, and whose family is actively involved in the local Farm Bureau.

Scholarship applications are available from the

Broadwater High School Counselor or by calling Missy Cox at (406) 227-6697 or by emailing coxisabel@aol.com.

Broadwater County Farm Bureau has been continuously offering scholarships to graduating seniors from Broadwater County for over six decades and this is one way the organization continues to demonstrate its commitment to furthering the education of young people in our community. Call Missy Cox (406.227-6697) if you have questions concerning the scholarships.

Completed applications must be turned in to the counselor at Broadwater High School or Farm Bureau President Gail Vennes (406.431-1009) by May 2, 2024.

Broadwater County. Farm Bureau Women's Chair Missy Cox 406.227-6697

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2024-25 School Calendar Will End in June

Linda Kent

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend K-12 School District Board of Trustees adopted the 2024-25 school calendar at its regular April 9. For the first time in recent memory, the calendar will extend into the first week of June for both students and staff.

Late May school release dates recognize that many families rely on their children’s help on the farm or ranch, School Board Chairman Jason Noyes said. School start dates have also taken into account the county’s fair in early August.

Administrators and board members from the calendar committee explained that the later start date reflects a decision to keep at 11 the days between the Aug. 16 date set by the Montana High Schools Association for the start of fall sports practices and the first day of classes. Committee members also indicated the dates reflect lessons learned from the district’s first year with a four-day school week and the desire to end the school year after high school state meets.

High school graduation will be on June 1, 2025, with the last day of school for students on June 5.

The district’s calendar committee “put together what they thought was the most logical” balance for the calendar, Noyes said.

Several members of the community voiced concerns about the change.

Broadwater County Extension Agent Allison Kosto said the community sends around 15-20 students in grades 3-6, as well as high school-aged counselors, to regional 4-H camp during the first week of June. She added that the camp facilities have very limited availability and that changing the date would also depend on coordinating schedules with six other counties’ 4-H programs.

Middle and high school principals Brad Racht and Sheri Heavrin said they would see no issues with waiving absences for participating students for those days, given the academic nature of 4-H camp programming.

“It’s a workable situation,” Heavrin said.

Veteran teacher Lisa Gravely noted that teachers and staff retiring at the end of a school year ending in June would essentially miss one month of retirement pay from the state’s retirement fund.

The 2024-25 calendar reduces the number of Tuesday-Friday school weeks for students from seven to four. Parent Melinda Easter commented that switching between Monday-Thursday to Tuesday-Friday schedules has been a pain point for both parents and students.

Board members adopted the calendar in a 4-1 vote, Daniel Truesdell voting against.

Townsend’s Fall Fest 2024 Planning Under Way

Pat Plantenberg

Rotarian

Yes, Fall Fest 2024 is still months away, but the Rotary Club of Townsend is in full planning mode! Event dates have been selected: October 4-6. Bands are being contracted. Vendors are applying for their spaces. Sponsors are being asked to sign up. And all the other details are being worked on.


As you might guess, it takes a LOT of volunteers and community support to pull off the event. Although the online volunteer signup list is not yet finalized, if you are even remotely interested in volunteering this year, send an email to TownsendRotary@gmail.com. When the volunteer signup is ready, we will send you an email so you can see the available time slots and select what works for you.

Fall Fest is the club’s single fundraiser for the year. Monies earned during the event are used to support the local community. Recent and future projects include: Help Fund New Heritage Park Playground Equipment; Help Fund Chamber’s New Digital Sign on Front Street; Help Fund New High School Baseball Program; Co-sponsor Youth Babysitter Classes; Sponsor Circus and Fund K-8 kids to go to Circus Free; Co-sponsor Bike Safety Rodeo; Sponsor Students to Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp; Organize Slice of Summer Family Fun Events; Help With and Fund Various Rotary-sponsored Interact Club Activities; Award Three BHS Scholarships; Donations to Ag Appreciation Dinner, Broadwater Community Theater, Rodeo Club, and Food Pantry; Help Fund Swimming Pool Lifeguard Training, Support STOKe; and more. As a Rotary project sponsor, you help our club contribute to the community. You will receive yearlong recognition on our website as well as special advertising at Fall Fest. Interested in being a project sponsor? Please contact Patrick Plantenberg, 2024 Project Sponsorship Committee Chair at 406-431-4615.

Interested in learning more about our local club? Go to www.TownsendRotary.org. From there, you can learn more about Fall Fest and even become a Sponsor.

Melinda Banks

Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, April 22, 2024

1:00 PM

Working Meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, regarding projects and deadlines. This will be in the Commission Office

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

3:00 PM

Working Meeting with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines. This will be in the Commission Office

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

10:00 AM

Public Comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over.

10:00 AM

Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Kinzler Boundary Relocation (Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 3 East)

10:05 AM

Discussion/Decision, Task Orders, Broadwater County Airport Reconstruction Project

10:10 AM

Discussion/Decision, Renewal of Broadwater County DEQ Contract No. 224006

10:15 AM

Discussion/Decision, TextMyGov contract and implementation timeline

10:20 AM

Discussion/Decision, Memorandum of Understanding Between Broadwater County and Gallatin County, Montana; funding for reconstruction of Old Town Bridge West

Items for Discussion / Action / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – ongoing advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters

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Darrel Folkvord, Chairman
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Lindsey Richtmyer
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E-mail: commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us
Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)

- Planning Board Public Hearing on April 29th at 2 PM
- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on April 29th at 6:00 PM
- Solid Waste Special Meeting on April 30th at 6:00 PM

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

Linda Kent

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

County Commission 04102024

Broadwater County Commissioners heard and accepted modifications to the traffic impact study for the Crossroads Minor Subdivision in southern Broadwater County. But discussion of the types of roads needed to support a planned Murdoch's, coffee shop, bank, and other development north of the I-90 and Hwy 287 junction, turned to questions of how infrastructure needs in the area might change and who would be responsible for the costs.

The revisions to the subdivision’s findings of fact and traffic impact study were necessitated by changes to the types of businesses planned for the development.

“My question is, if the usage changes or we find there’s more impact on these roads or we need them up to the major collector standard or that size, . . . who is responsible for the roads at that time?” Commissioner Lindsay Richtmyer asked.

County Planner Nichole Brown noted that the commission’s ability to add any conditions to the subdivision ends with approval of a final plat. She then deferred to County Administrator Bill Jarocki, administrator of the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD).

“I’m not aware of what the commission’s intent is for county roads within the TEDD in terms of maintenance,” Jarocki told the commission. “But my guess would be that it would be the responsibility of the TEDD, not the county road department.”

Established in 2018 and located at the southern tip of Broadwater County, the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD)’s purpose, as outlined in its

Subdivision Modification Highlights Role of Wheatland TEDD in County Development

Comprehensive Development Plan, is “to provide infrastructure in support of value-adding industry.” To do that, tax monies generated within the district are put to use in that area only – a practice known as tax-increment financing (TIF) – with oversight from the TEDD.

Currently, the Wheatland TEDD includes Wheat Montana Bakery, Bridger Brewing, and Ron’s Diesel, among other businesses. The area is not intended for residential development.

Realtor Jeannie Steele voiced her concern that not holding the subdivision to a higher traffic volume standard for construction might lead to unanticipated burdens for taxpayers in the future.

“Historically, the developers hold the best advantage and the citizens hold the bag,” Steele told the commission.

“The way the TEDD is structured, to put money back into that infrastructure, . . . is why I’m OK with that balance,” Richtmyer responded.

“The county contributes zero dollars to the TEDD,” Jarocki explained. “The idea is that the development that goes in there and the taxes that are paid are used for the benefit of that district.” Jarocki noted that the district’s current top priorities for investment of TIF moneys are the water and waste-water services needed for businesses to be able to locate in the area. He added that if development continues as expected, the district will generate enough money to fund and maintain all of the district’s infrastructure needs, including roads.

The commission approved the amended Findings of Fact and Order Report for the Crossroads Subdivision, as well as the subdivision’s updated traffic impact study, opening the door for developer Craig Rickert to move forward with agreements with businesses to locate in the subdivision.

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

My name is Kelsi Anderson, candidate for the Clerk of District Court. I was born and raised here in Townsend, where I attended Cecilia Hazelton Elementary and Townsend Middle School before graduating from Broadwater High School.

I am also raising my three children here, two of which are currently enrolled in Townsend Elementary and Townsend Middle School.

As a lifelong Townsend community member, my career goals have primarily focused on getting involved in court proceedings, attending Clerk conferences twice a year to increase my knowledge of Montana's court system, and excelling in my duties for the Broadwater County Justice Court. I am now running for the Clerk

Kelsi Anderson For Clerk of District Court

of District Court position because of the knowledge I have gained in my role of Clerk of Justice Court for the past nine years and as a Deputy Clerk for District Court for eight months. These positions have required me to be organized and detail-oriented, possess strong communication skills, be adept at multitasking and data processing, and have a drive for more knowledge in regard to the court system.

As a candidate for this position, I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge on the information system we work in, the Montana court system, the preparation and issuing of orders for the Broadwater County Justice Court, the preparation of dockets of cases, the examination of legal documents filed with the courts, how to contact attorneys and the general public, how to complete administrative duties essential to the role, and more. I have a strong work ethic and desire to further my career in the role of Clerk of District Court.

“If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul.”

~Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

KNIGHT MOVES

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Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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"Please explain to her that a fresh start does NOT mean a new _____ !"

SCRAMBLERS

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

Erupt
TRUBS
Associate
BENGOL
Odd
DIWER
Startle
ACRES

TODAY'S WORD

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Z equals Y

ZHS FKORRZ WYHSRCQ'U
CDWFKJOFC UYKWK PDQK
LKHLRK PFHN UYK LDQK UFKK
WUOUK. NDQC ZHSF NODQKFW!

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Super Crossword

APPLICATION PROCESS

ACROSS

1 Big trucks

5 "Serial" podcast host

10 Brothers Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan

15 Like GI garb, often

19 Woeful things

20 Bingham of "Baywatch"

21 Slobber

22 Nivea rival

23 Outfit

26 Lasses

27 All upset, with "up"

28 "... flaw — feature?"

29 Actor Knotts

30 Wrung (out)

32 Deli classic

33 Bother a lot

35 Frank of rock

38 Outward display of courage

40 Attachable with a click

42 Hits, as a fly

44 Fill with love

45 "The X Factor," e.g.

47 Congeal

49 Short sleeps

50 Diane once of NPR

51 Gentlemen

53 Breather

56 Apple option

59 Cow sound

62 Primer for a wall, e.g.

67 Names anew

70 Outdoor enclosure for a tabby

72 Abundant

73 Cow sound

74 Despot Amin

75 It's often played during a massage

78 "Let us spray," e.g.

79 Recognize

80 Central Asia's — Sea

81 Honking birds

82 Old Jewish ascetic

84 Snootiness

87 Cur's warning

89 Snake's warning

90 Not bogus

91 Small plateau

93 Give relief to

96 Choir female

99 Responses to massages

101 Something revealed by a scale

107 Fly without a co-pilot, e.g.

110 Like a famed Vatican chapel

112 Roll around in mud or dust

113 Mascara, e.g.

115 Writer

117 Ethiopia's — Selassie

118 Ovid's lang.

119 Tubers often candied

120 Engine speed meas.

121 By way of

123 Tattooist's supply

124 Otherwise

126 What eight answers in this puzzle might say if they could talk?

131 Increase, with "up"

132 Internet sales

133 Increase, with "up"

134 Villain in "The Avengers"

135 609-homer

136 AC— (big name in auto parts)

137 Promotes heavily

138 Leg joint

DOWN

1 Most wealthy

2 Actress

3 Douglas who starred in "Grace of My Heart"

3 Pertaining to an opening of the larynx

4 Former jet to JFK

5 Mix, as batter

6 Desi of Desilu Studios

7 Sleazy paper

8 King topper

9 Furry feet in back

10 Biblical utopia

11 Shirt part

12 Clemente of baseball

13 Oompah band genre

14 Shirt part

15 Tooth on a gearwheel

16 A Gulf state

17 Patroller around a food court

18 Bivalve mollusks

24 Sweltering summer day

25 Ivory, e.g.

31 Lion's hideout

34 Fast glance

36 Burnt residue

37 Gp. once led by Arafat

38 Raft wood

39 Soda brand

41 Utmost

43 Dickens' miser

46 Opposite of lge.

48 Three, to Fifi

52 Slippery road condition

54 "The Hunger Games" escort

55 Blueprint data, in brief

56 From Dublin or Cork

57 Jason's wife, in myth

58 "Ta-tal," in Tours

60 Central Florida city

61 Crayon stuff

63 Less of a lie

64 Louvre Pyramid architect

65 Adjectives modify them

66 Message-leavers' cues

68 Astronomer Tycho —

69 Mattress brand

71 Fierce female feline

76 1972 Eric Clapton hit

77 Chinese menu letters

83 Aussie girl

85 Newlywed man

86 "Got it, man" miser

92 Slightly excessive

94 "How cute!"

95 Ugly foe of Popeye

96 Neverending

97 Not deserting

98 Frightful flies

100 Like always

102 "Ode — Grecian Urn"

103 Costa — Sol

104 Use as a skating surface

105 Mount — College (Elaine Chao's alma mater)

106 12-year-old kid, say

108 Set in place

109 Gave the nod

111 — City (Ohio town named for William Henry Harrison's moniker)

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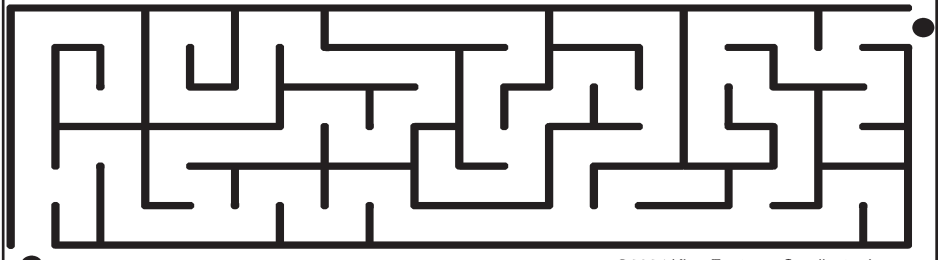
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Area Farmer Makes Building Soil His Business

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Franck Groeneweg, a South Broadwater dryland farmer, is not afraid to get his hands dirty in the cool spring soil on his place out on Price Road near Three Forks. Groeneweg, of Dutch descent, was raised in France and attended Agronomy School there in the early 90’s. He fell in love with working in the soil on farms in northwest Iowa and in Saskatchewan, Canada, before coming to the United States. He and his wife, Kari, purchased the Folkvord place four years ago.

Both he and Kari are passionate about regenerative farming, which they define as “putting the life back in soil.” Instead of continuing to take nutrients from the soil, these farmers cut down use or completely discontinue the use of heavy chemical fertilizers. Regenerative farming improves soil biology according to Franck. To replenish the soil, they alternate crops with chickpeas, mustard, flax, buckwheat and canola which replenish the nitrogen used up by the wheat.



Franck Groeneweg digs up a tiny white wheat plant on his Price Road acreage near Three Forks.
MT 43 News Staff Photographer

“We slowly rebuild the soil which has become caked, dried and depleted of nutrients and the basic minerals needed to nourish plants,” Franck explained. He demonstrated by pulling up a winter wheat plant which barely had come through the ground to show how the little hairy roots die back, but good, strong tap roots reach down for moisture further down in the



Kari Groeneweg displays her farm's wheat products at her home located on Highway 287 near Three Forks.
MT 43 News Staff Photographer

ground. Most noticeable were how the 4-inch plants lay in deep furrows, to catch any moisture that might fall during winter and spring storms. He noted eventually the earthworms return to aerate the soil to collect moisture. He adds compost to the mix to build up the biochemistry of the soil.

Even in dry conditions of climate change their choice of wheat varieties flourish. The Groenewegs located these types of ancient grains in Italy where they grow well in the same high, dry soils as are in this area. The grains are hard White Wheat and Rouge de Bordeaux red wheat, originally grown in France. He told a funny story: An unsolicited email came to him from a fertilizer producer asking him to send in a sample of his seed to learn what level of nutrients the seed contained. He did send in a sample. Back came the email: “Your seeds are amazingly high in nutrients. You sure don’t need our product!”

Groeneweg explained he has his wheat tested regularly to ensure the correct levels of the 16 basic elements are present for good nutrition. That high nutrition shows in regular testing thus transferring to the finished product of their milled wheat flour. Occasionally the element boron is missing which he adds through a slurry process.

Conversation surrounded the idea that so many people suffer from allergies related to gluten. According to Franck, he has reason to believe the problem is much of the wheat flour on the market today is full of

additives from artificial fertilizers which make people’s bodies revolt.

Their farm, Living Sky Grains, is located at the top of the hill before traveling down to the Three Forks junction. They grow, mill and package their products at the farm. Kari was pleased with their new designation as 2024 Best in Show at the Made in Montana show in Helena March 8.

“As people stopped by our booth we were able to engage with hotel managers, restaurant owners and the public by being a voice for Montana agriculture,” The hard white wheat flour is sold at Three Forks Market, Town and Country stores in Belgrade and Bozeman and Real Food Store in Helena. It may be purchased at the farm by ordering online at livingskygrains.com.



Franck displays the tiny hairy roots and tap roots of a hardy white wheat plant.
MT 43 News Staff Photographer

Why Does Soil Ph Matter?

soils with a high pH, usually ranging from 6.5 to 8.5. The average for Broadwater County, based on samples received by my office over the past three years, is about 7.8. The best way to find your soil pH is to use a reputable lab. Home testing kits are available for pH and other nutrients. However, their accuracy is questionable. A list of labs is available from the Extension Office, and we can even send the sample for you. A basic garden soil analysis is about \$17 plus shipping.

As I already mentioned, pH affects nutrient availability. But why does this really mean?! Soil pH affects how the soil attracts and releases nutrients. In high-pH soils, iron, manganese and boron are not very accessible to plants. Most commonly in Montana, there are issues with iron uptake. Some plants, including many trees, are more susceptible to iron deficiencies, which cause the leaves to turn yellow while the veins stay bright green, called interveinal chlorosis. On the other hand, in acidic soils, magnesium, calcium and phosphorus tend to be limiting.

If you have a high pH soil, one of the first questions you’ll likely ask is “How do I change it?” Unfortunately, it’s not easy. The two most common soil amendments to lower pH are sulfur and aluminum sulfate. Aluminum sulfate works more quickly, whereas sulfur can

take several months. Routinely adding organic matter can also improve the pH. Always be cautious when adding fertilizer and soil amendments. Too much of a good thing isn’t always a good thing. Use your soil test to determine how much fertilizer or organic matter is needed.

Acidic soils and the need to raise pH are rare in Montana. Cropland in central Montana is starting to have an issue with soil acidification due to high fertilizer inputs for many years. Limestone is the common amendment used to raise pH. While this issue is increasing across the state with cropland, it is not an issue commonly seen in gardens.

Even with amendments, it is extremely difficult to cause a major change in your pH. However, by knowing and understanding your pH, you can make better management decisions. For example, blueberries thrive in acid soils. If you have a pH of 8.0, then you may have to come to terms with the fact that blueberries simply won’t produce well. You also may need to annually fertilize your trees with iron.

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

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Soil should not be confused

with dirt. Dirt is unclean; it gets underneath your fingernails. Soil, on the other hand, is a dynamic material that has living parts.

Soil is comprised of minerals, water, gases, organic matter and microorganisms. All of these components give soil its unique characteristics. Soil is not the same in Montana as it is in Florida. In fact, it may not be the same on one side of your yard as it is on the other.

The environment along with soil composition attributes to the soil pH. I’m sure you are somewhat familiar with pH. The pH scale ranges from 0 to 14 with 7 being neutral. Numbers less than 7 are acidic and numbers greater than 7 are alkaline or basic. Lemon juice is acidic, and bleach is alkaline.

Soil pH has an ability to affect plant growth by influencing nutrient availability. Plants thrive best in different pH ranges. For example, blueberries prefer acidic soils. Generally, most plants grow well when the soil pH is 6 to 7 (slightly acid to neutral).

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by Dave T. Phipps

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POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH ALL THE FINES YOU'RE FORCING PEOPLE TO PAY, JOHN?

DON'T WORRY MYRTLE. IT'S ALL BEING INVESTED IN PUBLIC WORKS.

ISN'T "PUBLIC WORKS" THE NAME OF THE HORSE YOU KEEP MAKING LOSING BETS ON?

HIS DAY IS COMIN'! JUST YOU WAIT!

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"ENUFFS FISTICUFFS!"

PART 3

FIGHTING IS BANNED IN SWEETHAVEN THANKS TO PROF. KILPH. DESPITE KILPH'S BEST EFFORTS, POPEYE HAS YET TO BREAK THE LAW, BUT THE CUR HAS A PLAN READY....

SIR, YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THIS WILL WORK.

OF COURSE IT WILL!

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WRONG? SURE IS, OLIVE! I AINTSK BREAKIN' NO LAW!

NO, I MEAN, THAT'S OBVIOUSLY PROF. KIL--

PROOF SOME GUYS AINTSK GOTSK NO MORAL COMPASS?

YOU WON'T BE SEEN ME AT NO ILLEGAL FIGHTS!

HOURS LATER....

MY FRIEND, EL PUÑO VERDE, WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP TO FIGHT.

Amber Waves

I CAUGHT A CATERPILLAR. I BET YOU COULD IMPRESS LIBBY IF YOU SWALLOW IT.

HEY LIBBY, CHECK IT OUT. WANNA SEE ME EAT THIS HERE CATERPILLAR? I'LL DO IT.

GULP!

WELL, THAT SURE DIDN'T WORK. MAYBE IF YOU WERE TO BURP UP A BUTTERFLY?

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WHAT NATIONALITY IS SANTA CLAUS?

NORTH POLISH.

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...I'LL MAKE A MILLION BUCKS A FIGHT

...I'LL BE ON TV AND IN MOVIES

...START MY OWN CHAIN OF FAST-FOOD JOINTS

READY, HUGO?

BUT FIRST, I GOTTA BEAT TIGER

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Americanisms

“No one comes from the earth like grass. We come like trees. We all have roots.”

— Maya Angelou

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Never Enough Chili Recipes

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

It's like the adage, you can't be too rich or too thin. Well, you also can't have enough chili recipes and, while we cut big rumps for roasting, briskets for corning, and grind burger for buns, meatballs and jerky, I am always on the lookout for a new chili. (It's why I keep a nice little collection of chili peppers on hand.) For this recipe, I started with a tasty little spice mix, that can be used on everything from grilled venison and beef steaks to oven-roasted veggies and scrambled eggs, then augmented it with just a bit more deep, dark, chili flavor.

The three chilies in the spice mix vary in heat and basic flavor. New Mexico chilis are pretty low on the Scoville Scale (500-2500), and the smoked serrano aren't a whole lot hotter (5,000) but the chipotles (2,500-22,000) which are smoked and dried jalapeños, can really vary. They can be pretty darned mild, but the chipotles I recently bought were more toward the top of the scale. And, in reality, growing weather, water—or lack of water—etc. can always alter the heat of peppers, of any variety. You can't always take them at their word.

Frito Bear Chili
Photo Credits: Eileen Clarke

So, smell each of the ground chilies, carefully, before you start the Chili Mix, then add the ingredients to a pint-sized mason jar, in the order I listed them, leaving the potentially hottest to last, adding that 1/8 teaspoon at a time. Seal and shake the bottle with each new addition, carefully sniff, then dip a teaspoon in it and taste. This combo of mild, medium and medium hot chili in one dish is very tasty. But it needs to please your tolerance for heat.
PS: I originally made this with bear, but venison is a great substitute.

Frito Chili
Makes about 2 quarts

Ingredients
Chili Spice Mix (recipe below)
6 cups beef broth
1/4 cup dehydrated chopped onion
4 teaspoons ground cumin
15 ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
2 cups frozen corn, thawed
3 1/2 ounce bag Fritos Chili Cheese Corn Chips
2-3 tablespoons oil
1 pound bear or venison meat, chopped in 1" cubes
Chili Spice Mix
1/4 cup sweet paprika
4 teaspoons ground oregano
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 1/2 teaspoons onion powder
1/2 teaspoon ground New Mexico chili

3/4 teaspoon ground smoked serrano chili
1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle chili pepper

Cooking
1. Start by measuring and combining all the ingredients of the Chile Mix in a bowl or pint Mason jar. In a 3-5 quart soup pot or Dutch oven, combine the beef broth, dehydrated onion, chili mix, extra cumin, black beans and corn. Turn the heat on high and give the pot a good stir. Pour the corn chips into a mini grinder and pulse them 3-4 times to crumble and add the corn chips to the pot. When the soup pot comes to a simmer, turn the heat down to low and continue on a low simmer.
2. In a large skillet, over medium heat, start 2 tablespoons of oil. When it's hot, a wisp of smoke will swirl off the pan, then brown the cubed bear meat in 2-3 batches, adding more of the oil as needed. As each batch is done, transfer it to the soup pot. Let the chili come to a slow simmer, then turn the heat down low enough to keep it at a slow simmer.
3. Cook about 40 minutes, uncovered, to let the flavors develop. Serve with buttered corn muffins fresh from the oven.

Eileen was the game cooking columnist for Field & Stream and Successful Hunter for many years and still contributes game cooking tips and recipes to Outdoor News 4 times a year. She and her husband John Barsness, rifle columnist for Sports Afield, live in Townsend. Their books are available at www.riflesandrecipes.com or 406-521-0273.

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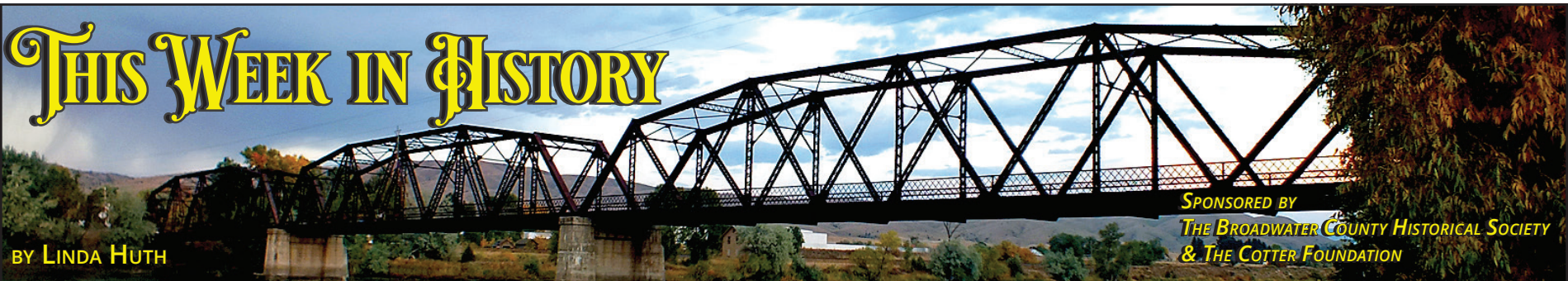
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April 18

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Doings of a Week

Nearly all of the buildings on the Riverside Ranch in this county are reported to have been destroyed by fire the middle part of last week.

Thos. Dixon returned Thursday from a trip to California, where he spent the winter for the benefit of his health.

Chester Pool and Bob Hudnall journeyed down to Toston the other night to a dance. And more than that it is currently reported that they had a few maiden hearts fluttering while they were on the scene. This is only a report, however, and the Opinion wouldn't for the sun, moon and stars give anything away to cause trouble at home.

The city water system, which include bath and toilet, is being installed this week in the homes of Mayor Faltermeyer, Dan McCarthy, H. Geehan, Arthur Sholes and Chas. Henry. The homes of those mentioned will have all the advantages of a modern home when completed. There are, perhaps, others whom the Opinion man failed to nose out on this proposition.

1940

Four More Boys Can Yet Enroll in April CCC Call

If more boys realized the splendid training and advantages in store for them, they would ask to join the CCC forces, said Nora Cummings, case worker for Broadwater County, today. There is yet a chance to get in on the April call. Four boys can yet enroll before the quota is filled, she said. Two boys, Clifford Gillespie and Clare Drummond have joined in this allotment and four more can join. The deadline for enrollment is April 20th.

Broadwater boys taking advantage of the training are: Max Sorensen, who is at home this week enjoying a furlough; Thos. Ellis, John Akin, Herman Wright, Joe Hensley, Floyd Shoemaker, Maurice Smith, Arthur Smith, David Chamberlain and the two new recruits. Jim. Gillogly is also home on a furlough, making a total of 12.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sorensen returned from Alberton last week where they had attended Parents' Day at the CCC camp and were accompanied home by their son. They were very much impressed by the orderliness and apparent fine training all of the enrollees were receiving.

1968

Four to Attend High School Week

Two Seniors, Lorelee Flynn and Barbara Berberet, and two juniors, Rod Kitto and Tim Ragen, will attend high school week at Montana State University, Bozeman, Thursday through next week, April 24-27. They will be accompanied by Supt. John McLellan.

Approximately 600 students from high schools over the state will participate in the meeting, competing for scholarships and awards.

Van Meter to Indiana State

James Van Meter, English and social studies instructor at Helena Junior High School, has been accepted at Indiana State University at Terre Haute, Ind., for a year devoted to study of counseling and guidance work. He will receive a Master of Science degree in August of 1969. He is a native of Townsend, a graduate of Carroll College and lives with his wife and children in Clancy.

"Radersburg News" by Mrs. Ida Sitton

Allan Smith of Missoula spent the Easter weekend with his father, Oppie Smith, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith.

Easter dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralls were Steve and Tops Ralls and Mr. and Mrs.

Jerry Eaton and family, all of Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harris of Helena were Easter dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sitton and Sue, Dennis Sitton, Miss Leslie Anderson and Mrs. Ronald (Sandra) White and four children were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Slifka in Toston.

Mrs. John Ragen and Mrs. John Williams were Helena business callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris took their son, Bill, to Helena Thursday where he took a plane for Fort Lewis, Wash. Bill will receive his discharge from the Army. His brother, Paul Harris, is also stationed at Fort Lewis.

Tom Williams, who attends Northern Montana College in Havre, spent the Easter weekend at home.

1996

"Around Town News" by Mary Pat Martin

Saturday Edith Alex hosted a turkey dinner for Tex and Yvonne Pate, Dan Pate, Terri Grusby and Rod and Donna Copenhaver, Winston, following the auction at Rausers'.

Missy and John Rauser hosted a birthday party April 11 for daughter, Magdelyn's, first birthday. Guests were grandparents, Jill Menard and Ann and Wally Rauser; great grandmother, Francis Etzwiler; and her sisters, Rachelle and Samantha.

Thursday evening Joan Nieting hosted the Creative Homemakers. Members attending were Lavay Johnson, Doreen Sautter, Judy Wright, Barbara Shaffer, Shirley Helmick, Dona Mostad, Felicia Head and Anita Kearns. The ladies enjoyed an evening of working on stained glass.

Wednesday Doreen Sautter attended a tree board meeting at City Hall with Iwy Obegewitch, Helen Burmaster, Leo Kleffner, Virginia Knerr and Linda Southall.



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New Baseball Team Ready to Play Ball Community Support Is Needed

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater High School Baseball team scored a home run on Friday when Townsend Rotary President Jeanine Stone presented the baseball program with a \$10,000 check. Stone pointed out that all the funds Rotary makes at Fall Fest go back into the community. "This is a great example of good use of the money. We love doing that," she said.

Middle school teacher Gary Bauman has been one of the driving forces behind organizing the high school baseball club. He has lobbied School District board members for years to underwrite a baseball club. Recently the board agreed to invest \$10,000 into building a team, but the group would have to raise money to buy equipment from other sources. "The Rotary funds will go a long way in helping us reach our goal, but we will continue raising money through grant writing and fundraising with a golf tournament this summer," he explained.

Bauman, who currently coaches the Babe Ruth teams during the summer, pointed out that 184 Broadwater County kids are actively involved in the program. The teams, beginning with T-Ball for six-year-olds to 15-year-olds in advanced teams have already begun practice. Parent coaches lead 16 teams. A board made up of Todd Beatty, President; John Bleile, Vice President and Courtney Johnson, Secretary, with directors Levi VanZee and Bauman, do the scheduling and coordinating for the season.

Asked why forming a high school baseball program is so important, Bauman stressed baseball encourages kids to get out of the house to play sports and get to know other players from nearby towns such as Three Forks and Manhattan. "Before we were able to muster a high school team, little kids would play, then be forced to quit just when they were getting good at the game because we had no high school club. Having a high school team will make all the difference," he said.



Townsend Rotary President Jeanine Stone hands Coach Gary Bauman a \$10,000 check for Townsend baseball clubs.
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Townsend baseball players and coaches line up for spring training.
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