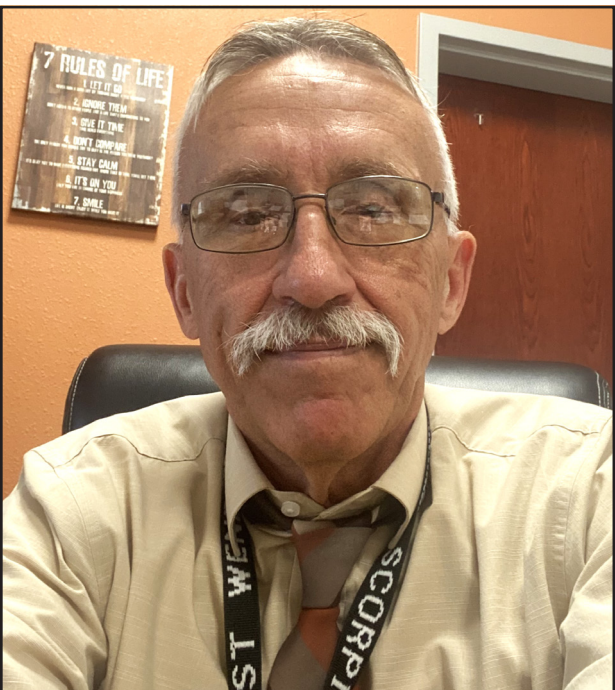


Trustees Hire Elementary Principal and Early Literacy Teacher



Steven Cook
Photo Credits: Steven Cook

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Steven Cook will be the next principal of Townsend Elementary School. He replaces Christina Hartmann, who leaves her eight-year tenure with the district on July 1 to move into the role of superintendent in Seeley Lake.

“We had a lot of great applicants,” Superintendent Susie Hedalin told Townsend Schools trustees at the regular June 11 board meeting. “It was a very hard decision.”

Cook, a Townsend native and Broadwater High School graduate, is a veteran administrator with more than 20 years experience. He is the current principal of Wendover Elementary School in Elko County, Nevada Since 2013, he has also been a part-time Townsend resident.

“He’s been a successful administrator for years,”

Board Chairman Jason Noyes said.

Hedalin added that staff members said their preference was for “someone who could come in and hit the ground running.”

Cook will take up the reins in Townsend this summer, once his contract for his current position ends.

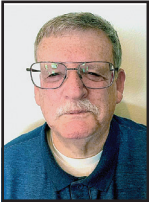
Also, during the June 11 meeting, trustees approved the hire of Tiana Feller as the district’s Early Literacy Teacher.

“We’re excited to have her on a more full-time basis,” middle school principal Brad Racht told the board.

Feller, a long-time and frequent substitute in the district, will lead the new pre-kindergarten program for four- and five-year-olds who meet the criteria to participate in the voluntary program to help them get on track to be reading by third grade.

Dora DuFran, Close Friend of Calamity Jane, Visits the Canton Church

Victor Sample



On Friday, June 14, 2024, Dora DuFran (as portrayed by Mary Jane Bradford) – close friend of Calamity Jane – made an appearance at the Canton Church.

Calamity Jane is a legendary figure of the Old West – almost all legend very little fact. Calamity Jane’s real name was Martha Canary. She was born in Missouri but her family followed the gold rush and moved to Virginia City. Martha Canary was certainly a colorful person, foul mouthed and a big drinker. She did live in a lot of Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota.

Mary Jane Bradford told the story of Calamity Jane through the voice of Dora DuFran a successful madam and business person in Deadwood, South Dakota. At the very beginning of the event Dora DuFran wondered if she should tell the story of Calamity Jane, bigger than life and a major figure in the literature of the time, or if she should tell the REAL story of Martha Canary.

Martha was a woman with many faults but also with a big heart. Throughout her life she aided and tended to those that had no-one else to count on: orphans, widows and many of the prostitutes who fell on tough times.

Calamity Jane was reported to live in many, many places throughout the West including Diamond City. Our very own Broadwater Bygones states that during the winter of 1896, Calamity Jane and her 12-year-old daughter lived in Townsend. Calamity Jane reportedly even visited the Townsend School relating her wild adventures.

Gay Ann Masolo told us that her grandfather said he once saw Calamity Jane playing poker in a bar in Toston!

Martha Canary had a big heart and a terrible thirst for alcohol. She would stop drinking and was a hard worker using much of her earnings to help others. Then, she would fall off the wagon and start drinking again – and she was a handful when drinking!

Martha died in Terry, South Dakota at the old age of 47. While she was not the legendary figure portrayed in dime novels, she certainly was memorable in her own right!

Mary Jane Bradford is a talented actor, historian and a talented historic interpreter. This is the second time Mary Jane has been at the Canton Church. Mary Jane comes to us through the Humanities Montana program. Last year she appeared as Nancy Cooper Russell relating her life as Charlie Russell’s wife and manager.

We hope to have Mary Jane back again often!

To learn more about Humanities Montana and the many programs and speakers they have visit: <https://www.humanitiesmontana.org>



Mary Jane Bradford speaking as Dora DuFran
Nancy Marks Photograph

MFU Seeks Centennial Farms & Ranches to Honor

Alice Miller
Press Relations Specialist, Montana Farmers Union



Montana Farmers Union (MFU) will again celebrate family farmers and ranchers whose land holdings have been in their families and in operation for more than 100 years through its Centennial Farm and Ranch Program during MFU’s Annual Convention this year.

Since the mid-90s, Montana Farmers Union has been honored to recognize its members who have owned the same farm or ranch for 100 years or more. Nearly 200 farms and ranches have since been recognized. When an MFU member reaches this milestone, they are honored during our annual convention. In addition, they receive a commemorative plaque, and their stories and accomplishments are publicized statewide.

“The family farm is the backbone of our great state and our rural communities. And it’s been that way for generations,” said Rachel Prevost, who serves as MFU’s Member Services Director. “Montana Farmers Union began honoring centennial farms in 1995 and is proud to continue the celebration of this incredible milestone for family farms reaching 100 years. It’s not only a testament to the trials and adversity that family farms have weathered and the grit these families had to get through the inevitable tough years. It’s also a testament to the foundation laid and hope for the future generations who will continue this great family farm legacy.”

If your operation has reached the 100-year milestone, simply submit by email or mail a farm biography and pictures to Rachel Prevost at rprevost@montanafarmersunion.com or at P. O. Box 2447, Great Falls, MT 59403 no later than Sept. 15.

The celebration will take place in conjunction with MFU’s Annual Convention to be held in October in Whitefish.

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NOTICE:
EARLY DEADLINE
for July 5, 2024 Edition of Paper
Due to Independence Day
being on a Thursday, we will
have an early print date!

What this means:
TEMPORARY EARLY DEADLINE
for all ads and articles printing 7/5/24

ADS:
With Image
On or before 3pm Friday, 6/28/24
Without Image
On or before 10am Monday, 7/1/24

ARTICLES:
On or before 12pm Monday, 7/1/24

Broadwater County Fair Open Class Exhibit Information

Jessica Erickson
Broadwater Co Fair Manager

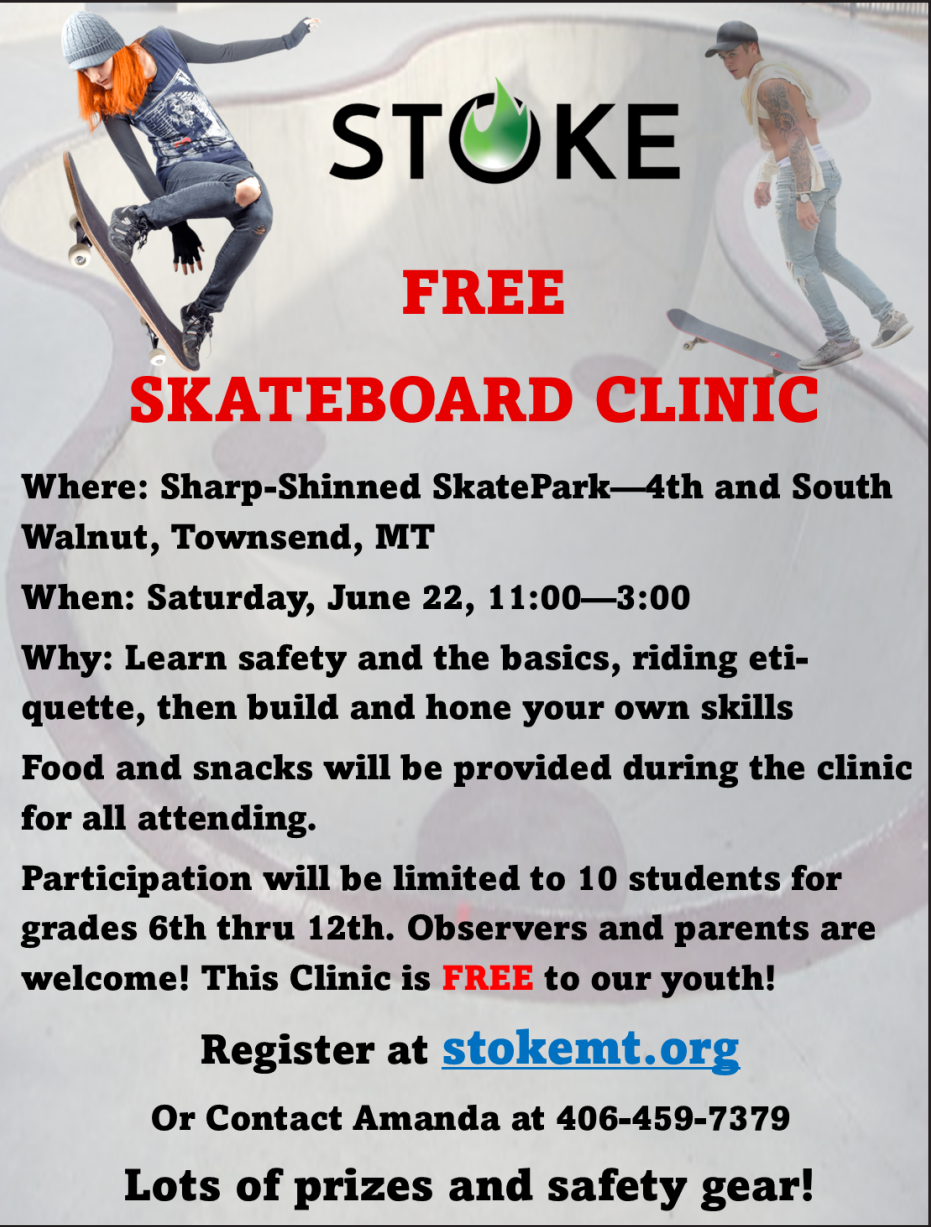
The open class Fair Books are available at the Broadwater County Extension and Fair Office at 416 Broadway. They are also available online at www.townsendfairgrounds.com/fair-information. Fair entries are due by July 9th. These can be done online or by filling out an entry form and returning it to the Fair Office. If you have been a resident of Broadwater County for a year, you are invited to enter into fair!

Do you have a green thumb? Then entering your produce, flowers or herbs in the Broadwater County Fair might be for you. We have 7 different divisions: outrageous produce, garden produce, fruits, artistic arrangements, annual flowers, perennial flowers, and herbs. Each division has multiple different classes to enter. If your produce doesn’t turn out how you thought it should, enter it in the outrageous produce division where all sizes, shapes, and misfits are welcome. We would love to see what you have been tending to all spring and summer. The horticulture department is the only department that doesn’t require entries to be pre-registered! You can bring them in the day of entry check in on Wednesday, July 31st!

Did you know there are over 60 different classes that you can exhibit a food or drink item in at the fair? Everything from cakes, cookies and candy to salads, charcuterie boards and wine. It may be an everyday food item or special holiday dessert; we encourage you to enter as many classes as desired! We even have a class for those trendy ‘TikTok’ recipes!

In the Fair Book is also a schedule of events for the week and information on the Fair entertainment. We will have FREE music under the tent Friday and Saturday. Along with a pie eating contest, rabbit agility show, pottery, jewelry and painting classes and, of course, our family style DJ dance! Thanks to our wonderful local sponsors, there will be a FREE concert by Bluebelly Junction on Thursday, August 1st at 7:30 pm. This will be set up in the vendor area of the fairgrounds, so bring a chair or blanket to sit and enjoy the music!

We hope to see everyone out at the Fairgrounds this year!



STOKE

FREE

SKATEBOARD CLINIC

Where: Sharp-Shinned SkatePark—4th and South Walnut, Townsend, MT

When: Saturday, June 22, 11:00—3:00

Why: Learn safety and the basics, riding etiquette, then build and hone your own skills

Food and snacks will be provided during the clinic for all attending.

Participation will be limited to 10 students for grades 6th thru 12th. Observers and parents are welcome! This Clinic is **FREE to our youth!**

Register at stokemt.org

Or Contact Amanda at 406-459-7379

Lots of prizes and safety gear!

LOCAL RODEO SIGNUPS

Monday, June 24 5pm to 8 pm



Yellow ticket office at the
Broadwater County Fairgrounds
189 US Highway 12 East, Townsend

For questions: Tanya (406) 670-9235

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2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

DATE	VISITING HOURS	GROUP/SPEAKER	EVENT TIME
JUNE 14	3-6 PM	Mary Bradford <i>See Calamity Jane through the eyes of Dora Dufran</i>	5 PM
JUNE 28	3-6 PM	Duane and Lauren Simonich <i>A Townsend Husband and Wife Acoustic Duo</i>	5 PM
JULY 12	3-6 PM	Duane Simonich and Kyle Altman <i>Acoustic Worship, Country, Rock,Folk, Alt Rock</i>	5 PM
JULY 26	3-6 PM	The Moonshiner Band <i>Bluegrass, Gospel, Country, Folk</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 9	3-6 PM	The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire <i>A Canton Church Favorite playing country and folk music</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 23	3-6 PM	Linda Huth <i>Broadwater County Women’s Groups through history</i>	5 PM

Broadwater County Launches New
Text Messaging Service to Communicate with Residents

Broadwater County is excited to announce the launch of TextMyGov text alerts and notifications which is a new text messaging service that provides residents with important information such as road closures, public hearings, and voter registration information direct to your phone. Broadwater County will officially launch the new text messaging service the week of June 24. You may receive a text message from 91896. This will be a legitimate text from Broadwater County. Users can opt-out of all texts at any time by texting STOP. Your information will not be shared with any third parties and only official Broadwater County notifications will be sent.

91896. After you send this initial keyword, you will be asked to reply with a 'YES'; to confirm the opt-in.

Other governmental entities across the country are utilizing this system with great success. In the upcoming months, other features will be available to find information and report issues to your local county government offices.

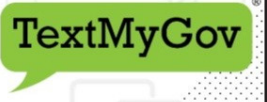
If you would like location-specific text notifications, please email dhansen@co.broadwater.mt.us with your full name, phone number and physical address so you can be added to the TextMyGov map database.

Broadwater County is excited to offer this new option to reach more residents and looks forward to sharing important notifications with you in the future. We encourage residents to also sign up for email notifications on the Broadwater County website at: www.broadwatercountymt.com/subscribe.

Broadwater County, MT

Text Alerts!

Get county updates sent directly to your phone via text message.



COUNTY ALERTS!
91896

BCNOTIFY

You've requested to join our text notification list.
Reply 'YES' to opt-in.

Yes

You have successfully opted-in.

BCNOTIFY

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Sign up to receive county text message notifications!

Opt-in today.

Text **BCNOTIFY** to: **91896**

What to Expect:


- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- You may receive multiple text messages a month. Notifications may include Upcoming Events, Garbage Delays, Road Closures, Storm Warnings, and Power Outages.
- You can text STOP at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.

Msg & data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for details. View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions

Townsend Summer Library Program

Vicky Harvey
Librarian

It's not too late to join the Broadwater School and Community Library's Summer Reading Program.



Activity schedule:

- Thursday, June 20, 2024
- Thursday, July 11, 2024
- Thursday, July 25, 2024

All sessions start at 1pm at the Townsend Library. Stop in grab a good book and check out the prizes!

Annual Meeting

Broadwater Community Health Foundation

Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Billings Clinic-Broadwater, Meeting Room

Townsend School Calendar

JUNE

Fri 21 - JULY 5

Gym Floors

Tue 25 - Thu 27

Golf Camp






Sponsor of Townsend School Page

Three Forks School Calendar

JUNE

Thu 27

Student Council Meeting @ Lunch



THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Friday 21

1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Summer Reading Program Nature Explorer

Saturday 22

Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

2:00PM RESERVED Stevenson Park Gazebo (Benson) at City Hall

Tuesday 25

1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg

2:00PM RFPs due to Zoning & Subdivision Regulation Rewrite at City Hall

6:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Book Club

Wednesday 26

5:30PM Bozeman Music Night with Steven Stephen at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Thursday 27

10:30AM Three Forks Public Library - Story Time

2:00PM Farmer's Market (RESERVED) at John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park

7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Trout Basket at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Frriday 28

11:00AM Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

2:00PM RFPs due for Headwaters Trail Maintenance at City Hall

7:00PM Midland at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Saturday 29

Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JUNE

Monday 24

11:00am Commission Working Meeting

6:00pm Public Hearing, Proposed Solid Waste Budget



Tuesday 25

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

Wednesday 26

10:00am Commission Meeting and Public Hearing on County Budget for FY 25

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

SUMMER HOURS (JUNE- AUGUST):

Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 4:00pm

Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm

1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: three-forkslibrary.weebly.com

Broadwater School and Community Library

SUMMER HOURS:

Monday through Friday 1:00- 7:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM- 4:00PM

Summer Reading Program Starts Monday, June 3rd

Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

Rotary Circus Tickets on Sale!

Rotary tickets for the June 26th circus at the Fairgrounds are on sale at Reading Leaves Bookstore, The Bird's Nest, and The Broadwater County Extension Office. Kids under 12 and seniors over 65 are \$8 each. Adult tickets are \$12. Tickets are more expensive at the gate so buy them early.

Rotary had the school pass out 342 free circus tickets to every child under 12 on the last day of school, May 31st. Thanks to everyone that helped Rotary meet the free ticket challenge for Broadwater County youth.

If Rotary receives any more donations, they will give free tickets to nursing home and assisted living residents. Checks can be mailed to the Rotary Club of Townsend at P. O. Box 1192, Townsend, MT 59644.

Any questions, please call Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615.

City of Townsend Pool Hours and Information

- Lap Swim M-F 10:00 -11:00 a.m.
- Open Swim M-F 12- 4:00 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturdays 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- Water Aerobics M-F 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

Prices: \$4 day pass; \$40 punch card good for 10-day passes; \$80 family pass for the season

Please call 406.266.3911 for information on swim lessons.

2024 BROADWATER ROD AND GUN CLUB WALLEYE DERBY

DERBY IS HELD ON JULY 20TH AT THE SILOS



THE ENTRY FORM CAN BE FOUND AT BROADWATERRODANDGUN.COM



JOIN THIS FAMILY FUN DAY FISHING AT CANYON FERRY

ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS POSTMARKED BY JULY 1ST WILL GET \$50 OFF THE ENTRY FEE!

QUESTIONS?

CALL DOUG BREKER 949-0070 OR EMAIL DEBI.RANDOLPH@GMAIL.COM

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Friday 21

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 22

11:00AM Free Skateboard Clinic at Sharp-Skinned Skate Park - 4th and South Walnut **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 2**

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

6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 24

5:00- 8:00PM Rodeo Signups **AD ON PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS**

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

6:30PM Democratic Party Meeting at the Mint Cafe

SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Tuesday 25

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 26

5:00pm Culpepper and Merriweather Circus Comes to Townsend at Broadwater County Fairgrounds

SEE TOP OF THIS PAGE FOR TICKET LOCATIONS

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

Thursday 27

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Mountain Valley Church

3:00- 6:00PM FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park

6:30PM Broadwater Community Health Foundation Annual Meeting **TOP LEFT OF THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

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Join the BROADWATER DEMOCRATS at a PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, June 24, 6:30PM

BACK OF THE MINT CAFE, Townsend

Questions: Call (406) 581-8538

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: TBA

At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St

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

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.

LOCAL JOB LISTINGS

HELP WANTED:

Broadwater County Solid Waste PT Site Attendant

Broadwater County is soliciting qualified applicants to fill the position of a PT Site Attendant. The wage is \$13-\$15/hr, DOE. Applicants must have a valid Montana Driver's License and be able to pass a background check. Applications and a copy of the job description can be obtained on the county's website at www.broadwatercountymt.com under Job Openings at the bottom of the page.

Resumes and complete applications can be mailed to Misty Masolo at 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to mmasolo@co.broadwater.mt.us. Please contact Misty Masolo at 406-266-9212 if you have any questions.

Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

Employment Opportunity

Clerk and Recorder's Elections Office

Broadwater County is currently seeking a highly motivated individual for a Full-Time Elections Assistant.

The successful candidate must be able to manage and maintain the voter registration system in Broadwater County; assist Election Administrator in organizing and conducting elections in the County to comply with State election laws and statutes; assist in preparing and conducting training for seasonal staff and election judges; assist in setting up for all elections; conduct related work as required; work under the Election Administrator. 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. Understanding of local government entities and experience in elections is preferred.

The wage is \$17.50-19.50/hr., DOE, with an excellent health benefits package. A copy of the full job description may be obtained at the Clerk and Recorder Office at the Broadwater County Courthouse; 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644, or by emailing apaulsen@co.broadwater.mt.us. Resumes may be sent to the same email. Position is open until filled.

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Treasurer Assistant Job Vacancy

Broadwater County Treasurer's Office is seeking qualified applicants for the full-time position of Treasurer Assistant.

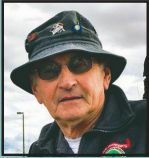
Duties and responsibilities include answering phones, processing mail, taxes, motor vehicles, cash receipting, and driver's license receipts on the computer system and with customers. 2 years experience in an office setting and computer skills required. Good customer service, attention to detail, and accounting/bookkeeping experience preferred. Valid driver's license is required. Applicant must pass a background check. Some overtime may be required during tax season. Starting pay \$18.00 - \$19.00/hr., DOE.

A complete job description can be obtained by sending a request to mfranks@co.broadwater.mt.us. Resumes, coversheets, references, and other application materials can be sent to the same email. Position is open until filled.

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Barb Kirscher Memorial Medical Scholarship Available

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian



Each year the Rotary Club of Townsend offers a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Barbara Kirscher to anyone interested in pursuing additional training in the medical field. The scholarship can be used to pursue certified nursing assistant (CNA) training, emergency medical technician (EMT) training, etc.

Please submit your written application to the Rotary Club of Townsend in care of Jennifer Dalrymple at P. O. Box 1192, Townsend, MT 59644 by July 15th.

Historic Canton Church Presents Duane and Lauren Simonich on June 28

Victor Sample



The Historic Canton Church will continue our Summer Schedule of Events on June 28 at 5:00pm with Duane and Lauren Simonich. As always the events are free – although we do accept donations!

Duane and Lauren Simonich live in Townsend MT. They have been doing the Fall Fest worship service for the last few years as a husband and wife acoustic duo. Duane plays acoustic guitar and sings and Lauren also sings. They just love sharing God's love through music. They mostly do acoustic worship covers and occasionally do other acoustic covers.

The Historic Canton Church was built in 1875-1876 and is one of the few surviving buildings from the town of Canton which was flooded during the creation of Canyon Ferry Lake. All our events begin at 5:00pm but the Canton Church will be open to visitors from 3:00-5:00pm before events.



The Historic Canton Church

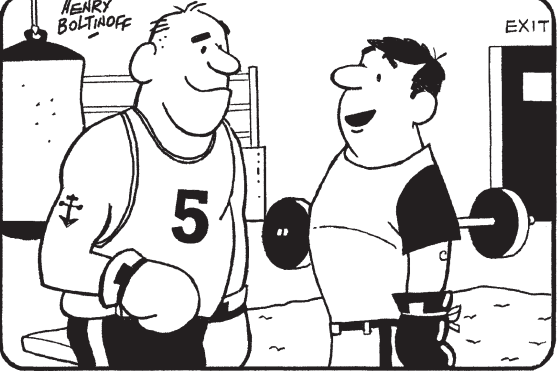
Visit our website at WWW.Canton-Church.org for more information about our events and about the Historic Canton Church and the Town of Canton.



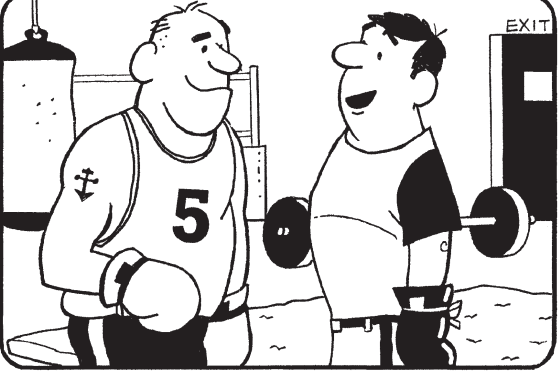
Three Forks Deli Hours
7 am to 5 pm daily

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BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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American Legion Post 42 Fourth of July Celebration

Janet Wagner

American Legion Post 42 is proud to celebrate our nation's birthday with a Parade and Community BBQ lunch. The Post will provide the burgers and hot dogs (donations accepted). We are asking for Potluck salads, sides and desserts.

Please contact Larry Westfall for more information: 406-459-4838

PARADE AND COMMUNITY LUNCH



Celebrating INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4TH

PARADE BEGINS AT 11 AM LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT THE POST

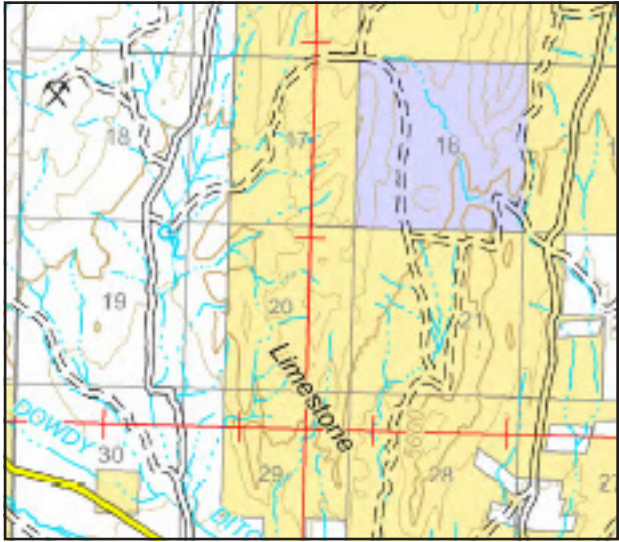
Remember and Honor

AMERICAN LEGION POST 42 , 211 BROADWAY

More Public Land Added to Elkhorn Mountains



As of May 2024, the Townsend Ranger District acquired a 40-acre inholding of new public land that includes open meadows and more.
USFS Photo



New public land shown in blue square west of Crow Creek Campground.
USFS Photo

Chiara Cipriano
Public Affairs Officer

In partnership with Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust, a private inholding is now new public land.

TOWNSEND, June 17, 2024—Last month, the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest finalized a 40-acre land acquisition in partnership with the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust. The former private inholding is now public land that will be managed by the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. The property is located approximately 10 miles southwest of the City of Townsend in the Elkhorn Mountains.

“The acquisition of this private inholding in the Elkhorns will increase public land opportunities for

hikers, hunters and horseback riders,” said Realty Specialist Tim Olson. “It will also enable more efficient management of these lands.”

The Elkhorn Mountains stretch roughly 300,000 acres in central Montana and provide rich wildlife habitat. In 1986, the Elkhorns were designated a Wildlife Management Unit, one of the first in the nation and remain a great place to spot elk and other wildlife. No taxpayer funds were used to obtain the new land. The new parcel was paid for using the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) that collects royalties paid by energy companies drilling for oil and gas and reinvests them into protecting natural resources.

Please contact the Townsend Ranger District at (406) 266-3425 if you would like to learn more or visit: Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest - Resource Management (usda.gov).

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406 521-5169, hicaliber@olyopen.com

LEGAL NOTICES

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



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on August 9, 2024, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lots 5 and 6 in Block "D" of Potts-Harrison Addition to Townsend, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 811 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644.

Josie Sweat and Ross Wetzler, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Dubuque Bank and Trust Company, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on October 13, 2017, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on October 16, 2017 as Instrument No. 178766, in Book 183, at Page 26, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Assignment Dated: July 11, 2022

Assignment Recorded: July 12, 2022

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 194155, in Book 243, at Page 223,

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

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on October 10, 2023 as Instrument No. 197495, in Book 255, at Page 865, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning May 1, 2023, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$126,339.55, interest in the sum of \$5,307.15, escrow advances of \$3,250.47, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$3,899.70 for a total amount owing of \$138,796.87, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2024. Jason J. Henderson Substitute Trustee 38 2nd Avenue East Dickinson, ND 58601 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. MT21795

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Public Notice

A+ storage does here by give notice to the following customers renting storage units containing household goods and miscellaneous items that this property will be sold to satisfy rent past due, fees and costs.

John Pacurion. Jack Farm #7, G30

Walter Schaible. 5th Wheel, E56

The public sale will be held on June 22, 2024 at 12-1 PM at A+ storage located at 21 Cemetery Ln. and also Jack Farm Road, Townsend, MT 59644.

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

The 2024 PERSONAL PROPERTY taxes are due by 5:00p.m. on July 1st 2024. After that date the taxes become delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax, as per MCA 15-16701.

Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

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NOTICE OF PENDING ATTACHMENT OF TAX LIEN (MCA 15-17-122)

On Thursday, August 1, 2024, by 5:00 pm, the Broadwater County Treasurer will attach a property tax lien to property on which the 2023 taxes are delinquent. The delinquent taxes, including penalties, interest and costs are a lien upon the property and that unless delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are paid prior to Thursday, August 1, 2024, a tax lien will be attached and may be assigned to a third party.

A complete delinquent list of all persons and property in the county now owing taxes, including all city and town property that is delinquent is on file in the office of the Broadwater County Treasurer and is open to public inspection and examination.

For further information please contact the Broadwater County Treasurer at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend MT 59644 or at 406.266.3445.

Melissa Franks, Broadwater County Treasurer

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NOTICE - BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, The Broadwater County Commissioners, upon completion of the Preliminary Budget, will be holding a public hearing to adopt by resolution, the Broadwater County FY 2024/2025 Final Annual Budget.

The hearing is set for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM, located at the Flynn Building; 416 Broadway St. Any taxpayer or resident may appear and be heard for or against any part of the proposed budget. Budget documents may be viewed in the Clerk and Recorder’s Office during regular business hours or on the website at www.broadwatercountymt.com.

Written comments are also being accepted up to 24 hours prior to the hearing and should be sent to: Commissioners, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on June 24, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed FY 2024-2025 Solid Waste Enterprise Budget and Presentation on Strategic Actions Necessary for Sustainable Solid Waste Service.

The proposed budget is available on the county website at www.broadwatercountymt.com.

Written comments are also being accepted up to 24 hours prior to the hearing and should be sent to: Commissioners, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Project No. 2853-073

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

(May 30, 2024)

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 C.F.R. Part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Broadwater Hydroelectric Project, located on the Missouri River in Broadwater County, Montana and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The project is adjacent to and includes federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The DEA contains staff’s analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the DEA via the Internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eSubscription.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy.

Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P 2853-073.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Ingrid Brofman at (202) 502-8347 or Ingrid.brofman@ferc.gov.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH PETER PIAZZA, Deceased.

Probate No. CDP-24-10

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated June 21, 2024.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC

Attorney for Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION TOWNSEND, MONTANA

Water System Improvements Project - 2024

June 10, 2024

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of installing a new one-million-gallon elevated composite water storage tank, approximately 8,400 feet of 16 to 18-inch transmission main (including a 600-foot bore under the Montana Ditch) and connection to the existing system. The project also includes replacing well buildings and well pumps for Well 1 and Well 2 and installing backup generators and replacing interior piping for Well 1, Well 2 and Well 3. In addition, this project will replace approximately 50 outdated fire hydrants and 40 old and damaged valves within the City’s distribution system. The additional water storage is needed for domestic and improved fire flows throughout the city and the well improvements are needed to adjust for the new hydraulic demands created by the new tank and transmission main. The proposed tank will be constructed north of Highway 12 and east of Airport Drive and the Broadwater County Fairgrounds on a City-owned parcel of land. The transmission main will be installed along the north side of Highway 12 between the new tank and the connection point located at the intersection of Broadway Street and Harrison Avenue. The project will include all earthwork, piping, valves, level control equipment and appurtenances necessary to connect the new tank and well improvements to the existing water distribution system. The project will include all necessary surface repair.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the planning documents, a new or modified application is submitted, or new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated. The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review by contacting the following:

Department of Environmental Quality, State Revolving Fund Loan Program, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59601
City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

Sincerely,

Jake Goettle, PE, DWSRF Program Manager

Engineering Bureau, Water Quality Division, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

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June 14

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent

The criminal docket in Judge Michael McMahon’s courtroom on Friday, June 14, is as follows:

Darcie Roerick had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges to criminal possession of dangerous drugs. Omnibus is due November 22; Pre-Trial will be 12-27: with the Jury Trial to commence on January 28, 2025.

Bert Ginsberg had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of two times criminal possession of dangerous drugs, criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license suspended and no insurance (2nd offense). Omnibus is due on July 12; Pre-Trial January 10; with the Jury Trial set for February 10. His Petition to Revoke with a summons served; \$25,000 bond remains, as well as all previous conditions.

Krisina Peck had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to two charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. Omnibus is due on July 12; Pre-Trial January 10; with the Jury Trial set for February 10.

Shadow Robbins will have a Change of Plea on August 9.

Lonnie Pruitt will have a Status Hearing on July 12.

Tylor Castona appeared for Sentencing on his Plea Agreement to incest. It is discovered that there were 14 videos of contact and 44 instances of contact between him and the victim between the Plea Agreement and now. The Judge had ruled that he have NO CONTACT with A.B. during that time. Because of his own actions, Castona is Sentenced to 15 years Montana State Prison, with 10 suspended. He must attend sex offender treatment, and be labeled as a Tier 2 sex offender, and register as such. He must attend anger management, as well as be screened for substance abuse. After all treatment is completed, he may apply to Pre-Release. He has fines of a total of \$2,180, which he may apply to credit days served OR applied to fines.



Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Lamar Stingley, Henderson, NV: day speed \$70.00
Sarah Rounds-Reenalda, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Adrian Morales, Bolingbrook, IL: restricted speed \$105.00
Philip Merta, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Maria Klompien, Belgrade: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00 Day speed \$70.00
Gregory Heide, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Gabriela Gasparakis, Livingston: interstate day speed \$40.00
Eric Guardiola, Madison, TN: day speed \$20.00
Natalie Goddard, Severna Park, MD: day speed \$70.00
Rhylee Diehl, Townsend: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Richard Dorn, Billings: day speed \$70.00
Ayanna Ashman, Great Falls: day speed \$120.00
Jose Alvarez Aguado, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Michael Campbell Jr – Menifee, CA - fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle - owner or operator-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.
John Cynar – Belgrade -driving without a valid driver’s license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.
Kristeena Peek -Townsend – seatbelt violation, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine; 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 time suspended, \$135.00 fines and fees; fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle - owner or operator - 1st offense, plead guilty, 275.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Gordon Wilcox, Whitehall: day speed: \$20.00
Samuel Harkins Clancy no insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Mary Garcia, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
Taylor Casqueira, Toston: day speed \$20.00
Esperanza Stickler, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Thomas Macchetto, Houston, TX: day speed \$20.00
Scott Laden, Helena: day speed \$20.00



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GUEST EDITORIAL

BHS has Amazing Curriculum, Standards, Students, and Staff

Dear Readers,

I am writing this in response to Audrey Martin’s letter published June 7, 2024. While the focus of Ms. Martin’s letter is about Broadwater High School coaches, she included comments about the education received at Broadwater High School. The comments about education are what I am going to address.

The high school class offerings not only meet the state requirements but exceed these requirements. The requirements for graduation can be found on the Townsend School Website, in the Student Handbook. To graduate from BHS, a student must have a minimum of 18.5 specific credits, leaving room for 8.5 elective credits. While BHS offers electives in all subject areas to enrich a student’s education, they also teach all required classes, including four full years of English. The current high school class offerings meet all requirements to attend any college or university chosen by a graduate of BHS. In recent years they have begun offering Dual Credit Classes (high school & college credit concurrently) as well as Early College Classes. Many of these college credit classes are free of charge to students, due to a ruling by the Montana Board of Regents, where students can receive up to six free credits from a Montana college while attending high school. These classes are offered to assist students with an early start to college, however, these college classes are not required to attend college.

“Waivers” have not been necessary for BHS students to attend college. BHS has produced students who have received degrees at over 12 Montana colleges, universities, and technical schools, as well as a variety of apprenticeship programs.

BHS not only has amazing coaches, BHS also has an amazing curriculum, standards, students, and staff.


Laura Ascheman

Townsend

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Daylene Hansen

Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

515 Broadway, Townsend

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

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.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, June 24, 2024

2:00 PM Working Meeting in the Commission Office with County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki, regarding projects and deadlines

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

3:00 PM Working Meeting in the Commission Office with Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

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

10:00 AM Public Hearing, Final Budget FY 2024-2025

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki, FY 2025 Final County Budget

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor, Resolution for The Establishment of Fees for Processing Petitions to Abandon a County Road and Petitions to Discontinue a Street or Alley in an Unincorporated Town or Townsite

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Public Works Director TJ Graveley, Road Ordinance on Mill Street in Radersburg

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, Mosquito District Manager Jessica Bushnell, Mosquito Control Program Agreement between JHS, Inc. and Broadwater County

Editor's Note: I graduated from high school in Townsend. Our class had students attend not only MSU, UM, Western and Montana Tech but the University of Washington and the Ohio State University. The class produced a Doctor, and the longest serving County Attorney in Montana history, an MSU Professor, a college Administrator, 3 mechanical engineers and several that went on to be teachers. I spent 30 years in the software industry - 20 years as a Director of Software development for several international companies. Broadwater High School has always provided and continues to provide a great education!

Vic Sample

Montana Energy is not Ready for Electric Vehicles

Last month, the Biden Administration published their finalized tailpipe emissions rule, an electric vehicle (EV) mandate which will upend the daily lives of Montanans. The EPA’s new emissions rule calls for EVs to account for 56% of all cars by 2032, with two-thirds of all cars being electric or hybrid. However, with the state of Montana’s electric vehicle usage and electric grid, this mandate spells disaster for our state’s energy economy, electric grid, public safety, and way of life. As a business owner in Billings, I am very familiar with these economic challenges, and how they will affect Montana businesses as a whole.

Most obviously, Montana is not an electric vehicle state. Because only 0.18% of cars were electric as of 2021, our state is incredibly behind the two-thirds target that President Biden is mandating. With only 121 charging stations across our entire state, we would need drastic investments in costly charging infrastructure to support an economically viable EV transition. This would disrupt our state’s transportation economy and cost millions to comply with federal regulations.

It's not any better for people with trucks. About 35% of vehicles in our state are pickup trucks. The Department of Energy estimates that a gas-powered truck with a full load would lose about 14% of its range. A Kelley Blue Book test found that an electric truck with a similar load lost about 25% of its range, traveling only 210 miles before losing its charge. Consumer Reports tested the hauling capability of Ford and Rivian electric trucks and found “significant reductions in driving range for both trucks

3:00 PM Working Meeting in the Commission Office with County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki, regarding projects and deadlines

Thursday June 27, 204

8:00 AM Working meeting at the Flynn Building with Lewis and Clark County Pretrial and Misdemeanor Probation Officer Tiffany Mowery, Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office Representatives, and Broadwater County Attorney’s Office Representatives regarding Pretrial Sentencing Services Between Lewis and Clark County and Broadwater County.

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

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

- Certificate of Survey reviewManagement – 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)

- Public Hearing, Proposed Solid Waste Budget on June 24th at 6:00 PM
- Broadwater County Planning Board Meeting on June 25th at 2:00 PM
- Public Hearing on County Budget for FY 25 on June 26th at 10:00 AM
- LAC Board Meeting on June 26th at 2:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on July 1st at 2:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on July 9th at 11:30 AM
- Broadwater County Planning Board Meeting on July 9th at 1’00 PM
- Broadwater County Solid Waste Board Meeting on July 9th at 6:00 PM
- LAC Board Meeting on July 10th at 2:00 PM
- Broadwater County Fair Board Meeting on July 11th at 5:30 PM

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

when pulling a heavy trailer” making them “impractical for long-hauls with a trailer”.

The strain of EVs on our electric grid, which is already reaching its limit, is the most concerning issue with this transition. The EIA estimates that Montanans use 70% of their generated electricity, with the rest sent to other states. Straddling the eastern and western electric grids, our state provides fundamental electricity for the region. Yet with news from California of grid operators desperately requesting limits in EV charging during soaring heat waves, such a forced influx of EVs will no doubt push our critical electricity supply to the brink. Further strain will propel electricity prices up and grid reliability down, leading our state down a path to energy crisis.

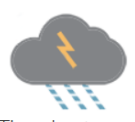




This transition will also inject risk into Montana’s power supply, which still relies heavily on coal-fired power plants. Ironically, the mandated use of EVs in the future will force an increase in electricity demand at the very same time that the Biden Administration is working daily to diminish our reliable and affordable energy supply.


Further, EVs have significant safety concerns that make them a poor fit for long-distance driving and backcountry use. As reported by CBS News, EVs with heavier batteries and vehicle weights had a greater impact in simulated crashes, posing a higher risk for highway safety. As a retired member of law enforcement, driver safety is of the utmost importance, particularly in a rural state with spread-out communities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has also raised concerns about EV battery safety in flooding or extreme weather conditions, which makes them less suitable for Montana’s summer wildfires and harsh winters, and a greater risk to public safety members responding to a crash.

These disastrous impacts can be avoided by stopping the implementation of the Biden Administration’s drastic EV mandate. Repealing this rule is key to protecting Montana’s energy industry and economy, along with consumers and families who simply do not want electric vehicles. To safeguard our state’s reliable electric grid and ability to support other states’ grids, we need leaders to stand up and tell the EPA this rule will hurt Montana, not help it.

Senator Barry Usher
Member of the Montana State Senate, representing Montana Senate District 20


Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 6/21	Sat 6/22	Sun 6/23	Mon 6/24	Tue 6/25
				
Thunderstorms	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear
74° 53° ● 60%	82° 58° ● 0%	90° 58° ● 0%	85° 55° ● 0%	81° 55° ● 0%
⇨ 6 17 mph	⇨ 5 14 mph	⇨ 8 22 mph	⇨ 6 29 mph	⇨ 7 26 mph



Precipitation:

January: 0.047"	February: 0.292"
March: 0.409"	April: 1.189"
May: 2.721"	June: 0.948"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 5.559"



"I'm writing another check for the _____ salon— when are they going to finish the job?"

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!

Design
SLYTE — — — — □ — — — —

Doze
RUMBLES — — — — □ — — — — □ — — — —

Stage
SHAPE — — — — □ — — — —

Refuse
SWEAT — — — — □ — — — —

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: E equals **W**

ETSI EZLQN KZL YSQQ SYIXHUU

IZRQPW PJ THX TZRH EHXH

ZW S WSXXZE UPNH XZSN?

QPQK ZJ ITH SQQHK.

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KNIGHT MOVES

E	S	D
D		R
Y	L	A

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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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Biblical figure slain for being a 69-Across

8 G.P.'s gp.

11 Dangerous snake

14 Detest

19 Actress Bertinelli

20 Throw slowly in a high arc

21 Cola-cooling cubes

22 Novelist Zora — Hurston

23 Start of a riddle

25 Blemish

26 Gave hints to

27 With 15-Down, no higher than

28 Skating feats

30 "Jolly old" saint

32 Riddle, part 2

37 "Hello, sailor!"

38 58, to Nero

39 Viral gene material

40 Silvery metallic element

44 Moseying

47 TV "dog whisperer" Millan

49 Riddle, part 3

51 Sneaky

DOWN

52 Knitters' supplies

53 Greek herald of the gods

54 Perilous thing to live on

58 Big antelope

59 Position while battling

61 Bristly swine

62 Always, to bards

63 Riddle, part 4

68 Academic URL ender

69 Person not telling the truth

70 Liam of "Schindler's List"

71 Above, to bards

72 Dangerous snakes

74 Met, as the challenge

76 Jargon

78 Pro vote

79 Riddle, part 5

82 Up one's auction offer

85 Starting charge, as on a utility bill

86 Enters warily

87 Master pilot

88 Former

89 Dark blue dye

90 End of the riddle

99 Completely destroy

100 "Reckless" actor Quinn

101 Above

103 Flaring dress

104 Noise from a beehive

106 Riddle's answer

110 Country east of Fiji

111 Geisha's sash

112 Old sitcom cousin

113 Opening in some helmets

114 Unsettled feeling

115 Hush-hush intel org.

116 Baggage inspection org.

117 32 Beethoven piano pieces

7 Catch a glimpse of

8 Soccer Hall of Famer Lalas

9 Prized mushroom

10 Clear as —

11 Intention

12 Reading digitally

13 18th-century powdered hairpiece

14 — chili (pepper variety)

15 See 27-Across

16 Transporting trucks

17 David Mamet play or film

18 Antares or Arcturus

24 Like some permed hair

29 — Mae (loan provider)

31 The Windy City, for short

33 Tylenol targets

34 Barak of Israel

35 CD- — (PC inserts)

36 Political columnist Molly

40 "Wahoo!"

41 Awful event

42 Detached roughly

43 Accumulate, as debts

44 "Well, — you special!"

45 Take part in a parade

46 Via

47 Deaf school co-founder Laurent

48 Body blinker

50 "Why Can't I?" singer Liz

51 "Hey Deanie" singer Cassidy

54 Hurry-scurry

55 Protects

56 18th-century English king

57 Have it wrong

59 French river

60 " — not to be"

61 Particle in quantum mechanics

63 Lively spirit

64 Sir Andrew — Webber

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66 Knot anew

67 Linen fabric

73 "Bali —" (show tune)

74 Put new turf on

75 Mafia's code of silence

76 Glove thread

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79 Major train terminals

80 Rowlands of "Hope Floats"

81 Hurt badly

82 Initial input to be processed

83 Level of command

84 Having a big smile

85 Apply with a bristly tool

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89 Singer Murray

91 Salad bar utensil

92 Gripper on a shoe bottom

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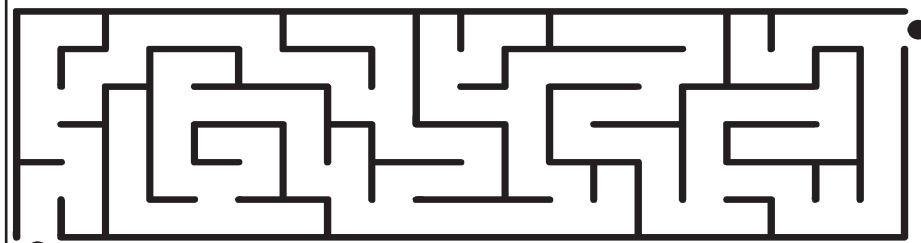
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Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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♦♦♦ **HOO BOY!**

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OBITUARY

Charlotte “Sharley” Lou Ragen

Sharley Ragen Family

July 21, 1932 - June 7, 2024

Charlotte “Sharley” Lou Ragen was born July 21, 1932, to John Williams and Loretta Murray Williams. She joined brother Bill in Radersburg Montana and on her 14th birthday, brother Tom completed the family. Sharley attended the Radersburg School and graduated from Broadwater County High School in Townsend Montana.

On December 27, 1952, Sharley married John Ragen. Patti was born in November 1953 and Dan in October 1954. The family of four began their life by spending seven months a year on their ranch on Ray Creek in the log home John built. The other five months were spent, joined by Uncle Eddy Ragen, at thoroughbred racetracks in Spokane, Winnipeg, Calgary, Saskatoon and Regina. After John became racing secretary in Saskatchewan, Sharley became his secretary. She also worked at several businesses in Townsend.

Sharley was a board member and eventually board president at the Broadwater County Historical Museum from 1993-2011. With all those Williams and Ragen family roots, Broadwater County history is deep in our hearts. Sharley was a member of the Legion Auxiliary, the Broadwater Cattlewomen and loved her time with her church ladies. She and John were also involved in the restoration of the Canton Church, a church that John’s great-grandparents helped build in 1876. Sharley will be laid to rest at the Canton Cemetery beside John.


Sharley was preceded in death by her parents, John and Loretta Williams, husband John Ragen, brother Bill Williams as well as many dear family members and friends.

She is survived by daughter Patti Schwisow (Paul) of Missoula, son Dan Ragen (Marleena) of Townsend, brother Tom Williams (Judy) of Toston, grandchildren Erin Thorsen (Pat) of Havre, Tyler Ragen (Devon) of Bozeman, Mike Schwisow (Mackenzie) of Missoula, and Travis Ragen (Kayli) of Townsend. Sharley was dearly loved by her great-grandchildren Luke and Sam Thorsen and Gracie, Jace and Jack Ragen. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and great-friends.

Donations in Sharley’s name can be made to the Broadwater County Historical Society, PO Box 614, Townsend MT 59644 or Radersburg Historic Preservation, PO Box 96, Toston MT 59643.

A celebration of Sharley’s life will be held at The Radersburg School on July 23, 2024, from 3:00-7:00.

Patti has long believed that heaven is a lot like the old River Inn. They are all up there having a good time and we know Sharley is on that dance floor.



Sharley Ragen
Photo Provided by Family of Sharley Ragen

James “Jim” “Tumbleweed” Michael Scott

Family of James Michael Scott

James “Jim” “Tumbleweed” Michael Scott, aged 63, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, after a 7-year courageous battle with cancer at home surrounded by his parents, James and Dorothy, brother David and wife Wendy on his beloved Essheart Ranch in Townsend, MT. He was the first son born on May 30, 1961, in Seattle, WA, to James and Dorothy Scott. He was a 1979 graduate of Highline High School, Seattle, WA and proud resident of Townsend, MT since 1995.

During and after graduating from high school, Jim worked for Albertsons starting as box boy and leaving as a grocery manager in Helena, MT in 2000 when he decided to work for Randy Stewart, Big Sky Trucking, becoming a long-haul driver to be independent, paid to travel, and experiencing something different every day. He knew America’s roads better than anyone. All the lives touched by delivering goods, whether it was food, cattle, hospital supplies, oil or gas, Jim hauled it all.


In 2012 he left the trucking industry to work for Peak Alaska on the North Slope as a Heavy Equipment Operator and Driver before going out on disability due to cancer in March 2020. Jim wasn’t just an employee but part of the families he worked with and always a good friend. A good guy and that’s what this world needs is more good people.

Since moving to Montana with his wife Glynis in 1995, in his free time he lived a life of a cowboy; training, feeding, logging, participating in parades with his wagons, brewing beer, managing the local fair beer garden and of course riding his horses. Spending weeks at a time leading horse pack trains into the backcountry of Montana, alone and with friends, during hunting season, setting up elaborate, comfortable hunting camps for friends and family to use as their base camps for hunting and fishing.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Glynis Van Alstyne Scott in May 2021, canine companions Snoose, Red Dog and Sally. He is survived by his parents James and Dorothy Scott, Normandy Park, WA. His brother, Stephen (Diane) of Ilwaco, WA; nieces Kaitlyn (Cameron), Kelsie and Chelsea (Nathan). His brother David (Wendy) of Seattle, WA; and forever cherished and remembered by nephews Brandon (Sabrina) and Jared (Abilgal). Extended family members and beloved dear friends Scott Vine and Heidi Larson, son Bradley Larson that will miss him dearly along with many other close friends who were like family to him and who surely all have stories to tell of their mischiefs.

Jim always approached life in a competitive nature and a perfectionist. He who is remembered lives on and we will always remember Jim.

In lieu of flowers and traditional memorial service, Jim has requested to “have a big BBQ party” and burial in his honor to be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, 12pm at Essheart Ranch, Townsend, MT. The family requests spending some QBT (Quality Bonding Time) in the great outdoors with your loved ones in his memory.



James “Jim” “Tumbleweed” Michael Scott
Photo Credits: Family of James Michael Scott

Margie (Marjorie) Spritzer

Family of Margie Spritzer


On December 15, 2023, Margie (Marjorie) Spritzer of Radersburg, MT found peace following her long battle with kidney disease.

Margie was born on March 2nd, 1947 in Wiliston, North Dakota to Eldon and Roberta Henke. Both have preceded her in death. Margie grew up being the oldest of 5 children, Alva Henke (Elaine), JoAnn Wilder (Alex), Donna Rebish, and Carrie Rebish. Margie married Frank Spritzer, who also preceded her in death. They had 4 children, Frank (Frankie) Spritzer, Steve Spritzer, Heidi Spritzer and Autumn Spritzer. In 1985 Margie found her loving companion and friend Marvin Fitzpatrick.

They had 28 years together until Marvin passed away from severe complications from back surgery. During their time together they became snowbirds, spending their winters in Arizona, California, and Mexico.

Their summers were spent in Montana fishing, hunting, boating, and exploring the great outdoors on their quad besides working on their numerous projects. Margie is survived by her four siblings, four children and numerous grand and great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and because Margie did not want any formal services, a Celebration of Life, with a potluck, will take place at Crow Creek BLM Campground in Toston, Montana at 1:00pm on June 29, 2024.




Margie Spritzer and Family
Photo Credits: Family of Margie Spritzer

Tech Talk

More AI Fun

Victor Sample



A lot of you have mentioned how much you enjoy my experiences with Artificial Intelligence. I do experiment with AI quite often; however, unlike a lot of people I read about I don’t actually try to trip up the AI programs – I just ask questions I am curious about and want to know the answer.

I am creating an ad for a job for Visit Southwest Montana – our regional tourism organization. The job will be in Deer Lodge; I am planning to run the ad in the Deer Lodge paper, Anaconda paper and the Butte Montana Standard. I think the commute to the job from Butte is too far for someone living in Butte, but the Montana Standard is widely-read in the Deer Lodge area. But I was curious about exactly how long the commute would be from Butte.

I asked the Bing Co-Pilot AI program the distance from Butte to Deer Lodge. Co-Pilot responded that it was 37 miles taking 190. Out of curiosity I asked how far it was from Butte to Anaconda (it responded 24.3 miles) and how far from Anaconda to Deer Lodge (20.7 miles). If you do the arithmetic, you might notice there is about an 8 mile discrepancy between the quoted distances!

When I pointed out the 8 mile difference Co-Pilot thanked me for my attention to detail and then stated that the distance from Butte to Anaconda to Deer Lodge was 55 miles – scenic routes take longer! I pointed out that Co-Pilot seemed to have added another 10 miles to the route both from Butte to Deer Lodge and the Butte-Anaconda-Deer Lodge route. Again, Co-Pilot thanked me for my attention to detail and restated the 8 mile discrepancy between 37 and 45 miles.

I believe that the actual 8 mile discrepancy is about correct. There is a significant distance from the I90 Exit to the actual city of Anaconda. It seems to me that 4 miles each way is about right. That would account for the 8 mile distance.

So I asked Co-Pilot how far it is from the I90 exit to Anaconda. Co-Pilot stated about 8 (.6 miles to MT48 then 7.3 miles to Anaconda). Eight miles seemed a little long to me and would throw the Co-Pilot distance from Butte-Anaconda-Deer Lodge off by another 8 miles.

At that point, I switched to the Google Gemini Artificial Intelligence program and asked how far it was from the Anaconda MT exit on I90 to the city of Anaconda MT. Gemini responded that it was about 791 miles. Montana is a big state but having been to Anaconda recently I was pretty sure it was not 791 miles from the exit to the city!

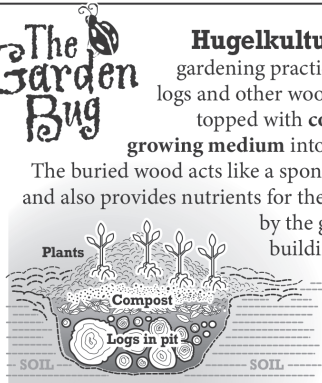
Fortunately, Gemini provided me with a map and it was from somewhere in Washington State to Anaconda. I pointed out to Gemini that I was not in Washington. I said I was at I90 exit 208 in Montana and that I wanted the distance from there to the city. Gemini then responded it a little over 1100 miles! Again, I was pretty sure that wasn’t right. This time the supplied map showed me in Wisconsin.

I stated again I was at the I90 exit for Anaconda and wanted the distance from there to the City. Gemini then offered to list the interesting attractions available to me from that exit.

I then stated that I wasn’t interested in the interesting attractions just the distance from the exit to Anaconda. Gemini then responded that it was about 147 miles – this time it at least had me in Townsend, MT.

That was as close as Gemini was able to get to telling me the distance from the I90 exit to the City.

I think the AI industry still has a ways to go before I would classify anything as Intelligence!



The Garden Bug


Hugelkultur is a traditional European gardening practice whereby fallen branches, logs and other woody debris are put into a **pit**, topped with **compost**, and covered with a **growing medium** into which a **garden** is planted. The buried wood acts like a sponge for moisture as it decays, and also provides nutrients for the soil, which are tapped into by the growing plants. The vertical building up of the pile maximizes space. This method dramatically reduces the need for irrigation.

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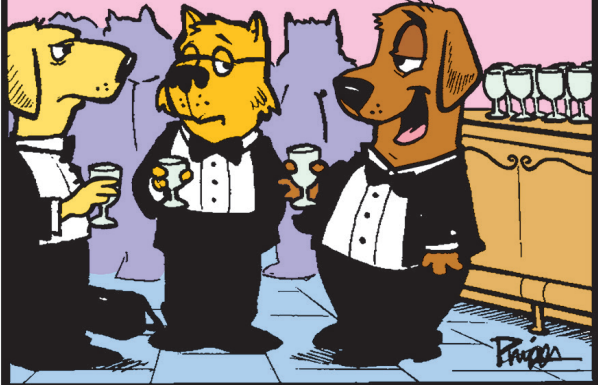
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

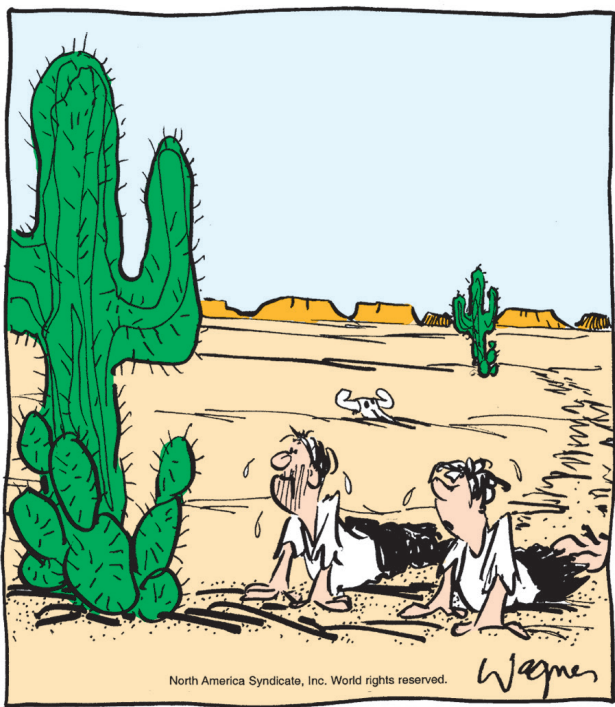
FANCY PARTY, HUH? MY WIFE TOLD ME I CAN HAVE ALL THE HORS D'OEUVRES I WANT AS LONG AS I STOP DOING THE JAMES BOND POSE IN PUBLIC.



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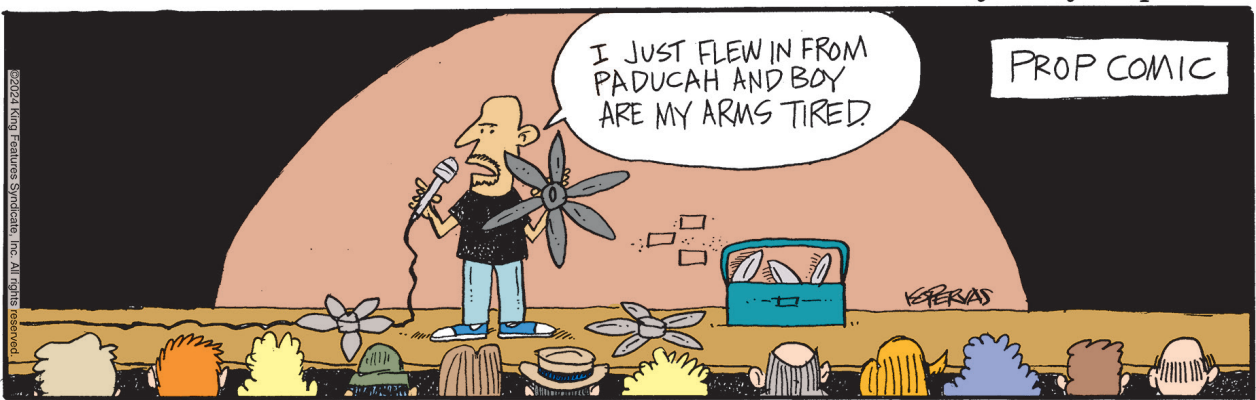
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

I JUST FLEW IN FROM PADUCAH AND BOY ARE MY ARMS TIRED!

PROP COMIC



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STUDENTS



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CryptoQuip
answer

What would you call actress Tomlin if her home were on a narrow side road?
Lily of the alley.

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Style; 2. Slumber;
3. Phase; 4. Waste

Today's Word
BEAUTY

— KNIGHT MOVES —
Answer

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SADDLERY

Amber Waves

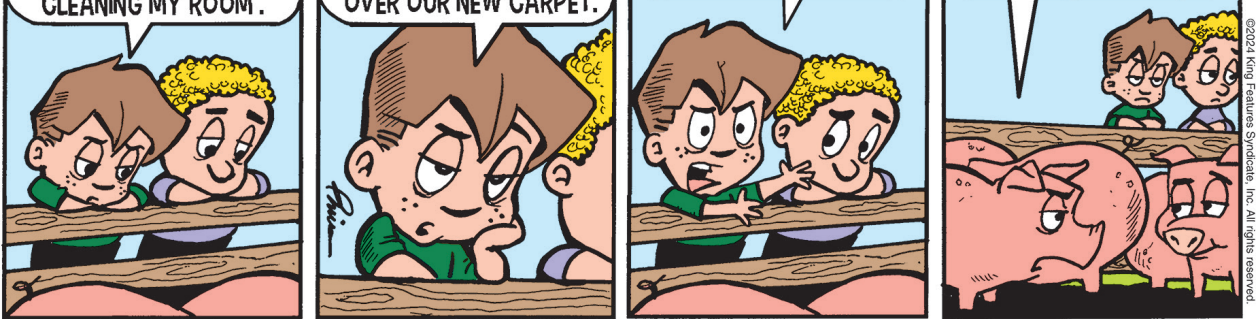
by Dave T. Phipps

I DON'T BELIEVE IT. FIRST I GET IN TROUBLE FOR NOT CLEANING MY ROOM.

NOW I'M GROUNDED FOR TRACKING MUD IN ALL OVER OUR NEW CARPET.

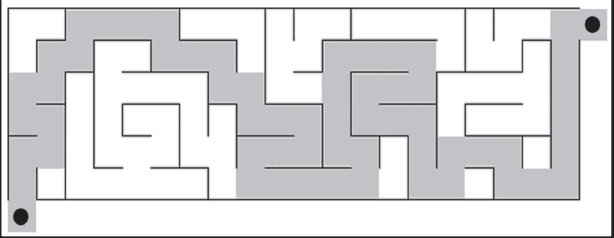
IT'S LIKE I SPEND MY LIFE IN THE DOGHOUSE!

OH, CRY ME A RIVER. TRY DOING IT IN A PIGPEN.



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Kids' Maze Solution



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I WAS ONCE IN THE KLEPTOMANIAC OLYMPICS.

HOW DID YOU DO?

I TOOK THE BRONZE, SILVER, AND GOLD.



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THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
POPEYE
BY RANDY MIHOLLAND

BILL, BILL, FINAL NOTICE, BILL...

I GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO.

LAZING AROUND THE BEACH ISN'T GONNA HELP.

YEAH, BUT WE WON'T BE ANY LESS BROKE IF WE'RE BROKE AND SAD.

WHAT'S WRONG ALICE?

IT'S HER FIRST TIME WEARING A BIKINI SO SHE'S A LIL SELF-CONSCIOUS.

I THINK YOU LOOK CUTE, ALICE.

THEN YA NEED TO GET YOUR EYES CHECKED!

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HEY! WATCH IT!

I CAN'T HELP BUT WATCH IT! LOOK AT HOW UGLY IT IS!

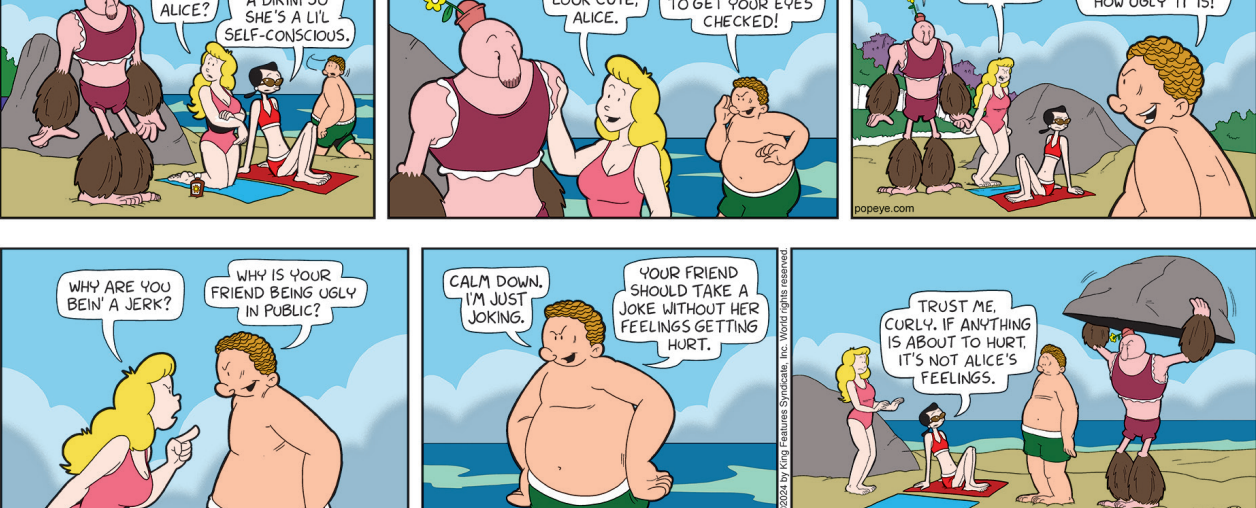
WHY ARE YOU BEIN' A JERK?

WHY IS YOUR FRIEND BEING UGLY IN PUBLIC?

CALM DOWN, I'M JUST JOKING.

YOUR FRIEND SHOULD TAKE A JOKE WITHOUT HER FEELINGS GETTING HURT.

TRUST ME, CURLY. IF ANYTHING IS ABOUT TO HURT, IT'S NOT ALICE'S FEELINGS.



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Casagranda's Steakhouse in Butte, MT

Traveling Diners

Last week a group of us travelled to Butte for dinner at Casagranda’s restaurant. We decided to meet for a pre-dinner drink (or 2) at the Bourbon Alley Bar in the Butte Depot.

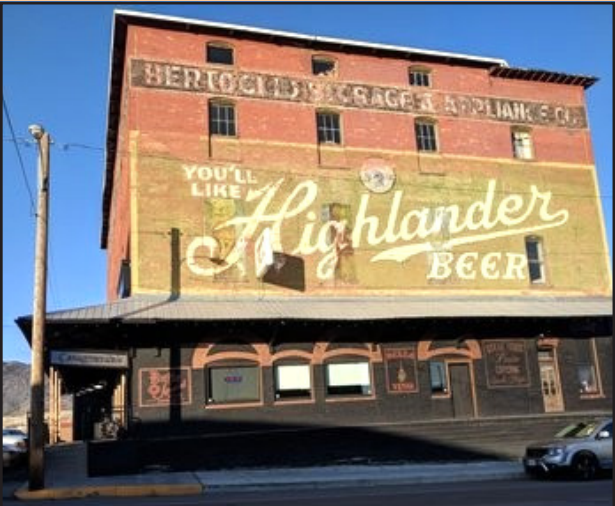
At one time, Butte had 3 railroad lines with 3 different depots. The Bourbon Alley Bar is in the old Great Northern Railroad station built in 1916. It was the last of the railroad depots built in Butte. Of course, it closed long ago and stood empty for many years. Bill Fisher and family has renovated the station and made it a great event center with a grand hall and 2 (yes 2) bars.



Butte Depot
Photo from Butte Depot Website

When we first arrived a little before 5:00pm the Bourbon Alley Bar was very quiet. However, a reception in the Grand Hall caused the bar to fill up quickly. We had a great time and met a few of the Butte locals attending the reception.

The Casagranda’s restaurant is right across the street from the Butte Depot. So, it was a short walk to the restaurant. We had reservations for 6:00 pm and we were promptly seated when we arrived.



Casagranda's Exterior
Photo From Casagranda's Website

Of course, we immediately turned to the wine list and ordered wine. The wine list is a good wine list featuring mostly California Napa Valley wines. Our end of the table got a bottle of Klinker Brick Cabernet (we were familiar with the wine from the May wine tasting event at the Betsy). It was excellent.

Between the eight of us dining, we ordered several

steaks, chicken, paella, halibut and salmon. Everyone was happy with their dinner except for the salmon. It was an apple salmon and was far too sweet for the person that ordered the salmon; but the bowtie pasta that came with the meal was excellent. The meal I ordered was 18 ounces of perfectly cooked medium rare ribeye and came with double-baked baked potato.

At Casagranda’s, you should come with a healthy



Casagranda's Pasta
Photo From Casagranda's Website



Casagranda's Steak
Photo From Casagranda's Website

appetite! The entrees include house-baked bread, salad, soup of the day and a scoop of Wilcoxson’s ice cream for dessert.

Our server was a delightful young Butte native who was attentive, efficient and very sociable. We had a good time just talking with her.

After a great dinner we went to the historic Helsinki Bar in what was once the heart of Finn Town in Butte. The building was built as a boarding house and saloon in the 1890s. In 1908, the Hihnala family operated a rooming house and offered steam baths, or saunas, in the establishment to the residents of the Finn Town neighborhood. It was also known as the Helsinki Bar and Steam Bath. It has recently been renovated. The new owners were there and greeted us warmly. We had a quiet drink at the Helsinki before leaving to return home.



Helsinki Bar
Photo From Helsinki Bar FB Page

Casagranda’s Steakhouse is located at 801 South Utah; Phone number: (406) 723-4141. Visit their website at <https://casagrandassteakhouse.com>

The Bourbon Alley Bar is located in the Butte Depot at 818 South Arizona Street; phone number: (406) 299-0762. Visit the Butte Depot website at <https://www.thebuttedepot.com>

Helinski Bar is located at 402 East Broadway; phone number: (406) 782-2016.

Pork Pesto Sausage:

Two Recipes, Lots of Options

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Pork Pesto Sausage
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I was in the middle of testing a new sausage recipe and, given the scarcity of wild turkey and pig meat in our freezer, I started with commercial meat. (That's the routine. I don't use wild meat until the recipe is pretty close to perfect.) Well,

this time the first try was spectacular, so I decided to share that with our non-hunting friends and neighbors while adding further details for the wild turkey and pig versions.

The sausage part of this recipe makes 20 meatballs. I only used half for this dish, the other half spiced up a pasta dinner the next night. It’s pretty easy with your favorite bottled marinara sauce, adding the meatballs to heat them together in the microwave. Each meal served two generously, which just fit our family. For bigger families, double the veggie portion of the recipe here and use all 20 meatballs.

Have mild-tasting wild turkey thighs, breasts or wild pig in the freezer, just grind it up and mix ½ pound of each--wild white meat and ground store-bought pork roast.

Pork Pesto Sausage and Veggies

Serves 2-3

For the meatballs:

- 1 pound ground pork roast (store-bought, not wild)
- ¾ cup pesto*
- 1 large egg
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

*I used RAO’S® bottled ‘homemade’ pesto (from Walmart) which is different from my homemade pesto in two ways: first, my pesto has no salt; second mine has ¼ the oil, or less, than RAO’S. Why? So you could easily reproduce this recipe without worrying how different your pesto is from my homemade. Besides, the 6.7 ounce jar holds ¾ cup, so the size was perfect.

Sausage Preparation:

- Preheat the oven to 400°F. Combine the pesto, egg, grated Parmesan and ground pork in a large bowl. Mix it by hand, or pulse 8-10 times in a food processor until well mixed.
- Shape the pork mixture into 20 medium-sized meatballs, about 1¾ inch in diameter, place on a foil-lined baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes. Set them aside while you sauté the veggies.

For the veggies:

- 2 tablespoon oil
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups coarsely chopped onion
- 1 ½ cups sliced red and orange sweet peppers
- 1 ripe tomato, coarsely chopped
- Grated Parmesan at the table

Cooking:

- Start a large saucepan on medium heat, adding the oil and red pepper flakes and black pepper to the pan. Test the pan with a chunk of onion: if it sizzles, it’s ready. Add the rest of the veggies to the pan, including the tomato.
- Stir the veggies often, on medium heat, for about 5 minutes, then add half the meatballs to the mixture, lower the pan to medium-low, but still sizzling. Stir the veggies gently into the meatballs, and cook another 5 minutes. The meatballs should be hot and the veggies soft but not browned. Browning the meatballs a bit is optional, but not necessary.
- Serve with more grated Parmesan. Toast some garlic bread too, if you’re missing the carbs. My Dad always paired Italian food with a cold Miller’s High Life, Mom a bit of red wine. I’m ambidextrous, but it’s your choice.

There are 75 flavor choices in Eileen’s Sausage Season. Whether you use wild or farm-raised meat to make sausage it should fit your personal taste--whether those tastes range to more or less red pepper and salt, or a Tex-Mex with no cilantro or believe cracked fennel is de rigueur for Italian—100% control is a good thing. Check out Sausage Season. www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.

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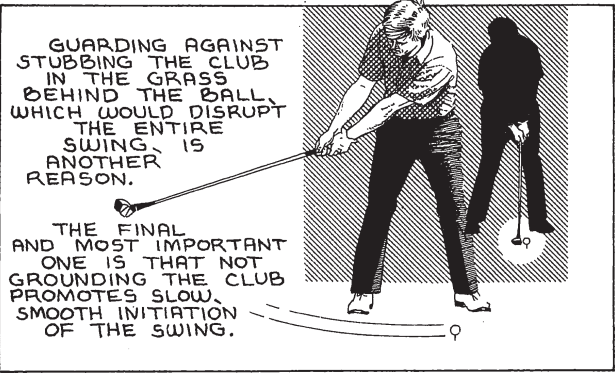
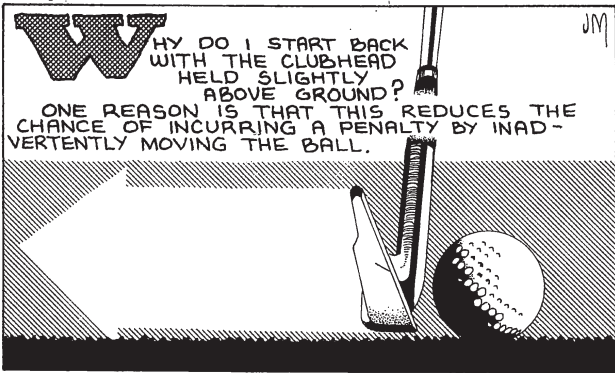
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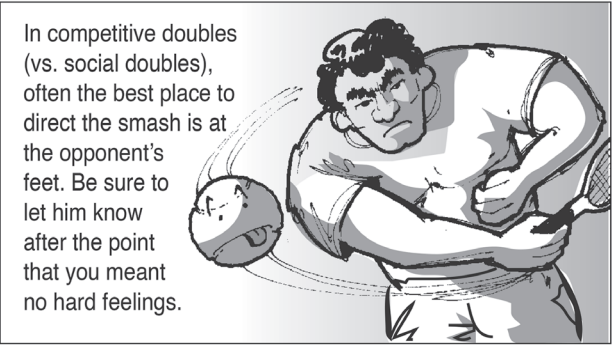
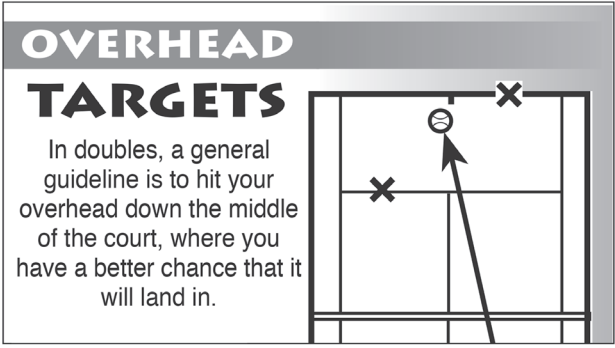
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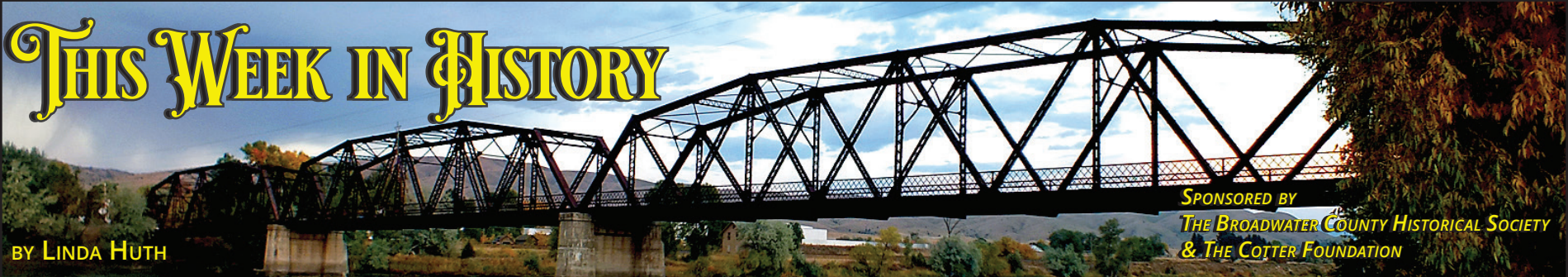
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June 20

1912 Note: There is no newspaper in our file for June 20, 1912. The following are from the previous week, June 13.

Doings of A Week

Runaway Accident

An unfortunate accident occurred the latter part of last week near Toston wherein Lawrence Osborn and his automobile, two men, and a team were the participants. Coming up a hill, Osborn met Emil Olson and Ralph Moore, both of whom work on the Six-Mile Ranch, and their team became unmanageable, resulting in an overturned wagon and a badly fractured ankle for Olson. In the wagon was a coil of old barb wire about the size of an auto tire and in the upset, this landed around Moore's neck. Aside from a few scratches he was not hurt. Osborn picked up the wounded man and took him to Toston where he received medical attendance. It was an unfortunate occurrence, yet no fault of Osborn's, as he was driving slow up the hill with the expectation that he might meet a team, and none regrets it more than he does.

1940

Townsend Rotary Looses Babyhood

W.O. Zirnstein, county extension agent for Broadwater and Lewis & Clark counties, spoke to members and guests of the Townsend Rotary Club Tuesday night, giving some of the history and details of operation and purpose of the extension service. Mr. Zirnstein told

of the many farm projects underway and those having been completed in this county. Major activities being water conservation, soil conservation, reseeding of land to crested wheat grass, 4-H club work and home demonstration club work.

Mr. Zirnstein stated that agriculture was still Montana's most important industry far exceeding any other industry as a producer of income from its products.

Two committees were appointed by the chair, one, whose members are Dr. F.P. Nash, W.L. Emmert and R.G. Glatz to look into the possibility of a Rotary float to enter the parade in the Fourth of July celebration, and the other committee to send to Polson, the newest Rotary baby club, the things baby clubs receive on charter night.

When Townsend Rotary Club began the baby club on charter night, November 14, 1939, it received a baby kit with proper instructions for its use from Terry, 'till then the baby club, and Townsend, in turn, was to give the kit to the next baby club, which is Polson. Polson will observe charter night next week, June 28. An effort will be made to send a delegation to the event.

Jack Zimmerman will be the official pianist for the club and made his first appearance at this meeting. Guests of the club besides Mr. Zirnstein were R.E. Menghini, Bob Steele, W.A. Reames.

1968

Five From Here Attend State DeMolay Meet

Gary Richtmyer, Gary Adams, Keith Kirscher, Craig Biggs and Victor Sample attended a three-day meeting of the state Chapter, Order of DeMolay which was held at Missoula Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 14, 15

and 16. Ray Nydegger and Art Schwisow accompanied the boys, Art staying as chaperone and Ray returning to Townsend that day. Also attending the conclave was the chapter sweetheart, Miss Jeanne Christie, who was chaperoned by her mother, Mrs. Doug Christie.

The local chapter was honored at the meeting to have Gary Adams appointed to the state office of Junior Steward. He had previously held the office of Marshal.

Joe Kirscher went to Missoula Sunday to get some of the boys.

1996

Around Town News

Jim and Kathern Ragen recently returned from an eight-day cruise in Alaska. They left from Vancouver, British Columbia and traveled on an American Holland Cruise ship up the Inland Passage visiting several places of interest including Ketchikan, Juneau and Sitka. During the trip they saw glaciers and whales among the many interesting sites.

Friday Kenneth and Lela Biggs traveled to Three Forks to visit Boots and Ruth Meyers. The Meyers are former Townsend residents and former owners of the A & W.

Billie Bridgewater and Mike Henderson, Tacoma, spent the week here visiting her parents, Myra and Jack Bridgewater. Tisha Hart, Belview, WA. arrived recently to spend the summer with the Bridgewaters.

Jackie and Don Kynett, Lindsey, Kelsey and Darsey and Audrey and William Plymale, Lynette, LeAnn and Amanda enjoyed spending Sunday afternoon at Park Lake.

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There is a container at American Legion Post 42 to put your old flags in for next year.



Meeting to retire American Flags.
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Tim with boy scout
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