

Townsend's Pottery Guild Holds Open House



STOKE helper Ava Boaz and Master potter Teddy Lewis watch as second-grader Zola Six picks and chooses which pot she would like to glaze. Her grandmother Colette Kuka of Great Falls helped Zola decide.
Nancy Marks MT 43 News Photographer



STOKE board members Jim Domino, Carla Amundson and Dan Tuxbury serve hamburgers at the Burgers and Bowls Pottery Guild fundraiser.
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Teddy Lewis’s Pottery Guild shop on North Spruce Street bustled with activity Saturday morning as he and STOKE members geared up to serve grilled hamburgers to participants interested in choosing a ceramic bowl for their own.

Teddy, who is a professional ceramics artist and teacher, has worked to interest children and adults in learning to throw and finish clay pots. The program

is part of Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge and Entrepreneurship (STOKE). STOKE was formed several years ago as a youth skills afterschool program that operates at the Lodge in town.

An array of unglazed bowls stood waiting to be chosen for glazing. Teddy said he had worked with the Archie Bray Ceramics Foundation and the Helena Clay Arts Guild to learn to interest people in throwing pots. He is hoping to interest adults and their kids in this exciting activity. He said it allows people to use

their creativity and have fun at the same time.

Teddy is a retired licensed addiction counselor who has a major in art from the University of Montana. He has worked in Missoula, Ontario, Oregon, Helena and Billings as an art instructor.

The Pottery Guild shop is offering studio spaces for those who might want to pursue their own ceramics work. For Pottery Guild members Teddy also offers classes and free time using the equipment. For more information, contact Teddy at (406) 439-9345.

Top 10 Track Meet In Missoula



Kyla Meissner, Kaitlyn Noyes, and Havyn Vandenacre represent the Bulldogs at the Russ Pilcher Top 10 Meet
Photo Provided by MT43 News Sports Reporter

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The Montana track and field season has officially entered an exciting section of the schedule where differing regions of the state host special meets that feature top athletes regardless of class. The Russ Pilcher Top 10 meet in Missoula was the first such meet, being held last Tuesday, April 23rd featuring the top competitors in the West. The Norm Girard Top 10 meet in Glasgow will follow on Monday, April 29th and the Midland Roundtable Top 10 meet in Laurel on Tuesday, April 30th will feature the top athletes in the North and South, respectively.

The Russ Pilcher Top 10 was held at MCPS Stadium at Big Sky High School. It was perfect conditions with absolutely no wind, sunshine and 60-degree weather. Those perfect conditions along with the stiff competition,



Havyn Vandenacre winds up for the javelin
Photo Provided by MT43 News Sports Reporter

made for an impressive meet with multiple personal records including seven meet records being broken. The larger AA and A schools were well-represented, but our Broadwater Bulldogs along with Boulder’s Jefferson High School showed that Class B has some huge talents as well.

Senior Havyn Vandenacre had an excellent meet running both hurdle distances. She ran her personal best time (over four years) in the 100-meter hurdles at 15.09 which placed her second behind Flathead’s Alivia Rinehard. Next, she ran her season’s best time of 46.01 in the 300-meter hurdles, which garnered her 4th place. Havyn had to juggle her javelin preliminary and final throws around races but still managed a 125’8” throw placing 2nd behind Butte Central Catholic’s Ella Moody.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Noyes also had to manage her multiple events, which is extra difficult at a Top 10



Kaitlyn Noyes stretches for the long jump
Photo Provided by MT43 News Sports Reporter

meet due to the fact there is only one heat per race. She had her long jump efforts interrupted by her 100-meter dash, and with little rest, had to return for her remaining tries. She finished the 100-meter dash in 13.10 seconds, which garnered her 8th place. Kaitlyn’s best long jump of the day was 15’7” to finish in 9th.

Freshman Kyla Meissner qualified for the Top 10 meet in the 3200-meter run. She took a remarkable 24 seconds off her best time to finish the 8-lap race in 11:42, which placed her 3rd overall. The top three ladies in the race were all freshmen, which will be exciting to watch over the next few years. Polson’s Morgan Delaney and Aleigha Child from Hamilton were the top two finishers.

Way to represent ladies!

READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 6!

Broadwater County Public Works Director T.J. Graveley spoke to Townsend’s City Council April 16 about the potential for city and county to trade use of city water by the county’s road department in exchange for the county to grade and treat Railroad Avenue and a portion of South Harrison Street on an annual or more frequent basis.



*Railroad Avenue: A working committee representing the City of Townsend and Broadwater County will be looking into the county’s providing grading services on two Townsend streets – Railroad Avenue and a portion of South Harrison Street – in exchange for five months of unbilled city water use by the county.
Photo Credits: Linda Kent*



Nichole Horne

We would like to thank Capital Transfer and Storage for being a 2023-2024 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs!

Here are our Players of the Week.

Tennis:

Violet Collins epitomizes Bulldog Tennis as she went undefeated last weekend in Billings against some very stiff competition. Most importantly she is becoming a mentally strong and extremely coachable player. I am very proud of her growth.



Violet Collins
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed Photography

Boys Golf:

Koleby Clark had a good tournament in Ennis and showed great improvement from earlier in the week.

Girls Golf:

Brynlee Brown has shown great improvement each week and she is starting to hit the ball really well.



Koleby Clark
Photo Credits: Lacie Reed Photography



Brynlee Brown
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Boys Track:

Deegan Mattson earned himself a PR and a ticket to state by qualifying in the 100m in a time of 11.46. He also ran the 200m in 23.62 with a new PR and the 110m hurdles with a time of 17.40. He was also a part of the 4x100m relay running at a time of 46.99.

Girls Track:

Emmalin Fischer had a great week of competition and earned some PRs in running 14.20 in the 100m and 18.09 in the 100m hurdles. She also ran the 300m hurdles with a time of 55.92 and jumping 12'3.5" in long jump and 27'3.75" in triple jump.



Deegan Mattson
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Emmalin Fischer
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The Broadwater Bulldogs joined Jefferson and East Helena by traveling to Vigilante Stadium in Helena for the Small Schools Meet on the afternoon of April 25th. They were hosted there by Helena High and Helena Capital. This mid-season meet is historically a fun meet where athletes try new events like the throwers running sprints or the distance kids trying their hand at the short relay. However, do not mistake the fun for frivolity, there are still lots of kids aiming for personal records or state-qualifying times on a track that yields fast times.

The Bulldogs took some time pre-meet to celebrate the senior leaders on this team. Those include Cooper Hines, Luci Horne, Berlin Korr, Havyn Vandenacre, and Reese Wolfgram. Luci, Havyn and Reese have been members of the track and field team all four years, while throwers Cooper and Berlin joined in their junior and senior years. Good luck with your remaining season!

The Lady Bulldogs had a strong day with almost too many personal or season records to mention and many placing in the top ten of each event. A few standout performances to mention: sophomore Emmalin Fischer placed 4th, 3rd, and 7th in the short/long hurdles and triple jump, respectfully. Freshman Sarah Morgan managed to PR in every one of her day's events: 200 & 400-meter dashes and long jump. Junior Karsyn Sangray threw her personal best distances at both the shot put and discus.

100-meter dash: 5th Reese Wolfgram 13.42 PR, 8th Aspen Slyker 13.71 PR, Amanda Pesicka 14.17, and Jazlyn Martin 15.49 PR. 200-meter dash: 1st Kaitlyn

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Saturday, April 27th was a cool and mostly rainy day for a track meet in East Helena. Many spectators donned winter coats and umbrellas, while the athletes tended to keep to their team tents between events to stay dry. Additionally, the officials were having issues with the timing system, which led to a late start, slow heats, and an unexpected change in the schedule of events. This delay was unnerving for those athletes anxious to return in time for the evening's big event, the Broadwater High Prom.

The Lady Bulldogs placed fourth among the teams with 53 points. As it was either the 2nd or 3rd meet of the week for our Bulldogs, some limited the number of events entered. In addition, a few ladies are currently dealing with some injuries, as was the case last week with the gentlemen.

Despite the conditions, senior Reese Wolfgram had a standout day. She placed 4th in the triple jump while adding two 8th place finishes in the 100-meter dash and long jump. The cool weather usually is a benefit to the distance athletes and they did not disappoint. Junior Memphis Meier looked strong placing tenth in the 800-meter run with her season's best. Fellow junior Kaelyn Sangray is the lone Bulldog who can say she has PR-ed every meet this season with her efforts in the 3200-meter run. Improving every week, she broke the 13-minute mark for the first time on Saturday. Fellow distance runner and junior Abby Wickens clocked her best times in both the 800 & 3200-meter runs.

100-meter dash: 3rd Kaitlyn Noyes 13.10, 8th Reese Wolfgram 13.60, Aspen Slyker 13.90, Amanda Pesicka 14.10 SR, Emmalin Fischer 14.20 PR, Emily Taves 15.60, and Sarah Morgan 16.00. 400-meter dash: Sarah Morgan 1:23. 800-meter run: 10th Memphis Meier 2:43 SR, Kaelyn Sangray 2:50, Abby Wickens 2:50 PR, Jordyn Pittman 3:01 PR, and Shalyn Sentinella 3:28. 3200-meter run: 3rd Kaelyn Sangray 12:51 PR, 5th Abby Wickens 12:57 PR. 100-meter hurdles: 9th Emmalin Fischer 18.30.

Shot Put: Karsyn Sangray 25'9" PR, Berlin Korr 25'6" PR, and Jazlyn Martin 25'5". Discus: 9th Jazlyn Martin 88'4", Karsyn Sangray 66'2" and Berlin Korr 50'11". Javelin: 1st Havyn Vandenacre 117'7", 8th Luci Horne 90'8", Aspen Slyker 72'1", Jazlyn Martin 62'6", Berlin Korr 53'10", and Karsyn Sangray 53'3".

Long Jump: 1st Kaitlyn Noyes 16'6", 8th Reese Wolfgram 14'7.5", Luci Horne 13'10.5" SR, Emmalin Fischer 12'3.5", Emily Taves 12'1.5", and Sarah Morgan 8'3". Triple Jump: 1st Kaitlyn Noyes 33'11.5", 4th Reese Wolfgram 31'2", and

East Helena Track Meet



Seniors Berlin Korr, Havyn Vandenacre, Luci Horne, Reese Wolfgram, and Cooper Hines at Vigilante Stadium
Photo Credit: MT43 News Sports Reporter

Luci Horne 26'10.5".

The men's team had such a strong day on Thursday, it was hard to imagine they could top it, but the number of PRs established a mere two days later is truly impressive. Junior Nolan Flynn had the crowd cheering him on as he sprinted to the finish of the 1600-meter taking the win right at the line. He started the day by placing 6th in the two-mile with freshman Rylan Hoveland not far behind in 10th place. Freshman Logan Johnson once again improved all his times in the sprints while sophomore Trace Giomi did the same in shot put and javelin.

100-meter dash: 6th Deegan Mattson 11.60, Colt Bernard 12.10, Marek Easter 12.20 PR, and Logan Johnson 13.00 PR. 200-meter dash: Logan Johnson 26.60 PR. 400-meter run: Logan Johnson 1:02 PR. 800-meter run: Max Sellay 2:19 PR and Gavin Greene 2:31. 1600-meter run: 1st Nolan Flynn 5:00 and Rylan Hoveland 5:46. 3200-meter run: 6th Nolan Flynn 11:17 and 10th Rylan Hoveland 12:19.

110-meter hurdles: 6th Deegan Mattson 17.40, 7th Jim Tew 17.60 PR, and Tavyn Anderson 18.90. 300-meter hurdles: Tavyn Anderson 48.20 PR. The team of Deegan Mattson, Colt Barnard, Tavyn Anderson, and Jim Tew finished the 4 x 100-meter relay in 47.30 for a tie for 8th place.

Long Jump: Tavyn Anderson 17'0.5", Logan Johnson 14'8", and Gavin Greene 12'7". Triple Jump: 8th Jim Tew 37'10", 9th Tavyn Anderson 37'4", and Gavin Greene 30'9".

Shot Put: 10th Gavin Schmele 38', Trace Giomi 32'10" PR, Tanner Bird 31'11.5" PR, Pat Gossard 28'6", Aidan Kitto 25'5", Creighton Wright 25'4", and Cooper Hines 24'1". Discus: Gavin Schmele 103'5", Trace Giomi 93'6", Tanner Bird 92'5", Pat Gossard 79'4", Aidan Kitto 73'9", Cooper Hines 67', and Creighton Wright 65'11". Javelin: Pat Gossard 102'7", Gavin Schmele 98'6", Tanner Bird 94'10", Trace Giomi 90'1" PR, Aidan Kitto 84'2", Creighton Wright 63'10", and Cooper Hines 54'2".

The Bulldogs have another busy week with two meets. First, a select group will be heading to Great Falls for the Top Eight on Tuesday, April 30th. Then the entire team will make the trek to Missoula for the KLH Invite on Saturday, May 4th for the last regular season meet. Next, they begin the post-season with the District Tournament in Belgrade on Thursday, May 9th.



The families of the Broadwater Bulldog Seniors at Vigilante Stadium
Photo Credit: MT43 News Sports Reporter

Helena Small School Meet

Noyes 26.91 PR, Amanda Pesicka 29.82 SR, and Sarah Morgan 33.87 PR. 400-meter dash: 7th Sarah Morgan 1:22 PR. 800-meter run: 6th Memphis Meier 2:44 SR, 9th Kaelyn Sangray, and Shalyn Sentinella 3:32. 1600-meter run: 8th Kaelyn Sangray 6:01 PR, 10th Memphis Meier 6:05, Abby Wickens 6:18, Jordyn Pittman 6:37 PR and Shalyn Sentinella 7:38 PR.

100-meter hurdles: 4th Emmalin Fischer 18.09 SR. 300-meter hurdles: 3rd Emmalin Fischer 55.92. The lady's squad of Reese Wolfgram, Kaitlyn Noyes, Aspen Slyker & Amanda Pesicka finished the 4 x 100-meter relay in 52.54 taking 1st place. The distance ladies (Memphis Meier, Abby Wickens, Kaelyn Sangray and Kyla Meissner) joined the fun for a second 4 x 100-meter Broadwater squad placing 5th with a time of 59.93. For the long relay (4 x 400-meter), it was Luci Horne, Amanda Pesicka, Reese Wolfgram and Kyla Meissner finishing 2nd place with a time of 4:35.

Shot Put: Jazlyn Martin 24'5", Karsyn Sangray 24'3" PR, and Berlin Korr 23'2.5". Discus: Jazlyn Martin 72'11", Karsyn Sangray 71'03" PR and Berlin Korr 49'9". Javelin: 3rd Aspen Slyker 91'4", 6th Luci Horne 87'1", Jazlyn Martin 72'3", Karsyn Sangray 57'3" SR, and Berlin Korr 47'11".

High Jump: 2nd Kaitlyn Noyes 4'6". Long Jump: 1st Kaitlyn Noyes 16'7", 7th Reese Wolfgram 14'8.5", and Luci Horne 13'5", Emmalin Fischer 11'11.5", and Sarah Morgan 10' PR. Triple Jump: 7th Emmalin Fischer 27'3.75".

The men's team had their best meet of the season with almost every athlete clocking their best times/distances. Sophomore Colt Bernard, freshman Logan Johnson, and junior Max Sellay all PR-ed each time

they took to the track. Junior Nolan Flynn clocked 4th place in the 800 & 1600-meter runs. Freshman Jim Tew and Tavyn Anderson both placed in the top ten of the short hurdles and long jump. Tanner Bird PR-ed at all three throwing disciplines: shot put, discus and javelin.

100-meter dash: 1st Deegan Mattson 11.46 PR, Colt Bernard 11.97 PR, Marek Easter 12.35, Jim Tew 12.37 PR, Nolan Flynn 12.68 PR, Logan Johnson 13.02 PR, Pat Gossard 13.46 PR, Tanner Bird 13.93 PR, Trace Giomi 14.29 PR, and Aidan Kitto 14.39 PR. 200-meter dash: 4th Deegan Mattson 23.62 PR, Colt Barnard 24.71 PR, Tavyn Anderson 26.13 PR, Max Sellay 26.64 PR, and Logan Johnson 26.68 PR. 400-meter run: 6th Marek Easter 56.46, Max Sellay 1:00 PR, and Logan Johnson 1:02 PR. 800-meter run: 4th Nolan Flynn 2:17 PR and 9th Gavin Greene 2:29 PR. 1600-meter run: 4th Nolan Flynn 5:04 and Rylan Hoveland 5:34.

110-meter hurdles: 3rd Jim Tew 17.71 PR, 6th Tavyn Anderson 18.77 PR, and Gavin Greene 22.79 PR. Long Jump: 8th Tavyn Anderson 17'10" and 10th Jim Tew 17'8", Logan Johnson 16'0.5", and Gavin Greene 13'1.5". Triple Jump: Gavin Greene 30'0.5".

Shot Put: Gavin Schmele 36'6", Tanner Bird 31'4" PR, Pat Gossard 30'8", Trace Giomi 30'7", Creighton Wright 27'5" PR, Aidan Kitto 26'10.5", and Cooper Hines 21'7". Discus: 7th Gavin Schmele 109'7.5", Trace Giomi 95'10" PR, Tanner Bird 94'1" PR, Aidan Kitto 79'11", Pat Gossard 77'6", Creighton Wright 69'1" and Cooper Hines 58'7". Javelin: 4th Marek Easter 130'4", 10th Tanner Bird 109'9" PR, Pat Gossard 104'4", Gavin Schmele 100'3" PR, Aidan Kitto 88'11", Trace Giomi 88'08" PR, Creighton Wright 68'4", and Cooper Hines 58'9".

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May 5th

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5:45-7:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish Center

101 S. Walnut

Townsend School Calendar

MAY

Fri 3 - Sat 4

State Music Festival

Tennis- Dawg Bite Tournament @ Helena/Home-Senior Day on Friday

Fri 3

NO SCHOOL- Teacher PLC Day

Child Find at Community Room/Library Classroom

Sat 4

10:00AM HS Track @ Missoula

MS Track @ Deer Lodge

Sun 5

Class of 2024 Senior Banquet at Elementary Commons/ Kitchen

Mon 6 - Tue 7

Divisional Golf @ Anaconda

Mon 6 - Fri 10

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

SEE BROADWATER BLOOMS AD ON THIS PAGE

Mon 6

7:30AM - D/C College Writing at Community Room

7:00PM MS/HS Spring Concert at Stage Gym

Tue 7

7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room

11:00AM MS Golf @ Bozeman

4:30PM Final Strategic Planning Meeting at the Library Community Room

7:00PM Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge

MS Track @ Anaconda

Wed 8

7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room

7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Open Gym at BHS 63 Gym

7:00PM Old Baldy Adult Pickleball at BHS Stage Gym

Thu 9

7:30AM - D/C College Writing at Community Room

9:30AM MS Track @ Helena

HS Track Districts @ Belgrade

Fri 10 - Sat 11

Tennis- Best of the West Tournament @ Missoula

Fri 10

NO SCHOOL

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Three Forks School Calendar

MAY

Fri 3 - Sat 4

Varsity Tennis @ Manhattan

Fri 3

7:00PM HS/MS Play - The Perfect Ending at School Auditorium

Sat 4

4:00PM HS/MS Play - The Perfect Ending at School Auditorium

HS Track A1 Walker Stillwater Meet @ Laurel

Mon 6 - Tue 7

Golf Divisional

Tue 7

Golf JH @ Cottonwood

HS FCCLA Meeting Lunchtime

JH Track vs Anaconda

Softball @ Manhattan

5:15-6:45pm Girls Scouts in the Cafeteria- Contact person Christine Sinks 406-871-8304

Thu 9

12:20PM NHS Meeting Lunch Break in Large Conference Room

HS Track Districts @ Belgrade

Shakespeare in the Park- TFES

Softball vs Powell County

Fri 10 - Sat 11

Varsity Tennis@ Missoula

Townsend Community Calendar

MAY

Friday 3

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

2:00- 3:00PM MINDFULNESS TRAINING & PRACTICE ON ZOOM

READ ARTICLE ON PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS!

Saturday 4

10:00am ALL DAY Independent Bookstore Day Party at Reading Leaves Books, 410 Broadway St

12:00am 2024 Holy Cross Spring Bazaar at Holy Cross Parish Center **SEE AD ON PAGE 4 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

Sunday 5

5:45pm FREE Community Family Night at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Monday 6

1:00pm American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club

Tuesday 7

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 8

11:00am American Legion Post 42: Teacher Appreciation Lunch at American Legion Club

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

Thursday 9

6:00pm Author Craig Lancaster reading & signing @ Reading Leaves Books, 401 Broadway St

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

Friday 10

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 11

9:00- 11:00AM Annual Mother's Day Fireman's Breakfast

SEE AD ON THIS PAGE

6:00pm Author Marc Beaudin Reading & Signing @ Reading Leaves Books, 401 Broadway St

6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 13

4:00PM Jack and the Beanstalk Auditions for K- 8th Grade at The Lodge **SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**

6:00PM Fireworks Committee **READ DETAILS ON PAGE 4**

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: May 15th, 2024 7:00 PM

At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St

See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

Three Forks Community Calendar

MAY

Friday 3

1:00pm Three Forks Library - Lego Club

Tuesday 7

1:00pm Three Forks Library - Mah Jongg

4:00pm Three Forks Library - Middle School Book Club

Thursday 9

10:00am Three Forks Library - Story Time

7:00pm Three Forks Music Night with www.twang at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

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: threeforkslibrary.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

Mother's Day, May 12th

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Week May 6th-10

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Three Forks area residents welcome!

Call Pam at (406) 422-7028 for more information or to be included in our yard sale map.

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MAY

Monday 6

11:00am Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 7

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

Wednesday 8

10:00am Commission Meeting

Thursday 9

5:30pm Fair Board Meeting

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**AUDITION FOR A PART IN
MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER'S
JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**



**Students
K-8th Grade**

**Monday, May 13
4:00 P.M.
at The Lodge**

See related story

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK AUDITION

Amanda Hazlett
Co-Chair Missoula Childrens Theater Committee

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of JACK AND THE BEANSTALK, on May 13, 2024, at the Lodge from 4 pm to 6 pm. Those auditioning should arrive at 3:55 pm and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are Jack, Mother, Milky White, the Magic Harp, Farmers, Merchants, the Giant, Jill, Circus Performers and Wonder Beans. Students grades k-8 are encouraged to audition. Because of space constraints, this year's production will be smaller than in the past. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

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

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK will be presented on May 17-18 at the Lodge. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Townsend is brought to you by The Broadwater Community Theater with support from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation.


For more information, call Amanda Hazlett at 406-558-9904.

City Fireworks Ordinance Committee

J B Howick
City Council Member

The Townsend City Fireworks Ordinance Committee met Monday night with members of the public and Mayor Rauser to begin reviewing the Fireworks Ordinance for improvements to public safety, enjoyment, nuisance control, and enforcement. Members of the committee are City Council members Vivian Boaz, Doug Sitton and JB Howick. Shared with the committee were examples of firework abuses within city limits.

Fireworks in Townsend have long been an issue of contention due to their noise, the duration of celebrations, and the debris left behind by revelers. Discussed in Monday night's meetings were supervised public displays, the days fireworks may be used and daily curfews,





whether or not fireworks could be used on public streets and whether or not they should be limited to specific locations such as one public park. Also discussed were limitations to the types of fireworks, the possibility of banning fireworks within the city (and the need to seek County input on that matter), the possibility of issuing permits to better control debris and the need to comply with Fire Department environmental bans.

The decision was made to gather examples of existing ordinances from nearby towns and cities. Mayor Rauser offered to ask about what firework ordinances have worked, and which have not, on the Montana Mayor's list-serv. The County Commissioners will be contacted for their opinion about the consequences of limiting fireworks within city boundaries. And the Committee members will consider the options discussed in this meeting.

The Fireworks Committee next meets at 6:00 pm on May 13th.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Townsend Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2024, at City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a request for three Conditional Use Permits to allow a manufactured home within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District.

Pursuant to Section 13.13.030 “Conditional Use Permits Review” of the Townsend Zoning Ordinance the Zoning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposals.

CUP #1: For a manufactured home located at 408 South Cedar within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District. The property is legally described as Lot 11, Block 37 Townsend Original Townsite.

CUP #2: For a manufactured home located at 408 South Cedar within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District. The property is legally described as Lot 12, Block 37 Townsend Original Townsite.

CUP #3: For a manufactured home located at 403 North Cedar within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District. The property is legally described as Lot 16 and S ½ of Lot 15, Block 30 Townsend Original Townsite.

Maps and related data regarding this application may be reviewed by contacting Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street, Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962. Written comments may be directed to the Deputy City Clerk, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana 59644. Written comments must be received by May 9, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. Interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and make known their views and concerns on the proposed Variance application.

UPON REASONABLE NOTICE, THE CITY OF TOWNSEND WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE PERSONS WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK.

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

NOTICE is hereby given that regular registration for the FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on JUNE 4, 2024, will close at 5:00 PM on MAY 6, 2024.

*NOTE: If you miss this regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. Between noon and the close of business on the day before Election Day, you can complete and submit a voter registration application, but you will need to return to the local election office on Election Day to pick up and vote a ballot.

Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the polling place in order to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot in any election, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector’s current residence in the county.

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by submitting a form for registration by mail or by appearing before the County Election Administrator.

If you have moved, it is necessary to have your registration transferred to your present address.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2024

/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN BROADWATER COUNTY Clerk & Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor

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Notice of a Floodplain Permit Application in Broadwater County

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is proposing to remove sediment build up at the Toston Dam. The project would be located within Zone A of the Special Flood Hazard Area of the Missouri River. The project will involve the annual removal of a mass of sediment that is now encroaching on the dam structure. The project is located within the actual river channel and within Toston Reservoir.

The project is located adjacent to the Toston Dam at Toston Reservoir. The project is in SW1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 6 Township 4N, Range 3E, Broadwater County; Longitude 46.119747° Longitude-111.409056°.

For more information on this proposed floodplain permit application, contact the County’s contract Floodplain Administrator, Kevin Angland at Great West Engineering at 406-740-7250 or via email at: kangland@greatwesteng.com The County Floodplain Administrator will render a decision on the permits after the expiration of that time frame.

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NOTICE OF METHOD OF COUNTING MAIL BALLOTS

NOTICE is hereby given that Townsend School District No. 1 Board of Trustee mail ballots will be publicly counted on Election Day, May 7, 2024, starting at 8 AM at the following accessible polling place location: Clerk and Recorder Office located at 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT, as specified in 13-15-201, MCA, by the following method:

Counting by a voting system while the polls are open. Any person observing the procedures of the count must be sequestered with the board until the polls are closed and is required to take the oath provided in 13-15-207 (4), MCA.

Counting will continue after the polls are closed.

DATED this 16TH day of April, 2024.

/S/ ANGIE PAULSEN BROADWATER COUNTY Clerk and Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor

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AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of Broadwater County has been conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, CPA's, P.C. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires the publication of the following summary of significant findings.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS

The audit report for the Broadwater County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, was unmodified.

The audit report also contained several other auditors' reports. Following is a list of the reports and a summary of the findings included in each. This is only a summary and is not intended to be used as an audit report.

- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. This report contained findings in the following matters:
 - 2023-001 Cash Reconciliation
 - 2023-002 Uninsured and Uncollateralized Deposits
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance required by the Uniform Guidance. This report contained findings in the following matter:

This report contained no findings.
- Report on Other Compliance, Financial and Internal Accounting Control Matters.

This report contained no findings.
- Report on Prior Year Audit Report Recommendations. This report summarized the findings from the prior audit report, and noted the action taken on them.
 - 2022-001 Operating Transfer
 - 2022-002 Uninsured and Uncollateralized Deposits

The complete audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at the Administrators Office.

Debbie Kelley - Finance Director Broadwater County

Published May 3, 2024

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April 26

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott’s courtroom on Friday, April 26 is as follows:

Gabriel Puga had an Evidentiary Hearing on a Petition to Revoke on a charge of possession of a firearm. The Hearing is continued until June 28.

John Hansson had an Arraignment; pleading not guilty to charges of 1) theft of a light motor vehicle, 2) tampering with or fabricating evidence 3) tampering with or fabricating evidence. Omnibus is due on June 21; Pre-Trial is set for September 13; with the Jury Trial scheduled on October 11.

John Hansson had an Admit/Denial Hearing; denying allegations of DUI. His bond remains at \$25,000. He allegedly has three DUIs pending. He must adhere to all conditions, including no contact with victims/witnesses, no alcohol or drugs, and comply with the 24/4 program.

Kyle Mostad had a Status Hearing on a Petition to Revoke. During his Evidentiary Hearing, it was discovered that he violated the no firearms condition. There may be federal charges. There will be a Status Hearing on May 24.

Justin Henderson appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to many of his 13 original charges. His Guilty Plea includes two charges of writing bad checks, theft of labor or services by deception, theft of property, theft of property by deception, and theft of services by deception. He has a restitution of over \$50,000 to pay. In his elocution, he admitted to the charges above, committed in the Broadwater community. He will be sentenced on June 28. He must comply with all conditions including to comply with the Pre-Sentence Investigation.

Kale Murgal had his Sentencing; replying to charges of felony criminal endangerment and misdemeanor assault. He is Sentenced on count 1) to four years deferred, count 2) six months all suspended. He has the choice of spending one day in jail or three days on house arrest. He must pay \$80 in fees and surcharges, he must have 40+ hours anger management, a chemical dependency evaluation and comply with all recommendations. He is to have a mental health evaluation within six months. He must have no contact with victims. The Sentences are to run concurrently.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk Broadwater County

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Paige Aasved, Montana City: night speed \$120.00
Steven Burger, Helena: night speed \$70.00
Colt Barnard, Winston: day speed \$20.00
Kelly Brazell, Lake Stevens, WA: night speed \$20.00
Mason Burrington, Helena: restricted speed \$65.00
Jenna Cordes, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
David Colamaria, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Payton Cosby, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
Sarah Elliott, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Benjamin Fang, Clancy: day speed \$70.00
Morgan Gates, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
David Howeth, Arvada, CO: night speed \$70.00
Tonya Hauck, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Allyson Hitt, Big Timber: day speed \$70.00
Kory Hammer, Billings: restricted speed \$65.00
John James, Townsend: night speed \$70.00
Scott Knutson, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Courtney Kennelly-Foster, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Tonya Mischel, Toston: day speed \$20.00
Jose Maquez, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
Brandon Nelson, Chicago, IL: night speed \$70.00
Brayden Nicholson, Helena: night speed \$20.00
Tyler Pullano, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Tracey Roberts, Sheridan, WY: night speed \$70.00
Justin Rohr, Big Sky: improper pass \$85.00
Victoria Vacchiano, Spring Lake, NJ: restricted speed \$105.00
Jacob Ereth, Helena: night speed \$70.00
Maxfield Beebe, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
Brittany Ewalt, Butte: careless driving \$85.00
Paige Kinsey, Helena: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Chester Campbell – Three Forks – fail to carry proof of insurance or exhibit/insurance in vehicle – owner or operator-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked – 2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$275.00 fines and fees,
Richard Price – Belgrade - driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked – 2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$275.00 fines and fees; reckless driving- 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

John Bourn – Ennis – night speed, plead guilty, \$70.00 fine; operating vehicle without interlock, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees; unlawful possession of open alcoholic beverage container in MV on highway, plead guilty, \$75.00 fine; aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs- 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$1075.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Cassandra Berger, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Dean Degidio, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Justyce Fenlason, Helena: night speed \$120.00
Craig Lammey, Anaconda: night speed \$20.00
Richard Meier, Helena: night speed \$70.00
Austin Regis, Issaquah, WA: day speed \$200.00
Halle Tolley, Belgrade: night speed \$70.00
Jacob Wilsie, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Austin Williams, Parker, CO: day speed \$70.00
Lara Bahlman, Clancy: night speed \$70.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Richard Karp Jr – MT 13th Judicial District, No Bond



Three Forks Deli Hours
7 am to 5 pm daily

County Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Richtmyer

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, May 6, 2024

11:00 AM Working Meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, regarding projects and deadlines. This will be in the Commission Office

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024

3:00 PM Working Meeting with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines. This will be in the Commission Office

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo Association Inc., Lease Renewal with Broadwater County

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Declare Property that is not Necessary to the Conduct of County Business as Surplus Property for Sale at Public Auction. 7-8-2211 MCA

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Allison Kosto, Broadwater County Extension Agent, Childcare Committee Update and Early Childcare Provider Appreciation Day Proclamation

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Airport 5-year Capital Improvement Plan

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Amundson, Wilbur, and Galinec’s Petition to Abandon County Road, 7th Street from College St. to Springville Ln., in Springville, Broadwater County; County Reserving the Right to Utility Easements in the Roadway

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Memorandum of Understanding, Broadwater County and MDT for Removal of the Toston Bridge

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations Update

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

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

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)

- Mental Health LAC Meeting on May 8th at 2 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on May 9th at 5:30 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on May 14th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on May 14th at 1 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on May 14th at 6 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on May 15th at 6 PM
- LEPC Meeting on May 16th at 1 PM
- Boad of Health Meeting on May 20th at 2 PM
- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on May 20th at 6 PM
- Townsend & Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on May 21st at 4 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on May 21st at 7 PM

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

Accused Wrong-Way Driver in Fatal Crash Pleads Not Guilty

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Alexander LeDoux, the Bozeman man accused of driving the wrong way on Interstate 90 resulting in a head-on crash near Three Forks that killed a young mother, has pleaded not guilty to vehicular homicide and other charges.

LeDoux, 26, entered the pleas April 16 during his initial appearance in Gallatin County district court in Bozeman. Judge Peter Ohman set bail at \$250,000. LeDoux was then jailed in the county detention center. He is due back in court May 21 for an omnibus hearing.

The January 4 crash, about 2:30am, killed Laysa Grewell, 22, a Townsend native living with her fiancé in Belgrade. She was the mother of an infant and reportedly was newly pregnant.

LeDoux was charged with vehicular homicide while under the influence of alcohol, fleeing from a peace officer, and six counts of criminal endangerment. Charging documents allege he drove about 20 miles the wrong way at high speed, going west in the eastbound lanes of the interstate highway.

According to the state highway patrol investigation, Grewell was thrown from her car, a sports utility vehicle, when the crash occurred. She died at the scene. Her vehicle burned. LeDoux was hospitalized in Bozeman with non-life-threatening injuries.

KBZK TV, Bozeman, reported that during a March 26 status hearing, LeDoux’s legal counsel informed the court that he was out of state and asked that he be allowed to make his initial court appearance by video so that he could go to a facility for psychological and chemical dependency treatment. District Judge Andrew Breuner, who originally held the case, denied the request.



Alexander LeDoux
Photo Credits: KBZK TV, Bozeman

Townsend Resident and Passenger Die in Accident Near Clarkston

Becka Howey
Montana Highway Patrol Communications Supervisor

In a release from Montana Highway Patrol a Townsend man, age 27, and his passenger of Belgrade died in a car accident on Clarkston Road Saturday night April 27 at 6:20pm. According to the investigating officer the Chevy Tahoe was southbound, crossed the center line then went off the road and collided with a tree. The vehicle was engulfed in flames. Both occupants died at the scene. The names of the victims were not released pending investigation of the accident.

City, County to Discuss Agreement to Trade Water for Grading Work

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Public Works Director T.J. Graveley spoke to Townsend’s City Council April 16 about the potential for city and county to trade use of city water by the county’s road department in exchange for the county to grade and treat Railroad Avenue and a portion of South Harrison Street on an annual or more frequent basis.

Graveley said City Public Works Director Eric Crusch had approached him about the grading work. He estimated the value of grading work around \$4,200. In exchange, Graveley floated the idea of allowing the county use of city water for five months per year – an estimated 3 million gallons.

Graveley acknowledged that use of approximately 44,000 gallons per day would be significant, but that he felt the arrangement would be mutually beneficial.

Based on the current fee schedule, which will increase significantly later this year, the water use would be valued around \$3,300.

Until 2022, the county and other enterprises had access to an unlocked hydrant near City Well 3, but that unpaid usage came into conflict with city water users’ being asked to restrict their use during summer months. The hydrant was locked, and the city has not seen similar peaks in usage since.

Mayor Vickie Rauser asked Crusch if he had concerns about the increased usage. He responded that he had already tested it and had none.

The council approved the formation of a working committee, consisting of Mayor Vickie Rauser, Crusch, and council member Angie Wintrow, to meet with Graveley and appropriate county representatives to develop an interlocal agreement to formalize terms of the trade.

- The city’s regular May 7 meeting was rescheduled to 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 30, to allow City Clerk Kari Williams and Jenny Barnett to attend training offered through the city’s insurer, MMIA.

Montana Farm Bureau Voices Strong Opposition to Possible PSC Carbon Taxes

Montana Farm Bureau State Office

The Montana Farm Bureau (MFBF) has strongly voiced opposition to a petition filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) to require the consideration of greenhouse gases in utility rates. The petition filed by the Montana Environmental Information Center along with 41 other groups directs the Commission to consider the “social cost of greenhouse gases” in rates for electric and natural gas service effectively creating a carbon tax. The Montana Farm Bureau is the state’s largest agricultural organization with more than 20,000 member families.

“Our membership opposes carbon taxes on agricultural inputs including energy. Energy is an important input on many agricultural operations especially for things like irrigation,” said MFBF Executive Vice President Scott Kulbeck in a letter to the PSC. “Reliable and affordable energy is important for Montana’s farmers and ranchers to produce safe and reliable food on tight budgets.”

Kulbeck noted that Farm Bureau members have clearly stated that an additional tax or charge does not help but will harm Montana agriculture. The average farm income in 2022 was \$46,889 according to the U.S. Ag Statistics cited in the Montana Department of Agricultural February Newsletter; this is nearly \$20,000 less than the average household income in Montana according to U.S. Census data.

“Such an extreme income gap has a tangible and measurable impact on Montana farmers and ranchers,” said Kulbeck. “The proposed rule will increase input costs and will not lower stress, improve resiliency or allow farmers and ranchers to make investments in their operation to adapt as needed in the future.”

More than ten percent of Montana farms and ranchers already voluntarily use renewable energy. “Our membership has expressed their appreciation of incentive-based programs that promote the responsible use of resources rather than imposing mandates, fees and taxes,” Kulbeck said. “Rates for reliable electricity will skyrocket under a PSC carbon tax. We strongly oppose this petition.”

County Awards Bid for Townsend Airport Reconstruction

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Bullock Contracting, LLC, of Boulder, Mont., submitted the successful bid to reconstruct the Townsend Airport, with a bid of just over \$4 million for the main project and additional work to rebuild ramps to the hangars and add taxi lanes and hangar locations on the site.

Five companies submitted bids, with Bullock's entry coming in well under the \$6.1 million estimate for the project.

The commissioners also approved a series of task orders for the project totaling more than \$600,000.

“We’re not signing the checks today,” Commission Chairman Darrell Folkvord said. The task orders allow the county’s engineering firm for the project, Robert Peccia and Associates, to begin work on Phase II engineering, project administration, bidding and construction administration, construction services, airport layout, and ADIP/AGIS data collection.

Funding for the multi-million project comes primarily from a Federal Aeronautics Administrative grant, with a match from Montana’s bi-partisan infrastructure grant for the remainder of the funding,

Work on the site is planned to begin in Spring 2025.

Missouri Headwaters Region Report for Montana Farmers Union Magazine

Samantha Ferrat
Montana Farmers Union District Representative

Action needs to be taken. There are many obstacles and issues affecting farmers and ranchers, but there is one that has really been keeping me up at night trying to formulate a solution. Production ag lands are in jeopardy — in Montana and across the nation. The population growth in my region is happening so quickly. Farmers and ranchers are showing great concern as they feel a threat from people selling out around them and the newcomers having little understanding about our agricultural way of life.

I have been part of several conversations and presentations about conservation easements. These have been well attended and tough questions have been raised. There are several types of conservation easements, one of them being funded through a private land trust, NRCS, and the Farm Bill. I have concerns about any conservation easement. I worry about the funds falling through if a new Farm Bill is not passed. I wonder if these easements can be overturned by a presidential decree in future administrations. At the same time, I also believe that conservation easements could be an

Region **Report**,



<i>American Legion Hall</i>	<i>The Betsy Sports Zone</i>	<i>Commercial Bar</i>	<i>Deep Creek Pizza</i>	<i>Full Belli Deli</i>	<i>TB's Diner</i>
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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: **Y** equals **B**

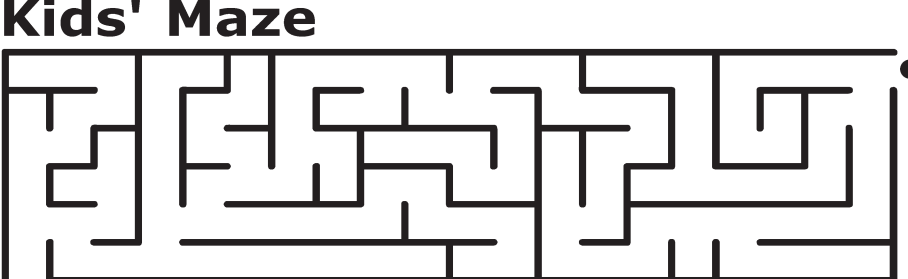
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Elections

Dear Editor:

Several weeks ago, the MT43 published a letter from my friend Ed Regan in which he suggested that we should not support a former federal judge who is a candidate for chief justice of the Montana Supreme Court because, according to Ed, the judge is “clearly political.” No evidence was cited in support of that conclusion. Oddly, in telling us that politics should not be involved in an election to this non-partisan judicial position, he identifies himself as chairman of the Broadwater County Republicans. Ed should follow his own advice.

More recently, Angie Paulsen, identifying herself as Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, Elections Administrator and County Surveyor, told us the Supreme Court should stick to its knitting, leave legislation alone and seemingly endorses one candidate by quoting his views of the Court’s job. She is, of course, wrong. First, she should not be using her office to support any other candidate for public office. Second, if she does, she should get her facts and law straight. As she suggests, both our state and federal constitutions provide for a separation of powers among the three branches of government. That separation of powers is designed as both a check and balance on the powers of each of those branches. While the legislature has the power to enact legislation, that power is checked by the power of the Governor to veto and, as she acknowledges, the power of the judicial branch to interpret and determine the constitutionality of laws passed by the legislature. But, having first acknowledged that it has those powers she argues that it should not use them. She can’t have it both ways.

In truth, her unstated argument is really that the court should not hold as unconstitutional a law that she likes, even if the Court was correct. Or maybe she thinks the Court’s conclusion was wrong in which case I would like to see her authority for that conclusion. In many cases, the GOP caucus was warned by legislative staff that a bill was likely unconstitutional but the advice was ignored. Just this week the Court found three more bills unconstitutional, two of which the Attorney General conceded by not contesting the issue. The principle that the Supreme Court is the final arbiter of the constitutionality of both executive and legislative actions dates at least to the 1803 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Marbury v Madison in which the Federal Court held that the Constitution is law that overrides executive and legislative acts. It is the Court, not the legislature, that determines constitutionality.

Ms. Paulsen says this problem has been going on “for years now” and “it has led to endless litigation every session.” Actually, most of the litigation arising from the legislature has occurred in the last three years after the last two legislative sessions and that is for a very simple reason. For the previous sixteen years, Democratic Governors Schweitzer and Bullock used their veto power to check the most outrageous and clearly unconstitutional bills from becoming law. It has only been the last two sessions dominated by ultra-conservative ideologues and with the approval of a Republican Governor, that have generated the recent litigation. The Republican legislators appear concerned primarily with preserving their own power, preventing college students and Native Americans from voting, and regulating everyone else’s personal lives instead of real governance such as preventing dramatic increases in our property taxes.

Calling the current Court “activist” is a meaningless statement. The court should be active in the face of unconstitutional legislation. The only valid question is whether a particular case was correctly decided. Rather than criticize the court as being “activist” Ms. Paulsen should consider whether the Court was right. That she may have liked the legislation does not make it constitutional.

Sincerely,

Tom Budewitz

Former Assistant Attorney General, Former Broadwater County Attorney, retired Attorney at Law, avid flyfisherman

Elect Dr. Gilette

Editor,

I wanted to write in to support Jane Gillette for HD77. I have personally worked with Jane and want to publicly endorse her, as many other notable groups have.

I am a fourth-generation Montana native. I am on the leadership team of a grassroots organization, Montanans for Medical Freedom, and our group endorses her as well.

She has supported and sponsored important legislation such as the Patient Bill of Rights and will stand up to pharmaceutical interests that are money focused rather than health outcome focused.

We need informed consent and the right to say no to what goes in and on our bodies. See Jane run. See Jane win. Vote for Jane!

Jolene Crum

Montanans for Medical Freedom Gallatin County

Support Dr. Jane Gillette

Without question, my wife, Jane Gillette, is the very best choice for re-election to the Montana State Legislature. We came here close to 25 years ago as part of her service to our great nation in the United States Air Force.



Jane Gillette
Photo Credits: Jane Gillette

What I’m most proud of her for is her fierce determination to do what is right, even when it’s unpopular. In an ocean of chaos, she is a clear voice for prioritizing strong policies that support families, fiscal responsibility, and smaller government. She’s an elite member of the Freedom Caucus, having received top ranks as a conservative legislator by the NRA, Montana Family Foundation, Montanans for Limited Government, Montana Shooting Sports Association, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Freedom Index, Legistats, Montana Conservative Alliance, and the Montana Farm Bureau Federation.

Please join me and many others in our district in re-electing Jane Gillette for her third term in the Montana State Legislature.

Christopher J. Gillette

Former Legislator Supports Kyle McMurray for House District 77

Having served 4 terms, 8 years in the House of Representatives in the past, I am now supporting Kyle McMurray for the House of Representatives, District #77 in Broadwater County. This was previously represented by Rep. Julie Dooling, who did an excellent job but with redistricting Rep. Dooling has an area of Lewis and Clark County.

Kyle was born and raised in Manhattan and raised six children there. As a Dr. of Optometry, you can bet he will keep an “eye” on what is best for the future of his grandchildren and ours.

He showed he knew how to work and listen to people with his 8 years serving on the schoolboard. It is critical that you can work with people to have a successful Legislature. Kyle was a business owner, home owner and has lived in an agriculture area all his life. I was glad to see Farm Bureau endorsing him.

Please visit his website kylemcmurraymt.com and be sure to vote on June 4, 2024.

Gay Ann Masolo
Townsend, MT

I Support Kyle McMurray

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my strong support for Kyle McMurray's candidacy for Montana HD77. As a dedicated member of our community, born and raised in Manhattan, Montana, Kyle possesses the qualities and values necessary to effectively represent us in Helena.

Kyle McMurray understands the challenges facing our community, including the burden of property taxes on homeowners. He is committed to finding solutions to lower property taxes and ease the financial strain on families while ensuring essential services are adequately funded.

Furthermore, Kyle is a staunch advocate for protecting property rights. He recognizes the importance of safeguarding our rights as property owners and will work tirelessly to ensure that our voices are heard when it comes to decisions impacting our land and homes.

Most importantly, Kyle is dedicated to upholding Montana values. He understands the unique character of our state and will fight to preserve the traditions, freedoms, and way of life that make Montana special.

Now, more than ever, we need a leader like Kyle McMurray who is willing to roll up his sleeves and work hard for our community. I urge my fellow residents to support Kyle McMurray for HD77 and to vote for him in the upcoming election.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brenda Van Otterloo
Born and raised Montana Resident

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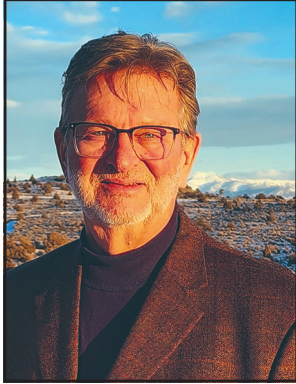
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ELECTION SPOTLIGHT

McMurray Wins Gianforte’s
Endorsement

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Gov. Greg Gianforte has endorsed Kyle McMurray over Jane Gillette in the hotly contested Republican primary election race for the House District 77 seat in the legislature. The district, newly created by reapportionment, covers all of Broadwater County and a small portion of Gallatin County.



Kyle McMurray candidate for Legislative District 77
Kyle McMurray Website Photo

Gillette, a rural Three Forks resident, has served two terms in the legislature representing what is now the old House District 64. She issued a statement calling McMurray a liberal “funded by Democrats, and transgender and medical lobbyists” in contrast to herself as “a Trump conservative with an A-plus rating from the Family Foundation and Freedom Index.”

In response, McMurray said in a newspaper interview that Gillette’s legislative record has hindered progress. “She is extremely conservative and that is how she votes,” he said. “Because of some of the extreme right opinions we’re not getting things done.” He blamed the far right in the last two legislative sessions for the lack of progress in reforming property taxes. “I’m very conservative but I feel like I can work with other folks who also have good ideas and I think she’s proven she can’t.”

McMurray, a lifelong resident of Gallatin County, is a retired optometrist and businessman. He said he wants to focus on reforming property taxes and protecting Montana values.

Dillon Man is Candidate for Public Service Commission

My name is Jeff Welborn, and I’m running to represent District 3 on the Montana Public Service Commission. This district runs clear from Hamilton to Winnett. I currently serve the people of Southwest Montana as a State Senator. My committee assignments have allowed me to focus on natural resources, transportation, and budgeting matters. I also own a small business, Stock Drive Trailer Sales in Dillon.

The PSC is an agency that affects every person in Montana seeking reliable, affordable utilities. I believe I have the experience, knowledge, and, most would agree, the earned respect to effectively and honorably serve the people of Montana as your next PSC Commissioner, and continue the good work of PSC President Jim Brown, who is now running for State Auditor.

If elected, my top three priorities are to fight against unfair utility rate increases, helping protect Montanans’ wallets and pocketbooks; advocate for solutions that bring greater reliability to our utility services year-round; and bring new and rural voices into the conversation to better serve our farmers, ranchers, and small business owners.

I will protect Montanans from unfair rate increases, and I have the backbone to vote “no.” I will also promote investment in Montana’s energy future, ensuring Montana remains a net energy exporter by focusing on the sources like hydropower, hydrogen, and nuclear. That said, I won’t vote to subsidize any industry.

I hope to earn your vote in the June Republican primary. Please visit WelbornForMontana.com to learn more about my campaign.

Jeff Welborn
Dillon



Jeff Welborn, Candidate for Public Service Commission
Photo provided by Jeff Welborn

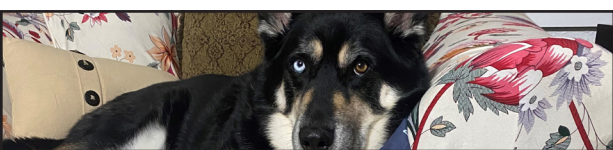
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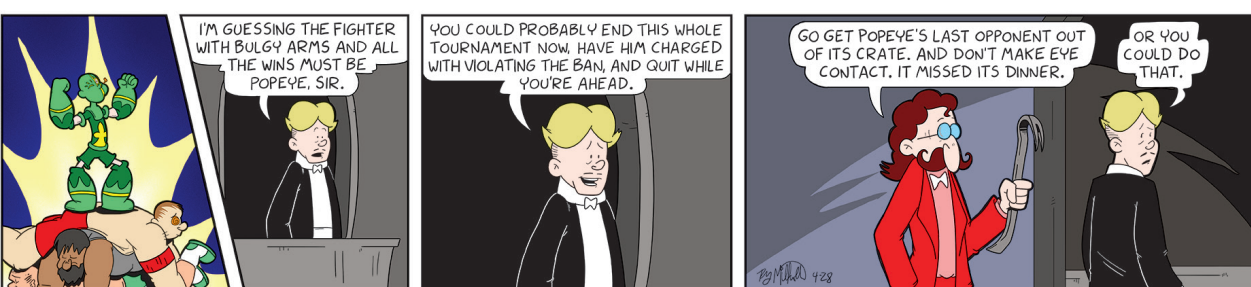
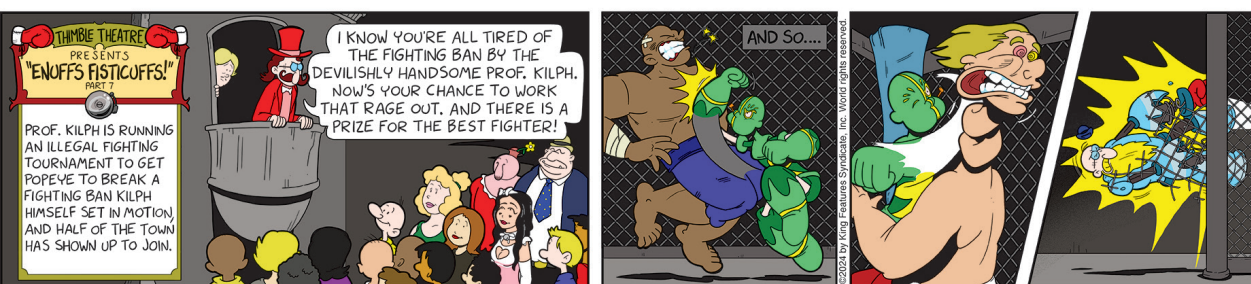
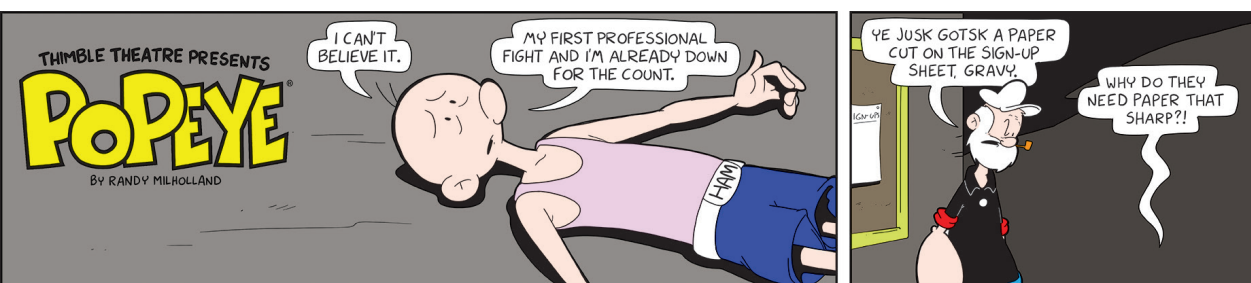
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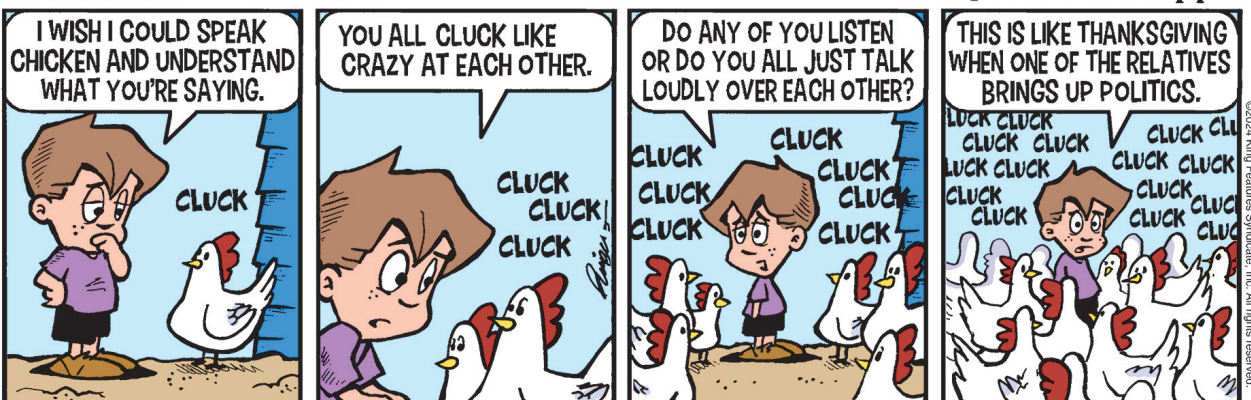
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“Someone from the Commission on Honesty in Government is on the phone. ... Are you here?”



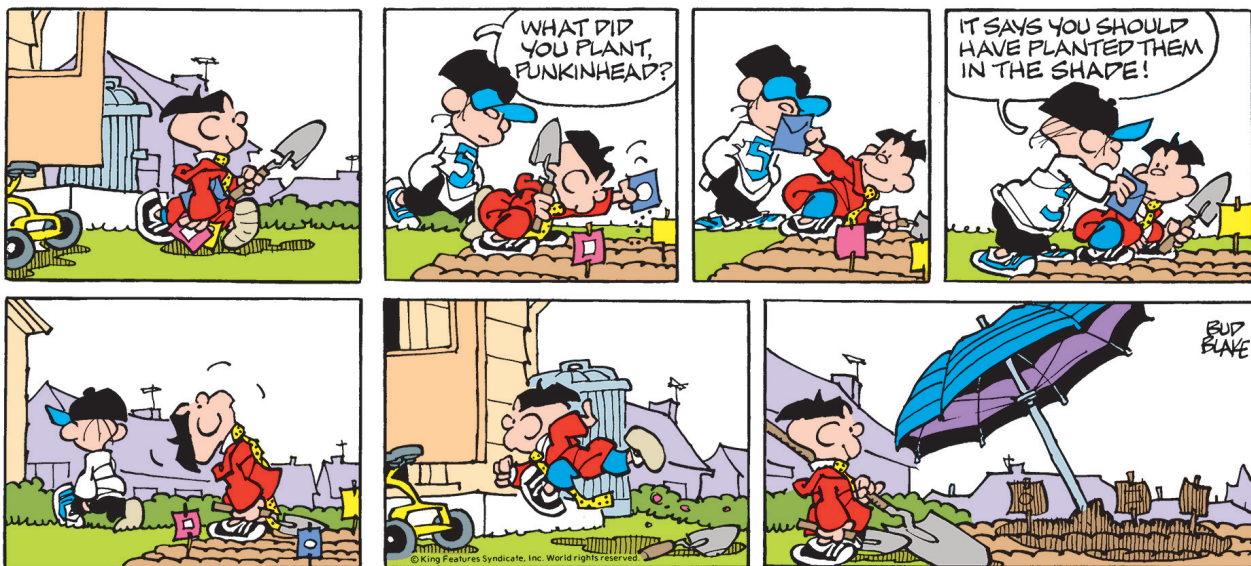
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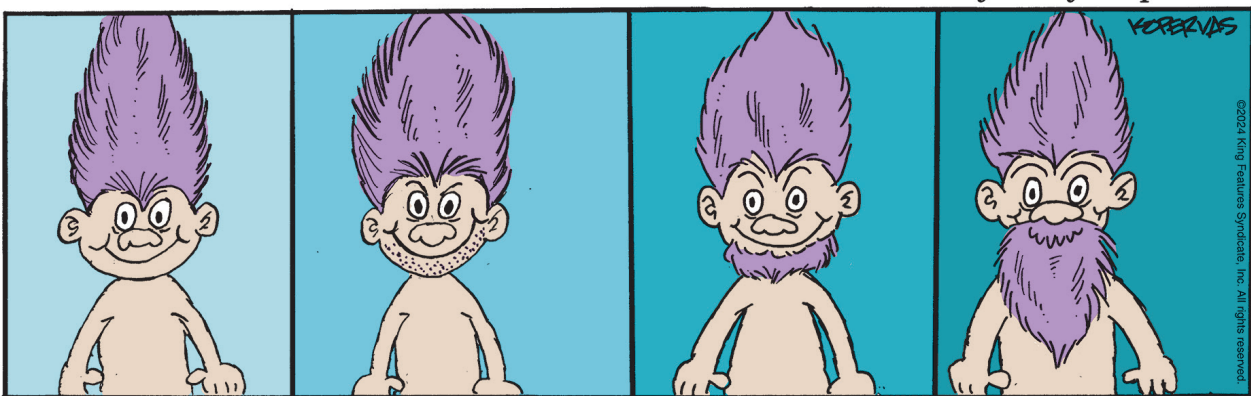
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3. Front; 4. Hint

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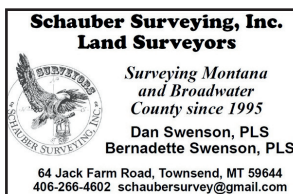
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Sat 5/04

Very Light Rain Showers

63° | 45°

8%

6 | 18 mph

Sun 5/05

Thunderstorms

62° | 44°

49%

9 | 21 mph

Mon 5/06

Thunderstorms

55° | 39°

51%

10 | 27 mph

Tue 5/07

Light Rain Showers

54° | 39°

38%

14 | 29 mph

Precipitation:

December: 0.08" January: 0.047"

February: 0.292" March: 0.409"

April: 1.189" May: 0.00"

2023: 13.669" 2024: 1.890"

Weed of the Month

Wild Oats

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Although not a problem in lawns, gardens or even rangeland, wild oats are a major cropland weed across the United States.

Description & Habitat

Wild oats are native to Europe and Asia. They are now widespread across the world through a variety of dispersal methods including through cultivated crops, farm equipment and contaminated seed. In the United States, wild oats are most problematic in the northern prairie region in areas where there are a large amount of grain crops. They can be found in fields, roadsides and disturbed areas.

An annual plant (life cycle of one year), wild oats are closely related to cultivated oats. At the seedling stage, the two types are nearly impossible to tell apart although there are discreet differences under a magnifying lens. When the seedhead is present, it is easier to tell the difference. Cultivated oats have a narrower, more compact panicle which is the cluster of flowers that form the seeds. However, this difference can still be hard to see unless the two types are side-by-side.

Wild oats are primarily a concern in cropland where they reduce crop yield, increase production costs, increase harvest time, contaminate seed, host pests and disease, and decrease grain quality. Ten wild oat plants per square foot can reduce barley yield by 18 percent and wheat yield by 24 percent. Just one wild oat plant per square foot can reduce wheat and canola yield by 10 percent.

Another major issue with wild oats is herbicide resistance. The first documented case of herbicide resistance to wild oats occurred in 1990 to the herbicide Fargo. Since that time, wild oats have grown resistant to two other herbicide groups, and some populations even show multiple resistant types.

Management

Integrated weed management (IWM) is critical to control wild oats. IWM is the use of multiple weed control methods to manage weeds. Wild oats are a prime example of what happens if farmers become too reliant on herbicides.

The best strategy is to prevent wild oats from becoming established. Techniques to do this include using only clean certified seed, cleaning machinery between fields, planting perennial grasses along field borders, and destroying seedlings before they produce seed.

Tillage has control benefits when done correctly. Seeds will not survive well on the soil surface, but buried seeds can still emerge when buried 6 inches or more. In order for tillage to be an effective means of control, it must be done frequently to bring the buried seed back up to the surface. Delaying tilling after harvest can be helpful as well because it can result in some loss of wild oat seed on the soil surface. This followed by a shallow tillage (less than 2 inches) can cause a flush of the weed seeds to germinate and then die overwinter.

Crop rotation is critical to control wild oats by extending the time between cereal crops. Crop rotation allows growers to rotate to more effective grass herbicides. Perennial broadleaf crops such as alfalfa are especially effective in reducing wild oats.

Herbicides are still a tool in the toolbox but should not be relied upon fully. Herbicides should be rotated frequently. Tank mixing multiple herbicides can also be effective in bringing greater control and reducing the likelihood of resistant strains developing. Chemical options depend on the type of crop grown. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide.

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

Chamber Receives Donation for Highway Sign

Left to right: Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce Co-President Keith Hartmann, Vice President Doug Breker, member Doug Sitton, Rotary Chairperson Jeanine Stone and TACC Treasurer Jenny Clowes.

*Sitton and Breker display the \$20,000 check in front of a drawing of the sign to be placed near Townsend's swimming pool park.

Nancy Marks MT43 News Photographer

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Keith Hartmann accepted a \$20,000 donation for a new highway sign from Townsend Rotary President Jeanine Stone Tuesday night at the Rotary regular meeting.

The electronic sign will be used to promote Townsend and Broadwater County businesses, events and activities.

Plans began in 1999 according to Chamber member Doug Sitton to update the informational sign near the railroad tracks at the corner of Highway 287 and

Broadway Street. When negotiations with the BNSF railroad did not work out, the group worked to locate the new sign on city-owned land at the “Welcome to Townsend” rock near the swimming pool. According to Doug Breker, Chamber Vice President, funds for the \$80,000 sign came mostly from Walleye Festival conservation fees.

Yesco Signs representative Ben Toney will be overseeing the construction of the sign. The new sign will be electronically operated by TAAC administrators. Toney estimated the sign would be in place by this August.

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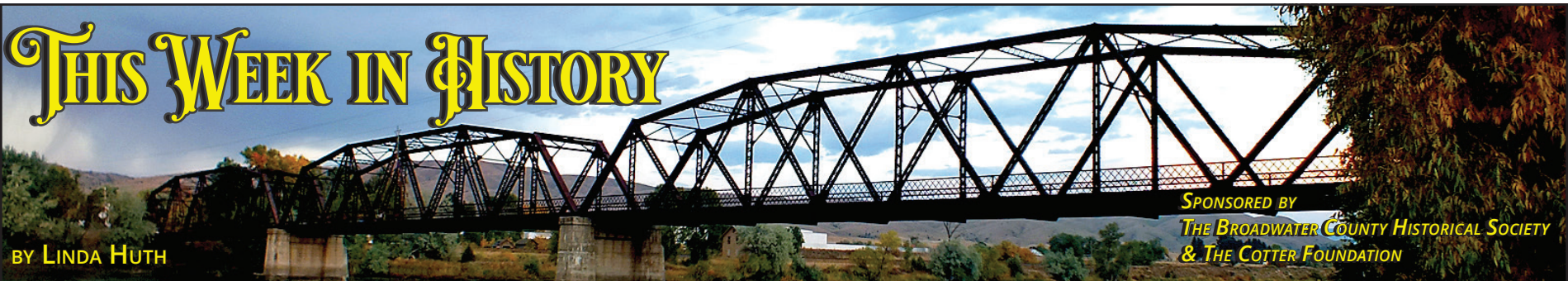
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May 2

1912

Doings of a Week

Lee Rader, a native son of Broadwater County and son of an old pioneer, was over from Radersburg Saturday, accompanied by Chas. Blackman, Louis Guizzo and John Schivan. The town of Radersburg was named in honor of Mr. Rader’s father.

The Confederate Creek farm made a purchase last Saturday of two extra good spans of work horses from Jim Marks, one of the well known stockmen of Broadwater County.

Thos. Dixon was in Helena this week taking both rest and medical treatment. His many friends here hope that he may soon be enjoying some better health.

Billy Taylor, photographer of Helena and well known in Townsend was in town Monday circulating among old friends. Incidentally, he took home with him the big trout caught by Arthur Ellis.

Between scrapping with the down-trodden Opinion man and scooting over the county with his benziene wagon on various and sundry real estate deals, Al Davidson has been as busy this week as a married man explaining to his wife why he couldn’t find the door knob at 3 a.m. in the morning.

Lawrence Berg has forsaken one error of his ways and has taken up another. He has quit dealing out booze over the bar and will, hereafter, weigh his hand along with meat to the Toston people. Berg & Gabb are the new proprietors of the Grieves meat market in that town, and the numerous friends Lawrence has, not only in Townsend, but in the whole county wish him well.

1940

Toston-Townsend Road Posted for 35 Mile Limit
We have escaped fatal accident so far on

Townsend-Toston road during its construction,” Said Patrolman Raymond Jones today, “and we want to continue the record until dangers are eliminated from the road under construction,” he said. To this end a thirty-five mile an hour limit has been placed on the stretch between these two towns during the graveling and oiling process, the patrolman announced today.

Fast driving noticed on the road in the last few weeks has caused the highway patrol to take cognizance of the fact that there is extra danger with the construction going on. Cutting down to 35 miles should save major accidents anyway, the officials believe in taking the precaution.

Personal News

Mary Ann Petersen was a week-end guest of Betty McKenzie at the family home on Deep Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green and Mr. and Mrs. K.P. Thurston attended the junior prom in Neihart last Saturday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Russel Stewart.

Several Townsend women attended the meeting of the Woman’s Club in Canton Wednesday. They were Mrs. M. Antonetti, Mrs. John Sorensen, Miss Vera Sorensen, Miss Marilyn Myers.

Woman’s Club to Hold Final Meeting

The last meeting of the Townsend Woman’s Club will be held next Tuesday evening, according to the president, Mrs. R.M. O’Hearn. The meeting will be conducted by a hostess committee consisting of Mrs. S.E. Sutherland, Mrs. D.J. McKillican and Mrs. Geo. Kieckbusch and will be held in the home of Mrs. T.N. Averill.

Mrs. Mary Leh and Miss Ethel Jarussi are in charge of the program. The meeting is being held on Tuesday night instead of the regular night, Monday, owing to an “open house” at the high school.

1968

Confirmation at Holy Cross this Saturday Evening
Bishop Raymond Hunthausen of Helena will confer

the sacrament of confirmation to forty young people and three adults of Holy Cross Church Saturday evening at 7:30.

Members of the confirmation class are Donna Francisco, Brent Helmick, Susan Hooks, Billy Kirley, Matthew Meyer, Mary Ragen, Tom Ragen, Peggy Ryan, Diana Sitton, Danny Tintinger, Rita Harris, Cynthia Roberts, Mary Beth Berberet, Barbara Booher, Mike Delger, Rhonda Helmick, Jill Lanning, Doris Jean Lewis, Cathy McNulty, Mark Meyer, Jane Nelson, Virginia Ouren, Jack Ragen, David Sitton, Patty Tintinger Mark Kieckbusch, Beth Delger, Mike Descharm, Linda Gabisch, Gail Graham, Ann Meyer, James Nelson, Bobby Ouren, Danny Ragen, Patricia Ragen, Valerie Waling, Diana Walker, Barbara Harris, Karen Smith, Deanna Trotchie, Robert Masolo and Roland McHenry.

Following confirmation, there will be a social hour in the youth center of the church. Ladies of the church will serve refreshments.

1996

“Around Town News” by Mary Pat Martin

Trish Vanzanko, Louie and Gracie and Mary Berberet, Spokane, were week-end visitors with their parents, Bill and Grace Berberet and with their sister and family, Barbara and Rick DeMartin, Levi and Jessie.

Lela and Kenneth Biggs, Ethel O’Hern, John O’Dell, Olive Middleton and Ted Line traveled to Deer Lodge to attend a meeting of the Railroad Morris Code Club.

Helen Burmaster spent Friday through Sunday attending a Lutheran Women’s Retreat at the Flathead Bible Camp. Guest speaker was Mardella Bieber Brock, Bozeman, who is a former Townsend resident.

Jo Lewis and Doris Mingay visited Jo’s sister, Mary Miller of Libby in Helena Friday at the home of their sister and brother-in-law, Mick and Ed Benson.

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Broadwater Democratic Central Committee Hosts Gubernatorial Candidate

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

It was standing room only at Canyon Ferry Brewery Wednesday night, April 24 for people to meet and greet Ryan Busse, a Democratic candidate for governor, and his running mate candidate for lieutenant governor Raph Graybill. The event was hosted by the Broadwater Democratic Central Committee.

Busse, a former firearms executive, told the group that his platform was about righting the wrongs of Republicans sticking property owners with huge spikes in their taxes and their attacks on the Montana constitutional right of people to

a clean and healthful environment. He invited local Democrats to start a grassroots movement for his candidacy by encouraging neighbors and friends to support him.

Busse worked for 25 years in the firearms industry and says he directed the sale of several million guns manufactured by Kimber America. He got out of the business in 2020 and since has authored a book and articles critical of gun manufacturers and the National Rifle Association. He supports background checks before gun purchases but opposes bans on assault rifles.

Graybill echoed Busse’s call to be ambassadors for the Busse-Graybill campaign. Graybill worked as the chief legal counsel for former

Governor Steve Bullock’s administration. He ran unsuccessfully against Republican Austin Knudsen for State Attorney General in 2020.

Also in attendance were Democrats Bruce Schultz, candidate for the District 39 seat in the Montana senate, and Lenny Williams, Southwest Central Labor Council president from Butte who is running for the District 3 seat on the Public Service Commission.

Busse faces Jim Hunt of Helena in the June 4 primary election while incumbent Republican Governor Greg Gianforte is challenged by Tanner Smithe of Kalispell. Running unopposed for the Libertarian Party gubernatorial nomination is Kaiser Leib of Helena.



Broadwater Democrats listen to Ryan Busse, candidate for governor Wednesday at the Brewery. MT 43 News Staff Photographer



Democratic candidate for Governor Ryan Busse and his running mate Raph Graybill, candidate of Lieutenant Governor pose with a party member at the meet and greet Wednesday. MT 43 News Staff Photographer